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50 bird species flock to Kyonekapyin-Tapseik Wildlife Area in Dec



This photo showcases migratory birds arriving in the Kyonekapyin-Tapseik Wildlife Area in December 2024. **PHOTO: KTCG**

ACCORDING to the chairperson of the Kyonekapyin-Tapseik Wildlife Conservation Group (KTCG), approximately 50 species of birds, including migratory birds, flocked to the Kyonekapyin-Tapseik Wildlife Conservation Area in Ayeyawady Region in December 2024.

He further said that more than 20 species of migratory birds arrived in the area in December, and 48 birds, including some native birds, were recorded in December 2024.

“Starting from August, one or two migratory birds arrived. By September, many more have arrived. In December, there were more than 20 species. According to the list col-



The Kyonekapyin-Tapseik Wildlife Conservation Group (KTCG) are seen conducting a field survey at the Kyonekapyin-Tapseik Wildlife Area in Ayeyawady Region.

lected in December, 48 species of migratory and native species have been recorded. We will also collect a sample in January 2025, and we will know by the end of January,” he said.

Among the recorded species, some birds face extinction and some have not been recorded before. Since 2016, local people have been working together to protect bird species and the KTCG, which was formed in 2018, is working hard to protect birds.

Foreign tourists visited the area in 2018 and 2019 to observe bird species, while more than 160 local bird lovers and 37 people visited in 2022 and in the last months of 2024 respectively. — MT/ZN

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Unlocking Knowledge: The Essential Role of Libraries and Reading Habits

- A library is an institution dedicated to disseminating knowledge.
- It is essential to cultivate a reading habit.
- Individuals should read books to acquire knowledge.
- They must take notes from their readings to deepen their understanding.
- Reading is a powerful tool for accumulating knowledge.

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to the ceremony to donate cash and books to libraries across the nation for their development on 10 April 2024)

National Objectives for 78th Anniversary of Union Day 2025

1. To strive for the perpetual development of the Union through the Union spirit, patriotic values, a sublime state of mind and a genuine nationalist spirit.
2. To encourage collaborative efforts among all ethnic nationals to pursue dialogue for durable peace and to end armed conflicts.
3. To collectively advance cooperation amongst all national people, the government, and Tatmadaw to ensure stability, peace and the rule of law.
4. To enhance collaborative efforts to ensure nationwide stability and tranquillity, enabling the successful conduct of multiparty democratic general elections.
5. To promote equitable development across all regions and states, as well as enhance health, education and job opportunities for ethnic nationals.

Mottos for 78th Anniversary of Union Day 2025

1. When all ethnic national brethren stand in unity, hand in hand, the Union will firmly stand.
2. Drifting in one boat, on the same voyage we float; Bound together in communion, the heart of the Union.
3. United in heart and soul, Marching towards the Union's goal.
4. Let's build peace to achieve prosperity.
5. Strong in unity, ethnic national brethren ensure the nation's strength.



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Cybersecurity Law (State Administration Council Law No 1/2025)

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Chapter IX Responsibilities of service provider

29. Cybersecurity service providers must abide by the following disciplines –
 - (a) Taking necessary order or document for relevant service or sector in accord with the relevant laws.
 - (b) Adopting and implementing preventive measures for cybersecurity contributing to the cybersecurity violation and emergency monitor and response teams.
 - (c) Warning about the potential for cybersecurity breaches and providing advice on preventive measures.
 - (d) Having plans and solutions in place for urgent responses to malware or cyberattacks.
 - (e) Immediately implementing an appropriate emergency response plan, responding and resolving the issue, and notifying the relevant stakeholders when a malware or cyberattack occurs.
 - (f) Adhering to international standards and necessary technologies related to cybersecurity.
 - (g) Preventing the leakage, corruption, or loss of data from service users, ensuring the protection of such information.
 - (h) Promptly reporting to the department in case of any cybersecurity incident.
 - (i) Following the regulations for licensed practices.
 - (j) Preparing and submitting cybersecurity business reports to the department following the set criteria.
30. A digital platform service provider must abide by following criteria —
 - (a) Taking necessary order or document for relevant service or sector in accord with the relevant laws.
 - (b) Storing the materials containing the information in accordance with the specifications, depending on the level of the user's information when accessing and using the service.
 - (c) Complying with the relevant laws and regulations if they wish to engage in a related business or profit-making activity through digital platform services.
 - (d) Following disciplined mentioned in registration certificate.
31. The digital platform service provider must have adequate measures in place to ensure that, in the event of the following occurrence on the platform providing the service, relevant information and cyber resources can be accessed:-
 - (a) The emergence of information that causes hatred, disrupts unity, or disturbs peace and stability;
 - (b) The spread of false news or rumours;
 - (c) The disclosure of inappropriate information to the public;
 - (d) The depiction of a child in a degrading manner, including harmful images, videos, texts, or symbols for sexual purposes;
 - (e) The dissemination of information contrary to existing laws or actions that are inconsistent with the law;
 - (f) A report related to information intended to harm an individual's social or economic standing;
 - (g) A report related to the violation of intellectual property rights;
 - (h) A report related to inciting, committing, attempting, supporting, assisting, or acting as a facilitator for violent acts.
32. The digital platform service provider must act promptly to block, remove, destroy, or suspend any item identified under Section 31, whether discovered independently or notified by the relevant authority, in compliance with the set criteria.
33. The digital platform service provider must retain the following relevant information related to the service user for a period of three years.
 - (a) personal data of the service users
 - (b) user's usage records of the service
 - (c) data set by the department from time to time
34. Under existing laws, any individual or organization that has been granted authority may request any or all information under Section 33 in writing. In such cases, the digital platform service provider must provide the requested information in line with the specified criteria.
35. A cybersecurity service provider or digital platform service provider must collaborate with the relevant business committee when carrying out actions related to a cybersecurity threat, cyberattack, or any process involving cyber misuse.

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NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

Digital Skill Up Training 1/2025 opened

THE Small-Scale Industries Department under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development launched the Digital Skill Up Training 1/2025 (TOT) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the event, the Union minister said digital technology is essential for the success of various businesses, including small-scale industries. Therefore,

all the trainees should share their knowledge gained at the training and apply it in their workplace practically. The department will support the needed things while the efforts are being made for the success of local businesses which are focal pillars of MSMEs.

Then, the trainers briefed the subjects, and they posed for a documentary photo together. — MNA/KTZH



The commemorative group photo of the Digital Skill Up Training yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw, opened by Union Minister U Hla Moe.

Tatmadaw begins rehabilitation after terrorist destruction in Pekhon

IN Pekhon Township, Shan State (South), KNPP, KNDF, and PDF terrorists committed destructive acts aimed at undermining the administrative mechanism while using residential buildings for cover. Local ethnic communities, unable to tolerate these activities, reported them to Tatmadaw.

In response, Tatmadaw alongside PNO-transformed local people's militia conducted combined security operations in the affected areas. Clashes ensued, leading to the retreat of terrorists. During their retreat, terrorists reportedly burned and destroyed houses, looted property, and attacked civilians, forcing many residents to seek temporary shelter in safer locations.

Tatmadaw has now resumed border security operations to restore peace and stability in the



Pekhon Township departmental personnel receive foodstuffs and cash awards.

region. Displaced residents are beginning to return to their villages, and efforts are underway to rehabilitate the affected areas. Security forces are also involved in clearing debris and assisting with rehabilitation work, includ-

ing at roadsides and the Ludes Maedaw Monastery (Maedaw Cave) in Pekhon Township.

Lt-Gen Naing Naing Oo from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), accompanied by the command of the Eastern

Command, inspected the rehabilitation efforts. During the visit, they donated cash and essential items such as rice, oil, and food to the Ludes Maedaw Monastery and presented offerings to the monks at Nattaw Monastery.

Additionally, Lt-Gen Naing Naing Oo and his team provided food supplies and cash awards to government department staff in Pekhon Township, further supporting the recovery process. — MNA/MKKS



This image reveals the debris and destruction caused by bomb blasts perpetrated by KNPP, KNDF, and PDF terrorists.

NATIONAL

Global Elim Foundation Scholarship offers to 2 Myanmar students in S Korea



This image depicts Global Elim Foundation's officials being pictured in the documentary group photo session at a ceremony with some international diplomats.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the Global Elim Foundation Scholarship (GEFS), announced by the Myanmar Embassy to the Republic of Korea on 6 January 2025.

Two Myanmar students, who are granted admission to study undergraduate, master's degree and doctoral

degree courses (Korean language course is excluded) at a university in the Republic of Korea and have difficulty with school fees and accommodation costs, will be selected for the scholarship.

Eligible students can apply it with full documentation by 4 pm on 23 January 2025.

The application can be submitted either in person or by post addressing to the Myanmar Embassy, Hannam-aero 28, -gil 12, Yongsan-gu, Seoul 04418, or mentoringcenter-global@gmail.com, it said.

Late submissions are not acceptable, it added. — MT/ZS

December Nat-Test certificates and scores now available

CERTIFICATES and score results for Nat-Test taken on 8 December 2024 are available now, Nat-Test Centre, Yangon announced. Certificates can be obtained for N2 and N4 on 3 January, N3 on 5 January, N5 on 6 January and over the next six months as of 7 January for all levels.

Candidates will have to present a copy or original ID if they come in person, or a copy of the ID of the candidate and repre-

sented person. Language centres will need to submit the list of students on letterhead a day in advance and ensure registration numbers are accurate, it said.

Certificates and score results are available at B-11, ground floor, Anawrahta Housing, Hledan (near Insein Road-Hledan bus stop), Kamayut Township in Yangon, and not eligible for those who can't prove complete documents, it warned. — MT/ZS



This image shows a Nat-Test centre in Yangon.

COVID-19 report, 6 January 2025

NEW TESTS	NEW CASE	CASUALTIES
2,468	NIL	NIL

*Myanmar National Centre for Diseases Control
Department of Public Health*

Gold Market Rate as of 6 January 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,330,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

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Ganthavacaka Pandita title

1. Bhaddanta Nanavamsa, Maha Theindawgyi Buddhism Learning Centre, Mingon Ward, Bhamo, Kachin State
2. Bhaddanta Kalyavudha, Thamikayama Monastery, Yathawaw Village, Hpa-an Township, Sagaing Region
3. Bhaddanta Kesava, Maniyadanapon Buddhism Learning Centre, Ward 6, Shwebo, Sagaing Region
4. Bhaddanta Tejaniya, Kandaw Buddhism Learning Centre, Ward 2, Mingin, Sagaing Region
5. Bhaddanta Dhammananda, Maha Wizaya Mandaing Monastery, Thawtapan Ward, Sagaing, Sagaing Region
6. Bhaddanta Tejobhasa, Masoeyin Buddhism Learning Centre, Kanphya Ward, Myeik, Taninthayi Region
7. Bhaddanta Siromani, Zeyawady Buddhism Learning Centre, Peinnetaw Ward, Dawei, Taninthayi Region
8. Bhaddanta Sujata, Paukmyaing Buddhism Learning Centre, Ward 6, Lewe, Nay Pyi Taw
9. Bhaddanta Tejaniya, Ohntaw Buddhism Learning Centre, Ywagauk Ward, Pynmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw
10. Bhaddanta Tejinda, Shwein Yeiktha Buddhism Learning Centre, Saya San Ward, Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw
11. Bhaddanta Sumangala, KanU Buddhism Learning Centre, Yezin Village, Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw
12. Bhaddanta Tusita, Aungsitha Buddhism Learning Centre, Aungsitha Ward, Pobbathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw
13. Bhaddanta Vasettha, Sasanapala Dhamma Yeiktha (Myeik) Monastery, Nyanatheikdi Ward, Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw
14. Bhaddanta Nandasara, Shwenatha Dhamma Yeiktha Monastery, Shwenatha Ward, Ottarathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw
15. Bhaddanta Tejaniya, Maungthaung Buddhism Learning Centre, Phayagyi Street Ward, Thonze, Thayawady Township, Bago Region
16. Bhaddanta Pannajota, Mandalaykyauung Buddhism Learning Centre, Nyaung-waing/Tayoktan Ward, Shwegyin, Bago Region
17. Bhaddanta Kosalla, Waziyayama Khintankyaung Buddhism Learning Centre, Myoma Ward 5, Nyaunglebin, Bago Region
18. Bhaddanta Indavamsa, Thamanaykyaw Buddhism Learning Centre, 6/18 Ward, Oktha Myothit, Bago, Bago Region
19. Bhaddanta Candobhasa, Dhammika Buddhism Learning Centre, Myoma Ward, Monyo, Bago Region
20. Bhaddanta Dhammasara, Koethaung Sasana Mingala Buddhism Learning Centre, Nawin-Pyithaya Ward, Pyay, Bago Region
21. Bhaddanta Tikkhacara, Okthathiri Buddhism Learning Centre, Nandawya Ward, Bago, Bago Region
22. Bhaddanta Viriya, Maha Withutayama Buddhism Learning Centre, Hsonkon Ward, Hsinbyukyun, Salin Township, Magway Region
23. Bhaddanta Nyanissarasara, Shwepontaung Buddhism Learning Centre, Ward 1, Chauk, Magway Region
24. Bhaddanta Jotika, Wundawpyae Monastery, Kytawgon Ward, Meiktila, Mandalay Region
25. Bhaddanta Tejaniya, Chaungdaung Buddhism Learning Centre, Ward 20, Myingyan, Mandalay Region
26. Bhaddanta Kavinda, Pariyatti Mamaka Monastery, Shanpwe Ward, Pyawbwe, Mandalay Region
27. Bhaddanta Acinna, Shitmyethna Buddhism Learning Centre, Ward 1, Mahlaing Township, Mandalay Region
28. Bhaddanta Vasava, Vaisali Maha Gandhayon Monastery, Chanmyathaya Ward, Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay Region
29. Bhaddanta Pyinnyasiri, Taungsalin Taikthit, Pyigy Myetshin Ward, Chanayet-hazan Township, Mandalay Region
30. Bhaddanta Tejinda, Mingala Bonkyaw Taik, South/Chan Ward, Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Region
31. Bhaddanta Sujata, Myat Shwegu Buddhism Learning Centre, South Leyar Village, Kyaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Region
32. Bhaddanta Vijaya, Laytha Monastery, Patheinkwin Village, Paung Township, Mon State
33. Bhaddanta Viveka, Palaing-ein Buddhism Learning Centre, Kwaywam Village, Mudon Township, Mon State
34. Bhaddanta Sunanda, Nagakyaung Buddhism Learning Centre, West Ward, Kyaukpyu, Rakhine State

35. Bhaddanta Ariyavamsa, Ywama Pariyatti Buddhism Learning Centre, West Ywama Ward, Insein Township, Yangon Region
36. Bhaddanta Uttama, Ashin Uttamasara Buddhism Learning Centre, South Montlesaunggon Ward, Sangyoung Township, Yangon Region
37. Bhaddanta Pannasiri, Pyinnyarama Buddhism Learning Centre, Ward 86, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, Yangon Region
38. Bhaddanta Kavisaralankara, Pha-auk Tawya Buddhism Learning Centre, Bwetgyi Village, Hmawby Township, Yangon Region
39. Bhaddanta Pannadipa, Taunggyi Buddhism Learning Centre, Sasana Yeiktha Ward, Bahan Township, Yangon Region
40. Bhaddanta Aggadhama, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Ward 7, Mayangon Township, Yangon Region
41. Bhaddanta Vilasa, Myitta Monastery, Has/Kha Ward, Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region
42. Bhaddanta Nanadhaja, State Pariyatti Sasana University, Ward 7, Mayangon Township, Yangon Region
43. Bhaddanta Suriya, Maha Thukharama Buddhism Learning Centre, Ward 5, Mayangon Township, Yangon Region
44. Bhaddanta Kesava, Khemathiwun Buddhism Learning Centre, Ward 2, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region
45. Bhaddanta Sirinda, Shwethamin (Nandawun) Buddhism Learning Centre, South Ward, Muse, Shan State
46. Bhaddanta Pannasiri, Thiri Mingala Buddhism Learning Centre, Ward 2, Namsang, Shan State
47. Bhaddanta Vimalasara, Myoma Buddhism Learning Centre, Ward 5, Kalaw, Shan State
48. Dr Bhaddanta Pannabhoga, Shan State Buddhist University, Taunggyi, Shan State
49. Dr Bhaddanta Osadha, Aungthapyae Monastery, Ward 8, Pathein, Ayeyawady Region
50. Bhaddanta Vimala, Kankon-Myingon Ngawun Thitsa Shweayeya Buddhism Learning Centre, Khattu Ward, Lemyethna Township, Ayeyawady Region
51. Dr Bhaddanta Kavinanda, Maha Thiri Mingala Buddhism Learning Centre, Ward 1, Kangyidaunt, Ayeyawady Region
52. Bhaddanta Candasiri, Thiri Lekkhana Kyaiktiyo Buddhism Learning Centre, Ward 2, Labutta, Ayeyawady Region

Nuns

53. Daw Dhammesi, Sandarama Nunnery, Kyundaw Ward, Mogaung, Kachin State
54. Daw Nimmari, Ayethuwady Nunnery, Ledi Ward, Monywa, Sagaing Region
55. Daw Sudhammacari, Eiksathaya Sinkyan Nunnery, Thawtapan Ward, Sagaing, Sagaing Region
56. Daw Hemari, Zeyatheikdi Nunnery, Htonbo Ward, Sagaing, Sagaing Region
57. Daw Rupiyathingyi, Thiri Sandarama Nunnery, Myauklukkon Village, Pynmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw
58. Daw Nandamala, Dhammazedhi Thiri Mingala Nunnery, Ward 2, Oktha Myothit, Bago, Bago Region
59. Daw Indavati, Hterakuthala Nunnery, Shangon Kyaynantan Ward, Shwegyin, Bago Region
60. Daw Nandari, Sasanayanthi Nunnery, Extended Sangyoung Ward, Aunglan, Magway Region
61. Daw Candasiri, Thameikdawdaya Myatheingi Nunnery, Thilawa Ward 1, Yamethin, Mandalay Region
62. Daw Vannasingi, Khemayama Nunnery, Binhlaing Ward, Thaton, Mon State
63. Daw Candasingi, Hinthata Nunnery, Ward 26, East Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Region
64. Daw Vannasingi, Satubonmika Thameikdawdaya Saddhammavamsa Nunnery, South Dabein Ward, Hlegu Township, Yangon Region
65. Dr Daw Punnami, Manidhita Nunnery, 11/2 Ward, Shwepaukkan Myothit, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region
66. Daw Obhasi, Thiri Yadana Nunnery, Khenin Village, Lashio Township, Shan State
67. Daw Enanda, Zeyashwemyay Nunnery, Ward 3, Maubin, Ayeyawady Region

Dhammakathika Bahujanahitadhara title

1. Bhaddanta Sukavi, Kyaungpan Monastery, Kyaukyedwin Ward, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region
2. Bhaddanta Meghiya, Lahayet Monastery, Lahayet Village, Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region
3. Dr Bhaddanta Mamaka, Myapale Buddhism Learning Centre, Phawgan Ward, Insein Township, Yangon Region

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NATIONAL

Notification 2/2025

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Excellent Performance Award for Administrative Field (Third Class)

1. Dr Kay Thi Htwe	Rector	Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture
2. Professor Dr Kyaw Thiha	Rector	Ministry of Health
3. Professor Dr Abe	Rector	Ministry of Health
4. U Thet Tun	Deputy Managing Director	Ministry of Energy
5. Daw Khin Htwe Yi	Deputy Director-General	Union Auditor-General Office
6. U Hla Aung	Deputy Director-General	Union Civil Service Board
7. Daw Soe Soe Oo	Deputy Director-General	Union Civil Service Board
8. Daw Cho Cho Pyone	Deputy Director-General	Union Civil Service Board
9. Daw Nant Khin Thin Su	Pro-Rector (Academic)	Union Civil Service Board
10. U Lwin Moe Zaw	Director (Industry)	Ministry of Transport and Communications
11. U Aung Myint Soe	Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
12. U Tun Wai	Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
13. U Min Ye Tun	Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
14. U Win Min Thein	Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
15. Daw Nwe Nwe Myint	Deputy Factory Manager	Ministry of Industry
16. Dr Sabei Phyu	Deputy Factory Manager	Ministry of Industry
17. Dr Sithu	Medical Superintendent	Ministry of Health
	Head of State Medical Service Department	
18. Dr Aung Lin Aye	Medical Superintendent	Ministry of Health
19. Dr Kay Khaing Aye	Director	Ministry of Health
20. Dr Sanda	Director	Ministry of Health
21. U Thein Naing	Director (Civil)	Ministry of Construction
22. U Thein Tun	State Law Officer	Kayah State Advocate-General Office
23. Lt-Col Nay Lin Tun		Ministry of Defence
24. U Khin Maung Soe	Deputy Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
25. U Thaik Tun	Deputy Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
26. U Sai Thet Htwe	Deputy Director (Mechanical/Electrical)	Ministry of Electric Power
27. U Kyaw Swa Soe	Deputy Director (Law)	Ministry of Energy
28. U Mann Zaw	Manager (Navigation)	Ministry of Transport and Communications
29. U Myo Kyaw	Assistant Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
30. U Tin Htut Aung	Assistant Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
31. U Thet Myint Oo	Assistant Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
32. U John San	Assistant Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
33. U Kyaw Kyaw Oo	Assistant Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
34. U Yawai Soe	Assistant Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
35. U Ye Aung	Assistant Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
36. U Soe Min Ko	Assistant Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
37. U Ye Mon Aung	Assistant Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
38. U Aung Kyaw Moe	Assistant Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
39. U Myint Tun	Assistant Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
40. U Kyaw Thura	Assistant Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
41. U Aung Htwe Chit	Assistant Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
42. U Mya Thein Maung	Assistant Director	Ministry of Home Affairs
43. U Myint Oo (a)	Assistant Director	Ministry of Electric Power
U Zaw Lwin Oo	(Mechanical/Electrical)	
44. U Zeyar Min	Assistant Director (Mechanical/Electrical)	Ministry of Electric Power
45. U Zeyar Myint	Assistant Director (Mechanical/Electrical)	Ministry of Electric Power
46. U Kyaw Kyaw	Assistant Director (Mechanical/Electrical)	Ministry of Electric Power
47. U Thet Naing Win	Assistant Director (Mechanical/Electrical)	Ministry of Electric Power
48. U Than Tun Oo	Assistant Director	Ministry of Immigration and Population
49. U Than Htaik	Assistant Director (Civil)	Ministry of Construction
50. U Win Htut	Staff Officer	Ministry of Immigration and Population
51. U Ba San Hla	Staff Officer (Civil)	Ministry of Construction
52. U Nyo Oo Than Toe	Staff Officer (Civil)	Ministry of Construction
53. Daw Swe Swe Oo	Staff Officer (Civil)	Ministry of Construction

Excellent Performance Award in Social Field (First Class)

1. Dr Yi Yi Shwe	Professor	Ministry of Education
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2. Dr Win Mar Tun	Senior Eye Specialist	Ministry of Health
3. U Soe Naing	Staff Officer (Soil Layer)	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
4. Ma 13998	Assistant Fire Staff Officer U Bo Myint	Fire Services Department
5. 880029	Corporal Ngwe Soe	Ministry of Defence
6. U Nay Win Tun	Chairman, Ruby Dragon Company	Shan State
7. U Zaw Lwin	Blood donor	Bago Region
8. U Chit Ko Ko	Blood donor	Yangon Region
9. U Myint Soe	Blood donor	Yangon Region
10. U Hla Myint	Blood donor	Yangon Region
11. U Than Htut	Blood donor	Yangon Region
12. U Mya Aung	Blood donor	Yangon Region
13. Daw Li Li Tun	Blood donor	Yangon Region

Excellent Performance Award in Social Field (Second Class)

1. 812257	Warrant Officer Pe Kee Lau	Ministry of Defence
2. 727332	Sergeant Tin Min Aung	Ministry of Defence
3. U Aung Myo Min	Senior Researcher/Head of Branch (Retd)	Ministry of Health
4. U Ohn Myint	Blood donor	Yangon Region
5. U Win Naing	Blood donor	Yangon Region

Excellent Performance Award in Social Field (Third Class)

1. Dr Thida Aung	Deputy Director-General	Ministry of Health
2. Dr Yan Naung Tun	Director	Ministry of Health
3. U Myint Kyaw	Deputy Director	Ministry of Immigration and Population
4. Dr Min Tin Maung Shein	Deputy Head of Regional Public Health Department	Ministry of Health
5. Dr Thet Su Mon	Deputy Head of Regional Public Health Department	Ministry of Health
6. Dr Nwe Nwe Oo	Deputy Director	Ministry of Health
7. U Kaung Myat Naung	Assistant Director	Fire Services Department
8. Daw Khaing Khaing Mar	Assistant Director	Ministry of Immigration and Population
9. U Pyae Phyo Oo	Staff Officer	Fire Services Department
10. Daw Hnin Nanda Lin Lin Saw	Deputy Township Education Officer	Ministry of Education
11. Daw Hnin Lei Sein	High School Head	Ministry of Education
12. U Sanay Min	Middle School Head	Ministry of Education
13. Daw Khin Wai Wai	Middle School Head	Ministry of Education
14. U Min Htaik San	Middle School Head	Ministry of Education
15. Daw Zin Mie Mie Kyaw	Middle School Head	Ministry of Education
16. Daw San San Yin	Matron/Staff Officer	Ministry of Health
17. 848988	Warrant Officer/Clerk Myint Lwin Oo	Ministry of Defence
18. 910314	Warrant Officer /Clerk Kyaw Kyaw Htwe	Ministry of Defence
19. Ta-38934	Warrant Officer Aye Lwin	Ministry of Defence
20. Ta-102219	Warrant Officer-1/ Clerk Kyaw Naing Oo	Ministry of Defence
21. Ma 22189	Deputy Fire Staff Officer U Wai Lin Htet	Fire Services Department
22. Ma 29410	Deputy Fire Staff Officer U Lin Zaw Oo	Fire Services Department
23. Ma 35414	Deputy Fire Staff Officer U Kyaw Ye Lin	Fire Services Department
24. U Saw Thein Han	Deputy Staff Officer	Ministry of Border Affairs
25. U Saw Htoo Phaw Htoo	Deputy Staff Officer	Ministry of Border Affairs
26. Daw Nilar Win	Branch Clerk	Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development
27. Daw Thae Thae Wah	Senior Assistant Teacher	Ministry of Education
28. U Win Maung	Senior Assistant Teacher	Ministry of Education
29. Daw Pan Kay Thi Oo	Senior Assistant Teacher	Ministry of Education
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38. U Saw Min Than Shwe	Senior Assistant Teacher	Ministry of Education
39. Daw Nang Nay Yu Mon	Senior Assistant Teacher	Ministry of Education
40. Daw Nang Thet Ngon Pwint Oo	Senior Assistant Teacher	Ministry of Education
41. Daw Khaing Khaing Win	Senior Assistant Teacher	Ministry of Education
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183. Nai Eka		Mon State	218. U Hwan Sa (aka) U Yaw Wi		Shan State
184. Nai Khin Soe		Mon State	219. U Thein Zaw		Shan State
185. U Saw Maung Aye		Mon State	220. U Kanna		Shan State
186. Daw Tin Tin Hla (aka) Balaw Swam Ba Thein		Mon State	221. U Gon Khay (aka) Sai Kham Thi		Shan State
187. Nai San Shein		Mon State	222. U Sai Kyu		Shan State
188. Daw Hnin Mya		Mon State	223. U Sai Khun Say		Shan State
189. U Wam Htein		Mon State	224. U Sai Nyo (aka) Khun Sit Nyo		Shan State
190. U Thein Maung		Rakhine State	225. U Pwam Wam		Shan State
191. U Min Naing	Artist	Yangon Region	226. U Chit Swe		Shan State
192. U Thaug Han	Artist	Yangon Region	227. U Khun Luu		Shan State
193. U Tun Yi		Yangon Region	228. U Kya De		Shan State
194. U Chan Tun		Yangon Region	229. U Sai Lone Seng Lan		Shan State
195. U San Myint		Yangon Region	230. U Tun Kyaw		Shan State
196. U Ba Sein		Yangon Region	231. Dr Yar Bo Shi		Shan State
197. U Maung Maung Thein		Yangon Region	232. U Sai Aung Kyi		Shan State
198. U Myo Myint		Yangon Region	233. U Sai Kyaw Nyunt		Shan State
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200. U Myat Oo		Yangon Region	235. U Tay Za		Shan State
201. U Lay Myint		Yangon Region	236. U Yar Bay		Shan State
202. U Ohn Than		Yangon Region	237. U Kaung Taing		Shan State
203. U Saw Vaulta Loo		Yangon Region	238. U Khun Thein Lwin		Shan State
204. U Min Naing		Yangon Region	239. U Kyaw Myint(aka) U Win Maung		Shan State
205. U Kyaw Nyunt		Yangon Region	240. U Myint Lwin (aka) U Wam Kwe Tar		Shan State
206. U Sai Nyunt Lwin		Shan State	241. U Sai Naunt		Shan State
207. U Sai Tun Kyi		Shan State	242. U San Tun		Shan State
208. U Kyan Wai (aka) U Khin Naing		Shan State	243. U Sai Aung Myint		Shan State
209. U Khun Tun Oo		Shan State	244. U Sai Htoo		Shan State
210. U Sai Saung Si (aka) U Nelson		Shan State	245. U Tun Tun Myint		Shan State
211. U Sai Tin Win		Shan State	246. U Mahn Nelson		Ayeyawady Region
212. U Sai Tun Aung		Shan State	247. U Maung Maung Than		Ayeyawady Region
213. U Sai Pha (aka) U Hla Pe		Shan State	248. U San Nyunt		Ayeyawady Region
214. U Ye Lwin Oo		Shan State	249. Daw Yin Yin Htay		Ayeyawady Region
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47. Daw Hnin Pwint Soe	Senior Assistant Teacher	Ministry of Education	77. U Saw Hla Kyi	Teacher	
48. Daw Nang Tin Nwe Oo	Senior Assistant Teacher	Ministry of Education		Deputy Junior Assistant	Ministry of Education
49. Daw Sein Sein Oo	Junior Assistant Teacher	Ministry of Education	78. U Saw Khaing Htoo Naung	Teacher	
50. U Kyaw Hla	Junior Assistant Teacher	Ministry of Education		Deputy Junior Assistant	Ministry of Education
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52. Daw Nu Nu Htwe	Primary School Head	Ministry of Education		Deputy Junior Assistant	Ministry of Education
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54. Daw Khin Htoo Thant	Primary School Head	Ministry of Education		Deputy Junior Assistant	Ministry of Education
55. Daw El Phaw	Primary School Head	Ministry of Education	81. Daw Shari Phaw	Teacher	
56. U Saw Maung Maung Lay	Primary School Head	Ministry of Education		Deputy Junior Assistant	Ministry of Education
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62. Daw Christo Bell	Primary School Head	Ministry of Education		Deputy Primary Assistant	Ministry of Education
63. Daw Margaret	Primary Assistant Teacher	Ministry of Education	85. Daw Neim Girl Cein	Teacher	
64. Daw Yi Yi Min	Deputy Staff Officer	Ministry of Education		Deputy Primary Assistant	Ministry of Education
65. Daw Aye Thet Win	Senior Nurse	Ministry of Health	86. U Aung Ko Ko Swe	Teacher	
66. U Kyaw Nyi Nyi Latt	Senior Clerk	Ministry of Home Affairs		Deputy Primary Assistant	Ministry of Education
67. U Nay Oo	Production Technician (3)	Ministry of Industry	87. Daw Khin Sanda Tun	Teacher	
68. U Wadam Khaung Phon Shin	Deputy Immigration Officer	Ministry of Immigration and Population		Deputy Primary Assistant	Ministry of Education
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70. Daw Khin Moh Moh Lwin	Deputy Junior Assistant Teacher	Ministry of Education	89. Daw Mya Aye	Teacher	
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72. Daw Win Pa Pa Theint	Deputy Junior Assistant Teacher	Ministry of Education	91. Daw Ywar Hay Nay Htoo	Teacher	
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73. U Thein Oo	Deputy Junior Assistant Teacher (PT)	Ministry of Education	92. U L Kalo	Teacher	
				Deputy Primary Assistant	Ministry of Education
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				Deputy Primary Assistant	Ministry of Education

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OPINION

Safeguard information: Stay vigilant against cyberattacks

TECHNOLOGICAL advancement is gaining momentum worldwide, and people, especially the younger generation, are actively learning about technologies to integrate them into their daily lives while protecting themselves from unexpected cyberattacks. This year alone, hackers have stolen approximately US\$2 billion in digital money through cyber-attacks.

In the 20th century, significant changes occurred in the fields of science and technology. The rapid acceleration of information and communication processes has profoundly impacted human life in various ways. While new technologies offer immense potential, they also pose unexpected dangers to human societies. Consequently, cybersecurity has become intricately tied to both individuals' daily lives and the broader interests of nations.

In Myanmar, the growing use of smartphones and computers has led to a rise in digital application users and social media engagement. However, many users lack sufficient knowledge and skills in advanced technology, making them vulnerable to data theft through cyberattacks. It is crucial for users to remain vigilant and safeguard their devices.

In this regard, cybersecurity refers to the protection of computer systems, programmes, and data from theft, misuse, disruption, alteration, and destruction. While computer professionals continuously innovate to enhance system security, hackers persistently devise ways to bypass these measures and exploit vulnerabilities in networks and the internet.

This year, hackers stole \$300 million from a Japanese digital money exchange company and \$235 million from an India-based firm using advanced technologies. As the number of cyberattacks rises globally, some countries are preparing to upgrade their defence and response strategies. Surveys indicate that cyberattacks on computer systems and security in the United States of America alone have caused losses amounting to approximately \$100 billion.

Unscrupulous individuals and hackers carry out cyberattacks targeting various countries, organizations, computer systems, networks, and personal devices. These attacks often aim to disable computers, steal sensitive business data, credit card information, and more. According to records issued by Cybersecurity in August 2023, there were approximately 2,200 cyberattacks per day worldwide, averaging one attack every 39 seconds.

Countries worldwide have established think tanks, implemented cybersecurity measures, and focused on advancing cyber technology while nurturing human resources to keep pace with daily technological developments. At the same time, the government in Myanmar emphasizes formation of regulating bodies and law enforcement bodies to take action against cybercrimes under the law while enacting and amending the laws related to technologies concerning cyber technologies and digital technology to be able to respond to cyberattacks.

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An Inherent Value within Us

DO you know what is the one thing every human seeks from the moment they understand what it means to be human until they die? I will give you the infallible answer: it is 'happiness'. Take a moment to reflect on yourself; you will find that you have also been searching for 'happiness' every day and night, and even now, in your current situation, you are still pursuing 'happiness'.

In childhood, we searched for happiness in playing and eating activities. When we reached adulthood, we sought happiness in our ability to provide for our needs and fulfill our emotional desires. As we age into the later stages of life, with declining health, we build happiness through exercises, medication, and engaging in activities we are passionate about, such as gardening, walking, enjoying music, or finding peace through meditation or religion. We continuously seek 'happiness' in ways that suit us best, isn't that, right?

Here, I want to ask two questions: Have you truly found and felt happiness? Have you achieved satisfaction to the extent that you desire?

In fact, you might be surprised to know that the 'happiness' we are searching for until the end of our lives is already within us. Please don't be surprised, my friend. Now, I would like to share with you a study paper about the key points of 'happiness' conducted by a group of scientists. They are as follows:

If you were asked the question "What is happiness?", then what would be your answer? It may be hard for you to come up with a clear-cut answer. Your answer may be different from those of other people. Moreover, the definition of happiness may change over time - today's view on happiness may be a different one tomorrow. Thus, happiness is a difficult concept to measure, because it is not constant.

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary (2016), 'happiness' means 'a state of

well-being and contentment'. Psychologically, when you are in a peaceful state of mind or when you have no stressful factors to think about, you are most likely to feel relaxed and happy. Whatever you are - a student, a worker, a housewife, or a pensioner, happiness means a better quality of life.

A group of scientists who have examined a number of studies from across the world have suggested ten ways to achieve happiness:

1. Have a good relationship with friends and family

It seems reasonable to assume that what makes people really happy is their relationships with others. Having a wide circle of friends and family is more enjoyable than having a lot of money. In addition, people with large families and lots of close friends are happier than people who live on their own. Sometimes you may not be in a good mood or may feel depressed. At that time, if you hang out with friends or spend time with your family, your stressful feelings will be released. It has even been suggested that a happy home life and good friends can protect against illness.

2. Love your work and enjoy what you are doing

Some people feel passionate about their work and love what they are doing. In fact, job satisfaction and career success are important factors for your happiness. For example, you tend to achieve happiness when you can accomplish the tasks you have undertaken or when you become prosperous while doing the work you enjoy.

3. Be kind and help others

Treating everyone with kindness is another key element of happiness. Acts of kindness have the potential to make the world a happier place. According to studies by psychologists in different countries, when you help other people, it is not only good for them, it also makes you feel happier. A new survey has also



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revealed that generous people are happier and healthier than those who are not. The idea is that generosity gives them a nice, warm feeling when people say 'thank you' and show appreciation.

4. Don't be envious of other people

The biggest barrier to happiness is envy, which is a state of desiring other people's qualities, possessions, opportunities, etc. In your school or workplace, you will find yourself around people who are doing much better than you are. In that case, if you try not to judge yourself against other people, you will certainly be happier. People who are envious of others are more likely to experience negative emotions such as inferiority, dejection and depression. The best thing you should do is try to replace envy with such positive emotions as sympathy or empathetic joy.

5. Have better physical and mental health

Good health also is vital for happiness. It is undeniable that healthy people are happier than those who are not. To achieve true happiness, you must be fit, both physically

and mentally - a happy person has better physical and mental health. It is widely known that your mind and body are closely connected. If you feel stressed out, you are likely to experience fatigue and muscle tension. Similarly, if you feel happy and calm, you are likely to have more mental energy and more physical vitality.

6. Have a feeling of contentment

Contentment is the key to happiness - people who accept what they have are happier than people who crave for more career success and money. A recent survey shows that the simplest things in life are the most important for you. You tend to be happy with simple things, like a walk in a park, a beautiful sunset and an evening with a friend. It is true that people need to have a reasonable amount of material possessions, but wanting more than what is necessary breeds greed and frustration.

7. Get rich

Most people believe that money is the best way to find happiness. Of course, a person needs money to some extent in order to live comfortably. Rich people often consider that they

are happy as they can buy expensive houses, new cars, big yachts and designer clothes. However, some people think happiness does not depend on money. Nevertheless, we can see many people trying to get rich in every possible way in the hope of achieving happiness in life.

8. Have a positive attitude to life

It is often said that life is composed of positive elements and negative elements. Having a positive attitude to life is a good way of finding happiness. For example, when you encounter difficulties in your school or work, you may feel disappointed and downhearted. At such a time, you must try to adopt a positive attitude to cope with these problems. You must also learn how to live contentedly with the negative elements of life rather than attempt to live a life where nothing bad ever happens. If you respond very positively to everything that happens, you will surely find happiness.

9. Think back to sweet memories from the past

You may be in a bad mood or feel downhearted from time to time, simply because you

By Min Zan

are looking inside you, thinking about bad things. A group of psychologists have discovered that thinking back to pleasant incidents in the past can improve your mood and make you more cheerful. For example, think about something in your childhood that gives you great pleasure, look at old photos showing happy events, or recall hearing news of someone's good fortune. These sweet memories can put you in a better mood - they can make you smile, laugh, or feel joyful.

10. Practise meditation or mindfulness

Nowadays, people may suffer from work-related stress, which leads to severe diseases such as diabetes and heart disease. To reduce stress, people practise meditation, which is also known as mindfulness. The idea is that you find a clean floor, sit still, and pay attention to what is happening to you at that very moment. You should not think about the past or the future, just the present. Meditation will ease the tension in your body, clear your mind of negative thoughts, and give you a sense of inner peace and wellbeing.

Now that you have read the 10 findings of scientists on 'happiness', you should see that 'happiness' is an inherent value within us. It is our own mind that makes us unhappy. Once you understand this and apply it, for example, by practising the concept in point four or using the principles in points two or eight, you will find there is nothing more you need for 'happiness'. You will have built complete 'happiness'. People often overlook what is too close to them, like the saying goes, "too close to see." It is unfortunate that we do not develop the virtues within us and instead, search for 'happiness' outside until the end of our lives. So, from today onwards, I encourage you to just be happy.



Postmenopausal women with low-risk breast cancer benefit longer from treatment: Study

Postmenopausal women with low-risk tumours benefit from anti-hormonal therapy for 20 years, while younger women experience shorter benefits.

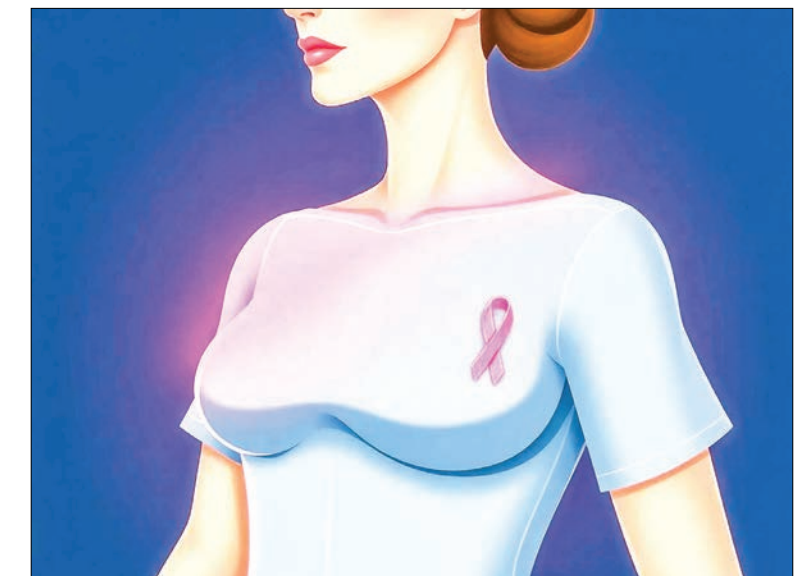
WOMEN with oestrogen-sensitive breast cancer now receive anti-hormonal therapy. Researchers have discovered that postmenopausal women with low-risk tumours have a long-term benefit for at least 20 years, whereas younger women with similar tumour characteristics who had not yet gone through menopause benefited for a shorter period of time.

"Younger women generally have a higher risk of recurrence than older postmenopausal women, but most studies on anti-hormonal therapy have mainly included postmenopausal women. We therefore wanted to compare the long-term benefit from the treatment in both groups," says Linda Lindstrom, associate professor and research group leader at the Department of Oncology-Pathology, Karolinska Institutet, who led the study.

In Sweden, 9 000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, with hormone-sensitive breast cancer accounting for about 75 per cent of women diagnosed with the disease. In patients with hormone-sensitive breast cancer tumour growth is mainly driven by oestrogen and patients are therefore treated with oestrogen-suppressing drugs, often tamoxifen. However, anti-hormonal treatment reduces quality of life and the question has been how the long-term benefit against recurrence looks like. About a third of women diagnosed with breast cancer are younger and have yet not undergone the menopause, i.e. they are premenopausal, and are known to have an increased risk of recurrence.

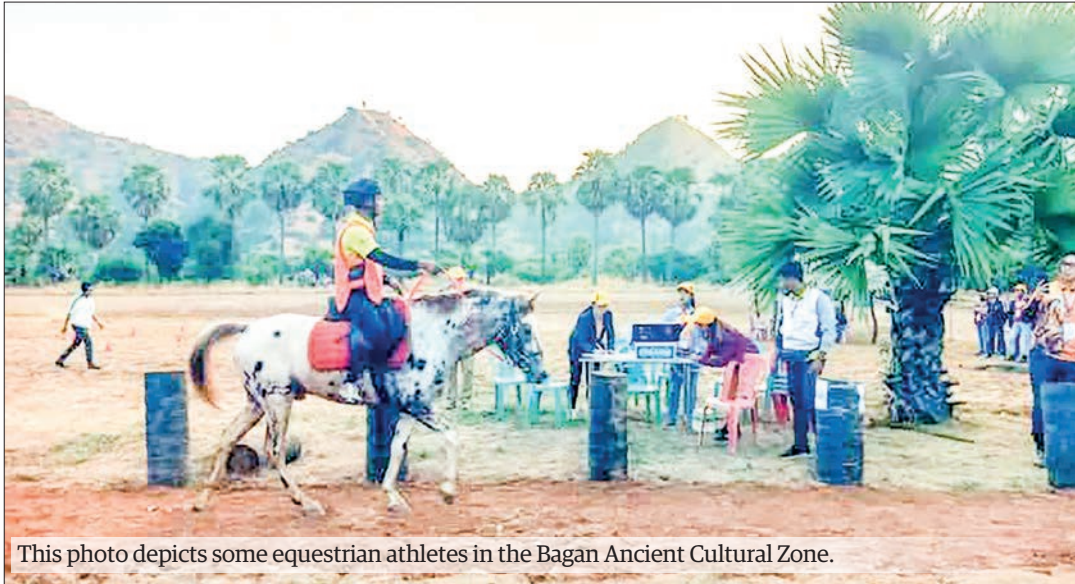
The study includes more than 1,200 women diagnosed with hormone-dependent breast cancer between 1976 and 1997 of which almost 400 were premenopausal. At the start of the study it was not known whether anti-hormonal treatment was beneficial and therefore women were randomised to treatment with tamoxifen for at least two years or no anti-hormonal treatment, i.e. the control group. The outcome of interest was breast cancer metastasis or distant recurrence and today there is follow-up data for more than 20 years after initial diagnosis.

SOURCE: ANI



Research reveals that postmenopausal women with low-risk breast cancer benefit longer from anti-hormonal therapy compared to younger women. ILLUSTRATION: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ VISUAL ART

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This photo depicts some equestrian athletes in the Bagan Ancient Cultural Zone.

Long-distance equestrian winners to be identified as One Star level

THE FEI has collaborated with the World FEI to recognize One Star status to the winners of the long-distance equestrian competition held in the Bagan Ancient Cultural Zone.

In the FEI 1 Endurance Qualification Round 4 (100 kilometres), five riders se-

cured victories, while one rider triumphed in the FEI 1 Endurance Qualification (60 kilometres).

The One Star status qualifies these winners to participate in international endurance equestrian competitions.

These equestrian athletes

are expected to compete in the 160-kilometre endurance race scheduled for 2026 in Dubai. To prepare for this, three to four local long-distance equestrian competitions are planned for 2025 to help the athletes train for international events.

— ASH/MKKS

Trading at 1st Shan Chilli Pepper Fair reaches 3,000 visses

ACCORDING to a group of growers, approximately 3,000 visses of various chilli peppers were traded at the inaugural Shan Chilli Pepper Fair on 30 December 2024. This fair is intended for growers from the Kalaw, Aungban and Pindaya areas to foster collective sales and explore great markets.

“Growers from 12 villages in Kalaw, Aungban and Pindaya townships participated in the first Shan Chilli Pepper Fair. Kayan Kalar Aw, Shan Pwa and Shan Thwe varieties were sold. The

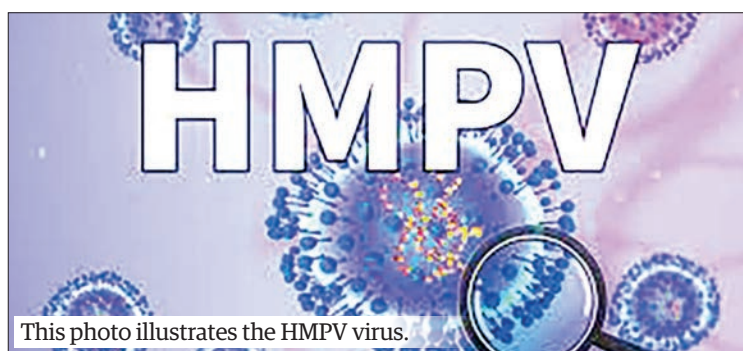
trading volume is estimated at 3,000 visses,” said an organizer.

This fair brings a great platform for the growers to bridge networks with buyers. It will be held every 15 days. The floor prices will also be set for depot owners and traders.

Furthermore, growers can seek agricultural methods, pedigree seeds, solar-powered irrigation equipment, fertilizer, and advanced payment services for cultivation at the fair. It will help them link with domestic and international suppliers as well. — ASH/KK



This picture shows the Shan Chilli Pepper Fair.



This photo illustrates the HMPV virus.

Rise in HMPV cases reported in Malaysia

THE HMPV virus, which has been spreading in China, is also on the rise in Malaysia, according to the New Straits Times newspaper.

Malaysians are advised to follow preventive measures against the spread of the virus, including washing hands with soap and water, wearing masks, and covering their mouths and noses when sneezing and coughing, the paper reported on 5 January.

There were 327 HMPV cases in Malaysia in 2024, about 100 more cases than in 2023. HMPV is a respiratory virus that causes symptoms similar to the common cold and flu, and in severe cases, can cause pneumonia or pneumonitis, according to the Malaysian Ministry of Health.

In mid-December 2024, five years after the COVID-19 outbreak in China, a highly contagious virus called HMPV (Human metapneumovirus) was spreading. The virus has been spreading more in northern provinces of China, especially among children.

HMPV is a common virus that has been circulating the world for more than 60 years and was identified by scientists earlier, said Chen Liu, a researcher at the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Institute of Virology. — Htun Htun/ZN

Final selection for Academy Awards receptionists concludes

ACCORDING to Vice-Chair U Aye Kyu Lay, the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization has announced that the final selection for Academy Award attendants was held on 5 December 2024.

A total of 25 male and 30 female candidates participated in the final round, with the selection panel comprising prominent industry figures, including Academy Award winners Nyein Min, Khant Si Thu, Nyo Min Lwin, Yan Aung, Ye Aung, Soe Myat Thuzar, May Than Nu, Maung Thi, U Zaw Min (Mingala), and U Than Htay (Triple Six).

“For the final competition, shortlisted candidates were required to create TikTok videos on trending topics of their choice and submit them to the selection panel via Telegram. They also participated in acting performances portraying improvised characters and



This photo showcases the final selection being held for Academy Awards receptionists.

answered general knowledge quiz questions. During the final selection, candidates' TikTok videos were shown live, and audience votes – collected via the Hey Play App and ATOM's SMS number 6666 – accounted for 40 per cent of the total, with the remaining 60 per cent decided by the selection committee,” explained U Aye Kyu Lay.

The Myanmar Academy Awards ceremony, which will recognise outstanding cinematic achievements for 2024, is set to take place in February 2025. Additionally, a shortlist of 18 films from the original 49 released in 2024 has been announced for further evaluation for the Myanmar Film Academy Awards. — ASH/MKKS

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Suspects arrested for using fake passports to send workers to Thailand, Malaysia

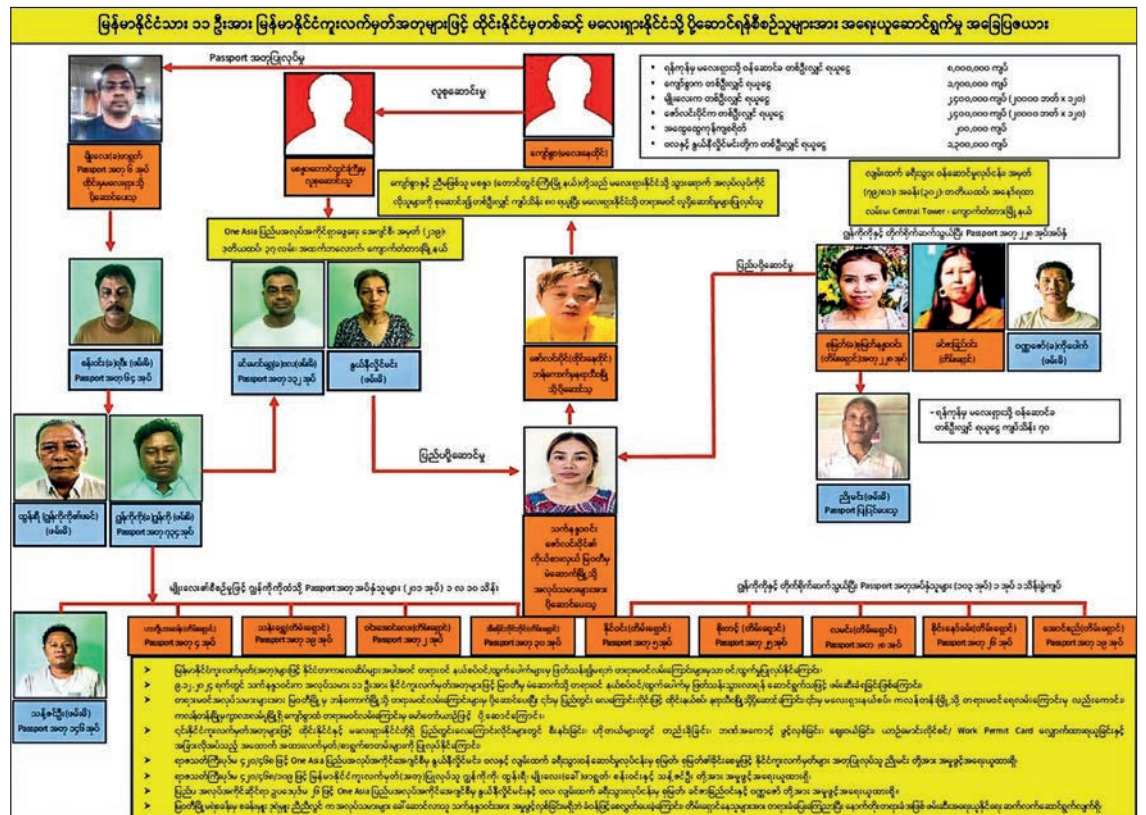
SECURITY forces of the Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge I seized 11 fake Myanmar passports from 11 Myanmar youths including Ma Hnin Ei Phyu from Taungdingyi township out of three women who were led by Thet Nandar Win heading to Mae Sot from Myawady with TBP on 9 December 2024.

According to the investigation, Managing Director Nweni Hlaing Min and Director Khin Maung Shwe (aka) Bala of One Asia job agency from Kyauktada township of Yangon took K8 million each from nine people including Ma Hnin Ei Pyu out of 11, whereas Managing Director Su Myat (aka) Su Myat Nanda Win from Hlan Htet travel agency from 3rd floor of Central Tower in Kyauktada township took K7million each from two including Maung Kyaw Min Tun, to make fake Myanmar passports, and sent them Thailand from Myawady. They also arranged to send them to Malaysia from Thailand through illegal routes. The Myawady Myoma police station filed cases against Nweni Hlaing Min, Bala and Su Myat.

The Myanmar Police Force conducted an investigation, and

arrested eight offenders, Nweni Hlaing Min and Bala from One Asia job agency, Wunna Zaw (aka) Ko Pauk from Hlan Htet travel agency, Nyo Min, John Ko Ko (aka) John Ko and his father Tun Yi who make fake passports, San Win (aka) Raphee and Thant Zin Oo, who offer jobs at John Ko to make fake passports, and send labourers to Malaysia illegally.

According to the confessions, Nweni Hlaing Min, Bala, Su Myat, San Win and Thant Zin Oo communicated Kyaw Swa from Malaysia to send workers taking K8 million each from workers, and they shared the money K1.7 million to Kyaw Swa, 20,000 Thai baht (K2.5 million) each to Zaw Lin Paing and Myo Lay (aka) Phar Yut, including K200,000 for general expense, and Nweni Hlaing Min and Bala shared K1.3 million respectively. They offered the job to John Ko Ko to make fake Myanmar passports under the leadership of Myo Lay from Malaysia, and they amended the data of passports at Nyo Min and gathered the workers in Yangon. They sent them to Myawady by bus from Yangon. When they arrived in Myawady, Thet Nanda Win from



This photos diagram reveals the fraudster network sending workers to Thailand and Malaysia with fraudulent passports.

Myawady who is a representative of Zaw Lin Paing from Bangkok sent them to Maesot with TBP from the Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge I and through illegal routes. On arrival at Mae Sot, Zaw Lin Paing granted fake pink cards (TR-38s) and sent them to Bangkok by bus. He bought flight

tickets to Bangkok with fake Myanmar passports and sent them to Narathiwat in southern Thailand. In Narathiwat, the workers were sent to the Malaysia-Thai border Kelantan by boat, and to Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia by bus. Then, it was found out that they worked in Malaysia hold-

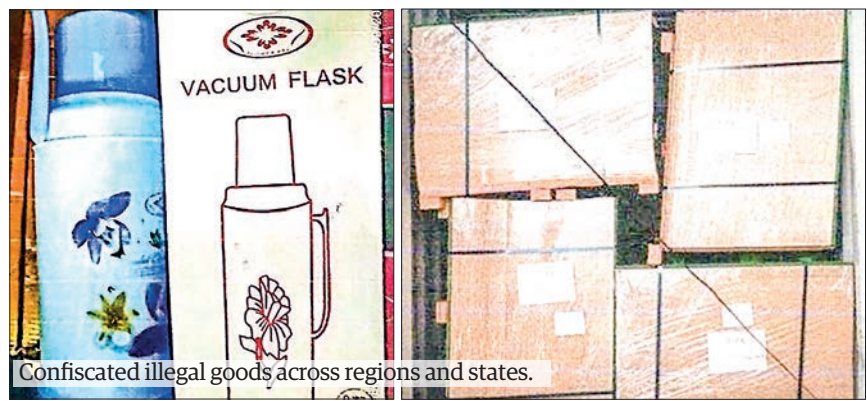
ing fake Myanmar passports and were taken action. The offender John Ko Ko made 734 fake Myanmar passports offered by 14 suspects including Bala and Su Myat. The Myanmar Police Force continues investigations to arrest the remaining offenders. — MNA/KTZH

4-day illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth K190M

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

On 3 and 4 January, the combined on-duty teams confiscated industrial materials and consumer goods worth K143.51 million without official documents from six contains at the Asia World Port Terminal container checkpoint, 3,968 tonnes of illegal charcoal valued at K93,000 in Sinbaungwe Township, 4,395 tonnes of illegal timbers valued at K464,571 in Ngaputaw and Pathein Townships and an unregistered Honda CBR 150 (estimated value of K5 million) in Hinthada Township. The action was conducted under the Forest Law, the Export-Import Law, and Customs procedures.

Similarly, on 5 and 6 January, the on-duty teams seized 2,008 tonnes



Confiscated illegal goods across regions and states.

of illegal timbers worth K732,920 in Taikkyi Township, a Toyota Noah (estimated value of K18 million) carrying 0.617 tonne of illegal teak valued at K543,136 near Htaukkyant junction on the Bago-Yangon road in Mingaladon Township, an unregistered Canter truck (estimated value of K7 million) in Ottwin Township and 1.883 tonnes of illegal teak, 0.77 tonne of illegal

hardwood and 5,050 pieces of bamboo poles valued at about K15 million in Bago and Toungoo districts. The action was taken under the Forest Law and the Export-Import Law. The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported 12 arrests from 3 to 6 January, confiscating illegal goods worth approximately K190 million. — MNA/MKKS

Counter-argument to false information

Media defames security forces

MALICIOUS media spread fake news, claiming that security forces detained youths in the Taungup-Padaung road section bordering Rakhine State and Bago Region.

According to a security official, the township committees on Summoning People's Military Servants are organized systematically, and eligible ones are recruited for training courses. There is no unlawful abducting, and terrorists conduct recruitment and murder cases.

Therefore, malicious media intentionally spread fake news to cause misconceptions. — MNA/KTZH

This screenshot validates misinformation.



NATIONAL BUSINESS

YGN palm oil wholesale rate unchanged for three weeks

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil for the Yangon market remained unchanged at K7,280 per viss for the week ending 12 January, according to the Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution.

The price has remained constant for three consecutive weeks.

The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce closely observes 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.

The committee notified that anyone 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 with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the cooking oil importing companies to offer imported palm oil to consumers at affordable rates.

Complaints for overcharging can be lodged over the 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 palm oil consumption 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



Edible oil bottles are organized for sale at the supercentre.

Trade Dept: 1,650 Myanmar food processing businesses apply for GACC



Lorries loaded with export and import cargoes line up for border crossing.

A total of 1,650 Myanmar food processing companies and factories have submitted 3,358 applications to the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) as of 3 January 2025 from 1 December 2021, according to the Domestic Trade Division (GACC team) of Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization under the Ministry of Commerce.

According to GACC Decree 248 and 249, GACC registration is mandatory for food exporters starting from 1 January 2022.

Those individuals executing edible oil, oilseeds, stuffed pastry products, edible bird's nest and related products, edible grains, grains milling industrial products and malt, fresh and dehydrated vegetables, dried beans, plant species, nuts and seeds, dried fruits, unroasted coffee and cocoa bean, special dietary food excluding milk-based formula, functional foods, bee products, aquatic products including farm products, animal products and animal feed and livestock animal businesses need to apply for GACC licence to place their

goods in China's market.

The relevant authorities for the registration with GACC are the Agriculture Department, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, the Fisheries Department and the Food and Drug Administration Department.

Exporters can directly access China International Trade Single Window through <https://cifer.singlewindow.cn> by creating accounts for those food groups which are not listed on those aforementioned 18 groups.

Between 1 December 2021 and 3 January 2025, 3,358 applications by 1,650 factories have been forwarded to the GACC through the Agriculture Department (3,194 applications), the Fisheries Department (141), the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (14) and the Food and Drug Administration Department (nine).

Regarding the registration of the importing companies, the Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine under the GACC will check quarantine access for the imported grains (unroasted coffee beans, cocoa beans, fresh and

dehydrated vegetables, plant seasonings (plant spices), edible grain, dried beans, oil seeds (oil plant) and herbal animal products or plant for their origins designated for Chinese traditional medicines.

The companies cannot directly proceed with registration and they need to carry out this step through competent authorities and departments concerned by sending email via dapq@customs.gov.cn or submitting a letter to the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar or the Myanmar Embassy to China.

As of 3 January 2025, a total of 1,079 applications have been successfully registered with the GACC with the approval of the competent authority. Additionally, a manual registration list of overseas manufacturers of imported foods with the GACC as of 20 December 2024 has been uploaded on <http://dzs.customs.gov.cn/>. Individuals can enquire further information through the contact numbers of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization at 067 3408605, 067 3408617 and email myantrade.domestic@gmail.com. — NN/KK

Fertilizer reference prices dip in Jan

MYANMAR Fertilizer, Seed and Pesticide Entrepreneurs Association (MFSPEA) announced that fertilizer reference prices for January 2025 indicated a small decrease compared to that of December 2024.

The reference prices in January were K95,000 per 50-kilo bag of Urea fertilizer (large granular), K124,000 per 50-kilo bag of Rock Phosphate and K135,000 per 50-kilo bag of Di Ammonium Phosphate. The figures showed a decline of K2,000 per bag of Urea fertilizer and Di Ammonium Phosphate compared with

the rates of December. The price of Rock phosphate remained unchanged.

The prices may vary a bit depending on transportation charges in other regions and states as the aforementioned prices are set for Yangon Region, MFSPEA stated.

Additionally, reference prices will be further announced as per rules and regulations. For overcharging, consumers can complain to the committee through contact numbers (067 410032, 09 883353358). MFSPEA has already asked the member compa-

nies to stick to the reference prices. At present, the Fertilizer Committee holds a quarterly meeting to ensure quality fertilizer for growers without facing shortages. Under the approval of the Fertilizer Technology Group, 11,573 fertilizer registrations have been granted after the 41st meeting of the Fertilizer Committee. With individuals' consent, 1,957 registrations were voluntarily cancelled. The department revoked 2,793 registrations for expiration of validity and 6,823 registrations are still under processing for now. — NN/KK

Tokyo stocks end lower on profit-taking after record year-end high

TOKYO stocks ended lower Monday, the first trading day of 2025, as investors took profits following the Nikkei stock index's record year-end close and amid uncertainties over the policies of incoming US President Donald Trump.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average ended down 587.49 points, or 1.47 per cent, from Monday last week at 39,307.05. The broader Topix index finished 28.54 points, or 1.02 per cent, lower at 2,756.38.

On the top-tier Prime Market, decliners were led by transportation equipment, service and retail

issues. The US dollar hovered primarily in the upper 157 yen range, as the Japanese currency, which briefly slid to the 158 yen level late last year, remains weak due in part to receding expectations the Bank of Japan will hike rates soon, dealers said.

At 5 pm, the dollar fetched 157.66-68 yen compared with 157.24-34 yen in New York at 5 pm Friday. Japanese financial markets were closed from last Tuesday for the New Year holidays.

The euro was quoted at \$1.0327-0328 and 162.82-86 yen against \$1.0304-0314

and 162.15-25 yen in New York late Friday afternoon.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year Japanese government bond rose to 1.135 per cent during after-hours trading, up 0.045 percentage point from last Monday's close and the highest level since July 2011, as the debt was sold on speculation US Treasury yields would remain high following solid US manufacturing data last week. In regular trading hours, the yield ended at 1.125 per cent. Stocks stayed mostly in negative territory throughout the day, briefly declining over 600



A man walks past an electronic board showing the numbers on the Tokyo Stock Exchange along a street in central Tokyo on 6 January 2025. PHOTO: AFP

points, weighed down by the Dow Jones Industrial Average's four consecutive days of losses while Japan's market was closed.

With Trump returning to the White House later this month, "which policies he announces first is key", said Makoto Sengoku, senior equity market analyst at Tokai Tokyo Intelligence Laboratory Co, noting that uncertainty has driven selling. — Kyodo

Kenya Airways shares trade again after four-year hiatus



A general view of parked Kenya Airways planes at Jommo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) in Nairobi on 11 September 2024. PHOTO: AFP

TRADING in shares of Kenya's national carrier, Kenya Airways, has resumed after being sus-

pended for more than four years, the Nairobi stock exchange said Monday. The airline sought a

suspension in July 2020 when the government proposed a law to renationalise the troubled carrier in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic that devastated global air travel.

But the nationalisation plan was ultimately dropped and the airline returned a profit last year for the first time in years.

"Notice is hereby given of the lifting of the suspension... effective 5 January 2025," the Nairobi Securities Exchange said in a statement. — AFP

Notice of passing unanimous resolution for selective buyback of shares by Yankin Kyay Oh Group of Companies Limited (the "Company")

Notice is hereby given as required by Section 121 (h) of the Myanmar Companies Law that the Company incorporated in Myanmar with Certificate of Incorporation No. 192143462 and having its registered office at Building No. (24-26), South Racecourse Street, 7th floor, Racecourse Condo, Tamwe Township, Yangon Region, Myanmar had passed an unanimous resolution for selective buyback of shares by the Company.

The summary details of the selective buyback of shares are as follows:

1. Name of Shareholder: U Kyaw Kyaw Naing
2. NRC Number: 14/MAAHPA(N)001322
3. Address: No. KA/44, Phayar Street, Ward No. (4), Maubin Township, Ayeyarwaddy Region, Myanmar
4. Total Number of Shares Held in the Company: 369 shares
5. Total Subscription Price Paid: MMK 73,800,000
6. Type of Shares: ORD (ordinary share)
7. Total Number of Shares to Buyback: 369 shares
8. Total Amount of Buyback Offer: MMK 73,800,000
9. Selective buyback shares 369 and share capital of MMK 73,800,000 will be cancelled.

<h3>CLAIMS DAY NOTICE</h3> <p>M.V SITC WENDE VOY.NO. (2423N)</p> <p>Consignees of cargo carried on M.V SITC WENDE VOY.NO. (2423N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7-1-2025 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of AWPT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.</p> <p>Phone No: 2301185</p> <p>Shipping Agency Department Myanma Port Authority</p> <p>Agent For: M/S SITC CONTAINER LINE CO., LTD</p>	<h3>CLAIMS DAY NOTICE</h3> <p>M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY.NO. (247N)</p> <p>Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY.NO. (247N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7-1-2025 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of AWPT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.</p> <p>Phone No: 2301185</p> <p>Shipping Agency Department Myanma Port Authority</p> <p>Agent For: M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES</p>	<h3>CLAIMS DAY NOTICE</h3> <p>M.V BANGKOK VOY.NO. (197N)</p> <p>Consignees of cargo carried on M.V BANGKOK VOY.NO. (197N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7-1-2025 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.</p> <p>Phone No: 2301185</p> <p>Shipping Agency Department Myanma Port Authority</p> <p>Agent For: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINE</p>
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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

N Korea launches ballistic missile towards East Sea: S Korea military



People watch a television showing a news broadcast with file footage of a North Korean missile test, at a railway station in Seoul on 6 January 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

NORTH Korea launched a ballistic missile on Monday towards the East Sea, South Korea's military said, referring to the body of water also known as the Sea of Japan.

"North Korea sent unknown ballistic missile towards East Sea," South Korea's military said.

Monday's launch took place while outgoing US Secretary of State Antony Blinken was visiting Seoul for talks with some of its key ministers.

The ballistic missile launch is Pyongyang's first this year and comes after its last in November when it test-fired what it said was its most advanced and powerful solid-fuel intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM).

That was North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's first weapons test since being accused of sending soldiers to help Russia fight Ukraine.

In response, South Korea fired a ballistic missile into the sea in a show of force after Pyongyang's salvo of missile launches.

South Korea, a vibrant democracy, has also been plunged into weeks of crisis by its sitting president Yoon Suk Seol, who declared a short-lived martial law decree on 3 December.

North Korean state media last week said the South was in "chaos" and paralyzed politically over an attempt by investigators to execute an arrest warrant for Yoon. — AFP

WORLD: TOP HEADLINES

Adeno virus pushes Finnish soldiers back to facemasks, isolations

WITH the arrival of 12,000 new conscripts on Monday, facemasks and internal isolations returned to Finnish military barracks.

The intention is to prevent further spreading of the Adeno virus that has plagued the forces during the last year, the official military newspaper Ruotuvaki reported.

Arriving conscripts will be deployed in small cohorts that do not meet people of other cohorts

during the first three weeks. The traditional "open houses" at all barracks for friends and family during the first month will be cancelled, the Defence Forces said.

Contrary to the usual profile of the Adeno, many soldiers infected with the virus have often developed serious symptoms this past autumn, the Defence Forces said. Some required intensive care. — Xinhua

Mass sardine beaching hits northern Japan, cleanup delayed

A town in Japan's northernmost prefecture of Hokkaido experienced a massive sardine beaching in late December but has struggled to find a company to dispose of the fish due to the New Year holidays, town officials said Monday.

Residents are concerned about hygienic conditions as more than a week has passed since the town of Matsumae was alerted to the sardine beaching on 28 December, which spanned approximately 900 metres of a beach along the Sea of

Japan.

The cause of the incident has yet to be determined.

"They're starting to rot. The smell isn't bad yet because the temperatures are low, but I hope they dispose of them soon," a female resident said.

The fish may have been forced to the shore due to a sudden drop in water temperatures, according to the Hakodate Fisheries Research Institute at the Hokkaido Research Organization. — Kyodo

2 dead, 3 missing after fishing boat with 20 aboard capsizes in Japan

TWO people died, and three others were missing after a fishing boat with 20 people aboard capsized off Ibaraki Prefecture in eastern Japan early Monday, the local coast guard office said.

Seventeen people, including five Indonesians, were rescued after the 80-tonne Ohama Maru No 8 capsized at around 2:05 am off a port in Kashima, northeast of Tokyo.

Two Japanese men in their 50s and 60s were later pronounced dead, with three others in their 40s to 70s still missing after being thrown into the sea, according to the coast guard office.

The Japan Coast Guard



Japan Coast Guard patrol boats search for missing people who were aboard a capsized fishing boat, off the coast of Kashima Port in Ibaraki Prefecture, on Monday. **PHOTO: KYODO**

deployed several patrol ships, spotted floating on the surface.

aircraft, and a special rescue team to the area, working presumed sunk, no significant clues have been found so far. alongside local fishermen to search areas where oil was — Kyodo

US Congress to certify Trump's election victory amid legacy of 6 Jan riot

THE US Congress will officially confirm Donald Trump as the winner of the 2024 presidential election on Monday, four years after his supporters stormed the Capitol in an attempt to overturn the previous election result.

According to the election procedure, US

lawmakers will gather for a joint session of Congress on Monday to count the Electoral College votes cast in the election, which is the final step in certifying Republican President-elect Trump's victory over his Democratic opponent, Vice-President Kamala Harris. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Shan United to play against Malaysia's Terengganu FC on 8 Jan

AS the group stage matches of the 2024-2025 ASEAN Club Championship will continue on 8 and 9 January 2025, Shan United, the Myanmar club, will compete against the Malaysian club, Terengganu at 6 pm Myanmar Standard Time on 8 January at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon. The matches will feature Shan United from Myanmar against Malaysia's Terengganu FC, and at 6:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time in Thailand, BG Pathum United from Thailand will play against Vietnam's Thanh Hoa. At 7 pm Myanmar Standard Time in Cambodia, Preah Khan Reach Svay Rieng from Cambodia will face Indonesia's Makassar.

At 5:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time on 9 January in the Philippines, the Philippines Club Kaya FC will compete against Vietnam's Hanoi FC. At 6:15 pm Myanmar



This group photo reveals Shan United players competing in the 2024-2025 ASEAN Club Championship. **PHOTO: THAWGYI**

Standard Time, Singapore's Lion City Sailors will face Malaysia's Kuala Lumpur City FC. Then, at 7 pm Myanmar Standard Time, Thailand's Buriram

United will compete against Indonesia's Borneo FC.

In Group A, the Indonesian club Makassar, the Thai club BG Pathum United and the Vi-

etnamese club Than Hoa have four points each. The Cambodian club Preah Khan Reach Svay Rieng has grasped three points, while the Malaysian

club Terengganu secured one point, and the Myanmar club Shan United has not scored any points yet.

In Group B, the Vietnamese club Hanoi and the Malaysian club Kuala Lumpur City bagged six points each. The Thai club Buriram United and the Indonesian club Borneo have three points each. The Philippine club Kaya and the Singaporean club Lion City Sailors have not scored any points yet.

The first and second group matches were held in August and September 2024, followed by a three-month break, and the remaining matches will take place in January and February 2025. Each group will allow only two teams to qualify for the semifinals. The Shan United, which has lost two matches, can only hope to qualify if they win the remaining three matches. — Ko Nyi Lay/TTA

Late Dembele strike earns PSG French Champions Trophy in Doha



Ousmane Dembele (L) of Paris Saint-Germain celebrates with teammates after scoring during the French Super Cup football final match between Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) and AS Monaco at the 974 stadium in Doha, Qatar, on 5 January 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

OUSMANE Dembele's stoppage-time goal settled the French Champions Trophy on Sunday, giving Paris Saint-Germain a 1-0 win over Monaco in a fixture played in Doha.

PSG's troubles in front of goal this season have often cost them in the Champions League, and they were thwarted throughout this game by a combination of poor finishing and some fine saves by Monaco goalkeeper Philipp Koehn.

However, it was ultimately

a deserved victory for Luis Enrique's team in Qatar, as PSG won the trophy — the French equivalent of a Super Cup or England's Community Shield — for the 11th time in the last 12 seasons.

"It was a great game between two teams who play good football," said Luis Enrique.

"The result is well deserved and reflects our domination... against one of the best teams in France and in Europe."

This fixture was supposed to be staged in Beijing on 8 August as the curtain-raiser to the French campaign.

However, it ended up being called off by the Chinese authorities, and Qatar — which owns PSG via Qatar Sports Investments — stepped in to stage the game.

It took place at Doha's Stadium 974, which hosted matches at the 2022 World Cup held in Qatar and which was not full for this match.

PSG won a clean sweep of the domestic honours in France last season and were looking to claim the first leg of another treble in this campaign.

A 4-2 win away in Monaco last month, when Dembele scored a double, allowed them to finish 2024 with a 10-point lead at the top of Ligue 1 from both Marseille and the principality club.

When Desire Doue pounced on a slack pass out by Koehn and sent a shot off the bar on eight minutes, it looked like it was going to be a long evening for Monaco. — AFP

Ranieri's Roma claim derby honours against Lazio

ROMA triumphed 2-0 against local rivals Lazio on Sunday to give Claudio Ranieri his biggest win since the veteran coach took charge of his boyhood club for the third time.

Lorenzo Pellegrini and Alexis Saelemaekers netted in eight first-half minutes which gave Roma the points in a fraught atmosphere at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome.

Ranieri's team are up to 10th on 23 points, still 12 points behind Lazio who sit in the final Champions League spot but now have some breathing space between them and the relegation zone.

Six points separate Roma from Lecce, who sit just inside the

bottom three and drew 0-0 with Genoa earlier on Sunday, as Ranieri slowly gets the capital club going back in the right direction.

"It's so great to be able to make these fans happy," said defender Gianluca Mancini, who did his post-match interview in a long coat after giving his shorts and shirt to jubilant supporters.

"Derbies are always a match apart, but we're still only talking about three points, it's not like we've won the league or anything."

Roma were in such disarray when Ranieri became their third coach of the season in November that relegation was not beyond the realms of possibility. — AFP



Roma's Alexis Saelemaekers (C) shoots to score during a Serie A football match between Roma and Lazio in Rome, Italy, 5 January 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**



Indonesia launches ambitious free-meal programme to combat stunting



A student eats lunch on the first day of a free-meal programme at Kedung Badag 1 State Elementary School in Bogor, West Java, on 6 January 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

INDONESIA launched an ambitious \$4.3 billion free-meal programme on Monday to combat stunted growth due to malnutrition, a key election promise of President Prabowo Subianto.

Prabowo has pledged to provide nutritious meals free to tens of mil-

lions of schoolchildren and pregnant women, saying it would improve their quality of life and boost economic growth.

"This is historic for Indonesia for the first time conducting a nationwide nutrition programme for toddlers,

students, pregnant and breastfeeding mothers," presidential spokesman Hasan Nasbi said late on Sunday.

At least 190 kitchens run by third-party catering services opened nationwide, including some run by military bases, and were busy preparing meals from midnight before distributing them to schoolchildren and pregnant women.

Second-grader Khalifa Eldrian beamed after finishing his free lunch of rice, chicken, vegetables, and a banana at an elementary school in East Jakarta.

"I'm happy because the food was delicious... I can concentrate more when studying," he told AFP.

The government has allocated 10,000 rupiahs (US\$62 cents) per meal and has a budget of 71 trillion rupiahs (\$4.3 billion) for the 2025 fiscal year. It is set to deliver meals to almost 83 million people by 2029.

Stunting affects 21.5 per cent of children in the archipelago of some 282 million people. The Southeast Asian nation aims to reduce the rate to five per cent by 2045. — AFP

Rising global temperatures driving water cycle extremes: report

RECORD-BREAKING temperatures in 2024 drove extremes in the global water cycle, contributing to major flooding and droughts, Australian-led international research has found.

The 2024 Global Water Monitor Report, which was published on Monday by a team of international researchers led by Albert van Dijk from Australian National University (ANU), found that rising temperatures as a result of climate change are changing how water moves around the planet.

According to the report, 111 countries accounting for approximately half the world's population experienced their warmest year on record in 2024.

Van Dijk said that air temperatures over land in 2024 were 1.2 degrees Celsius (C) higher than at the start of the 21st century and 2.2C higher than at the start of the Industrial Revolution. "In 2024, Earth experienced its hottest year on record, for the fourth year in a row. — Xinhua

Israel says Hamas has not given 'status of hostages' it says ready to free

ISRAEL said Monday that Hamas had not yet provided the status of 34 hostages the group declared it was ready to release in the first phase of a potential exchange deal.

Mediators Qatar, Egypt and the United States have been working for months to strike a deal to end the war in Gaza, but both warring sides have accused each other of derailing the negotiations.

In recent days, mediators have resumed indirect talks between Israel and Hamas, even as Israeli forces continue to pound Gaza.

"As yet, Israel has not received any confirmation or comment by Hamas regarding the status of the hostages appearing on the list," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said in a statement after a Hamas official gave a list of captives the group was willing to free.

"The list of hostages... was not provided to Israel by Hamas but was originally given by Israel to the mediators in July

2024."

Late on Sunday, a senior Hamas official told AFP the group had "agreed to release 34 Israeli prisoners from a list presented by Israel as part of the first phase of a prisoner exchange deal".

The official, requesting anonymity as he was not authorized to discuss the ongoing negotiations with the media, said the initial swap would include all the women, children, elderly people and sick captives still held in Gaza.

But Hamas needed time to determine their condition, he added.

"Hamas has agreed to release the 34 prisoners, whether alive or dead," the official said. "However, the group needs a week of calm to communicate with the captors and identify those who are alive and those who are dead."

'Ceasefire now'

During their 7 October 2023 attack on Israel, which began the Gaza war, Palestinian militants seized 251 hostages,



Protesters hold cutout portraits of hostages held captive in Gaza by Palestinian militants since the 7 October attacks during a demonstration calling for action to secure their release outside the Defence Ministry headquarters in Tel Aviv on 4 January 2025 amid the ongoing war in the Palestinian territory between Israel and Hamas. **PHOTO: AFP**

of whom 96 remain in Gaza. The Israeli military says 34 of those are dead.

Israeli campaign group the Hostages

and Missing Families Forum called Monday for a "comprehensive agreement" to secure the release of hostages. — AFP