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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing offers rice alms to the Buddha Image at Sasana Maha Beikman, Uppatasanti Pagoda, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.

State Administration Council offers Kathina robes, alms to members of Sangha

THE State Administration Council held the Kathina robe-offering ceremony 2024 at Sasana Maha Beikman of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, with the attendance of SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife, Daw Kyu Kyu Hla.

The Senior General paid homage to the Buddha image in the building and offered alms in the alms-bowl, flowers, water, oil lights and fruits.

He viewed round display of the Kathina robes and offerings to be donated to Wazirananda Thubawdayon Monastery in Ottarathiri Township.

The Senior General and his wife donated Kathina robes and alms to Chairman of the

State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Patron of Thanlyin Minkyaung Pahtamapyan Buddhism Learning Centre Aggamaha Pandita Aggamaha Saddhammajotikadhaja Dr Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa and Upaukkattha Joint Sangharaaja of Shwegyin Nikaya Abbot of Wazirananda Thubawdayon Monastery of Ottarathiri Township Abhidhaja Maharathaguru Rector Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Nandamala Bhivamsa, respectively.

SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe donated Kathina robes and alms to SSMNC Secretary Mandalay Dhamma Thameikdi Monastery Sayadaw.

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SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views Kathina Trees at yesterday's event.

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Investing in Agriculture and Livestock: A Path to National Prosperity and Food Security

- Agricultural and livestock products have a robust market.
- These products bolster national food security and boost income through exports.
- Entrepreneurs with financial capacity should invest in the stable agriculture and livestock sectors.

(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)

Myanmar Gazette

Appointment of Head of Service Organization confirmed

THE State Administration Council has confirmed the appointment of U Aung Thu, Director-General of the Dry Zone Greening Department under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, after the one-year probationary period.

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.



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Monday 11 November 2024)

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at (17:30) hrs MST today, a low-pressure area has formed over Southwest Bay of Bengal. It is likely to move westwards and reach to India Tamil Nadu/Sri Lanka coasts. Weather is a few cloud over the North Andaman Sea and partly cloudy to cloudy over the South Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

SPECIAL Features: According to the observations at (17:30) hrs MST today, Typhoon "Yinxing" over the South China Sea is continue to move south-southwestwards and may reach Central coast of Vietnam during next 18 hours and gradually downgraded.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 12 November 2024: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in southern Shan State and isolated in Mandalay, and Taninthayi Regions and (northern and eastern) Shan, and Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is 80%. Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States.

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

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in Kachin, Shan, and Chin States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12 November 2024: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12 November 2024: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12 November 2024: Partly cloudy. — DMH

Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at (19:00) hours MST on 11-11-2024

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Theme for 104th Anniversary of National Victory Day 2024

Let's unite all nationalities for Union peace

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25 November 2024

Objectives for 104th Anniversary of National Victory Day 2024

- To foster mutual respect and trust among all nationalities, ensuring durable peace
- To cultivate a well-educated populace with the knowledge and skills necessary for the State's development
- To encourage nationwide support for the education sector, contributing towards the all-round development of the State
- To enhance domestic production, ensuring the prosperity and food security of the State

COVID-19 report, 11 November 2024

NEW TESTS

9,770

NEW CASES

10

CASUALTIES

Nil

Myanmar National Centre for Diseases Control
Department of Public Health

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)

State Administration Council offers Kathina robes, alms to members of Sangha

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The Council Secretary and his wife, the Joint Secretary and his wife, council members and their wives offered Kathina robes and alms to members

of the Sangha.

The Sayadaw of Ohntaw Monastery in Pyinmana and the Sayadaw of Ngwetaung Tawya Monastery in Tatkon conducted a question-and-an-



SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla present Kathina robes offerings.



SAC Vice-Chair Deputy PM Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe offer Kathina robes.

swer session on Kathina affairs.

The Senior General and the congregation listened to Kathina Anumodana preached by the Rector Sayadaw. SS-MNC Secretary Presiding Patron of new Masoeyein monastery's Dhamma Thameikdi Monastery Sayadaw Aggamaha Pandita Aggamaha Saddhammajotikadhaja Mahadhammakathika Bahujana-hitadhara Bhaddanta Vasettha Bhivamsa delivered a sermon, and congregation shared merits gained.

After the ceremony, the

Senior General, his wife and the congregation offered meals to members of the Sangha led by Thanlyin Minkyaung Sayadaw.

Also present at the ceremony were Union-level dignitaries, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and officials.

At the ceremony, alms worth K53,233,340 and cash of K80,690,800 for nine prerequisites were donated to members of the Sangha. — MNA/TTA

Application for political party establishment ongoing

THE Kayah State People's Party (KySPP) applied to the Union Election Commission for the right to establish as a political party under Section 3 of the Registration of Political Parties Law

to compete in a multiparty democratic general election yesterday.

To date, 18 parties have applied in compliance with Section 3 of the Political Parties Registration Law, and

50 parties have applied for the right to continue as political parties and registration under Section 25 of the Political Parties Registration Law, bringing the total to 68 parties.

The Union Election Commission continues to verify the group that applied to establish a party. — MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL

Public Financial Management special refresher course No 8 opened

THE opening ceremony of the Public Financial Management Special Refresher Course No 8 was held yesterday at the Public Financial Management Training School of the Ministry of Planning and Finance in Nay Pyi Taw.

The opening of the course was attended by Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw, Union Minister for Legal Affairs and Union Attorney-General Dr Thi Da Oo, Auditor-General Dr Khin Naing Oo, the UCSB chairperson, the deputy minister, the deputy auditor-general, management members of the Public Finance Management Training School and departmental officials, trainers, and trainees among others.

Speaking at the event, the



Deputy Prime Minister MoPF Union Minister U Win Shein addresses the opening of the Public Financial Management Special Refresher Course No 8 yesterday.

Union minister said the human resources, financial power and natural resources of a nation are under limitation, and systematic public financial management can develop and stabilize the existing resource-

es. All-round development in political, economic and social sectors depends on the proper public financial management, so there should be a fine public financial management system and it is necessary to turn out

qualified government employees.

He then urged the trainees to apply the skills gained from the course in serving their duties for the economic growth of the country.

A total of 34 director-level officials in charge of the organizations from the ministries and organizations will attend the five-week Public Financial Management special refresher course No 8. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar delegation heads to China for Cultural Exchange Week & Media Forum

A 48-member Myanmar delegation, led by Union Information Minister U Maung Maung Ohn, departed for the 2024 China-Myanmar Cultural Exchange Week and the fourth Twin City Media Forum in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China.

This event, organized as a prelude to the 2024 China-ASEAN Cultural Exchange Year and the 75th Anniversary of China-Myanmar diplomatic relations in 2025, aims to foster China-Myanmar mutual cooperation and enhance media cooperation between the two nations.

The delegation includes 41 staff members from six ministries: the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation, the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, the Ministry of Energy, and the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, along with seven representatives from private media and organizations. They departed from

Yangon International Airport yesterday afternoon.

During the trip, the Myanmar delegation will observe ancient Guanlu City in Yaoan District, the media centre in Chuxiong City, the development of flower-based modern agricultural tasks at Yi ethnic fabric digital parks, the extension of the tourism industry, the progress of the media sector and preservation of traditional handiworks. Efforts in cultural exchange and media cooperation can enhance friendly relations and understanding between governments and peoples of both countries. It aims to cement friendly ties between the two countries further and promptly implement the follow-up undertakings on the improvement of the socioeconomic lives after State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing paid a visit to China from 5 to 10 November 2024. — MNA/TS



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Htilominlo Temple sees high tourist arrivals

THE arrival of tourists this dry season to Htilominlo Temple surges as they are interested in detailed mural paintings and artworks of Panntamaw (sculpting) with stone inner and outside of the temple.

The two-storey Htilominlo Temple was constructed by King Zeyatheinkha (King Nataungmya) in the 13th Century of the Bagan era. The temple is 150 feet in height and 140 feet in length. The main hall faces east, and the three sides are decorated with small archways. There are four Buddha images inside the temple, and the ink inscriptions are on the walls. The mural paintings and Pantamawt artworks inside and outside of the temple prove the high architectural standards of the Bagan era which lures the interests of local and foreign travellers.

“The place is crowded with visitors during the Thadingyut

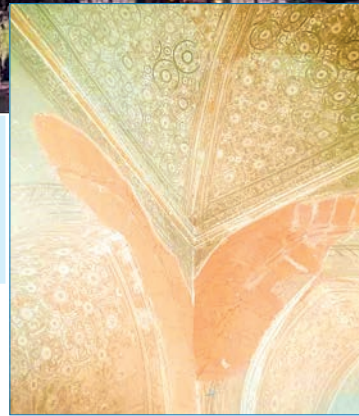
festival, and we expect the arrivals might be high in Tazaungdine. The tourists visited here yesterday, and they especially visited Dhammayan, Thatbyinyu, and Ananda. They enjoyed the 13th-century architectural artworks of the Bagan era at Htilominlo temple.

They are also interested in the construction structure of the upper layer of the temple. Although people could watch sunset views on the temple previously, such a permit was halted in 2004 for the sustainability of the temple. The local and foreign travellers are interested in Htilominlo temple as their dreams of praying come true and due to ancient architecture,” said U Tin Hla Oo, secretary of the pagoda board of trustees.

The temple was constructed in 1211 and completed after seven years of construction. King Narapati Sithu selected the crown prince among his



Photos showcase the grandeur of Htilominlo Temple's facade (above) and its stunning interior architecture (right).



five sons and erected a white umbrella among these five princes. He then said the umbrella might lean on the one worthy to be King, who is holding the umbrella in his hand and freeing it. Then, the umbrella leaned on

Zeya Theinkha Prince. Then, the prince was named Htilominlo as the King, and the umbrella wanted him to be the King. King

Nataungmya built a temple in which an umbrella was hoisted, and the temple was called Htilominlo temple. — Uttha/KTZH

Tourist influx to heritage-rich Inwa surges, expected to rise further during Tazaungdine



This photo captures tourists visiting attractive sites in Inwa.

THE influx of tourists to the Inwa region, which is rich in ancient cultural heritage, has increased significantly in this year's open season, and there could be more tourists in Tazaungdine, said an Inwa-based writer and historian, Bo Shake.

“There has been a steady influx of tourists since the end of the full moon of Thadingyut. I don't know the exact number. Most of them are domestic tourists. Even the parking lots were crowded during Thadingyut. Inwa is quiet and convenient because it is close to Mandalay and the expressway. It can also be crowded with tourists during Tazaungdine. On religious holidays, Inwa can be more crowded,” he said.

Most of the tourists are from

Mandalay, Yangon Regions and nearby areas. There was a large increase in the number of domestic tourists to Inwa this year, compared to last year. In the Inwa region, daily cleaning activities are carried out by dividing them into zones, and the areas with more tourists can have more income-generating opportunities, he added.

During this year's dry season, many domestic tourists enjoyed visiting Bagan-Popa, Kyaiktiyo, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw for pilgrimages, and Chaungtha and Ngwehsaung beaches. Domestic tourists are also preparing to travel to the local destinations, including the Taunggyi festival, during the coming Tazaungdine holidays. — MT/ZN

NATIONAL

Organizations support SAC Chairman's efforts during China visit

STATE Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the Eighth Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Summit, the 10th Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit, and the 11th Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam (CLMV) Summit in the People's Republic of China from 5 to 10 November 2024. On these occasions, he made concerted efforts for the development of the political, economic, social and education sectors of the country, achieved alternate chairmanship of ACMECS, and positive outcomes through the dialogues with Prime Ministers of China, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand. The Myanmar-China Cooperation and communications Centre, Myanmar citizens of Chinese Origin, Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group (Central), multi-ethnic unity and welfare organization (temporary), Myanmar Evangelical Christian Alliance, Union of Myanmar Methodist Church (Lower Myanmar), All Myanmar Hindu Central Council, All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (HQ) and Islamic Religious Affairs Council Myanmar released statements warmly supporting the efforts of the Senior General. — MNA/KTZH

All Myanmar Hindu Central Council

Statement of remarkable pride and congratulations

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We express our pride in the Senior General and extend our congratulations for his contributions to advancing Myanmar's political, economic, and education sectors, as well as on his assumption of the ACMECS alternate chairmanship.

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Associations of Myanmar Citizens of Chinese Origin

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During his visit, he engaged in discussions with leaders from China, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Thailand, resulting in beneficial agreements for Myanmar and its people. Additionally, Myanmar has now assumed the rotating chairmanship of ACMECS.

We express our pride in the Senior General and extend our congratulations for securing positive outcomes for Myanmar and for assuming the ACMECS alternate chairmanship.

*On behalf of the Association of Myanmar Citizens of Chinese Origin
Myanmar Chinese Chamber of Commerce
Yangon Yunnan Social Assistance Association
Hong Qian (Fukin) Chinese National Team
Association of Kaungdong Traders and Entrepreneurs*

Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group (Central)

Congratulations Statement

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We proudly extend our heartfelt congratulations on his dedication to advancing Myanmar's political, economic, and social sectors and his assumption of the ACMECS alternate chairmanship.

*Executive Group
Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group (Central)*

Myanmar-Chinese Cooperation and Communications Centre

Announcement of Congratulations

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*Central Executive Committee
Myanmar-Chinese Cooperation and Communications Centre*

Multi-Ethnic Unity and Cooperation Body (Interim)

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We proudly offer our heartfelt congratulations on his success in bringing about positive outcomes from the meetings with Prime Ministers of Cambodia, Laos, and Thailand to foster economic plans for national development.

Multi-Ethnic Unity and Cooperation Body (Interim)

Statement of Islamic Religious Affairs Council Myanmar

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Islamic Religious Affairs Council Myanmar

NATIONAL

All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (HQ)

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We take pride in his success in encouraging international business investments in Myanmar, initiating projects that benefit the country, and assuming the chairmanship of ACMECS. Congratulations are extended for his achievements in these areas.

All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (HQ)

Union of Myanmar Methodist Church (Lower Myanmar)

Statement of special honour and congratulations

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Myanmar Evangelical Christian Alliance

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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended those summits. We express our pride in the Senior General and extend our congratulations both for the positive outcomes secured for Myanmar and for his assumption of the ACMECS alternate chairmanship.

Myanmar Evangelical Christian Alliance



This photo shows the Myanmar Embassy to Japan.

ME warns against unofficial early demand letters

SOME companies submitted documents on demand letters before its announcement and it is unofficial, as the Myanmar Embassy to Japan warned.

It said companies need to submit only when they are listed and send again, along with the announcement batch number, by mail.

A list of 223 companies has been published at <https://www.myanmar-embassy-to-kyo.net/2024/DL/DL.htm>, and necessary documents will have to be sent to the Labour Section, the Myanmar Embassy, Tokyo, 4-8-26, Kita Shinagawa, Shinagawa Ku, Tokyo 140-0001. — MT/ZS

3-day illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth K208M

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

On 8 and 10 November, the combined teams impounded an unregistered Mitsubishi RVR, an unregistered Luojia 110 worth K7.3 million and a Hino Profia truck (worth approximately K100 million) carrying illegal teak weighing 11.824 tonnes valued at K6.5 million at Max highway toll-

gate in Taikkyi Township. The action was taken under the Export-Import Law and the Forest Law.

On 11 November, the combined teams conducted inspections and seized two trucks (worth approximately K70 million) carrying consumer goods, industrial materials and foodstuffs worth about K13.56 million without official documents near Shwethanwin Tollgate in Phayagyi, an unregistered Honda Fit (esti-

mated value of K9 million) in Bago Township and illegal teak weighing 2.257 tonnes worth about K1.67 million in Toungoo and Thayawady Districts. The action was carried out under the Export-Import Law, the Forest Law, and Customs procedures.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported ten arrests on 8, 10 and 11 November, seizing illegal goods worth approximately K208 million. — MNA/MKKS



Confiscated illegal items and a vehicle in Bago Region.

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OPINION

Create investment opportunities for investors abroad

Due to the importance of foreign direct investment in Myanmar's development, the country welcomes investment from foreign partners. A total of 52 countries have invested in Myanmar, with China ranking second. In this way, China has the potential to invest more in Myanmar.

Myanmar specifically emphasizes the safety of Chinese business people and investments in Myanmar based on Swe Myo Pauk-Phaw relations between Myanmar and China. In order to implement the Built and Road Initiative-BRI, Myanmar's government is focusing on the China-Myanmar economic corridor cooperation project announced by President Xi Jinping.

The China-Myanmar economic corridor will be implemented

to create a linkage between Kunming of Yunnan Province of the People's Republic of China and Muse, Mandalay, Yangon and Kyaukpadaung, which are strategic business points in Myanmar. As such, plans are underway to implement projects on special economic zones, ports, modern border points, warehouses, industrial zones and freight transport routes in order to benefit both Myanmar and China.

In a meeting with Head of State of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in Kunming, China, to attend the summits, including the Eighth GMS Summit, Chinese Premier Mr Li Qiang disclosed that the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor project is a top project, so the work plans should be accelerated. As such, it is necessary to place emphasis on fostering peace and stability along the Myanmar and China border regions and the economic corridor.

Peace, tranquillity and stability are essential for the development of a country and its regions. As such, the Myanmar government always opens the door of peace to all ethnic armed organizations with readiness to hold peace talks. Since 2018, Tatmadaw has declared the ceasefire one-sidedly to initiate the peace process. As the government has invited all ethnic armed organizations to address armed conflicts in a political manner; if it is a political problem, they can really resolve it. Moreover, it is necessary to conduct peace and stability in the China-Myanmar border without fail by eradicating illegal businesses and trade.

Both Myanmar and China have maintained friendly relations for thousands of years in successive eras, and they will stand as good neighbourhoods in the future. It is certain that the enhancement of friendly relations and bilateral cooperation between Myanmar and China will contribute to the promotion of existing friendly ties between people of both countries, easing all business and trade processes with investment opportunities.

As Myanmar is an agro-based country, it is necessary to enhance the production and trade sectors in order to boost the national economy. To achieve this development, it is essential to support economic activities that are primarily based on agriculture and livestock farming measures. Moreover, all relevant ministries assigned by the government are responsible for fulfilling the basic needs of agricultural and livestock economic activities so as to fully accomplish their assigned objectives.

Necessary items such as fertilizers, pesticides, seeds, agricultural inputs and livestock feed, as well as necessary vaccines and agricultural drugs, must be delivered to farmers in a timely manner according to the seasonal schedule. It is also essential for relevant organizations, governmental departments and regional authorities to prioritize and systematically prevent the mixing of unwanted goods and ensure that permits for repeated shipments are not issued.

Emphasizing trade sector

The government has been implementing political, economic and social objectives since its establishment. In line with the national economic objectives adopted by the State, while utmost efforts are being made to develop the trade sector, illegal trade poses a significant barrier to the country's economic growth and has a detrimental impact on the socioeconomic sector of the people and the State.

The importation of goods without tax payments, along with the introduction of non-compliant goods that do not meet standards and quality, has strengthened the foreign currency black market. On one hand, this has created an opportunity for traders from other countries to manipulate prices as they wish due to the illegal trading of goods. Moreover, the strengthening of illegal business activities has negatively impacted the stability of commodity prices in the domestic market.

Practically, due to the illegal import activities, legal businesses in the country are facing difficulties in competing with prices with loss of market shares to the illegally imported commodities, leading to challenges in maintaining their operations in the long term. This situation is causing legitimate business owners to experience a

decline in their economic power, diminishing their willingness to expand their businesses. Ultimately, local manufacturing industries may cease to operate, and if businesses within the country cannot thrive, it will negatively impact the nation's economic objectives. Furthermore, this lack of success in projects will hinder productivity, manufacturing capacity, trade, and exchange capabilities.

Needs to combat illegal trade activities

In addition, due to the need of the country, there is a significant increase in illegal imports of goods that are necessary domestically, as a means to take advantage of the strict scrutiny on foreign currency expenditure and imports. It is crucial to effectively monitor, prevent, and capture these activities; if not addressed, measures of illegal trade could grow, leading to a loss of tax revenue for the nation and potentially prolonging the influence of various armed terrorist groups. As such, it is necessary to effectively combat and prevent illegal trade as a national responsibility.

At present, the World Trade Organization (WTO) constantly monitors the risks of illegal trade and works to mitigate them by utilizing agreements that include trade facilitation agreements, customs-related agreements, agreements on technical barriers, and agreements related to intellectual property rights in order to promote cooperation among member countries. According to findings from the World Economic Forum, illegal trade can account for 5-15 per cent of global Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which can have severe repercussions on the global economy.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee has set up regional and state trade eradication task forces as its subordinates as part of efforts to eradicate illegal trade. The responsibilities of various task forces and the Steering Committee primarily include addressing issues related to illegal trade that hinder national economic development and create barriers. It is because these illegal trade issues not only diminish the production and market competitiveness of local entrepreneurs engaged in domestic manufacturing but also undermine their capacity and ability to compete effectively. Therefore, it is crucial to prevent and combat illegal trading activities

firmly.

Conscientious participation of people contributes to combatting illegal trade

By April Son



Pieces of illegal teak timber, approximately K16.80 million, were seized by combined teams in Bago District on 20 October 2024.

Functions of relevant task forces

Regional and state-level task forces for combatting illegal trade activities should implement measures to avoid unnecessary costs and delays at inspection checkpoints while carrying out their operations against illegal trade. This includes conducting thorough inspections on alternative routes for illicit activities, as well as systematically inspecting places where illegal passage is unavoidable. Additionally, it is vital to prevent the unlawful extraction of natural resources in the country and to more effectively counteract the illicit trade, taking action against the offenders in accordance with the law.

Due to the impact of illegal trade on the country's economy, there is still a need to prioritize actions related to trade. It is im-

portant to ensure that activities concerning cross-border trade are conducted correctly and transparently. Additionally, due to unwanted expenses on routes, the prices of goods may increase. Local authorities must take responsible measures to prevent any actions that could hinder cross-border trade.

Seizures of illegal commodities

During a period of two years

forces and duty-assigned combined squads must be heavy, and they have to prevent illegal trade without fail.

involve unlicensed vehicles and illegal goods transport vehicles, with the second highest being industrial raw materials and the third highest being investment goods.

Furthermore, relevant task



Spare parts of machines were seized at Yangon International Airport on 24 October 2024.

and eight months from January 2022 to August 2024, a total of 14,659 cases related to illegal trade measures were recorded, with an estimated value of K300.028 billion seized. This amount is relatively small when viewed in terms of the country's trade sector. Therefore, it is necessary to focus on enhancing efforts to increase the seizure of illegal trade.

According to reports received in July and August 2024, a total of 117 cases resulted in seizures of illegal and smuggled commodities across the nation, with the total value of the seized items amounting to K2,140.951 million. The confiscated items included various types of timber; industrial materials, food products, and illegal motor vehicles, according to the coordination meeting of the recently-held Steering Committee.

With regard to seizures of smuggled commodities illegally imported abroad, the majority

forces have to notice that the illegal importation of goods across the border could lead to the introduction of infectious disease pathogens from foreign countries, resulting in disease transmission and significant losses in domestic agricultural production. In addition, the presence of illegal pharmaceuticals and cosmetics may cause health hazards, while counterfeit household electrical appliances lacking proper quality standards could pose fire risks, necessitating caution.

Challenges in combatting illegal trade

There are many reasons for the occurrence of illegal trade, with the main challenges being the limitations in monitoring and security at certain border areas of the country, weaknesses in some legislative measures, insufficient workforce involved in anti-illegal trade operations, and existing misconduct. These factors pres-

ent significant challenges in combating illegal trade, highlighting the need for the utmost protection and prevention of such issues.

While non-tariff measures (NTMs), which are necessary for the importation of quality goods from abroad, are being implemented by countries around the world, it has been observed that the application of these measures is weak in some countries, including Myanmar. Myanmar has already established 26 technical committees for the development of national standards, which have been approved by the National Standards Council of Myanmar, and 819 Myanmar national standards have been issued. However, since these standards have not been issued as mandatory requirements, there is still no effective enforcement on the imported goods.

As such, in fighting against illegal trade, it is emphasized that regional and state-level task forces and relevant departments should strengthen their collaborative efforts to prevent the illegal production of domestic resources effectively. Moreover, it is necessary for those in responsible positions in the fight against illegal trade to be free from corruption and to perform their duties with security awareness and vigilance. It is urged that they carry out their responsibilities effectively in combating illegal trade.

At the coordination meeting 3/2024 held on 1 August 2024, the Steering Committee underlined that as the Ministry of Commerce has established a "Task Force" to implement Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) since June 2024, this task force has to coordinate meetings with relevant departments to issue notifications for the standards and specifications for goods imported from abroad, encourage

ing continued efforts to carry out these measures effectively.

Furthermore, to reduce illegal trading activities and ensure the long-term sustainability of domestic manufacturing industries, it will be necessary to implement measures to increase tax rates on imported goods and complete the processes within the specified timeframe. Additionally, there is a request to continuously carry out the E-Lock Phase II processes that will assist in controlling illegal trading. As efforts are being made to reduce illicit trade, it is essential to recognize and reward government officials who are actively engaged in preventing the smuggling of illegal goods, as well as citizens who responsibly provide information. These rewards and recognition should be executed promptly and consistently.

As such, everybody needs to understand the duties and functions of regional and state-level task forces and the steering committee, which strive to combat illegal trade so as to boost legal trade activities and to decrease commodity prices in the domestic market. Service personnel from the relevant squads under the task forces and local authorities need to raise public awareness for anti-illegal activities. On the other hand, people need to inform local authorities as well as relevant task forces about illegal trade measures committed by unscrupulous businesspersons on a timely manner. If so, their conscientious contributions will be valuable in combatting illegal trade measures and serving the national responsibilities.

Ref: Speeches from meetings 3/2024 and 4/2024 of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee on 1 August and 9 October 2024.



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NATIONAL

Union Energy Minister visits coal-based fertilizer plant in China



Union Minister U Ko Ko Lwin views round the Lu An Chemical Plant in Changzhi, China, on 9 November 2024.

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin visited the Lu An Chemical Plant in Changzhi, China, on 9 November.

The Union minister-led Myanmar delegation toured the Aerospace Museum and Research and Development Centre of CETEC (Changzheng Engineering Technology Co Ltd) in Beijing, on 10 November.

On arrival at the CETEC, they met the company's officials and discussed the feasibility study to ensure the quality of charcoal, the primary raw material in the production of fertilizer from coal, reduction of impact on the environment using advanced technology like Clean Coal Technology (CCT), compliance with interna-

tional standards not to harm the environment, systematic transfer of advanced technologies to be used in implementing the project and opening of lecture and practical training courses to promote Human Resources (HR).

Moreover, the Union minister and members also participated in a discussion with the experts at the meeting hall of WISDRI Engineering & Research Incorporation Limited in Beijing yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed the technology of extracting oxygen and nitrogen using a cryogenic process, which will be mainly used in the production of fertilizer from coal and the technology of generating required electricity through coal. — MNA/KTZH

MoHT Dy Minister oversees accommodation, catering preparations for sports festival

DEPUTY Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Phyo Zaw Soe, who leads the committee overseeing accommodation and catering for the upcoming Fifth National Sports Festival, visited Nay Pyi Taw's Sports Training Camp Cluster 9 yesterday to review preparations for hosting athletes, administrators, and coaches.

During the inspection, the deputy minister underscored the importance of providing athletes

with nutritious and well-balanced meals. He instructed the committee to ensure that food preparation and service processes meet the dietary standards. Emphasizing hygiene, he highlighted the need for cleanliness across all aspects of food preparation, from the handling of meat and vegetables to the sanitation of cooking equipment, as well as maintaining personal hygiene among food preparation staff. — MNA/TRKM



Deputy Minister U Phyo Zaw Soe views the accommodation and catering for the athletes.

Mandalay hosts handicraft school opening and garment course graduation



Union Minister Dr Charlie Than attends the opening of the Modern Handicraft Training School Project and the graduation ceremony for the first garment-making course yesterday.

THE opening ceremony for the Modern Handicraft Training School Project and the graduation ceremony for the first garment-making course were held yesterday afternoon at the No 2 Industrial Training School (Mandalay), located in Mandalay Region.

Union Minister Dr Charlie Than joined the event virtually from Nay Pyi Taw, while Deputy Minister U Yin Maung Nyunt, ministers from the Mandalay Region government, representatives from Guangxi Economic and Trade Vocational Institute (GXETVI), Shenzhen Bok Times Technology and Development Co Ltd,

and Nanning Orient Dayjtonz Import & Export Co Ltd, along with officials and trainees, attended in person.

In his address, the Union minister noted that Memorandums of Understanding had been signed with GXETVI of China to establish the Modern Craftsmanship Institute for Textile and Clothing and the Textile and Apparel Industry Workers Training Centre, known as the Luban Workshop to support the growth of Myanmar's garment sector.

Following the minister's address, the Mandalay Region's minister for Economy, Mr Luo Shengfang, Principal

of GXETVI, and Mr Xie Weidong, General Manager of Nanning Orient Dayjtonz Import & Export Co Ltd, delivered speeches. Mr Xie Weidong and the principal of No 2 Industrial Training School then exchanged videos showcasing the project's progress.

The principal of No 2 Industrial Training School discussed the school's training programmes, and Mr Luo Shengfang announced the list of graduates, awarding certificates of honour to outstanding trainees. Finally, a trainee representative expressed gratitude on behalf of the graduates. — MNA/TKO

NATIONAL

Rock star to entertain music concert

MYANMAR rock star Zaw Win Htut will hold a rock concert, 'Zaw Win Htut Emperor Peace Concert', with his band Emperor, at 7 pm on 12 November at Inya Lake Garden located in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region.

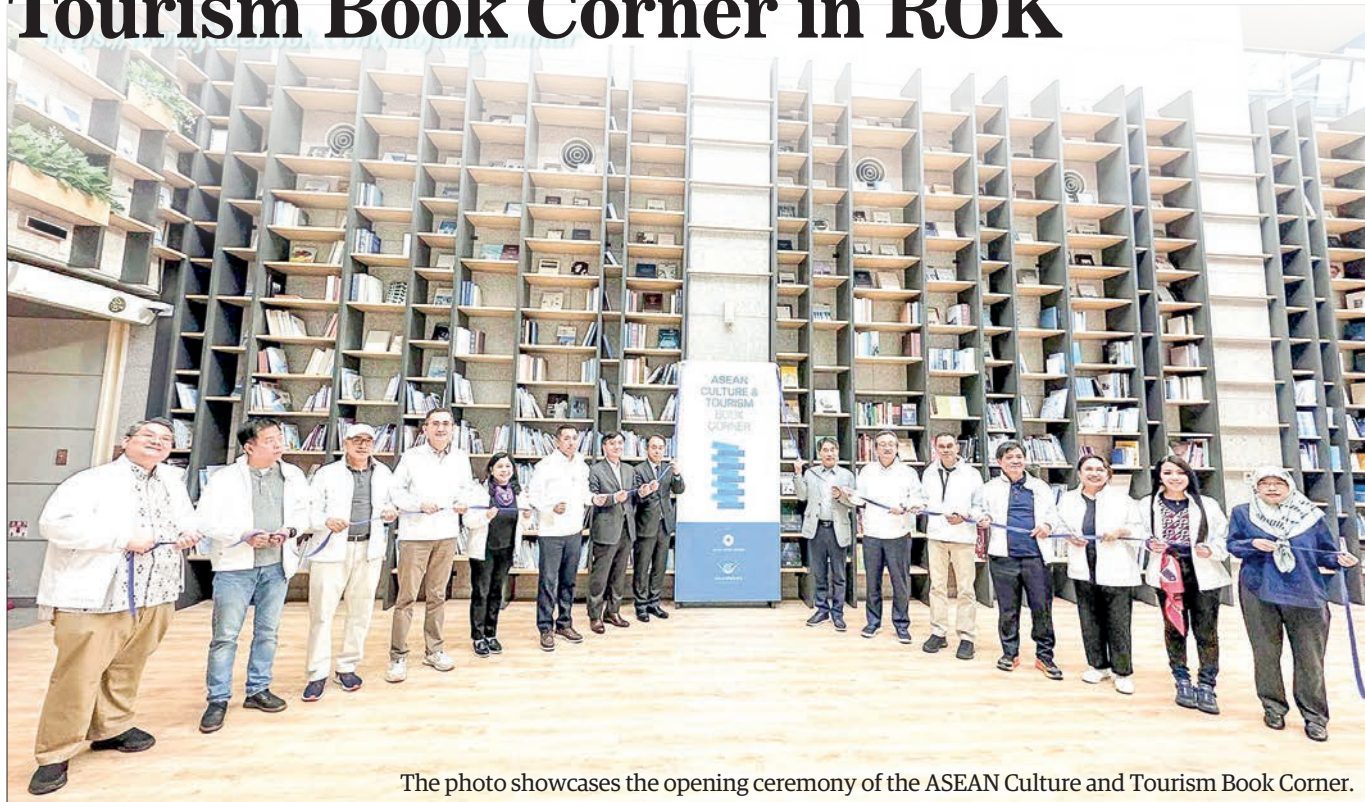
"We have organized a concert that will help our rock legend Zaw Win Htut meet his fans once again at the grand opening event

of Inya Lake Garden. We invite you to come to sing together his songs that touched the audience," said the organizer. — ASH/ZS

This photo showcases an advert poster of the Zaw Win Htut Emperor Peace Concert.



Myanmar attends ASEAN Culture and Tourism Book Corner in ROK



The photo showcases the opening ceremony of the ASEAN Culture and Tourism Book Corner.

MYANMAR Ambassador to the Republic of Korea U Thant Sin attended the ASEAN Culture and Tourism Book Corner event on 8 November in Jeju, South Korea.

The event was organized by the ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC) to celebrate the 35th anniversary of ASEAN-Korea dialogue relations and the 15th anniversary of the AKC's establishment.

The ASEAN Culture and Tourism Book Corner is located in the ASEAN Hall at the International Peace Cen-

tre in Jeju. It features a collection of books donated by the AKC, and the embassies of ASEAN member states, aiming to introduce South Koreans to the diverse cultures and tourism highlights of ASEAN countries. — ASH/TMT

Myanmar's first musical film to hit cinemas, featuring top singers

A Myanmar musical film titled "Eain Mat Kar Yan" is set for release in cinemas nationwide, with singer Ni Ni Khin Zaw both starring in the film and serving as an executive producer.

Ni Ni Khin Zaw wrote the storyline herself, while Moe Ni Lwin crafted the screenplay. Directed by Academy Award-winning Win Lwin Htet for Reddy Film Production, this film is being touted as Myanmar's first musical film, aiming to appeal to both film and music enthusiasts.

"This unique musical project includes numerous singers, with Ni Ni Khin Zaw as the executive producer and Academy Award-winning Di Ra Mo as the music director," said a source close to Reddy Film Production.



This image showcases a poster for the Myanmar musical film 'Eain Mat Kar Yan'.

The cast includes Academy Award-winner Nay Toe and Hlwan Paing, alongside Ni Ni Khin Zaw, Sai Si Tuam Kham, Wine Lay, Yoon Shwe Yee, Hsu Myat Noe Oo, Cynthia, Shwe Poe Kaung, Sweet, and Aung Ko Moe. Special appearances will feature well-known singers such as May Kha Lar, Tin Zar Maw, Chaw Su Khin, and Aung Htet, among others. — ASH/TRKM

Actress donates K500,000 for MMPO's annual Kathina robe offering



This photo shows actress Khaing Hnin Wai donating to Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization.

ACCORDING to Vice-Chairman U Aye Kyu Lay of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization, actress Khaing Hnin Wai donated K500,000 to the organization on 10 November for its communal Kathina robe offering ceremony.

The ceremony is scheduled to be held on 14 November at the Kalewa Tawya Monastery in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region.

"The collective Kathina robe offering ceremony, which is annually held, will be donated to the Kalewa Tawya Monastery on 14 November. Actress Khaing Hnin Wai also came to donate

K500,000 for donation, and artistes and generous donors also came to donate money and other items. Donated items are being arranged on Padethabin trees, which will be delivered to the monastery on 13 November," said U Aye Kyu Lay.

Film artistes and well-wishers are also donating to the organization for the collective Kathina robe offering ceremony, and the patron of the association, Academy Myint Myint Khin, the association's president, Academy Director Kyi Soe Tun, and the association's executive member, Academy Yan Aung, are receiving donations. — ASH/TKO

NATIONAL BUSINESS

CBM denies plans for demonetization, issuance of new notes

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) refuted claims on withdrawing currency notes from circulation and issuance of new notes, as per its notification dated 10 November.

Unscrupulous individuals intend to manipulate the market to interfere with market stability by disseminating false information on social media platforms. They created Facebook public groups related to gold transactions. They spread misinformation regarding the possible de-legalization of currency from circulation, issuance of

new notes and bank crashes with a deliberate attempt to impact the currency market, domestic banking sector and commodity market by using locked profiles and anonymous participants on Facebook.

Those kinds of malicious false news are often found on social media platforms to raise public concerns. The CBM publicly dispelled malicious rumours on its website. CBM has no plan to withdraw currency notes from circulation, issue new notes or cease banking operations.

Law enforcement agencies and related institutions

are joining hands to prosecute the admins of those Facebook Pages/Groups posting misinformation and those individuals spreading fake news and misinformation to hamper the stability of Myanmar's currency market intentionally. People are warned of fake news spreading online not to encounter unnecessary loss, ensuring the use of currency notes legally issued by the CBM and maintaining customer trust in banking operations and services of authorized dealers and financial institutions holding licences, the CBM notified. — NN/KK

Participatory workshop for oil crop farmers held in Nay Pyi Taw

A Participatory Workshop on Oil Seeds Production and Value Chain Development for farmers was held on 9 November at the Nawarat meeting hall of the Agriculture Department in Nay Pyi Taw, jointly organized by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MoALI), the Department of Agricultural Research and Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers Association.

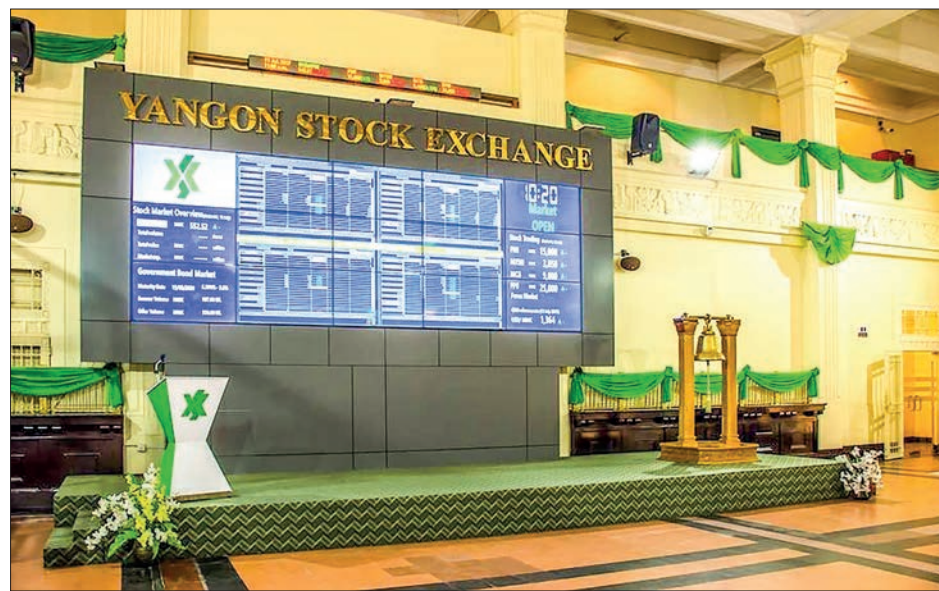
MoALI Union Minister U Min Naung received contributions from U San Lin, chair of the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers Association, with K70 million towards oil crop farmers and K50 million for oil crop research and development activities. The Union minister returned a certificate of appreciation to the chair of the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers Association.

The researchers presented Myanmar's oil crop production situation, analysis of the profit of peanut, sesame, sunflower, soya bean and other oil crops and growers' interest, quality criteria of oil crops, export standards and norms, challenges in planting and production, research on post-harvest time and peanut and soybean production at the workshop.

A representative of GGPG Company also presented a research paper highlighting degumming, neutralization to clear free fatty acid, bleaching, deodorization and dewaxing with a view to producing refined edible oil of high quality.

Afterwards, four roundtable discussions were held, and the results were forwarded. Deputy Minister Dr Tin Htut coordinated them and handed over certificates of appreciation. — NN/KK

YSX stock trading totals K527M+ in Oct



The stock share index screen of Yangon Bourse.

THE grand trading value of the eight listed companies on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) reached K527.9 million with 175,656 shares in October, according to the monthly report released by the exchange.

The equity market registered the trading values of K1 billion with 425,102

shares in January 2024, K693 million with 253,178 million in February, K1.34 billion with 560,687 shares in March, K473 million with 177,812 shares in April and K1.55 billion with 603,906 shares in May respectively. The trading value hit a record high of K1.7 billion, with 593,392 shares traded in June. Then, the value fell sharply to

K974 million, with 321,007 shares traded in July. The stock trading hit a record high of K3.35 billion with over one million shares in August 2024 and then plummeted to K920.7 million with 382,286 shares traded in September, respectively.

At present, shares of eight listed companies – First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), TMH Telecom Public Co Ltd (TMH), the Ever Flow River Group Public Co Ltd (EFR), Amata Holding Public Co Ltd. (AMATA) and Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Co Ltd (MAEX) are traded in the security market.

MTSH topped the trading with 54,887 shares worth K183.5 million, followed by 40,169 shares of MAEX worth over K136.7 million, 51,317 shares of FPB worth over K99.6 million, 6,500 shares of FMI worth over K55.4 million, 16,091 shares of EFR worth K27 million, 2,444 shares of AMATA worth over K10.8 million, 3,691 shares of TMH worth K9.9 million and 557 shares of MCB worth K4.7 million respectively last month. — KK

YGN palm oil reference rate slightly surges

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil for the Yangon market indicated a slight rise to K6,635 per viss for the week ending 17 November from K6,595 per viss recorded the week ending 10 November, according to the Supervisory Committee on edible oil import and distribution.

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

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

To control overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed the consumers of lodging the complaints for overcharging



Cooking oil bottles are arranged for sales inside the supermarket.

through the call centre hotline in late August. The department urges consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices. The Committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil

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

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

The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs Department or sent to the Facebook page of the department and the region and state departments concerned.

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

Cambodia's export up 16% in January-October of 2024

CAMBODIA exported products worth US\$21.57 billion in the first 10 months of 2024, up 16 per cent from \$18.59 billion over the same period last year, said an official report released on Monday.

Main exported items included garments, footwear, travel goods, bicycles, car tires, and potential agricultural produce such as rice, rubber, cassava, bananas, mangoes, and longans, said the report of

the General Department of Customs and Excise.

The top five export destinations for Southeast Asian nations are the United States, Vietnam, China, Japan, and Thailand, the report added.

Meanwhile, the kingdom recorded a total import of \$23.49 billion during the January-October period this year, up 17 per cent from \$20.07 billion over the same period last year, the report said. — Xinhua

New air route links Beijing, Singapore

A new air route connecting Beijing Daxing International Airport and Singapore was launched on Monday, marking an expansion of Singapore Airlines' operations to both major airports in China's capital.

The passenger service is operated using Boeing 787-10 aircraft, with one round-trip flight scheduled daily. Thus, the company's total number of weekly passenger flights on the Beijing-Singapore route has increased to 28, according to Singapore Airlines. Dai Haoyu, acting senior vice president of marketing planning at the company, said the growth of the Chinese market is anticipated to be a highlight in global aviation passenger volume over the next 10 to 20 years. "China is a crucial and strategic market for us," Dai added. — Xinhua

S Korean banks' household lending growth slows in October

SOUTH Korean banks' household lending growth slowed last month due to the faltering real estate market, central bank data showed Monday.

Debt owed by households to deposit-taking banks rose 3.9 trillion won (US\$2.8 billion) from a month earlier to 1,139.5 trillion won (\$817 billion) at the end of October, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK).

It continued to increase since April on lower borrowing costs, but the growth pace slowed down

from an expansion of 5.6 trillion won (\$4 billion) in September on the back of the housing market sluggishness.

The number of apartment transactions across the country shrank from 48,000 in July to 42,000 in August and 30,000 in September.

The BOK cut its benchmark interest rate by 25 basis points to 3.25 per cent in October, marking the first rate decrease in almost four and a half years since May 2020. — Xinhua

China taps window period to enhance EV manufacture, exports, says industry insider

CHINA has spotted a window period, maybe once in a century, which, if tapped properly, can boost the country's electric vehicle (EV) manufacturing to a new height and help define the global EV market, an industry insider told Xinhua in Detroit, US Midwest state of Michigan, at the end of October.

"China is now defining the (EV) market, which the United States has been failing to do and other manufacturers have no ability to do, let alone preserve such an ambition," said Bill Zhuang, president and CEO of Angstrom Electric, a division of Angstrom Automotive Group, a leading tier 1 full-service supplier for Automotive and Industrial OEMs (Original Equipment Manufacturer).

Due to sectoral deficits, the automotive-manufacturing "Big Three" of the United States, namely General Motors, Ford and Stellantis, have all slowed down their transition to EV production. Staff members were laid off and factories closed, a



Photo taken on 6 July 2019 shows a production line at a subsidiary of Beijing Electric Vehicle Co Ltd (BJEV), a new energy vehicle producer, in Huanghua city of Cangzhou, north China's Hebei Province. PHOTO: XINHUA

sign of losing confidence in EV's prospects. However, latecomer Tesla has made money in the past five years, thanks to its strong presence in the Chinese market.

"China prides itself on efficiency, which is now hard to find in the United States," said Zhuang, recalling his September visit to over 10 EV manufacturers in China. "American manufacturers can give few marvels in the transmission system, interior and

exterior design, customer experience and electric application, which are exactly the fields that their Chinese peers stand out."

"And the most important thing with which China calls the shot is that a sound and full-dimension supply chain has been established within the country for making EVs in the past decade," noted Zhuang, who moved from China to the United States in the 1990s and has spent the last four decades building his ca-

reer across both countries, accumulating vast industry knowledge and experience.

For the vehicle industry, supply chain is the key term, he said, adding that US manufacturers have rushed to establish a complete supply chain within North America to avoid impacts such as tariffs on Chinese components and logistical delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, they knew the rule too late. — Xinhua

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WORLD

China launches commercial Lijian-1 Y5 carrier rocket, 15 satellites



A Lijian-1 Y5 commercial carrier rocket with 15 satellites onboard blasts off from a commercial aerospace innovation pilot zone in northwest China, 11 November 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

CHINA on Monday launched the Lijian-1 Y5 commercial carrier rocket with 15 satellites onboard. The rocket blasted off at 12:03 pm (Beijing Time) from a commercial aerospace innovation pilot zone in northwest China and sent the 15 satel-

lites, including satellites from the Jilin-1 Gaofen series, Yunyao-1 series, Xiguang-1 series and a remote-sensing satellite

launched for Oman, into their planned orbits.

The Lijian-1 carrier rocket was developed by CAS Space, a commercial spaceflight company established by the Institute of Mechanics under the Chinese Academy of Sciences. This rocket series completed its maiden flight on 7 July 2022, and has now launched a total of 57 satellites in the course of five flight missions.

With a length of 30 metres, a takeoff weight of 135 tonnes, and a takeoff thrust of 200 tonnes, Lijian-1 can send a payload of 1.5 tonnes to a 500-kilometre sun-synchronous orbit, or a payload of two tonnes to low Earth orbit.

The Lijian-1 Y5 carrier rocket uses a payload fairing with a diameter of 3.35 metres to accommodate the larger space required by satellites. Payload fairing configuration can be ad-

justed according to the payload capacity and space requirements of satellites in future missions.

The Yunyao-1 series onboard the rocket consists of six satellites, which are primarily designed for atmospheric detection or monitoring environmental hot spots.

The remote-sensing satellite launched for Oman utilized artificial intelligence to calculate its load. The intelligent operating system of the satellite can conduct in-orbit processing and analysis, and it can be applied in detailed land surveys, urban planning, forest surveys and disaster monitoring.

This mission marks the first time for Chinese commercial space enterprises to provide launch services to international users, highlighting that the Lijian-1 carrier rocket has officially entered the international commercial space market, said Shi Xiaoning, chief designer of the rocket. Shi noted that the cost performance and product reliability of the rocket have been recognized by the international market. — Xinhua

BRIEF: WORLD

Israeli PM claims responsibility for deadly pager attack on Hezbollah

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday officially took responsibility for a deadly attack targeting Hezbollah in September, in which thousands of handheld pagers exploded across Lebanon and Syria.

"I wanted to launch the pager operation," Netanyahu said at a weekly cabinet meeting. "They told me in the cabinet, 'Don't do it; the United States will oppose it.' I didn't listen to them."

It marks the first time an Israeli official has publicly acknowledged Israel's role in the attack, which sharply escalated cross-border hostilities between Israel and Lebanon that have persisted since October 2023. — Xinhua

Display of Japan weather agency's satellite images disrupted

JAPAN'S weather agency said Monday some images from the Himawari weather satellite stopped being displayed on its official website, with no clear timeline of when the service will be restored.

The disruption involving the Himawari-9, which began around 4 am, includes the display of images of infrared light emitted by clouds and the Earth's surface, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

The agency said the disruption, possibly due to a malfunction in the satellite's camera, does not affect the announcement of warnings and alerts. It has, however, affected operations such as analysis on the strength of typhoons. — Kyodo

Lawmakers vote to keep embattled Ishiba as Japan PM



Japan's Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba (L) leaves the prime minister's official residence to attend a ceremony with the emperor at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo on 11 November 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

JAPANESE Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba kept his job in a parliamentary vote on Monday, despite having led the ruling coalition to its worst general election result in 15 years.

Lawmakers appointed former defence minister Ishiba head of a minority government — meaning he may face

political gridlock, or need to compromise to pass new bills.

Ishiba took office six weeks ago and held a snap election on 27 October, hoping to shore up his mandate as leader of the conservative Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

But voters, unhappy with inflation and a slush fund scan-

dal that helped sink his predecessor Fumio Kishida, delivered a ballot-box blow to the LDP and its junior coalition partner.

MPs in parliament's powerful lower house convened on Monday for a special four-day session to nominate the prime minister, a necessary step after a general election.

Japan's opposition parties are divided on key issues, stopping them mounting a credible challenge to Ishiba.

In a run-off — the first since 1994 — Ishiba won 221 votes against 160 for Yoshihiko Noda, head of the main opposition Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan (CDP). Eighty-four votes were discounted because they named other politicians.

"This chamber names Shigeru Ishiba... as the prime minister," announced lower house speaker Fukushima Nukaga, as Ishiba bowed to his fellow lawmakers who applauded. — AFP

SPORTS

Joao Pereira to replace Amorim as Sporting coach

JOAO Pereira will take over from Manchester United-bound Ruben Amorim as head coach of Sporting Lisbon, the Portuguese champions announced on Monday.

The 40-year-old will step up from his role as reserve-team boss following Amorim's departure to Old Trafford.

Pereira has signed a contract until 2027, club president Frederico Varandas told a press conference.

"It's a source of pride, a privilege and an honour to be presented at Sporting," said Pereira. The former Portuguese international right-back, who enjoyed three spells at Sporting as a player, said he was well "prepared" for his new challenge.

Sporting staged a dramatic fightback from two goals down to win 4-2 at Braga on Sunday in Amorim's final match in charge and maintain their 100-per-cent record in the Primeira Liga this

season.

Amorim left to take over at Man United following the sacking of Erik ten Hag after a golden spell in the Portuguese capital, taking Sporting to their first league title in 19 years in 2021 before regaining the trophy last season.

They also sit second in the Champions League table after thumping Manchester City 4-1 last week in Amorim's last home game as coach. — AFP



Sporting Lisbon's Portuguese coach Ruben Amorim (C) and players acknowledge supporters at the end of the Portuguese League football match between SC Braga and Sporting CP at the Municipal stadium of Braga on 10 November 2024. PHOTO: AFP

Liga leaders Barca bemoan 'big mistake' in Real Sociedad defeat

LA Liga leaders Barcelona fell to a 1-0 defeat at Real Sociedad on Sunday as they had a Robert Lewandowski goal controversially disallowed, with coach Hansi Flick labelling the decision a "big mistake".

Earlier Julian Alvarez earned Atletico Madrid a 1-0 win at Mallorca to take the Rojiblancos up to third.

Sheraldo Becker's 33rd-minute goal consigned Barcelona to their second league defeat of the season, leaving the Catalan giants six points clear of second-placed Real Madrid, having played an extra match.

Lewandowski's early disallowed strike led to furious debate over whether the Polish forward had been offside or not.

"It was the wrong decision, clearly, it's clear, but we have to accept it," Flick told the club's streaming platform Barca One.

"The referee, it was not his fault, we are humans, we make mistakes and today was a big mistake." — AFP



Real Sociedad's Spanish midfielder (5) Igor Zubeldia reacts at the end of the Spanish league football match between Real Sociedad and FC Barcelona at the Anoeta stadium in San Sebastian on 10 November 2024. PHOTO: AFP

Myanmar women's futsal team to play tune-up match in Thailand



Myanmar women's futsal players seen in a training session. PHOTO: MFF

MYANMAR women's futsal squad left Yangon for Thailand yesterday to play a tune-up match as part of preparations before the 2024 ASEAN Women's Futsal Championship.

Goalkeepers of the Myanmar national women's futsal team are Chaw Sandi Aung, Tharaphi Aung and Yin Yin Moe Naing.

Other players of the team are Hset Nweni, Hsu Wah Lwin, Yoon Mie Mie Lwin, Phu Pwint Khaing, May Zin Oo, Yamin Thant Zin, Wutyi Lwin, Than Than Wai, Khin Pyae Lin, Hnin Sanda Hlaing, Yamin Lwin, Lwin Lwin Thet and Nang Seng Baran and they are under Head Coach U Htay Myint.

The coaching team is formed with assistant coaches U Zaw Ye Maung and Daw Wah Wah Kyaing and goal coach U Tun Tun Latt.

The squad is led by U Naing Thaung Htaik and manager Daw Phyu Phyu Thant. The Myanmar team will play a tune-up match with a Thai women's club on 12 November and leave for the Philippines on 14 November.

The AFF Women's Futsal Championship 2024 will take place in the Philippines on 16-21 November. Five teams, consisting of Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, the Philippines and Indonesia, will play the round-robin matches. — Ko Nyi Lay/TTA

Bayern youngster Musiala turns into Germany's most important force

GERMANY coach Julian Nagelsmann followed the recent Bundesliga matchday with particular interest.

Ahead of the UEFA Nations League encounters against Bosnia-Herzegovina and Hungary, the 37-year-old was pleased to witness a key player's breakthrough to a new level, as Jamal Musiala has become the German coach's most important factor on the way to the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

The 21-year-old Bayern Munich forward's performance against St Pauli added another chapter to his stunning journey to the top.

"He can score, we knew that. But now he is adding headers and long-distance shots. He is a football artist with ruthless gunner's genes," Thomas Muller said after Musiala's shot from over 30 metres helped Bayern come through.

Having increased his value to a reported 140 million euros, Musiala seems to head for new borders. — Xinhua

Miura, 57, set to play 40th season as professional

FORMER Japan striker Kazuyoshi Miura said Monday he plans to continue playing for Atletico Suzuka in the Japan Football League next year in what will be his 40th season as a professional.

The player known to fans as "King Kazu" or simply Kazu turns 58 next February and will extend his record as the oldest player to appear in the JFL, the fourth tier of Japanese football.

Miura joined Suzuka on loan from J-League second-division club Yokohama FC in June this year following a stint with Portuguese second-tier side Oliveirense.

The Shizuoka Prefecture native left Japan at 15 for Brazil, where he made his professional debut with Santos in 1986. After returning to Japan in 1990, Miura won the MVP award in the J-League's inaugural season in 1993 while at Verdy Kawasaki, now Tokyo Verdy. — Kyodo

China launches commercial Lijian-1 Y5 carrier rocket, 15 satellites

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Belt and Road cooperation between China, Peru benefits the world



The Annual Meeting on Pragmatic Cooperation within the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Framework between Peru and China is held in Lima, Peru, 8 November 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

AN annual meeting on practical cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) was held here in Peru's capital Friday, focusing on new opportunities available within the framework.

The event was jointly organized by

the China Economic Information Service of Xinhua News Agency, Peru's Andina News Agency and the China Southern Power Grid Co Ltd. Attendees had an in-depth discussion on bilateral cooperation under the BRI framework and future

development.

Over the years, the BRI has promoted practical cooperation, and become an important driving force for the good of both countries, Latin America and the world at large.

Peru is one of the first Latin American countries to establish diplomatic relations and a comprehensive strategic partnership with the People's Republic of China. It is also the first Latin American country to sign a package of free trade agreements with China.

Since China and Peru signed the memorandum of understanding on BRI cooperation in 2019, bilateral cooperation has achieved fruitful results, with increasingly close collaboration in economy, trade, finance, culture and other fields.

Thanks to the cooperation, Peruvian alpaca dolls have enjoyed tremendous popularity in China, and Peruvian blueberries, grapes, avocados and other agricultural products are also widely welcomed by Chinese consumers.

China has been Peru's largest trading partner and largest export market for 10 consecutive years. The fruitful practical cooperation between the two countries embodies the common aspiration of the two peoples for joint development and shows bright prospects for future cooperation.

Both China and Peru have a rich history and a splendid civilization, and the people of the two countries, though thousands of miles apart, share a strong friendship and similar ideas. — Xinhua

Kremlin shoots down 'false' reports about alleged Putin-Trump conversation

THERE was no conversation between Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President-elect Donald Trump, and all reports about it are false, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Monday.

Earlier in the day, the Washington Post claimed, citing sources, that Trump allegedly had a phone conversation with Putin on 7 November. — SPUTNIK

Scholz, Trump had phone conversation, agreed to work together

GERMAN Chancellor Olaf Scholz and Donald Trump, who won the US presidential election, held phone talks on Sunday and agreed to work together to "return peace" to Europe, Western media reported citing a German government spokesperson. "The chancellor emphasized the German government's willingness to continue the decades of successful cooperation between the two countries' governments. They also agreed to work together towards a return to peace in Europe," the spokesperson said as quoted by Reuters. — SPUTNIK

COP29 opens in Azerbaijan as world seeks new climate change funding goal

THE 29th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), or COP29, kicked off in Azerbaijan's capital city of Baku on Monday.

This year's climate conference

is aimed at seeking a new climate change funding goal to replace the existing collective target of mobilizing and providing US\$100 billion annually by developed countries in support of developing countries.

The conference, scheduled

for 11-22 November, will also focus on such topics as global carbon trading market, as well as global energy transition from fossil fuels.

The new goal "must be effective and adequate" to address the urgent problems, said Mukhtar Babayev, the COP29 president-designate and Azerbaijan's minister for ecology and natural resources at the opening ceremony.

He added that the goal should also "address the needs and priorities of developing countries" and include detailed qualitative elements.

The parties "must agree on a new global climate finance goal", said Simon Stiell, executive secretary of UNFCCC, calling on participants to work harder to reform the global financial system. — Xinhua



Pedestrian walk in front of the venue for COP 29 Summit in Baku on 10 November 2024, on the eve of UN Climate Change Conference. PHOTO: AFP