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2024 Mid-Year Gems Emporium to offer 280 pearl lots, 160 gem lots, 4,800 jade lots

Myanmar Gems Emporiums have been selling gems and jade since 1964 to earn foreign currencies for the State and boost the economy for citizens.



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing looks into pearl lots displayed at the 2024 Mid-Year Gems Emporium yesterday.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing yesterday morning attended the ceremony to open the 2024 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium at Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw.

The Senior General and attendees watched a video clip on preparations for the production of Myanmar's pearl and jewellery items and, the holding of the 2024 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium.

They viewed round displays of jade, gems and pearl lots to be sold at the emporium at the Jade Hall and gave necessary guidance to officials.

The Senior General and party visited the sale of jewellery ornaments at private showrooms and displays of uncut jade lots outside the hall.

Also present at the opening cere-

mony were SAC Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, council members, Union ministers, Union-level dignitaries, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers, departmental officials and gem merchants at home and abroad.

The government has been holding the Myanmar Gems Emporium since 1964 to sell gems and jade in order to earn foreign currencies for the State and boost the economy for citizens. The Mid-Year Gems Emporium will sell 280 lots of pearls, 160 lots of gems and 4,800 lots of jade to local and foreign gems merchants through an open tender system.

These products will be sold in US\$, euro, yuan, baht, kyat and foreign currencies accepted by the Central Bank of Myanmar under the disciplines. The emporium will last from 18 to 27 November.

The opening ceremony of the emporium was also attended by more than 4,500 gem merchants at home and abroad. — MNA/TTA

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Youth: Balancing Self-Interest with Charity for Nation-Building

- All youths should balance self-interest with a spirit of charity.
- They must strive for personal improvement while fostering a commitment to public welfare and nation-building efforts.

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the ceremony of presenting awards to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination 2024 with distinctions in all subjects on 22 July 2024)

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Allowing Socioeconomic Promotion Party to register as a political party

AS of 18 November 2024, the Socioeconomic Promotion Party, with its headquarters located at Aung Thaya Ward, 28th Street (North), Pobbathiri Township, Zeyathiri District, Nay Pyi Taw, has been allowed to register under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law.

The registration number of the Socioeconomic Promotion Party is 54.

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Union Election Commission



23rd Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference and

Myanmar Traditional Medicine Seminar

20, 21, 22 November 2024

Nay Pyi Taw

Theme for 104th Anniversary of National Victory Day 2024

Let's unite all nationalities for Union peace

10th Waning of Tazaungmone 1386 ME
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

New K200 stamp celebrates centenary engineering education in Myanmar on 21 Nov

MYANMA Post under the Ministry of Transport and Communications will release a new K200 postage stamp featuring the official logo approved by the Ministry of Science and Technology for the 100th anniversary of engineering education in Myanmar.

The stamp will be available for purchase from 9:30 am on Thursday, 21 November, at the Central Post Office in Nay Pyi Taw, the General Post Offices in Yangon and Mandalay, and other regional and state post offices.

As part of a special initiative, stamps bought on 21

November at the Central Post Office in Nay Pyi Taw, and the General Post Offices in Yangon and Mandalay, will feature the date of purchase. — MNA/TRKM



This image shows the new stamp.

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.

COVID-19 report, 18 November 2024

NEW TESTS	NEW CASE	CASUALTIES
8,557	one	NIL

Myanmar National Centre for Diseases Control
Department of Public Health

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

2024 Mid-Year Gems Emporium kicks off

THE first day of the Mid-Year Gems Emporium 2024 was held at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning. Starting in the morning, local and foreign jewellers could see pearl and jade lots on display inside and outside the Maniyadana Jade Hall, and proposed prices were put into tender boxes.

At the emporium, a total of 280 pearl lots, 160 gem lots, and 4,800 jade lots in groups A, B, and C will be sold through open tender systems.

Pearl lots will be sold on 19

and 20 November, gem lots will be sold on 21 November, Group A and Group B jade lots will be sold from 22 to 24 November, and Group C jade lots will be from 25 to 27 November.

The emporium sets floor prices in US dollars for sales of pearl lots and gem lots. Foreign gem merchants can make payments in the US dollar, euro, yuan, baht, and other foreign currencies permitted by the Central Bank of Myanmar. Local merchants can make payments in foreign currency or Myanmar



Photos above and left show gem traders evaluating jade stones and pearl lots. PHOTO: KO KO HTEIN



kyats.

The prices for Group A and Group B jade lots are set in the US dollar, and local and foreign gem merchants can purchase them. Foreign gem merchants can pay for jade lots from A and B groups in the US dollar, euro, yuan, baht and foreign currencies

allowed by the Central Bank of Myanmar. Local gem merchants can pay for Group A in foreign currencies and for Group B in foreign currencies or Myanmar kyats. Jade lots from Group C are sold with the aim of promoting MSME entrepreneurs, and only local gem trad-

ers are allowed to purchase in Myanmar kyats.

In addition, gems and jewellery shops are opened in the Maniyadana Jade Hall and are flourishing with shoppers.

The emporium will be held from 18 to 27 November. — Aung Ye Thwin/KTZH

Myanmar Ambassador presents credentials to Indian President

U Zaw Oo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of India, presented his credentials to Smt Dorupadi Murmu, President of the Republic of India, on 18 November 2024 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. — MNA



Myanmar Ambassador U Zaw Oo presents his credentials to Indian President Smt Dorupadi Murmu yesterday.

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Taunggyi Tazaungdine festival concludes with colourful celebrations

THE closing ceremony of the Taunggyi Tazaungdine Hot-Air

Balloon Festival took place on the evening of 17 November at

Awayar Balloon Field in Taunggyi.

Shan State Chief Minister U Aung Aung, Eastern Com-

mand Commander Maj-Gen Zaw Min Latt, along with departmental officials, cultural dance troupes, locals, and travellers, attended the event.

The ceremony began with performances by cultural dance troupes, followed by the hot-air balloon competitions.

The Shan State chief minister then declared the 2024 Taunggyi Tazaungdine Hot-air Balloon Festival officially closed, which was marked by fireworks, the release of lanterns, and traditional dances performed to the prize-winning songs of the festival. — MNA/TRKM



Photos show the winding-up ceremony in progress for the Taunggyi Tazaungdine Hot-Air Balloon Festival yesterday.

GMS seminar on infectious disease control held in Dali City

THE Greater Mekong Subregion seminar on cooperation for the prevention and control of infectious diseases, along with a paper-reading session on malaria prevention and control in Myanmar, took place in Dali City, People's Republic of China, from 11 to 13 November.

Director-General Dr Tin Tun of the Department of Human Resources for Health, and Deputy Director-General Dr Tun Tin of the Department of Public Health, attended the

events.

During the seminar and symposium, participants discussed strategies for preventing and controlling infectious diseases such as malaria, dengue fever, other tropical diseases, and tuberculosis. They also explored cooperation between universities in both countries on public health training, research, teaching, and disease prevention, as well as the acquisition of professional and technical assistance. — MNA/TKO

Up to 1,000 Myanmar workers to be recruited



Myanmar workers on the production line in Japan.

MORE than 340 Japanese companies will recruit up to 1,000 Myanmar workers, according to the list of demand letters issued by the Myanmar Embassy to Japan on 15 November.

The embassy has carried out timely verifications of demand letters received from the Ministry of Labour via the Min-

istry of Foreign Affairs, it said.

It verifies whether labour supervisory companies and factories or companies which offered jobs in Japan are officially established or not, and re-submits its findings and remarks to the Ministry of Labour through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

It is about 341 demand let-

ters and according to it, over 340 Japanese companies will provide jobs for more than 330 Myanmar male workers and more than 700 Myanmar female workers.

On 30 October, the embassy announced that up to 430 Japanese companies would recruit around 1,400 Myanmar workers. — MT/ZS

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Myanma Ata Thingyan held in abundance under Bagan Kings' reign



Photos showcase traditional Myanma Thingyan festivities across different eras. PHOTO: ZWE MARN

IT is not known whether the Ata Thingyan festivals were held during the rise of Theravada and Nat worshipping in the Sri Ksetra era. However, according to historians, when the Bagan Royal Palace was founded in the ninth century, Myanmar's traditional Ata Thingyan festivals were held amply.

There is a lot of historical evidence that the Myanmar traditional Thingyan festivals were held in 1044 during the reign of King Anawrahta, ninth century AD, in the middle Bagan period of the 11th century and the late Bagan period of the 12th and 13th centuries. Historians have considered that there may have been a water festival in the second century AD (2,000 years ago) in the Sri Ksetra era, which is the Pyu era when many materials were left. Generally, there are about 700 years between the Sri



Ksetra and Bagan eras, and historical evidence is being sought as to whether the water festivals were held in the Pyu era.

Buddhists highly value the traditional Thingyan festival in Myanmar, which emerged in connection with Buddhism. More-

over, it has been preserved as a traditional heritage from the days of the ancient Kings to date.

"Myanmar's traditional Thingyan water festival is on UNESCO's preliminary list of Intangible Cultural Heritage. Arrangements were made to be

on UNESCO's list four years ago during the meeting at the national museum. But delays occurred.

Myanmar Thingyan is not held just in one town, but all over the country. Myanmar is the only country in the world to have a water festival with historical evi-

dence, so it is a valuable heritage for the nation and culture. It can be said with proof that the festival was held in the Bagan era, and it cannot be said that it was not a festival in the Pyu period. We just need evidence. I believe that it will be recognized as an intangible heritage. I am also proud of it," said archaeologist U Win Zaw.

When UNESCO recognizes Myanmar Thingyan as an intangible heritage, it can support the country's tourism industry, especially since tourist arrivals will be high during the Thingyan festival period.

An official decision will be made at the 19th session of the World Intangible Cultural Heritage Committee to be held on 2-7 December 2024 in Asunción, Paraguay. Thailand's Songkran festival won the intangible heritage of UNESCO on 6 December 2023. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

Myanmar participates in ASEAN tourism-related meetings in Singapore

FROM 13 to 15 November, the Global Conference on Sustainable Tourism, organized by the Global Sustainable Tourism Commission, was held in Singapore. In conjunction with this event, the Singapore Tourism Board hosted the ASEAN Tourism Coordination Meeting and the ASEAN Cruise Tourism Workshop. A delegation from Myanmar, led by Director-General U Maung Maung Kyaw from the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, attended these events.

On 13 November, the Myanmar delegation participated in the ASEAN Tourism Coordination Meeting at the Singapore Tourism Board office. Discussions focused on Myanmar's key

tourism markets, prospects, and the development of the ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan 2030. Delegates emphasized the importance of incorporating global tourism trends into the plan and proposed initiatives to enhance collaboration within the ASEAN regional tourism sector.

From 14 to 15 November, the Global Conference on Sustainable Tourism continued, with an opening ceremony attended by Mr Alvin Tan, Singapore's Minister of State for Trade and Industry and for Culture, Community, and Youth, and Mr Luigi Cabrini, Chair of the Global Sustainable Tourism Council. The event brought together over 500 delegates, including stakeholders



The commemorative group photo of the Global Conference on Sustainable Tourism in Singapore on 13-15 November 2024.

from Singapore and beyond.

During the conference, international experts on sustainable development shared insights on establishing global sustainability standards for tourism businesses and destinations. Discussions

highlighted the importance of collaboration among international tourism organizations, governments, the private sector, local communities, and other stakeholders to ensure long-term sustainable growth in the tourism

sector. On the afternoon of 15 November, the Myanmar delegation participated in the ASEAN Cruise Tourism Workshop and a study tour. The discussions focused on prioritizing cruise tourism within the global travel industry and emphasized integrating long-term environmental sustainability and energy efficiency initiatives into cruise tourism operations.

Following the workshop, the delegation visited the Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore and the Singapore Cruise Centre, where they observed the operational processes designed to facilitate smooth entry and exit for cruise passengers, highlighting the efficiency and convenience of the services provided. — MNA/TMT

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Myanmar showcases traditional handicrafts, scenic photos at ASEAN & Friends Bazaar

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, U Thet Win, Chargé d’Affaires ad interim of the Myanmar Embassy, participated in the ASEAN & Friends Bazaar held at the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City in the United States on 16 November.

The event was jointly organized by the ASEAN Spouses’ Circle (ASC), the Asian American Chamber of Commerce (AACC), and the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City.

At the bazaar, the Myanmar Embassy showcased traditional lacquerware, tapestries, other handicrafts, and scenic photographs of Myanmar. Other participating embassies also displayed a variety of handicrafts and consumer products.

— ASH/TMT



This photo shows U Thet Win (R), Chargé d’Affaires ad interim of the Myanmar Embassy, and officials at the ASEAN & Friends Bazaar.

Academy recipient donates meals to 400 at Yangon Children’s Hospital



ACADEMY Cho Pyone provided rice and curry for 400 people at Yangon Children’s Hospital in Dagon Township, Yangon Region, to commemorate her 78th birthday on 17 November, according to the singer and film actress herself.

“I visited Yangon Children’s Hospital about two months ago while filming an advertisement. I saw sick children and the family members caring for them, many of whom appeared to be in great need. They mentioned their struggles with obtaining food and proper nutrition, which moved me to donate. I can’t cook for this occasion personally, so the hospital arranged the distribution,” said Academy Cho Pyone. — ASH/MKKS

This photo depicts birthday celebrant Daw Cho Pyone smiling happily at the nutrition donation event.

Black gram plantation acres expand this year

THIS year, black gram plantation acres expanded, along with an increase in black gram farmers.

Farmers grew other beans in addition to black gram in previous years, but black gram is the main crop this year.

Farmers in the whole western Bago Region mainly grew black gram this year.

“Black gram plantation

acre expanded this year. Farmers grew other beans such as mung bean, lablab bean, soybean and eyebrow peas last year. Now, they paused them but only in black gram. Farmers in the whole western Bago Region grew black gram alone this year,” said an official from Naing Maha black gram wholesale trading centre in Letpadan

Township.

Abnormal weather conditions encouraged farmers to re-start black gram plantation, he said.

“Black gram price declined in Yangon, on a downward trend for a week. Now, it is growing black gram, and it is expected to harvest three months later,” he said. — Thit Taw/ZS

Comedy film depicting rural Myanmar life set for nationwide release

A light-hearted comedy film titled ‘Thu Naing Ko Naing’, portraying the rural life of Myanmar, is set for nationwide cinema release in November, according to actor Khin Hlaing.

The story was written by Ko Shwe, with the script penned by Min Ko Soe (Natt Than Kwin), and Academy

Ko Zaw directed the film for Arman Film Production.

The cast includes Academy Award winners Shwe Htoo, Shwe Hmone Yati, and Tekkatho Gwan Pone, along with renowned actors Khin Hlaing, Wai Lar Yi, Thwet Latt, Nay San (Mon), Moe Nyo, Yan Pyay (Kyaw Kyi), Thiha, Thein Zan, and others. — ASH/TRKM



This photo showcases a scene from the ‘Thu Naing Ko Naing’ comedy film.

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Farmers are harvesting black grams.

2024 ASEAN-Hunan Trade Fair welcomes Myanmar businesspeople

2024 ASEAN-Hunan (Yangzhou) Famous and High-quality Products Trade Fair that will take place on 22-24 November 2024 in Yangzhou, China, cordially invited Myanmar businesspeople, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

The Hunan Provincial De-

partment of Commerce and the Yangzhou Municipal Government jointly organized the trade fair to offer a platform to expand exchanges in economics, trade, investment and culture between the Hunan Province of central China and ASEAN.

As Myanmar and China are

friendly neighbours, economic and trade cooperation between Hunan Province and Myanmar has accelerated in recent years.

This trade fair is expected to strengthen friendships and explore potential collaborations. It will help Myanmar products penetrate Hunan Province and

Myanmar entice Hunan businesspeople to invest in Myanmar.

The organizer will arrange a three-night stay accommodation and transport from the hotel to the trade fair for two representatives from each company. Myanmar business

figures will be provided with a 60-square-metre exhibition booth for free. Interested Myanmar businesspeople can register through the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization 067 408622 and email event.td.myantrade@gmail.com. — NN/KK

YGN palm oil wholesale reference rate set higher this week

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil for the Yangon market mounted to K7,015 per viss for the week ending 25 November from K6,635 per viss registered last week ending 17 November, according to the Supervisory Committee on edible oil import and distribution.

The figures showed a remarkable rise of K380 per viss this week compared to last week.

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 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



Residents purchasing palm oil at reference rates.

CBM to sell US\$35M to fuel oil importers



Oil tankers seen transporting fuel to petrol stations.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 16 November the sale of US\$35 million to fuel oil importers on 16 November.

CBM injected \$400,000 into the financial market on 14 November. It sold 14.5 million baht on 12 November, after announcing to sell 15 million baht to importers on 11 November.

It sold over 800,000 yuan on 11 November, over 2.17 million yuan and \$3,000 again on 8 November after sales of over 21.6 million baht, two million yuan and over \$3,300 on 7 November and about \$9,000,

490,000 yuan and 1.2 million baht on 6 November.

It announced on 5 November the sale of seven million yuan and 20 million baht to importers on foreign exchange trading platforms. CBM sold \$15 million, 1.5 million yuan and 100.8 million baht on 4 November.

CBM injected over \$91 million, over 9.8 million yuan and over 610 million baht into the financial market in October 2024. CBM also sold over \$76 million, 86 million baht and 4.8 million yuan in September. Moreover, CBM sold over \$190 million, 19 million yuan and 79 million baht

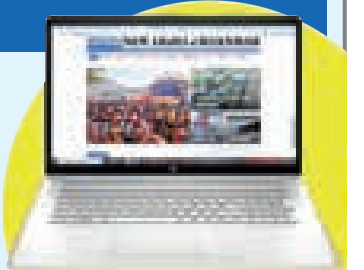
in August.

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

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Successfully control infection of TB

TUBERCULOSIS became the world's leading cause of death, surpassing COVID-19 fatalities in 2023, according to a World Health Organization press release issued on 29 October 2024. More than 8.2 million people were affected by TB globally in 2023, with over one million lives lost to the disease.

The number of deaths caused by tuberculosis (TB) surpassed those from COVID-19 in 2023. Over half of these TB cases occurred in India, Indonesia, China, the Philippines, and Pakistan, marking the highest number since the global TB monitoring programme began in 1995. In 2023, only two out of five patients with drug-resistant TB received treatment, underscoring the continued threat that TB poses to global public health and health security.

Despite significant challenges in controlling TB infection, Myanmar must intensify efforts to identify and treat TB patients. Particular attention should be given to finding new cases in unexpected or medically underserved areas. It is essential for everyone to understand that TB is curable, and timely medical treatment can lead to full recovery from the disease.

According to the records of the Ministry of Health, Myanmar is providing medical treatment to people suffering from TB, TB+HIV and drug-resistant TB diseases. The Global TB Report 2023 of the WHO stated that Myanmar identified and treated over 120,000 TB patients that year, and 88 per cent of them were treated successfully. Up to now, health staff have been striving for the prevention of virus infection of TB by raising public health awareness on how to prevent infection of the disease and take medical treatment.

Despite significant challenges in controlling TB infection, Myanmar must intensify efforts to identify and treat TB patients. Particular attention should be given to finding new cases in unexpected or medically underserved areas. It is essential for everyone to understand that TB is curable, and timely medical treatment can lead to full recovery from the disease.

THE state of our global environment is continuously being shaped and altered by human activities. As people pursue rapid development, they often overlook the far-reaching effects their actions have on the environment. Environmental changes are increasingly visible, with pressing issues such as ozone depletion, deforestation, acid rain, pollution, and greenhouse gas accumulation. These issues contribute significantly to global warming, causing erratic weather patterns that affect ecosystems worldwide. What is more, the excessive exploitation of natural resources endangers countless species and disrupts the natural balance.

Human actions, whether conscious or unintentional, greatly influence these environmental shifts. For instance, deforestation for agriculture and urban expansion not only destroys natural habitats but also contributes to soil erosion and biodiversity loss. When industries release pollutants into the air, water, and soil, the quality of these vital resources declines, impacting both human and wildlife health.

Further, the relentless demand for fossil fuels results in the emission of greenhouse gases, leading to increased temperatures and changes in weather patterns, which affect agriculture, water resources, and natural habitats.

Many of the adverse effects on the environment arise from a lack of awareness and disregard for moral responsibility. When individuals prioritize personal comfort, convenience, or profit without considering the broader impact, the environment suffers. This lack of ethical awareness can lead to practices like indiscriminate waste disposal, excessive use of plastics, and consumption habits that put unsustainable pressure on Earth's resources. The environmental consequences of these actions, from polluted oceans to disappearing forests, remind us that preserving nature is not only a scientific necessity but also a moral duty.

Today, various organizations and movements have emerged to combat these environmental issues. Environmental advocates, charitable organizations, and civil society groups worldwide are coming together to promote awareness, initiate reforestation

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efforts, and educate the public on sustainable practices. They encourage communities to participate in tree-planting programmes, promote sustainable agricultural methods, and adopt eco-friendly practices in everyday life. Through collaboration, these groups aim to instil a sense of environmental responsibility that fosters harmony between humanity and nature.

Education plays a crucial role in fostering environmental awareness. When people understand the connection between their daily actions and ecological degradation, they are more likely to adopt responsible habits. For example, practising waste segregation, recycling, and reducing energy consumption can significantly lessen one's environmental footprint. Moral values, such as respect for nature and concern for the well-being of future generations, are essential in cultivating these behaviours. A strong moral foundation encourages individuals to consider the long-term effects of their actions on the environment and to act accordingly.

Our personal and cultural practices also shape our relationship with the environment. Sustainable habits, like reducing unnecessary consumption, limiting pollution, and avoiding harmful practices, reflect a commitment to protecting nature. In communities where people practice mindful habits, such as refraining from littering in public spaces and supporting conservation initiatives, the impact is visibly positive. However, where personal gain is placed above the common good, environmental degradation worsens, affecting everyone who shares the space.

In addition, environmental preservation is not merely a scientific endeavour; it is also a reflection of our ethical values and moral responsibility. Just as we share the environment with others, we must also share the duty to protect it. Personal comfort should not come at the expense of ecological stability. As inhabitants of this planet, it is our shared duty to think beyond individual desires

and make choices that benefit both humanity and nature.

If we are to leave a healthy, thriving environment for future generations, it is essential to balance our needs with respect for nature. Governments, international organizations, and individual citizens must work together to set regulations, raise awareness, and promote actions that contribute to environmental sustainability. As global citizens, our responsibility to care for the Earth goes beyond words; it is a commitment to act in ways that honour and protect the planet we all call home.

The state of our global environment is a testament to human actions and decisions. As we chase rapid development and technological advancements, we often neglect the broader impact of our activities on the environment. Issues such as ozone depletion, deforestation, acid rain, pollution, and greenhouse gas accumulation are becoming increasingly pressing. These challenges significantly contribute to global warming, causing erratic weather patterns and affecting ecosystems worldwide. Additionally, the excessive exploitation of natural resources threatens countless species and disrupts the natural balance.

Human actions, whether intentional or not, play a significant role in these environmental changes. For example, deforestation for agriculture and urban expansion not only destroys natural habitats but also leads to soil erosion and loss of biodiversity. Industrial activities that release pollutants into the air, water, and soil degrade the quality of these essential resources, im-

pairing both human and wildlife health. The relentless demand for fossil fuels results in greenhouse gas emissions, increasing global temperatures, and altering weather patterns. These changes have widespread effects

on moral duty.

Environmental preservation requires a conscious effort to adopt eco-friendly practices and minimize our ecological footprint. Here are some principles of moral responsibility that individuals can incorporate into their daily lives to contribute to environmental sustainability:

1. Practise Sustainable Consumption: Mindful consumption involves using resources efficiently and responsibly. Avoiding unnecessary purchases, reducing waste, and opting for sustainable products

are steps in the right direction. For example, choosing reusable bags, bottles, and containers over single-use plastics helps reduce plastic pollution.

2. Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle: Adhering to the three R's already known by almost everyone—reduce, reuse, and recycle—can significantly lessen the environmental impact. Reducing waste by buying only what is needed, reusing items whenever possible, and recycling materials like paper, glass, and plastic helps conserve natural resources and minimize landfill waste.

3. Conserve Energy and Water: Energy and water conservation are essential components of environmental responsibility.

By Laura Htet (UDE)

Simple actions like turning off lights when not in use, using energy-efficient appliances, and fixing leaks can make a substantial difference. Additionally, adopting renewable energy sources, such as solar or wind power, further reduces the carbon footprint.

4. Support Sustainable Practices: Supporting businesses and products that prioritize sustainability contributes to a healthier environment. Choosing locally sourced, organic, and eco-friendly products reduces the carbon footprint associated with transportation and production processes.

5. Educate and Advocate: Raising awareness about environmental issues and advocating for sustainable practices are crucial steps in fostering a culture of responsibility. Engaging in conversations, participating in community initiatives, and supporting policies that promote environmental preservation can lead to positive change.

6. Protect Natural Habitats: Preserving natural habitats is essential for maintaining biodiversity and ecological balance. Participating in reforestation projects, conserving wildlife, and supporting protected areas help safeguard ecosystems for future generations.

7. Minimize Pollution: Reducing pollution requires conscious efforts to minimize emissions and waste. Using public transportation, carpooling, and reducing reliance on fossil fuels help decrease air pollution. Proper disposal of hazardous materials and limiting the use of harmful chemicals also contribute to cleaner water and soil.

To add more, environmental preservation is a reflection of our ethical values and moral responsibility. Just as we share the environment with others, we must also share the duty to pro-

tect it. Personal comfort should not come at the expense of ecological stability. As inhabitants of this planet, it is our shared duty to think beyond individual desires and make choices that benefit both humanity and nature.

By adopting sustainable practices and fostering a sense of moral responsibility, we can work towards a healthier, thriving environment for future generations. Governments, international organizations, and individual citizens must collaborate to set regulations, raise awareness, and promote actions that contribute to environmental sustainability. Our responsibility to care for the Earth goes beyond words; it is a commitment to act in ways that honour and protect the planet we all call home.

I have extensively discussed environmental conservation and humanity's moral responsibilities.

However, there's still something important that I want to share. Articles of this kind, addressing ecological awareness and ethical obligations, have been widely written and spoken about not only in Myanmar but also internationally for quite some time. Despite this, I have yet to witness any real signs that this deteriorating Earth is healing or improving. That leads us to wonder, with some scepticism, when, if ever, we might see such positive change.

As long as humanity's greed, anger, and ignorance persist, no matter how loudly people speak up, those voices will gradually fade away, and the deteriorating environment may never fully recover. Therefore, I'd like to express my personal view that without addressing these deep-rooted human flaws, genuine environmental restoration might remain an unachievable goal.



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Monday 18 November 2024)

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

SPECIAL Features: According to the observations at 17:30 hours MST today, the Typhoon(MAN-YD) over the South China Sea is likely forecast to move westwards and reach near Hainan Island around the night of 19 November 2024.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 19 November 2024: Rain will be scattered in Yangon and Taninthayi regions and southern Shan, Kayin and Mon states and isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady regions and (northern and eastern) Shan and Kayah states. Degree of certainty is 80%. Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and southern Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon states. 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 slight to 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 in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Bago regions and Shan, Chin and Kayah states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 19 November 2024: Partly cloudy and likelihood of isolated light rain. Degree of certainty is 60%.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 19 November 2024: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is 80%.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 19 November 2024: Partly cloudy.

NATIONAL

Rising orders for passion fruit from Nay Pyi Taw

ORDERS from Nay Pyi Taw for Italian passion fruit, which is going to be out of season in Shan State's Aungban fruits market, have mounted.

Passion fruit orders have been placed mainly by fresh juice shops and currently, the price has slightly climbed up.

"Italian passion fruit has been selling quite well. It is mainly produced in Yaksawk and Panglong. The majority of orders are from Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Hpa-an, Myawady and Tachilek but Nay Pyi Taw's orders are the biggest. In Aungban, most of the orders are



Italian passion fruits available in the Aungban fruits market.



placed by fresh juice shops. It is going to be out of season and the price gets high slightly," said Ma Nyo Lei Yi, an Italian passion fruit retail and wholesale trader in Aungban Township.

This year's passion fruit production increased compared to last year and the trade has been doing well too.

"This year's production is better than that of last year. The price is also high. Passion fruits are frozen in bags so that they can be sold throughout the year when the fruits are going to be out of season," she added. — Thit Taw/ZS

2-day illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth K143M

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

On 17 November, the combined teams impounded industrial materials worth K8.232 million without official documents from

luggage at the Yangon International Airport and a Hino truck (worth approximately K60 million) carrying consumer goods valued at K11.6 million without official document at the Ma-yanchaung permanent and an unregistered vehicle and 11 unregistered motorbikes valued

at K13.75 million in Pathein, Myaungmya and Maubin Districts. The action was taken under the Export-Import Law and Customs procedures. On 18 November, the combined teams conducted inspections. They seized illegal timbers weighing 0.509 tonne worth

K122,352 in Toungoo District, an unregistered Honda Fit (worth approximately K15 million) at the Yadanabon bridge combined checkpoint in Sagaing Township and three unregistered vehicles and two unregistered motorbikes (worth approximately K35 million) in Mawlamyine and

Thaton Districts. The action was carried out under the Forest Law and the Export-Import Law.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported 22 arrests on 17 and 18 November, seizing illegal goods worth approximately K143.7 million. — MNA/MKKS

Counter-argument to false information

False claims of arrests, military conscription in Bago Region spread

FALSE information spread by subversive media claimed that more than 30 people were arrested in Minhla and Okpo Townships in Bago Region for being forced into military service, with those attempting to flee allegedly being shot, injuring one person.

In response to these reports, officials from the relevant township military units clarified that no youths or pedestrians were arrested or conscripted into military service. That was simply a fabricated story spread by malicious media with the intent to mislead the public.

Malicious media deliberately spread false information and propaganda in an attempt to cause panic and disrupt the peace and stability of the region. — MNA/TKO



This screenshot validates misinformation.

Stimulant tablets worth K1.31B seized in North Okkalapa

MORE than 1.3 million stimulant tablets, valued at K1.31 billion, were seized in North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

Acting on a tip-off, a combined team, including members of the Anti-Drug Police Force, searched a passenger bus at 3:30 pm on 13 November at the Thiri Yadana bus station compound in North Okkalapa Township. The bus, driven by Hla Min Htun and accompanied by conductor Myint Thu Soe and bus assistant Phyo Kyaw Zaw (also known as) Moe Htet Myint, contained the seized drugs worth K1.31 billion.

The perpetrator admitted that the drugs were being transported from Taunggyi Township, Shan State, to Yangon Region, as arranged by the bus owner, Aung Khaing Htoo, and his wife, Ma Moe Sabei. Police also confiscated two buses, a Kinglong and a Higer, which

were purchased with the profits from drug trafficking.

Legal action has been taken against the offender, and an

ongoing investigation is underway to apprehend others involved in the case. — MNA/MKKS



Confiscated drugs and vehicles are seen alongside offenders.

NATIONAL

CMP factories boost job creation amid rising orders

CMP factories have received orders, creating more jobs for locals, said an industrial zone official.

Among orders, some are direct, and some are indirect.

“With mounting orders, we can provide more jobs for workers. Orders have been promising and placed from different fields, both directly and indirectly. A rise in orders can help create more jobs for workers,” he said.

Job opportunities have now developed at local factories, and workers have a chance to enjoy higher wages depending on skill, so they need to focus on their work, he urged.

“Workers have the opportunity for higher income depending on skill. At a shoe factory in Shwelinpan, the monthly wage of some workers exceeds K1 million. Factories now have modern machines, and workers have been skilful. Factories set

minimum pay. However, workers have the opportunity to enjoy salary increases depending on their ability. So skilled workers don’t need to go abroad,” he said.

There are about 750,000 workers in 29 industrial zones in Yangon Region. — MT/ZS

This photo showcases the panoramic view of the Thanlyin Thilawa Special Economic Zone.



Locally made wind-powered fans draw crowds from Yangon and beyond

WITH rising interest, there are many orders for locally made wind-powered electric fans from cities including Yangon.

It was invented by Ko Shine, who works on decorating fountains and fences in Mudon Township, Mon State, to sell to people in remote and off-grid areas.

“More people are interested in this. It is convenient wherever there is wind or not. It can be used day or night, regardless of the season. In addition to Mudon, I received orders from other big cities. Yangon tops among them. We are also delivering to Mandalay, Magway and others. People need to wait a week after the order. I am the first seller, and there are also other sellers, but only a few. Some are already using it in Mudon,” he said.

There are two types of wind electric fans — 12 volts



This image depicts a locally manufactured wind electric fan.

and 24 volts — and they can be used in conjunction with batteries for TVs, lights, fans and phone charging. Each 12-volt fan with one 150 battery costs K550,000, whereas one 24-volt fan with two 100 batteries costs K570,000.

“It can be charged with a battery. It only outputs DC. Twelve volts give about 100 or

150 batteries. Twenty-four volts have to use two 100 batteries. The durability is 15 or 20 years. It is available in 12 volts and 24 volts. You can watch TV, light a lamp, and charge your phone,” he added.

For more information about the wind electric fan, a contact can be made to 09 779142 484. — Thit Taw/ZN

Machine to generate fuel from plastic waste under construction

A local industrial man in eastern Shan State’s Kengtung Township has invented a machine designed to generate fuel from plastic waste.

His creation has completed 95 per cent, said U Sai Noon from Soe Lin Stove Production.

“I had this idea before. But there were some delays because it needs some imported items. We need to categorize plastic types. If you want petrol, you will need to use the relevant plastic-type, and so will do for diesel. Old engine oil can be used as well. Now, it is still being trialed at this stage. This machine can produce four fuel types — petrol, diesel, gas and tar,” he said.

This machine draws attention and receives enquiries. It is estimated to cost K20 million, and some orders have been placed.

Currently, fuel generated from the machine is being test-



This photo reveals fuel being generated from plastic waste.

ed for motorcycle and farming machinery, and it works. Further tests are required.

Soe Lin Stove Production has invented a stove using old engine oil and old fuel, and its own design has drawn much attention. — MT/ZS

MRCSS opens free mobile clinic in Sagaing for needy communities

MYANMAR Red Cross Society has opened a free mobile clinic in Sagaing, Sagaing Region, to provide care and treatment to temporarily displaced people and locals who cannot afford or have difficulty going to the hospital, according to the society.

“When there are difficulties, it is quite convenient that they open a mobile clinic. I am happy to have the opportunity to help the people of my community to some extent,” said Ko Nyein Chan Oo, a volunteer at the clinic.

Ko Nyein Chan Oo, who has been doing charity work based on compassion, sympathy, hobby and volition for 32 years, is a volunteer Red Cross member in Sagaing and was awarded the outstanding Red Cross Award in 2002.

“From the time I became a Red Cross member, I saved money out of my pocket to buy methylated spirit, bandages, cotton wool and wound dressing medicines and take care of anyone who gets injured. I feel delighted to care for people like that,” he said.

He is now helping at the clinic by taking patient records, measuring blood pressure, diabetes screening, taking body temperatures and checking SPO2.

Myanmar Red Cross Society, with the support of the Danish Red Cross Society and Norwegian Red Cross Society, opened a mobile clinic for 1,511 displaced people and provided primary health care. — Htun Htun/ZN



This photo shows providing care to patients at the free mobile clinic opened in Sagaing.

ECONOMY

WORLD/AD

BOJ chief signals further rate hikes to prevent sharp inflation



File photo taken in January 2024 shows the Bank of Japan's head office in Tokyo. **PHOTO: KYODO**

BANK of Japan Governor Kazuo Ueda underscored Monday that raising interest rates would be essential to prevent sharp inflation and ensure long-term eco-

nomie growth, in remarks that could fuel market expectations the central bank is close to another rate hike.

The BOJ will continue

to raise its policy rate if the economy and prices move in line with expectations, Ueda said in a speech, adding it is also closely monitoring the weakening yen.

The Japanese currency has been under pressure after Donald Trump's victory in the US presidential election triggered a rally in the dollar. His remarks came amid speculation that the bank may lift borrowing costs as early as December, although Ueda said the BOJ will make policy decisions at each meeting based on its latest assessment and outlook for economic and price activities.

"I think that gradually adjusting the degree of accommodation in line with the improvement in economic activity and prices will support long-term economic growth and contribute to achieving the price stability target in a sustainable and stable manner," he told business leaders in the central Japan city of Nagoya. — Kyodo

China, Brazil trade grows 9.9% in first 10 months of 2024

CHINA'S trade with Brazil soared 9.9 per cent in the first 10 months of 2024 from the same period last year, underpinning the deepening economic and trade ties between the two countries.

The growth rate was 4.7 percentage points higher than the overall growth rate of China's foreign trade, as shown by the General Administration of Customs data released on Sunday. China's trade with Brazil hit 1.14 trillion yuan (158.33 billion US dollars) from January to October, including 432.08 billion yuan in exports and 708.15 billion yuan in imports, both registering steady growth.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of China-Brazil diplomatic ties.

Over the past half-century, the two nations have made fruitful achievements in economic and trade cooperation and significant progress in bilateral economic and trade ties.

China has been Brazil's largest trading partner and export destination for the past 15 consecutive years, while Brazil has long been China's top trading partner in Latin America.

With the deepening economic and trade cooperation, more quality products from Brazil are entering the Chinese market. In the first 10 months, China's share in Brazil's exports of soybeans and iron ore exceeded 70 per cent, while in pulp and crude oil, the share surpassed 40 per cent. — Xinhua

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No.	Trade Name	Active Ingredients	Reg Type	Reg;No.
1	Dimorph 50 WP	Dimethomorph 50% WP	Full	F2019-1868
2	Ultratap 50 SP	Cartap Hydrochloride 50% SP	Full	FF2021-732
3	Znailmide 70 WP	Niclosamide 70% WP	Full	F2021-3187

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No.	Trade Name	Active Ingredients	Reg Type	Reg;No.
1	Attab 33 EC	Pendimethalin 33% EC	Full	F2019-1867
2	Agromectin 1.8% EC	Abamectin 1.8% w/w EC	Full	FF2024-724
3	Golden Dragon 2.5 EC	Lambda-cyhalothrin 2.5% EC	Full	FF2024-721
4	Regency 5 SC	Fipronil 5% SC	Full	F2016-1095

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No.	Trade Name	Active Ingredients	Reg Type	Reg;No.
1	Taniamine 720 SL	2,4-D Amine 72% w/v SL	Full	F2019-2105
2	Shutter	Butachlor 35%+ Propanil 35% EC	Provisional	P2023-4931
3	Mustang	Chlorimuron-ethyl 10% + Metsulfuron-methyl 10% WP	Provisional	P2020-4941

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHANGE IN COMPANY TYPE

uab bank Limited, situated at Level 21, uab Tower @ Times City, Kyun Taw Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon, hereby formally announces a change in its company type from a private company to a public company, in accordance with Section 58(b) of the Myanmar Companies Law. The required application and pertinent details regarding this change have been duly submitted to the Registrar of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA). Subject to acceptance of the application by the Registrar and the absence of any court order to the contrary, the details of the company's registered status will be updated and amended accordingly.

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China's small commodity hub celebrates decade of China-Europe freight train expansion

A China-Europe freight train departed from the city of Yiwu in east China's Zhejiang Province on Monday morning heading for Madrid, Spain, marking the 10th anniversary of the launch of this route.

Loaded with 110 twenty-foot equivalent units

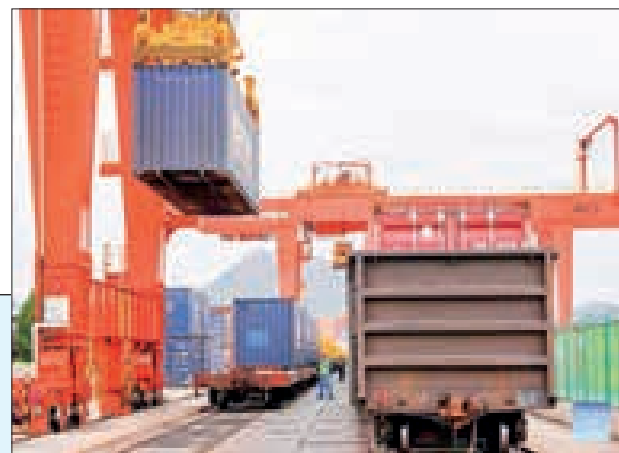
(TEUs) of various goods including accessories, automotive parts, machinery and equipment, the train is expected to arrive in Madrid within 16 to 18 days.

Over the past decade,

more than 6,700 China-Europe freight trains have set off from Yiwu, transporting over 670,000 TEUs of cargo. These trains have provided vital logistical support for the city, which is known as "the world's supermarket,"

facilitating its access to global markets, according to China State Railway Group Co Ltd. —Xinhua

A container is lifted at Yiwu West Railway Station in Yiwu, east China's Zhejiang Province, 18 November 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**



Australian businesses selling essential goods, services to be forced to accept cash

AUSTRALIAN businesses will be forced to accept cash as payment for essential goods and services under a government mandate. Treasurer Jim Chalmers and Assistant Treasurer Stephen Jones on Monday announced that, from 2026, businesses will be legally required to accept cash and coins when selling essential goods, including groceries and fuel. "People are increasingly using digital payment methods but there is an ongoing place for cash in our society," they said in a joint statement. "Mandating cash for essential purchases, such as groceries and fuel, means those who rely on cash will not be left behind. For many Australians, cash is more than a payment, it's a lifeline." The use of cash in Australia fell during the COVID-19 pandemic. Data from the central bank, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA), showed that cash accounted for 13 per cent of all consumer payments in 2022, down from over 20 per cent in 2019. — Xinhua

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No.	Trade Name	Active Ingredients	Reg Type	Reg;No.
1	Zacocin 47 WP	Copper Oxychloride 45%+ Kaugamycin 2% w/w WP	Provisional	P2024-6350

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No.	Trade Name	Active Ingredients	Reg Type	Reg;No.
1	Stilt 25 EC	Propiconazole 25% EC	Full	F2018-1855

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No.	Trade Name	Active Ingredients	Reg Type	Reg; No.
1	Elak 50 EC	Profenofos 50% w/v EC	Full	F2016-1226

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

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

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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SINAR BUKITTINGGI VOY.NO. (031N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SINAR BUKITTINGGI VOY.NO. (031N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **19-11-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

India's capital shuts schools as 'death trap' smog chokes city

INDIA'S capital New Delhi switched schools to online classes Monday until further notice as worsening toxic smog surged past 60 times the World Health Organization's recommended daily maximum.

Various piecemeal govern-

ment initiatives have failed to measurably address the problem, with the smog blamed for thousands of premature deaths each year and particularly impacting the health of children and the elderly.

Pollution extended across a

swathe of northern India — with the tourists at the Taj Mahal in Agra snapping photographs of the barely visible white marble monument — and choked residents of Lahore in neighbouring Pakistan.

"My eyes have been burning

for the last few days," said rickshaw puller Subodh Kumar, 30.

"Pollution or no pollution, I have to be on the road, where else will I go?" he said, pausing from eating at a roadside stall.

"We don't have an option to stay indoors... our livelihood, food, and life — everything is in the open."

The city is blanketed in poisonous smog each year, primarily blamed on stubble burning by farmers in neighbouring regions to clear their fields for ploughing, as well as factories and traffic fumes.

A report by The New York Times this month, based on samples collected over five years, revealed dangerous fumes also spewing from a power plant incinerating rubbish from landfill garbage mountains.

'Hazardous'

Levels of PM2.5 pollutants — dangerous cancer-causing microparticles that enter the bloodstream through the lungs — peaked at 921 microgrammes per cubic metre at midday on Mon-

day, according to IQAir pollution monitors, with a reading above 15 in a 24-hour period considered unhealthy by the WHO.

Individual monitoring stations noted even higher levels — one government-run monitor recorded PM2.5 pollutants at 1117 microgrammes, 74 times the WHO maximum.

Dense grey and acrid smog smothered New Delhi, with IQAir listing conditions as "hazardous".

Primary schools were ordered to cease in-person classes on Thursday, with a raft of further restrictions imposed on Monday, including limiting diesel-powered trucks and construction.

Authorities hope by keeping children at home, traffic will be reduced.

The government urged children and the elderly, as well as those with lung or heart issues "to stay indoors as much as possible". Air filters are too expensive for many, and most do not have homes they can effectively seal from the misery of dangerous foul-smelling air. — AFP



A cyclist with his face covered in cloth rides along a street on a cold smoggy morning in New Delhi on 18 November 2024. India's capital New Delhi switched schools to online classes on 18 November until further notice because of worsening toxic smog, the latest bid to ease the sprawling megacity's health crisis. **PHOTO: AFP**

ECB says Trump budget plans could fuel market tensions

THE vice president of the European Central Bank said Monday that Donald Trump's spending plans risked inflating the US government's budgetary deficit and spreading worries on markets.

The United States already has a public debt ratio close to 100 per cent of gross domestic product, and a spending deficit close to seven per cent, Luis de Guindos said at a banking conference in Frankfurt.

"The elected president (Trump) has promised to reduce taxes and perhaps not to cut down on public spending," de Guindos said. The plan could lead the deficit to grow and "create concerns in markets", de Guindos said.

Since sealing victory in the presidential election earlier this month, Trump has yet to announce his nominee for treasury

secretary.

The president-elect has however tapped the world's richest man Elon Musk and businessman Vivek Ramaswamy to lead a newly formed department of government efficiency.

The duo were asked by the incoming administration to cut red-tape and "wasteful expenditures", while Musk has promised to strip \$2 trillion (1.9 trillion euros) from the federal budget. Besides Trump's spending plans, the incoming president's promise to raise tariffs has prompted concerns in Europe, where officials fear higher import tariffs could slow trade and weigh on the economy.

"The growth outlook is clouded by uncertainty about economic policies and the geopolitical landscape, both in the euro area and globally," de Guindos said. — AFP

At least 8 killed in Philippines due to super typhoon Man-yi

AT least eight people have died as super typhoon Man-yi hit the Philippines over the weekend, triggering flooding and landslides along its path, provincial officials said Monday.

The Nueva Vizcaya Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) confirmed to Xinhua in a telephone interview that at least seven died in Ambaguio town after their house was buried in a landslide.

"We are still getting the details about the disaster," said a PDRRMO official who declined to be named because she is not authorized to speak publicly to reporters.

Philippine President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos told reporters that a man also died in Camarines Norte province, southeast of Manila.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, the country's



Residents evacuate from their flooded homes due to a swollen river caused by heavy rains and induced by Super Typhoon Man-yi in Tuguegarao City, Cagayan province on 18 November 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

top disaster coordinator, has yet to report deaths and damages due to Man-yi.

Man-yi is the sixth powerful typhoon that battered the Philippines in less than a month. It is the 16th tropical cyclone to hit the Philippines this year.

The back-to-back cyclones dumped heavy rainfall, flooding, and landslides, wreaking havoc across Luzon and other parts of the archipelago.

Man-yi is expected to exit the Philippines on Monday afternoon. — Xinhua

SPORTS

ASEAN Women's Futsal: Myanmar suffers 2-1 loss to Thailand

MYANMAR women's team suffered a loss to the Thai women's team, 2-1, during the third-day group competition of the 2024 ASEAN Women's Futsal Championship, on 18 November.

On that day, the Thailand team beat Myanmar 2-1, and the Vietnamese team defeated the Indonesian team 5-0. Although the Myanmar team won over the Thai team, it scored

one goal. Moreover, it defended the attack of the Thai team by showing the best skills, and it scored 0-0 in the first period.

At the 23 minutes of the second period, a Thai player leaned on her momentum with one goal, Myanmar player Yoon Mi Mi Lwin scored a goal at 32 minutes, and a Thai player scored another goal at 35 minutes.

After the third day of group

competitions, the Thai team grabbed nine points after three matches, while six points for the Vietnamese team after two games, one point for the Myanmar team after three matches, one point for the Philippine team after two matches, and the Indonesian team did not get any point for two games loss.

Myanmar team will have to face the Indonesian team on



Myanmar versus Thailand in action yesterday.

19 November, and it will make third-place competition. — Ko Nyi Lay/KTZH

England secure Nations League promotion, France beat Italy

ENGLAND blew away 10-man Republic of Ireland 5-0 to wrap up promotion to the Nations League top flight as four players netted their first international goals on Sunday, while Adrien Rabiot scored twice as France beat Italy.

Erling Haaland scored a hat-trick to help Norway also top their group in League B.

Euro 2024 runners-up England secured top spot in Group B2 in interim boss Lee Carsley's final game in charge before the arrival of Thomas Tuchel as manager.

"I wanted the England team to be exciting to watch and be attacking," Carsley told ITV.

"I can only do what I was in control of. It's not a gamble with some of these players, they are excellent players."

Greece finished second despite a 2-0 win over Finland

in the other game in the group and will head into the playoffs in March.

England struggled to break down a resolute Ireland in the first half at Wembley, with Noni Madueke twice having efforts blocked after threatening bursts into the box.

The game changed shortly after the interval when Liam Scales brought down Jude Bellingham after a fine pass from Harry Kane, conceding a penalty and being sent off for a second bookable offence.

Kane stepped up to slot his spot-kick past Ireland goalkeeper Caoimhin Kelleher.

England doubled their lead in the 56th minute, as Tino Livramento's deflected cross found its way to his Newcastle teammate Anthony Gordon who volleyed home his first international goal. — AFP



France's forward (14) Adrien Rabiot (up R) scores the opening goal during the Nations League group A2 football match between Italy and France at San Siro stadium in Milan on 17 November 2024. PHOTO: AFP

Myanmar faces Lebanon in friendly match today



The Myanmar national football team.

MYANMAR'S national football team will play against Lebanon in a friendly match at the Thunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon at 5 pm today, marking their second international friendly of November.

Myanmar lost to Singapore

with a 2-3 scoreline in a friendly match on 14 November in Singapore. The Lebanese team played a goalless draw against the Thailand team. There are a lot of injured players in the Myanmar national team, and some key players will miss

this match. Head Coach U Myo Hlaing Win has selected a squad of 24 players, most of whom were featured in the previous game against Singapore. That will be the first encounter between Myanmar and Lebanon since 2016. The two teams faced each other twice during the 2018 World Cup AFC Qualifiers, with Myanmar losing 0-2 in one match and drawing 1-1 in the other.

In preparation for the 2024 ASEAN Cup, scheduled for this December, Myanmar's national team has been playing three warm-up matches with Singapore and Sri Lanka during the international windows in October and November. So far, Myanmar has recorded one win, one draw, and one loss. — Ko Nyi Lay/TTN

Sinner says room to improve in 2025 after home ATP Finals triumph

JANNIK Sinner says he still has areas where he can improve next year after winning the ATP Finals for the first time Sunday to cap a near-perfect season for the world number one.

The 23-year-old Sinner beat Taylor Fritz 6-4, 6-4 at the season-ending event in Turin, his eighth title of a remarkable season which began with a first Grand Slam triumph at the Australian Open.

He followed that up with

a second major victory at the US Open in September after becoming embroiled in a doping controversy having twice tested positive for traces of the steroid clostebol six months prior. A World Anti-Doping Agency appeal against his initial exoneration has since been hanging over his head, with WADA seeking a ban of up to two years for the Italian.

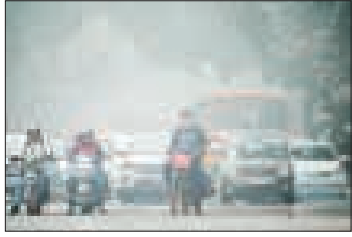
While Sinner awaits the outcome of that case he is

looking ahead to 2025 with no specific goals in mind but a view to further honing his game — an ominous warning to his rivals from a player who has won 26 of his last 27 matches.

"Whatever we can catch, we take, and the rest we learn. I think that was the mentality we approached this whole year, trying to raise my level in specific moments, which I've done throughout this year," said Sinner. — AFP

India's capital shuts schools as 'death trap' smog chokes city

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WORLD

UPON arriving in Rio de Janeiro for the 19th G20 Summit on Sunday, Chinese President Xi Jinping expressed readiness to work with all parties for an equal and orderly multi-polar world and a universally beneficial and inclusive economic globalization.

In a written statement, Xi hoped for the G20's greater role as an important

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Javier Miranda, former president of Uruguay's Broad Front party, expressed his hope that this summit will mark a significant step towards building a multi-polar world — one that fosters dialogue.

In a world fraught with wars and conflicts, the commitment to dialogue stands as one goal of this G20 meeting, he told Xinhua.

Following its assumption of the pres-

respect, equal-footed cooperation and mutual benefit, and support Global South countries in achieving greater development," Xi said in a signed article published in Brazilian media outlet Folha de S Paulo on Sunday.

"Building a sustainable planet requires the G20 to promote sustainable production and lifestyle as a way to achieve harmony between humanity and nature," he said.

The Chinese president also pledged China's active support for the initiative of a Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty proposed by Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

"As we gather at the G20 to address critical global issues such as governance,

identity, Brazil has established the summit theme as "Building a Just World and a Sustainable Planet". Key priorities outlined by the Brazilian government include combatting hunger, poverty, and inequality, advancing sustainable development, and driving reforms in global governance.

"Building a just world requires the G20 to honour the principles of mutual



People welcome Chinese President Xi Jinping in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 17 November 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

hunger, sustainability, and the environment, we recognize the crucial role of our partnership with China," said Rodrigo Castro, deputy secretary for Major Events and Promotion Actions of the Government of the State of Rio de Janeiro.

Many of the solutions to address challenges faced by developing nations stem from ideas and practices already implemented in China, Castro said.

"For us Brazilians who are hosting the G20 ... we are very proud to welcome

the president and the entire Chinese delegation," he told Xinhua.

Apart from the G20 summit, Xi is also to pay a state visit to Brazil, as this year marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries.

During the visit, Xi will hold an in-depth exchange of views with the Brazilian president on bilateral relations and international and regional issues of common interest. — Xinhua

Biden authorizes Ukrainian long-range strikes into Russia using ATACMS missiles – Reports

THE US and its allies spent months debating whether or not to give Ukraine the go-ahead to use its NATO-provided long-range strike systems to target Russia. In September, President Putin warned that allowing Kyiv to use its Western long-range missiles on Russia would mean NATO's direct participation in a war against the Russian Federation.

President Biden has signed off on the Ukrainian military's use of US-made ATACMS missiles to try to help defend its faltering positions in Ukrainian-occupied areas of Russia's Kursk region, the New York Times reported on Sunday, citing US officials apprized of the situation.

Officials told the newspaper that they "do not expect



(FILES) A car parked in front of the US Embassy in central Moscow on 5 November 2024 carries a model of a missile, having an inscription "To Washington!" at the day of US Presidential election. The Kremlin said on 18 November 2024 that US President Joe Biden's outgoing administration will further inflame tensions by allowing Ukraine to use long-range missiles for strikes inside Russia. **PHOTO: AFP**

the shift" in policy "to fundamentally alter the course of the war" (NYT's phrasing), and indicated that Biden could fur-

ther authorize Kyiv to use the weapons in directions besides Kursk in the future. — SPUTNIK

Indonesian president says wanted country to join BRICS since 2014

INDONESIAN President Prabowo Subianto has said that he has wanted the country to join BRICS since 2014, when he first ran for president.

"Actually, I already announced in 2014, when I started my attempts at running for president of Indonesia ... I did announce that when I become president of Indonesia, I will bring Indonesia to join BRICS," Subianto said at a business forum in Brazil on Sunday.

Subianto reiterated Indonesia's intention to become a member of BRICS, adding that it was important for the global economy.

Indonesia became a BRICS partner state during the 16th summit of the bloc in Russia's Kazan.

The partner status enables countries to participate in special sessions of BRICS summits and meetings of foreign ministers, as well as other ministerial-level events, such on trade and national security, and the parliamentary forum. The partners may also consent to the BRICS final documents.

BRICS is an intergovernmental association created in 2006. Russia assumed the rotating presidency of the bloc on 1 January 2024. The year began with the accession of new members to the association. In addition to Russia, Brazil, India, China and South Africa, it now includes Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, according to the website of the Russian 2024 BRICS Chairmanship. — SPUTNIK