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Yangon-Kawthoung-Ranong container shipping starts 28 June



MV Beypore Sultan ready to sail from Yangon Port with maize cargo bound for Ranong, Thailand.

THE container shipping to and fro Yangon-Kawthoung-Ranong for Myanmar-Thailand border trade will commence at the end of June 2024, the Ministry of Commerce stated.

MV Beypore Sultan of Gold Shipping Agency Services Limited loaded with maize will leave for Thailand's Ranong Port on 28 June 2024. It will carry goods from Ranong to Yangon Port.

That border trade must be in accordance with the standard operation procedures (SOPs) of the depart-

ments concerned, according to the Ministry of Commerce's export and import news bulletin 1/2024.

The Trade Department notified exporters and importers on 8 May to enquire about Myanmar-Thailand container shipping procedures.

The Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce released the news bulletin 1/2024 that it gave the go-ahead to container shipping to and fro Yangon-Kawthoung-Ranong for Myanmar-Thailand border trade.

The sample related to licence information is mentioned on the

Myanmar Tradenet 2.0 system. An applicant must select Yangon in Licence Nos 6 and 7 for imports, and Yangon in Licence No 6 and Ranong in Licence No 7 for exports.

In order to make further enquiry about export and import licensing and seek technical assistance, exporters and importers can contact the Export-Import Division through contact numbers 067 3408294 for import and 067 3408325 for export, and the Information and Technology Division via 067 3408221 and 067 3408723. — NN/EM

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MRF to offer door-to-door rice delivery service starting 1 July

MYANMAR Rice Federation (MRF) will provide direct delivery to household services from 1 July, according to its notification dated 25 June.

This service will cover Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, and Mandalay cities, which MRF, Myanmar Rice Millers As-

sociation, and Myanmar Paddy Traders Association jointly implemented.

The federation announced the prices depending on the rice varieties. Buyers must contact MRF through Viber numbers 09 400067240, 09 400067250 and 09 400067260 and email sales@

mrf.com.mm.

It is prepaid sales. Rice bags will be delivered within three days after payment. MRF will try to extend the service with other rice varieties and various packages.

Prices are set in line with the ref-

erence price, and the federation will endeavour to cut the price lower. MRF requested individuals to coordinate in this and buy only when they need it as they are committed to programme sustainability. — NN/EM

NATIONAL

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Head of Service Organization appointed

THE State Administration Council has appointed Dr Htein Linn, Deputy Director-General of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization under the Ministry of Commerce, as Director-General of the same organization on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

MNREC releases 50 rare adult Myanmar roofed turtles into Chindwin River



Rare adult Myanmar roofed turtles were seen being released into the Chindwin River.

THE Forestry Department, under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, released 50 rare adult Myanmar roofed turtles (*Batagur trivittata*) into the Chindwin River near Linpha Village, Khamti Township, Sagaing Region, this year.

The 50 adult turtles, which had been temporarily housed in an enclosure in the Chindwin River near Linpha Village using a soft release system, were permanently released into the river by staff from the Forestry Department, Htamathi Wildlife Sanctuary, the Ministry of Education, and local residents.

The carapace of an adult Myanmar roofed turtle can

reach up to 58 centimetres in length. Its plastron is yellow or cream-coloured, while the head and neck are brown or dark green. The head is moderate in size with a slightly pointed snout, and the jaw tip is pale in colour.

The breeding area of the Myanmar roofed turtle is Myitkyina in Kachin State. Formerly, it was widely distributed in the Ayeyawady, Chindwin, and Sittoung rivers and their tributaries, but now it is rarely found in the Chindwin River.

The herbivorous turtle, listed as an endangered species on the Red List of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), is fully protected in Myanmar. — ASH/TH



Mon State to plant over 20,000 trees, including over 10,000 windbreaks

ACCORDING to the Department of Forestry in Mon State, arrangements are underway to plant over 10,000 shady windbreaks along the coastal areas during the 2024-2025 financial year to mitigate strong winds.

A total of 20,330 trees are slated for planting in Mon State's coastal regions to counteract strong winds and potential flooding. This includes 1,130 coconut palms, 5,250 mangrove trees, and 10,100 other shade-provid-

ing trees. Additionally, 1,800 red mangrove trees will be planted. This initiative is crucial as rivers such as the Thanlwin, Sittoung, Jai, Athtaram, Belin, and Yay are prone to high tides during the monsoon season, increasing flood risks.

It is also planned to plant a minimum of two acres of forest trees in every village of Mon State to lower temperatures and enhance the local climate. Furthermore, 12 acres of firewood

plantations will be established in villages to protect other tree species from depletion.

Thirteen tree-planting festivals are scheduled during the 2024 rainy season to encourage public participation in tree planting. A variety of 18 tree species and a total of 300,000 seedlings will be distributed to the public. Additionally, 8,840 trees will be planted as part of a community tree-planting campaign. — ASH/TRKM



The image depicts students participating in one of the tree-planting festivals.

Lawkanat Art Galleries hosts its 3rd Contemporary Art Exhibition

LAWKANAT Art Galleries in Kyauktada Township is currently hosting its third Contemporary Art Exhibition, titled 'Spontaneous'.

The exhibition features a diverse

array of works by five talented artists: Tin Tun, Win Myint Oo, Ko Thuta, Hla Myint Maung, and Maung Maung Tin Oo.

"This exhibition offers a unique

opportunity to experience the distinct ideas and artistic styles of five prominent artists. It runs from 22 to 26 June," said a representative of Lawkanat Art Galleries.

The paintings on display are available in various sizes, including 24 by 24 inches, 36 by 24 inches, 18 by 24 inches, and 18 by 18 inches. — ASH/TRKM

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Myanmar burns over K1,100 bln worth of seized narcotic drugs

MYANMAR burnt narcotic drugs seized in 24 townships of Yangon, Mandalay, Taunggyi and six regions and states yesterday, marking the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

In Taunggyi, 17 kinds of narcotics drugs and 25 types of precursor chemicals worth over K456 billion (US\$ 137.013 million), which were seized in Shan and Kayah states, were destroyed at the event.

In Yangon, 26 kinds of narcotic drugs and 11 types of precursor chemicals worth over K289 billion (US\$ 86.89 million) that were seized in Yangon, Ayeyawady, Bago, Taningyi, Mon, Kayin, Rakhine, by the Highway Police Force, were also destroyed.

Moreover, 21 kinds of narcotic drugs and 20 types of precursor chemicals worth over K418 billion (US\$ 125.54 million) that were seized in Mandalay, and the upper and middle parts of the country were burnt in Mandalay Region.

This year, the country burnt 77 kinds of drugs and precursor chemicals, including heroin, opium, methamphetamine, ICE, speciose powder, cannabis, ketamine and brownish opium powder worth over K1,163 billion (US\$ 349.443 million) in 24 townships of Yangon, Mandalay, Taunggyi and

six regions and states.

Moreover, the ceremony to award the winners of different categories for short stories, articles, poems, songs, photographs, computer posters, paintings, cartoons, posters, computer paintings and mottos, marking the 37th International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was also organized at the designated places in Nay Pyi Taw and different regions and states with the attendance of relevant officials.

— MNA/KTZH

State Administration Council Member Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and officials attend the seized narcotic drugs burning ceremony in Taunggyi, Shan State, yesterday.



Yangon Region Chief Minister and officials press the button to incinerate confiscated narcotic drugs in Yangon on 26 June 2024.

MoFA Deputy Minister receives UNOCHA Head



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Lwin Oo meets Mr Sajjad Mohammad Sajid, Head of Office of the UNOCHA, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

DEPUTY Minister for Foreign Affairs U Lwin Oo received Mr Sajjad Mohammad Sajid, Head of Office of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to the existing and further cooperation between the Government of Myanmar and UNOCHA.

Senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were also present at the meeting. — MNA

MSWRR Union Minister receives UNOCHA Head

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win received the delegation led by Mr Sajjad Mohammad Sajid, head of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) in Myanmar, at the ministry yesterday.

They frankly exchanged views on the conditions of the process to sign the letter of agreement between the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), UNOCHA foreign employees' entry issues and travel to regions

and states, promotion issues of employee performance, planning of humanitarian aid to response operations to be

carried out by UNOCHA and relevant ministries to coordinate with organizations in advance. — MNA/TS



Union Minister Dr Soe Win and Mr Sajjad Mohammad Sajid, Head of the UNOCHA in Myanmar, discuss at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

NATIONAL

Paper readings, discussions continue at Myanmar National Education Conference 2024

THE Myanmar National Education Conference 2024 continued at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning with paper reading sessions and parallel discussions for the second day.

Union Ministers Dr Charlie Than, Dr Nyunt Pe, Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, deputy ministers, permanent secretaries, directors-general and relevant officials attended the event.

Six parallel discussions took place under six titles, and resource persons read six papers in each group of panel discussions with the active participation of attendees.

Parallel Session I submitted papers on the emergence of youths who love the country, systematic training for youths to raise patriotism, the role of development of the country and basic education, reviews on supplementary activities in basic education curriculum, school libraries development and promotion of health sectors at schools.

Parallel Session II comprised paper presentations on qualified, educated persons, critical experts in a practical session, educated young ethnic people with full of Union spirit and capabilities, experts for environmental conservation, promotion of learning qualities,



Teachers and students from nursing schools, State Agricultural Institute (Pinyinmana), Government Technical Institute (Nay Pyi Taw) and basic education schools visit the booths displayed at the conference in Nay Pyi Taw on 26 June 2024.

enhancement of quality of high education sector and leadership and turning out qualified, educated persons with international curriculums.

In Parallel Session III, the resource person read out Myanmar cultural arts development and the role of arts training schools, turning out experts by learning vocational activities to develop agriculture and livestock produce, development of traditional livelihoods, exploration

of vocational development that prioritizes manufacturing, fundamental role of technology and vocational sector for technologies to promote manufacturing with Industry 4.0 and quality assessment of vocational training schools.

Moreover, Parallel Session IV staged the papers on ensuring the quality of teachers, successive promotion of quality of teachers at border areas, the role of museums and promotion

of teachers' quality, successive promotion of capacity of in-service teachers, turning out qualified faculty members at education degree colleges and study on the implementation of TCSF for teachers.

Similarly, Parallel Session V focused on the establishment of the Academy of Science by researching respective science subjects to ensure the development of research and innovation, comprehensive cooperation

based on innovative research on agriculture and livestock breeding, development of research leading to innovation, the role of research and innovation on forest and environment for successive development of the country, strengthening digitalization in Myanmar and development of basic research and applied research sectors.

Parallel Session VI emphasized papers on turning out agricultural experts and skilled persons for livestock breeding and veterinary who guarantee qualification, strengthening quality insurance for higher education, international recognition on quality of higher education organizations, the emergence of qualified and guaranteed education system to promote human resources, ways to solve challenges of quality insurance and assessment of qualified and guaranteed teaching and learning processes.

Attendees participated in discussions and gave suggestions.

Teachers and students from nursing schools, Agricultural Institute (Pinyinmana), Government Technological Institute (Nay Pyi Taw) and basic education schools visited the education booths of the conference. — MNA/KTZH

China-Myanmar Youth Friendship Ceremony held in Lu Shui City, China



Students from China and Myanmar are seen posing for a commemorative photo at the China-Myanmar Youth Friendship Ceremony in Lu Shui City.

THE China-Myanmar Youth Friendship Ceremony took place in Lu Shui City, Nujiang Lisu Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province, China, on 21 June, according to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Myanmar.

The youth friendship ceremony saw the participation from 50 Myanmar scholarship students from the Ethnic Vocational Middle School in Nujiang Lisu Autonomous Prefecture and 20 students from No 1 Basic Education High School in Lu

Shui City.

At the ceremony, young people from both countries performed their national traditional dances together, mutually praying for enduring China-Myanmar friendship and a prosperous future ahead.

The 70 young people who attended the event also visited the Gulongba Agricultural, Culture, and Tourism Integrated Demonstration Village, as well as the Nujiang Green Spice Production Zone in Shang Jiang Township, Lu Shui City. — ASH/TH

NATIONAL

Clarification by Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun, SAC's Information Team Leader, on the arson attack at the WFP warehouse in Maungtaw and drug smuggling of AA terrorists

I would like to clarify today's misinformation about Tatmadaw and Bengalis destroying the World Food Programme warehouse located south of Maungtaw-Buthidaung Road in Maungtaw Township. There were offices and warehouses of the United Nations organizations such as UNHCR and WFP before. However, they had already left in May after the fighting had become intense in Rakhine State, and there were only Bengali guards. What is more, the security forces and Tatmadaw have not been able to enter those areas; therefore, Tatmadaw forces can conduct security measures to protect those areas. On 21 June, the joint team of Tatmadaw and Myanmar Police Force from Maungtaw went on patrol. While patrolling, a fire exchange occurred between Tatmadaw forces and AA terrorists in Waitharli Village, which is situated in the east of WFP's offices and warehouses. During the



SAC's Information Team Leader Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun.

clash, it was observed that AA terrorists mainly used drones. During the clash, AA terrorists tried to invade the WFP warehouses many times to take food and goods from there. We've learned that there were pro-AA Rakhine ethnics in those invaded areas, according to Bengali residents. Bengali residents have already moved the food and goods to safe places located in surrounding areas in order not to be taken by AA terrorists on 21 June. On 22 June, AA terrorists scouted with drones and dropped bombs on WFP warehouses. Thus, some warehouses were destroyed and burnt down. I would like to stress that it is observed in the photos released by AA terrorists. It can be seen that the United Nations logo is clearly written on the roofs of the warehouses and the offices.

bags to more than 2,000 resident households from Nos 1, 2, 3, and 4, as well as Kanyintan and Maungni villages in Maungtaw.

AA, for the time being, has already driven out Bengalis from Buthidaung Township; AA terrorists planned to grab those foods and goods that are already designated to donate to Bengalis and IDPs at the same time while AA is seeking to attack Maungtaw. When AA observed that they failed to grab those foods and goods, they dropped bombs on the warehouses and made up stories.

Let's go to AA's drug smugglings. There were 46 drug cases seized in the Rakhine sea route from 2019 to May 2024, arresting 266 convicted criminals. Most detainees are linked with AA. A total of 28.5 million stimulants, 41 tonnes of ICE, and 1.4 tonnes of ketamine were impounded. AA has been engaging in drug trafficking since its establishment. AA's aim in spreading drugs within the region is to deceive the public more easily to join AA armed groups if the public is addicted to drugs, to buy weapons and ammunition, and to support illegally. Aung Myat Kyaw, a lieutenant colonel of AA terrorists who was captured in 2016, admitted that he carried weapons, ammunition, and drugs from PyinOoLwin to Yangon and from Hpa-an to Yangon in 2015 as per an order made by Tun Mratt Naing. His confession was also aired in front of the state media. ICE and caffeine were seized in December 2023.

Terrorists hired vehicles, boats, and warehouses in the process. AA terrorists' networks conduct those.

It is noted that AA terrorists are trying to produce stimulant tablets within Rakhine State by using ICE and caffeine. The number of pills and drugs that were seized is found to be more than the amount that the entire population in Rakhine State can use. Rakhine State is used as the point to trade the drug with other countries via sea route.

Therefore, AA terrorists' drug trafficking activities and intention to produce drugs in Rakhine State are not only destroying the people in Myanmar but also leading to creating drug-related terrorism in the region. We urge all to be aware of that. I encourage everyone to oppose the groups involved in drug trafficking and terrorism.

Thank you.



Local people from Maungtaw are seen receiving rice bags.

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Therefore, it was an intentional attack. Roofs of the warehouses were exploded and damaged due to the drop bombs explosion. The Bengalis informed Tatmadaw security troops about evacuated rice bags. Therefore, Tatmadaw security forces delivered rice



This documentary photo shows that locals relocate the rice bags from WFP warehouses which attacked by AA terrorists with drop bomb.

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Nay Pyi Taw Council to increase drinking water charges starting 1 July

THE Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) of the Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee has announced that drinking water distribution charges will

be increased in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area starting from 1 July.

The charges will be increased from K70 to K150 for departmental offices and government staff

quarters and from K140 to K220 for private houses. However, water distribution charges for residential wards in Pynmana, hotels, industries, buildings and enterprises associated with foreigners and agricultural use will reportedly remain unchanged.

— TWA/MKKS

The photo shows Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Than Tun Oo inspecting developments in Zabuthiri Township on 10 June 2024.

Temporary Hlaing River closure for transmission cable installation

THE Department of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems has issued a warning that the waterway will be closed during the installation of a 500 kV electricity transmission cable above the Hlaing River to ensure the safety of vessels.

The connection of the cable between Phayagyi and Hlinethaya will take place near Wahtaya village from 8 am to 4 pm daily, from 25 June to 4 July.

During the installation of the transmission line, the supervisory team will monitor the site by boat, both upstream and

downstream, and will temporarily close the waterway.

The statement advises vessels intending to pass through the waterway to stop and wait at a safe distance from the work site and to proceed only with the permission of the supervisory team. — TWA/MKKS

The image shows boats and vessels crossing the Hlaing River.



280 agencies fail to submit complete worker documents in 4 months

DURING the four months this year, there are 280 agencies that failed to submit the workers' particulars or submitted incomplete documents, according to Safe Migration.

From January to April 2024, the department asked for the personal data of workers, and some complied, but according to the list prepared by Safe Migration, 67, 63, 78, and 72 agencies failed to submit in January, February, March and April, re-

spectively.

These irresponsible agencies must complete the required information on the given forms without fail and will be notified with an official letter, it said.

In addition, the schedule from April to December 2023 must be filled out as per the prescribed form, and they were advised to make preparations.

On 9 June, it announced the list of 11 agencies that hadn't submitted monthly summaries

for May 2024 and four agencies that had not resubmitted the list as their forms did not match with the prescribed one despite the reply via email. In the announcement, the agencies were advised to return their licenses if they could not perform the tasks of an agency, and it was a burden for the department to deal with many agencies, warning that no remainder would be issued after the notification to pay fines, it said. — MT/ZN

Higher yields in farming zones of Kawhmu and Twantay

ACCORDING to the Yangon City Development Committee, the development of the farming zones in Kawhmu and Twantay townships has gained momentum, and the yield has increased.

Mayor U Bo Htay, who is also the chairman of the Yangon City Development Committee, visited Kawhmu Agricultural Zone Planning Land in Shan Bwa Village Tract, Kawhmu Township. He inspected the construction of the No 1, 2 and 4 Production Roads and the water storage condition of the 17 acres of the natural lake inside the planning area. The Kawhmu Agriculture and Livestock Zone covers an area of 1,241 acres and will include five production roads.

Next, the mayor and officials visited Twantay Farming Zone and inspected 15,000 quails bred at the quail farm in Section 3 and the breeding of 40 dairy

cows in the dairy farm of BOSS milk and yoghurt factory, which is a joint venture with Universal Diamond Company.

The mayor also inspected fishing operations in the five fish ponds and the pumping, distribution and storage of water with electric and solar-powered wells.

A total of 42,700 chickens, 3,900 ducks, 113 beef cattle, 3435 goats, 20,416 local chickens, 7900 layers, 4068 ducks, 221 dairy cows, and 14,370 quails are raised in the workplaces of 68 entrepreneurs in the Twantay breeding zone.

As of June 23, 134,900 pounds of chicken, 9436 pounds of pork, 9570 pounds of duck, 3200 pounds of beef, 5983 pounds of goat meat, 443,798 duck eggs, 394885 eggs, 404,262 quail eggs and 453,885 pounds of milk were produced this breeding area. — TWA/KZL



Yangon Mayor U Bo Htay inspects the breeding of cows on Twantay's farm. PHOTO:

Myanmar, Chiang Rai discuss boosting trade and investments



Myanmar and Thai officials are seen holding the trade promotion meeting.

U Min Kyaw Lin, Consul-General of the Myanmar Consulate-General in Chiang Mai, met Mr Phutthiphong Sirimat, Governor of Chiang Rai District, on 21 June to bolster border trade and investments on Chiang Rai-Tachilek-Kengtung channel, according to the Myanmar's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Myanmar Consul-General discussed matters regarding the Kengtung Highway being part of the No 2 Asia Highway, promotion of border trade and investments, merchant partnerships between two countries, and consular protection for Myanmar's migrant workers in Chiang Rai in cooperation

with the Chiang Rai district office.

The consul-general also visited Mae Sai and Thailand-Myanmar Friendship Bridge I and Bridge II on 22 June and met Thailand's immigration and customs officials, where he observed trade flow and border crossing situations. — ASH/KK

CBM sells 40M Thai baht to exporters and importers

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold 40 million Thai baht for exporters and importers on online trading platforms on 25 June after US\$5 million in sales on 17 June.

CBM pumped \$10 million, 30 million baht and 22.5 million yuan into markets in May through online trading platforms.

CBM injected \$3 million, two million yuan and 54 million baht into the financial market in April. It also sold \$18 million, 12 million yuan and 312 million baht in March, \$77.38 million and 850 million baht in February and \$68.33 million, 313.5 million baht and 4.2 million yuan in January 2024, with a view to curbing

the instability in the foreign exchange market and stopping the currency devaluation.

According to CBM's notification on 15 March, it has been joining hands with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. Additionally, the outward remittance procedures must adhere to the rules and regulations stipulated by the Foreign Exchange Supervisory Committee. — NN/KK



Thai banknotes displayed at the exchange counter.

MRF partners with stakeholders to launch affordable rice scheme

MYANMAR Rice Federation is coordinating with all stakeholders concerned in the distribution chain, including affiliated associations, depots, millers, companies, wholesalers, and retailers, to ensure affordable rice prices.

MRF stated that the federation has been steering the market to have price stability (especially for locally consumed rice varieties — Shwebo Pawsan, Ayeyawady Pawsan, and Aemahta) and curb market manipulation through public-private partnerships.

MRF has been distributing Shwebo Pawsan, Ayeyawady Pawsan, and Aemahta rice varieties at an affordable rate, according to its notification released on 25 June. The federation has been sorting out with retailers in Yangon, Mandalay, and Nay Pyi

Taw by setting a trading band at five per cent so that the price can fluctuate between these two specified upper and lower rates. The affordable rice scheme covers 58 shops in Yangon, 120 in Mandalay and 96 in Nay Pyi Taw.

At present, Wahdan and Bayintnaung wholesale centres in Yangon Region sell Pawsan rice and Aemahta rice with

a two-bag quota for a household per month as per household registration.

This scheme is to stop reselling rice at exorbitantly high prices. The federation requested individuals to cooperate in this to stop price manipulation.

Additionally, the federation will arrange for social and religious insti-

tutions, government organizations, factories and restaurants to buy the rice at an affordable rate and at a reasonable portion. Furthermore, door-to-door service, Direct Delivery to Household (DDH), will commence on 1 July for households. Consumers can buy rice through Viber numbers 09 400067240, 09 400067250 and 09-400067260 and

email sales@mrf.com.mm.

Rice millers, depot owners and traders from Ayeyawady, Bago and Sagaing regions can contact the MRF, Wahdan and Bayintnaung wholesale centres to sell their rice, which MRF will distribute to retailers at affordable rates.

Individuals can complain against those retailers, wholesalers, millers and depot owners who fail to sell the rice at reference prices issued on a monthly basis through Viber numbers and contact numbers, presenting proof. MRF reaffirmed that rice self-sufficiency exists, and the public and private sectors are urged to join hands to reduce the price and ensure price stability for consumers. The federation also invites suggestions and receives enquiries. — NN/EM



File photo shows the rice bags stored in a warehouse.

OPINION

Let's grow trees at the best time

THERE'S a well-known saying: "The best time to plant a tree was 30 years ago. The second-best time is now." That highlights the urgency and importance of tree planting. It's crucial to understand not just how to plant trees but also how to nurture them for long-term growth.

Many people in Myanmar have experienced scorching summers, often attributing this to a lack of trees. While it's easy to blame others for the barren hills and desertification in some areas, it's more productive to recognize that now is the best time to take action by planting trees.

In 2020, forests covered 42.19 per cent of Myanmar. However, between 2010 and 2020, the country experienced a deforestation rate of 0.96 per cent annually, equating to over 700,000 acres lost each year. While deforestation has many causes, human activity is the primary driver.

The ideal time to plant trees in Myanmar is during the wet season, particularly in June and July, when the soil is soft and moist, making it conducive to root development. Since 1977, Myanmar has designated July as the tree-planting month, promoting tree-planting initiatives with the participation of people from all walks of life. Everyone needs to join these movements in June and July for the benefit of the entire nation.

Currently, some philanthropic and voluntary organizations are initiating tree-planting movements in these dry zones to combat the heat and improve local conditions. They focus not only on planting trees but also on nurturing them to ensure their survival in high temperatures. In time, these trees will contribute to environmental greening and enhance the socioeconomic life of the people.

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PHYSICAL growth proceeds in fits and starts from two years of age to adolescence, but it is not until adolescence that another dramatic growth spurt occurs. In particular, it appears earlier in girls than in boys. Boys are typically taller and heavier than girls at age ten. On the contrary, girls are taller and heavier than boys by age thirteen. By age sixteen, the situation returns to the way it had been before the onset of adolescence. For teachers, these cases play a 'must' role in becoming aware of their instructional process.

Between males and females, there are physiological-psychological differences that are built into species, and educational practices should be altered so that every member of each sex will be given full opportunity to make the most of his or her potential. During the first few months of life, boys are less sensitive to and less often startled by sounds and do not turn as often towards them. Girls show superior development of fine motor coordination, not just with their fingers but also in the small muscles of the larynx and pharynx – hence, they even sing in tune at a younger age. Girls know to speak at a younger age, develop larger vocabularies, and generally retain



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linguistic superiority throughout life. In school, they learn foreign languages more easily. Boys suffer much more from speech difficulties, like stuttering, stammering, and the use of 'um' or 'err' inter-

jections. Boys are more overtly aggressive than girls, especially as adolescents. They are less able to sit still for long periods. Thus, they are by far more apt to be diagnosed as hyperactive

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By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

when they reach school age. However, boys are superior in tests of spatial relations. On IQ tests, girls consistently outperform boys on a number of verbal subtests, whereas boys do better in areas of arithmetic.

Environmentalists explain all these above-mentioned differences as a result of the way the culture treats and differentially reinforces the sexes. Little boys are told to be more active and aggressive by parents, teachers, and storybooks, whereas little girls are admonished not to run, jump, or be boisterous simply because it is not

ladylike. Through reinforcement, the girls condition themselves to sit more quietly and to develop generally more passive pursuits such as learning to sew and playing with dolls. Boys are allowed to throw themselves into rough-and-tumble games, and due to their conditioning, they are less able to sit passively or exercise and develop their fine muscle coordination. As for spatial relations, boys are encouraged to be curious about the world of nuts, bolts, hammers, and saws.

By genetics, Neurologist Richard Restak says that there are

indeed fundamental differences, both chemical and morphological, between the male and female brains. The left hemisphere of the female brain is more heterogeneous and more neurologically complex than that of the male brain. In right-handed persons and 60 per cent of left-handed persons, the left hemisphere contains the language centres, even among left-hemisphere stroke victims, far more women than men retain their ability to speak and understand language. Problems based on spatial relations are, however, controlled by the right hemisphere

and herein, the male brain is more complex. There are, say, geneticists, innate sex differences in brain organization, and to ignore them is just to escape into fantasyland.

So much research has gone into discovering what differences exist between early-maturing (EM) and late-maturing (LM) adolescents rather than the rate of physical maturity. Social psychologists state that the way people respond often depends on how others treat them. People who are treated like children frequently respond in childlike ways, and those who are treated like adults respond with more maturity. Despite this, early maturity can be a problem. If teachers and parents see early maturity as a negative characteristic, the adolescent can be affected adversely. According to studies on early and late mature adolescents, there are almost no differences in IQ, grade placement, or socioeconomic status between them. EM boys are rated by their peers as being physically more attractive and better athletes, so they are elected to their leaders quite often. On personality tests, EM boys show more self-control, more interest in girls, more extroversion, and higher levels of self-esteem. By the time they

reach high school, EM girls tend to be shorter, stockier, and less satisfied with their fingers, while LM girls become taller, thinner, and more satisfied. In comparing the peer ratings of EM boys and girls, the EM boys are perceived in a more favourable way on a variety of personal and social traits than the EM girls. At each age and stage of physical development, children and adolescents need continued assurance from adults so as to accommodate themselves to and assimilate the effects of constant change. During adolescence, diversity and change are at peak intensity, and the differences between the sexes and within the sexes are at a maximum. Each individual student and each subgroup of students need extra support during this critical period. Handling this situation can be extremely delicate. Teachers ought to develop an additional awareness of and sensitivity to those aspects of this often-hidden classroom agenda. Careful listening to student concerns and some judicious reading between the lines will provide the teachers with more than a few cues as to possible reasons for a student's sudden, unexplainable upset, mood change, or rapid attention shift.

ENGLISH PROBLEM WORDS (BETTER ENGLISH SERIES III)

U Khin Maung (A retired diplomat)

IN my second article on this topic, I mentioned that this article is very delicate, difficult, dedicated and long. It is my intention to explain my ordinary, simple, basic and layman's views. As intended, this is my third humble and honest attempt in alphabetical order.

A (continued)

Aggression and aggressiveness

The president promised that those responsible for the aggression would be punished.

The noun aggression, meaning unprovoked attack, is about an act or a fact.

His aggressiveness was blamed on a lack of parental affection.

The noun aggressiveness, meaning hostility, is about a tendency or a mood.

An attack in response to an aggression is called a retaliation.

All and all-

The English batsmen were all powerful strikers of the ball.

The word all in that sentence means everyone.

The Indian batsmen were all-powerful in their last match.

The adverb all- means completely.

The Australian bowlers toiled all day.

The adjective all means the whole.

All and every

All men are born equal.

We use the adjective all when we mean the whole lot.

Every man is born equal.

We use the adjective every when we mean every single one.

■ Use every when referring to things countable.

All ready and already

The runners were all ready at the starting line.

All ready means that the whole lot was prepared.

The runners were already at the starting line.

Already means that the runners were at the starting line by this time.

All right and alright

His answers to the questions were all right.

All right means that his answers were entirely correct.

■ Alright has not been accepted as a contraction of all right and should not be used. It is, however, quite common.

All together and altogether

The audience started to sing the national anthem all together.

All together means as a group.

That is a different question altogether.

Altogether means totally or completely

Allusion and reference

The manager's report contains an allusion to the behaviour of an unnamed member of his staff.

The essential thing about the word allusion is that it hints at but does not identify or specify.

The manager's report contains a reference to the behaviour of Mr Jones, a member of his staff.

Prefer the word reference to allusion if there is a specific identification.

■ The word illusion, meaning of deceptive appearance, is sometimes mistakenly used for allusion.

Alternative and choices

The alternative suggestion does not appeal to me.

The use of alternative implies that there are two things from which to choose.

Only one of the choices I have been given appeals to me.

The use of choices implies that there are more than two things from which to choose.

Always and normally

I always drink orange juice at breakfasttime.

The adverb always means without exception. The word should not be qualified by 'almost' and 'nearly'.

I normally drink orange juice at breakfasttime.

The adverbs normally, generally, usually mean with an occasional exception.

■ The word is always worth a second thought.

Amend and emend

The government has decided to amend the taxation laws.

Amend means to change or to alter.

The typist was asked to amend the annual report.

Emend means to remove errors from.

Amiable and amicable

My boss is always very amiable.

Use amiable, meaning friendly, for living things.

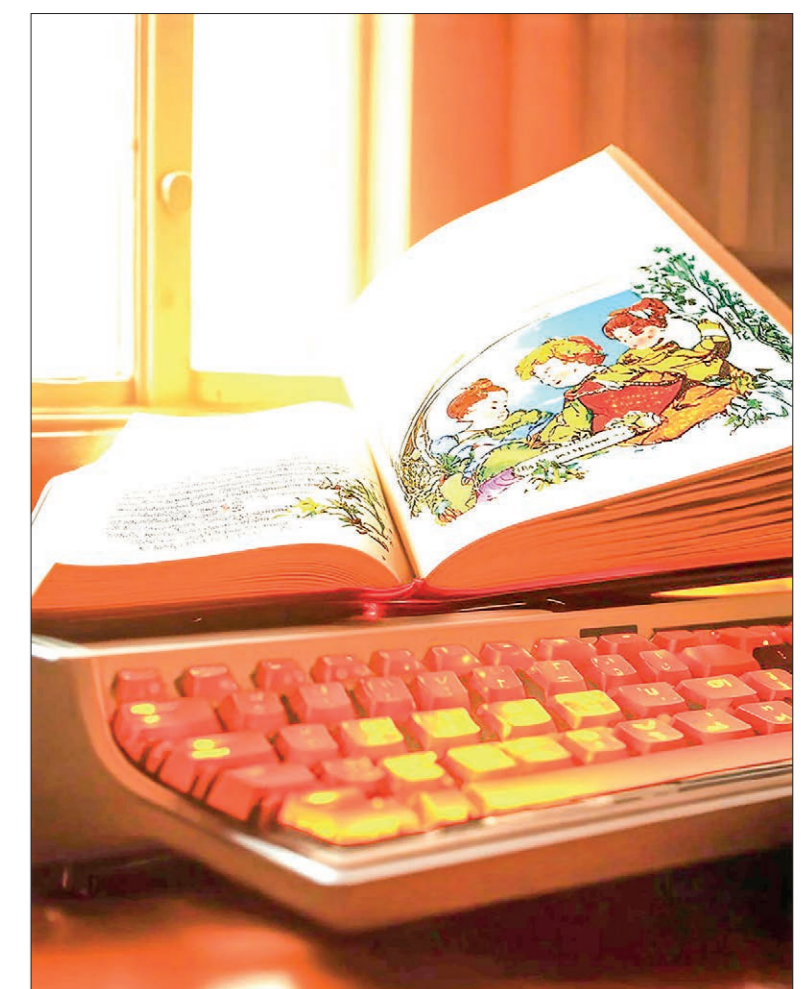
His cocktail parties are always very amicable.

We came to an amicable arrangement.

Use amicable, meaning friendly, for events.

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Many of the most common words in the English language have multiple uses and meanings, causing confusion for both native speakers and learners. ILLUSTRATION: IMAGE USED FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSE / PIXABAY

NATIONAL

Entrepreneur urges garment workers to use official channels for China



A garment business in China.

AS there are many opportunities, including wages, if a worker goes to work in Chinese garment factories, they should only go through official channels, an entrepreneur has advised through The Global News Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

With a shortage of labour in Chinese factories these days, many Myanmar workers have gone to China to find jobs, including some illegal workers, he said.

"There are factories on the Chinese border in Shweli. We encourage those who go legally. They should do it well because wages are good. If they go illegally, they only earn what they are given. Another advantage is free allowances for utilities such as water, electricity, and food. If

you go through the official government-to-government, you get a higher salary. If they know a little Chinese, they can keep up with others," he said.

Despite some leaving for overseas, there are also advantages to working in Myanmar's garment sector depending on the skills, he added.

"Some capable workers are now also well paid in Myanmar. If you are not capable, you can't earn much. The money will follow those who really work hard," he said.

The garment factories in Myanmar have received orders until December this year, which means there are good opportunities until the end of the year. — MT/ZN

Seasonal food, False Earthstar popular among consumers

SEASONAL food and False Earthstar (truffle), one of the most consumed in Myanmar, has been in demand among consumers.

Young false earthstars are produced in the early monsoon season, so the price is reasonable; however, the market will gradually decline when the truffle matures in the mid-monsoon season.

"This is the false Earthstar season. Its taste is pretty good at the young stage. But the taste is not good in Waso and Wagaung (Myanmar lunar months) because they become ripe and not available plentifully. The price is good in its harvest time. Many consumers enjoy it. Like mushroom, its price drops when it gets ripe," said a false earthstar seller from North Okkalapa Township



False Earthstar recipes in Yangon.

False earthstar is a kind of mushroom that grows beneath fallen *In* (*Dipterocarpus tuberculatus*) leaves when they are wet in the rain, and Myanmar people enjoy eating it. It requires rinsing thoroughly before it is cooked. It can be cooked in different recipes, either cooking, frying, grilling or salad. It is rich in vitamins. — Thit Taw/ZS

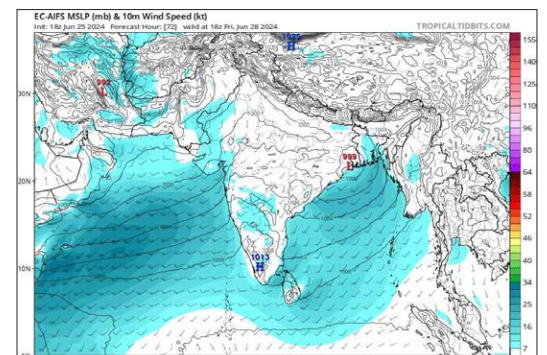
Meteorologist forecasts heavy rains across Myanmar in 24-72 hours

DUE to a counter-clockwise air current in the atmosphere above 5,000 feet in the middle of the Bay of Bengal, intense monsoon weather is forecast over Myanmar, with heavy rains in some areas in the next 24 to 72 hours, according to meteorologist U Win Naing.

"A low-pressure area is forming at an altitude of 5,000 feet. It is called Upper Air Cyclonic Circulation (UACC). The UACC is happening. It is heading northwest to the same area on the east coast of India where Cyclone Remal hit. It is our forecast. The low-pressure area is circulating counter-clockwise at 5,000 feet. It will intensify in the next 24 to 48 hours. It will turn the wind from the Bay of Bengal counter-clockwise and pass over the Taninthayi Region, the Gulf of Moattama, the Ayeyarwady Delta and Bago Yoma. The internal current will become stronger," he said.

Therefore, the cumulonimbus clouds currently forming in the Bay of Bengal may reach Myanmar along with the current.

"At the same time, the remnants of the low-pressure area in the South China Sea enter northern Vietnam. Whirlwinds from the west:



The image shows Upper Air Cyclonic Circulation (UACC) at an altitude of 5,000 feet at 11:40 am on 26 June 2024.

They are clouds. The clouds moving in from the east are now over northern Thailand, Laos and eastern Myanmar. As a stronger southwestern monsoon meets with the clouds of incoming current, there will be heavy rains. I forecast that there will be heavy rains in the next 24 to 72 hours," he said.

Flooding, sudden mountain torrents, landslides and mudslides are possible after heavy rains, and people are advised to be aware of these natural disasters. — Thit Taw/ZN

Number of yam farmers increases

THE number of elephant foot yam farmers in Myanmar has increased more than before, according to farmers and traders.

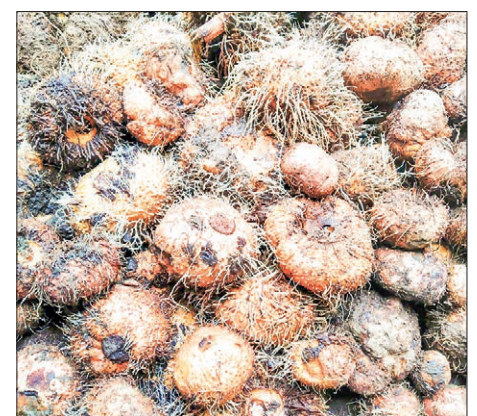
"San Htate Htar Company makes yam into different kinds of noodles, and some produce into pieces. Plantation hasn't declined compared to the past; it is even more developed now. In the export sector, it has buyers from China, Singapore, Japan and South Korea. In summer, yams were bought from wholesalers in

Mandalay, so the sale is good. Price is different now," said an official from Evergreen Yam Seeds and raw materials and herbicide distribution from PyinOoLwin Township.

If it is able to produce yam-finished products with the help of modern laboratory equipment inside the country, the market will develop more both locally and internationally, he said.

"If we are able to produce food prod-

ucts in large quantities, encourage more consumers, and ensure the distribution is strong in the domestic market, it can help farmers as well as traders. If we can ensure quality control with the assistance of laboratory equipment, the price will be better. If we can produce the finished product, consumers can eat it safely, and traders will enjoy more profit. We are just able to export it in raw material for now," he added. — Thit Taw/ZS



The photo depicts yams grown in Myanmar.

NATIONAL

Chinese Ambassador visits Mawlamyine to bolster Myanmar-China cooperation

CHINESE Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chen Hai visited Mawlamyine, Mon State, on 24 June.

During his visit, he met Mon State Chief Minister U Aung Kyi Thein.

The visit aimed to promote cooperation with Mon State, according to the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar. Mr Chen Hai remarked that Mawlamyine, being the sea exit point of the Nujiang River, known as the Thanlwin River in Myanmar, symbolizes the shared future between Myanmar and China. He noted that Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai visited Mawlamyine in 1961.

The ambassador stated that the embassy team would follow

Premier Zhou Enlai's legacy and continue to build on the outcomes of President Xi Jinping's historic visit to Myanmar, fostering the bond of friendship between the two countries. He emphasized that enhancing relations and cooperation with Mon State will benefit the people of Myanmar.

Mr Chen Hai also met Chinese descendants in Mawlamyine, encouraging them to promote China-Myanmar relations. During his visit, the embassy team donated stationery and teaching aids to No 11 Basic Education High School Mawlamyine, a Chinese-Myanmar friendship school. — ASH/TMT



The photo shows Chinese Ambassador Mr Chen Hai donating stationery and school supplies to schools in Mawlamyine on 24 June 2024.

Nationwide crackdown nets arrests, seizures totalling K318.39 mln



Confiscated illegal bracelets (presumed to be made of jade) in Mandalay Region.

SUPERVISED by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, action is being taken under the law against illicit trading across the nation.

During inspections on 25 June, the combined on-duty teams under the supervision of the Taninthayi Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force nabbed a motorboat with related four kinds of things (estimated valued of K1.65 million) carrying illegal timbers weighing 10.68 tonnes worth K2.13 million in Kyunsu township of Myeik district, a six-wheel Life Fan (estimated value of K20 million) carrying illegal timbers weighing 5.57 tonnes worth about K1

million in Kawthoung township, two unregistered motorbikes (estimated value of K5.2 million) in Kawthoung township and two unregistered motorbikes (approximately K700,000) in Myeik township. The action was taken under the Forest Law and the Export and Import Law.

On the same day, the combined teams seized illegal teak weighing 0.495 tonne valued at K188,700 in Lewe and Ottarithi districts and illegal teak weighing 0.283 tonne and illegal timber weighing 4.178 tonnes valued at K817,864 in Kyangin township. The action was conducted under the Forest Law.

Similarly, a combined team

captured a Shwe Kyair bus (estimated value of K40 million) carrying 180 kilogrammes of bracelets (presumed to be made of jade) and 15 kilogrammes of beads valued at K36.52 million without official documents at the 16th-Mile Kyaukchaw checkpoint. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

Additionally, the combined teams impounded 21 kinds of goods worth K203.66 million, including 126 cartons of glasses (each containing 96 glasses) without official documents, in Sagaing township, 525 gallons of illegal diesel (refined) worth K2.88 million in Monywa township, 210 gallons of illegal diesel valued at K2.1 million at the Yadanabon bridge combined checkpoint and illegal teak weighing 0.644 tonne and illegal other timbers weighing 2.057 tonnes valued at K1,515,300 in Mindon township. The action was taken under the Export and Import Law, the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law and the Forest Law.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported 22 arrests were made on 25 June, with an estimated value of K318.39 million. — MNA/MKKS

Counter-argument to false information

Clarification on false allegations against Tatmadaw security forces

MISLEADING media outlets are spreading false claims that Tatmadaw security forces abducted two youths who regularly engaged in selling activities in Lwoitwe Village, Hsihseng Township, and subsequently killed them. Additionally, they allege that security forces extorted K30,000 from each household in Lwoimawtaung Village.

In reality, security forces were conducting routine security operations in Hsihseng Township, and no such incidents occurred in the villages across the township. The dissemination of these false reports by subversive media outlets is a deliberate attempt to deceive the public and tarnish the reputation of Tatmadaw security forces. — MNA/TMT



The screenshot validates false claims.

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ECONOMY WORLD

Failure to tax world's richest means global tax needed: report

The proposal has garnered support from countries like Brazil, France, Spain, and South Africa within the G20, although the United States has voiced opposition to the idea.



Protesters hold placards reading "Tax the rich" during a protest in Paris, France on 24 February 2024. **PHOTO: DIMITAR DILKOFF/AFP**

THE failure of rich countries to tax the world's billionaires has made it necessary to introduce a global minimum tax rate on the world's richest, argued a G20-commissioned report published on Tuesday.

The idea of a global tax on the richest is already supported at the G20 by Brazil, France, Spain and South Africa — although the United States has opposed it.

Tuesday's report by economist Gabriel Zucman calls for a coordinated minimum

tax standard for ultra-high net worth individuals, arguing "the very wealthy benefit from a gigantic tax privilege".

"They pay much less in tax than all other social categories," he told AFP.

Modern tax systems fail to tax very wealthy individuals adequately, the report found, because they are taxed mostly on income rather than wealth.

"These individuals can shield virtually all their income from the income tax, because for them virtually all income

derives from their ownership of businesses," said Zucman in the report.

He proposes billionaires should pay a minimum global tax rate equal to at least two per cent of their wealth annually.

This would raise \$200-\$250 billion per year in tax revenue from around 3,000 taxpayers globally.

Zucman's report puts the current tax rate on billionaires at just 0.3 per cent of their wealth. — AFP

SUMMARIES: ECON

UAE-India CEPA Council, Indian Chamber of Commerce, discuss opportunities to leverage benefits of CEPA

UAE-INDIA CEPA Council in collaboration with the Indian Chamber of Commerce held a business roundtable in Odisha, to discuss opportunities to leverage the benefits of the UAE-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

The meeting brought together nearly 30 businesses from Odisha and a high-level UAE delegation.

The UAE delegation was led by Abdunnasser Alshaali PhD, the Ambassador of the UAE to India, with participants including Ahmed Aljneibi, Director of the UICC, Mohammad Haseeb, Strategic Country Manager - India, Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone (RAKEZ), and Yogpal Singh, Director, Corporate Affairs, DP World. Underscoring the importance of Odisha to the UAE, Alshaali noted, "Odisha has played a critical role in supporting the UAE-India bilateral partnership. Its highly developed minerals and industrial sector and strong human capital are of key interest to UAE investors. — ANI

EU says Apple's App Store breaches bloc's digital rules

APPLE risks billions of euros in fines after the European Union on Monday found the iPhone maker's App Store to be violating the bloc's landmark digital competition rules.

The European Commission informed Apple in a "preliminary view" that the "App Store rules... prevent app developers from freely steering consumers to alternative channels for offers and content".

It opens a new front in the increasingly bitter fight between the US tech giant and Brussels over the EU's new Digital Markets Act (DMA).

On Friday, Apple said it would delay rolling out recently announced AI features in Europe because of "regulatory uncertainties" linked to the DMA.

The sweeping law seeks to rein in the world's biggest tech firms, including Apple, by forcing them to open up to competition in the 27-country EU.

But for Apple, the new rules are a significant challenge to its walled garden and it has openly accused the DMA of creating greater privacy and security risks for users.

This is the first time the commission has levelled a formal accusation against a tech firm under the new rules, after opening the first DMA probes into Apple, Google and Meta in March. — AFP

German giant Siemens to revive historic base in Berlin

GERMAN industrial giant Siemens on Tuesday launched an urban development project worth 4.5 billion euros (\$4.8 billion) in the area of Berlin known as Siemensstadt, where the company enjoyed its pre-war heyday.

The Siemensstadt Square "district of the future" will include new living space for up to 7,000 people and create 20,000 additional jobs at the site, where Siemens still manufactures today, the company



Siemens CEO Roland Busch showed German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and other officials plans for the redevelopment of Siemensstadt Square in Berlin. **PHOTO: RALF HIRSCHBERGER / POOL/AFP**

said.

Siemensstadt Square "aims to link the worlds of work and research, housing and life in a new way — worlds that were already brought together in the historic Siemensstadt", Chancellor Olaf Scholz said at the launch of the project.

The development embodies "the future of Berlin and German industry", he said.

The 76-hectare site, due to be completed by 2035, will include homes, factories and

research centres as well as offices, shops and educational, sports and leisure facilities.

The project is a way of "reconciling uses" and showing that "industrial activity still has a place in our cities", said Roland Busch, CEO of Siemens.

Siemens built a series of factories on the outskirts of Berlin at the turn of the 20th century, with thousands of employees working in them to produce cables, motors and electric pumps. — AFP

Korean Air probes pressure problem on diverted Boeing jet

KOREAN Air said Tuesday it was investigating an emergency incident at the weekend in which one of its Boeing 737-8 airliners had to divert due to a pressurization problem which left 17 passengers requiring medical treatment.

The Taiwan-bound plane had to divert back to Incheon about 50 minutes after takeoff on Saturday due to a fault in the pressurization system, a Korean Air representative told AFP, the latest of a string of incidents involving Boeing aircraft.

Seventeen passengers among the 125 people on board received medical treatment and were discharged with no serious injuries, the airline said in a statement.

“We are fully cooperating with all relevant authorities to investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident... We apologize to all affected by this incident,” it added.

Saturday’s incident came as Boeing has experienced multiple production and quality control problems on its commercial aircraft since early 2023. This includes an incident in January in which a 737 MAX operated by Alaska Airlines was forced to make an emergency landing after a fuselage panel blew out mid-flight. A series of incidents led to the appearance of its chief executive, Dave Calhoun, before a United States Senate panel last week. — AFP

China’s waterway freight volume up in first 5 months

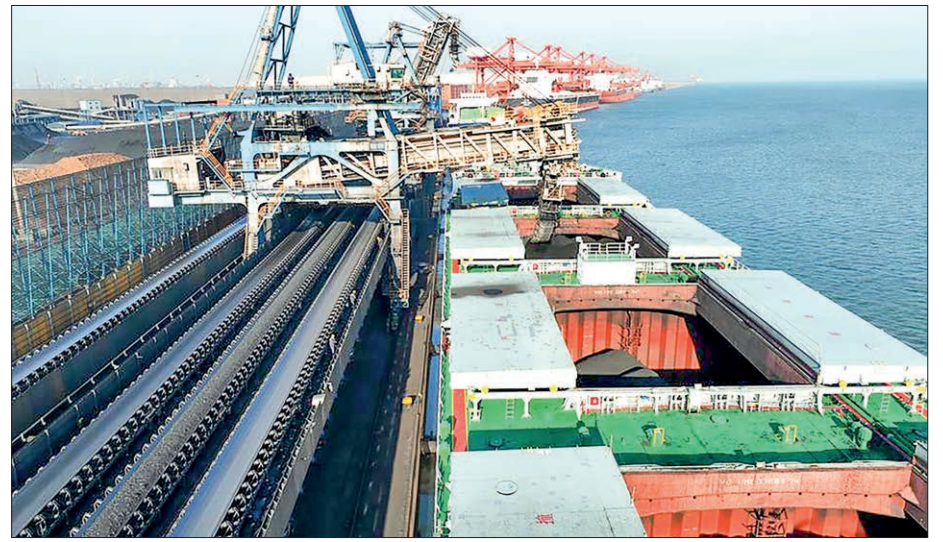
CHINA recorded a steady growth in waterway freight volume in first five months of 2024, the Ministry of Transport said Wednesday.

From January to May, approximately 3.9 billion tonnes of cargo was transported via waterways across the country, marking a seven per cent increase year on year, said Vice-Minister Fu Xuyin at a press conference.

Container throughput at ports nationwide exceeded 130 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) during the period, up 8.8 per cent from a year earlier, Fu said.

Fu added that building “smart ports” is a top priority for China’s waterway transport de-

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A drone photo taken on 28 January 2024 shows a ship loading cargo at the coal wharf of the Tangshan Port in north China’s Hebei Province. **PHOTO: YANG SHIYAO/XINHUA**

velopment, with efforts underway to accelerate the automation of various

port facilities.

Currently, the country has set up 21 contain-

er ports and 28 dry bulk ports that operate automatically. — Xinhua

Transferring Distributor Registered Herbicide

Distributor of the herbicide, **Basagran 48% SL (Bentazone 48% SL)** with its registration number P2023-5030 is transferring from **BASF Myanmar Limited** to **Marga Min Company Limited**. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayintnaung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon within 14 days.

BASF Myanmar Limited
Phone – 01 8650976

Transferring Distributor Registered Bactericide

Distributor of the herbicide, **Besun Elite (Zinc Thiazole 30% SC)** with its registration number P2022-4631 is transferring from **Golden Lion High Tech Agricultural Resources Company Limited** to **Aka Yarzar Company Limited**. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayintnaung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon within 14 days.

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Transferring Distributor Registered Fungicide

Distributor of the herbicide, **Cabrio Top 600 WG (Metiram 55% + Pyraclostrobin 5% w/w WG)** with its registration number P2023-5023 is transferring from **BASF Myanmar Limited** to **Agri Idol Company Limited**. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayintnaung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon within 14 days.

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Transferring Distributor Registered Insecticide

Distributor of the herbicide, **Imunit 150 SC (Alpha-cypermethrin 7.5% + Teflubenzuron 7.5% w/w SC)** with its registration number P2023-5242 is transferring from **BASF Myanmar Limited** to **Aka Yarzar Company Limited**. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayintnaung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon within 14 days.

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Transferring Distributor Registered Insecticide

Distributor of the herbicide, **Regent 3 GR (Fipronil 0.3% w/w GR)** with its registration number F2016-356 is transferring from **Golden Lion High Tech Agricultural Resources Company Limited** to **Marga Min Company Limited**. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayintnaung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon within 14 days.

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Transferring Distributor Registered Herbicide

Distributor of the herbicide, **Tetris 75 EC (Profoxydim 7.5% EC)** with its registration number P2023-5162 is transferring from **Farm Link Company Limited** to **Marga Min Company Limited**. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayintnaung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon within 14 days.

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

India supportive of Africa's greater role at UN, multilateral forums: EAM Jaishankar

Highlighting the growing defence cooperation between India and Africa, Jaishankar noted that African Defence Ministers have conducted several meetings in India, reflecting the evolving strength of bilateral defence relations.



India is supportive of a greater role for Africa in the United Nations and other multilateral forums and invited the African countries to join the International Big Cat Alliance. **PHOTO: ANI**

STATING that India and Africa must engage and work together “very closely”, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said that New Delhi looks forward to a mutually beneficial and mutually respectful relationship in the true spirit of being a ‘Vishwa Bandhu’.

He further stressed that India is supportive of a greater role for Africa in the United Nations and other multilateral forums and invited the African countries to join the International Big Cat Alliance.

The EAM was addressing the Africa Day celebrations in the national capital on Tuesday.

The Foreign Minister highlighted that the defence relations between India and Africa are strongly evolving and African Defence Ministers have already held multiple meetings in India.

“Besides training military officers from several countries

in our military training institutions, India has also contributed to the setting up of Defence Academies and Colleges in Nigeria, Ethiopia and in Tanzania. We have deployed training teams in several African countries like Botswana, Namibia, Uganda, Lesotho, Zambia, Mauritius, Seychelles and Tanzania, among others.

“India is the third largest contributor to the UN Peace-Keeping Operations with nearly 5,000 Indian personnel currently serving in five Peacekeeping Missions in Africa. India has also joined the Djibouti Code of Conduct and the Jeddah Amendment, as an Observer in August 2020, to play an active role in the repression of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the Western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden and in order to secure maritime navigation,” he added. — ANI

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange walks out of courtroom as free man after reaching plea deal in US

WIKILEAKS founder Julian Assange walked out of the courtroom in Saipan as a free man for the first time in 12 years after a US judge signed off on his plea deal on Wednesday morning (local time), CNN reported.

Assange walked out of the courtroom as a free man into the bright Saipan sunshine, raised one hand to reporters before leaving in his car for the airport, where he took a flight to the Australian capital Canberra.

Speaking outside the court, Assange's US lawyer, Barry Pollack, said Assange had “suffered tremendously in his fight for free speech and freedom of the press”. Speaking to reporters, Pollack said, “The prosecution of Julian Assange is unprecedented in the 100 years of the Espionage Act.” He said, “Mr Assange revealed truthful, newsworthy information... We firmly believe that Mr Assange never should have been charged under the Espionage Act and engaged in an exercise that journalists engage in every day,” according to CNN report. Julian Assange was released from a high-security prison in London on Monday and had already departed from the UK in a private jet before the world learned about his agreement with the US government. — ANI



WikiLeaks founder, Julian Assange, has long been wanted by Washington for revealing military secrets. **PHOTO: AFP**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Outgoing Dutch PM Mark Rutte appointed as NATO secretary-general

THE North Atlantic Council decided to appoint outgoing Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte as the next secretary-general of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), NATO said in a statement Wednesday.

The statement said Rutte will assume his duties as NATO's secretary general on 1 October, when Jens Stoltenberg's term expires after ten years at the helm of the alliance. On 19 June, Romanian President Klaus Iohannis officially announced his withdrawal from the race for NATO's secretary general. Consequently, Rutte has gained the support of all 32 member countries. The Netherlands is a founding member of NATO. The 57-year-old Dutch leader, whose 14-year term as Dutch prime minister is set to end within weeks, will be the fourth Dutchman to head the 75-year-old alliance. — Xinhua

Former Swiss president elected Council of Europe chief

FORMER Swiss President Alain Berset was elected Secretary General of the Council of Europe Tuesday, the parliamentary arm of the continent's human rights organization said on social media.

The 52-year-old will take office on 18 September, succeeding the Croatian Marija Pejcinovic Buric – whose term was marked by the exclusion of Russia following the invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.

“Congratulations to Alain Berset, who has just been elected as Secretary General of the Council of Europe for a five-year term,” the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), whose members elected Berset in the second round, said. — AFP

SPORTS

Euro 2024: Denmark outdare host Germany in last 16 knockout



After Denmark secured a spot in the last 16 of UEFA Euro 2024 with a tight qualification following a goalless draw against Serbia, Kasper Hjulmand appeared surprisingly upbeat.

Denmark defender Jannik Vestergaard said "everything is possible" ahead of his side meeting hosts Germany in the last 16. **PHOTO: FABRICE COFFRINI/AFP**

KASPER Hjulmand seemed in a surprisingly good mood after Denmark narrowly made it into the last 16 of the UEFA Euro 2024.

Following the goalless draw against Serbia, the 1992 European Champion proceed as the Group C runners-up.

Having to face tournament host and big favourite Germany this Saturday in Dortmund didn't cause concern for the Danish manager.

"We like games like that; we feel comfortable being in the outsider role," the 52-year-old said and mentioned he played four games against England without

losing a single game.

"We can manage games like that," the Dane said.

Defender Yannik Vestergaard, under contract at the Premier League side Leicester City, followed his coach's optimism.

"Switzerland has proven Germany is vulnerable. They might be a role model for us having detected Germany's weak points," the 31-year-old Danish-German emphasized.

Having played for three German clubs such as Hoffenheim, Bremen, and Moenchengladbach turns the son of a German mother and a Danish father into a German football expert. — AFP



Young Lethwei fighters are seen undergoing medical and weight class examinations. **PHOTO: ARKA LIN**

Lethwei Championship for new generation to feature 30 bouts

THE Lethwei Championship for a new generation, supervised by the Myanmar Lethwei Federation and sponsored by Lone Chaw Lethwei (LCL) Group, will be held in Theinbyu Gymnasium in Yangon on 30 June.

With the aim of creating

new Myanmar traditional boxers (Lethwei fighters), the Lethwei championship will include 30 fights featuring men's two-round bouts, men's special three-round bouts and women's three bouts.

Newcomers, mainly from

Myanma Lethwei, former Champion Lone Chaw Club, will compete in this championship. The Lethwei championship will begin at noon local time and tickets are priced at K20,000 and K10,000, respectively. — Arka Lin/KZL

WADA president criticizes politicization of anti-doping in US

THE World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) president Witold Banka criticized the United States for politicizing anti-doping and called it hypocritical and double standard in a statement published on WADA's official website on Wednesday.

The United States House Committee on Energy and Commerce on Tuesday held a hearing titled "Examining Anti-Doping Measures in Advance of the 2024 Olympics", which disguised under its title a focus on a contamination case from 2021 involving 23 Chinese swimmers. "The hearing sought to further politicize a relatively straightforward case of mass contamination that has been turned into a scandal by a small number of individuals, mainly in the United States," Banka said in the statement.

"WADA's job as the global regulator for clean sport is to strive to ensure that athletes of the world enjoy the same protections, rights and responsibilities whether they are from Boston or Beijing. When we review cases, we must always think about what is fair to those athletes, whatever their sport and whatever their nationality." — Xinhua

Martinez sends Argentina into Copa America last eight

LAUTARO Martinez came off the bench to score a late winner as Argentina secured a spot in the Copa America quarterfinals with a 1-0 victory over Chile on Tuesday.

Martinez, a 73rd-minute substitute for Julian Alvarez, gave his side the lead in the 88th minute at MetLife Stadium in a move that started with Lionel Messi's in-swinging corner.

Claudio Bravo kept out Cris-

tian Romero's overhead kick but the ball spilled to Martinez at the far post and the Inter Milan striker showed his attacking instinct by firing a first-time effort into the top left corner. Martinez has now netted five times in his past five outings for the Albiceleste.

Chile had several chances to score in the closing stages but Argentina survived to move three points clear at the top of Group A.

"It was a difficult game but every match is like that in the Copa America," Martinez said afterwards. "I'm happy to have made the most of my opportunity when it came. I have to be ready to contribute when I'm called upon".

Earlier, Jonathan David struck a late goal as Canada secured a 1-0 victory over Peru in Kansas City. The result marked Canada's first win over a South



Lautaro Martinez of Argentina shoots on target as Claudio Bravo of Chile blocks it during the CONMEBOL Copa America 2024 match between Chile and Argentina at MetLife Stadium on 25 June 2024 in East Rutherford, New Jersey. **PHOTO: AFP**

American opponent since a 2-0 CONCACAF Gold Cup final. — victory over Colombia in the 2000 Xinhua



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Chinese premier sheds light on new pathways for global growth



Chinese Premier Li Qiang addresses the opening plenary of the 15th Annual Meeting of the New Champions, also known as the Summer Davos, in Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province, 25 June 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Chinese Premier Li Qiang advocated against a zero-sum approach in exploring new drivers for growth, stressing instead the pursuit of shared prosperity.

CHINESE Premier Li Qiang on Tuesday offered his insights on how to jointly explore new drivers and pathways for global economic growth, with the world currently threatened by challenges posed by trade protectionism and unilateralism.

The exploration of the next frontiers for growth should not be a zero-sum game but aimed at common growth for all, Li said when addressing the opening plenary of the 15th Annual Meeting of the New Champions, also known as the Summer Davos, in northeast China's coastal city of Dalian.

"The 'small yard and high fence' policy cannot stifle the development of opponents, but only shackle the hands and feet of those who favor such a policy," the premier added.

Li urged countries to create an even, fair and nondiscriminatory environment for scientific and technological

innovation, developed on the basis of intellectual property rights protection.

Answering questions from Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum Klaus Schwab, Li said that in reality, many innovative ideas find fertile ground for validation in China, where seeds of various innovations can easily find the right environment to flourish.

Over the past few years, China has strongly supported basic research and development, placed great emphasis on the development of national strategic scientific and technological strength, and vigorously promoted corporate innovation, all aiming to enhance capacity for original innovation, he said.

The country is now home to more than 400,000 high-tech enterprises, as well as over 100,000 specialized and sophisticated small and medium-sized enterprises, which produce new and unique products. — Xinhua

HIGH-QUALITY HUMAN RESOURCES

Vietnam to develop AI training centre

VIETNAM'S Ministry of Planning and Investment plans to develop a project on the foundation of an artificial intelligence (AI) training and application center that aims to promote the application of artificial general intelligence (AIG) at enterprises, Vietnam News reported Wednesday.

The project aims to accelerate the development of high-quality human resources and infrastructure systems for AIG research and applications, as well as develop an AI ecosystem, said the report.

It also looks to attract venture capital into AI start-ups in Vietnam, said the ministry.

According to the ministry, Vietnam is among the top four leading countries in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the top 50 in the world in AI research, development and application.

Vietnam has developed 10 reputable AI brands in the region together with three national centres of big data storage and high-performance computing and 50 open and interconnected data sets for AI research and development. — Xinhua

BRICS to pause new admissions, focus on integrating newcomers: Lavrov

THE BRICS group of emerging economies has agreed by majority vote to take a pause in accepting new members in order to integrate those who have joined since the beginning of this year, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Tuesday.

"By an overwhelming majority of votes in 'the ten' it was decided to take a pause on new members and 'digest' the newcomers, who have doubled its ranks," Lavrov said after hosting the BRICS foreign ministers' meeting in Nizhny Novgorod on 10-11 June.

BRICS will use the pause to draw up a list of categories for BRICS partner countries that will serve as stepping stones towards full membership, Lavrov said. Russia will promote Belarus and other "like-minded



Lavrov specifically highlighted Russia's intention to advocate for Belarus and other countries that share similar perspectives and interests. Brest Fortress, formerly known as Brest-Litovsk Fortress, is a 19th-century fortress in Brest, Belarus. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/SHUTTERSTOCK**

countries," he added.

On 4 June, Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said that Ankara would like to join BRICS and would monitor the develop-

ments in the organization. Several other countries, including Thailand and Bolivia, have also voiced their interest in joining the organization. — SPUTNIK