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Myanmar to develop strategy for establishment of safe, stable cyberspace

A STRATEGY will be set up to build safe and stable cyberspace in Myanmar, said State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo at the cyber security policy briefing event and award-presenting ceremony of Security Awareness Video Competition (University Level).

The Telecommunication Law was enacted in 2013 and the communication sector was approved as the free market and the online services and e-Government system became wider. Moreover, the businesses and daily lives of people depend on the use of technology whereas cyber security threats and attacks are increasing, and there is also the influence of the development of AI on mankind and the social environment.

It is likely to affect national security so most countries try to control AI technology with policy, law and regulations. The Ministry of Transport and Communications also released the cybersecurity policy in March 2023 with

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Myanmar repatriates second batch of its citizens from Israel

Myanmar returnees are queuing up for immigration process on their arrival at the Yangon International Airport yesterday.

THE second batch of three Myanmar nationals stranded in Israel were safely evacuated yesterday.

They left Tel Aviv by flight on 31 October and arrived back in Myanmar by MAI flight yesterday evening via Bangkok, Thailand.

They were welcomed back by officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Disaster Management Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and their family members at Yangon International Airport.

Up to now, a total of seven nationals have been brought back under the government evacuation plan.

One of the returnees, Mg Yein Tain said, "I have been working in the agricultural sector in a village of Israel for four years. Then, I moved to the downtown area. When I arrived there, the situation was not like before and I returned to Myanmar. I had to stay in the bomb shelters when they used rockets in the war. Except this condition, there is nothing to worry about. The Myanmar Embassy in Israel issued a notification and I contacted them to return. I thank the government for its repatriation as I could return to Myanmar."

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the approval of the Union Government and distributed it to the Union-level organizations, ministries, and region and state governments.

Moreover, the cybersecurity policy contains seven objectives and five frameworks which are added by the relevant ministries and representatives based on the fundamental facts set by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). It should issue policies, laws, procedures and instructions for cybersecurity to build a safe and stable cyberspace and set strategic facts to draft set up, and promote human resource and cybersecurity-related assistance and technologies, he said.

At the award-presenting ceremony of the Security Awareness Video Competition (University Level), he said, the video competition was held to achieve an outstanding video clip representing Myanmar in the "ASEAN-Japan Cyber Security Awareness Video Competition" jointly held by ASEAN-Japan Cyber Security Committee and Cyber Security Brunei. In implementing the facts stated in cybersecurity policy, all should cooperate in the cybersecurity sector, awareness campaigns and human resource development activities.

He then awarded the winners of the competition.

Next, the relevant official of the Information Technology and Cyber Security Department explained the work processes in cybersecurity policy and the Chief Information Officer (CIO) raised questions. — MNA/KTZH

State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo awards a winner of the competition yesterday.

Union Defence Minister arrives back from China

Union Minister for Defence Admiral Tin Aung San is seen being welcomed back on his arrival from China yesterday.

MYANMAR delegation led by State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Defence Admiral Tin Aung San arrived back in Myanmar yesterday after attending the 10th Beijing Xingshan Forum in China at the invitation of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

The delegation was welcomed by the Yangon Region chief minister, the Yangon Command commander, officials from the Chinese Embassy and senior military officers at the Yangon International Airport. — MNA/KTZH

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Mg Khaung Gal said, "I live in Tel Aviv and have been attending an agricultural training school for over four years. When the war broke out, I saw the announcement of the embassy on Facebook that they made necessary arrangements for those wishing to return, and so I contacted them. The government arranged this in detail. I thank the government when I want to return to my country while I miss it. I want the government to support the Myanmar nationals in future. It will be the best for those living in Israel to return to their country amid the war. I want to urge them to contact the embassy to return home."

Similarly, Ma Htet Htet Wai said, "I have been attending school there for over three years. I contacted the embassy to return. The embassy made arrangements for us to be back in Myanmar. I would like to thank them as they supported us when we asked for help." — MNA/KTZH

COVID-19 report, 1 November 2023

NEW TESTS	NEW CASE	CASUALTIES
3,439	Nil	Nil

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Staff members of streaming media need to enhance capacity and know its important role

THE media industry needs to have a paradigm through modern technology to present good content to the audience in proper and prompt ways, said Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn.

The Union minister gave a keynote speech at the launching of the Workshop on Streaming Technologies and Content Strategy in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

A video clip on the prevention of danger from toxic media was screened by MRTV.

The Union minister continued that currently, the media landscape has witnessed a significant shift with the emergence of streaming technology. Traditional broadcasting is being challenged by streaming platforms due to the rapid technological development and the existence of the 4.0 Industrial Revolution. Today, we're also watching Netflix, Hulu, YouTube, Amazon Prime, Google Play and many others. That's why, the media industry is required to move on with the updated technology to provide its content in a good and rapid way, he added.

As such, he noted that TV broadcasters and content creators need to understand streaming technology and streaming monetary policy, management for the streaming process, feedback of audiences, and presentation of stream content to audiences.

Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn poses for the group documentary photograph at the Workshop on Streaming Technologies Content Strategy yesterday.

At present, he stressed that most of the media organizations including the Ministry of Information are transitioning to Streaming as you may be aware. Also, Myanma Radio and Television is broadcasting not only traditional media like television and radio but also new media (online platform) like website, MRTV App, Telegram, TikTok, Instagram, and Facebook. Although we are on the right path, we further need to foster streaming technology with a better understanding to meet international standards.

He underscored that the workshop aims to learn the primary differences between traditional media and broadcasting and stream process, strong points and challenges in applying streaming technology, monetary policy strategies for streaming, management for streaming and production, strategies of streaming content, and indicating good examples for transforming the traditional to the streaming TV broadcasting.

Workshop consultant Mr Abhilash Nagabhushana of Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development-AIBD extended greetings.

The workshop will last for three days from 1 to 3 November, and Circles. Life Company Director Mr Abhilash Nagabhushana of Singapore will give lectures on the important role of streaming technology, the internet-based streaming process, traditional TV broadcasting, strong points and challenges of streaming technology, streaming monetary policy, work process of the technology, ways to seek contents, impacts of streaming technology on encoding process and streaming quality, guides for metadata, together with lectures of guest speakers from New Zealand, India and Malaysia through Zoom platform.

A total of 55 service personnel from departments and enterprises of the Ministry of Information are attending the workshop.

MRTV of the Ministry of Information joined the AIBD on 29 July 1997 as a full-fledged member in taking part in the media relation realm with regional countries. The workshop aims to enhance the capacity and role of TV broadcasting media for contributing to nation-building endeavours and development undertakings.

The workshop was also attended by Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung, departmental heads, Chairman of Myanmar Press Council U Ohn Maung (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe), programme manager Mr Syed Nabeel Hassan Tirmazi of AIBD and those from TV broadcasting organizations. — MNA/TTA

MoNREC Union Minister attends MLC-Toxic Project Workshop

UNION Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi delivered the opening speech at the MLC-Toxic Project's Final Completion Workshop, held at the KMA Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The MLC-Toxic Project, which ran from April 2021 to September 2023, aimed to study toxic and non-degradable organic pollutants (POPs) originating from herbicides in the Mekong River Basin. Its primary goal was to establish safety standards for pesticide use in agriculture, ensuring compliance with regulations.

The group documentary photo of the MLC-Toxic Project's Final Completion Workshop yesterday.

The Union minister highlighted the project's significance in addressing issues like illegal smuggling of long-lasting organic chemicals, which harm the environment, and the trade of counterfeit pesticides from other countries. He emphasized the importance of conducting research to identify safe and effective methods for pesticide use, reducing health and environmental risks.

Furthermore, the Union minister stressed the importance of conserving the Mekong River and watershed areas of its tributaries and ongoing water quality analysis, not only for Myanmar but for all Mekong region countries. He encouraged the researchers to continue with knowledge sharing and cooperation among these nations, even as the project period concluded. The workshop also featured an inspection of posters showcasing four projects under the Mekong-Lancang Special Fund Programme, with the Union minister offering guidance on key points. — MNA/TS

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Media Development Department under MoI observes anniversary celebration

THE anniversary ceremony of the Media Development Department of the Ministry of Information was held yesterday morning at the Assembly Hall of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw. Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung, heads of departments, officers, and staff from the Department of Media Development attended.

In his opening speech, the Union Minister mentioned that it has been a year since the establishment of the Media Development Department, which aims to support the growth of the private media sector in Myanmar and make it a significant player in the nation-building process. The Department of Media Development should leverage AI technology and streaming technologies to engage with the public and entertain the people, in addition to fulfilling the Ministry of Information's knowledge-sharing objectives. It is essential to align the media sector with evolving technology and connect with the international community in line with the changing times.

The anniversary ceremony of the Media Development Department of the Ministry of Information in progress at the assembly hall of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Then the Union Minister presented a certificate of honour to Daw Ohmma Yi, deputy staff officer of the Media Development Department, in recognition of her achievement as the best trainee award recipient at the Civil Service Academy (Upper Myanmar) Junior Officer Course No 96.

To celebrate the anniversary of the Department of Media Development, employees received souvenirs through lucky draws. — MNA/KZW

Nationwide livestock census to be conducted in Nov/Dec

THE nationwide livestock census started yesterday in Ayemyinthaya village, Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, with Union Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Minister U Min Naung, Chairman of the Nay Pyi Taw Council U Than Tun Oo and officials attending the event.

Starting 1 November, the livestock census is being conducted in village tracts and wards of 214 townships in 13 states and regions, and at the same time, the census is being taken in 277 villages of Nay Pyi Taw Council's eight townships, with Deputy Ministers Dr Aung Gyi, Dr Tin Htut and U Bo Bo Kyaw making field inspections in Ottarathiri Township, Pyinmana Township and Tatkon Township respectively.

Officials from Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department conduct a livestock census in Ayemyinthaya Village, Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

After inspecting the livestock census and meeting with livestock operators, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman said that the government is focusing on the development of agriculture-based production activities and the income improvement of each family in addition to developing road and bridge infrastructure. He also urged the farmers to make an all-round effort for the development of high-added products and tourism businesses in the area while setting a Nay Pyi Taw council area's model of development that other states and regions can follow.

Similarly, the Union Minister explained that a nationwide livestock census is being carried out to be able to effectively manage domestic food security, export promotion as well as livestock disease prevention and treatment activities, before urging people to contribute a correct number of animals. The Union Minister also said 20 billion kyats have been provided from the State Economic Promotion Fund for speeding up the raising of pigs and poultry for meat in 11 states and regions, and he encouraged people to cooperate in boosting production of the country.

In Myanmar, the livestock census was conducted annually by the Department of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation from 1979-1980 to 1993-1994, but from 1994 to 2017, the livestock census could not be collected on the ground, so it was only possible to record the estimated data by employing statistical methods. In 2018, the livestock census was carried out on a national scale to ensure the accuracy of the basic statistics, which are important for the development of the livestock sector and the prevention and control of animal diseases. To find out the changes in the animal population, an interim census was conducted every year, and a nationwide livestock census was collected every five years. This year's effort is the second nationwide livestock census. — MNA/TH

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Surgeries for cleft lip, cleft palate patients in Nay Pyi Taw to honour Myanmar dental medicine conference

TO improve the basic socioeconomic lives of the citizens, the Ministry of Health is providing health care services for disease prevention and effective treatment of diseases, as well as providing surgical treatment for congenital cleft lip and palate patients and facial cleft patients.

As a pre-conference activity, surgical treatments are being provided to patients with congenital cleft lip and palate at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1,000-bed) and Dental Specialist Hospital in Nay Pyi Taw in honour of the Myanmar Dental Health Science Conference, which will be hosted by the Ministry of Health from 3 to 4 November.

Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win along with the officials arrived at the Dental Specialist Hospital (Nay Pyi Taw) yesterday morning and watched and supported the operations of the children with Myanmar dental surgeons and specialists from Korea University Medicine.

The Union minister and party then gave words of encouragement to the child patients and their parents who were waiting for surgery, watched the Korean-Myanmar joint surgery, and presented a gift of honour to the Korean surgical team.

A total of 40 child patients were tested and 12 patients underwent surgery at Dental Specialist Hospital in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. Another 14 patients will receive an operation on 2 November at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1,000-bed).

Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win gives words of encouragement to the child patients and their parents at Dental Specialist Hospital in Nay Pyi Taw before their surgical procedures yesterday.

The team led by Professor Deok-Woo Kim from Korea University Medicine will hold a paper reading at the Myanmar Dental Health Science Conference to be held from 3 to 4 November. — MNA/KZL

31st National Monsoon Forum opens

The 31st Monsoon Forum 2023 of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology in progress in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

THE opening ceremony of the 31st Monsoon Forum 2023 of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH) was held at the Multi-Hazard Early Warning Centre in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. Dr Kyaw Moe Oo, Director-General of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology delivered the opening remarks.

Departmental representatives from disaster management, the Agriculture Department and other related departments, and participants from the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology totalling about 50 attended this forum.

The forum discussed the reviewing of the seasonal outlook of the weather forecast and water level forecast for the 2023 Southwest Monsoon Season and the condition of agro-meteorology, presenting the seasonal outlook of weather forecast and water level forecast for the 2023-2024 Northeast Monsoon Season and El Nino conditions, discussing sectorial lessons learned during the Monsoon Season and detailed discussions on sectorial preparedness using the forecasts for the 2023-2024 winter season. — DMH

MoRAC DM leaves for Maritime Silk Road Cultural Heritage Conservation Conference in China

A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Daw Nu Mra Zan departed from Yangon yesterday afternoon to attend the Maritime Silk Road Cultural Heritage Conservation Conference in Nanning, China.

Mr Pan Feng, Consul of the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar, Rector Dr Kay Thi Htwe of National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon), and officials saw the delegation off at Yangon International Airport.

The Maritime Silk Road Cultural Heritage Conservation Conference will be held from 3 to 4 November in Nanning, Guanxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China. — MNA/KZW

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Authorities carry out replacement of old water pipes, installation of water meters

The replacement of old water pipelines in Lanmadaw Township is in progress.

RESIDENTS of Lanmadaw Township informed The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM) that the replacement of old water pipes and the installation of water meters in six townships in Yangon have made it easier for users to access piped water.

With the installation of water meters, the cost of water will be based on the amount used. Residents of 11th Street (Middle Block) mentioned that after the new water pipes were replaced in October, obtaining piped water has become more convenient than before.

Ma Aye Myint, a water user residing in an apartment, informed the GNLM that in the 2022-2023 financial year, she paid only K1,800 per month as a water usage fee. However, in the 2023-2024 financial year, she is now required to pay K3,000 per month.

In October, the Department of Water and Sanitation issued notices to the township's residents to install water meters in the apartment's water systems. Charging based on the water meter, similar to an electricity meter, is expected to reduce water wastage. — TWA/CT

Tickets worth over K6.2 bln sold in 56th Aung Bar Lay lottery

LOTTERY tickets worth over K6.2 billion were sold in October, as reported by the Aung Bar Lay Branch of the Internal Revenue Department.

The 56th Aung Bar Lay lottery opened on 1 November, and a total of 6,232,920 lottery tickets were sold.

It has been announced that over K4,363.044 million (more than K4.3 billion), which accounts for 70 per cent of the sales, will be distributed as lottery prizes. There will be four K1 million prizes, 20 K300,000 prizes, 200 K200,000 prizes, and 2,000 K100,000 prizes awarded from K250 million, which was confiscated as state revenue since some prizes were not claimed.

The prizes include one K500 million prize, one K200 million prize, one K100 million prize, five K50 million prizes, six K20 million prizes, nine K10 million prizes, 12 K5 million prizes, 18 K2 million prizes, and 18 K1 million prizes. Additionally, prizes from Waiwai Sarsar Padetha will also be awarded. — TWA/CT

Some people are seen buying Aung Bar Lay lottery tickets in a lottery outlet. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Japanese firms to recruit nearly 900 Myanmar workers

THE Myanmar Embassy in Japan announced on 31 October that approximately 900 Myanmar workers will be recruited to work for 315 Japanese companies.

The job offers were reviewed between 17 and 31 October, and subsequently forwarded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The verification process included confirming the official registration of recruitment factories and companies in Japan, as stated by the Myanmar Embassy in Japan. — TWA/MKKS

Weekly updated prices of Bayintnaung Commodity Market

Onion

Only 60,000 visses of onions arrived at the market on 1 November, and the depot opening prices of Seikphyu onions wholesale ranged from K1,700 to K3,250 per viss. Myingyan (Kansint) ranged from K3,000 to K4,000, and Taungtha onion ranged from K1,600 to K2,900.

The highest price of onions in regional markets was K2,850 per viss. The price rose above K3,000 on 31 October.

Garlic

On 1 November, in the Yangon market, a viss of Shan garlic was priced at K9,400 for S2, K10,000 for S3, K10,500 for S4, and K10,900 for S5, while Kyukok garlic was valued at K15,000.

Potato

The Yangon potato market only published the price of Chinese potatoes on 1 November, with the wholesale price of Chinese potatoes at K3,200-3,300 per viss.

Chilli Pepper

On 1 November, in the Yangon chilli pepper market, Eainme and Panye long chilli peppers were priced at approximately K7,000-K8,000 per viss, while Thazi Moehtaung chilli peppers were priced at K10,000, and new Pyawbwe Moehtaung chilli peppers were priced at K10,500 per viss. Sinphyukyun was valued at K14,000–K16,000 per viss.

Rice

On 1 November, the price per bag of old monsoon non-premium rice was K62,000-K65,000 in Yangon, old non-premium rice grown under multiple cropping was K69,000, the 90-day rice variety was K72,000, and the Pawkywe rice variety was K83,000.

Pawsan rice varieties ranged from K120,000 to K125,000 per bag, depending on the rice-producing regions.

Palm oil

The wholesale reference price of palm oil from 31 October to 5 November is K4,370 per viss, decreasing by K155 per viss compared to the previous week. A tonne of palm oil on the foreign market went down to US$795 on 1 November.

Beans and pulses

On 31 October, the price of black gram was K2,375,000 per tonne for RC and K3,227,500 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 K2,830-K2,920 per viss, respectively, while that of half of the chickpeas was K5,800-K6,100 per viss. — TWA/KZW

Shan long chilli, Chinese bell peppers arrive at Bayintnaung Wholesale Centre

Chinese bell pepper was imported before road closure at the border.

PRIOR to road closure in some border areas of Shan State, Chinese bell peppers entered the domestic market. The prices stood at K10,500 per viss of long chilli pepper from Shan State and K18,000 per viss of Chinese bell peppers on 31 October 2023. The prices of Chinese bell peppers increased from K17,200-17,500 per viss on 25 October. On 31 October, new chilli peppers (Moehtaung variety) from Nat Mauk, Pyawbwe and Yamethin areas fetched K10,200-10,500 per viss. Some new Moehtaung chilli peppers from the Tatkon area are offered only K9,300-10,000 per viss owing to some flaws and low quality on 31 October, Ko Hla Han, a trader involved in chilli pepper depot, told the Global New Light of Myanmar. Chilli pepper prices started to move up slightly. The prices of chilli pepper processed in cold storage moved in the range between K13,500 and K14,500 per viss in the wholesale market. The long chilli peppers from the delta region are priced at K6,800-8,000 per viss in the wholesale market. The prices of bell peppers are K14,000-21,000 per viss depending on region and quality.

The prices of chili pepper were K5,000-7,000 per viss in late October 2023 lower than those registered in November 2022.

There is less chance for a further price drop, a trader shared his opinion.

The picture shows dried Moehtaung chilli pepper from Shan State

In early October 2023, the prices stood at US$400 per tonne of fresh chilli pepper and $1,600 per tonne of dried chilli pepper, according to export data of some border posts.

The prices hit a record high of K31,000 per viss of bell pepper processed in cold storage, K29,000 per viss of bell pepper from Sinphyukyun, K17,500 per viss of long chilli pepper from Shan State, K16,000 per viss of chilli pepper (Moehtaung variety) in November 2022. The prices of chilli pepper in 2023 decreased compared to those in 2022, a trader told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM). — TWA/KK

MGMA opens Basic Sewing Machine Operator Training Course on 20 Nov

MYANMAR Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) will offer a Basic Sewing Machine Operator Training Course (Batch 229) from 20 November to 8 December at the Myanmar Garment Human Resources Development Training Centre (MGHRDC).

The course will provide technical know-how of sewing machines, different sewing methods and labour laws and practices.

This training will also bridge the network between those engaged in garment factories and those hunting jobs from regions outside Yangon.

It aims to create job opportunities for locals. This being so, the training will also help find the jobs. Those who wish to attend the training can enrol through phone numbers 09 940858350, 09 450723262, 09 9403912570, 09 784085794 and 09 969865024. — NN/EM

Dressmakers are seen in a garment factory workplace.

Peanut prices on downward trend amid lack of foreign demand

THE price drop of peanuts persisted in the absence of foreign demand, according to the Mandalay wholesale market.

The prevailing prices move in the range between K5,500 and K6,100 per viss in the domestic market depending on varieties.

The prices hit a high of K7,550-11,000 per viss on the back of strong foreign and domestic demand on 18 August 2023.

At present, newly harvested peanuts near the Mandalay area entered the Mandalay Wholesale Centre. The demand by the main buyer China is pretty slow-moving.

Despite the price fall in peanuts, the peanut oil price did not decline accordingly and it stayed strong at above K15,000 per viss.

A worker prepares to scale the peanuts.

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 exported over 10,000 kilogrammes worth US$15.813 million to foreign markets through seaborne and border trade channels over the first six months of the current financial year 2023-2024 beginning 1 April. — NN/EM

OPINION

Choose options: happiness or unhappiness

IN THE grand theatre of life, everybody faces a crucial choice: happiness or unhappiness. This choice holds immense power, reshaping the world and influencing the course of the collective future for all. Its impact is most profoundly felt within the intricate realm of the human mind.

But what is happiness, really? It's the ability to perceive life's components from their true vantage points, granting all the privilege to bask in its warm embrace. The pursuit of happiness is a universal quest, one in which everybody may stumble upon genuine joy or miss the chance due to unforeseen circumstances.

Sometimes, happiness seems elusive, thwarted by what Buddhism identifies as the five formidable adversaries: water, fire, a tyrant, a thief, and an unloved one. These adversaries' influence is inextricably linked to the concept of cause and effect, where many find themselves unintentionally or intentionally contributing to their own unhappiness. The causes set in motion become the effects everybody must endure.

> It's vital to understand that happiness is not nestled in physical or material possessions. It resides within the depths of our souls and the expanse of minds. When the hearts and minds of all are pure, everybody unearths lasting happiness, and it's within these moments of joy that everybody crafts a harmonious society.

If one's thoughts are fixated on hardship, happiness will remain forever elusive. Only by nurturing qualities such as forgiveness, patience, tolerance, sympathy, empathy, and compassion can one hope to embrace life's happiness fully. Without this mental alignment, life's purpose dwindles into insignificance.

The path to happiness requires the abandonment of selfishness across all spheres of life. By doing so, everybody should create an environment in which happiness finds its way to all willingly. Conversely, envy and jealousy cast long shadows over the future, plunging it into darkness.

Therefore, inner peace is the essential foundation for happiness. When the mind finds tranquillity, it reflects in the outer world. In this equilibrium, individuals find themselves enveloped by the soothing embrace of happiness, anytime, anywhere. Peace becomes the catalyst for unearthing happiness's hidden treasures, gifting them to all who choose to walk this path.

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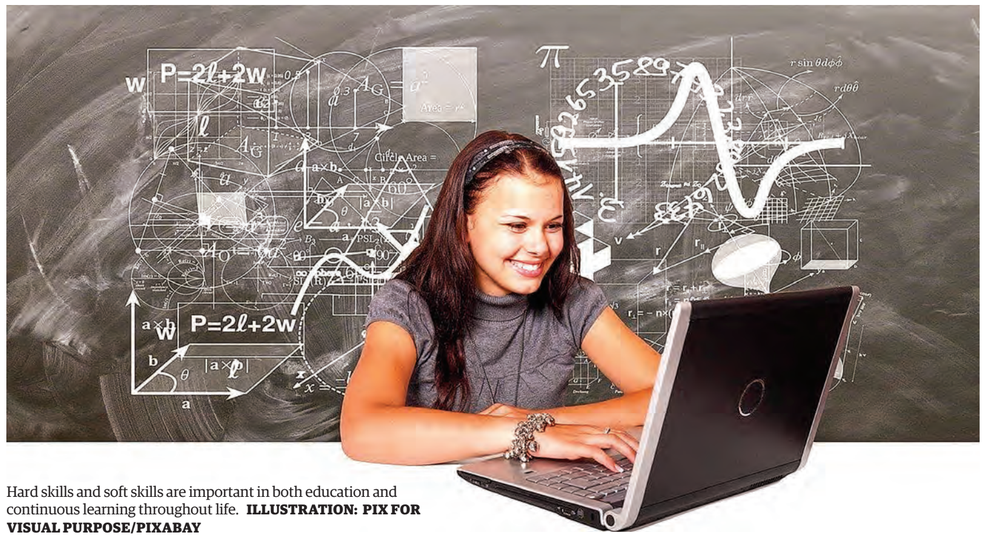
Everybody can opt for happiness, the beacon that shapes destiny for all, or everybody can linger in the shadows of unhappiness. The decision is not merely an individual one; it's a choice that affects the collective future of humanity. In the end, it is the hearts and minds of all that hold the key to happiness, and with them, everybody can sculpt a brighter, more joyful world. ■

Skills for the New Economy

By UAC



Hard skills and soft skills are important in both education and continuous learning throughout life. **ILLUSTRATION: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/PIXABAY**

SINCE the heyday of Adam Smith, the importance of labour in Economics has been highlighted. We not only need to have a sufficiently large quantity of labour but also a qualified and quality labour force, to efficiently fuel the economy forward. Countries without a large labour force, such as Singapore, or the UAE, ended up importing a large pool of all categories of labour. Even developed countries with sizeable populace, such as Japan or Korea, would import, especially unskilled and semi-skilled labourers to augment their professional and skilled personnel. Besides adopting suitable policies to combat the shortage on the quantity front, countries all around the globe are also doing what they can to upgrade the skills of their human resource.

As Lee Kuan Yew described succinctly, 'We do not have to invade countries to rule over or enslave them. We just educate our population high enough and people would come and work under us.' Considering even within ASEAN, unskilled workers from poorer countries such as the Philippines, Indonesia and Myanmar ended up working as menial labourers (maids, dishwashers, construction workers, etc.,) in richer countries. Without developing the skills needed for the new economy, we would continue to work as maids or modern slaves forever, in the foreseeable future.

The current skills development situation in Myanmar is now one of the worst in the region. The ranking among the higher educational institutions globally is at a miserable point (6,500+ for the University of Yangon). Without significant changes and improvements, the ranking could only head south. Take note that all these rankings, despite being carried out by the West, are not solely occupied by the universities of the Western Hemisphere. And yes, it is possible to improve. Thirty years ago, the top university in China, Beijing University or Beida, was among the top 1,000 only, i.e., its ranking was not even within the top 500 universities in the world. Now Beida is 14 in the world, according to last year's ranking.

Our graduates come out of universities without employable skills, short on technical expertise and ability to utilize, let alone deploy modern technologies, deficient in self-improvement and self-learning and with much orientation towards memory works. There is a considerable mismatch between the skills of our graduates and the level of skills and expertise that global enterprises or modern governments need. As empirical evidence of that, even in the not-so-complicated construction industry, HAGL/Myanmar Plaza was completed by construction workers from Viet Nam. In the Dala Bridge construction, Korean main contractors outsourced the services to a Viet Nam construction team, instead of a team from Myanmar. If all of us do not examine this to improve ourselves, we will be in the world of servitude class within the next generation.

What skills do we actually need?

To be specific, every Myanmar citizen needs second language skills, IT, presentation and public speaking skills (in a second language). Without being able to express ourselves properly at the international level, how can we ever aspire to be managers? Our companies and economy are not like Japan, Korea, China or even Viet Nam. We cannot rely on knowing our language alone. The first-tier languages of English and Chinese are a must for everyone.

In terms of specific IT skills, at the basic level, the set-up and use of basic IT applications, Gmail, Telegram, WeChat, and hotspots must be familiar to everyone. We still have graduates who do not know how to install Telegram or WeChat or set up a Gmail account. Unbelievable!

At the graduate level, applications such as Word, Excel, presentations, and the use of AI apps should be a piece of cake. For those wanting to reach higher, programming skills are not bad to acquire either.

In countries such as Singapore, even the 6th graders are preparing their own content and doing their own presentations in front of their classes. Some of our graduates would graduate without doing one proper report or presentation.

In addition to the hard skills mentioned prior, soft skills such as creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem-solving (not just identification), effective communication and collaboration, and knowing how to balance between speed and perfection are the key skills that employers value.

How do we develop such skills?

The hard skills have to be taught and learnt, from secondary school onwards until the end of university education. Formal education has to be augmented by self-learning and education through freely available online learning tools.

For soft skills, practice makes perfect. Read and read a lot. And sharing the skills that you have developed with others i.e., knowledge sharing and transfer, would also ensure that the skillset is passed on to the next generation of workers, who would propel our economy into the future. ■

ARTICLE

Weather report

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Wednesday 1 November 2023)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF THE 2 November 2023: Rain or thundershowers will be Fairly wispread Southren Shan State, scattered Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Tanintharyi Regions and Eastren Shan, Chin, Rakhine States. Isolated in Lower Sagaing Region and Northern Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudyin the remaining Regions and States.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (3-6) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

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

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 2 November 2023: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 2 November 2023: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 2 November 2023: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Study finds how thyroid hormones in pregnant women regulate brown adipose tissue in children

This discovery challenges the conventional understanding of ionocyte behaviour and its potential implications for cystic fibrosis lung disease.

BROWN adipose tissue (BAT) is a type of tissue that helps babies regulate their body temperature. BAT is gaining popularity among adults, particularly in the setting of obesity-related illnesses like as type 2 diabetes.

In the fight against the obesity epidemic, stimulating BAT could be a promising therapeutic method to enhance metabolic improvement. Researchers at the University of Lubeck's "Centre of Brain, Behaviour, and Metabolism" (CBBM) have discovered a mechanism involved in BAT activation.

Extensive Research

The research team, directed by Prof Jens Mittag, head of the Institute of Endocrinology and Diabetes at the University of Lubeck, discovered that the mother's thyroid hormones during pregnancy had an effect on the offspring's BAT activity later in life.

The study was published in the journal Nature Communications.

BAT is currently being intensively researched in the context of obesity and type 2 diabetes, as it is able to burn fat and release it as heat. Activation of this tissue is therefore promised to improve metabolism and provide a new therapeutic target in the fight against the obesity pandemic. It has recently been shown that lean people often have more brown fat than obese people.

SOURCE: ANI

CFTR channels in airway secretory cells are known to secrete chloride ions, promoting hydration of the airway surface, crucial for lung defense. **ILLUSTRATION: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/PIXABAY**

NATIONAL

CBM notifies steps to be taken in case of mobile financial scams

THE Central Bank of Myanmar has issued a notification that if a mobile money account holder has been defrauded of money, they must contact the service provider's enquiry centre or complaint centre.

The central bank also said that after notifying the centre, it must immediately provide the information requested by the centre and open a case at the relevant local police station.

If the police station of the relevant area receives a complaint from the victim of fraud, it will open a case immediately and once the case is opened, the police will immediately contact the relevant bank and mobile financial service provider over the phone or by fax and email.

Upon receiving information and information from the victim of fraud, a complaint handling organization will check whether the owner of the list is true or false, whether the information is correct or not and if it is correct, they must report it to their respective department immediately. The accounts of suspected fraudsters will be immediately blocked and temporarily blocked for 72 hours.

After the account has been temporarily blocked, the account information and the transactions of these accounts must be reported to the Central Bank of Myanmar and the Financial Intelligence Unit as suspicious transactions within 24 hours.

If the victim of fraud does not receive notification from the relevant police station that a case has been opened at the police station, the temporarily blocked accounts must be reopened after 72 hours.

For the Central Bank to take timely action, Section 132 of the Financial Institutions Law, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section (b), has been issued. — TWA/KZL

The photo shows a warning advertisement of online financial scams of a private bank.

CRIME NEWS

Malaysia-bound drugs captured around 157 miles from southwest of Kawthoung

Seven offenders are seen along with confiscated ice (crystal methamphetamine).

ACCORDING to information that the transnational drug cartels will transport the drugs to Malaysia by sea, the Myanmar Navy conducted inspections about 157 miles from the southwest of Kawthoung on 30 October.

The Myanmar Navy arrested Min Min Soe, Aung Min Thu, Thura Oo (1), Yan Paing Soe, Myint Htun, Win Hlaing Oo and Thura Oo (2) with 2,600 kilogrammes of Ice worth K104 billion from a motorboat heading to Malaysia.

According to the testimony of the arrested offenders, a fugitive, Nyi Nyi, transports the drugs to Malaysia by sea connecting with drug dealers in Malaysia. If the drugs reach the Malaysia Territorial Sea, they have to be transferred to the buyer in Malaysia who is linked with the fugitive Nyi Nyi.

The Myanmar government has launched efforts to effectively prevent and combat drug trafficking, which causes danger to the human race including the next generations, as a national responsibility.

In addition, it has been found that transnational drug cartels are using the advantage of the sea and changing the use of maritime routes because of the joint drug prevention and suppression operations of respective personnel in cooperation with neighbouring countries.

Therefore, the relevant officials have taken legal action against the offenders and an investigation is underway to identify the perpetrators of the crime chain including the fugitive Nyi Nyi. Similarly, it is announced that the informers and those who cooperate with the arrests will be given a reward privately. — MNA/MKKS

Confiscated illegal items; Foodstuffs, consumer goods, industrial materials and vehicles

A combined team under the management of the Kachin State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force confiscated 19 unregistered vehicles – a Toyota Landcruiser, two Toyota AD Van, a Toyota Noah, two Toyota Probox, two Honda fit, a Toyota Mark II, two Toyota Crown, a Toyota Voxy, a Ford and two Honda Ipsum – at the Namti, Mokaung and Nansiaung combined checkpoints on 18 October. The action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

The combined teams made inspections on 31 October and captured an unregistered Honda Freed (approximately worth K4 million) at the Eainshaepyin checkpoint in Dawei township and 10 sets of Any Tone walkie-talkie worth K3 million without official documents at the Pauktaing Bridge checkpoint, a Mitsubishi Fuso truck (estimated value of K45 million), headed to Yangon from Muse, carrying six kinds of goods worth K99.7 million, including 90 sets of Yuki airconditioner and 5,800 pairs of Nike sport shoes that were not declared in the Import Declaration (ID), at the Ywathagyi Dry Port and 306,834 kilogrammes of Nabati cream wafer worth K534,378,900 without Import Licence from 50 containers at the Thilawa Port Terminal container checkpoint. The action was taken under the Export and Import Law and Customs procedures.

A total of 26 arrests were made on 18 and 31 October, with an estimated value of about K869.378 million, as reported by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/MKKS

Confiscated illegal foodstuffs in Thilawa container inspection centre.

Filipinos throng cemeteries for All Saints' Day

In Manila, many people visited graveyards, having picnics on tombstones or quietly praying at their loved ones' resting places. **PHOTO: AFP**

On All Saints' Day in the Philippines, people brought flowers, candles, and food to cemeteries, including the Manila North Cemetery, to pay their respects to the deceased, with many holding picnics or offering prayers at their loved ones' graves.

FILIPINOS carrying flowers, candles and bags of food thronged cemeteries across the Catholic-majority Philippines on Wednesday to pay their respects to dead loved ones on All Saints' Day.

Hundreds of thousands of people fanned out across sprawling graveyards in the capital Manila to hold picnics on tombs or pray quietly in front of a relative or friend's final resting place.

Among the visitors at Manila North Cemetery was Zenaida Cruz, 77, who walked slowly with her husband to the tomb of her parents and grandparents to offer candles and a prayer.

Cruz used to leave flowers at the gravesite, but inflation had pushed prices of even simple bouquets beyond her limited budget.

"As long as I can walk, I will still visit, because this is a tradition," Cruz told AFP.

"This tradition won't fade, but of course, it won't be as grand as before when there were many flowers and many candles."

The annual ritual is an ancient Christian tradition honouring all saints and martyrs who died for the faith.

In the deeply religious Philippines, the day is a public holiday to enable people to travel hours to visit gravesites in far-flung parts of the country. — AFP

In Ecuador, animal tattoos take on dangerous gang stigma

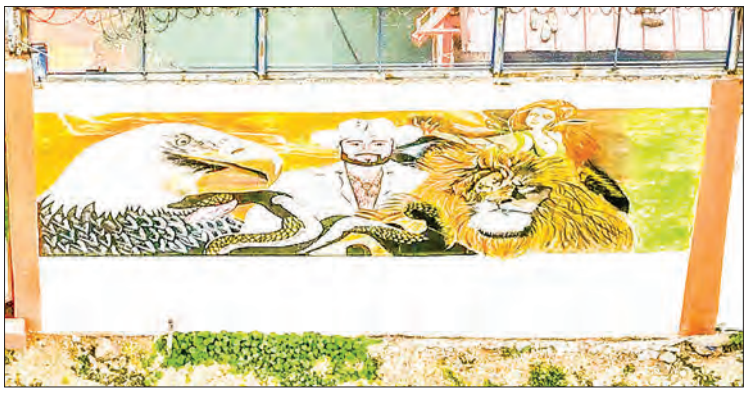
Criminal groups in Ecuador, including Los Lobos, Las Aguilas, Los Tiguerones, and Los Choneros, have led people with animal tattoos (tigers, eagles, etc.) to hide them due to the symbols' gang associations.

IN gang-ridden Ecuador, people who sport popular animal tattoos such as tigers or eagles are increasingly forced to hide their ink as such symbols have become usurped by criminal groups.

The small country's descent into deadly drug violence has come at the hands of groups such as Los Lobos (The Wolves), Las Aguilas (The Eagles), Los Tiguerones, whose brand is the tiger, and the powerful Los Choneros, who identify with the lion.

Images of these animals are graffitied on prisons and neighbourhoods where the gangs dominate, and inked onto the bodies of their members.

In the port of Guayaquil, which has borne the brunt of the drug violence and gang conflict in Ecuador, both criminals and police keep a sharp eye out for the markings. — AFP



Images of these animals are graffitied on prisons and neighborhoods where the gangs dominate, and inked onto the bodies of their members. **PHOTO: STRINGER/AFP**

Nigeria's Bubu Ogisi, fashion 'harbinger' with African tales

A model wearing clothes by Nigerian fashion designer Bubu Ogisi walks down the runway at her fashion show, Shadows, in Lagos on 29 October 2023. **PHOTO: BENSON IBEABUCHI / AFP**

WEARING one of her trademark large hats and dark glasses, Nigerian designer Bubu Ogisi puts a group of models through final fittings in preparation days for Lagos Fashion Week -- one of the cultural highlights in Nigeria's economic capital.

Dressed in black, white and tan creations with hand-crafted bracelets and collars, models walk by as Ogisi checks out parts of her Spring/Summer 2024 collection entitled "Shadows", with the concept of exploring protective materials and fibres.

One of Nigeria's foremost designers, Ogisi may have featured in Vogue and partnered with Victoria's Secret, but she remains resolutely driven by her exploration of African stories and traditional materials. Describing herself more as a researcher than designer, Ogisi travels Africa looking for inspiration to incorporate traditional materials and techniques into her designs for her IAMISIGO brand.

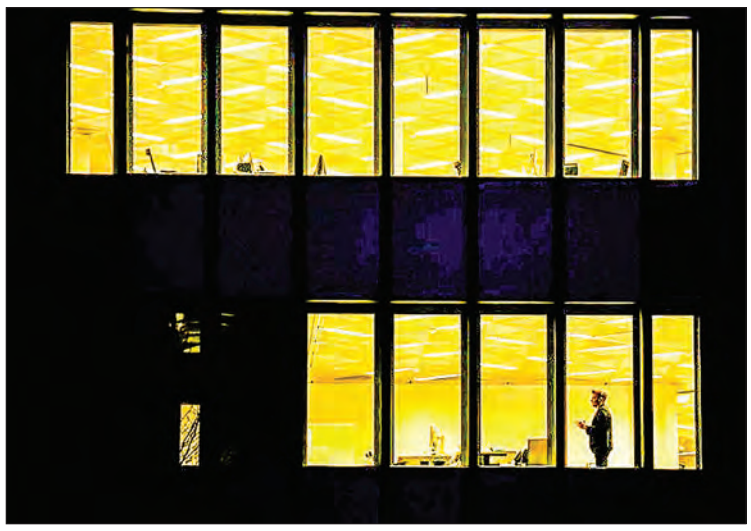
"I think I'm still just continuing my process and expanding actually the materials that I'm researching," Ogisi told AFP at the fitting in the 16/16 boutique hotel in Lagos.

"It's what I love engaging in every day."

Kenya, Ghana, Ivory Coast and her native Nigeria are among the African countries that have inspired Ogisi -- who worked in the oil and gas industry before studying fashion in Paris, finding her creative voice and eventually forming IAMISIGO. — AFP

ECONOMY WORLD

Europe's economic powerhouse tests a shorter working week



A study by the Hans-Boeckler foundation found more than 80 per cent of Germans would support a four-day week. **PHOTO: AFP**

The four-day workweek is growing in popularity in Germany, aiming to address worker shortages and maintain competitiveness, but it faces skepticism from some economists and managers.

DESPITE its increasing popularity, the concept faces skepticism from economists and some managers regarding its broader applicability and economic implications.

Maximilian Hermann's weekend starts on Friday morning, when he puts his motorcycle helmet on and takes his bike out for a ride to the southern German Alps.

Like all his colleagues, the 29-year-old project manager shifted to a four-day week at the beginning of the year and is making the most of it.

His new, shorter working hours are part of a trend that is gaining traction in Germany, where companies are looking to balance between worker shortages and the need to stay competitive. Among the pioneers of the four-day week is Hermann's employer KlimaShop, a purveyor of heat pumps and air-conditioning systems based near Augsburg in southern Germany.

Instead of working 40 hours a week across five days, Hermann now spends a total of 38 hours at work over four working days. Otherwise put, each of KlimaShop's 30 employees works an hour-and-a-half more for each day they are in the office, while having an extra day to themselves each week.— AFP

Brazil's booming ag sector draws cash and controversy

Brazil, a major agricultural player known for soybeans, beef, and now corn, is on track to surpass the United States in corn exports, but its agribusiness sector is under scrutiny for its impact on the Amazon rainforest.

WITH its massive output of soybeans, beef, cotton and now corn, Brazil has become one of the world's top agricultural powers. But its agribusiness industry also faces criticism, especially over destruction of the Amazon rainforest.

Here is an overview of the South American ag giant, which, more than a decade after passing the United States as the world's biggest soy and beef exporter, is set to overtake US corn exports this year and is now eying the cotton crown.

Big and growing

Brazil's agriculture ministry triumphantly announced recently the sector's output will hit a record 1.15 trillion reais ($230 billion) this year.

The country — the world's fifth-largest by surface area — is the top producer and exporter of sugar, coffee and soy.

It is also the world's top supplier of chicken and beef, and second in cotton, after the United States.

Agribusiness accounts for nearly one-fourth of Brazil's economy, and half its exports in the first half of the year.

Roots of the boom

Brazil's emergence as an agricultural giant goes back to Portuguese colonial times. Fortunes were made here on a succession of commodities: sugarcane, then cotton, rubber and finally coffee, which reigned supreme for more than a century. — AFP

Brazil passed the United States as the world's biggest soy and beef exporter more than a decade ago. **PHOTO: AFP**

New York facing deep 'racial gap' in homeownership: report

A government report revealed that in New York, Black and Hispanic households have a much lower rate of homeownership compared to white households across all regions of the state. **PHOTO: NACA/AFP**

BLACK and Hispanic households in New York state — home to America's financial capital — own their homes at half the rate of white households, a government report said Tuesday.

Compiled by the office of Attorney General Letitia James, a Democrat who is the first African American and first woman to hold the position, the report found "a stark racial gap in homeownership rates in every region" of the state.

Across New York state, where almost half the total population of 20 million lives in the eponymous southern metropolis, "white households are 25 per cent more likely than Asian households to own their home and more than twice as likely as Black or Latino households to own their home," a summary said.

An analysis of mortgage data "found racial disparities at every phase of the lending process," the report said — from number of submissions to approval rates to pricing of loan products.

The report also found that the long-term cost of a home loan for white New Yorkers was much lower than for Black or Hispanic residents, who were more likely to be charged higher interest rates and less likely to be approved for refinancing.

"These added burdens total over $200 million more in interest and other costs over the course of Black and Latino borrowers' loans," the AG's office said. — AFP

UK govt backs down over plans to shut rail ticket offices

THE UK government has scrapped controversial plans to close almost all railway station ticket offices in England, following fierce criticism from disabled campaign groups, unions and passenger watchdogs.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, trailing in the polls before a general election expected next year, in September suggested closing ticket offices was "the right thing" for the public and taxpayers.

But Transport Secretary Mark Harper said the plans would not now proceed as they "do not meet the high thresholds set by ministers".

The proposals, backed by the government, were put forward by train companies in July, as they came under pressure from ministers to cut costs and as workers strike for better pay and conditions.

Main opposition Labour party transport spokeswoman Louise Haigh welcomed the axing of "these shambolic plans".

"The government failed to come clean on the impact of these proposals for accessibility and job security (of ticket office staff) and now have been forced into a humiliating climbdown, disowning the very proposals ministers championed from the start," she said. — AFP

Train operators had proposed axing ticket offices.
PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Toyota posts record 1st-half profits, lifts outlook on weaker yen

Toyota raised its net profit forecast for the fiscal year ending March 2024 to a record 3.95 trillion yen, showing a 61.1 per cent growth compared to the previous fiscal year.

TOYOTA Motor Corp raised its full-year outlook Wednesday due to the windfall from a weaker yen, as it reported record earnings for the first half of the fiscal year on solid post-pandemic vehicle sales in all major markets.

The world's largest carmaker by volume lifted its net profit forecast for the year to March 2024 to a record 3.95 trillion yen ($26 billion) from its previous projection of 2.58 trillion yen. The new figure represents 61.1 per cent growth from the last fiscal year. The operating profit outlook was revised up to an all-time high 4.5 trillion yen from 3 trillion yen, as sales are now seen at a record 43 trillion yen compared with an earlier estimate of 38 trillion yen. Toyota will become the first Japanese company with sales of over 40 trillion yen if the forecast is achieved.

The yen's weakening was a major driver for the upward revisions, boosting the operating profit projection by 1.18 trillion yen from the earlier estimate, the company said. — Kyodo

Toyota will become the first Japanese company with sales of over 40 trillion yen if the forecast is achieved. **PHOTO: FILE BEHROUZ MEHRI/AFP**

Pfizer reports Q3 loss amid declining COVID-19 products sales

US drugmaker Pfizer reported Tuesday a loss of 2.4 billion US dollars for the third quarter due to the continued declining sales of its COVID-19 vaccine and treatments.

Pfizer said its third-quarter revenue was 13.23 billion dollars, lower than expected, down 42 per cent from a year ago.

The company's quarterly COVID-19 vaccine sales raked in 1.31 billion dollars, a drop of 70 per cent from the year-ago quarter.

Sales of Paxlovid, its major coronavirus treatment, slid 97 per cent during the same period from a year earlier. – Xinhua

Antitrust trial pits JetBlue against Biden administration

MIDSIZED carrier JetBlue began squaring off in court Tuesday against the US Department of Justice in a closely-watched challenge to the Biden administration's antitrust policy.

In this trial New York-based JetBlue is trying to keep alive its proposed $3.8 billion acquisition of Spirit Airlines, a low-cost carrier. The government has sued to block the merger on competition grounds.– AFP

Member's' Voluntary Winding-up & Appointment of a Liquidator for G Cube Myanmar Co., Ltd. (Registration No. 115062190) pursuant Articles 147(a)(ii) and 152(a) of Insolvency Law 2020
&
Notice to Creditors

With respect to G Cube Myanmar Co., Ltd. (Registration No. 115062190) (the "**Company**") which is located at No.#405/405, Prime Hill Business Square, No.60, Shwe Dagon Pagoda Road, Dagon Township, Yangon Region, Myanmar, it is hereby noticed that:

1. According to Article 147(a)(ii) of Insolvency Law, the Company unanimously passed the following resolutions:
   (i) to wind up the Company voluntarily effective on 31 October 2023; and
   (ii) to appoint the following liquidator (the "**Liquidator**") pursuant to Article 152(a) of Insolvency Law, effective on 31 October 2023:
   Name: Daw Nilar Thwin
   Name of the Company/Title: Global United Myanmar Ltd./Managing Director
   MAIP member serial: 00120
   Phone number: 095049113
   Address: #14-11, Level 14, Sule Square, 221 Sule Pagoda Road, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, Myanmar 11182
2. Any creditors who have any debts or claims against the Company are required to submit their names, addresses, and details of their claims, together with any documentary evidence in their possession, to the Liquidator on or before 30 November 2023.

Daw Nilar Thwin
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V SEOUL GLOW VOY.NO. (341W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SEOUL GLOW VOY.NO. (341W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **2-11-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/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**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SEALAND MAERSK ASIA PTE LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V THETIS VOY. NO. (004/23L)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **2-11-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **IBTT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Phone No: **2301928**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S BEN LINE AGENCIES (S'PORE) PTE LTD

ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Latest developments in the Israel-Hamas war

People enter the Rafah border crossing in the southern Gaza Strip before crossing into Egypt on 1 November 2023. **PHOTO: MOHAMMED ABED / AFP**

HERE are key developments from the past 24 hours:

Bolivia cuts ties with Israel

Bolivia said on Tuesday it was severing diplomatic ties with Israel over its "disproportionate" attacks in Gaza, as two other Latin American countries recalled their ambassadors over the mounting humanitarian crisis.

Bolivia "has decided to cut diplomatic relations with the State of Israel, in repudiation and condemnation of the aggressive and disproportionate Israeli military offensive being carried out in the Gaza Strip", deputy foreign minister Freddy Mamani told a press conference.

Egypt lets in Gaza foreigners, wounded

A first group of foreign passport holders from Gaza entered Egypt through the Rafah crossing on Wednesday, the first time Cairo has opened it to people seeking to flee the war-torn Palestinian territory.

Although more than 200 trucks of desperately needed aid have crossed into Gaza from Egypt, no people have been allowed to cross, with some 545 foreigners and dual nationals expected to do so Wednesday.

Israel says 11 soldiers killed in Gaza

Eleven Israeli soldiers were killed in ground fighting inside Gaza on Tuesday, the military said, bringing the total number of troops killed since 7 October to 326. Two soldiers were also seriously wounded in fighting in the Palestinian territory on Tuesday, according to the military, which said its forces had struck "more than 11,000" militant targets in Gaza since the start of its war to "crush" Hamas. — AFP

Pakistan to open holding centres ahead of Afghan deportations

PAKISTANI authorities on Wednesday were set to open a series of centres across the country to begin processing hundreds of thousands of undocumented Afghans ahead of mass deportations.

The government has given 1.7 million Afghans it says are living illegally in the country until 1 November to leave voluntarily or be forcibly removed. More than 100,000 have already left in the past month, with more than 20,000 gathered at the border on Tuesday as the deadline loomed. "Only those people who are completely illegal will leave Pakistan," Interior Minister Sarfraz Bugti said in a video statement

The Taliban government's defence minister Mullah Yaqoob said Pakistan's policy was "cruel and barbaric". A spokesman for the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provincial government said holding centres where Afghans would be held for one or two days for processing, would open from 1 November. – AFP

GROUNDED PASSENGER FERRY AND OIL SPILL

Sweden begins salvage operation of stranded ferry

SWEDEN'S coast guard said Wednesday that a salvage operation had been started for a passenger ferry that ran aground in October causing a large oil spill.

The Marco Polo ferry, operated by TT-Line, ran aground south of the southern city of Karlshamn on 22 October, with the vessel's 75 passengers safely evacuated.

It stayed still for days but then drifted off due to strong winds on Sunday and once again ran aground, causing more oil spills.

Around 7:00 am (0600 GMT) on Wednesday a salvage operation was initiated after the inital plan had to be revised due to the ship moving.

"Shortly after 7:00 the ship was dislodged and floated by itself but was connected to two towing vessels," Valdemar Lindekrantz, press officer for the Swedish Coast Guard, told AFP.

During the morning the ship was slowly towed out to deeper water.

"The plan right now is to freeze the situation by anchoring the ship in deeper water to get a view of the hull and determining what damage the ship has sustained," Lindekrantz said. — AFP

Electric vehicles gain traction in Jordan as petrol prices rise

In Jordan, the number of electric cars almost doubled in a year, while imports of traditional cars and hybrids decreased significantly.

ELECTRIC vehicle sales are surging in Jordan, a trend drivers and showrooms attribute to high petrol prices more than any concerns about air pollution and climate change.

Boosted by low import taxes, especially affordable Chinese-made models have become a common sight on the streets of Amman and the kingdom's desert highways.

Tesla owner Shadi Zatari, 43, says he no longer worries about pump prices since he plugs in his car overnight at home, allowing him to drive 400 kilometres (250 miles) on a single charge. "The main goal of buying an electric car is definitely saving money," said the Amman-based merchant and father of three. "I saved almost two thirds of what I used to spend on gasoline."

A salesman at a car dealership assists a customer inspecting an electric vehicle for sale at the premises in Amman on 21 September 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

With Octane 90 unleaded petrol selling at about $1.40 per litre, Zatari said he used to spend about 120 dinars ($170) on fuel per month.

He has slashed this to 40 dinars -- the average rise in his monthly electricity bill -- and is able to drive longer distances at no additional cost.

Zatari's car is one of 60,000 EVs now registered in Jordan -- still just a fraction of the total 2.2 million registered vehicles, but the fastest-growing segment. — AFP

SPORTS

Liverpool aim to 'achieve the impossible', says Lijnders

Liverpool came close to making history two seasons ago by winning the FA Cup and League Cup while being second in the Premier League and Champions League.

LIVERPOOL assistant manager Pep Lijnders says the Anfield club want to "achieve the impossible" as his players target winning four trophies this season.

Reds stars Dominik Szoboszlai and Diogo Jota have both gone public with their belief that Jurgen Klopp's side can win the Premier League, FA Cup, League Cup and Europa League.

Two seasons ago, Liverpool reached the cusp of a historic achievement when they lifted the FA Cup and League Cup while finishing as runners-up in the Premier League and Champions League.

Lijnders believes Szoboszlai and Jota's upbeat assessments of Liverpool's trophy chances underline the mentality and high standards within the squad.

"What's not to like about Dom, huh? He just says it," Lijnders said ahead of Liverpool's League Cup fourth-round trip to Bournemouth on Wednesday.

"They have dreams, and who am I to stop them believing that we can achieve, or achieve the impossible? — AFP

Liverpool have their sights set on a trophy clean-sweep. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Saudi Arabia supporters holding a replica of the World Cup trophy at last year's tournament in Qatar. **PHOTO: AFP**

Saudi ready for summer or winter World Cup after rapid bid process

Saudi Arabia's rapid emergence as a tourist destination for non-religious foreign visitors, following changes in 2019, coincides with Qatar hosting the first Middle East winter World Cup.

SAUDI Arabia is prepared to host the 2034 World Cup in summer or winter, its football chief told AFP, as the conservative oil giant was anointed the tournament's host just weeks after announcing a bid.

The quickfire crowning of the alcohol-free desert monarchy, which first allowed non-religious foreign tourists in 2019, comes less than a year after neighbouring Qatar held the first winter World Cup, and the first in the Middle East.

Despite summer temperatures touching 50 degrees Celsius (122 Fahrenheit) in the major cities, Saudi Arabian Football Federation president Yasser al-Misehal did not rule out playing the tournament in the hottest months.

"Of course, we are ready for all possibilities," Misehal said late on Tuesday at the Asian Football Confederation awards in Doha, when asked about the tournament's timing.

"Today there are many new technologies that help you with cooling or adding air conditioners in stadiums, in addition to the fact that there are many cities in the kingdom that enjoy a very wonderful atmosphere in the summer," he said.

Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter which is undergoing dizzying economic reforms, threw its hat in the ring on 4 October, just 27 days before a truncated bidding process for the 2030 and 2034 World Cups ended on Tuesday. — AFP

Myanmar placed in Pot 3 for lot-drawing event of Asian Cup futsal tourney

THE futsal Myanmar team is participating in Pot 3 for the 2024 Asia Cup futsal tournament drawing-lot event, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

The Myanmar team won the qualifying round and got the chance to compete in the final round. The final stage will be held with a total of 15 qualifying teams, including the host Thailand, with a total of 16 teams.

Myanmar is seen in Pot 3 together with Iraq, Bahrain and South Korea while host Thailand is placed in Pot 1 with Japan, Iran and Uzbekistan and Viet Nam is in Pot 2 with Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Tajikistan. The Pot 4 sees China, Australia, Kyrgyzstan and Afghanistan.

Myanmar advanced to the tourney after securing six points with two wins and one loss in the qualifiers held in Tajikistan last month. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Myanmar national men's futsal team is seen posing for the group photo. **PHOTO: MFF**

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German president asks forgiveness for colonial crimes in Tanzania

President Frank-Walter Steinmeier's visit to Tanzania and his acknowledgment of these historical wrongs is part of a broader effort to address the historical legacy of colonialism.

German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier lays a wreath at the monument in Songea's Memorial Park together with descendants of the heroes of the Maji Maji War on 1 November 2023. **PHOTO: BERND VON JUTRCZENKA / DPA / AFP**

PRESIDENT Frank-Walter Steinmeier on Wednesday expressed his "shame" at crimes committed during Germany's colonial rule in Tanzania and pledged to raise awareness of the atrocities in his own country.

"I would like to ask for forgiveness for what Germans did to your ancestors here," Steinmeier said during a visit to the Maji Maji Museum in the southern city of Songea, according to a transcript of his speech.

Tanzania was part of German East Africa, which saw one of the bloodiest uprisings in colonial history between 1905 and 1907. Experts say between 200,000 and 300,000 members of the indigenous population were brutally murdered during the so-called Maji Maji Rebellion, mostly as a result of the systematic destruction of fields and villages by German troops.

Steinmeier said Germany was ready to work with Tanzania towards a "communal processing" of the past.

"What happened here is our shared history – the history of your ancestors and the history of our ancestors in Germany," he said, promising to "take these stories with me to Germany, so that more people in my country will know about them".

The museum visit came on the final day of a three-day trip to Tanzania by Steinmeier, who on Tuesday also opened the door to the return to Tanzania of artefacts looted during the colonial era.

Germany is ready to cooperate on "the repatriation of cultural property and human remains", he said after meeting President Samia Suluhu Hassan in Dar es Salaam. — AFP

Panama Canal to reduce ship traffic due to drought

Due to drought conditions, the Panama Canal Authority will progressively decrease the daily ship crossings from 29 to 25, and eventually to 18 ships per day by February.

A cargo ship navigates through the Panama Canal in the area of the Cocoli Locks, in Panama City on Thursday, 25 August 2023. **PHOTO: IVAN PISARENKO / AFP**

THE operator of the Panama Canal, the passageway for cargo ships between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, said Tuesday that it would gradually limit the number of daily crossings due to drought.

Traffic will be reduced to 25 ships a day from Friday, down from 29, and will drop to 18 ships a day by February, the Panama Canal Authority said.

The interoceanic waterway, through which about six percent of global maritime trade passes, welcomed an average of 39 ships a day in 2022, with the number decreasing for months due to water shortages. "This month of October is the driest since the earliest registers, 73 years ago. The drought caused by the El Nino phenomenon continues to impact the Panama Canal's reservoir system and, as a result, water availability has been reduced," the canal authority said.

The 50-mile (80-kilometre) long waterway provides direct access between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, bypassing the South American continent. — AFP

AI'S SWIFT INCLUSION IN DAILY LIFE

'AI' named Collins Word of the Year

THE abbreviation of artificial intelligence (AI) has been named the Collins Word of the Year for 2023, the dictionary publisher said on Tuesday.

Lexicographers at Collins Dictionary said use of the term had "accelerated" and that it had become the dominant conversation of 2023.

"We know that AI has been a big focus this year in the way that it has developed and has quickly become as ubiquitous and embedded in our lives as email, streaming or any other once futuristic, now everyday technology," Collins managing director Alex Beecroft said. – AFP