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People tumultuously welcome Myanmar high-level delegation led by SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who attended summits in China to strive for development of the State



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who attended the summits including the 8th Greater Mekong Subregion Summit in the People's Republic of China tumultuously welcomed back by the people at the Tatmadaw Airport in Nay Pyi Taw on 10 November 2024.

The Myanmar high-level delegation led by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who attended the summits including the 8th Greater Me-

kong Subregion Summit in the People's Republic of China left Bao'an International Airport in Shenzhen of China by the special aircraft of the Myanmar Airways International (MAI) for Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport yesterday afternoon.

The Senior General and party were seen off at the airport by Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia, Ambassador of Myanmar to China U Tin Maung Swe, Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air)

Brig-Gen Zaw Zaw Naing, Vice Mayor of Shenzhen City Mr Dai Jin Tao, Consul General Daw Khaing Hsu Lin of the Myanmar Consulate-General in Nanning and officials.

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United Strength Needed to Stop Internal Threats Undermining National Progress

WHILE many citizens work to improve the country, some engage in obstructionism, undermining progress. Terrorists, often from within the region, commit destructive acts. Outsiders cannot destroy a region; the threat often comes from within. It's like those who take shelter under a tree but cut off its branches. These terrorists must be stopped through the united strength of the people.

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the SAC Meeting 3/2024 on 7 June 2024)

Statement of special pride and congratulations from YMBA (Central)

10 November 2024

AT the invitation of the government of the People's Republic of China, State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the 8th Greater Mekong Subregion Summit, the 10th Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit, and the 11th Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam (CLMV) Summit. During his visit, he engaged in discussions with leaders from China, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Thailand, which led to beneficial agreements for Myanmar and its people. Additionally, Myanmar has now assumed the alternate chairmanship of ACMECS.

We express our pride in the Senior General and extend our congratulations for both the positive outcomes secured for Myanmar and his assumption of the ACMECS chairmanship.

Central Executive Committee
Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA) (Central)

Weather

Bay of Bengal Condition

Issued at 14:00 hours MST on
10 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 Sunday
10 November 2024)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

SPECIAL FEATURES: According to the observations at 18:30 hours MST today, the Typhoon "Yinxing" over the South China Sea is likely forecast continue to move south-westwards.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 11 NOVEMBER 2024: Weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State. Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and Southern

Shan, Chin and Rakhine states and isolated in the remaining regions and states. Degree of certainty is 100%.

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

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 4-7 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

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

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 NOVEMBER 2024: Partly cloudy and isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 NOVEMBER 2024: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 NOVEMBER 2024: Partly cloudy and isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

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Rural kids preserve Myanmar's traditional culture

MYANMAR is rich in cultural heritage, including traditions such as Thingyan, the use of Thanaka, traditional costumes, music, sports, and religious architecture. The preservation of conventional hairstyles is another vital aspect of Myanmar's culture.

Tradition is a legacy to be cherished, not merely inherited. Only when it is deeply valued can its survival for future generations be ensured.

The children of Yepokgyi village in Pwintbyu Township have carried on the beautiful tradition of wearing traditional hairstyles for over 200 years. This unique cultural heritage is deeply cherished and passed down through generations.

The elegant and graceful traditional

hairstyles of the young villagers, who have preserved these cultural practices, have gone viral on social media, attracting global attention and making Myanmar a popular destination for those interested in exploring its ancient traditions. These children represent ancient Myanmar traditions, which are rare and can only be found in three villages in Myanmar: Khansatkon village in Natogyi Township, Setsetyo village in NyaungU Township, Mandalay Region, and Yepokgyi village in Pwintbyu Township, Magway Region. — Zeyar Htet (Minbu)/TRKM

Young villagers play on the ground in Yepokgyi Village in Pwintbyu Township, Magway Region. **PHOTO: ZEYAR HTET (MINBU)**



Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

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The Senior General was accompanied by Members of the delegation SAC Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo and Council member General Nyo Saw, Union ministers, chief ministers of Taninthayi, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and officials, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), deputy ministers and military and civilian officials.

During the visit, the Senior General attended the summits in Kunming, held talks with Premier of the People's Republic of China Mr Li Qiang and met provincial officials of the People's Republic of China. Moreover, the Senior General held discussions with Prime Ministers from Cambodia, Laos and Thailand, visited landmarks, universities and factories in Kunming, Chongqing and Shenzhen cities to discuss relevant sectors. In this regard, positive results in economic meetings were secured in order to improve socioeconoic life of the State. The visit strengthened further promotion of cooperation in friendly relations, economic and various sectors between governments and people of two countries.

The delegation led by the Senior General arrived back at



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing being welcomed back by Chinese traditional dragon and lion dance troupes at the Tatmadaw Airport in Nay Pyi Taw on 10 November 2024.

the Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport in the evening. They were welcomed back tumultuously by SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, the Council Secretary, council members, Union ministers, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, officials from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, the

commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and officials, Myanmar citizen Chinese people, Chinese traditional dragon and lion dance troupes, traditional cultural troupes and dance troupes, officials of the Yong Men's Buddhist Association and religious organizations, artists, students and residents.

They held the placards bearing: "Let the friendly relations between China and Myanmar strengthen",

"Let China-Myanmar multiple strategic cooperation enhance", "Warmly welcome to SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who further promoted China-Myanmar relations", "Let China-Myanmar friendly ties cement", and "Warmly welcome to Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who strived for overall development of Myanmar". They chanted "May China-Myanmar friendly rela-

tions strengthen", "May Senior General Min Aung Hlaing striving for nationality, and be healthy", "May SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing be healthy", "Let China-Myanmar friendly relations strengthen" and "Let Swe Myo Pauk-Phaw relations cement", waving miniature flags of China and Myanmar. — MNA/TTA

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SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views round production process of BYD-U9 model manufactured by BYD automobile manufacturing company in Shenzhen City, China, yesterday.

usage, securing medals for efforts not to interrupt the communication linkages at the emergency periods and smooth and swift process of communication systems at the gala ceremonies, innovation of communication equipment with the use of developing technologies, and distribution of these devices to the markets. The Senior General asked what he wanted to know and held discussions.

On arrival at the Tide Rises in the Pearl River Exhibition Centre opened to mark the 40th Anniversary of reform and open-door economy of the Guangdong Province, the Senior General and party were welcomed by Curator Mr Huang Chen and officials.

The historical documentary on development of Shenzhen City in successive era was presented. Next, the Senior General and party observed social lifestyle of people in Guangzhou in years, education system, administrative system, the symbol of Guangdong Province, documentary photos and scale models depicting development of all sectors including textile being sold at home and abroad after 1980, documentaries on establishment of special economic zones, construction of infrastructures and display of accessories, and reforms adopted by the Party Central Commit-

Yesterday morning, the Myanmar high-level delegation led by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who attended the summits including the 8th Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Summit in Kunming of the People's Republic of China visited BYD automobile manufacturing company in Shenzhen City of China.

Asia-Pacific Auto Sales Division Country Head of BYD Myanmar Mrs Gillian Li and officials welcomed the Senior General and party and held a demonstration on BYD-U9 model manufactured by the company. They explained each vehicle produced by the company and clipped the documentary on brief history of the company and its functions.

The Senior General and party viewed round display of auto parts, development of the company in years, production process with the use of scale models, parts of EV train and equipment, running of these trains at home

SAC Chairman PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits automobile and communications factories, exhibition centre in Shenzhen City of China

and abroad, batteries of company and their capacity and raised questions to clarification of officials.

On the morning of 9 November, the Senior General and party left the Jiangbei International Airport of Chongqing for Shenzhen. They were seen off at the airport by Vice Mayor of Chongqing Mr Shang Kui and party, Consul General U Kyaw Zeyar Lin of the Myanmar Consulate General in Chongqing and officials.

On arrival at Bao'an International Airport in Shenzhen, the Senior General and party were warmly welcomed by Vice Mayor of Shenzhen City Mr Dai Jin

Tao, Consul General Daw Khaing Hsu Lin of the Myanmar Consulate General in Nanning and officials with the flower basket.

When the Senior General and party visited Hytera Communications Corporation Limited in Shenzhen City, Founder and Chairman Mr Chen Qingzhou and officials welcomed them.

The documentary on work process of the company was presented at the hall of the company and officials explained the brief history of the company, communication technological devices for global use produced by the company and

tee and development in steps along the reform process period. The Senior General raised questions to the curator and officials of relevant booths and held discussions.

In the evening, the Senior General and party visited the Civic Centre decorated with LED light show attracting the people.

The Senior General and party attended the dinner in their honour hosted by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry-UMFCCI and cordially greeted delegation members. — MNA/TTA

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MoI UM: Artistes with potential for Academy Awards to be excluded from awards evaluation panel

INDIVIDUALS who participated in films released in 2024, as well as those likely to be nominated for the Myanmar Motion Picture Academy Awards, should not be appointed to the awards evaluation panel from the outset, said Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn in his remarks at a coordination meeting for the successful organization of the 2024 Myanmar Motion Picture Academy Award ceremony, held yesterday at the Motion Pictures Promotion Branch of the Department of Information and Public Relations in Bahan Township, Yangon.

The Union minister also warned that assigning such individuals to the evaluation committee could lead to unintended bias or misjudgments, and stated that the Ministry of



Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn addresses the coordination meeting for the successful organization of the 2024 Myanmar Motion Picture Academy Award ceremony, in Yangon yesterday.

Information, together with the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO), will take responsibility for organizing the upcoming 2024 Myanmar

Motion Picture Academy Award Ceremony, ensuring its successful execution with a strong sense of duty and commitment.

He stated that the 2024 My-

anmar Motion Picture Academy Award Ceremony is scheduled to be held in Nay Pyi Taw in February 2025. He emphasized that, following the tradition of

previous years, the event should be organized in a formal and dignified manner, with relevant individuals making necessary preparations in advance to ensure its smooth execution, and stressed the importance of forming a transparent and impartial panel to fairly evaluate and select deserving artistes, with committee members chosen based on their qualifications and responsibility.

Furthermore, the Director General of the Department of Information and Public Relations and MMPO Chair U Kyi Soe Tun reviewed the strengths and weaknesses of the previous year's ceremony, outlined the plans for task delegation and execution for the upcoming event, and the Union Minister for Information ensured the coordination of efforts. — MNA/TH

Lion-head geese attract public interest, and more breeders

LION-HEAD geese catch attention, and the number of breeders increases. There are two types of lion-head geese – grey-coloured and white-coloured – and Mandalay and Yangon regions have placed orders for geese from farms in Nay Pyi Taw.

"Lion-head geese are expensive, and people who can afford to breed them as pets," said a lion-head geese farm owner in Nay Pyi Taw.

Lion-head geese reproduce three times a year and from seven to nine eggs a birth and fewer sometimes. Price increased slightly this year compared to last year. "Our customers are from all classes but especially those who can breed them in wide spaces and buy them as pets. Some are enthusiastic breeders," he said. — Thit Taw/ZS



Lion-head geese have become popular as pets.

Union Industry Minister inspects functions of Mandalay Region Industrial Supervision and Inspection Department

THE Union Minister for Industry, Dr Charlie Than, met officials at the Department of Industrial Supervision and Inspection, Mandalay Region, on 9 November 2024.

The director-general of the department and the head of Mandalay Region department reported to the Union minister on the industrial businesses and the progress of the industrial zones. Explanations are also given regarding the current status of field inspections carried out to determine the size, types, and classification of industrial zones as per the provisions of the Industrial Zone Law.

In his response, the Union minister stated that efficient use of boilers, and systematic development of industrial operations. He emphasized criteria for the industrial zones with warehouse system, and environmental impact assessment and infrastructures as per the law.

To standardize the quality levels of domestic industrial zones, inspections must be based on Customs oversight, and connectivity with



Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than views around the advanced Donpyan flour mill in the Mandalay Industrial Zone in Pyigyidagun Township on 9 November 2024.

special economic zones and other economic zones.

Effective supervision is essential to ensure the systematic development of industrial enterprises, and ongoing learning is encouraged to enhance individual competencies. Tasks must be executed with integrity and professionalism, as directed.

In the afternoon, the Union minister visited the advanced Donpyan flour mill in the Mandalay Industrial Zone in Pyigyidagun Township, where he coordinated with the business owner to address the issues presented. He also visited the mill to inspect the production processes and observe each stage of the operation. — MNA/TMT

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An aerial view of Twantay downtown wards.

Transaction of affordable real estates increases Twantay

BEYOND monsoon season, there are transactions of affordable real estates in Twantay Township.

In September, the property market was good in the township but quiet in October. However, the market has begun increasing again in November's first week.

"Transactions were low in October due to price changes. Now the market has been doing well again and transactions have happened even in November's first week. Currently, transactions have been seen in downtown Twantay for living and there are buyers in

other areas for investment purpose," said a local estate agent.

Out of eight downtown wards, transactions have happened in some wards and no surge in price has been seen.

"Of eight downtown wards, transactions have happened the most in Kyundaw, Shwe-sandaw and Zaythit. Among buyers, some are locals and people from other cities buy expensive estates. It is expected that the market will be better over next months. Price has been steady and no surge has been seen," he said. — Thit Taw/ZS

Bagan sand painting sale elevates in festive season

DURING Thadingyut and Tazaungdine festivals, Bagan sand painting sale has mounted.

Bagan sand painting which is 100 per cent handicraft has to rely on domestic market over recent years, and new designs, which Myanmar people like, have been created for coming Tazaungdine Festival.

"Sand painting is a product of Bagan. The visitor arrival was large during Thadingyut and the sale was good. We can sell pretty well during festive days. At present, we have to rely on domestic market so new designs which can give the taste that Myanmar people enjoy, have been produced for Tazaungdine. Pilgrims like sand painting which is 100 per cent handicraft and used for decoration at home and office," said a sand painting workshop owner in Bagan.



A Buddha image in sand painting

Sand painting is durable and based on Bagan era's mural painting, so it deserves conservation, he said.

Over previous years, sand painting could draw foreign tourists' attention and foreign demand was once high, now it begun popular inside the country, according to sand painting businesses in Bagan. — Thit Taw/ZS

Consumption of medicinal yacon increases

WITH an increase in consumption, the medicinal yacon sale has been doing well.

Yacon became popular on internet this year and price has been higher compared to last year. The consumption of yacon has now developed. "Yacon has gained popularity on Facebook and TikTok this year, so the consumption has developed. Price has been high this year. "The number of yacon sellers have begun larger and so does the number of buyers," said an official from Zaw Lwin Oo fruits wholesale trading centre in Naungtaya.



Yacon has gained popularity on internet.

Yacon is mainly transported to Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay but Yangon is the biggest buyer.

Yacon has health benefits and it is especially helpful to patients with diabetes, kidney and heart disease. It is mainly grown in Taunggyi and Hopong townships.

"Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon are major destinations and Yangon is the biggest buyer. It can be eaten raw after peeling. It is medicinal and good for diabetes, kidney and heart disease. Its season approximately begins from October to February," he said. — Thit Taw/ZS

Goods worth K105.548 million seized in illegal trade eradication operations



Confiscated illegal timbers in Bago Region (above photo) and consumer goods in Shan State (left).

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to prevent and prosecute illegal trade continue effectively in accordance with the law.

On 9 November, a combined team managed by the

Customs Department conducted inspections.

It seized a type of consumer goods worth about K102 million at the Asia World container checkpoint and action was taken in accordance with the Customs Procedures.

Likewise, a combined team managed by the Shan State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force seized four kinds of consumer goods and a type of industrial goods worth about K1.65 million near Sinphyu gate, Muse Township. Action was taken in accordance with the Customs Procedures.

On 10 November, a combined team managed by the Bago Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force impounded 2.079 tonnes of illegal teak worth about K1.83 million in Bago District. Action was taken in accordance with the Forest Law.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported that three arrests were made on 9 and 10 November, resulting in the seizure of illegal goods worth approximately K105.548 million. — MNA/TMT

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October rice export earnings from 424,784 tonnes top among 7 months of this FY with US\$189 million

IN October of this financial year 2024-2025, 424,784.27 tonnes of rice/broken rice were exported for US\$189 million, which was the highest among seven months, according to the data released by the Myanmar Rice Federation.

A total of 60 companies exported 230,803.27 tonnes of rice and 193,981 tonnes of broken rice, totalling 424,784.27 tonnes in October.

Altogether 424,534.27 tonnes were exported via maritime route while 250 tonnes were sent via border trade. Myanmar supplied 115,100 tonnes of rice to Indonesia, 42,082 tonnes to the Philippines, 39,025 tonnes to China, 10,700 tonnes to Niger, 5006

tonnes to Portugal, and 18,890 tonnes to 23 other countries, during October.

As the export of broken rice in October, 56,500 tonnes, 44,300 tonnes, 28,349 tonnes, 27,300 tonnes, 10,500 tonnes and 27,032 tonnes were delivered to Belgium, Senegal, China, Indonesia, Spain and 10 other countries respectively.

In financial year 2024-2025, from April to October, Myanmar earned US\$ 647 million from the export of 1,362,630 tonnes of rice and broken rice – US\$55 million from 111,862 tonnes in April, US\$36 million from 71,279.5 tonnes in May, US\$84 million from 162,325.75 tonnes in June, US\$82 million from 16,544.3



Bags of rice being unloaded from the truck into the warehouse.

tonnes in July, US\$97 million from 207,369.9 tonnes in August, US\$104 million from 219,565.13 tonnes in September and US\$189 million from 424,784.27 tonnes in October. — MT/ZN

Dried snakehead fish from Maungmakan Beach sees surge in Thai orders

DRIED snakehead fish produced in the Maungmakan Beach, Dawei, Taninthayi Region, began to receive many orders from Thailand this month, according to the market.

Domestic demand for dried fish is low, while there is a rising demand from abroad. Moreover, during this cold season, dried anchovy fish from Maungmakan are also available at a slightly lower price than last year.

“There are a lot of shipments to Thailand this month. There are orders for dried snakehead fish. We mainly ship it to Thailand. Domestic demand is weak now. There is more demand from abroad than local ones. In the cold season, local dried Indian Anchovy is available on Maungmakan beach. Its price is a little less than last year,” said a dried fish retailer and wholesaler in Maungmakan.

They also receive dried Indian Anchovy orders from Yangon and Mawlamyine, and within the next week, dried Nga Melone will also be available.

“Right now, people from



Photo shows dried snakehead fish from Maungmakan beach.

Yangon and Mawlamyine are buying dried Indian Anchovy. There are a lot of orders from Thailand for dried snakehead fish and croakers. Next week, dried Frigate Tuna will be in season in Maungmakan, so they will buy directly from warehouses. Seawater-dried fish will be plenty from this season,” he said.

During October, lotia and croakers sold well in the dried fish market, and the former had a better sale with more consumption. — Thit Taw/ZN

Tazaungdine Festival brings affordable domestic edible oils to public in Yangon

ACCORDING to the Myanmar Edible Oil Millers Association (MEOMA), the Domestic Edible Oil Sales in the Tazaungdine Festival is being held from 9 to 11 November at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) in Lanmadaw Township of Yangon Region. The event aims to sell locally produced edible oils at reasonable prices.

“We are offering locally produced peanut oil, sesame oil, and sunflower oil at affordable prices to ensure local oil sufficiency. Pure peanut oil is available at K16,000 per viss.

The event features participation of nine oil millers from the Mandalay Region, four from the Magway Region, and one from the Sagaing Region,” said U Tin Aye, an executive of MEOMA.

ective of MEOMA.

The association held the first market fair of oil millers at UMFCCI on 3 and 4 August this year as part of marking the 5th Anniversary of MEOMA. The second fair took place at the same venue on 12 and 13 October. The third fair was held at the promotion area of Yadanabon Super Centre in Mandalay on 2 and 3 November. — ASH/TMT



The Tazaungdine market fair for edible oil sale is being held at the UMFCCI in Yangon.

OPINION

Build trust among global people to foster peace

ON 10 November every year, all global countries mark to celebrate the World Science Day for Peace and Development. This day highlights the crucial role of science in fostering peace, sustainable development, and understanding across cultures. It emphasizes the need for societies to stay informed on scientific advancements while emphasizing discussions about the responsibility of science in addressing global challenges.

The theme for World Science Day for Peace and Development in recent years has revolved around climate change, the role of technology in education, and sustainable innovation. In a world facing environmental degradation, social inequities, and health crises, science is a beacon of hope, offering solutions to some of humanity's most pressing issues.

The World Science Day for Peace and Development is a reminder of all global people and leaders' shared responsibility to apply the fruits of science for positive change. By coming together, countries can harness science's power to build a more just and sustainable world through trust, ensuring peace and progress for generations to come.

the collaboration needed to apply it for the global good so as to promote scientific results which can shape the world to be better.

One of the notable aspects of the significant day is its focus on inclusivity and equal access to scientific knowledge. Science is often perceived as a field reserved for experts, but the goal of this celebration is to show that it belongs to everyone. Encouraging global people aims to wash their minds to be free from hate while forging peace forever.

Empowering people with scientific knowledge gives them the tools to understand the world around them and contribute to societal well-being. This year's theme, "Building trust science", focuses on how scientific innovation can help build trust among global people. Around the world, communities are finding ways to apply science to create trust among them in order to mitigate hate and instability while forging peace.

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THE highly consequential meeting between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Kazan on the sidelines of the BRICS summit is opening exciting new opportunities. The ripple effects of this key interaction between strong leaders of the two civilizational states will naturally be felt on the bilateral terrain. Apart from promising stability along their disputed border, the benefits of the Kazan conversation go far beyond security. For instance, the dialogue between the two tall leaders has opened the door to a new phase of geo-economic engagement between New Delhi and Beijing.

Chinese investments in India and Indian exports to China in the services sector, especially Information Technology and pharmaceutical and agri-sectors can be the new template for engagement in the post-Kazan era. After the 2014 summit between Prime Minister Modi and Presi-



dent Xi in India, Beijing pledged a US\$20 billion investment package in India. That included setting up an industrial park for manufacturing electrical equipment. If everything had gone ac-

ording to plan, this equipment would have been exported to China, thus easing the adverse balance of payments, which India has chronically faced in its trade relations with China.

GOVERNMENTS could finally approve new UN standards for countries and companies wanting to trade carbon credits, a long-awaited decision some hope can bring credibility to a scandal-ridden sector.

Carbon credits are generated by activities that reduce emissions, like tree planting or replacing polluting coal with renewable energy, but buyers have long relied on unregulated markets shaken by high-profile scandals.

At this month's COP29 climate summit in Azerbaijan, the UN hopes to approve rules and a verification system years in the making to provide some certainty for governments and businesses

Observers expect a breakthrough at the UN talks (11-22 Nov) with new proposals for verifying carbon credits.

exchanging carbon credits.

In carbon markets, one credit equals a tonne of carbon dioxide prevented from entering, or removed from, the atmosphere.

The UN's proposed standards mostly relate to countries — mainly wealthy polluters — seeking to offset their emissions

by purchasing credits from nations that have cut greenhouse gases above what they promised.

Climate negotiators have been mulling the idea since the 2015 Paris Agreement.

Observers say the 11-22 November UN talks could see

a breakthrough, with a supervisory body expected to put fresh proposals for verifying carbon credits on the table.

"Most countries don't want it to be delayed any further," said

linked to emissions reduced by converting buses in Bangkok to electric power.

Observers say a regulated carbon market could provide much-needed additional revenue for developing countries to slash their own emissions without tak-

ing on more debt. **Fraud claims** An earlier UN foray into the regulation of carbon markets, known as Article Six, was rejected in Dubai in 2023 by the

European Union and developing nations for being too lax.

This time around the supervisory body, which has spent months canvassing NGOs and specialists, say the rules are much more rigorous, and give local people the right to challenge credit-generating activities on

Can Myanmar become a bridge between India and China?

By Atul Aneja

Following Kazan, if the bilateral economic track takes off, it can encourage the two, to consider joint partnerships in third countries, especially in the Global South under the India-China+ formula. In the future, this formulation could mutate into a Russia-India-China+ idea where the three giants of the multipolar world can work together in the Global South.

As the dust settles on the Modi-Xi talks — an event that took place after a gap of five years during which military tensions soared along the high mountain ranges of eastern Ladakh, it is now possible that both Beijing and New Delhi pick up the threads and explore possibilities of joint forays in Myan-

mar — a key nation on the cusp of South and Southeast Asia. **Why Myanmar?**

There are at least four compelling reasons why India needs to re-engage with Myanmar. First, Myanmar's geography makes it a natural candidate for a deeper partnership. Myanmar is India's gateway to Southeast Asia — indeed the pivot of New Delhi's Act East policy. It presents a contiguous corridor for greater connectivity between Northeast India and ASEAN. Unsurprisingly, Myanmar is the fulcrum of the Asian Highway that will link India with Thailand, opening the possibility of a northern hookup with Danang in Vietnam. Trade and investments along the corridor can become

a new engine for creating jobs, prosperity, and a surge in people-to-people connectivity.

Second, Myanmar possesses a unique geo-strategic maritime location, along the Bay of Bengal. India has been Myanmar's partner in building the Sittway Port. An outlet with huge potential, it is the natural gateway to channel trade from India's northeast axis with the rest of the world, including ASEAN. On its part, China has constructed the deep-sea port in Kyaukpyu co-located with an industrial park. This port is of prime strategic importance as it lowers China's trade dependence on the US-dominated Malacca straits, a key chokepoint that can be leveraged for the

containment of China.

Third, Myanmar possesses huge natural resources. These include significant deposits of precious and semiprecious stones, including rubies, sapphires, jade, and other gemstones. It also has deposits of silver, lead, zinc, gold, tin, tungsten, and barite. Besides, Myanmar has substantial reserves of petroleum and natural gas, apart from huge hydropower potential, which can make it energy surplus. Myanmar can also be a major player in guaranteeing regional food security as its fertile land supports the cultivation of various crops, including rice, pulses, and other agricultural

products, complementing marine resources such as fisheries. The country's forests are also a major source of timber, fuelwood, and other forest products.

Finally, as a neighbour of the two giants of the multipolar world order, Myanmar is a vital bridge between India and China, spurring the demand for a new regional initiative.

Consequently, as a follow-up to the Kazan conversation between Prime Minister Modi and President Xi, a new China-India-Myanmar (CIM) economic corridor can be trilaterally considered a derivative of the BCIM plan. More so, such a standalone project can be kept out of the BRI framework, as its roots can be traced to the pre-BRI era. China has already flagged off the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor, which can be rebooted as a new project, with nodes firmly extending into India.

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UN aims to set standards for scandal-hit carbon markets

their territory.

The new proposals include guidelines for future certification to ensure that a project either avoids the release of CO2 by human actions, or acts to remove the planet-heating gas from the atmosphere and store it over an

extended period of time. For example, owning an existing forest that naturally stores CO2 would not be credited, but efforts to protect it from a genuine threat of deforestation could be.

The plans set monitoring standards — to check that trees are actually planted, or that the risks of a forest being ravaged by fire are properly taken into account.

The UN proposal includes plans for a fund, modelled on mutual insurance, which would see a percentage of each project's credits set aside in the event it fails to store carbon as promised.

The proposed rules still need to be approved at COP29. This year, instead of giving

negotiators the option of modifying the proposal texts, the specialist body has already adopted them for delegates to take or leave for another year.

Observers say it is possible that the text laying out standards for the voluntary system could

pass more easily than decisions covering country-to-country carbon trading.

It follows collapsing confidence in the unregulated voluntary carbon market, where the credibility of many credits has come under scrutiny after allegations many did not deliver any benefit for the climate.

Some projects have been accused of fraud, while other forest-based initiatives have gone up in wildfire smoke, prompting an exodus of big corporate brands using these credits to claim carbon neutrality.

'New benchmark' The voluntary market, for its part, is eagerly awaiting a UN



New UN rules would give local communities more power to object to carbon credit projects. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

decision.

"We do expect that (it) will evolve to become a new benchmark for quality in the whole market," Karolien Casaer-Diez, an expert with South Pole, a consultancy that develops emission-reduction projects to sell credits.

That could boost standards across the board, she said, predicting "close and rapid alignment" with the new UN system

from Verra and Gold Standard, the main private certifiers of carbon credits.

Crook said important provisions in the proposals include ensuring credits are not allocated to existing carbon stocks — an unthreatened patch of forest, for example — and that projects can show they do actually boost emission reductions.

But he said ambiguity remains in the wording that could

leave texts open to interpretation, notably over tricky issues like estimating CO2 pollution over long periods of time.

"We know that the world is not perfect and that accurate risk assessments are complicated, if not impossible for many project types," he said.

The real test, he added, will come in putting the proposals into action.

Source: AFP

NATIONAL

More hotels allowed to operate in Sagaing Region

ACCORDING to the Sagaing Region Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, 65 more hotels, motels, and guesthouses have been authorized to operate in the tourism destinations in Sagaing Region, in addition to the 42 hotels, motels, and guesthouses already operating there.

In eight tourist destinations in Sagaing Region, there are 42 hotels, motels, and guesthouses with a total of 1,214 rooms. An additional 65 hotels, motels, and guesthouses, offering 2,177 rooms, have now been authorized to operate.

“Sagaing and Mingun are highly attractive destinations for both local and foreign tourists. In October, more than 8,500 local travellers visited the Mingun and Sagaing areas. Likewise, over 2,700 domestic and foreign travellers arrived at the Monywa tourist destinations via air travel,” said an officer from the Sagaing Region Directorate of Hotels and Tourism.

Among tourists entering Sagaing Region, 50 foreigners from India, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Malaysia, Mexico, and Australia seek religious med-



This photo showcases the Kaunghmudaw Pagoda in Sagaing Region packed with pilgrims.

itation in Sagaing and Wetlet townships for long stays.

Efforts are being made to

ensure that both domestic and international travellers can

enjoy their visits in a clean,

safe, and secure environment throughout Sagaing Region. —

ASH/TMT

Japan Foundation Yangon to host “Blood Indigo” solo show

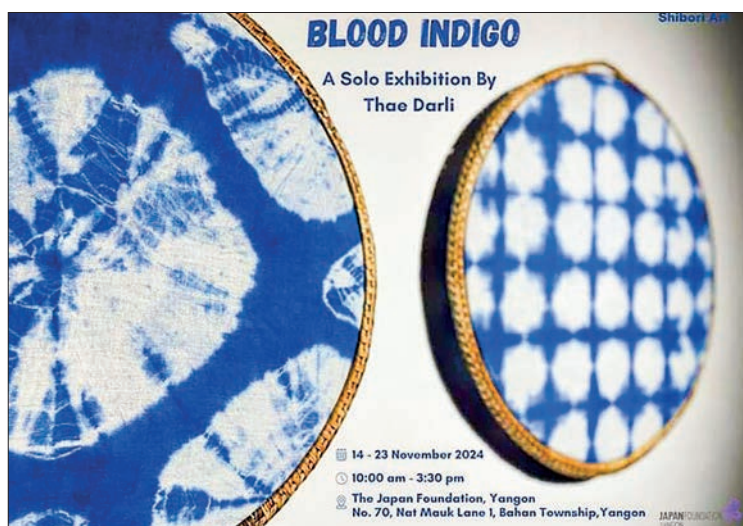
THE Japan Foundation, Yangon, has announced that the solo art exhibition ‘Blood Indigo’ by Artist Thae Darli will be exhibited in Yangon from 14 to 23 November 2024.

Admission to the exhibition is free, but an advance booking is required to attend the Artist’s Talk programme, which will be held exclusively on 16 November.

In the “Blood Indigo” exhibition, Artist Thae Darli explores beauties in resilience, interconnectedness and imperfection, and the theme ‘Blood Indigo’, refers to the depth and strength of the indigo colour as if resilience is flowing through the blood

vessels. It was created by using Shibori, a traditional Japanese dyeing method, and displayed as a work of art by tying, folding and colouring regular cotton cloths.

Just as indigo colour needs repetitive soaking and dyeing to achieve its most accurate hues, the artworks in this exhibition also tell stories coating by coating through patience. The Artist’s Talk Programme will be held at the Japan Foundation Yangon, No 70, Natmauk Lane 1, Bahan Township, Yangon, and interested persons can register at <https://forms.office.com/r/9AitjvA446>. — MT/ZN



An image of the exhibition of “Blood Indigo”.

Taunggyi hot-air balloon festival rescheduled to 11-17 November due to weather



Taunggyi Thazaungdine Hot-air Balloons Festival last year.

ACCORDING to the Association of Southern Shan State Traditional Hot-Air Balloon Professionals, the Taunggyi Thazaungdine Hot-Air Balloon Festival Competition will now take place from 11 to 17 November at Awarar Balloon Field in Taunggyi City, Southern Shan State, due to recent changes in the weather.

Originally scheduled from 9 to 15 November, the festival’s dates were adjusted to ensure safe and enjoyable conditions for participants and spectators. This annual event, an important traditional celebration for the Shan ethnic groups, draws not only local residents but also domestic and foreign travellers. — ASH/TKO

Film production ceremony for *Pinlehmar Sabeltwe Pyo Khae Tel* held in Yangon

THE opening ceremony for the Myanmar film *Pinlehmar Sabeltwe Pyo Khae Tel* was held on 9 November at Eaintawyar Pagoda in Dagon Township, Yangon.

The screenplay and story were crafted by Htet Myat Zin Naing, and the film is directed by 1DWIN for SZ Film Production.

“I personally selected the cast, including Nay Toe and Khin Wint Wah. Nay Toe is my idol and a close friend. The film delves into themes of love and affection,” said Zaya, who serves as both a visiting actor and producer.

The plot is set in Yangon, and filming is



Photo of first shot ceremony of ‘Pinlehmar Sabeltwe Pyo Khae Tel’.

scheduled to begin on 16 November. Notable cast members include Academy Nay Toe, Nay Myo Aung, Zaya, Daung Wai, Nay Thit Aye Aung, Ba Gyan, Academy Khin Wint Wah, Chel Chel, Academy Cho Pyone, Soe Moe Kyi, and Yoon Eaindray Khin, along with other supporting actors. — ASH/ TRKM

Afghan women not barred from speaking to each other: morality ministry

The Taliban's morality ministry stated that women in Afghanistan are not banned from speaking to each other, countering recent media claims.



Women in Afghanistan are barred from singing or reciting poetry aloud in public. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

WOMEN in Afghanistan are not forbidden from speaking to each other, the Taliban government's morality ministry told AFP on Saturday, denying recent media reports of a ban.

Afghan media based outside the country and international outlets have in recent weeks reported a ban on women hearing other women's voices, based on an audio recording of the head of the Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice (PVPV), Mohammad Khalid Hanafi,

about rules of prayer.

PVPV spokesman Saiful Islam Khyber said the reports were "brainless" and "illogical", in a voice recording confirmed by AFP.

"A woman can talk to another woman, women need to interact with one another in society, women do have their needs," he said.

He added, however, that there were exceptions according to Islamic law, such as those described by Hanafi that women should use hand gestures

instead of raising their voices to communicate with other women while praying.

Women in Afghanistan are barred from singing or reciting poetry aloud in public, according to a recent "vice and virtue" law detailing sweeping codes of behaviour, including that women's voices should be "concealed" along with their bodies when outside their homes.

Women's voices have also been banned from television and radio broadcasts in some provinces. — AFP

Rome's Trevi Fountain unveils tourist catwalk during cleaning

A suspended walkway providing tourists an up-close view of Rome's Trevi Fountain was unveiled Saturday, a temporary addition while the famous "La Dolce Vita" site undergoes a cleaning.

The Baroque masterpiece constructed on the facade of a palace is one of the most popular sites in Rome for tourists, who strain over the crowds to throw their coins into its water.

While the fountain is being cleaned to remove limestone deposits and grime, however, the walkway positioned over its basin will accommodate some 130 people at a time to take a closer look.

That will give tourists "an experience not ruined by excessive crowding," said Rome's mayor, Roberto Gualtieri.

"We wanted to give everybody the opportunity to admire the fountain and to do this from

a unique perspective, because what you can see from the walkway, you will never be able to see normally," he said.

French tourist Franck Petretto, 50, was one of the first to walk across the passageway, calling the view "wonderful and very, very beautiful."

"Even without the water flowing inside the fountain, you can really see that the architecture is serious... and that's really very pleasing," he said.

Micaela di Caterina, 32, visiting from Argentina, marvelled at the intricate sculptures of Oceanus and his sea-horses, calling the up-close view "incredible."

Yet, she found walking over the fountain "kind of weird." The renovation, sponsored by Fendi, includes cleaning limestone deposits and restoring the stonework. — AFP



The current work involves removing limestone deposits on the fountain's facade, which can turn black with time. PHOTO: AFP



US singer-songwriter Taylor Swift is a top contender. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Female artists set to dominate MTV Europe Music Awards

TAYLOR Swift, Charli XCX and Billie Eilish are among the female artists tipped to dominate the 2024 MTV Europe Music Awards to be held in Manchester, northwest England, on Sunday.

The ceremony's 30th edition, which brings together the biggest names in world music, gets under way at the city's new Co-op Live venue from 8:00 pm

(2000 GMT).

British singer Rita Ora will host the awards, which are being held in Britain for the seventh time.

Ten of the eleven artists with the most nominations are women, with megastar Taylor Swift leading the way.

The American, whose ongoing "Eras" tour is the most

lucrative in history, is nominated in seven categories following the release this year of her 11th album "The Tortured Poets Department". In the Best Artist category she will go up against compatriots Beyonce, Eilish, male rapper Post Malone and British star Raye, who won a record six gongs at this year's Brit Awards. — AFP

ECONOMY WORLD

Peru holds meeting on Belt and Road cooperation with China

RUNNING from 5 to 10 November, the 7th CIIE has attracted 3,496 exhibitors from 129 countries and regions. Among all participants, 186 enterprises and institutions have achieved full attendance across all seven editions of the expo, while many others are new faces exhibiting for the first time.

The Annual Meeting on Pragmatic Cooperation within the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Framework between Peru and China was held on Friday, according to the organizers.

The attendees had an in-depth discussion on new opportunities for bilateral cooperation under the BRI framework and future development.

A series of pragmatic results were achieved at the meeting, including the release of the think tank report “Jointly Promoting High-Quality Development and Building an Asia-Pacific Com-

The meeting led to the launch of a Spanish-language version of the Belt and Road Portal and the inauguration of the Latin America Liaison Office of the Belt and Road Economic Information Association.



Lima, the capital of Peru, lies on the country's arid Pacific coast. PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

munity with a Shared Future”.

The new Spanish-language version of the Belt and Road Portal, an official site in Spanish for the BRI, was launched at the meeting, where the Latin America Liaison Office of the Belt and Road Economic Information Association was also officially inaugurated.

The attendees also visited a photo exhibition on pragmatic BRI cooperation between China and Latin America during the event. The event, jointly organized by the China Economic Information Service of Xinhua News Agency and Peru's Andina News Agency, was co-organized by the China Southern Power Grid Co., Ltd.

Present at the meeting were more than 100 guests, including officials and representatives from government, businesses, media, and think tanks from China and Peru. — Xinhua

World Trade chief uncontested in seeking second term



Okonjo-Iweala said her team was working around the clock to draft agreements for the talks. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

NGOZI Okonjo-Iweala, the first woman and first African to head the World Trade Organization, is uncontested in seeking another term, the group's chair announced on Saturday.

The 70-year-old director-general of the WTO — whose first mandate was blocked for months by US president-elect Donald Trump during his first stint in office — announced in September that she was running for a second term.

The WTO chair, Norwegian Ambassador Petter Olberg,

told members that “no further nominations for the position” had been received by Friday's deadline, leaving Okonjo-Iweala as “the only candidate for the role”, according to a statement.

Her current term ends in August 2025.

Directors-general are chosen by consensus from the entire 166-member WTO.

Okonjo-Iweala, who took over in March 2021, has hinged her leadership on breathing new life into the sclerotic organization. — AFP

Forum in Tokyo seeks to boost China-Japan green cooperation

OVER 800 representatives from government bodies, businesses and institutions from China and Japan gathered at a forum in Tokyo on Saturday to explore cooperation opportunities in green transformation.

Attendees at the 17th China-Japan Comprehensive Forum on Energy Saving and Environmental Protection noted that green development is a shared challenge and an area

with substantial cooperation potential for both China and Japan, urging efforts to leverage comparative advantages to explore new areas for collaborative growth in energy conservation and environmental protection.

Zhao Chenxin, deputy head of China's National Development and Reform Commission, emphasized that China values international coopera-

tion in green, low-carbon development, highlighting energy conservation and environmental protection as focal points in China-Japan economic relations.

China's Vice Minister of Commerce Li Fei said that China-Japan trade cooperation is mutually beneficial, calling for deepened green cooperation to contribute to sustainable development globally. — Xinhua

Türkish capital seeks to appeal foreign tourists through historical Hamamonu

ANKARA, the capital city of Türkiye, is striving to increase its tourism appeal with historical attractions. One of them is Hamamonu, a vibrant ancient neighborhood that merges Ottoman heritage with modern charm.

Even though Türkiye welcomed nearly 50 million international visitors in 2023, only 700,000 of them ventured to Ankara, according to official data,

a figure the city is determined to improve.

While Istanbul often steals the spotlight as Türkiye's most famous and most visited city, Ankara is a gem waiting to be discovered, said Murat Toktas, vice president of the Turkish Hoteliers Federation.

“We want to see Ankara capture a larger role in Türkiye's tourism share. This is possible with historical sites

like Hamamonu”.

Named after the 15th-century Karacabey Hamam, or bathhouse, Hamamonu is one of the oldest still-functioning areas in the city and has been revitalized in recent years, preserving its traditional character with cobblestone streets, old houses, and authentic wooden structures dating back to the 17th and 18th centuries. — Xinhua

Chinese tourist arrivals to Cambodia up almost 50% in Jan-Sept

Cambodia saw a 50 per cent rise in Chinese tourists, reaching 607,542 during January-September 2024.

CAMBODIA recorded an almost 50 per cent rise in the number of Chinese tourists during the first nine months of 2024, said a Cambodian Ministry of Tourism's report released on Sunday.

A total of 607,542 Chinese visitors travelled to the Southeast Asian country during the January-September period this year, up 49.8 per cent from 405,514 over the same period last year, the report

said.

The number of Chinese tourists accounted for 12.65 per cent of the total 4.8 million international tourist arrivals to Cambodia during the first nine months of this year, the report said, adding that China was the third biggest source of the foreign holidaymakers to the kingdom after Thailand and Vietnam.

Cambodian Minister of Tourism Huot Hak

said the growth of Chinese tourists is an important opportunity, not only to boost the development of the tourism sector, but also to create investment opportunities in other sectors. — Xinhua

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Hoshino Resorts to open Japanese-style hot spring inn in NY state

JAPANESE luxury hotel operator Hoshino Resorts Inc plans to open a hot spring inn in the US state of New York in 2028 as part of efforts to introduce the popular Japanese-style accommodation experience to the United States.

The company will build a facility with up to 40 guestrooms in Sharon Springs, a historic spa village located a three-and-a-half hours' drive away from Manhattan, to offer guests a chance to experience Japanese-style hospitality, it said.

Noting that Japanese hotel chains had failed to break into the North American market in the 1980s, the firm said it be-



Supplied photo shows Hoshino Resorts Inc.'s representative Yoshiharu Hoshino visiting Sharon Springs, NY. **PHOTO: HOSHINO RESORTS INC./KYODO**

lieves the key to success is offering "a concept that reflects Japanese culture".

A hot spring inn, or

"onsen ryokan" in Japanese, is typically located in a scenic area such as the seaside or in the mountains, allowing guests

to bathe in natural hot springs with great views and enjoy traditional cuisine using locally sourced food. — Kyodo

India's coal production rose 33%, exceeding 100 million tonnes in 2024

INDIA'S coal production from captive and commercial mines exceeded 100 million tonnes during the first seven months of the current financial year, up 33 per cent as compared to the same period of the previous financial year, showed the latest figures released by the federal Ministry of Coal on Saturday.

The ministry further stated that the share of captive and commercial coal mines in India's total coal production had been steadily increasing, reflecting the success of reforms in the coal sector and strengthening the nation's path toward self-sufficiency in energy resources.

"The coal ministry is optimistic about reaching a production target of more than 170 million tonnes from captive and commercial coal blocks in 2024-25," it added. — Xinhua

Sri Lankan workers' remittances rise 13.9%

SRI Lanka's expatriate workers sent 587.7 million US dollars in remittances in October 2024, according to the latest data from the Central Bank of Sri

Lanka (CBSL).

This marks a 13.9 per cent increase compared to the same month last year, CBSL data reveals.

Total remittances

for the first 10 months of 2024 have surpassed 5.4 billion dollars, reflecting an 11.7 per cent increase from the 4.7 billion dollars recorded during the

same period last year, data shows.

In 2023, Sri Lankan workers' remittances totaled almost 5.97 billion dollars. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY.NO. (135N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY.NO. (135N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **11-11-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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WORLD

Russia ratifies comprehensive strategic partnership treaty with North Korea



Russian leader Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un signed a strategic partnership agreement in June. **PHOTO: POOL/AFP/FILE**

Putin ratified a treaty with North Korea promising mutual military assistance in case of attack.

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has signed legislation to ratify a bilateral treaty with North Korea, which includes a promise of mutual military assistance if either country is attacked, state media reported.

Tass on Saturday reported Putin's signing of the law on ratification of the comprehensive strategic partnership treaty between Moscow and Pyongyang.

Putin signed the deal with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during his visit to North Korea in June this year and Putin submitted it to the Russian State Duma for ratification on 15 Oc-

tober. The lower and upper houses of the Russian parliament had earlier approved the bill for ratification.

The preamble to the treaty states that the document meets the fundamental interests of the peoples of Russia and North Korea "and contributes to ensuring peace, regional and global security and stability," Tass reported.

The treaty stipulates that if one of the parties is subjected to an armed attack the other will deploy all means in its possession to provide military and other assistance, without delay, in accordance with Article 51 of the UN Charter. — ANI

BRIEF: WORLD

Uganda considers Russia's invitation to join BRICS as partner

UGANDA has received an invitation from Russia to become a partner country of BRICS and is currently considering the offer, Ugandan Foreign Minister Abubaker Jeje Odongo told Sputnik.

Earlier on Saturday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said during a meeting with his Ugandan counterpart that Russia had supported Uganda as a partner country in BRICS.

"Uganda has been invited to become a partner member of BRICS. I received this invitation about three days ago. We are currently going through all the necessary procedures to determine whether we will accept this invitation or not," Odongo said on the sidelines of the first ministerial conference of the Russia-Africa Partnership Forum. — SPUTNIK

Canada reports first case of bird flu in a person

A teenager in British Columbia has become the first person in Canada to test positive for bird flu, authorities said Saturday.

This person is receiving treatment in a children's hospital for H5 avian flu, the provincial health department said.

The source of contagion and any possible contacts are being investigated. Officials said the infection probably came from a bird or animal. — AFP

Iran urges Trump to change 'maximum pressure' policy

IRAN signalled an openness towards Donald Trump Saturday, calling on the US president-elect to adopt new policies towards it after Washington accused Tehran of involvement in a plot to kill him.

Vice President for Strategic Affairs Mohammad Javad Zarif urged Trump to reassess the policy of "maximum pressure" he employed against the Islamic republic during his first term. — AFP

India signs agreement to establish BIMSTEC Energy Centre in Bengaluru



India signed the Host Country Agreement for the BIMSTEC Energy Centre in Bengaluru, enhancing regional energy cooperation. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ANI**

INDIA signed the Host Country Agreement for establishing the BIMSTEC Energy Centre in Bengaluru, for enhanced energy cooperation in the Bay of Bengal and littoral region, including through inter-grid connectivity.

The agreement was inked on Saturday between Secretary East Jaideep Mazumder and BIMSTEC Secretary General Indra Mani Pandey.

India has officially estab-

lished the BIMSTEC Energy Centre in Bengaluru, strengthening regional energy cooperation, including inter-grid connectivity.

The Host Country Agreement was signed by Jaideep Mazumder, Secretary (East) of the Ministry of External Affairs, and BIMSTEC Secretary General Indra Mani Pandey.

Located at the Central Power Research Institute, the Centre will also serve as the

Secretariat for the BIMSTEC Grid Interconnection Coordination Committee.

This initiative, following the first BIMSTEC Energy Centre meeting in February 2023, aims to promote energy cooperation, share best practices, facilitate capacity building, and develop frameworks for energy projects across the BIMSTEC region, which includes seven member countries. — ANI

SPORTS



Myanmar golfer Kyaw Thet Oo in action. **PHOTO:ALL THAILAND**

Myanmar golfer Kyaw Thet Oo secures first runner-up at Singha Classic 2024

THE Singha Classic 2024, a premier event on the All Thailand Golf Tour, took place from 7 to 10 November at the Royal Hills Golf Resort in Thailand. Myanmar's professional golfer Kyaw Thet Oo earned the first runner-up position in this prestigious tournament.

Kyaw Thet Oo completed the tournament with a six-under-par 274 strokes on an aggregation on four rounds for 70, 68, 69, and 67 strokes. He finished tied with Thai golfer Newport Laparojkit, who posted a six-under-par 274 strokes on an aggregation in four rounds. In the play-off, Laparojkit emerged victorious, securing first place, while Kyaw Thet Oo took second. Another Thai golfer, Thanyakon Khrongpha, claimed third place with 280 strokes.

Among other Myanmar participants, Aung San Myo finished 62nd, with scores of 71, 75, 77, and 79, totalling 302 strokes out of 144 competitors.

For his runner-up finish, Kyaw Thet Oo received a prize of 285,000 Thai baht. Additionally, he was awarded an honorary bonus by U Ko Ko Aye, president of the Myanmar Golf Federation. Kyaw Thet Oo continues to actively compete in tournaments organized by the All Thailand Golf Tour and the Thailand PGA Tour. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Myanmar boxers Thway Thit Win Hlaing and Tun Tun Min face off in traditional Lethwei championship

ON 9 November, Myanmar boxers Thway Thit Win Hlaing and Tun Tun Min met in their third five-round Lethwei (traditional boxing) open-weight championship, held in Hpa-an during the 69th Kayin State Day celebrations. Despite Thway Thit Win Hlaing's improved strength and powerful punches, he couldn't secure a victory over Tun Tun Min, leading to a well-matched draw.

The bout began with both fighters cautiously assessing each other in the first round. In the second round, Thway Thit Win Hlaing's powerful punch prompted Tun Tun Min to take a two-minute break. Thway Thit Win Hlaing intensified his attacks in the third round, forcing Tun Tun Min to take a second standing count. The fourth round brought an exciting exchange of punches, thrilling fans though neither boxer gained a clear advantage. In the fifth round, Tun Tun Min applied relentless pressure, but Thway Thit Win Hlaing managed to defend effectively, evading a knockdown.

At one point, a frustrated Tun Tun Min motioned for Thway Thit Win Hlaing to stop evading, but his strategy remained ineffective. With neither boxer managing to break the deadlock, the fight ended in a draw under traditional Lethwei rules.

A devoted fan of Myanmar boxing remarked, "The weight difference of



Thway Thit Win Hlaing and Tun Tun Min compete in the Myanmar Open Weight Lethwei Championship.

over 10 kg between these two fighters makes creating a fair match challenging. Thway Thit Win Hlaing came well-prepared, and if he sharpens his tactics, he could be unbeatable. If he stops fidgeting with his shorts and running around the ring, he'll perform much better. Tun Tun Min, on the other hand, seemed

to lack stamina, which impacted his performance. Nevertheless, Tun Tun Min retains his champion title under traditional rules".

Reflecting on the outcome, Tun Tun Min shared on social media, "I apologize to all the fans; I couldn't secure the win this time". — Htun Htun/KZL

Real Madrid confirms season-ending injury for defender Militao

REAL Madrid has confirmed that central defender Eder Militao suffered a "complete tear" of his anterior cruciate ligament in the first half of his side's 4-0 win at home to Osasuna on Saturday.

The Brazilian international fell awkwardly in the 28th minute of the game as he defended a high-ball into the Madrid penalty area. After receiving treatment on the pitch, he was carried off in obvious pain.

The club released a statement two and a half hours after the final whistle, confirming that "after the tests carried out on player Eder Militao, by the Real Madrid medical services, he has been diagnosed with a complete tear of the anterior cruciate ligament, which has also affected the meniscus ligament of his right leg. Militao will have an operation in the coming days".

This means Militao will



Eder Militao (L) played the full game in the loss to Shakhtar Donetsk. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

be out for a minimum of nine months and possibly longer.

The news is cruel for the defender, who only returned at the end of last season after missing nearly all of the campaign with the same injury on his left leg.

He joins full back Dani Carvajal as a long-term absentee, after Carvajal snapped his knee ligament earlier in the season, meaning the club is almost certain to look to sign a new defender in January. — Xinhua



Xi holds talks with Indonesian president in Beijing

Chinese President Xi Jinping met with Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto, emphasizing cooperation, solidarity, and mutual development between China and Indonesia.

CHINESE President Xi Jinping held talks with Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto in Beijing on Saturday, expressing the readiness to work with the new Indonesian government to continue promoting self-improvement, solidarity and win-win cooperation among major developing countries.

Prabowo is in China for a state visit at the invitation of Xi.

Xi noted that Prabowo visited China in his first overseas trip right after he was elected in March and chose China as the first country to visit after taking office, which speaks volumes about

the great importance he attaches to developing relations with China and demonstrates the high level and strategic nature of China-Indonesia relations.

“China is willing to work with the new Indonesian government to build on past achievements, promote building a community with a shared future with regional and global influence, and continue to write a new chapter of seeking self-improvement via solidarity, and boosting coordination and mutually beneficial and win-win cooperation among major developing countries,” said Xi. — Xinhua



Chinese President Xi Jinping (right) holds talks with Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto in Beijing on Saturday. PHOTO: XINHUA

Qatar suspends mediation in Israel-Hamas talks, citing ‘lack of good faith’: Report

Qatar suspended its mediation role in Israel-Hamas talks, citing frustration.

QATAR has suspended its role as a mediator in the ongoing negotiations between Israel and Hamas after concluding that both sides are “no longer negotiating in good faith”, CNN reported.

Qatar, which has long hosted Hamas’ political office in Doha, has been a key intermediary, alongside Egypt,

in facilitating discussions between the two parties that do not directly engage with each other.

CNN reported citing a diplomatic source that Qatar’s decision followed ‘growing frustration’ over both sides’ refusal “to engage constructively” in peace talks. Despite a brief period of activity last month, no substantial ne-

gotiations have taken place since the end of August when six Israeli hostages were executed by Hamas and discovered in a Gaza tunnel.

Previous ceasefire efforts, mediated by Qatar and Egypt in November, had seen both sides release hostages and prisoners, but those negotiations ultimately faltered. — ANI



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A SECOND TERM

US President-elect Trump forms committee ahead of inauguration

US President-elect Donald Trump announced on Saturday (local time) the formation of an inaugural committee, which would plan and celebrate his inauguration on 20 January 2025.

Trump secured a second term in the White House after winning the US presidential election on 5 November, marking a significant comeback following his loss to President Joe Biden in the 2020 election.

“President Donald Trump, the 45th and 47th President of the United States, today announced the formation of Trump Vance Inaugural Committee, Inc, a 501(c)(4) organization that will plan inaugural events. The work done by this official entity will be Co-Chaired by longtime friends and supporters of President Trump, Steve Witkoff and Senator Kelly Loeffler,” Trump said in a statement.

“On Election Night, we made history and I have the extraordinary honour of having been elected the 47th President of the United States thanks to tens millions of hardworking Americans across the nation who supported our America First agenda,” he said. — ANI