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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing shakes hands with Mr Deng Xijun, Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, China's Asian Affairs Special Envoy discuss peace process cooperation

STATE Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Mr Deng Xijun, Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, at the SAC Chairman's Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

The Senior General and Mr Deng Xijun cordially discussed the plan of Chi-

na with a positive attitude to cooperate in the implementation of the Five-Point Roadmap by the Myanmar government and Tatmadaw and preparation to hold an election, cooperation of Myanmar with China in the peacemaking process, eradication of narcotic drugs, bilateral cooperation of Myanmar and China in combatting telecom fraud and online gambling, and trade measures at the

border region of both countries.

Also present at the meeting were Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, Council Member Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung and officials. The Chinese Special Envoy was accompanied by officials of the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar. — MNA/TTA

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Students under training to have correct thinking and outlooks

DUE to taking time to carry out the development of human resources, students must be under training to have education qualifications, learn modern techniques and technology and possess correct thinking and outlooks.

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to the National Planning Commission Meeting 1/2024 on 21 March 2024)

Objectives of 80th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day 2025

- (a) To actively participate in serving three main functions of Tatmadaw national defence duty, training duty and public benefit duty upholding Our Three Main National Causes;
- (b) To steadfastly carry out measures for State development and genuine, eternal peace by ending the armed conflicts under the Constitution (2008) and NCA;
- (c) To protect the State and its citizens from dangers and provide sector-wise assistance for the safety and socioeconomic development of the people;
- (d) To provide necessary assistance to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election by Tatmadaw for the emergence of a Union based on democratic and federal systems after carrying out measures per the stipulations of the State of Emergency.



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Bagan braces for travel surge over 5-day holiday



Photos capture domestic and international travellers exploring the Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone. **PHOTOS: ZWE MARN**

THE Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone is poised to see a boom in travel demand in the coming five-day holiday from 12 to 16 March, said the locals.

During the last Shwesettaw pagoda festival period, the visitors visited Shwesettaw from Bagan and from Shwesettaw to Bagan, and they also proceeded to Mount Popa.

“Bagan hosted travellers

until the Thingyan period in the same period of last year. This year, there are five holidays, so the travellers have enough time to visit Shwesettaw Pagoda. In the ancient cultural zone, most of the foreign travellers observe the mural painting and architecture. This is a holiday period for all except Grade-12 students, and so the locals expect large crowds of visitors during the long holidays,”

said an official of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism (Bagan).

The local and foreign travellers to Bagan visit Shwezigon, Ngatpyit Hill, Tuyin Hill, Alotawpyae, Htilominlo, Ananda, Thatbyinnyu, Gadawpalin, Buu, Mya Zedi, Manuha, Lawka Nanda, Dhammayangyi, Dhamma Rasi-ka, Sulamani, Shwesandaw and Pyathetgyi.

“The situation in Bagan is

peaceful. It is the best time to visit during the long holidays. There is a saying that a Myanmar national must visit Bagan. The locals also expect large numbers of visitors, and they all welcome the travellers. During the last Thingyan period, the central pandal was in NyaungU and Bagan was crowded with visitors. This long holiday period is the best time for those who want to visit Bagan

and take a rest in Shwesettaw,” said U Tin Hla Oo, secretary of the pagoda board of trustees of Htilominlo.

The Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone covers an area of 14,295 square miles and boasts 3,822 pagodas, temples and caves in the cultural zone and 15 pagodas in the Tantkyi Hill area, totalling 3,837 pagodas. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

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)

SAC Chairman PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla offer alms meals to title-recipient Sayadaws and nuns



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, and congregation observe Five Precepts during the alms offering event.

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla offered day meals to venerable members of the Sangha who will accept religious titles for 2025 at Aggadhpati Sasana Beikman in the precinct of Maravijaya Buddha Park in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Also, present at the ceremony were State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman Aggamaha Pandita Aggamaha Saddhammajotikadhaja Thanlyin Minkyaung Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa, Secretary Mandalay Masoeyein Taikthit Mahanayaka Dhammathameikdi Monastery Sayadaw Aggamaha Pandita Aggamaha Saddhammajoti-



The Senior General and his wife presents offerings to the Chairman Sayadaw.

kadhaja Mahadhammakathika Bahujanahitadhara Bhaddanta Vassettha Bhivamsa, 118 local and foreign title-recipient

Sayadaws and two title recipient nuns, SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win

and his wife Daw Than Than Nwe, the Council Secretary and his wife, the Joint Secretary and his wife, council members and their wives, union-level dignitaries, union ministers and their wives, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and officials.

The Senior General offered alms in the emerald alms bowl, fruits, flowers, water and joss sticks to the Naungdawgyi Buddha image of Maravijaya Buddha Image in the Beikman.

The Senior General and his wife, together with the congregation, observed Five Precepts from Chairman Sayadaw and listened to Paritta recited by members of the Sangha.

The Senior General and his wife donated offerings to Chairman Sayadaw, the Vice-Senior General and his wife to Secretary Sayadaw, the Council Secretary and his wife, the Joint Secretary and his wife and distinguished guests to title-recipient Sayadaws, respectively.

The wife of the Senior General also donated alms to title-recipient nuns.

The Secretary Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by the sharing of merits gained.

After the ceremony, the Senior General and his wife, and distinguished attendees offered day meals to religious title-recipient Sayadaws and nuns led by the SSMNC Chairman and Secretary Sayadaws.

— MNA/TTA

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Vice-Senior General Soe Win addresses special economic zone development



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win addresses the second coordination meeting of the Central Committee on Myanmar Special Economic Zones yesterday.

THE Special Economic Zones must be implemented following the stipulations of the Myanmar Special Economic Zone Law and Rules issued in 2014 and in alignment with the current situation, said Vice-Senior General Soe Win.

The Central Committee on Myanmar Special Economic Zones held the second coordination meeting at the Ministry of Commerce in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, with an address by Central Committee Chairman, State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Senior General said that it is necessary to consider not only the economic perspective but also the political aspect when implementing the special economic zones in the country. Therefore, regarding the currently implemented Thilawa Special Economic Zone, the Kyaukpypu Special Economic Zone and the Dawei Special Economic Zone to be implemented in the future, the members should act by integrating both political and economic sectors.

Among the three economic objectives of the SAC, invigorating the MSMEs to fortify the export sector is a major factor. The Myanmar Special Economic Zone Law and Rules were enacted in 2014. Regarding the invest-

ment made in special economic zones, the directive of the Prime Minister to promote the export volumes is the key. In inviting the investment to special economic zones, the investments that produce export products to the international countries should be prioritized. The Thilawa SEZ exported a total of US\$163.466 million and imported \$559.284 million from April to January 2024-2025 financial year, totaling \$722.75 million. However, when compared with the special economic zones of neighbouring countries, the volumes are still lower. Therefore, the Thilawa SEZ Management Committee Chairman and officials should review the situations of the zones and special economic zones of other countries to develop the zones and receive the lowest deficits in export and import. Similarly, it needs to invite the entrepreneurs who will prioritize the export volumes in the Kyaukpypu SEZ and Dawei SEZ to be implemented in the future.

The Vice-Senior General then highlighted the highest amounts of raw materials in the import sector and the highest export volumes.

He also instructed to negotiate and persuade aiming to increase the export volume. Moreover, it should link with MSMEs regarding the amount that they can substitute. Such a connection with MSMEs aims to reduce

the use of foreign currency and promote the export volume. The MSMEs also need to ensure their products while submitting the substitute products.

There is a Free Zone and a Promotion Zone at Thilawa SEZ, and although there is no challenge regarding the foreign currency in the Free Zone, there are some difficulties in the Promotion Zone in certain situations. The relevant ministries and Foreign Exchange Supervisory Committee are resolving such situations as much as they can.

It earned \$6.0596 million and over K51 billion in 2024-2025 from substitute products through the link with MSMEs. Therefore, the agencies and officials from regions and states should put special emphasis on providing assistance to import substitute sectors of the special economic zones in pursuit of the policy made by the Head of the State.

In the tax collecting sector, the country received K935 million in tax, over K9 million in commercial tax, K2.2 billion of advance income tax and K2.68 billion in income tax, according to digits in January 2025. The one-stop service should also make efforts to collect the tax fully for the interests of the country.

The Vice-Senior General added that the full supply of electricity is the key for the special economic zones and industrial zones. Therefore, the manage-

able-scale solar plants are suggested to be implemented in Thilawa SEZ, and now it can generate almost over 16MW after installation. The 20MW solar plant was installed at Tatmadaw, and the break-even point will reach in three and a half years, and it will soon reach the due period. Therefore, it can not only cover the required consumption but also produce surplus power that can be sold to the State, and the officials should explain and encourage the relevant companies and business people regarding the solar plants. They also need to discuss the establishment of manageable-scale solar plants in future special economic zones.

Concerning the Kyaukpypu SEZ, the Concession Agreement for the Kyaukpypu SEZ deep sea port project was signed on 5 November 2020, and the Addendum was signed on 26 December 2023 in Nay Pyi Taw by the project company and the Kyaukpypu SEZ Management Committee. The long stop date was also extended. The expansion period will end on 25 June 2025, so the two sides must complete the work processes within two months before the expiration date. The work committee and other relevant committees should provide required assistance to ensure completion.

The Kyaukpypu SEZ is both economically and politically important for the country, according to the geopolitical situation. It

can bring numerous benefits to the local communities and the country. Therefore, it needs to ensure the successful implementation. The successful deep sea port project can lead Myanmar to participate in the Myanmar-China Economic Corridor Project and strengthen the bilateral cooperation for the Belt and Road Initiative.

Regarding the Dawei SEZ, the Myanmar-Thai-Japan discussion should be made for the eradication of SPV (special purpose vehicle). During the visits of the delegation led by the SAC Chairman and Prime Minister to the Russian Federation and Belarus, many opportunities for Dawei SEZ were created, so the proper achievements will come soon. Therefore, the preparations should be made for the investors.

In doing so, although the cases with the Italian-Thai Development Company Limited were completed, it needs to carry out in line with the procedures with legal officials. There should be a win-win situation for the investors. He then urged the attendees to coordinate the discussion as the meeting is the second one held in the 2024-2025 financial year.

Next, the attendees reported on the matters from their respective sectors, and the Vice-Senior General concluded the meeting. — MNA/KTZH

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MoH Union Minister receives IFRC Asia-Pacific Regional Director

UNION Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win met Mr Alexander James Matheou, Asia-Pacific Regional Director of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), at the minister's reception hall yesterday evening.

Both sides discussed ongoing humanitarian assistance

efforts between IFRC and the Myanmar Red Cross Society, including emergency patient referrals and first aid services. They also exchanged views on public health awareness initiatives, disaster risk reduction and rehabilitation efforts. They also explored further collaboration plans for 2025. — MNA/KZL



IFRC Asia-Pacific Regional Director Mr Alexander James Matheou calls on Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win yesterday.

MoFA Deputy Minister receives IFRC AP Regional Director



The IFRC AP Regional Director calls on Deputy Minister U Lwin Oo yesterday.

DEPUTY Minister for Foreign Affairs U Lwin Oo received Mr Alexander James Matheou, Regional Director of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) for Asia Pacific, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi

Taw yesterday.

They exchanged views on matters relating to IFRC's support for strengthening the activities of the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) and ways to promote the provision of humanitarian assistance to Myanmar.

Also, present at the meeting were senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, MRCS Chairman Dr Myo Nyunt, Ms Nadia Khoury, IFRC Head of Delegation in Myanmar, and officials from IFRC and MRCS. — MNA

3rd GUSTO Innovation Awards & Forum 2025 kicks off

THE third GUSTO Innovation Awards & Forum 2025 ceremony, which featured innovative products created by Gusto College students using modern business ideas and high-end technologies, was held on 11 March at MICT Park Yangon.

U Min Oo, President of Myanmar Business Executives Association, Dr Win Htein Win, Founder & President of GUSTO College, U Tun Khaing, President of Myanmar Computer Professionals Association, and other attending officials spoke keynote speeches at the forum.

More than 80 students from 16 competing teams participated in the event. Out of the eight finalists,

Burma Bus was the winner, Toe Pwa was the first runner-up, Yupa was the second runner-up, and Burma Bus also won the People's Choice Award.

Certificates of Honour were given to the top eight finalists, and the winning team received a prize of K1 million, the 1st runner-up K700,000, the 2nd runner-up K500,000, and the People's Choice team K300,000. The University of Sunderland also awarded them an Appreciation Letter each.

GUSTO College has been a leading college for over 18 years, teaching IT and Modern Business subjects, and has a good reputation in the international education community. — MT/ZN



The GUSTO Innovation Awards & Forum 2025 is in progress.

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SKD car prices crash amid sluggish auto market

PRICES of some new cars assembled locally under the semi-knocked-down system have fallen, yet it cannot shake off market sentiment, said Vice-Chair U Min Min Maung of the Myanmar Automobile Manufacturers and Distributors Association.

The brand new SKD cars assembled locally priced K200-K300 million showed a sharp drop of K30-K50 million.

“The prices of used SKD cars declined by K5 million to K10 million in the domestic market. Car prices plunged after the peak in September 2024. The current market price is reasonable,” he said.

The price drop is attributed to the continuous supply of popular brands



This photo displays new cars assembled locally under the semi-knocked-down system.

such as Suzuki, KIA, and Hyundai, which are assembled locally. Nonetheless, electric vehicle prices stay strong at K180-K200 million. — ASH/KK

Myanmar-Korean mystery drama ‘The King’s Bride’ unveiled, filming starts 18 Mar



This photo shows the cast and directors at the ‘The King’s Bride’ drama series launch event.

THE launch event for the drama series ‘The King’s Bride’, a mystery drama featuring both Korean and Myanmar actors, was held on 10 March at the Myawaddy Media Centre in Yankin Township, Yan-

gon. Produced by KB & H Entertainment, the series is written by the popular novelist Hazel, with director Kyaw Hninzi leading the production. Speaking at the

event, the director expressed her enthusiasm, stating, “I’ve wanted to create a drama like this for a long time. It’s a bold step in a new direction. The producer has shown great courage in taking on this project. Since it’s based on a story by Hazel, who is very popular online, there are many challenges ahead. The involvement of KB & H Entertainment, which has international connections, adds to the complexity. It’s a major challenge, but we are determined to make it a success. ‘The King’s Bride’ will be filmed in two seasons, delivering an intriguing imperial romance with elements of mystery and fantasy, starting from 18 March”.

The drama series is a collaboration with a South Korean film company and aims to reach an international audience. The cast includes Myanmar actors Htet Aung Shine, Htun Pale Yadana, Nayyi Win Le, Paing Thit, Hsu Shine, Danyela, and Nyi Kyaw, along with two Korean actors. — ASH/MKKS

Special express train to run Yangon-Mawlamyine for Taboung holiday

DURING the long public holiday in Taboung (a Myanmar lunar month roughly corresponding with March), a special express train service will operate on the Yangon-Mawlamyine route using AAR carriages, according to Mawlamyine Railway Station.

On 11 March, a special express train will depart from Mawlamyine Station at 9:10 am and arrive at Yangon Central Station at 5:55 pm. Similarly, on 12 March, a special express train will leave Yangon Central Station at 9:15 am and reach Mawlamyine Station at 6 pm.

Additionally, on 15 March, another special express train will depart from Mawlamyine Station at 9:10 am and arrive at Yangon Central Station at 5:55 pm, while on 16 March, a special express train will leave Yangon Central Station at 9:15 am and reach Mawlamyine Station at 6 pm.

Meanwhile, the regular No 82 Down Mawlamyine-Yangon express train will continue to operate daily as usual. Tickets for No 82 express train and the special express trains will be available for booking – upper-class tickets up to three days in advance and ordinary-class tickets up to one day in advance — at Mawlamyine Station’s advance ticket counter from 7 am to 3 pm daily.

The special express train will make stops at the following stations: Mottama, Paung, Zinkyak, Yinnye, Thaton, Theinseik, Hninpale, Taungzun, Mayangon, Kyaikto, Kyaikkatha, Moppalin, Theinzayet, Waw, Bago, and Toegyaukalay. — ASH/KNN



This photo captures the Yangon-Mawlamyine special express train.

MRTV-4 star Htoo passes away at 26



MRTV-4 actor Htoo, known for his roles in films named Aphyu Yang Thakkarij, Mal Cho and Yaukya Kaung Ataung Nasel, passed away on the morning of 10 March at North Okkalapa General Hospital in Yangon. He was 26 years old.

Htoo, whose real name was Min Khant, suffered a head injury in a traffic accident on 8 March and had been receiving medical treatment at the hospital before his passing.

Rising to fame through a popular drama series, he was also nominated for the

2024 Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his performance in Yaukya Kaung Ataung Nasel.

His funeral will take place at Yayway Cemetery, with the cremation scheduled for 2 pm on 12 March. A memorial almsgiving ceremony will be held at his residence in Thakayta Township, Yangon, on 16 March.

Htoo, who transitioned from a successful child actor to a well-loved young performer, was also known for being a devoted son who cared for his mother. — ASH/KZL

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YGN palm oil wholesale rate hits K6,890 per viss

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil set for the Yangon market dipped to K6,890 per viss for a week ending 16 March from K6,905 per viss last week (3-9 March), according to the Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution.

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

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

The committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market manipulation will face legal action under the

Essential Goods and Services Law.

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

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

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



Cooking oil bottles are arranged for sale inside the supermarket.

YSX trading hits K473M milestone in Feb



The panel board showcasing share indexes at Yangon Stock Exchange.

THE grand trading value of the eight companies listed on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) hit over K473 million in February, with 156,222 shares traded.

At present, shares of eight listed companies — First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), TMH Telecom Public Co Ltd (TMH), the Ever Flow River Group Public Co Ltd (EFR), Amata Holding

Public Co Ltd (AMATA) and Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Co Ltd (MAEX) are traded in the security market.

MTSH topped the trading with 53,116 shares worth K157.4 million, followed by 17,360 shares of FMI worth over K130 million, 51,887 shares of FPB worth over K95.46 million, 9,306 shares of AMATA worth over K36 million, 16,156 shares of EFR worth K26 million, 6,913 shares of MAEX worth over \$21.86 million, 423 shares of

MCB worth over K3.4 million and 1,061 shares of TMH worth over K3 million respectively last month.

The stock trading amounted to K513.6 million with 165,452 shares in January 2025, according to the monthly report released by the exchange.

The trading value in February 2025 was down by over K40 million, with a decrease of 9,230 shares traded compared to those of January. — NN/KK

CBM to pump US\$33M, THB150M into fuel oil sector

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) injected \$33 million and 150 million baht into the fuel oil sector.

CBM sold \$197,032.72 on 10 March, \$335,000 and 1.98 million baht on 7 March, and over \$130,000 on 6 March.

CBM announced on 5 March that it would sell 50 million baht to importers soon. Later, it sold over eight million baht on that day.

CBM announced the sale of \$23 million and 150 million baht on 3 March for fuel oil importers. It injected that amount of foreign currencies into the fuel oil sector on 4 March. It sold \$550,000,



Vehicles refuel at the petrol station.

400,000 yuan and 638,550 baht on 3 March.

CBM pumped over \$88 million, 7.5 million yuan and 161 million baht in February and over \$124 million, over 13.8 million

baht and over 4.8 million yuan in January.

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 collaborating 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

OPINION

Take responsibility for preservation of cultural heritage

MYANMAR is rich in cultural heritage, with numerous ancient religious monuments worth millions of kyats spread across the nation. These monuments, which have stood for hundreds of years, represent Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity, Islam, and other faiths. With over 130 ethnic groups residing together in Myanmar, it is the collective responsibility of all citizens to preserve these religious edifices, as they hold deep cultural and spiritual significance.

However, unscrupulous individuals, as well as those who fail to understand or appreciate the value of ancient cultural heritage, engage in smuggling these historical artefacts for personal gain. Some intentionally commit crimes by stealing or trafficking

religious relics, disregarding their historical and cultural importance.

For example, over the years, enshrined objects and ancient artefacts – such as bronze bells and Buddha images – have been stolen from the Bagan region, which is a hub of religious, cultural, monarchical, and historical heritage. Despite law enforcement efforts and actions against these crimes, such incidents continue to occur.

Due to their high market value, many of these stolen artefacts end up in neighbouring countries. Although some cases have gained media attention, many others remain unknown, leading to the gradual loss of Myanmar's priceless cultural treasures. It is because unscrupulous persons never consider the interests of the people and the State except their interests in the preservation of their own

cultural heritage as a good legacy for generations.

Ancient artefacts serve as vital historical evidence, linking the past, present, and future of the nation. Historians and researchers can extract realities of the nation's history and take valuable lessons from these past events and cultural heritage. It is crucial to develop effective plans to ensure their long-term preservation. That is why authorities must implement immediate measures to prevent the loss of these cultural assets.

Currently, ancient sites lacking proper security face numerous challenges. Despite Bagan being designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site, many religious monuments suffer from vandalism, including unauthorized writings on mural paintings and theft of enshrined objects. Moreover, armed conflicts have caused significant damage and loss of these invaluable artefacts.

The responsibility for the preservation and protection of Myanmar's cultural heritage does not rest solely on the authorities. Everybody needs to notice that it is essential for all citizens to actively participate in safeguarding these historical treasures with patriotism, responsibility, and accountability for their long-term existence, ensuring they endure for future generations.

WHEN you hear the term “international law,” what comes to mind? Perhaps you picture diplomats in suits, sitting in grand conference halls, signing treaties that seem distant from your daily life. Or maybe you imagine high-stakes cases at the International Court of Justice (ICJ), where nations argue over territorial disputes and human rights violations.

But what if I told you that international law isn't just something that happens in faraway places, affecting only politicians and legal scholars? It's actually woven into the fabric of your everyday life – in ways you might not even realize. From the coffee you sip in the morning to the social media platforms you browse before bed, international law is quietly shaping the modern world, ensuring that systems run smoothly and fairly. Let's take a closer look at how international law shows up in your daily routine.

1. Morning Coffee and Global Trade
Picture this: you wake up, stumble to the kitchen, and make yourself a cup of coffee. That simple act is already tied to international law.

The coffee beans in your cup might have come from Brazil, Ethiopia, or Vietnam. How did they get to your local store? Through a complex network of trade agreements regulated by the World Trade Organization (WTO). The WTO sets the rules on tariffs, trade barriers, and import/export standards, making it

possible for those coffee beans to travel across borders without excessive costs or political interference.

Even the logo on your coffee cup is protected by international law. Intellectual property agreements, such as the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS), protect the brand identity and trademarks of coffee companies, ensuring that you know you're drinking the real thing and not a knock-off.

Next time you take a sip of your morning brew, you might want to thank international law for making it possible.

2. Travelling Abroad: Passports and Visas

Planning a trip abroad? Your passport and visa requirements are shaped by international agreements.

Why can you travel to some countries visa-free but need a visa for others? That's because of bilateral and multilateral agreements between countries, which determine the terms of entry for foreign nationals. The design and security of your passport are also regulated by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a specialized agency of the United Nations. The ICAO sets global standards to prevent fraud and ensure smooth border crossings.

The ease of booking a flight and checking in at the airport is also governed by international aviation laws. The Chicago Convention on International Civil Avi-

International Law in Everyday Life: More Relevant Than You Think

Hla Myet Chell (International Law)

ation (1944) established the legal framework for air travel, ensuring that planes from one country can safely land in another.

So the next time you breeze through passport control, remember that international law helped pave the way.

3. Environmental Protection and Climate Change

Ever wondered why plastic straws have disappeared from your favourite café? Or why countries are switching to renewable energy sources? That's international law in action.

The Paris Agreement (2015), signed by nearly every country in the world, sets targets for reducing carbon emissions and combating climate change. This agreement pushes governments to adopt sustainable practices – like banning single-use plastics or investing in green energy – which directly impact your daily life.

International treaties also protect wildlife and natural resources. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) regulates the global

trade of endangered animals and plants, ensuring that species are not exploited to extinction.

Even the beauty industry is influenced by international environmental standards. Take Selena Gomez's Rare Beauty lipstick, for example. A portion of the proceeds from certain shades goes toward coral reef restoration efforts. Coral reefs are essential for marine biodiversity, but they are threatened by ocean warming and pollution. International environmental laws and agreements, like the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), aim to protect marine ecosystems and promote sustainable use of ocean resources.

So next time you apply that perfect shade of coral lipstick, remember that you're not just enhancing your look – you're supporting global efforts to protect the planet's ecosystems.

4. Online Shopping and Consumer Protection

Clicked “Buy Now” on Amazon or Temu recently? Your online purchase is more connected to international law than you think. International trade agree-

ments ensure that goods can be imported and exported across borders efficiently. The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) sets the framework for international commerce, ensuring fair trade practices and reducing trade barriers.

Consumer protection laws, including intellectual property agreements, also protect you from counterfeit products and fraud. Cybersecurity agreements between countries work behind the scenes to protect your personal data when you enter your credit card details online.

So next time your package arrives at your door, remember that international law helped make it possible – safely and legally.

5. Health and Global Pandemics

The COVID-19 pandemic showed us just how interconnected the world is – and how crucial international cooperation is in times of crisis.

The World Health Organization (WHO) plays a key role in coordinating global health responses. Its regulations on disease reporting and health emergencies

ensure that outbreaks are tracked and managed quickly. The WHO also works with governments and pharmaceutical companies to ensure that vaccines and treatments are distributed fairly.

International law also governs medical research and the sharing of scientific data. Agreements like the Nagoya Protocol regulate the use of genetic resources, ensuring that the benefits of medical discoveries are shared globally.

From vaccine rollouts to international travel restrictions, global health law shapes how the world responds to public health emergencies – protecting you and your community.

6. Social Media and Digital Privacy

Scrolling through Facebook or TikTok? Even social media is shaped by international law.

Data privacy regulations like the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in the European Union set standards for how social media companies collect, store, and use your personal information. Many platforms follow these guidelines globally, which

means that your data is protected even if you're not in the EU.

International agreements on cybercrime also regulate how governments respond to hacking, misinformation, and online threats. Your ability to use social media freely and safely is, in part, the result of international legal frameworks that protect online expression and privacy.

Why It Matters

International law isn't just about treaties and court cases – it's about the invisible rules that make modern life possible. It ensures that you can trade, travel, shop, and communicate across borders with confidence and security.

The next time you enjoy a cup of coffee, buy something online, book a flight, or put on lipstick, remember that international law is working behind the scenes. It's not just the domain of diplomats and lawyers – it's part of the rhythm of everyday life.

Understanding international law helps you see the world differently. It shows you how interconnected and interdependent we all are – and why cooperation between nations matters more than ever.

So, the next time someone mentions international law, you'll know it's not just about politics and treaties – it's about the small things that make your world go round.

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Chinese scientists achieve major breakthrough in perovskite solar cell technology

Chinese scientists have significantly improved perovskite solar cell stability, achieving 3,670 hours of operation by encasing the material in a graphene-polymer “protective suit,” paving the way for potential industrial applications and integration into everyday life.

CHINESE scientists have achieved a major advancement in the field of perovskite solar cells, potentially paving the way for their widespread industrial application.

Perovskite solar cells, a highly promising next-generation photovoltaic technology, generate electricity like traditional silicon-based

cells while offering distinct advantages such as being ultra-thin, flexible and lightweight. These features open up possibilities for integration into unconventional surfaces like clothing and windows. However, the instability of these devices has remained a major obstacle to commercialization.

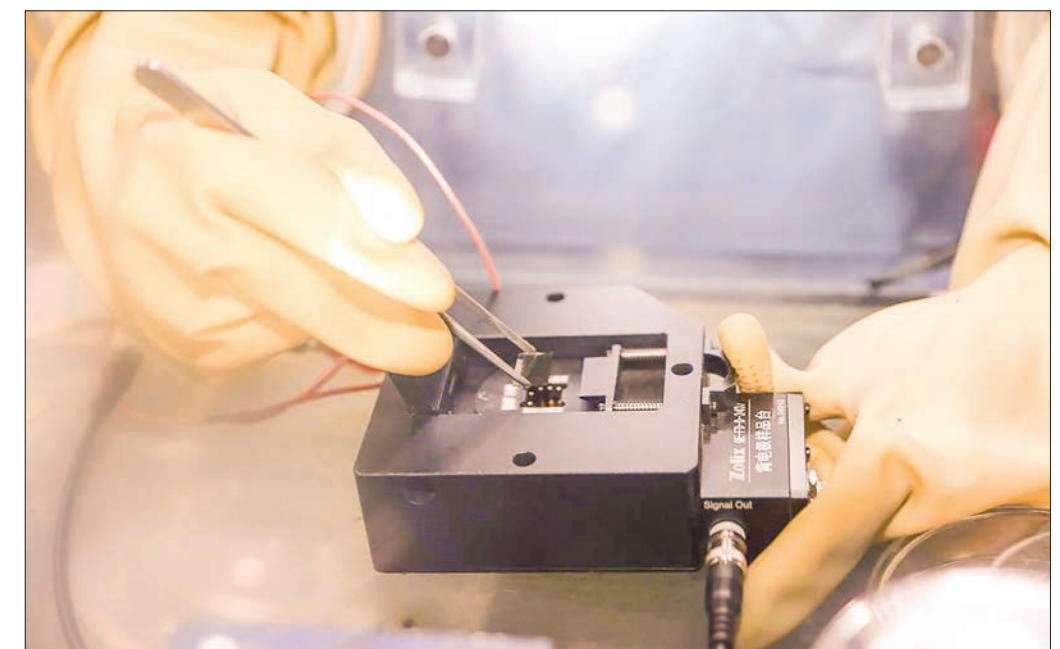
A research team from the Shanghai-based

East China University of Science and Technology has achieved a major breakthrough by identifying the key mechanism behind this instability.

The researchers have developed an innovative perovskite solar cell device capable of operating for an unprecedented 3,670 hours, setting a new benchmark for durability. Their

research was recently published in the journal Science. To address the stability issue, the researchers introduced a novel solution: putting the perovskite material in a “protective suit” made of graphene-polymer, a hard and durable material. This innovative approach significantly enhances the material's lifespan and resilience.

SOURCE: Xinhua



A scientist on the research team is testing the photovoltaic properties of the novel solar cell device that they developed in this research. **PHOTO: CHINA DAILY**

NATIONAL

Indians, Malaysians nabbed in telecom fraud bust



Immigration and officials processing deportation for telecom fraudsters.

Authorities yesterday deported 266 Indian and 25 Malaysian nationals who had been implicated in these operations. The deportation was carried out via the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge II, following legal procedures and in consideration of humanitarian and diplomatic relations.

Authorities also detained 247 more foreign nationals who had illegally entered Myanmar. The Kayin State government's Minister for Security and Border Affairs, Colonel Min Thu Kyaw and relevant officials oversaw the deportation process to ensure its smooth execution.

Authorities continue to investigate and detain illegal foreign entrants in Myawady-Maethalay, with efforts underway to

facilitate their repatriation. A total of 5,446 foreigners who entered Myanmar illegally have been apprehended from 30 January to 11 March 2025. Of these, 2,763 have already been deported through Thailand, while preparations are in place for the remaining 2,683.

The government continues to take decisive action against individuals involved in online scam centres and foreign nationals operating behind the scenes. Authorities are actively identifying, arresting, and prosecuting those responsible. Efforts are underway to swiftly deport foreign nationals who have been victimized or trafficked, ensuring their safe return to their respective countries through coordinated international cooperation. — MNA/KZL

MYANMAR, China, and Thailand continue their trilateral cooperation to crack down on online scams and gambling operations, targeting foreign nationals involved in these illicit activities.

Counter-argument to false information

Misinformation on civilian deaths in Nawnghkio, Moemeik, Mogok

MALICIOUS news media have spread false claims that security forces' actions in Nawnghkio, Moemeik and Mogok from 5 to 7 March caused 17 civilian deaths, 41 injuries and the destruction of 85 buildings.

Local authorities clarified that security forces only carried out necessary security measures based on reports from civilians about insurgents hiding in the area. They stated that insurgents have been attacking monks and civilians, burning villages and firing heavy weapons indiscriminately. The false reports aim to mislead the public and cover up insurgents' activities by blaming security forces for the violence. — MNA/KZL



This screenshot discloses misinformation.

Authorities eradicate 48 acres of irrigated opium poppies in Hopong Township



Eradication of 48 acres of irrigated opium poppies underway on 10 March.

OFFICIALS destroyed opium poppy fields in Hopong Township, Pa-O Self-Administered Zone, in Shan State (South) on the morning of 10 March.

The fields were located in Tahlyano and Kyaukkacha villages within the Sanphuu village-tract.

The operation involved Police Ma-

yor Htay Aung and members of the township police force, Captain Naing Ko Lin and Tatmadaw members from Hopong Station, as well as responsible personnel from the township general administration department, agriculture department and forest department.

Authorities destroyed eight acres of poppy fields – four acres in Tahlyano village and another four acres in Kyaukkacha village.

A total of 48 acres of irrigated opium poppy fields were destroyed in Hopong Township from 3 to 10 March. — Pa-O region IPRD/MKKS

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NATIONAL

3-day illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth K1,448M

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

On 8 March, the combined teams impounded five vehicles (approximately K250 million) carrying seven kinds of industrial materials and a kind of consumer goods worth K259,789,549 without official documents near Hpa-an Industrial Zone in Hpa-an Township and an unregistered Wave-110 motorbike (approximately K300,000) on the outskirts of Kyonmangay Township. The action was taken under the Export-Import Law and Customs procedures.

On 8 and 9 March, the combined on-duty teams seized a Mitsubishi Fuso truck (estimated value of K30 million), traveling from Myawady to Yangon, carrying industrial materials valued at K15.075 million without official documents in Indagaw Township industrial materials valued at K230.965,350 without



Photos capture confiscated illegal items and vehicles.

official documents from four containers at the Thilawa Port. The action was conducted per Customs procedures.

On 10 March, the on-duty teams confiscated illegal teaks weighing 1.746 tonnes worth K125,000 in Lewe district, 11 plastic tanks (empty), which are used in gold mining, worth K330,000 in Machanbaw Township, an unregistered Mitsubishi

Outlander (estimated value of K15 million) in Shwebo Township, two vehicles (estimated value of K40 million) carrying seven kinds of consumer goods and two kinds of industrial materials worth K33.863 million in Mandalay (old) Township, an Isuzu Giga truck (approximately K45 million) carrying a kind of industrial materials valued at K5.115 million without official

documents in Paleik Township, four vehicles (estimated value of K104 million) carrying 47 kinds of consumer goods and 13 kinds of industrial materials valued at K194,170,665 without official documents at the Yadanabon Bridge (Mandalay), a Scania tractor head with a trailer (approximately K71 million) carrying two kinds of industrial materials valued at K86.55 million with-

out official documents on the outskirts of Kyaukse Township and foodstuffs valued at K10 million without official documents in Mawlamyine Township. The action was taken under the Mining Law, the Forest Law, and Customs procedures.

In addition, on 11 March, the combined on-duty teams nabbed a wooden boat with two kinds of related things valued at K15.5 million in Kawthoung Township, industrial materials, that were piled up at the jetty, valued at K40.474 million in Kawthoung Township and two cattle worth K1.5 million without official documents in Dagon Seikkan Township. The action was conducted under the Myanmar Marine Fisheries Law, the Essential Goods and Services Law, and Customs procedures.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported 37 arrests on 8, 10 and 11 March, seizing illegal goods worth approximately K1,448 million. — MNA/MKKS

Locally made earthen pots gain popularity as summer nears



Images display locally made natural earthen water pots in the market.

WITH the arrival of summer, more people are using locally made natural sand water pots that are healthy and safe, according to the handicraft market in Mandalay.

Besides local demand, Mandalay also receives orders from Thailand.

“Since summer has arrived, natural sand water pots

have become more popular. Their advantages include being healthy, as they are made of both earth and sand. The sand is just superficial, and the inside is clay. We receive orders from many places, including Tachilek and Thailand, so we can say that they are selling well,” said Ma Zin Zin Win, a wholesaler of various earthenware near the

Mandalay Tooth Relic Pagoda.

Previously, people were required to slide open the lids on the pots to drink, but now, they can take water from the taps installed on clean water bottles.

“In the past, water had to be fetched by hand in sand pots. Now, with water bottles made of pipe, people don’t have to fetch by hand from the top. The clay is thicker and better. The health benefits of the earth are the same as before, so water from an earthen pot is better. Drinking water from an earthen pot is healthier than water from a refrigerator. That’s why more people are using it,” she added.

Sand water pots are a local craft that is sold more frequently during the hot summer months. They come in various sizes, such as 10, 15 and 20 litres, and clay pots are also available in 10 or 20 litres. — Thit Taw/ZN

Yangon Region sees growth in durian farms

WITH an increase in durian farms in the Yangon Region, production has also elevated.

“Now, there are durian farms in Yangon too. Durian can be cultivated in areas where the soil is fertile and has good irrigation. The number of durian growers has mounted every year. But the fruits are not beautiful; that is why we still need to learn the technique of how to use fertilizer as per prescribed instructions so that the fruit will be qualified for

export. This year’s production is large, but many falling fruits,” said Ko Maung Zaw from the durian plant nursery in Mudon Township.

Myanmar’s durian plantation is still low when compared to that of neighbouring countries – Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia.

“Durian plantation is still low in Myanmar compared to the neighbouring. If the country’s durian plantation increases, we can export the fruit to China in large amounts like Thailand and Vietnam do. But this year’s yield is likely to be large,” he added.

In Myanmar, durian is mainly grown in the Taninthayi Region, Mon State and Kayin State. Durian is a good potential export crop, and it can give many benefits if there is government support and farmers’ cooperation. — Thit Taw/ZS



This image shows young durian plants being prepared for transport.

ECONOMY WORLD

Global energy forum CERAWeek kicks off over uncertainties on market, policy, transition

GLOBAL energy industry leaders are gathering in the southern US metropolis of Houston as CERAWeek, the most influential annual forum in the industry, unfolded its agenda on Monday amid rising uncertainties facing the energy market and transition.

“We gather at a time of great change, opportunity and unpredictability in energy and in global affairs,” said the forum’s organizer, S&P Global, in its welcome remarks.

Oil prices went down one per cent on Monday after hitting a three-year low below US\$70 a barrel last week, driven by uncertainty over US tariffs and concerns that President Donald Trump’s policies are disrupting global trade flows.

With the theme of “Moving Ahead: Energy strategies for a complex world”, the 43rd forum will address pressing challenges related to energy security, supply, and climate ambitions, as



US Energy Secretary Chris Wright (at the podium and on the screen) speaks at the CERAWeek in Houston, Texas, the United States, on 10 March 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

well as developments in markets, infrastructure, policy direction, and technological innovations — particularly those powered

by artificial intelligence (AI), according to the forum’s agenda.

Tariffs have emerged as a major topic of discussion, with

experts debating whether a new nexus of “tariffs, trade, and competition” will shape energy markets and policy, potential-

ly replacing the long-standing global priorities of “security, affordability, and sustainability”.

“The energy industry is at a crossroads,” S&P Global said in a report, citing hovering high inflation, weak economic growth, and rising energy costs among drivers of global uncertainty, which deepen the dilemma of energy transition.

The US energy policy is also under intense scrutiny. In a keynote address on Monday, US Energy Secretary Chris Wright reaffirmed the Trump administration’s commitment to maximize the country’s fossil fuel production while dismantling the climate policies of former Democratic President Joe Biden, which he described as “not effective”. “The Trump administration will treat climate change for what it is, a global physical phenomenon that is a side effect of building the modern world,” Wright told the CERAWeek audience. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

S Korea’s export rises in 10 days of March

SOUTH Korea’s export rose in the first 10 days of this month due to robust demand for locally-made ships, mobile devices and automobiles, customs office data showed Tuesday.

Export came to US\$13.87 billion in the 1-10 March period, up 2.9 per cent compared to the same period last year, according to Korea Customs Service. The daily average export advanced 12.3 per cent in the 10-day period. The monthly outbound shipment increased 1.0 per cent in February. Semiconductor export was almost unchanged at \$2.75 billion, while automotive shipment gained 6.2 per cent to \$1.21 billion. Export for ships soared 55.2 per cent to \$1.22 billion, and mobile devices shipment jumped 16.5 per cent. — Xinhua

China’s NEV output, sales surge in February

China’s new energy vehicles (NEVs) performed strongly in both production and sales in February, industry data showed on Tuesday.

NEV production surged 91.5 per cent year on year to 888,000 units in February, according to data issued by the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers (CAAM). NEV sales also grew rapidly by 87.1 per cent year on year to 892,000 units last month — accounting for 41.9 per cent of total new vehicle sales of the month, according to the CAAM data. Complementing the rapid NEV growth trend, China launched an insurance platform for NEVs on January 25 this year, which has already covered 114,000 units as of 25 February, following guidelines to address challenges and bolster consumer trust in this rapidly expanding sector. — Xinhua

Canada’s Ontario hits US with 25% electricity tax

CANADA’S Ontario government on Monday officially applied a 25 per cent surcharge on all electricity exports to three US states. Ontario Premier Doug Ford said that he will not hesitate to increase the charge or even shut off energy exports entirely should the trade war persist.

The additional tax will affect 1.5 million homes and businesses in Michigan, Minnesota and New York.

According to local media, the measure is likely to bring in up to 400,000 Canadian dollars (around US\$277,238) in revenue a day and add about 100 Canadian dollars (around US\$69) a month to some utility bills being paid by Americans in the three states.

“(US) President Trump’s tariffs are a disaster for the US

economy. They’re making life more expensive for American families and businesses,” Ford said in a statement.

Until the threat of tariffs

is gone for good, Ontario won’t back down and will use every tool in the toolkit and do whatever it takes to protect Ontario, said Ford. — Xinhua



Photo taken on 10 March 2025 shows power lines leading from Sir Adam Beck Generating Stations of Canada in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. Canada’s Ontario government on Monday officially applied a 25 per cent surcharge on all electricity exports to three US states. PHOTO: XINHUA

Tokyo stocks end lower on US tariff woes, Nikkei briefly down 2%

TOKYO stocks retreated Tuesday, with the Nikkei stock index closing at a six-month low after diving more than two per cent at one point due to concerns that Japan may not be immune to US President Donald Trump's tariff policies. The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average ended down 235.16 points, or 0.64 per cent, from Monday at 36,793.11. The broader Topix index finished 30.04 points, or 1.11 per cent, lower at 2,670.72.

On the top-tier Prime Market, decliners were led by nonferrous metal, securities house and service issues. The US dollar briefly weakened to the mid-146 yen zone in Tokyo, as the safe-haven yen was bought on uncertainty about the outlook for the US economy amid Trump's erratic tariff threats against his country's closest trading partners such as Canada, dealers said. At 5 pm, the dollar

fetched 146.91-93 yen compared with 147.23-33 yen in New York and 147.58-60 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm Monday. The euro was quoted at \$1.0889-0891 and 159.98-160.02 yen against \$1.0832-0842 and 159.47-57 yen in New York and \$1.0822-0824 and 159.72-76 yen in Tokyo late Monday afternoon. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Japanese government bond fell 0.070 percentage point from Monday's close to 1.505 per cent, briefly declining to

1.490 per cent, as the debt, also considered a low-risk asset, was bought on negativity about the prospects for the world's largest economy. Tokyo stocks dropped almost across the board in the morning, sending the Nikkei index below the 36,000 line for the first time since last September, after Trump said in a TV interview aired Sunday that there will be "a period of transition" when asked about the possibility of a US recession. — Kyodo



A financial data screen in Tokyo shows the 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average plunging over 1,000 points on 11 March 2025, on selling fuelled by uncertainty over US tariff policies and fears of a US recession. PHOTO: KYODO

New Zealand meat, dairy product manufacturing sales volumes up in Q4, 2024

NEW Zealand's meat and dairy product manufacturing sales volumes rose NZ\$253 million, or 3.1 per cent, in the December 2024 quarter, compared with the September 2024 quarter, according to the statistics department Stats NZ on Tuesday. The rise in meat exports contributed to the increased sales volume in the meat and dairy product manufacturing industry, Stats NZ Eco-

nomic indicators spokesperson Michelle Feyen said, adding this trend coincided with higher meat and milk prices. In the December 2024 quarter, total manufacturing sales increased by NZ\$253 million, or 1.1 per cent. However, excluding meat and dairy, manufacturing sales remained unchanged from the September 2024 quarter, Feyen said. Most industries see higher sales val-

ues in the December 2024 quarter, with sales rising in 12 of the 14 higher-level industries measured in the business financial data in the December 2024 quarter, when compared with the September 2024 quarter, she said, adding the biggest movements were recorded in electricity, gas, water, and waste services, manufacturing and construction. (NZ\$1 equals US\$0.57) — Xinhua

PESTICIDES DISTRIBUTER CHANGING

The manufacture of **Shandong Max Agro Co.,Ltd** have registered the following product in Pesticide Registration Board of Myanmar to distribute in Myanmar. Now, we have to change from old distributor name "**Myanmar Max Agro Service Co.,Ltd**", to new distributor name "**Aventine Co.,Ltd**". If any object or enquiry, please contact to Pesticide registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayint Naung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon, from here to next 14 days. **Aventine Co.,Ltd**. Ph-09401573814.

| Sr. | Trade Name | Active Ingredient | Registration No. |
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| 1. | Max Sote Sar | Spirotetramat 24% SC | P2024-6487 |

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The following three pesticides distributed by **Aventine Co.,Ltd** and here we would like to pesticide trade name change advertising. Anyone who would like to object or inquiry about new trade name contact within 14 days to Joint-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayint Naung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon. **Aventine Co.,Ltd** Tel:09-401573814

| Sr. | Old Trade Name | New Trade Name | Active Ingredients | Registration No. |
|-----|----------------|----------------|--|------------------|
| 1. | Rustop | Armo Hmoe Kinn | Pyraclostrobin 10% + Tebuconazole 20% SC | P2024-6077 |

German industrial output rises, but recovery uncertain

GERMANY'S industrial production increased by two per cent month-on-month in January, indicating a tentative rebound in economic activity at the start of the year, according to preliminary data released by the Federal Statistical Office on Monday. The rise was largely driven by a strong recovery in the automotive sector, where output surged by 6.4 per cent in January, following a steep 10-per-cent decline in the previous month. "Although previous production losses were partially offset in January, there are still no signs of a broader recovery in the manufacturing sector," Germany's Economy Ministry stated on Monday. The ministry cautioned that a sustained rebound in industrial production remains unlikely, citing a sharp decline in incoming orders and rising geopolitical uncertainties. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V BANGKOK VOY.NO. (206N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V BANGKOK VOY.NO. (206N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **12-3-2025** 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.

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.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day. Phone No: **2301185**

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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINE

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

Japan marks 14th anniversary of quake-tsunami, nuclear disasters



A memorial service is held at the site of the former town hall in Otsuchi, Iwate Prefecture, on 11 March 2025, the 14th anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake. **PHOTO: KYODO**

JAPAN on Tuesday marked 14 years since a devastating earthquake and tsunami rocked the country's northeast, triggering a nuclear crisis, with residents in one of the hardest-hit areas again reeling from the impact of a natural disaster.

The commemoration came at a particularly hard time for residents of Ofunato in Iwate Prefecture, who have evacuated due to a massive wildfire that broke out in late February. The blaze has been contained, with all evacuation

orders lifted by Monday.

When the triple disasters struck 14 years ago, scores of people were forced from their homes. The disaster-prone nation has since taken steps to be better prepared for natural calamities, including the handling of evacuations and rebuilding the affected areas.

People across Japan observed a moment of silence and prayer for the victims at 2:46 pm, when the magnitude-9.0 temblor struck off the Pacific coast, leading to more than

22,000 deaths.

At a memorial service hosted by Fukushima Prefecture, where the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power complex is located, Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba offered his condolences and pledged to make Japan a world leader in disaster prevention.

"We will leverage our experience from the disaster to implement thorough disaster preparedness and strengthen our response system," Ishiba said. — Kyodo

Militants hold 450 train passengers hostage in Pakistan

ARMED militants held hundreds of train passengers hostage on Tuesday in an ongoing siege claimed by a separatist group behind rising violence in southwestern Pakistan.

The militants wounded the driver as they took control of the train in a remote, mountainous area of Balochistan province which borders Afghanistan and Iran.

"Over 450 passengers on-board are being held hostage by

gunmen," Muhammad Kashif, a senior railway government official in Quetta, the capital of the province, told AFP.

"Passengers include women and children," he added.

The attack was immediately claimed by the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) which is fighting for independence and accuses outsiders of profiting from the region's wealth.

In a statement, it said gunmen bombed the railway

track before storming aboard the train.

"The militants swiftly took control of the train and have taken all passengers hostage," said the statement released to media. The group "warned of severe consequences" if an attempt is made to rescue the hostages. The incident happened around 1:00 pm (0800 GMT) in rural Sibi district, near to a city station where it had been due to stop. — AFP

Iran says no letter received from Trump on nuclear talks

IRAN has not received any letter from the United States on negotiations about the country's nuclear programme, Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Esmail Baghaei said Monday.

In an interview with Fox Business Network on Friday, Trump said he wanted to negotiate with Iran on the nuclear issue and had sent a letter to the country's leadership.

Baghaei said Iran had never closed the door to negotiations. "However, we do not accept a negotiation proposal that is based on intimidation and threat and basically do not consider it as a negotiation," he said.

He warned that threatening to use force is considered "prohibited and a criminal ac-

tion" under international law. By claiming "all options are on the table", Washington is actually threatening Iran, he said, referring to remarks by Trump's national security advisor Michael Waltz in February.

Meanwhile, Iran's permanent mission to the United Nations in New York also announced Monday that the country had not received any letter from Trump.

Iran signed a nuclear deal, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, with six major countries -- Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia, the United States -- in July 2015, accepting restrictions on its nuclear programme in return for sanctions relief. — Xinhua

Arab nations condemn Israel's Gaza electricity cut

SAUDI Arabia, Qatar and Jordan on Tuesday condemned Israel's decision to cut electricity supply to the war-battered Gaza Strip, calling in separate statements for the international community to take action. Israel announced on Sunday it was disconnecting the only power line to a water desalination plant in Gaza, in an effort to pressure Palestinian militant group Hamas into releasing hostages amid an apparent impasse in truce talks.

Saudi Arabia's foreign ministry expressed "condemnation in the strongest terms of the Israeli occupation authorities' use

of collective punishment against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip by cutting off electricity to the area".

A Qatari foreign ministry statement said the Gulf state "strongly condemns the Israeli occupation's act of cutting electricity to the Gaza Strip, considering it a blatant violation of international humanitarian law".

Jordanian foreign ministry spokesman Sufyan Qudah called the electricity cut "a clear continuation of the policy of starvation and siege imposed by Israel", about a week after Israeli authorities blocked the entry of aid into Gaza. — AFP



A Palestinian man runs a makeshift phone charging station from a tent at a displacement camp west of Jabalia city in the northern Gaza Strip on 11 March 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

SPORTS

Alcaraz powers into Indian Wells last 16, Sabalenka, Gauff, Keys advance

TWO-TIME defending champion Carlos Alcaraz powered past in-form Canadian Denis Shapovalov 6-2, 6-4 on Monday to continue his march towards a rare Indian Wells ATP Masters three-peat.

The world number three from Spain booked his place in the last 16 with a clinical victory, breaking Shapovalov in the opening game with a blistering forehand down the line as he roared to a 5-0 lead.

Alcaraz said the quick start was key against an opponent coming off a title in Dallas and a semifinal run in Acapulco.

"I knew at the beginning of the match that I had to be really focused. I had to start the match really strong, knowing it was going to be a really tough battle," Alcaraz said.

He saved three of the four break points he faced and converted four of his eight chances, sealing the match with an overhead that Shapovalov could barely get his racquet to.

Pleased with his performance, Alcaraz said there were still a few things he could improve as he tries to join Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic as the only men to win three straight titles in the California desert.

In other matches, world number four Taylor Fritz, the Indian Wells champion in 2022, said he "just stopped making super random mistakes" to turn things around in his 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 victory over Chilean Alejandro Tabilo.

"For the first set and a half, I just, for no reason, was just missing balls. I couldn't even imagine, I don't know why I was missing them," added the American, who had 43 unforced errors to 32 winners.

Argentina's Francisco Cerundolo beat Botić van de Zandschulp 6-3, 6-4, ending the run of the Dutch lucky loser who toppled 24-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic in the second round.

Cerundolo next plays Australian ninth seed Alex De Minaur, who cruised past Hubert Hurkacz 6-4, 6-0 to post his 50th match win at the Masters 1000 level.

While upsets have claimed men's top seed Alexander Zverev, fourth seed Casper Ruud and number six Djokovic, the top five women's seeds are all safely into the fourth round after victories for world number one Aryna Sabalenka, third-ranked Coco Gauff and fifth-ranked Australian Open champion Madison Keys on Monday.

Sabalenka said her 6-1, 6-2 victory over 62nd-ranked Lucia Bronzetti wasn't as easy as it looked, thanks in part to the unpredictable Stadium Court wind. — AFP

Myanmar to compete in 2026 AFC Women's Asian Cup Qualifiers



This photo showcases the Myanmar national women's team competing in the previous Nepal Four Nations Invitational Tournament. **PHOTO: ANFA**

THE group drawing lots for the 2026 AFC Women's Asian Cup qualifiers, in which the Myanmar national women's football team will compete, is scheduled to take place on 27 March at the AFC headquarters in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The qualifiers will be held from 23 June to 5 July, with over 20 teams participating. The teams will be divided into eight groups and the top eight teams will advance to the final stage. The fi-

nal tournament is scheduled to take place in Australia in March 2026. As the host nation, Australia will automatically qualify, along with the 2022 champions China, runners-up South Korea and third-placed Japan, who will bypass the qualifiers and directly compete in the final stage.

The AFC Women's Asian Cup qualifiers will be the first major international competition of the year for team Myanmar. The squad is set to participate in

three major international tournaments this year, including the AFC qualifiers, the ASEAN Women's Championship and the XXXIII Thailand SEA Games.

As part of their preparations, the Myanmar team competed in the Nepal Four Nations Women's Invitational Tournament from 17 to 26 February, where they emerged as champions. The team has been in training since mid-December 2024 but paused after the Nepal tournament. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Manchester United to build new 100,000-seat stadium

MANCHESTER United on Tuesday announced plans to build a new 100,000-capacity stadium close to their historic Old Trafford stadium that co-owner Jim Ratcliffe said would be the "world's greatest" football ground.

The momentous decision by the Premier League club comes after an extensive consultation process around whether to develop their creaking current ground or move, in conjunction with the Old Trafford Regeneration Task Force.

United have now confirmed their "intention to pursue a new 100,000-seater stadium as the centrepiece of the regeneration of the Old Trafford area".

The club hopes the new stadium, which will cost a reported £2 billion (\$2.6 billion) can be finished in five years, though the start date remains uncertain.

Scaled models and conceptual



Old Trafford stadium is pictured ahead of the English Premier League football match between Manchester United and Fulham in Manchester, north west England, on 24 February 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

images for how the new stadium and surrounding area could look like were revealed on Tuesday at the London headquarters of architects Foster + Partners, appointed in September to design the stadium district.

"Today marks the start of an incredibly exciting journey to the delivery

of what will be the world's greatest football stadium, at the centre of a regenerated Old Trafford," Ratcliffe said in a club statement.

"Our current stadium has served us brilliantly for the past 115 years, but it has fallen behind the best arenas in world sports". — AFP



Pope out of danger, talk turns to return home

Pope Francis was reported to be in good spirits Tuesday after the Vatican declared he was out of danger and could even be discharged in the near future after almost one month in hospital with pneumonia. The 88-year-old head of the Catholic Church has been in Rome's Gemelli hospital since 14 February with pneumonia in both lungs and has suffered several respiratory crises that sparked real fear for his life.

But after a week of steady improvements, the Holy See on Monday evening said his prognosis was no longer considered "reserved", or uncertain – meaning his life is no longer at risk. – AFP

China voices support for peaceful settlement of Ukraine crisis as US, Ukrainian officials set to meet

CHINA supports all efforts conducive to a peaceful settlement of the Ukraine crisis and hopes all parties can reach a just, lasting and acceptable solution, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said on Tuesday.

China is willing to continue to work with the international community to play a constructive role in the political settlement of the crisis, Mao said at a regular news briefing. The Ukraine-US meeting is scheduled for Tuesday in Saudi Arabia's port city of Jeddah. – Xinhua



US and Ukrainian delegations meet in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 11 March 2025. A high-stakes meeting between US and Ukrainian delegations started in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday. PHOTO: XINHUA

US, Ukraine start talks in Saudi Arabia

A HIGH-STAKES meeting between US and Ukrainian delegations started in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday.

The talks in the Saudi port city of Jeddah came about two weeks after a US-Ukraine minerals deal was called off. US military assistance to Ukraine was also suspended after US President Donald Trump and then visiting Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelen-

sky were embroiled in a rare shouting match at the White House.

Attending the meeting are US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, National Security Advisor Mike Waltz, and Special Envoy to the Middle East Steve Witkoff.

The Ukrainian delegation includes Zelensky's chief of staff Andriy Yermak, Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha, Defence Minister Rustem Umerov,

and Zelensky's Deputy Chief of Staff, Pavlo Palisa.

Saudi Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud and National Security Advisor Musaed Al Aiban are attending the meeting.

The Ukrainian president arrived in Saudi Arabia on Monday and left earlier on Tuesday after meeting Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud. — Xinhua

US unable to stand up to Trump, says French senator after viral 'Nero' speech

US politicians are unable to stand up to Donald Trump, a French lawmaker said, after the viral success of a speech where he damned the US president as presiding over "Nero's court" and described his advisor, Elon Musk, as a "buffoon on ketamine".

The main chamber of France's upper house, the Senate, is usually the venue for stately discussion rather than speeches that go viral worldwide.

But senator Claude Malhuret, a veteran politician who sits with a faction aligned with President Emmanuel Macron in the Senate, last week grabbed global attention due to his colourful choice of language.

"Washington has become Nero's court, with an incendiary emperor, submissive courtiers and a buffoon on ketamine in charge of purging the civil service," he said in the speech. He was comparing Trump

to notoriously tyrannical Roman emperor Nero.

He also made reference to Musk, owner of social media platform X and the world's richest person, who has been put in charge of Trump's federal cost-cutting efforts.

Given English subtitles by social media users, the speech by Malhuret — a former minister, MP and mayor — has been viewed millions of times and also broadcast by international news networks. — AFP



(FILES) French senator and president of the 'Les Independants - Republique et Territoires' group in the Senate Claude Malhuret speaks following French Prime Minister's statement of general policy before the French Senate, French Parliament's upper house, in Paris on 31 January 2024, three weeks after his appointment by the French President. PHOTO: AFP