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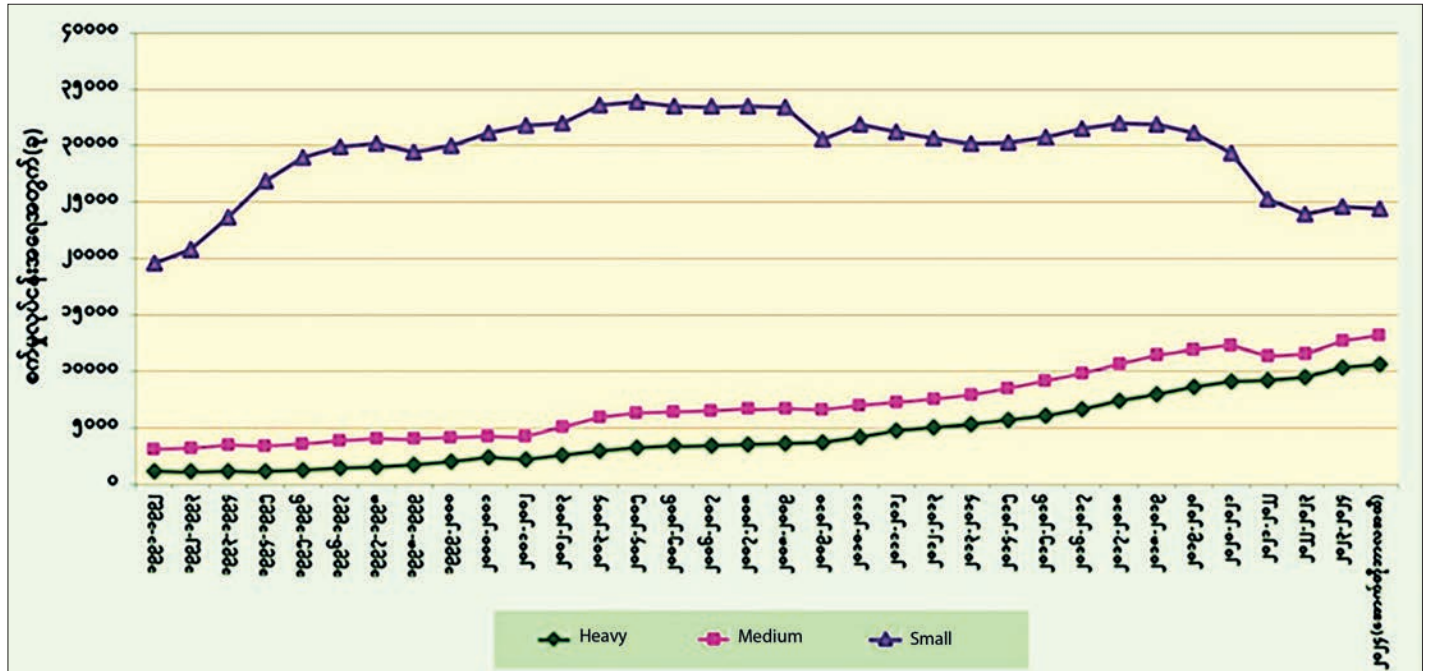


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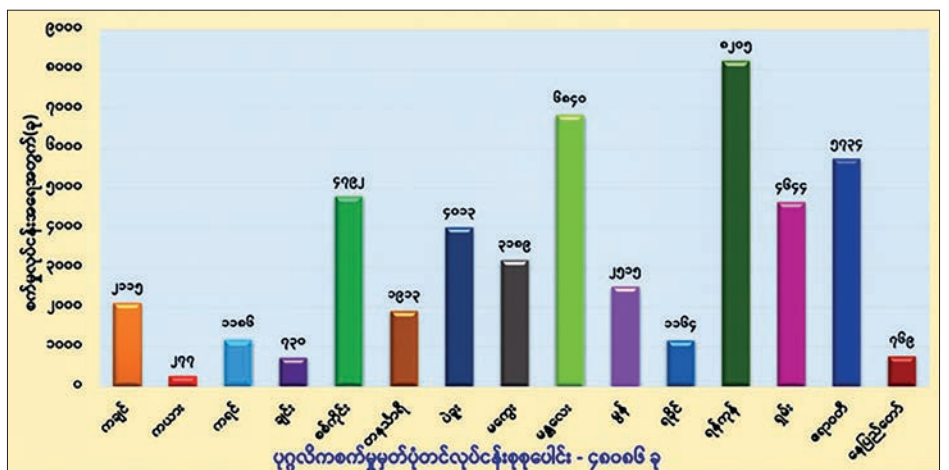
This chart shows the trends in MSEs and heavy industries from 1991 to October 2024.

DISI-registered private industries surpass 48,000 by end of Oct

According to the Ministry of Industry's data, 48,086 private industries have been registered with the Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection recently.

The registered private industries grew to 47,609 in the previous financial year 2023-2024. Four hundred and seventy-seven industries were officially listed from April to October in the 2024-2025 financial year.

Almost 50 per cent of the registered private industries embody the food group. Lists of registered private sectors are classified into 24 business groups; food, tobacco, clothing, wood and finished wood slabs, printing, chemical, rubber and plastic, basic mineral, computer and electronic device, unclassified machine, beverages, fabric, leather, paper and paper products, charcoal, pharmaceuticals, non-metallic minerals, metal refining equipment, electronics, vehicle and



This infographic reveals the total number of private industries registered with the Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection (DISI).

trailer, furniture and machines and equipment repair and installation.

Yangon Region, a commercial hub of Myanmar, is home to private industries with 8,205 registered businesses, followed by Mandalay Region with 6,840 and Ayeyawady Region with 5,734.

With the domestic growth of private businesses, DISI provides services

for small and medium enterprises to access technical assistance and funding, explore markets, register private industrial enterprises under existing laws and conduct safety inspections of boiler and electrical usage at worksites and environmental impact assessment.

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Boosting Agriculture-Based Industries to Strengthen the State Economy and Increase Output

TO promote manufacturing and industries rooted in agriculture and livestock farming – the country's primary economic sectors – supporting the development of the State economy and enhancing product output.

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with members of the Bago Region government on 30 August 2024)



Yegyaw Funfair & Bazaar returns to Yangon after 5-year hiatus

AFTER a five-year suspension, Yangon's renowned Yegyaw Funfair and Bazaar in Pazundaung Township has resumed its vibrant hustle and bustle, locals report.

The funfair and bazaar will be held for five days from 22 to 26 November to commemorate the National Victory Day in Myanmar.

"Funfair has jostling crowds. It was already overcrowded yesterday, the opening day. We are mobile vendors from one funfair to another. Among three or four festivals we have sold, Yegyaw is the most crowded and busiest bazaar. We sold different fries very well for about one million kyats yesterday," said a fry-and-fritter seller at the ongoing Yegyaw Funfair.

Yegyaw festival was last held in 2019 before the COVID-19 pandemic, and it resumed for the first time in 2024. Locals stated that streets in their wards were overcrowded again with visitors on 22 November. Yegyaw Funfair and Night Bazaar, one of the most popular and crowded festivals in Yangon, used to be held every year during the Thadingyut holidays. — MT/ZN



Yangonites enjoying the hustle and bustle of the Yegyaw festival on 22 November.

Myanmar delegation attends HLTF-ACV's 18th Meeting

THE Myanmar delegation led by Dr Wah Wah Maung, Eminent Person (EP) of Myanmar for the High-Level Task Force on ASEAN Community's Post-2025 Vision and Deputy Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, attended the 18th Meeting of High-Level Task Force on ASEAN Community's Post-2025 Vision (18th HLTF-ACV) which was held in Singapore from 19 to 23 November 2024, accompanied by officials from the Department of ASEAN Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Drafting sessions of the high-level representatives were also held on the sideline of the 18th Meeting of HLTF-ACV, and the fourth reading with 97.2 per cent completion of the draft ASEAN Political and Security Community (APSC) Strategic Plan was concluded.

The 18th HLTF-ACV Meeting was co-chaired by Eminent Persons (EP) of Lao PDR and Malaysia, as the permanent shepherd Member State, and attended by Eminent Persons, High-Level Representatives and officials from the ASEAN Member States, representatives from Timor-Leste as well as ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General for APSC and officials from the ASEAN Secretariat.



The 18th Meeting of High-Level Task Force on ASEAN Community's Post-2025 Vision in progress in Singapore on 19-23 November 2024.

At the Meeting, the HLTF-ACV had an interface with the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, IS-EAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, and Singapore Institute of International Affairs. The respective stakeholders have offered comments and recommendations to the ASEAN Community Vision 2045. The Meeting exchanged views and shared their insights on the emerging challenges and way forward on the development of the Strategic Plans.

During the 18th HLTF-ACV Meeting, Deputy Minister Dr Wah Wah Maung commended the progress of works in developing Strategic Plans for ASEAN Vision 2045 and emphasized the importance of advancing regional integration through strengthening efficiency and effectiveness of institutional

mechanisms and improving cross-pillar and cross-sector coordination. The deputy minister also highlighted the importance of prioritization and sequencing ASEAN's work plans. Given the unique nature of ASEAN, she suggested greater efforts for financial independence of the community to better exercise "ASEAN centrality". She underscored that youth participation remains a priority for the implementation of ASEAN Vision 2045. She concluded by calling for constructive engagement, greater inclusivity and equal representation in ASEAN meetings.

The upcoming 19th HLTF-ACV meeting scheduled in December 2024 will look into further developing the Strategic Plans for their adoption at the 46th ASEAN Summit in May 2025. — MNA

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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)

8th 47-member SSMNC holds second-day session of 18th plenary meeting

THE second-day session of the 18th plenary meeting of the Eighth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee was administrated at the Maha Pasana Cave on Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon yesterday.

Present on the occasion were members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee led by Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Thanlyin Min Kyaung Pahtamapyan Buddhism Learning Centre Aggamaha Pandita Aggamaha Saddhammajotikadhaja Dr Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Tin Oo Lwin and relevant officials.

State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman Dr



The second-day session of the 18th plenary meeting of the Eighth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee in progress in Yangon yesterday.

Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa presided over the event, and Joint Secretary Sayadaw Aggamaha Pandita Bhaddanta

Sihanada acted as the master of ceremonies.

At the event, Sayadaws reported on Vinicchaya, religious

affairs and educational matters. The Sayadaws discussed these measures and concluded the first session.

The Vinicchaya affairs and religious-related matters were discussed by Sayadaws in the second session at 1 pm.

Afterwards, the Joint Secretary Sayadaw sought approvals for the report of the eighth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee (Third branch) in the sixth term and concluded the meeting.

Disciples under the auspices of Kyaikkasan Wailuwun (Shwegyin) Monastery Sayadaw Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Manita (Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja) offered breakfast alms-meals and day alms-meals to State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Member Sayadaws who attended the ceremony yesterday. — MNA/KTZH

CBM attends High-Level Policy Conference of Global South's Central Banks



Central Bank of Myanmar Governor Daw Than Than Swe participates in the High-Level Policy Conference of Central Banks from the Global South organized by the Reserve Bank of India in Mumbai from 20 to 22 November.

THE Myanmar delegation led by the Central Bank of Myanmar Governor attended the

High-Level Policy Conference of Central Banks from the Global South organized by the Re-

serve Bank of India in Mumbai from 20 to 22 November.

The governors of central banks from Global South countries — India, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Maldives, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Mozambique, Madagascar and Zimbabwe attended the event, and deputy governors of Reserve Bank of India, officials of Head of Reserve Management Department from Indonesia and Brazil, executive officers of Reserve Bank of South Africa, Bank of Namibia and central banks of Thailand and the Philippines, representatives of international bank, World Bank and IMF were also present at the event.

The conference included seven Panel Sessions and fo-

cused on different topics including economic growth in Global South countries before the outbreak of COVID-19, recovery of the economy during the COVID-19 period, financial infliction and sustainable economic development with financial stability in post-COVID-19 period, interconnection in financial policy of central banks, impacts on economic system through transition into digital payment, exchange of policy experiences of central banks governors, management of foreign exchange reserve, challenging in supervising monetary institutions, impacts of AI on financial sector and impacts of Digital currency.

During the conference, the

CBM governor discussed policy-related matters, SWAP/Repo facility, interventions of CBM to stabilize the foreign exchange rate, and emphasis on overcoming external factors in export and direct payment methods of yuan, baht and rupee.

She then provided answers to questions raised by attendees on the local currency settlement system of Myanmar in trading with neighbouring countries.

She also met the governor of the Reserve Bank of India at the bilateral meeting and discussed capacity-building matters for bank staff and the expansion of local currency settlement in trading with India and Myanmar. — MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL

Chief of General Staff attends closing ceremony of 32nd ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet



THE delegation led by Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy, and Air) General Maung Maung Aye was present at the closing and awarding ceremony of the 32nd ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet — 32nd AARM on 22 November at Camp O'Donnell, Tarlas City, the Philippines, along with the

Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy, and Air) General Maung Maung Aye presents awards to the Myanmar Tatmadaw team at the awarding ceremony of the 32nd AARM at Camp O'Donnell, Tarlas City, the Philippines, on 22 November.

Chiefs of the Armies of the ASEAN nations.

After the awarding ceremony, General Maung Maung Aye encouraged the contestants of Myanmar Tatmadaw.

At the 32nd ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet (AARM), where 10 teams competed, the Myanmar military team secured fourth place in the national rankings for the precision rifle series. Additionally, in the overall results for precision and rapid-fire shooting competitions, the team achieved third place among the participating countries.

Then, Chief of the General

Staff (Army, Navy, and Air) General Maung Maung Aye attended the special lunch at Camp O'Donnell held by Lt-Gen Roy M Galido, Commanding General of the Philippine Army.

He also met with the Myanmar Embassy's chargé d'affaires, staff members, and their families, as well as Myanmar military attachés (Army, Navy, and Air), staff of the military attaché office, and their families at Meeting Room 1 of Hilton Clark Hotel on 20 November. The delegation arrived back in Myanmar on 23 November evening. — MNA/TMT

Team Myanmar grabs 5 golds, 4 silvers, 7 bronzes, ranking third at 32nd AARM

THE Myanmar military shooting team achieved impressive results at the 32nd ASEAN Armies Rifle Meet (32nd AARM), held in the Philippines from 12 to 23 November. The team returned to Nay Pyi Taw this evening, where they were welcomed back at the airport by Lt-Gen Htein Win from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Chief of Staff (Navy) Vice-Admiral Aye Min Htwe, Chief of Staff (Air) Lt-Gen Zaw Win Myint, and senior military officers.

Led by Lt-Col Thein Soe Tun, the Myanmar team comprised 42 members, including administrators, coaches, and athletes. They competed in



A contestant who won two gold medals.

events for men's and women's pistol teams, men's carbine, men's rifle, and men's machine gun teams.

The team excelled in individual competitions, earning one silver and six bronze medals. In



The Myanmar military shooting team being welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw airport yesterday.

the team-based rapid-fire matches, they secured five gold, three silver, and one bronze medal. This remarkable performance brought their total medal tally to five gold, four silver, and seven bronze medals, placing Myanmar

third among participating nations.

A contestant who competed in the 32nd AARM said: "It was my first experience to compete in the shooting contest. I am proud of securing the trophy with the

use of guns made in Myanmar keeping abreast of other countries in the AARM. Our machine gun squad swept two gold medals in the No 2 match, bringing prestige to the State." — MNA/KZL/TTA

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Read findings on 2020 election fraud and unlawful acts on website and mobile app

Individuals at home and abroad can read the findings in the investigation of “voting fraud and unlawful acts”, which occurred in the 2020 multiparty democratic general election on the website and mobile application, starting from 22 November.

Website and mobile application showcase the conspiracy in advance in the pre-electoral period, actions in the electoral period and events in the post-electoral period, verification over voter lists of 315 townships included in the election in the entire Myanmar, investigation on the ground and findings in investigation over the whole event of the election, revocation of the electoral results of the 2020 multiparty democratic general election, reviews on the 2020 multiparty democratic general election, and documentary photos. Individuals can read all sectors, including the findings in the investigation of voting fraud and unlawful acts, which happened in the 2020 multiparty democratic general election in a single platform.

Moreover, these presentations are expressed in five languages: Myanmar, English, Chinese, Russian and Japanese. Readers can visit the website <https://2020election.uec.gov.mm> and on mobile application downloaded from the website. — MNA/TTA

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Gems Emporium Day 6 reports sale of 615 jade lots



Gem merchants seen viewing and evaluating gem stones at the 2024 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium yesterday.

THE 2024 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium entered its sixth day yesterday. Held at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw, the event attracted both local and international gem traders. Throughout the day, the traders explored the diverse range of jade sets on display.

Jade sets numbered 851 to 1,700 were sold through the open tender system to the gem traders, with 615 lots sold. In the evening, Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi observed the activities at the emporium and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Moreover, local and international gem traders inspected jade lots numbered 1,701 to 2,559, which will be sold on the seventh day, and submitted

their bids into the tender boxes. In the evening, officials reviewed the tenders, and the sold lots will be announced on the morning of 24 November.

The 2024 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium is being hosted from 18 to 27 November. A total of 208 pearl lots and 62 gem sets were sold to domestic and international gem traders at the emporium. Additionally, 4,800 jade sets from groups A, B, and C have been sold daily to traders through open tender.

On the fifth day of the emporium, 613 out of 850 jade sets were sold, and on the sixth day, 615 out of 850 jade sets were sold. It is stated that the remaining 3,100 jade sets will continue to be sold to both local and international gem traders at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw until 27 November. — MNA/TRKM

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Weekly Roundup

19 November

2024 Mid-Year Gems Emporium kicks off



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the ceremony to open the 2024 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium at Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw, to offer 280 pearl lots, 160 gem lots, 4,800 jade lots.

20 November

Chinese Premier reaffirms Myanmar's sovereignty

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech at the meeting of the SAC at the SAC Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw, recounting his experiences in a specific meeting with Chinese Premier Mr Li Qiang in Kunming on the former's trip to attend the GMS Summit and other summits, saying that China actively supports for the implementation of the Five-Point Roadmap of the State Administration Council as well as encourages more efforts of Myanmar to initiate political stability of the country and political reform process. China reaffirmed the sovereignty of Myanmar and its territory. China encourages the Myanmar government to manage China-Myanmar border trade posts. China wishes harmonized development of Myanmar through cooperation. These talks are the clear standing of China for Myanmar's sovereignty and the endeavours of the Myanmar government, adding the Chinese Premier pledged to provide necessary aid for the election and enumeration of population and household census process.

Website, mobile app showcase election fraud

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21 November

Union Budget boosts prioritized sectors for 2024-25 FY

A meeting on the submission of the additional budget of the Union for the 2024-25 financial year took place at the office of the State Administration Council Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw, with an address by Financial Commission Vice-Chairman SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win.

Myanmar Press Council reconstituted

The State Administration Council issued Order 188/2024 on 20 November to reconstitute the Myanmar Press Council under Section 13 of the News Media Law with Chairman Dr Tin Htun Oo, Vice-Chairman 1 U Khin Maung Zaw and Vice-Chairman 2 U Khin Maung Kyaw Din, together with one secretary and two joint secretaries totalling 25.

22 November

Polytechnic Universities now operational in six cities



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech at the centenary celebration of Myanmar Engineering Education in conjunction with the inauguration of Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University at the university.

So far, the government has established the Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University and seven other polytechnic universities, 27 technological universities, 19 universities of computer studies, one Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University and one Myanmar Maritime University, totalling 56 engineering universities.

Literary awards, manuscript awards announced

The 2023 National Literary Awards for Lifetime Achievement has been bestowed to doyen literati Dr Min Tin Mon (Paragu Min Nanda), Dr Toe Hla, U Nyunt Swe (Maung Swe Thet), U Than Swe (Maung Than Swe - Dawei), Dr Kyaw Win (Thamaing), and U Nyunt Tin (Maung Nyein Thu-Gyopingauk) together with winners in the national literary awards and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript awards.

23 November

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing sends video message

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Thadde Maha Thray Sithu Thadde Thiri Thudamma Min Aung Hlaing sent a video message in honour of the 23rd Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference and Seminar, highlighting Traditional medicine practitioners have to preserve and protect the cultural heritage of traditional medicines.

Students to obtain doctoral degrees in traditional medicines in 2025 AY

Mandalay Traditional Medicine University will confer doctoral degrees on students in the traditional medicine realm, said SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win at the opening of the 23rd Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference and Seminar in Nay Pyi Taw. — GNLM/TTA

MoALI signs to receive 3,000-tonne rice stocks under APTERR Tier 3 programme

MINISTRY of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MoALI) signed a Memorandum of Agreement with APTERR's secretary-general on 21 November in Nay Pyi Taw to receive 3,000 tonnes of rice from the Republic of Korea under the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) Tier 3 programme.

Under the APTERR Tier 3 programme, 3,000 tonnes from

the Republic of Korea and 500 tonnes of locally produced rice with donations from China will be contributed to people affected by natural disasters and the events of calamities. Over 1,000 tonnes of reserved rice under the APTERR programme were contributed to regions and states affected by devastating floods last September, the ministry stated.

With Myanmar being a

member of APTERR, the ministry has actively participated in APTERR Tier 3 programme for rice donations to natural disaster-hit communities starting in 2017. — NN/KK

A signing event of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Agriculture and APTERR's secretary-general in progress in Nay Pyi Taw on 21 November 2024.



Myanmar businesspeople welcomed to Pulses Conclave 2025 in India

ACCORDING to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization, India Pulses and Grains Association (IPGA) will host the seventh edition of the Pulses Conclave 2025 from 12 to 14 February 2025 at the G20 summit venue Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India, and Myanmar businesspeople are invited for this event.

The seventh edition of Pulses Conclave, the world's largest conference-cum-exhibition of the pulses sector that attracts delegates from across the globe, will be themed around Pulses for Prosperity – Nourishment with Sustainability and explore the crucial roles of pulses in driving sustainable agricultural practices, enhancing global food security and contributing to economic prosperity.

This biennial event is a great platform for high-level discussions, insights into the latest industry trends, and collaboration opportunities to shape the future of the pulses sector.

Interested individuals can register through <https://ticketing.chkdn.com/pulse-conclave>.

Patrons can enjoy a special registration price of 15,000 rupees. Nonmembers can contact IPGA for the patronship and individuals can enquire about details of the events through www.ipga.co.in or thepulseconclave@ipga.co.in. Myanmar businesspeople can contact the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization at 067 408622 or email event.td.myantrade@gmail.com. — NN/KK



Workers meticulously organize rice bags in a warehouse.

Action against unregistered rice warehouse operators

THE Ministry of Commerce announced on 21 November that warehouse operators will receive a warning first and get their business licence, registration and permits suspended unless they register within two months from the release of the directive regarding the mandatory registration.

The Ministry of Commerce launched the Myanmar Rice Online (MyRO) platform last year to ensure rice self-sufficiency, systematic exports, rice and paddy price stability, system-

atic registration for rice and paddy storage, and a warehouse financing system.

The ministry released Notification 82/2024 dated 24 October 2024 that the warehouse operators and wholesalers need to seek registration on MyRO through www.myro.com.mm for procurement of more than 2,500 baskets of paddy and over 25 tonnes of rice for commercial purposes. They need to adhere to the registration regulations strictly, the ministry declared. — NN/KK

CBM sells 17.8M Thai baht, \$25,000 on 22 Nov

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) pumped 17.8 million Thai baht and US\$25,000 on 22 November after the sale of 50 million baht into the financial market through the foreign exchange trading platform on 21 November.

CBM sold over \$3,900 on 21 November, \$24 million on 20 November, \$20 million and 100 million baht on 19 November, and over \$12,000 on 18 November.

CBM announced on 16 November the sale of \$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 the sale of 15 million baht to importers on 11 November.

It sold over 800,000 yuan on 11 November, over 2.17 million



The general view of the Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw.

yuan and \$3,000 again on 8 November after sales of over 21 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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NATIONAL Entertainment



Song composer Yenantha Soe Hlaing

Great composer and singer Yenantha Soe Hlaing's 93rd birthday celebration occurred at M3 on 21 November. Sayama Juu and Sayama Mya Kya Ngon (aka) Dr Nilar Thein organized the event called 'Ma Oh Thay Thaw Ateik Tay Pon Yeik'. Veteran musicians like Tin Tin Mya, Maung Thein Win, Than Myat Soe, and other artistes from the literary, music and film industries attended the ceremony. At the event, 93-year-old Yenantha Soe Hlaing sang a song, and 94-year-old pianist (U) Sein Thaug played the piano for him.



Academy Dera Moh

Academy Dera Moh has taken on the role of music director for the musical film 'Rhythm of Dreams', set to premiere in December. The movie is produced by singer Ni Ni Khin Zaw. Dira Moh created songs and music in detail in the film. He also establishes the Music City Myanmar (Gita Myo).



CELEBRITY BRIEF

Melody

Academy Melody sang songs and starred in some MVs. She received criticism for singing a song by Htoo Eain Thin. Composer and singer Thein Lin Soe made positive comments regarding Melody's singing style.



Zwe Pyae

Singer Zwe Pyae announced that he will release a new song for his fans marking his birthday. The song 'Mway Nae Bawa' was composed by Min Zaw Htet, to the accompaniment of Silver Gold Band and Mixing & Mastering Kyaw Gyi. A Kyin Nar Thomas Harmony also featured the song. The singer met fans at the Shwe Min Nyi Naung jewellery sale event at Zalatwah Plaza in Nay Pyi Taw in the previous week.

Soe Sandar Tun

Vocalist Soe Sandar Tun released her 'Aye Chan Par Say' music video on her YouTube channel on 22 November. She also mentioned the causes of creating and making the video of her song. She urged her fans to support her song and made wishes for her fans on the full moon of Tazaungmone on her Facebook page. – Htun Htun/KTZH



Thu Khamein Hlaing

Modern song composer Thu Khamein Hlaing posted a photo featuring singers and players of Emperor Band with the background of Kawthoung taken in 1990, on his Facebook page. Some of the people in the photo have already died. He also made a motivational quote: "Only when there is little left, does abundance appear. If life could exist without existence, such existence serves as a reminder, like the hand of the clock guiding us with lessons. Growing older, memories mature".

- Make-up - May Thurein (Rein Rein)
- Hair - Dee Dee
- Designer - Tint Soe Lwin (Glamorous Fashion)
- Floral - Min Thuta
- Photo - Tin Ko Tun & Pro Studio
- Jewellery - Three silver unbrellas



3 renowned singers to host 'Winter Without You' show

THREE vocalists Phyo Pyae Sone, Eaint Chit and Jewel will organize the 'Winter Without You' show at Inya Lake Garden in Yangon, according to Phyo Pyae Sone.

"I met Jewel many times but haven't met Ma Eaint Chit for long. We will sing our duet songs. The songs that we sing will be the same with the expectation of fans, and so let's meet at Inya Lake garden," he said.

The show will start at 7 pm on 24 November, accompanied by Daily Gita Band. –ASH/KTZH

NATIONAL

MoI Union Minister attends World Vocational & Technical Education Development Conf in China

A Myanmar delegation, led by Dr Charlie Than, Union Minister for Industry, attended the 2024 World Vocational and Technical Education Development Conference, held in Tianjin from 20 to 22 November.

He met Mr Hui Jing Fung, Chinese Minister of Education, deputy ministers, the mayor of Tianjin, officials from various countries attending the ceremony, officials from educational associations, and entrepreneurs.

In addition, the Union minister met with the principal of Guangxi Economic and Trade Vocational Institute to have a cordial discussion on the submission of proposals for establishing a training school in Myanmar with the assistance of the Tianjin Government of China. They also discussed the publication of Myanmar-translated books for key subjects, such as “Sewing Workers” and

“Clothing Designers”, as well as the support provided by the Guangxi Training Institute.

On 21 November, the Union minister and the delegation attended the opening ceremony of the 2024 World Vocational and Technical Education Development Conference. The conference included six simultaneous sessions. During the conference, the Union minister addressed three key areas related to skill development through TVET: the global TVET strategy for skill development and youth development, national TVET policy development and innovative practices at TVET institutions, and collaboration between industry and education sectors to meet the needs of the labour market.

Union Minister Dr Charlie Than then attended a ministerial-level roundtable discussion, which focused on the collaboration between 13 ministries in



The Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister Dr Charlie Than attends a ministerial-level roundtable discussion.

Myanmar and the private sector to support the development of the TVET sector more broadly.

Next, he attended and inspected the finals and awards ceremony of the World Vocational College Level Skills Competition, where he presented an

award to a group of vocational students from Myanmar who won third place.

The Union minister and his team attended the closing ceremony of the conference held on 22 November before visiting Tianjin University of

Foreign Studies to meet and greet students attending Myanmar language courses.

In the evening, the Union minister and his team departed from Tianjin Airport and arrived back in Yangon yesterday. — MNA/TKO

Myanmar attends 2024 World Vocational & Technical Education Development Conf in China

DEPUTY Minister for Education Dr Zaw Myint attended the 2024 World Vocational and Technical Education Development Conference, held in Tianjin, People's Republic of China, from 20 to 22 November. He was accompanied by U Kyaw Win, Director-General of the Department of Alternative Education and Lifelong Learning.

On 20 November, the deputy minister and the delegation visited the Tiankai Higher Education Innovation Park and attended a dinner to commemorate the conference in the evening.

On the morning of 21 November, the deputy minister attended the opening ceremony of the conference and the keynote speeches at the Tianjin National Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The delegation then visited the special exhibition at the conference. In the afternoon, they attended a seminar titled “Integrating Work



Deputy Minister Dr Zaw Myint encourages students who were taking Myanmar language courses during Tianjin Foreign Studies University tour on 22 November.

and Education to Improve the Quality of Vocational Education”. They were briefed on the MSME-supported degree and diploma courses offered by the Ministry of Education at several universities and participated in a ministerial-level roundtable discussion.

On the morning of 22 November, Deputy Minister Dr Zaw Myint and Myanmar delegation attended the closing ceremony of the conference. In the

afternoon, they visited Tianjin Foreign Studies University, where they were welcomed by President Dr Li Yingying and other officials. They had a cordial discussion on promoting cooperation between language universities in both countries. The delegation also visited the university's classrooms, where students were taking Myanmar language courses, and offered words of encouragement. — MNA/TKO

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 23 November 2024)

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at 17:30 hours MST today, the low-pressure area over East Equatorial India Ocean and adjoining Southeast Bay of Bengal still persists. It is likely to move west-northwestwards and may further intensify into a depression over South Bay of Bengal around 25 November 2024. Thereafter, it is likely to move northwestwards and may reach to Tamil Nadu (India)-Sri Lanka coasts during next two days. Weather is cloudy over the south Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal and a few clouds to partly cloudy over the North Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 24 NOVEMBER 2024: Rain will be scattered in Taninthayi Region and Kachin State and isolated in Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and Shan, Kayin and Mon 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 4-7 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin, Shan and Chin states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24 NOVEMBER 2024: Partly cloudy.

ECONOMY WORLD

China's leading industrial park aims for globally attractive open hub

China pledges to transform Suzhou Industrial Park into a global hub for multinationals, boosting reform and resources.



CHINA has pledged to build one of its leading industrial parks into a globally attractive two-way open hub.

The Ministry of Commerce, in a notice, stressed the support for the Suzhou Industrial Park in east China's Jiangsu Province in promoting reform, opening up key areas, and improving the ability to garner global resources.

Multinationals will be encouraged to establish R&D, sales and distribution centres in the industrial park to promote the

development of the headquarters economy. The notice said the pilot on an integrated funds pool of renminbi and foreign currencies would be deepened, with more convenient cross-border receipts and payments.

According to the notice, qualified medical institutions will be encouraged to conduct clinical research in cutting-edge biopharmaceutical fields such as immune cell, stem cell and gene therapies. The Suzhou Industrial Park was founded in 1994 as the first intergovernmental cooperation project between China and Singapore. It has witnessed closer cooperation between the two sides and has become a hotbed of innovation and openness. — Xinhua

The Suzhou Industrial Park in east China's Jiangsu province.
PHOTO: CHINA DAILY

Ireland's frustrated youth look for opportunity overseas

ALISTAIR Hill, a third-year political science student at Trinity College Dublin, is frustrated by the challenges facing young people in Ireland, including the high cost of housing, limited job opportunities, and unreliable public services. Despite his strong connection to Ireland, he feels unable to afford living there, relying on his parents for financial support and housing.

Many of his friends face similar struggles, and he hopes to save money through a restaurant

job to fund a university exchange in Australia.

Hill's experience reflects a broader trend, with a survey revealing that 70 per cent of young people aged 18-24 are considering leaving Ireland due to these issues. Craig Daly, a 25-year-old political science student, also faces uncertainty about his future. Living with his family in cramped social housing, Daly works multiple jobs to make ends meet and dreams of a political career. — AFP



At Trinity College Dublin, young students say they are looking overseas for job opportunities. **PHOTO: PAUL ELLIS/AFP**

Vietnam boasts huge potential for e-commerce development

VIETNAMESE consumers buy online products up to four times per month, which shows that Vietnam boasts huge potential for e-commerce development, said Tran Minh Tuan, director of the Department of Digital Economy and Digital Society under the Ministry of Information and Communications.

Vietnam owns the potential thanks to a market of 100 million people, or 1.23 per cent of the world's population, and its location next to large markets such as China, India, and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries, Tuan said at the Vietnam Digital Industry and Trade Summit 2024 on Thursday.

He said Vietnam looked to transform wholesale and retail sale from physical stores to digital stores in order to earn higher values and increase efficiency. — Xinhua



A staff member promotes Vietnamese coffee products via livestreaming during the 19th China-ASEAN Expo at the Nanning International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Nanning, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, 19 September 2022. **PHOTO: LU BOAN/XINHUA**

BOJ to watch forex moves "seriously" in assessing inflation

THE Bank of Japan will "seriously take into account" currency movements in shaping its views on prices and the economy, Governor Kazuo Ueda said Thursday, as the yen remains on a downward trend due largely to the country's low interest rates.

Foreign exchange rates are an important factor in assessing inflation, and the central bank is closely monitoring what affects currency movements, Ueda said at an event in Tokyo, while the weaker yen has driven up import costs and pushed up prices at home.

Ueda, who is believed to lean towards a rate hike to curb inflation, reiterated that the bank considers the latest economic data to determine its monetary policy, saying, "It's impossible to predict the outcome" of the next meeting in advance. — Kyodo

Spain fines 'abusive' budget airlines 179 mln euros

SPAIN'S leftist government said Friday it has fined five budget airlines including Ryanair and EasyJet 179 million euros (\$187 million) for "abusive practices" such as charging passengers for hand luggage.

The carriers, which included Spanish airlines Volotea and Vueling along with Norwegian Air, were also fined for charging passengers to reserve adjacent seats for children and other dependents and not accepting cash when selling tickets at airports, the consumer rights ministry said.

Irish no-frills carrier Ryanair, which was the first to start charging extra for hand luggage in November 2018, was slapped with the biggest fine of 107.8 million euros.

Vueling – part of the International Airlines Group which also owns British Airways – was ordered to pay 39.3 million euros. – AFP

Northvolt CEO resigns, company on verge of bankruptcy

SWEDEN'S financially-strained electric car battery maker Northvolt announced Friday the resignation of its CEO Peter Carlsson, hours after the company sought bankruptcy protection in the US while it reorganises its business. Carlsson, who co-founded Northvolt and has led it since its inception in 2016, will "step aside from his role as CEO", the company said in a statement, adding that the search for a new chief executive was under way. – AFP

EU, China near deal to eliminate tariffs on EV imports

Lange emphasized that this agreement would help address unfair competition while ensuring a fair trade environment.



People take pictures at the booth of BYD at the Automechanika in Frankfurt, Germany, 11 September 2024. PHOTO: ZHANG FAN/XINHUA

THE European Union and China are close to concluding an agreement to eliminate tariffs on imports of Chinese electric vehicles to Europe, Bernd Lange, chair of the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade, said on Friday.

"We are continuing negotiations with the Chinese side on electric vehicles. We are close to a decision with China to cancel the duties. We are close to an agreement: China can commit to offering electric vehicles in the EU at least at the minimum price. This would solve the problem of distorting competition through unfair subsidies,

which is why duties were initially introduced," Lange told German broadcaster NTV.

The official also said that he does not share Germany's concerns about possible Chinese retaliatory measures.

The European Commission approved additional duties of up to 35.3 per cent on electric car imports from China in late October, citing what it referred to as unfair Chinese subsidies. China warned that the move could provoke a trade war. It retaliated by imposing provisional anti-dumping measures against brandy imports from the EU. — SPUTNIK

Amazon invests another \$4 bln in AI firm Anthropic

AMAZON is doubling its investment in Anthropic to \$8 billion in a deepened collaboration on artificial intelligence, the companies said Friday.

The e-commerce and technology behemoth will remain a minority investor in Anthropic, having

pumped an initial \$4 billion into the artificial intelligence developer late last year and becoming its primary cloud computing provider.

"The response from AWS customers who are developing generative AI applications powered by

Anthropic in Amazon Bedrock has been remarkable," said Matt Garman, chief of AWS cloud computing division.

"We'll keep pushing the boundaries of what customers can achieve with generative AI technologies." — AFP



AWS cloud computing unit at Amazon will work with Anthropic on chips and systems to optimize training of artificial intelligence. PHOTO: AFP

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



A high-speed train leaves Nanjing South Railway Station in Nanjing, Jiangsu province, on 7 August 2020. **PHOTO: YANG BO/CHINA NEWS SERVICE/FILE**

Yangtze River Delta adds another high-speed rail line

23 NOVEMBER

A **NEW** high-speed rail line entered trial operation on Saturday, connecting Shanghai Municipality with the provinces of Jiangsu and Zhejiang in the Yangtze River Delta in east China.

The first high-speed train on the new line, with a designed speed of 350 Kilometres per hour, pulled out of Shanghai Hongqiao station at 9:27 am and headed for the city of Huzhou in Zhejiang by way of the city of Suzhou in Jiangsu, according to China Railway Shanghai Group.

With a length of about 163 Kilometres, the rail line has a total of eight stations – six of them newly built, further facilitating development in the Yangtze River Delta.

The trial operation of this high-speed railway will last around a month and it is expected to be ready for official launch by the end of December. – Xinhua

22 NOVEMBER

China, Thailand collaborate on mangrove protection

A **SERIES** of activities on mangrove ecological protection between China and Thailand were held in Thailand's southern Phang Nga province, gathering more than 60 representatives from the natural resources and marine departments of the two countries.

The China-Thailand Mangrove Collaborative Protection Demonstration Area was unveiled in Thailand's Ao Phang-Nga National Park during the two-day event which started on Wednesday. With an area

of 311 hectares, the demonstration area is located along the coast of Phang Nga Bay.

China and Thailand's marine departments will collaborate on mangrove protection through vulnerability assessments, ecological restoration, education, and planting.

This partnership aims to establish a cooperation mechanism, focusing on preserving mangrove ecosystems, vital for biodiversity, carbon storage, and coastal protection. – Xinhua

21 NOVEMBER

Israel condemns ICC arrest warrants for Netanyahu, Gallant

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu denounced as "antisemitic" the International Criminal Court's (ICC) decision to issue arrest warrants on Thursday for him and former Defence Minister Yoav Gallant over alleged crimes against humanity in Gaza.

The ICC also issued an arrest warrant for Mohammed Diab Ibrahim Al-Masri, also known as Mohammed Deif, the former leader of Hamas's military wing. Israel an-

nounced it had killed Deif in a July airstrike in Gaza, but Hamas has not formally confirmed his death. Both Israel and Hamas denied ICC's allegations of crimes against humanity.

Netanyahu and Gallant face accusations of accountability for attacks that caused widespread harm to Gaza's civilian population, preventing access to medical treatment, and employing starvation as a weapon of war. – Xinhua

20 NOVEMBER

Adani faces bribery and fraud allegations

GAUTAM Adani, chairman of the Adani Group, which operates across industries like coal, airports, cement, and media, has recently faced allegations of corporate fraud and a stock crash.

Adani is accused of paying over \$250 million in bribes to Indian officials for solar energy contracts expected to generate \$2 billion in profits.

Despite these serious allegations, none of the defendants, including Adani, are in custody.

Prosecutors claim that Adani and other executives used bribes to secure contracts, misled investors and banks, and obstructed justice.

Adani, a self-made billionaire, founded the Adani Group in 1988 and rose to prominence through a major port project in Gujarat. – AFP

19 NOVEMBER

Chinese team achieves first quantum encryption on drone

CHINESE scientists have performed quantum experiments at various levels, including metropolitan, intercity, intercontinental, and in space.

They have now achieved a breakthrough with a drone, paving the way for a future where this "unhackable" encryption technology can be deployed in the real world.

The researchers from Nanjing University and University of Science and Technology of China have pioneered a global first by completing a quantum key distribution (QKD) experiment based on a drone platform.

Mobile platforms like drones have proven capable of performing practical quantum tasks, such as transmitting single photons to end-users. Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) relies on a quantum mechanical property that prevents the copying of unknown quantum states, ensuring a secure, "unhackable" method for exchanging encrypted messages between remote users. This breakthrough showcases the potential for drones to facilitate advanced quantum communication – Xinhua

18 NOVEMBER

G20 summit addresses climate, Ukraine, hunger

AT THE recent G20 summit in Rio de Janeiro, leaders acknowledged the urgent need for massive climate finance but failed to outline specific actions, leaving the climate crisis unresolved.

While discussing the war in Ukraine, leaders expressed support for peace. The summit also focused on calls for ceasefires in Gaza and Lebanon, urging measures to

protect civilians. The G20 endorsed taxing ultra-wealthy individuals and backed President Lula's initiative to combat global hunger, securing commitments from 82 countries. However, no breakthroughs were made in climate policy, and disagreements over Ukraine remained unresolved. The summit highlighted both cooperation and deep divisions on key global issues. – AFP

17 NOVEMBER

China's first deep-ocean drilling vessel operational

THE MENG Xiang, China's first domestically designed and built deep-ocean drilling vessel with a maximum drilling depth of 11 kilometres was officially commissioned in the southern Chinese metropolis of Guangzhou on Sunday, marking a significant stride to reach where humanity has never ventured before.

As China's largest scientific research

vessel, the Meng Xiang measures 179.8 metres in length and 32.8 metres in width, with a displacement of 42,600 tonnes.

It boasts a range of 15,000 nautical miles, a self-supportability for 120 days, and a capacity to accommodate 180 people.

The vessel's core samples will aid ocean studies, plate tectonics, and life evolution. – Xinhua

SPORTS

200 participate in National Mountain Bike Race

THE Yangon Region government organized a national-level mountain bike invitational race on 22 November as part of the lead-up to December 2024, a sports month. The event began at 6:30 am on Kanyeiktha Road in Yangon, drawing around 200 male and female cyclists.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein officiated the opening of the race, which started near the Tank Mound on Kanyeiktha Road. Bikers competed around the Kandawgyi Lake circuit, ultimately returning to the starting point for the finish line.

After the races concluded, an award ceremony was held, with the chief minister presenting medals and cash awards to the top three winners. Regional ministers and officials also gave cash awards to participants finishing fourth to tenth places.

The first-place winner received K500,000, while the second and third were awarded K300,000 and K200,000, respectively. Cyclists who placed fourth and fifth received K150,000 and K100,000, while participants finishing from sixth to tenth each received K50,000. — Arkar Linn/KZL



This photo captures cyclists competing in the national mountain bike race on Kanyeiktha Road, Yangon.



Harry Kane (R) of Bayern Munich celebrates his third goal with teammate Thomas Mueller during the German first division Bundesliga football match between Bayern Munich and FC Augsburg in Munich, Germany, 22 November 2024. **PHOTO: PHILIPPE RUIZ/XINHUA**

Bayern down Augsburg to stay atop in Bundesliga

HARRY Kane's hat-trick paved the way for Bayern Munich's 3-0 victory over stubborn Augsburg in the opening match of the 11th round in Bundesliga on Friday.

Bayern started on the front foot and went close after 13 minutes when Leon Goretzka had a promising shot saved before Joshua Kimmich attempted a close-range effort five minutes later.

Augsburg defended deep but couldn't prevent Bayern from creating more chances, with goalkeeper Nediljko Labrovic having to be alert to deny Harry Kane and Jamal Musiala in quick succession in the 27th minute.

Bayern should have opened the scoring on the stroke of halftime, but neither Musiala nor Goretzka could beat Labrovic. — Xinhua

All eyes on Portman Road as Amorim makes Man Utd debut as coach

ALTHOUGH it may not be the biggest match of the weekend, one game is going to claim most of the headlines in the Premier League as Ruben Amorim makes his long-awaited debut as the new coach of Manchester United.

Amorim's debut is away to Ipswich Town who stunned Tottenham away from home before the international break to claim its first win of the season. United picked up after Erik ten Hag's sack-

ing, with Ruud van Nistelrooy doing an impressive job as temporary coach, and van Nistelrooy's work will put the former Sporting Lisbon boss even more under the spotlight. There are questions over whether he will use a four or five-man defence, with wing-backs, and whether he can revitalize players, such as Marcos Rashford, whose careers have taken a nosedive under the former boss. There is also going to be a lot of

focus on the 'Blue' side of Manchester as Manchester City looks to end its four-game losing streak.

The club's worst ever run under Pep Guardiola didn't stop the coach penning a new deal to end speculation over his future - indeed, it may even have speeded up a contract that ends the uncertainty that has been hanging over Guardiola since the start of the campaign. — Xinhua

ISPE FC, Ayeyawady United secure full points in MNL matches

THE 2024-2025 Myanmar National League (MNL) season continued on 23 November with Matchday 14. Both ISPE FC and Ayeyawady United claimed full points with convincing wins.

At Thuwunna Youth Training Centre, ISPE FC beat Dagon Port FC with a 7-1 victory. ISPE's striker, Thein Zaw Thiha, delivered an outstanding performance, scoring five goals and earning the Man of the Match award.

His team dominated with two goals in the first half and four more in the second. Than Toe Aung contributed additional goals in 51 minutes and Soe Lin Aung in 84 minutes. The result strengthens ISPE FC's position in the top five standings.

Meanwhile, at Patheingyi Stadium, Ayeyawady United defeated Mahar United 3-1. Despite falling behind to a 39 minutes opener by Mahar's Thein



Thein Zaw Thiha scores a penalty for ISPE FC. **PHOTO: MNL**

Naing, Ayeyawady rallied in the second half. Yazar Aung converted two penalties in 50 and 51 minutes, while Aung Pyae Phyo sealed the win in 84 minutes. The victory helped Ayeyawady United climb out of the relegation zone.

Matchday 14 concludes today, 24

November, featuring Shan United versus Yadanabon at Taunggyi Stadium, Yangon United versus GFA at Yangon United Sports Complex, and Dagon Star United versus Myawady at Thuwunna Youth Training Centre. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Guinness World Records and attempts to set them

The first Guinness World Records Day was celebrated in 2005, marking the book's recognition as the best-selling copyrighted book.



Martial arts professional Vispy Kharadi and his team performed a nine-layer bed of nails sandwich in Surat, India, on 23 October 2019. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

17 NOVEMBER 2021 is Guinness World Records Day, celebrated on Thursday during the third week of November. On this day, thousands of people around the world attempt to set some kind of record in order to get into the next issue of the Book.

According to the Book's website, the annual event commemorates the day it was named "the world's best-selling

copyrighted book". Guinness World Records Day was celebrated for the first time in 2005.

The very first Guinness Book of Records was published in 1955. The idea arose during a dispute in a pub - hunting lovers could not decide which of the birds was faster than the rest.

One of the participants in the dispute was Hugh Beaver, executive director of the Irish

brewery Arthur Guinness Son & Co, who decided to publish a book lauding various achievements.

The first edition, which was only 198 pages in length, came out with a circulation of several thousand copies.

To date, more than 120 million copies of the Guinness Book of Records have been sold in more than 100 countries around the world. — SPUTNIK

Rare Caravaggio shown to public for first time in Rome exhibition

The portrait is being displayed at the Barberini Palace in Rome, a venue that already houses several of Caravaggio's other works.

A rarely seen painting by Italian master Caravaggio, part of a private collection, is going on display to the public for the first time in an exhibition in Rome.

"The Portrait of Maffeo Barberini" features the future Pope Urban VIII, who hailed from the noble Roman Barberini family and was a friend of Caravaggio's patron.

Born in 1568, Maffeo Barberini, a wealthy humanist, became Pope Urban VIII in 1623,

servicing until his death in 1644.

The portrait of him by Caravaggio, authenticated in 1963 by art critic Roberto Longhi, was part of the Barberini family collection for centuries before passing into private hands in the 1930s.

Displayed at the Barberini Palace, which houses several of Caravaggio's works, this portrait is rare, with only a handful of Caravaggio's portraits known. — AFP



'Portrait of Maffeo Barberini' by Italian master Caravaggio goes on display to the public for the first time. **PHOTO: AFP**



Afghan horse riders compete in a Buzkashi game in Balkh province, Afghanistan, 22 November 2024. **PHOTO: M FARDIN NAWROZI/XINHUA**

Horse riders compete in Buzkashi game in Afghanistan

BUZKASHI, also known as "goat grabbing", is a traditional and highly competitive sport that has deep cultural roots in Afghanistan.

The game involves two teams of horsemen, often numbering between 10 to 15 riders per team, who engage in a fierce contest to grab a goat carcass from the ground and transport it to a designated goal or marker.

The objective is to wrest control of the goat carcass from opponents while riding on horseback at full speed, often in chaotic and physically demanding conditions.

Riders use a variety of techniques, including blocking, pulling, and even grappling, as they struggle to gain possession of the goat and advance towards the goal.

The game is played on an open field, and the rules can vary by region, but it is universally recognized for its intense physicality, strategic manoeuvring, and the skill required to control both the horse and the carcass.

Buzkashi is a significant cultural event and is celebrated with great passion in Afghanistan, often drawing large crowds. — Xinhua