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Senior General sends message to mark World Teachers' Day

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing underscored that the country requires many well-versed teachers to produce educated youths with obedience to discipline and morale in accord with the saying: "School is the birthplace of national moral standards".

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing sent a message to the World Teachers' Day which falls on 5 October today.

The Senior General urged teachers to have a high capacity for improvement of the education of students and they have to learn constantly, adding that teachers must create new concepts and ideas in their lives.

The message spotlighted that only when teachers are qualified will student youths be educated with high morality and can they serve the interests of the State and its nationals, beautifying the State and uplifting prestige.

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Dedicated female artisans excel in lantem crafting business (above photo) and their crafted lantern products (below).
PHOTO : MAUNG AYE CHAN

Vibrant lantern businesses flourish with competitive prices ahead of Thadingyut Festival

THE makers of locally made colourful lanterns are doing a roaring trade with competitive prices in domestic markets as the Thadingyut Festival nears, said U Toe Gyi, a lantern maker from Mandalay. Those lanterns are made from bamboo and coloured wax paper. We produced 16 innovative designs of lanterns this year. The lanterns started to be supplied from July, he added.

"The coloured lanterns can be sold for about six months per year. We do not make large profits due to the high cost of raw materials. The buyers from other regions made purchase orders in advance. The sellers from Mandalay mostly buy them when the festival is approaching. We prepared the raw materials first before the festival seasons," he elaborated.

There are lanterns in the shapes of animals, vehicles, ships, aeroplanes and cartoon characters to attract the attention of the children. The wholesale prices range from K500 to K8,000 per piece depending on designs and sizes.
— Maung Aye Chan/EM

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FIELD Training Exercise of the ADMM Plus Experts' Working Group on Counter-Terrorism (EWG on CT), co-chaired by Myanmar and Russia, was held at Sergeevsky Training Ground in Primorsky Krai, Vladivostok, Far Eastern Federal District, Russia, from 26 to 29 September.

Myanmar military personnel who participated in the exercise arrived at Vladivostok International Airport of the Russian Federation on the evening of 22 September and then the representative military personnel from Myanmar and Russian Armed Forces conducted preparatory measures for Field Training Exercise from 23 to 25.

On 26 September, a military parade to mark the opening ceremony of the Field Training Exercise was held at Sergeevsky Training Ground. Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy, Air) General Maung Maung Aye attended the event, along with officers and other ranks who participated in the exercise, senior military officers and members from ASEAN member states and partner countries, including Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Russia, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

The Chief of the Russian Pacific Naval Fleet Admiral Viktor Nikolayevich Liina delivered the opening speech, the flag marking the exercise was hoisted, and the military parade continued as per the agenda.

In the afternoon, the participants prepared for the exercise at the temporary Training Camp of the Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU) as per the training programme. Before the exercise, the Co-Chairs: Lt-Gen Htein Win, Chief of Armed Forces Training from Myanmar and Vice-Admiral Berezovsky Denis Valentinovich from Russia delivered opening speeches, and the exercise was continued.

The training was conducted in two parts: training with commanding units and practical training by field units. From 27 to 28 September, the training with commanding units took place at the Far Eastern Federal University. Led by representatives from Myanmar and Russia, the participants discussed the operation plan drafted during the Table Top Exercise hosted in Myanmar while operational and tactical groups sought approval for the training arrangements, and drafted the first phase of counter-terrorism operations.

As the second part of the training, the participants from the ASEAN member states and partner countries conducted the preparatory measures for the practical training by field units from 23 to 28 September. On the morning of 29 September, the troops from various countries in the field training exercise successfully performed the practical exercise to conduct an operation drill and combat the area controlled by terrorists with the supporting fire of relevant military corps.

During the training period, delegates from various countries visited the prominent places such as the Anna Shchetinina woman hero statue, Glavnaya Ploshchad square, Pacific Navy Fleet museum, the submarine museum, the marine museum and the Russian historical museum.

Led by the Co-chairs from Myanmar and Russia of the ADMM Plus Experts' Working Group on Counter-Terrorism, the Table Top Exercise was successfully organized in Nay Pyi Taw of Myanmar from 2 to 4 August and the Field Training Exercise in Vladivostok of Russia from 26 to 29 September aiming to combat terrorists and terrorism based on mutual understanding and belief, friendships among ASEAN member states and partner countries.

Source: *Myawady Daily Newspaper (2-10-2023)*

Advanced Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting Course conducted at Yangon International Airport

THE Yangon Aerodrome Company Limited (YACL) reported on 4 October that a five-day advanced course on aircraft rescue and firefighting was conducted by the Airport of Thailand (AOT) at the Yangon International Airport.

The course was aimed at ensuring the safety of passengers and partnership companies as per the prescribed terms and conditions.

"It is believed that the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) team's skills will be promoted and it will be able to deal with the various emergencies with more effective solution standards through the course," said Mr Pedro Cavem, Chief Operating Officer from YACL.

The training lasted for five days from 25 to 29 September and a total of 30 employees from Yangon International Airport and Nay Pyi Taw International Airport attended it. — MNA/MKKS

Advanced course on aircraft firefighting and rescue conducted by the Airport of Thailand (AOT) in progress at the Yangon International Airport.

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Moreover, the message highlighted the important role of teachers to implement the mission of basic education with the aim of enabling all school-age children to complete the basic education, at least KG+9 education, producing knowledge of rationality and analysis, fostering the duty conscientiousness responsibility and accountability for following public ethics, democratic practice and human rights, producing the youths with a wide range of scope, keenness to study and creativity, accepting diversity in individuals and societies with valuing the equality and applying the basic knowledge of peace.

The Senior General expressed the aims of teachers for nurturing the students to have good practices of cooperation and analysis, solving problems and initiating critical thinking and creativity while upholding the national spirit and patriotic spirit.

The message disclosed that paying respect to teachers has been flourishing as an act of remembering the gratitude of teachers as Myanmar traditions from ancient times to date.

The message highlighted the role of the teacher, saying that Myanmar nationals especially wish to pursue education, upholding the spirit of paying back debts of gratitude to the teachers and recognizing them as great benefactors in their lives.

The day, 5 October 1966, when the International Labour Organization and UNESCO signed the recommendations for the standards of teachers was designated as World Teachers' Day. The significantly commemorative day has been marked across the world since 1994. This year's celebration turned 30 years for the commemoration of the day.

In Myanmar, the Ministry of Education organized the World Teachers Day at the Yangon University Diamond Jubilee Hall on 5 October 2002, and this year's occasion turned 22 years. — MNA/TTA

Proper arms chosen for cadets of DSTA 26th Intake

State Administration Council Vice-Chair Deputy C-in-C of Defence Services C-in-C (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win attends the choice of arms for cadets of the 26th Intake in DSAT in PyinOoLwin yesterday.

VICE-CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win attended the choice of arms for cadets of the 26th Intake of the Defence Services Technological Academy in DSAT in PyinOoLwin yesterday morning.

Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Maung Maung Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Moe Aung, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung, high-ranking senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Central Command, the commandant of DSTA and officials also participated in the choice of arms for cadets. They met cadets as individuals and chose the proper arms of the army, navy and air force corps depending on their excellent performances in technologies and training every year, following disciplines, industry and keen efforts.

In the afternoon, the Vice-Senior General had lunch together with cadets at the Pyinnya Tazaung cadet mess hall and continued the choice of arms process. — MNA/TTA

SAC Member holds public meeting in Hsihseng Township

STATE Administration Council Member Khun San Lwin, accompanied by Shan State Chief Minister U Aung Zaw Aye, state ministers, the state attorney-general, Chairman U Aung San Oo of the Pa-O Self-Administered Zone administration body, and state-level officials, held a meeting in Hsihseng Township, Pa-O Self-Administered Zone yesterday. The meeting was attended by township-level officials, indigenous cultural groups, and Pa-O entrepreneurs, and took place at the Hsaikhkawng Border Area Ethnic Development Youth Training School.

The delegation visited Zawana Monastery in Hsihseng, paying respects to the Sayadaw and making offerings. They also attended the inauguration of the new school building at Kantan Basic Education Post-Primary School in Hsaikhkawng village. This event was attended by the SAC member, the Shan State chief minister, state Security and Border Affairs minister, the chairman of the Pa-O Self-Administered Zone administration body, and school officials. They marked the occasion with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and tree planting.

The SAC member and party inspected the construction progress of the Kyuntaung-Kyauktalongyi-Nungyasain-Saikhao-Pon Creek-Maukmae road, where the director of the Road Department presented an update, and the SAC member provided necessary instructions.

Finally, SAC Member Khun San Lwin met U Aung Kham Hthi, the Patron of the Pa-O National Organization (PNO) in Kyauktalonggyi Township, enquiring about his health and presenting a portrait painting, medicine, and food items. — MNA/TS

SAC Member Khun San Lwin and party inspect the development work in Hsihseng yesterday.

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Members of the State Administration Council warmly greet boxers from regions and states at the opening event of State and Region Boxing Tournament yesterday.

State & Region Lethwei tournament held in Nay Pyi Taw

THE opening ceremony of the 2023 State and Region Lethwei Tournament was held yesterday afternoon at Wunna Theikdi Indoor Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw, attended by members of the State Administration Council.

At the ceremony, Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Min Thein Zan who is also Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee gave a speech and opened the competition by encouraging the new generation of fighters to strengthen Myanmar's sports.

The tourney will run till 11 October, featuring four men's events for 51, 54, 60 and 67- kilogramme categories and one female event for 48 Kilogramme. — MNA/KZL

30th Myanmar Tatmadaw Medical Conference continues

THE second day of the 30th Myanmar Tatmadaw Medical Conference continued yesterday at No 1 Military Hospital (700-bed) in PyinOoLwin.

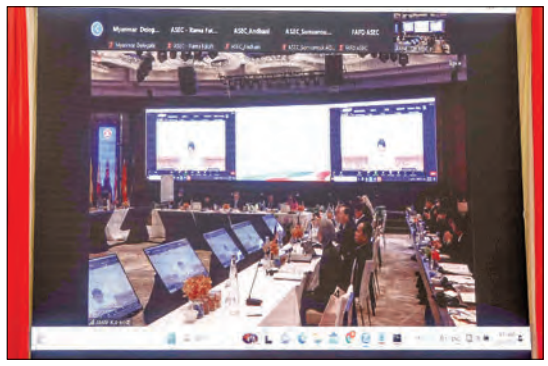
The Director of Tatmadaw Medical Corps, senior officials, medics, nurses, specialists from the Ministry of Health, overseas specialists, retired senior officers and other invitees attended the conference where one Clinico-pathological Conference, four Special Talks, Clinical Session and other 13 symposiums were held.

A total of 48 research papers on nursing, forensic medicine, medical curriculums, pharmaceutical, orthopaedic medicine, rehabilitation medicine, biochemistry, microbiology, public health, radiography, pediatric medicine, psychiatry, otolaryngology, pathology, physiology and oncology were read out. During the symposium, the researcher responded to the questions raised by the participants.

A total of 309 specialists, medical officers, experts and nurses attended the conference in person and 116 from other military hospitals in the country online. The conference will continue until 5 October. — MNA/TH

The second day of the 30th Myanmar Tatmadaw Medical Conference in progress in PyinOo Lwin yesterday.

MoALI UM leads delegation to join 45th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture & Forestry Meeting



Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung participates in the 45th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Meeting (45th AMAF) and related meetings.

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung yesterday led a delegation virtually to join the 45th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Meeting (45th AMAF) and related meetings.

During the meeting, the Union minister expressed satisfaction over the report of the Malaysian Patron of Senior Officials meeting, efforts of working groups and ASEAN senior officials for achievements in implementing measures for food, agriculture and forest, relevant cooperation work of dialogue partners, international organizations and relevant institutions, CGIAR for advancing sustainable development in the food, agriculture and forestry sectors of ASEAN countries.

He then pledged that Myanmar would work together with ASEAN countries.

The meeting also agreed on the outcomes of the ASEAN Summit and ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting and the progress report on the implementation of the ASEAN Food, Agriculture, and Forestry Cooperation Policy Framework,

The meeting recognized the importance of sustainable agriculture, food security, and sustainable forest management, emphasized the need for close cooperation to address regional challenges and opportunities and committed to promoting cooperation in the fields of food, agriculture, and forestry.

Moreover, it noted the progress in 2022-2023 food, agriculture and forest sectors, and agreed on three key deliverables for 2024 and two Priority Economic Deliverables (PED) of Lao PDR's 2024 ASEAN Chairmanship. The 2024 PED consists of the development of an Action Plan for the Implementation of the ASEAN Guidelines on Sustainable Agriculture and the Strategy or Guideline for Crop Burning Reduction to Support the Implementation of the ASEAN Carbon Neutrality Strategy.

The meeting was concluded after issuing the joint statement. — MNA/KTZH

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MoALI UM joins ASEAN-Japan Ministers on Agriculture & Forestry Meeting virtually

THE Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation U Min Naung participated in the meeting of the ASEAN-Japan Ministers on Agriculture and Forest (AJMAF) virtually yesterday.

At the meeting, Malaysian Minister of Agriculture and Food Security Mr Datuk Seri Haji Mohamad Bin Sabu and Japanese Minister of Agriculture, Forest and Fisheries Mr Miyashita Ichiro delivered the opening speeches.

At the meeting, they discussed the matters on the ASEAN-Japan Midori cooperation programme and food security and safety, and environmental protection among others.

To mark the 50th ASEAN-Japan friendly collaboration, a paper reading session titled "Promoting Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture and Food System through Innovation" will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia, in November with the support of the ASEAN and East Asia Economic Research Organization. — MNA/MKKS

Union Minister U Min Naung participates in AJMAF Meeting ontime yesterday.

Union Energy Minister attends SCO Energy Forum in Kazakhstan

UNION Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin led a delegation to the First Energy Forum of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Astana, Kazakhstan, from 3 to 6 October. On 3 October, they participated in preliminary discussions of the SCO Energy Forum, followed by their involvement in the Kazakhstan Energy Week 2023 KazEnergy Eurasian Forum and the First Energy Forum of the SCO on 4 October, where energy ministers from SCO member nations were present.

Union Minister U Ko Ko Lwin (C) is pictured at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization's Energy Forum in Kazakhstan.

During his forum speech, Union Minister U Ko Ko Lwin highlighted Myanmar's abundant energy resources but pointed out production limitations. He expressed a desire to collaborate with the SCO, emphasizing Myanmar's hydropower potential due to its abundant water resources. While acknowledging the limited availability of natural gas for electricity generation, he expressed interest in cooperation opportunities, particularly in technology and investment.

Myanmar's energy policy focuses on ensuring energy security for sustainable economic development and includes projects such as natural gas power plants, coal and hydropower projects, geothermal projects, and solar initiatives. The Union minister also stressed the need for investments from partner countries to meet Myanmar's energy requirements.

Union Minister U Ko Ko Lwin expressed optimism that the SCO, with its collective strength, would overcome the challenges of the energy sector, geopolitical pressures, and environmental concerns. He encouraged balanced energy transitions based on diversity and individual conditions, emphasizing Myanmar's commitment to establishing friendly relations with SCO members.

During the visit, the delegation met officials from Karaganda, a coal-producing region of Kazakhstan, and representatives from KazPhosphate and KazMunayGas for discussions on energy-related matters.

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization, founded in 2001 by China and Russia, is a significant political, economic, and international security organization encompassing the Eurasian region. Myanmar became a dialogue partner of the SCO in 2023, further expanding its international engagements. — MNA/KZL

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Objectives of 24th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2023

(a) To uplift national prestige and integrity and to preserve the cultural heritage and national characteristics
(b) To explore, preserve and uplift the traditional cultural heritage of performing arts of ethnic nationals and national cultural characteristics
(c) To explore and preserve the traditional cultural heritage for the young generation and further propagate the national spirit
(d) To support measures in the field of national culture ensuring the development, peace and tranquillity of the State

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The photo shows Hong Kong-flagged MV SITC Zhaoming container vessel with 2,698 TEU calling at Asia World Port Terminal on 22 June 2023.

MoC sets top three priority sectors for imports

THE Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce has unveiled the top three priority sectors for imports.

The priority sector covers pharmaceuticals, medical devices, fertilizers, pesticides, seed, diesel, petrol, edible oil, raw materials used in livestock businesses, veterinary drugs, industrial raw materials, PET chips, food materials, plastic raw materials, medicine and herbal raw materials, packing materials, lubricants, engine oil, other industrial oil, tar and LPG gas. The importers are entitled to buy foreign currency to bring those items into the country.

The department revealed iron and steel, paper and stationary, equipment for electricity generation, transmission and distribution, construction materials, machine and spare parts, tyre and rubber products, auto parts and accessories for telecommunication under the second priority sector and electronic goods, telephone, telecommunication device, telephone, food commodity, consumer goods, vehicle for commercial purpose and machinery under the third priority sector for importation.

Myanmar imported US$8.13 billion worth of goods as of 22 September in the current financial year beginning 1 April, the Ministry of Commerce's statistics showed. — TWA/EM

Myanmar to export fishery products to China under GACC processes

MYANMAR and China signed an agreement to export Myanmar's livestock products in addition to natural marine products to China officially with GACC processes, according to the Fisheries Department.

The officials of the two countries discussed the export processes under GACC in September.

The country earned US$ 270 millon from the export of marine products to over 40 countries in the first six months of the 2023-2024 financial year, Fisheries Department's (Nay Pyi Taw) data showed. The country exports marine products to Thailand, China, Japan, middle east countries, EU member states, Malaysia, Australia and Chinese Taipei.

The government makes efforts to ensure continuous maritime exports and meet the demand of partner countries depending on the market situation, and not to decrease the export volumes shipped to countries with strict regulations on marine exports like China.

Myanmar currently adopts normal trade and border trade routes, and normally exports fisheries to European countries in addition to China, Thailand and other neighbouring countries via Muse, Myawady, Kawthoung, Sittway, Myeik and Maungtaw border points. — TWA/KTZH

Employees process fish before exportation. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Weekly update prices of Bayintnaung Commodity Market

PRICES of onions, chilli peppers, and black gram decreased in the Yangon market from 27 September to 4 October.

Rice and garlic are at a low price, while the reference price of palm oil and potatoes has increased.

Onion

A total of 150,000 visses of onions from various regions entered the market on 4 October. The opening prices of onions at Seikphyu and Myibgyan brokerage houses lay at K2,200–K3,100 per viss and K1,900–K2,700 per viss, respectively.

The highest price of onions in regional markets stayed firm at K2,500 per viss. The Myingyan market saw a supply of 73,360 visses of onions on 4 October with a price of K1,800–K2,500 per viss.

The picture shows a dry kitchen grocery.

Garlic

On 4 October, Shan garlic was priced at K7,300 per viss for S2, K8,000 for S3, K8,200 for S4, and K8,400 for S5 in the Yangon market. Kyukok garlic was valued at K7,000 per viss.

Potato

The Yangon potato market only published the price of Chinese potatoes on 3 October, and the price went up to K2,000 per viss.

Although the price of Shan potatoes was not published in depots, the prices varied between K500 and K1,200 per viss in some depots, depending on their sizes and qualities.

Chilli Pepper

On 4 October, the prices of Eainme and Panye long chilli peppers were priced between K7,000 and K10,000 per viss, while new Pyawbwe Moehtaung, Sinphyukyun and delta region chilli peppers were valued at K11,000-K16,000 per viss, in the Yangon chilli pepper market.

Rice

On 4 October, the price per bag of multi-cropped rice was K66,000; the 90-day rice variety stood at K72,000; and the Pawkywe rice variety was priced at K88,000. Pawsan rice variants ranged from K98,000 to K125,000 per bag, depending on the producing region. The price of low-grade rice dropped below the reference price.

Palm Oil

The wholesale reference price of palm oil was K4,390 per viss from 2 to 8 October, increasing by K15 per viss compared to the previous week. The price of imported oil per tonne was only US$832.5 on 29 September.

Beans and Pulses

On 3 October, the price of black gram was K2,465,000 per tonne for RC and K2,805,000 per tonne for SQ/RC. Meanwhile, a tonne of pigeon peas was valued at K4,075,000.

Additionally, the price of green gram (Kayan Shwewah variety) and Pakokku variety fetched K3,630 and K3,080–K3,250 per viss, respectively, while that of chickpea was K5,900–K6,200 per viss. — TWA/CT

Magway to establish small-scale industrial zone

A small-scale industrial zone for the small-scale industries of the Magway Region will be established on 382.52 acres of land, according to the Magway Region government.

The industrial zone will be developed about four miles from Magway Township at milepost 352, south of Magway-Taungdwingyi road. It will also include a small jetty to facilitate the logistics transport by water, said Region Chief Minister U Tint Lwin during the coordination meeting on the establishment of the Magway small-scale industrial zone held on 2 October.

"The purpose of the Magway small-scale industrial zone project is to concentrate small-scale industries in the zone area. Moreover, we expect the local and foreign investors to make investments at the Magway small-scale industrial zone," he said.

The industrial zone can improve regional economic development and create job opportunities.

Moreover, there will be proper access to electricity as the 33KV power line is located near the project area.

The Ayeyawady River is just one mile and four furlongs from the project area and arrangements are being made to construct a jetty port for loading and unloading processes later.

Relevant laws, rules and regulations will have to be followed in establishing the industrial zone so as not to affect the environment and people and to meet the fixed standards. — ASH/KTZH

A meeting on the establishment of a small-scale industrial zone of the Magway Region in progress in Magway Region on 2 October 2023.

MAEX to open two more facilities for dried commodities at Danyingon wholesale market in early 2024

MYANMAR Agro Exchange Public Ltd (MAEX) will add two more facilities for dried commodities in early 2024 at the Danyingon wholesale market.

The staple food such as rice, edible oil, salt, chilli, onion and potato will be available at those two facilities (No. 5 and No. 7 buildings), which are slated to be opened in January-February 2024, and they will house over 600 stalls.

The MAEX opened a fruits and vegetables wholesale market with over 1,100 shops on 1 October 2023.

That fresh produce market located in the compound of Danyingon wholesale market has been offering seasonal and other fresh produce.

Additionally, the market is equipped with two cold storage facilities. It might help reduce the wastage of fruits and improve the shelf life of fruits and vegetables by storing them at a cool temperature. It is opened at the No 1 market building to save transport costs and labour wages.

Fresh produce traders are invited to run business in the Danyingon wholesale market. For further details, traders can contact Ph: 09 261289462, 09 775435975, 09 250 493 456 of the market or enquire about Building B 12 of Danyingon wholesale market in Insein Township, Yangon. The Danyingon wholesale market was developed in 2017 by the MAEX and Yangon City Development Committee. New market development started in 2018 and the construction is scheduled to be finished in 2027.

At present, there are 3,360 stalls at the green groceries facility (No.2 building), 1,120 stalls for dried groceries (N0.3) and over 1,400 stalls at the fresh produce and fish and meat facility (No 4). — NN/EM

The photo shows fruit and vegetable stalls at the Danyingon wholesale market.

Abundant supply, sluggish foreign demand drive peanut prices down

THE prices of peanuts continue to fall owing to an abundant supply of fresh peanuts and slow-moving foreign demand, according to the Mandalay wholesale market.

The demand from the main buyer China is slowing down at Mandalay market during the Mid-Autumn Festival. This being so, the red peanuts that China mostly buys are barely transacted in the market at present.

The prices of peanuts moved in the range of K6,000-7,500 per viss (a viss equals 1.6 kilogrammes), Mandalay market's price statistics indicated.

The prices peaked at K7,550-11,000 per viss on the back of strong foreign and local demand at Mandalay wholesale centre on 18 August.

The figures indicated a sharp drop of K1,350-3,500 per viss in the past one and half months.

Nonetheless, the peanut price stayed strong in the market at over K15,000 per viss.

Myanmar has been exporting oil seeds (sesame seeds and peanuts) to foreign countries. In April 2022, the world's top palm oil exporter Indonesia, which is one of the main oil suppliers to Myanmar, declared an export ban on cooking oil export to reduce domestic shortage. Consequently, Myanmar's Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce temporarily suspended exports of oil crops (peanut and sesame) from 9 May 2022 to have oil self-sufficiency.

Exports of Myanmar's edible oil crops resumed as the world's top palm oil exporters returned to normalcy, according to a notification dated 5 July 2022 released by the Trade Department.

The country conveyed over 99,000 kilos worth US$15.319 million to foreign markets through seaborne and border trade channels in the H1 of the current financial year 2023-2024 beginning 1 April. — NN/EM

OPINION

Cooperate in restoring global security for peace and prosperity

THE 2nd Global Security Cooperation Conference of 2023, held in the People's Republic of China from 19 to 21 September, brought together prominent officials and experts representing over 50 regional and international organizations, including Myanmar. The primary aim of this conference was to foster collaboration in security measures on a global scale.

One of the themes of the conference was the anticipation of global security challenges, the promotion of comprehensive public security, capacity-building enhancement, and the sharing of successful security restoration strategies. Myanmar's representatives took the opportunity to shed light on their nation's security challenges, both domestic and international, underlining the importance of international cooperation.

It is essential not to underestimate online criminal networks employing cutting-edge technology for activities such as human trafficking, money laundering, illegal remittance, and more. The Global Terrorism Index for 2023 highlights the use of drones by these unscrupulous groups to breach the law. To safeguard global security, nations must refrain from providing support, including drones and arms, to such criminal entities. This collective effort is crucial for ensuring peace, prosperity, and freedom from security threats worldwide.

Historically, Myanmar has been adhering to a foreign policy emphasizing sovereignty, territorial integrity, and non-interference in internal affairs. The global security plan aligns with Myanmar's long-standing commitment to the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, prompting Myanmar to pledge support and cooperation with other nations in its implementation.

Myanmar presently collaborates with various countries to combat global security threats and participates actively in international efforts to eradicate narcotics production and trafficking. A crucial aspect of this endeavour is preventing the inflow of precursor chemicals used in drug production. Success in combating the drug trade requires the concerted effort of nations to apprehend drug cartels both within their borders and abroad.

To effectively implement these plans, neighbouring countries, regional partners, and the international community must establish robust cross-border communication networks for timely information exchange. Criminal organizations involved in online fraud, often leveraging advanced technologies like Artificial Intelligence, pose a significant challenge. Law enforcement agencies, non-governmental organizations, financial investigation units, and relevant companies must cooperate extensively to combat these sophisticated cyber criminals.

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The 2nd Global Security Cooperation Conference in 2023 emphasized the pressing need for international cooperation to address evolving security challenges. Myanmar's commitment to these efforts, alongside other nations, underscores the importance of collaboration in restoring global security, promoting peace, and enabling prosperity while thwarting threats to our shared well-being.

ARTICLE

Kingdom of Pagan

By U Win Sein

Bagan was an ancient city where over 10,000 Buddhist temples and pagodas were built from the 11th to 13th century, with over 2,200 still standing today. **ILLUSTRATION: PIXABAY**

THE kingdom of Pagan is pronounced as Bagan, Pagan Period, also known as Pagan Dynasty and the Pagan Empire, and the Bagan Dynasty or Bagan Empire. It was the first Burmese kingdom to unify the regions that would later constitute modern-day Myanmar. Pagan's 250-year rule over the Irrawaddy Valley and its periphery laid the foundation for the ascent of the Burmese language, and the growth of Theravada Buddhism

Bagan was the capital city of the Pagan Kingdom, the first Burmese kingdom, from 1044 until 1297. Today the area is a religious site for more than 2,500 Buddhist stupas and monasteries, the largest and the densely concentration of Buddhist monuments in the world, but at the kingdom's heydays there were over 10,000.

The Bagan Dynasty, the first dynasty in the history of Myanmar, flourished from the 11th to the 13th centuries and built the foundation of Myanmar culture, and Buddhism was introduced throughout the coastal regions, people endeavoured to build pagodas in order to perform religious deeds. Bagan also prospered as a great kingdom for water management. Many pagodas were maintained by successive kings, even today Bagan is loved by many people both at home and abroad as the birthplace of Myanmar's culture and heritage and enormous efforts for the conservation of water.

It is said that the Bagan dynasty was founded under King Anawrahta in the middle of the 11th century. The core of the kingdom was built in the area that is now called ". Old Bagan is located on the banks of Irrawaddy River, part of the palace was lost due to erosion, but in the past, the palace walls surrounded the palace. The Royal palace was placed in the centre, with large pagodas built by the king himself on the inside and outside of the palace. The power of the kingdom spread throughout the Ayeyawady River, which is the main source of water transport and has sustained with the support of its flourishing grain-producing regions. The influence of the Bagan Dynasty extended to the coastal areas and various cultures were spread throughout the country by the Mon people, who inherited advanced cultures from India as a result of maritime intercourse. The introduction of Buddhism and scriptures by the famous monk Shin Arahan represents the growth of Buddhism in Burma.

Monuments of the early Bagan era, such as inscriptions of the Mon language, Manuha Temple, which was built by the captive Mon king in 1067, according to King Manuha's inscriptions and pagodas characterized by the style of the Pyu culture that flourished before Bagan were the best example of cultural exchange of the time.

Development of the culture of building pagodas, in the 12th century, has even carried out further into the future. Buddhism was accepted by a great population, not only the king but also the ministers and officials who actively participated in the construction were gradually expanded to inland areas even as far away from the palace. The use of Burmese scripts had also spread and the pagodas to convey information to future generations. The names and titles of the builders, the details of the land areas and items donated together with the pagodas were all written. The inscriptions were valuable clues to make people understand the noble and religiously simple people of Bagan.

At its peak, Toungoo exercised suzerainty from Manipur to the Cambodian marches and from the borders of Arakan to Yunnan and was referred to as "probably the largest empire in the history of Southeast Asia", and also the "adventurous and military successful dynasty" but in Burmese history it was the shortest that lived.

The First Toungoo Empire (Toungoo era) is also known as the First Toungoo Dynasty. The Second Burmese Empire or simply Toungoo Empire) was the dominant power in mainland Southeast Asia in the second half of the 16th century.

The first great Burmese Kingdom was established by King Anawrahta in 1057 with the capital in Bagan. The empire encompassed most of present-day Myanmar as well as the Menam Valley in Thailand. It lasted for two centuries until Kublai Khan invaded it. From the time it was established on the eastern bank of the Ayeyawady River, Bagan was already a sizeable metropolis in the 9th century, when it was inhabited by the Burmese tribe who had migrated into the area proceeding many centuries from China and Tibet. Pagan's 250-year rule over the Irrawaddy Valley and its periphery laid the foundation for the ascent of the Burmese language and culture, the spread of the Bama ethnicity in Upper Myanmar and the growth of Theravada Buddhism in Myanmar and mainland Southeast Asia.

Bagan formerly is an ancient city and from the 11th to 13th century, more than 10,000 Buddhist temples, pagodas and monasteries were constructed in the Bagan plain alone, of which the remains of over 2,200 temples and pagodas have survived up to today. Bagan is famous for its thousands of temples that were built from the 9th to 11th century, the city was the capital of the Bagan Empire and was the cultural and political centre of Myanmar during that time. There are over 1,400 pagodas in Myanmar over 27 feet (8.2 metres) and most of them are Buddhist.

Buddhism is the main religion practised in Myanmar, with the Theravada Buddhist schools being the form of Buddhism. Mostly widespread across the country. This form of Buddhism initially spread from India through Sri Lanka and then across Southeast Asia. Other religions including Mahayana, Islam, Hinduism, Christianity and Animism are also practised in Myanmar. It's even common to see a mixture of religions practised together at Buddhist religious sites in the country made apparent with the statues of local Animist spirits known as Nats and Hindu gods and goddesses situated alongside statues of the Buddha.

Buddhist religious structures have features that physically show elements of Buddhist belief. Common designs include pointed spires, towers or domes that were intended to symbolize Mount, Meru, the centre of the Hindu and later Buddhist universe, where a central point is surrounded by four others. Arranged in circles to represent the origin or structure of the universe. The Mandala and what it represents was so important that the layout of Bagan itself was in that shape.

However, in the 13th century, the glory and dynamics of the dynasty started to disappear. It is said that the enthusiasm for constructing the pagodas was excessive enough to tilt the national strength and wreak havoc on the nation. As a result, pagodas constructed towards the end of the dynasty tended to be more compact compared to those built before them.

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One-hour training is enough to control a third robotic arm: Study

The study suggests that the integration of robotic arms into human tasks can be achieved efficiently and effectively, opening up new possibilities for human-robot collaboration in various fields.

ACCORDING to a study, a one-hour training session is sufficient for people to perform a task with their own robotic arms as effectively as with a partner.

Researchers from Queen Mary University of London, Imperial College London, and The University of Melbourne discovered that with just one hour of instruction, humans can learn to utilize supernumerary robotic arms as successfully as working with a partner.

The research, which was published in the journal IEEE Open Journal of Engineering in Medicine and Biology, looked into the ability of supernumerary robotic arms to assist individuals with jobs that require more than two hands. Human enhancement with extra artificial limbs has long been a theme in science fiction, as shown in Doctor Octopus in The Amazing Spider-Man (1963).

"Many tasks in daily life, such as opening a door while carrying a big package, require more than two hands," said Dr Ekaterina Ivanova, lead author of the study from Queen Mary University of London. "Supernumerary robotic arms have been proposed as a way to allow people to do these tasks more easily, but until now, it was not clear how easy they would be to use."

Human-Robot Performance

The study involved 24 participants who were asked to perform a variety of tasks with a supernumerary robotic arm. The participants were either given one hour of training in how to use the arm, or they were asked to work with a partner.

The results showed that the participants who had received training on the supernumerary arm performed the tasks just as well as the participants who were working with a partner. This suggests that supernumerary robotic arms can be a viable alternative to working with a partner and that they can be learned to use effectively in a relatively short amount of time.

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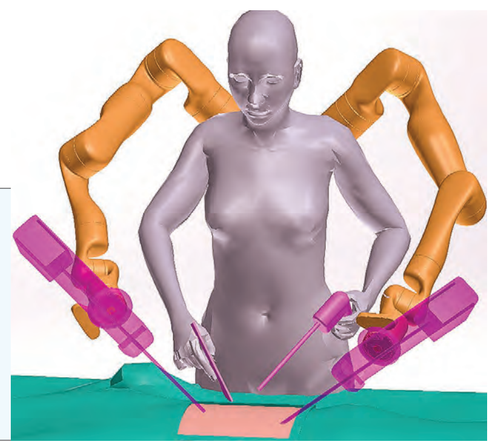


A new study by researchers at Queen Mary University of London, Imperial College London and The University of Melbourne has found that people can learn to use supernumerary robotic arms as effectively as working with a partner in just one hour of training. **PHOTO: QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY/ANI**

NATIONAL

Entertainment car tour in Yangon Region for veteran artistes across Myanmar

Artistes from Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central) perform with the entertainment car in Yangon Region for paying respect to Myanmar veteran artistes.

ACCORDING to U Nay Win, Secretary of the Myanmar Drama Association (Central), the association is organizing a tour of the Yangon Region with an entertainment car for veteran artistes across Myanmar.

The event is scheduled to be held for the third time on 7 October at the National Theatre (Yangon) in Dagon Township.

At present, there are about 1,300 artistes aged 75 and above from various levels of performing arts.

"This will be the third time that we will be celebrating the event for the veteran artistes who have made a living in theatre throughout Myanmar. So far, we have arranged everything for the 1,300 people. An elderly expert will be paid K100,000 and other items will be included.

For this reason, entertainment vehicles and fund-raising groups have been travelling around and performing circus acts in shopping centres and markets in the Yangon Region," U Nay Win added.

All the senior drama professionals from different levels will participate in the event. — ASH/KZL

Illegal jade, foodstuffs, consumer goods, industrial materials and vehicles confiscated

THE on-duty teams under the supervision of the Sha State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force made inspections on 1 and 2 October and captured a Toyota Alphard car (approximately K45 million), headed to Kengtong from Mongla, carrying two kinds of goods worth K8.1 million including 60 bracelets (suspected jade) without official documents at the Wongtapin combined checkpoint in Kengtong township, two Nissan diesel trucks (estimated value of K100 million) carrying 1,490 bags of corn seeds worth K44.7 million without official documents near Panyong village in Kengtong- Mongla road and 10 kinds of goods worth K44.035 million including 800 sets of OKK E-cigarette device and eight Cylinder heads (car parts) that were piled up by the side of the road over the Sinphyu checkpoint in Muse township. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

On 2 October, the combined teams seized a I- Zone vehicle (estimated value of K35 million), travelling from Myawady to Yangon, carrying 500 sets of rice cookers and 10,360 kilogrammes of vintage (raw materials) worth K40.9 million near Nonglong Valley by Hpa-an detour, two Nissan Diesel tractor heads with two trailers (approximately K120 million), headed to Yangon from Myaway, carrying 19,708 kilogrammes of corrugating medium paper that exceeded the Import Declaration (ID) near Famous fuel filling station in Phayagyi. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

A combined team impounded a Scania tractor head with a trailer (approximately K56 million) carrying four kinds of goods worth K10,927,500 including 1,475 kilogrammes of spring pin that exceeded the ID at the Milepost 23/5 on Muse- Mandalay road and a Mitsubishi truck (approximately K28 million), headed to Mandalay from Yangon, carrying two kinds of goods worth K15.6 million including 4,800 lady clothes without official documents near the outskirt of Myitnge township on 2 October. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

The Customs on-duty teams confiscated five kinds of goods worth K44.83 million including 10,000 kilogrammes of sword bloodstone and 3,500 kilogrammes of pliers that were not declared in the ID from three containers at the Myanmar Industrial Port, two kinds of goods worth K11.718 million including 2,715 kilogrammes of Calcium extreme pressure grease that were not declared in the ID from a container at the Thilawa container checkpoint, a Mitsubishi Fuso truck (estimated value of K25 million), headed to Yangon from Myawady, carrying 5,500 kilogrammes of Hose pipe worth K5,659,500 that exceeded the ID at the Mayanchaung permanent checkpoint and 19,500 pairs of sandal for rainy season worth K4.8 million that exceeded the ID from a vehicle at the Myawady Trade Zone. The action was taken under Customs procedures. — MNA/MKKS

ME assists Myanmar victim killed in Thai mall shooting

Emergency workers and police direct people leaving Siam Paragon shopping centre in Bangkok on 3 October 2023, following a shooting incident in the mall. **PHOTO: AFP**

THE Myanmar Embassy made necessary arrangements to assist the deceased Myanmar woman, a victim of the shooting incident at the shopping mall in Bangkok, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The victim, Daw Moe Myint, 31, from Thaton Township who worked at Take Toys Co Ltd died when a gunman opened fire at Siam Paragon Shopping Mall on 3 October.

Myanmar Ambassador and Labour Attaché met with the employer of the victim and Police Colonel of Pathuwan station on 4 October and discussed matters related to the funeral and cash assistance.

The embassy contacted the mother of the victim living in Thaton Township and arranged a funeral occasion at Chang Wattana monastery on 8 October as per the wishes of family members. The embassy also works closely with Thai authorities and will provide the needed assistance. — ASH/KTZH

NATIONAL

YCDC grants 66 construction permits

Landowners and licensed contractors need SOP to apply for access to electricity.

A total of 66 construction permits were issued in the municipal area of the Yangon City Development Committee in the last week of September and the first week of October, according to the Engineering Department (Buildings).

It is known that 66 construction permits were issued and 21 building completion certificates (BCC) were approved. Moreover, to allow the construction of the building, 13 letters of recommendation were sent to the Department of Fire Services, as well as 29 letters to the Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation), one letter to the Department of Urban Land Management, one to the Engineering Department (Roads and Bridges), one to the Department of Markets and Warehouses, and three to the Department of Urban and Housing Development.

When applying for building construction permits, it is necessary for landowners and licensed contractors to include the SOP to communicate with the Electricity Corporation for access to electricity. Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation will invite the licensed contractors to a meeting this week in order to install the electricity meters in the buildings which have obtained the BCC. — TWA/CT

A building under construction in the municipal area of the Yangon City Development Committee.

Japan to recruit nearly 1,000 Myanmar workers

THE Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo, Japan, announced on 2 October that nearly 1,000 Myanmar workers will be recruited to work for companies in Japan.

According to the embassy, it has received 314 demand letters for Myanmar migrant workers between 16 September and 2 October.

The embassy has verified whether Japanese factories and companies are officially established and sent its findings to the Ministry of Labour through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Myanmar workers who want to work officially in Japan can make inquiries at the labour offices in relevant regions, states, townships, and districts, and have to follow the procedures prescribed. — TWA/CT

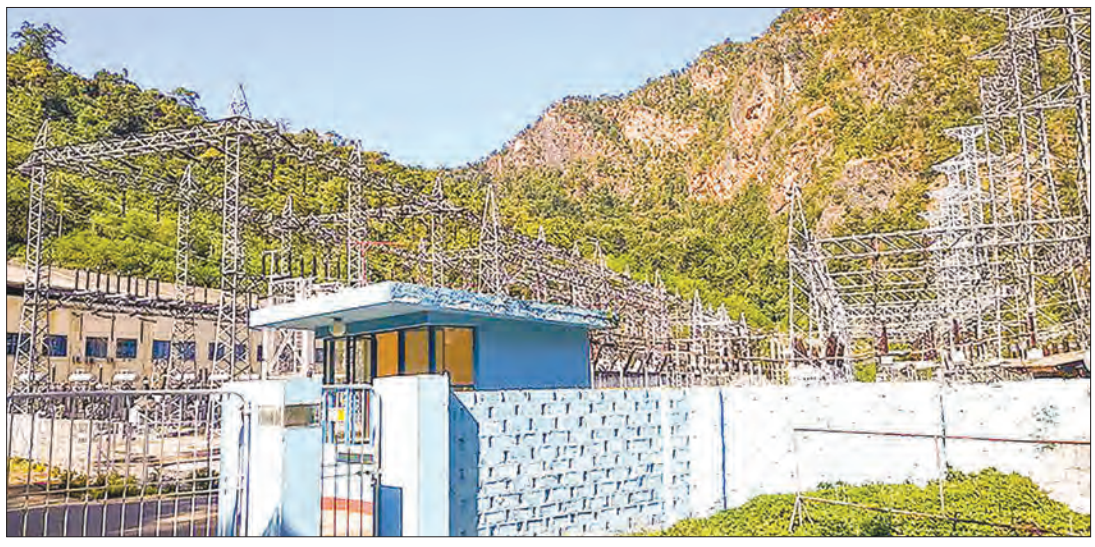
Employees work at a Japanese foodstuffs factory.

Over K160 bln allocated for hydropower projects this FY

OVER K160 billion will be spent on hydropower projects in the 2023-2024 financial year, according to the Budget Department.

The projects to be implemented in the 2023-2024 financial year are the Shweli-3 Hydropower Project, the Thahtay Hydropower Project, and the Upper Kengtawng Hydropower Project.

In addition, a total of K1.449 billion will be spent on the survey of new hydropower projects, K230.364 billion on substations and power cable lines, 127.350 billion on electricity supply and K2.747 billion on the maintenance of dams and hydropower plants.



The photo shows a workplace of the Shweli-3 Hydropower Project implemented by Ministry of Electric Power.

It is known that, in the financial year 2023-2024, over K3,380 billion will be spent on the electricity sector. — TWA/MKKS

The people are urged to receive vaccination of Covid-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of Covid-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increasing of death rate based on the disease.

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ECONOMY
WORLD

Marcos lifts cap on Philippines' rice prices

President Ferdinand Marcos has removed the price ceiling on rice, which he had imposed earlier to support low-income households.

PHILIPPINE President Ferdinand Marcos lifted a price ceiling on rice Wednesday, weeks after capping the cost of the staple to support poor households.

In early September, Marcos set the maximum retail price of regular milled rice at 41 pesos ($0.72) per kilogramme (2.2 pounds) and 45 pesos for the higher-quality "well-milled" rice.

The measure was criticized by some economists, who warned it could distort the market and lead to shortages.

A member of Marcos's economic team was sacked after she appeared to mock the plan on social media.

Rice is a staple in the country of 110 million people. **PHOTO: NOEL CELIS / AFP/FILE**

"As of today, we are lifting the price caps on rice, both for the regular milled rice and for the well-milled rice," Marcos said, at an event in Manila where a thousand sacks of "smuggled" rice seized in a raid were distributed to poor families.

Marcos, who is also the agriculture minister, said it was the "appropriate time" to remove the cap since the government was "giving away rice".

Government assistance for farmers and the poor would continue, he said, noting "we still need to fix our agriculture sector".

Rice is a staple in the country of 110 million people, but the nation cannot produce enough and is one of the world's top importers of the grain.

Marcos's government has been struggling to rein in consumer prices, with the year-on-year inflation rate hitting 5.3 per cent in August, up from 4.7 per cent in July. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Investment of China's central SOEs in strategic emerging industries up 30% in first eight months

THE investment of China's centrally administrated state-owned enterprises (SOEs) in strategic emerging industries surged about 30 per cent from a year earlier in the first eight months of 2023, according to the country's top state-asset regulator. Such investment totalled more than 840 billion yuan (about 116.99 billion US dollars) during this period, said the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council. – Xinhua

Farmers turn to solar power in Syria's former breadbasket

Syrian farmer Abdullah al-Mohammed checks on plants near solar panels powering irrigation, which have helped many farmers during drought and power shortages. **PHOTO: DELIL SOULEIMAN/AFP**

AT his farm in Syria's northeast, Abdullah al-Mohammed adjusts a large solar panel, one of hundreds that have cropped up over the years as farmers seek to stave off electricity shortages in the war-ravaged region.

Solar energy has offered a lifeline for the farmers amid drought and power shortages, but some warn the boom also has environmental costs in the once-fertile region.

"We are trying to revive our land," despite dwindling groundwater reserves, said Mohammed, 38, as he oriented the panel towards the sun near his cotton fields.

In his village of Al-Haddadiya in Hasakeh province, farmers are using solar energy to power irrigation systems for all kinds of crops, from vegetables to wheat, barley and cotton.

The father of three said he needs a reliable power supply to pump groundwater around 60 metres deep (nearly 200 feet) now -- compared to just 30 metres a few years back.

Northeast Syria is about 0.8 degrees Celsius (two degrees Fahrenheit) hotter today than it was 100 years ago and likely to experience drought every three years, according to a report last year by iMMAP, a Washington-based, data-focused non-profit.

The area was the country's breadbasket before 2011, when the government repressed peaceful protests, triggering a conflict that has killed more than 500,000 people and displaced millions. The war has battered the country's infrastructure and industry, and the state barely supplies a few hours of electricity per day.

Farmers in the now Kurdish-held region used to rely on state electricity and subsidized generator fuel for water pumps and irrigation, but power outages and rising fuel costs have compounded the climate-related challenges. — AFP

EU states seek final deal on migration pact

EU states on Wednesday sought a deal on the final part of an overhaul for rules on how they handle asylum seekers and irregular migrants, ahead of a push to make it law by elections next year.

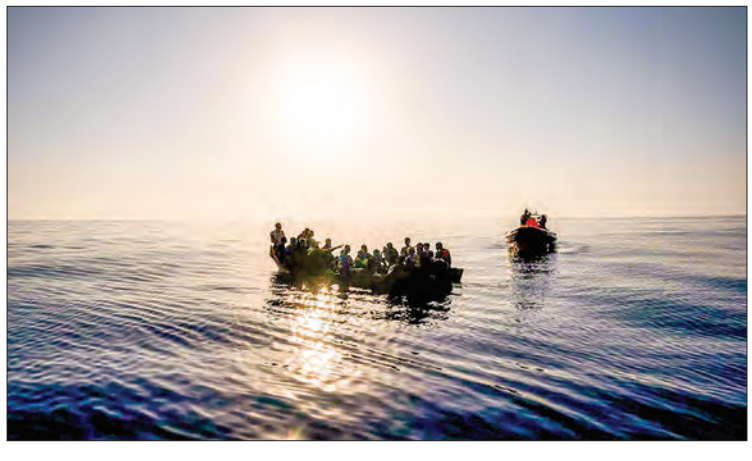
Ambassadors from the 27 countries held talks in Brussels after Italy and Germany appeared to have ironed out a last-minute row over charities rescuing migrants stranded in the Mediterranean.

Officials were hoping to get an accord on the divisive issue before EU leaders meet for two days of summits in the Spanish city of Granada Thursday.

The goal of the EU is to have the long-stalled reform made law before European elections next June that will usher in a new European Parliament and commission.

"Time is running out," European Commission vice-president Margaritis Schinas told the parliament.

"We need the pact done and dusted before Europeans go out to vote." The next cycle in EU politics could see a political shift in the European Parliament, given the rise of right-wing parties in several EU countries, and would see Hungary and Poland take turns holding the rotating EU presidency. Once implemented, the new Pact on Migration and Asylum would seek to relieve the pressure on so-called frontline countries such as Italy and Greece by relocating some arrivals to other EU states. — AFP



Migrants crossing the Mediterraenan. **AFP/FILE**

Novartis generics unit Sandoz makes stock market debut

This photograph taken on 30 October 2022, shows the logo of the Swiss pharmaceutical and drug maker Novartis on a building in Basel, Switzerland. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

SWISS generic drugs group Sandoz began trading as an independent company in Zurich on Wednesday, in a stock market debut following a spin-off by parent company Novartis as its pivots towards new drug development.

Novartis shareholders were given one Sandoz share for every five Novartis shares, and the new stock began trading at 24 Swiss francs each -- valuing the standalone group at 10.3 billion francs ($11.2 billion), the Swiss markets operator said.

"Today marks the dawn of a new era for Sandoz," its board chairman Gilbert Ghostine said in a statement.

Investors gave the offering a lukewarm welcome, initially rising before falling back and recovering to 24.53 francs in early afternoon trading. Analysts at the brokerage firm Jefferies said that since Sandoz is not yet part of the benchmark index, most large institutional investors will not be allowed to add it to their portfolios, which could weigh on the share price. — AFP

Shanxi extracts record amount of coalbed methane

CHINA'S coal-rich province of Shanxi extracted 7.16 billion cubic metres of coalbed methane in the first eight months of 2023, a record high for the January-August period, according to the provincial statistics bureau.

Shanxi's coalbed methane output accounted for about 81.8 per cent of the country's total in the first eight months this year.

Utilizing coalbed methane, a byproduct of coal, can reduce mining risks, cut greenhouse gas emissions and ease gas shortages. — Xinhua

The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
Central Committee for Holding Myanmar Gems Emporium
The Information about Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2023

1. The significant **Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2023**, under the supervision of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, will be held from October 20 to 28, 2023 at Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw. Genuine Myanmar pearl, gems and rough jade lots will be sold at the Emporium.
2. In accordance with the Myanmar Gem Law, local gems entrepreneurs who got the permit to make gems extraction and local gems merchants who got the license to operate in the finished gemstone making and dealing will be allowed to attend and purchase the Lots at **Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium, 2023** according to the terms and conditions.
3. For further information in detail about granted admission to purchase Lots at **Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium, 2023**, can inquire and keep contact with Emporium Central Committee, Myanmar Gems Enterprise (Head Office), Myanmar Pearl Enterprise (Head Office) in Nay Pyi Taw.

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Thai PM launches committee to amend constitution

Thailand's Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin has established a committee to explore amendments to the military-drafted constitution.

Premier Srettha Thavisin. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

THAILAND'S prime minister launched Tuesday a committee to look at amending the military-drafted constitution, but ruled out any changes to contentious sections related to the monarchy.

Premier Srettha Thavisin's new government came into office in August after months of political wrangling, having promised constitutional reform in the run-up to May's general election.

The current charter was drafted in 2017 following a 2014 military coup, and heavily weights power towards unelected officials and the armed forces. Srettha's Pheu Thai party had pledged to hold a referendum on changing the constitution, telling voters it had been used to extend the rule of the then-junta.

On Tuesday, Srettha appointed a 35-member committee to conduct a feasibility study on holding a referendum to amend the constitution. — AFP

US slaps TV provider with first-ever space debris fine

US authorities said they have issued a "breakthrough" first-ever fine over space debris, slapping a $150,000 penalty on a TV company that failed to properly dispose of a satellite.

On Monday the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) came down on Dish for "failure to properly deorbit" a satellite called EchoStar-7, in orbit since 2002.

"This marks a first in space debris enforcement by the Commission, which has stepped up its satellite policy efforts," the FCC, which authorizes space-based telecom services, said in a statement.

As the geostationary satellite came to the end of its operational life, Dish had moved it to an altitude lower than the two parties had agreed on, where it "could pose orbital debris concerns," the FCC said.

The commission said Dish, a US satellite television provider, pledged in 2012 to elevate the satellite to 300 kilometres (190 miles) above its operational arc.

But with fuel running low, it retired the satellite at an altitude just over 120 kilometres above the original arc.

FCC emphasizes the need for satellite operators to comply with space debris rules, celebrating a significant settlement with a company involving an admission of liability, adherence to compliance plans, and a $150,000 penalty.

Collision risks

The FAA plans to reduce space debris by making private companies responsibly dispose of rocket upper stages, similar to existing rules for government missions, to avoid collisions and orbital congestion. — AFP

US satellite television network Dish has been slapped with the first-ever fine by US authorities over space debris. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

French university closes building over drug dealing

A university site in the centre of French Mediterranean port Marseille will close temporarily because of nearby dealing in the city's deadly drug trade, according to a letter seen by AFP.

The Colbert building affected is less than 500 metres (yards) from Marseille's picturesque Old Port in one of the city's poorer neighbourhoods, where drug-dealing hotspots have recently popped up.

"After months of concern and alarm, the dean… has taken the decision to close the building to students and staff as their security cannot be assured," Eric Berton, president of the Aix-Marseille University, wrote to police, prosecutors and the mayor. — AFP

India arrests 1,000 people in child marriage crackdown

OVER 1,000 people were arrested on Tuesday in India's remote northeast during the second government crackdown on illegal child marriages in the region this year, authorities said.

India is home to more than 220 million child brides, according to United Nations (UN) figures, but the number of child weddings has fallen dramatically this century.

Assam state already arrested 4,000 people in an earlier abolition drive in February, including parents of married couples and registrars who signed off on underage betrothals.

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The state's chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that police had launched a second phase of the campaign "in a special operation which began in the early hours of dawn".

"The number of arrests is likely to rise," he wrote in a post on X, formerly Twitter. "The number now stands at 1,039."

Sarma campaigned on a platform of stamping out child marriages completely in his state by 2026.

The legal marriage age in India is 18 but millions of children are forced to tie the knot when they are younger, particularly in poorer rural areas.

Many parents marry off their children in the hope of improving their financial security. — AFP

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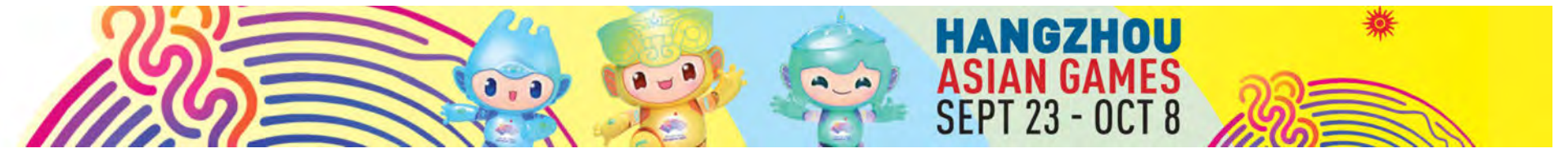

Myanmar Sepak Takraw team win gold medal in Asian Games

MYANMAR Sepak Takraw team grabbed the first gold medal for the country at the XIX Asian Games at Jinhau Sports Centre in China yesterday.

Team Myanmar competed in the men's team event and beat Indonesia 2-0 in the final game.

The State awarded US$1,000 to the victorious team.

In the Dragon Boat race event, Myanmar men's team secured fourth place while China grabbed gold, Thailand silver and Indonesia bronze.

Similarly, Myanmar women's team garnered fourth place and China picked the gold while Indonesia grabbed the silver and Thailand the bronze.

In the Men's Regu Sepak Takraw competition, Myanmar will tackle the Philippines in the morning and Thailand in the afternoon. Likewise, the Women's Regu Sepak Takraw team is facing South Korea and Myanmar men's and women's Dragon Boat teams will compete in 500-metre events. — MNA/KZL

Myanmar Sepak Takraw team is seen with gold medal during the awarding event of the XIX Asian Games.

China wins four golds in Athletics at Asian Games

CHINA pocketed four gold medals from athletics while Oluwakemi Mujidat Adekoya of Bahrain broke the Games record to win women's 400-metre hurdles at the Asian Games here on Tuesday.

China was crowned in both men's and women's 4x100 m relays, Zhu Yaming claimed men's triple jump title and Sun Qihao added another for the host nation in men's decathlon.

Adekoya took home the women's 400 m hurdles gold medal in 54.45 seconds, followed by China's Mo Jiadie who finished a season best of 55.01 seconds. Vithya Ramraj of India took bronze in 55.68 seconds. In men's 4x100 m relay, Chinese sprinters, consisted of Chen Guanfeng, Xie Zhenye, Yan Haibin, Chen Jiapeng, finished a season best of 38.29 seconds. Japan was second with 0.15 seconds behind and South Korea took the bronze in 38.74 seconds.

Liang Xiaojing (R) and Wei Yongli (C) of team China compete in the women's 4x100 metres final. **PHOTO: SONG YANHUA/ (XINHUA**

"Winning a medal in my own country makes it a very special moment, and it's one of the most important moments in my entire career," Chen said. The host also won the women's relay as Liang Xiaojing, Wei Yongli, Yuan Qiqi and Ge Manqi combined for 43.39 seconds. Thailand took silver with 44.32 seconds, and Malaysia got bronze with 45.01 seconds.

"I'm really, really happy. Both the men's and women's relay teams won golds. I feel that we've left no regrets on this track," Ge said. Tokyo Olympic silver medalist Zhu Yaming secured the men's triple jump title with 17.13 meters. His teammate Fang Yaoqing finished second with 16.93 m and the bronze medal went to Indian's Praveen Chitharavel with 16.68 m. — Xinhua

Chopra goes big for gold as Barshim leaps to Asian Games record

INDIA'S javelin king Neeraj Chopra produced a giant throw to strike gold at the Asian Games on Wednesday and cap a gruelling season, with Olympic high-jump champion Mutaz Essa Barshim joining him as a winner.

They were among seven titlists on day six of the track and field in Hangzhou with just the men's and women's marathons left on Thursday, concluding an event dominated by hosts China.

Reigning Olympic and world champion Chopra was under pressure after Indian teammate Kishore Kumar Jena produced a huge personal best 86.77 metres.

But Chorpa responded emphatically with a season-best 88.88 m to retain his Asian Games crown in style.

It was a massive statement and longer than the 88.17 m that won him the world title at Budapest in August and the 87.58 m that earned gold at the Tokyo Olympics. — AFP

Andersen hails Hong Kong progress as historic Asian Games run ends

COACH Jorn Andersen said he believes Hong Kong football faces a bright future despite their historic run at the Asian Games ending in a 4-0 semi-final thumping by Japan on Wednesday.

Hong Kong stunned heavyweights Iran in the quarter-finals to reach the last four of the under-24 competition for the first time with a team missing several players who were not released by their clubs.

The city's senior team are also on the rise and will play at the Asian Cup next January after qualifying for the tournament for the first time since 1968. Hong Kong's surprise Asian Games run sparked massive interest at home, with shopping malls across the city showing live screenings of the semi-final. — AFP

Hong Kong's Tse Ka-wing makes a save in the men's semifinal. **PHOTO: AFP**

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Republican hardliners oust US House speaker in historic vote

The event highlighted the significant levels of infighting within the Republican Party, particularly as they approach the 2024 presidential election.

US Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy, Republican of California, is facing a vote on whether to oust him from the chamber's top job as he squares off against far-right critics in his own party. **PHOTO: MANDEL NGAN / AFP**

KEVIN McCarthy was axed Tuesday as speaker of the US House of Representatives in a brutal, historic rebellion by far-right Republicans accusing him of a string of broken promises and furious at his cooperation with Democrats.

The maneuver laid bare the chaotic levels of infighting among Republicans heading into the 2024 presidential election, with its likely candidate Donald Trump making history of his own as the only former or sitting president to face criminal indictment.

The first ouster of a speaker in the House's 234-year history was supported by only a handful of right-wing Republican hardliners.

However, the House is almost evenly divided and with Democrats joining eight rebel Republicans rather than riding to McCarthy's rescue, he had no way to survive.

"I ended up being the 55th speaker of the House — one of the greatest honours. I loved every minute", a circumspect McCarthy told reporters after the vote, making clear he did not plan to stand again. — AFP

Okinawa rejects central govt order over US base landfill work

JAPAN'S Okinawa Prefecture on Wednesday rejected the central government's order to endorse its modified plan on landfill work for the transfer of a key US base, in a move likely to prompt the administration of Prime Minister Fumio Kishida to take legal action.

The central government issued the order late last month as part of its attempt to move ahead with a procedure allowing the land minister, instead of the Okinawa governor, to approve modifications to the project, in order to reinforce soft ground at a designated construction site.

Okinawa Governor Denny Tamaki told reporters the same day that it would be "difficult to approve" the modified plan by Wednesday, the deadline for the latest order. – Kyodo

France to hold crisis meetings on bedbug 'scourge'

THE French government said Tuesday it would host emergency meetings this week to examine surging numbers of reported bedbug cases, which are being increasingly seen as a major potential public health problem.

Bedbugs have in recent weeks gone from being a subject of potential derision to a contentious political issue in France, with aghast citizens reporting seeing the creatures in locations including trains, the Paris metro and cinemas.

The concerns have gained added weight with France in the throes of hosting the Rugby World Cup and Paris preparing to welcome athletes and fans from around the world for the 2024 Olympics. – AFP

Nobel chemistry winners possibly leaked: Sweden media

Nobel Prize announcements are typically kept highly confidential, making leaks unusual.

SWEDISH media outlets on Wednesday published what they reported were the seemingly leaked names of this year's Nobel chemistry prize recipients, hours before the laureates were to be announced.

Nobel leaks are rare, with the various prize-awarding academies going to great lengths to keep the winners' names under wraps until the announcements. Sweden's paper of reference, Dagens Nyheter, and public broadcasters Swedish Television and Swedish Radio reported receiving a press release from the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences that named three US-based chemists. — AFP

Research in tiny quantum dots particles won a trio of researchers the chemistry Nobel. **PHOTO: JONATHAN NACKSTRAND / AFP**