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This photo shows a local garment factory which is operating with the CMP (Cut, Make and Pack) system.

## Rising demand for Myanmar-made clothes in Poland, Middle East

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**D**EMAND for Myanmar-made garments surged in Poland and the Middle East, as stated by General Secretary Daw Khine Khine Nwe of the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA).

At present, China is the major investor in the garment industry of Myanmar and, therefore, many job opportunities have been created in the industry by the Chinese companies. Moreover,

purchase orders from China, Japan, EU countries and the United States has begun getting high since 2023.

“We received many purchase orders, especially from Poland and the Middle East. And in the EU countries, Germany, Spain and Italy purchase the most,” Daw Khine Khine Nwe said.

The garment manufacturing in Myanmar is carried out under the CMP (Cut, Make, Pack) system, with ma-

nor orders coming from Japan, China, Korea, and EU countries through the CMP system, according to the MGMA. It intends to promote the label ‘Made in Myanmar’ from the industry of manufacturing garments.

Furthermore, MGMA has firmly built a platform for the Myanmar garment industry with the major purchasers of the European market. — ASH/TMT

## Myanmar, Norwegian, Danish Red Cross provide aid to 5,000+ displaced in Sagaing Region

MYANMAR, Norwegian and Danish Red Cross Societies have jointly provided financial assistance and consumer goods to over 5,000 displaced people in Sagaing Region in November, according to the Myanmar Red Cross Society (Headquarters).

In this assistance, 5,139 displaced people in Sagaing Region were provided with K70,000 each and non-food items (NFI).

In addition, 1,581 temporarily displaced households were provided with 1,581 blankets, 1,581 mosquito nets, 996 mats, 2,527 tarpaulin sheets, 1,581 solar lanterns, 11 boxes of sanitary pads, 196 bags of toys to support children’s emotional development, 60 boxes of baby wipes, 1,581 boxes of drinking water (jelly cans), 1,581 pairs of shoes, 1,198 male hygiene products and 1,389 female hygiene products.

Similarly, mobile Red Cross clinics were opened at monasteries and neighbouring religious centres from 6 to 23 November for displaced people who had difficulty accessing medical care, providing medical treatment to 2,895 people and health education to 481 people. The financial and humanitarian aid including the medical assistance programme was supported by the Norwegian Red Cross, and the non-food assistance programme by the Danish Red Cross. — ASH/TKO



This photo showcases the handover of financial and humanitarian aid by the joint Red Cross societies to displaced people in Sagaing Region.

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## Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council

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The Chairman of the State Administration Council has conferred honorary titles and medals on the following persons who served excellent performances in the national defence and security duties of the State.

#### Gallantry titles for capability of Tatmadaw

##### Thura Title

1. Colonel Wunna Hlaing	Ministry of Defence
2. Colonel Thet Tun Aung	Ministry of Defence
3. Major Myo Ko Ko Tun	Ministry of Defence
4. Major Aung San Oo	Ministry of Defence

#### Gallantry medals for capability of Tatmadaw

##### Gallantry Medal

1. Brig-Gen Myo Shwe	Ministry of Defence
2. Brig-Gen Tint Naing Tun	Ministry of Defence
3. Colonel Zaw Min Htet	Ministry of Defence
4. Colonel Kyi Shwin	Ministry of Defence
5. Colonel Hsan Aung	Ministry of Defence
6. Colonel Thant Sin Win	Ministry of Defence
7. Lt-Col Aung Zaw Lin	Ministry of Defence
8. Lt-Col Zeyar Tun	Ministry of Defence
9. Lt-Col Kyaw Zin Phyoo	Ministry of Defence
10. Lt-Col Thant Zin Aung	Ministry of Defence
11. Lt-Col Nyein Chan Ko	Ministry of Defence
12. Lt-Col Thurein Ko Ko	Ministry of Defence
13. Lt-Col Thant Zin Oo	Ministry of Defence
14. Lt-Col Moe Sithu Kyaing	Ministry of Defence
15. Major Zaw Zaw Aung	Ministry of Defence
16. Major Htet Myat Tun	Ministry of Defence
17. Major Ye Lin Htet	Ministry of Defence
18. Major Zarni Tun	Ministry of Defence
19. Major Naing Lin Aung	Ministry of Defence
20. Major Min Min Oo	Ministry of Defence
21. Major Chan Myae Ko Ko	Ministry of Defence
22. Captain Zaw Win Htaik	Ministry of Defence
23. Captain Thet Naing Oo	Ministry of Defence
24. 746741 Sergeant Mya Hlaing Oo	Ministry of Defence
25. TaTa-133760 L/Cpl Nay Thura Oo	Ministry of Defence
26. Daw Aye Yin	Ministry of Defence

#### Gallantry medals for capability of MPF

##### Ye Thura Medal

1. Officiating Police Lt-Col Min Thu	MyanmarPoliceForce
2. Police Captain Thant Zaw	MyanmarPoliceForce
3. Police Captain Phyoo Phyoo Swe (a) Moe Hein Kyaw	MyanmarPoliceForce
4. Inspector Police Ye Aung Bo	MyanmarPoliceForce
5. Sub-Inspector Police Min Ye Htet	MyanmarPoliceForce
6. Ma 20164 Deputy Fire Staff Officer U Thiha Aung	Fire Services Department
7. Ma 29763 Fire Sergeant Nyein Chan Aung	Fire Services Department

##### Ye Bala Medal

1. Police Lt-Col Kyaw Thura	MyanmarPoliceForce
2. Police Major Zarni Maung	MyanmarPoliceForce
3. Police Major Chan Myae Tun	MyanmarPoliceForce
4. Captain Maung Ngwe (Retired)	Ministry of Defence
5. Police Captain Phyoo Wai Aung	MyanmarPoliceForce
6. Police Captain Chit Zaw Win	MyanmarPoliceForce
7. Police Captain Tu Ko Ko	MyanmarPoliceForce
8. Police Captain Win Zaw Oo	MyanmarPoliceForce
9. Inspector Police Shein Thu Lwin	MyanmarPoliceForce
10. Inspector Police Kyaw Oo	MyanmarPoliceForce

11. Sub-Inspector Police Tin Lin Naing	Myanmar Police Force
12. Sub-Inspector Police Tun Lin	Myanmar Police Force
13. La 153562 Police WO Kyaw Hsan Win	Myanmar Police Force
14. Ma 25285 Deputy Fire Staff Officer U Myo Min Htut	Fire Services Department
15. U Ye Tun Oo Vessel Section Head-3	Ministry of Transport and Communications
16. Ma 32108 Assistant Fire Staff Officer Bran Seng Aung	Fire Services Department
17. La 276415 Police Corporal Aung Myo Thet	Myanmar Police Force
18. La 263608 Police L/Cpl Myo Thant Kyaw	Myanmar Police Force
19. La 274345 Police L/Cpl Aung Zay Phyoo	Myanmar Police Force
20. La 278810 Police L/Cpl Nay Naing Win	Myanmar Police Force
21. La 280484 Police L/Cpl Kyaw Ye Aung	Myanmar Police Force
22. La 281964 Police L/Cpl Aung Moe Thu	Myanmar Police Force
23. La 290032 Police L/Cpl Myo Thant Zin	Myanmar Police Force
24. Maung Zaw Win Myint	Ministry of Defence
25. Maung Chit Phu Maung	Ministry of Defence
26. U Khin Maung Aye	Ministry of Defence
27. Maung Hlaing Wunna	Ministry of Defence
28. Maung Ye Yint Naing	Ministry of Defence
29. Maung Aung Phyoo Wai	Ministry of Defence
30. Maung Than Tin Oo	Ministry of Defence
31. Maung Kyaw Ye Htwe	Ministry of Defence
32. Maung Min Soe Paing	Ministry of Defence
33. Maung Than Tun Aung	Ministry of Defence
34. U Pyae Sone Tun	Kayah State
35. U Nyunt Khaing	Sagaing Region
36. U Zaw Min Tun	Sagaing Region
37. U Kyaw Moe Naing	Sagaing Region
38. U Myint Tun	Sagaing Region
39. U Thet Phyoo Paing	Sagaing Region
40. U Win Khaing	Sagaing Region
41. U Aung Naing Lin	Sagaing Region
42. U Pyae Phyoo Kyaw	Sagaing Region
43. U Myint Shwe	Sagaing Region
44. U Aung Lin	Sagaing Region
45. U Hmet Kyee	Sagaing Region
46. U Zaw Oo	Sagaing Region
47. U Aung Kyaw Zaw	Sagaing Region
48. U Pyae Sone Lin	Sagaing Region
49. U Chit Ko Ko	Sagaing Region
50. U Yu Naung	Sagaing Region
51. U Than Zaw	Taninthayi Region
52. U Kyee Hla	Taninthayi Region
53. U Win Ngwe	Magway Region
54. U Aung Bo	Magway Region
55. U Win Swe	Mandalay Region
56. U Aung Si Si	Mandalay Region
57. U Aye Naing	Mandalay Region
58. U San Yu	Mandalay Region
59. U Naing Naing Tun	Mandalay Region
60. U Aung Myat Oo	Mon State
61. U Hla Myo	Yangon Region

*Sd/Min Aung Hlaing*  
*Senior General*  
*Chairman*

*State Administration Council*

# NATIONAL

## Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

## Religious titles offered marking 104<sup>th</sup> National Victory Day



The 104<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Victory Day celebration and the religious titles offering ceremony in progress yesterday, attended by Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn, dignitaries and the congregation in Nay Pyi Taw.

THE commemorative ceremony of the 104<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Victory Day and the religious title conferring ceremony were held at Tatmadaw Religious Hall near the southern corner of the Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon yesterday.

Present on the occasion were monks led by Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Thanlyin Min Kyaung monastery YMBA(Central) Ovadacariya Aggamaha Pandita Aggamaha Ganthavacaka Pandita Aggamaha Saddhammajotikadhaja Dr Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa, Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Zaw Hein, regional ministers, YMBA Chairman U Ye Tun and relevant officials.

State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman Dr



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn offers the religious title to the lay person yesterday.

Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa delivered Ovada Gatha at the event.

Then, Yangon Region Chief Minister Thiri Pyanchi Sithu U

Soe Thein read out the message sent by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu

Thadoe Thiri Thudamma Min Aung Hlaing to the ceremony to mark the 104<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Victory Day.

Union Minister Zeya Kyaw Htin Sithu U Maung Maung Ohn offered donations to State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman Dr Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa while Yangon Region Chief Minister Thiri Pyanchi Sithu U Soe Thein to Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Suwunna of the Mashi Khana Monastery in Kamayut Township, Yangon, and Commander Zeya Kyaw Htin Maj-Gen Zaw Hein to Presiding Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Pannajota of Natsin Taya Monastery in Thanlyin Township. YMBA Chair U Ye Tun then offered the Abhidhaja Aggamaha Mingala Dhammajotika title to State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman Dr Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa,

and the relevant ministers, vice-chairs and officials presented religious titles to recipient Sayadaws.

Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn, Chief Minister U Soe Thein and Commander Maj-Gen Zaw Hein offered titles to one Sayadaw and lay persons.

The Yangon Region government and donors made cash donations to the YMBA chairman.

The YMBA chairman explained the National Victory Day and officials presented titles to recipients. YMBA was founded in 1906, and National Victory Day was celebrated on the 10<sup>th</sup> Waning of Tazaungmone every year. The objective of YMBA is to love race, respect religion, value Sasana and support education. The motto of YMBA is that YMBA is always ready for race, religion, Sasana, education and political affairs. — MNA/KTZH

# NATIONAL

## State Designates MNDA, TNLA, AA as Terrorist Groups: Collaboration Equals Terrorism

THE State designated the MNDA, TNLA, and AA armed groups as terrorist organizations on 2 September 2024. Therefore, anyone who engages with these terrorists is also participating in acts of terror.

*(Excerpt from the guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting hall of the Eastern Command Headquarters on 3 September 2024)*

## Nay Pyi Taw celebrates 104<sup>th</sup> National Victory Day



Union Minister Dr Nyunt Pe speaks on the occasion of the 104<sup>th</sup> National Victory Day yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

THE ceremony celebrating the 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Victory Day 2024 was held at 8:30 am yesterday at the meeting hall of Office 13, the Ministry of Education, Nay Pyi Taw. The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Education Dr Nyunt Pe, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win, deputy ministers, Nay Pyi Taw Council members, permanent secretaries and officials, district and township education officials, headmasters, teachers, students, and other officials.

Students from No 6 Basic Education High School Nay Pyi Taw first performed the 'Zarti Marn' song (a patriotic song). Union Minister Dr Nyunt Pe then read a message from State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudamma Min Aung Hlaing to commemorate the 104<sup>th</sup> National Victory Day.

Students from No 11 Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw also sang the 'Myanma School' song. Then, the ceremony was successfully concluded. — MNA/TRKM

## 104<sup>th</sup> National Victory Day celebrated in Nay Pyi Taw

THE 104<sup>th</sup> National Day celebration was held yesterday at the Thiri Mingala Hall of No 6 Basic Education School in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory. The event was attended by Nay Pyi Taw Council Chair U Than Tun Oo, council members, departmental officials, representatives from the Nay Pyi Taw Education Office, district and township administration body chairpersons, education officers, headteachers, teachers, students, and parents.

The celebration began with students performing the song 'Zarti Marn', symbolizing the national spirit. This was followed by Nay Pyi Taw Council Chair U Than Tun Oo reading the National Victory Day message from State Administration Council

Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Sudhamma Min Aung Hlaing.

Awards were then presented by Nay Pyi Taw Council Chair U Than Tun Oo and Council Member U Myint Soe to winners of essay and poetry competitions held for middle and high school students in honour of the 104<sup>th</sup> National Victory Day.

Students from No 11 Basic Education High School in Zabuthiri Township performed the song 'Myanmar School' to mark the occasion. Attendees, including the council chair and officials, also toured an exhibition showcasing winning entries of the essay, poetry, and poster competitions held to commemorate the event. — MNA/TMT



Nay Pyi Taw Council Chair U Than Tun Oo presents the award to the winner of essay and poetry competitions at yesterday's event.

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# NATIONAL

THE hot-air balloon ride services in Bagan ancient city, often referred to as the heart of Myanmar, are available every year to boost the image of Bagan to the world.

In the dry season, Myanmar hosts local and foreign travellers like ASEAN countries, and the tourist arrivals to Mount Popa and Bagan are the highest. Bagan was crowded with the start of



The photos above and to the left showcase landmark pagodas and temples in the Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone. **PHOTO: ZWE MARN**

## Boosting reputation of Bagan through hot-air balloon experience

the Thadingyut Festival in October and is still receiving a high number of tourists in November. Meanwhile, the visitors can enjoy the beauty of Bagan from the Bagan viewing tower (Nan Myint Tower) and designated mounds and the hot-air balloon companies offer services to enjoy breathtaking views of the city from the sky.

The ASEAN countries have many world cultural heritage sites, but they do not have sev-

eral land areas to view the scene with balloon rides. Meanwhile, Bagan boasts 3,822 ancient pagodas, stupas and temples, and the tourists like balloon rides as they can enjoy the views of the whole city from the sky.

The hot air balloon ride services are available for both local and international tourists in the Bagan region to enjoy Myanmar's ancient cultural heritage, including pagodas, temples, statues, and the region's natural

beauty like picturesque scenes of winter morning, Ayeyawady river, mountains, fields and forests, ancient pagodas featuring artworks of AD 9<sup>th</sup> century.

"We offer hot-air balloon rides to share the beauty and cultural heritages of Bagan to the tourists and to lure more travellers as part of the development of the tourism industry. BOB company has been offering balloon rides since 1999, and now it reaches 25 years. There are over 500 flies from the Thadingyut Festival, October to date. The service is available until 31

March. Although some ASEAN countries have balloon ride services, they cannot be comparable to the beauty of Myanmar's Bagan. Every tourist who took a balloon ride commented positively on the cultural zone's natural beauty. We warmly welcome all to visit Myanmar to fully enjoy the beauty of Bagan where the ancient cultural heritages are concentrated," said an official of Ballooning Over Bagan.

Four companies offer balloon rides every year, and they launch balloons depending on the number of passengers. The

balloon's compartment can hold 8 to 16 passengers and experienced foreign pilots fly the balloons. Local and foreign travellers can take a cheap balloon ride.

Moreover, these services can promote tourism and create job opportunities for vendors and locals. Efforts are being made collectively to promote the Bagan cultural zone to the world through hot-air balloon rides of international standards, enabling greater recognition to visit Bagan. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

## 735 Group C jade lots sold on 8<sup>th</sup> day of 2024 Mid-Year Gems Emporium

THE eighth day of the 2024 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium continued at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. Jade lots from Group C, displayed in designated outdoor areas, were available for local merchants to observe.

Jade lots numbered 2560 to 3309 were offered for sale through an open tender system, and 735 lots were sold

during the session.

In the evening, Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi, who also chairs the Gems Emporium Central Committee, visited the exhibition areas. He observed the inspection of proposed prices for jade of Group C sold via the open tender system to local gem merchants.

The domestic gem merchants looked into 750 jade lots from No 3310 to 4059 of Group C to be sold on the ninth day of the emporium and put their proposed prices into the tender boxes. The officers checked their prices and the sales of jade lots will be announced on the morning of 26 November.

The emporium, held from 18 to

27 November, showcases 4,800 jade lots from Groups A, B, and C for sale through an open tender system. As of the eighth day, 1,823 out of 2,559 jade lots from Groups A and B, and 735 out of 750 jade lots from No 2560 to 3309 of Group C have been sold.

Sales of Group C jade lots will continue until 27 November. — MNA/KTZH

# NATIONAL

## MoRAC ministry's Sepak Takraw, football teams training inspected



UNION Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Tin Oo Lwin, accompanied by Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Myo Aung, visited Shwe Man Taung Youth Sports Training Ground (Mandalay) in Aungmyaythazan Township yesterday evening and addressed athletes from the Ministry's national Sepak Takraw team and football team, who are currently training to compete in the Fifth National Sports

Festival.

The Union minister said that athletes representing the ministry must participate in the competition with a sportsmanship spirit and that they need to train hard and with a team spirit during the training camp. He provided athletes representing the ministry with supplies, inspected them in the training camp and encouraged them.

The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture will be participating in the fifth National Sports Festival, which will feature six sports: football, Sepak Takraw, volleyball, futsal, athletics, and golf. — MNA/TKO

Union Minister U Tin Oo Lwin greets the athletes during his inspection tours yesterday.

## Healthcare services for athletes of 5<sup>th</sup> National Sports Festival inspected

DEPUTY Minister for Health Dr Aye Tun inspected the clinic and preventive measures for communicable diseases for the athletes who are at dormitories to participate in the Fifth National Sports Festival in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The deputy minister observed the establishment of the clinic, subcommittee office on health, and conditions to open a traditional medicine clinic, and instructed to prepare ambulances to transfer patients where necessary and report certain outbreaks of diseases promptly.

He then checked the preventive measures for diseases

at dormitories such as adding chlorine into water tanks, and education programmes on four cleans, and provided instructions to meet hygiene standards when preparing food.

Healthcare teams were organized including medics from the Ministry of Health, Tatmadaw Medical Corps, and Myanmar Red Cross Society to provide healthcare services during the sports festival, and the medical team comprising specialists will be also mobilized. Moreover, systematic arrangements are made to deter drug use by athletes. — MNA/KTZH



Deputy Minister Dr Aye Tun looks into medications and related healthcare items for athletes yesterday.

## MoEA team's practice for 5<sup>th</sup> National Sports Festival inspected



Union Minister Jeng Phang Naw Taung and officials watch the practice match yesterday.

UNION Minister for Ethnic Affairs Jeng Phang Naw Taung, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Zaw Aye Maung, visited the Paunglaung Indoor Stadium Sports Training Camp in Pynmana yesterday afternoon to watch and support the tune-up match between the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs and the Shan State team that will compete in the Fifth National Sports Festival Inter-Ministry Open Sepak Takraw (Male) Competition.

The Union minister and deputy minister first greeted the athletes representing the ministry who will compete in the National Sports Festival. The Union minister urged them to compete by

efforts with the right sports spirit and strive to win the medals that are worthy of the ministry. The athletes will be given appropriate awards and commendations and urged them to work hard to bring forth a new generation of young athletes who can bring pride to the country.

Jeng Phang Naw Taung and U Zaw Aye Maung then watched and encouraged the competition between the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs team and the Shan State team, presented awards and refreshments to the athletes from both teams and cordially greeted the competing athletes. — MNA/TKO

## Facilities for 5<sup>th</sup> National Sports Festival inspected

DEPUTY Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Htein Lin, who is also secretary of the Leading Committee on Organizing the Fifth National Sports Festival, and officials visited the transit centre (Ywataw) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morn-

ing and inspected accommodation arrangements for state and regional athletes, who will compete in the Fifth National Sports Festival, the subcommittee office, stockpiles of cooking supplies and related utensils.

The deputy minister then

greeted administrators, coaches and athletes from the Kachin State team and provided them with what they needed.

The deputy minister also inspected the sales of daily necessities and snacks in the food shop for athletes. — MNA/TS

# NATIONAL

## 442,006 acres of monsoon paddy harvested in Yangon

ACCORDING to the Yangon Region Agriculture Department, 1,144,372 acres of monsoon paddy were successfully planted, with 442,006 acres harvested as of the last week of November.

The population in Yangon is increasing year by year, and the rice plantations is expanding to meet the consumption rate. The replantation was conducted in flood-hit paddy fields in monsoon, and 198,488 acres of monsoon paddy were harvested in the first week of November.

The rice varieties such as Sinthukha, 90-day, Yakyaw, Shwewahtun and Sinthukha are harvested in some townships of Yangon, whereas the export quality rice varieties of Pawsan will be harvested by November end and the processes will be complete in early January.

It is estimated that 1,148,222 acres of monsoon paddy in the region in 2024, and 1,111,802 acres were planted. A total of 70,000 acres of monsoon paddy were



Officials and locals assess the monsoon paddy field for harvest in Yangon Region.

flooded due to the typhoon, and replantation processes made in 1,144,372 acres. Arrangements are being made to plant summer paddy in irrigated areas, and the region is estimated to grow over 250,000 acres of summer paddy.

The farmers, who harvested monsoon paddy, are ready to

plant mung beans, black grams, sesame and sunflower. The region plans to grow over 400,000 acres of mung beans and black grams while over 9,000 acres of mung beans were completed. It is also estimated to grow 20,000 acres of edible crops peanut, sesame and sunflower.

“The region government and relevant departments worked together to succeed in the plantation of monsoon paddy. The Myanmar Rice Federation and organizations provided the species of paddy and agrochemicals, and the department also conducted educating programmes

to meet the target and use of fine species and natural fertilizer. Therefore, the monsoon paddy plantation was completed successfully. We have harvested over 400,000 acres of monsoon paddy. The region government instructed to plant winter crops and summer paddy in scientific ways and change the farming methods to promote the production rate. As the monsoon paddy target is met, we will make an effort to meet the targets of winter crops and summer paddy,” said an official of the department.

The agrochemicals are provided to successfully plant the monsoon paddy using the State Economic Promotion Fund, and 35 companies and organizations provided K200,000 worth of fertilizer in 290 villages in 12 townships of five districts in the region. Moreover, the urea fertilizers produced by Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprises were also distributed to the farmers. — MNA/KTZH

## Relief supplies delivered to Rakhine State via land, sea, and air



A vessel en route to deliver relief items to Rakhine State.

UNDER the guidance of the National Disaster Management Committee and the supervision of the Transport and Communications Committee, relief materials are being transported to Rakhine State using vessels, aircraft, and

vehicles.

On 24 November, a vessel carried 2,000 bags of rice (each containing 24 Pyis), along with cooking oil, food products, consumer goods, and medical supplies weighing a total of 172.348 tonnes, from Yangon to Sittway.

Since 16 May 2023, a total of 71,271.78 tonnes of relief supplies, 249,762 gallons of diesel, and 199,886 gallons of Octane 92 fuel have been delivered to Sittway Township in Rakhine State by 49 vessels, according to reports. — MNA/TRKM

## Counter-argument to false information

### Security forces accused of burning houses in Magway

MALICIOUS media circulated false news, claiming that security forces burnt down homes in Bonbaw village in Ngaphe Township, Magway Region, after raiding the village on 23 November.

According to a security official, security forces conducted security measures in Bonbaw village on that day according to the tip-off that PDF terrorists were stationed in that village, and there was an armed engagement. Terrorists then torched houses and retreated. Subversive media outlets spread misinformation, covering up terrorist acts and misleading the people about security forces. — MNA/KTZH



This screenshot reveals false claims.

### COVID-19 report, 17 November 2024

NEW TESTS	NEW CASES	CASUALTIES
7,025	2	Nil

# OPINION

## Eliminate gender discrimination and violence against women

**I**N Myanmar, women play a central role in families, societies, and communities. While husbands earn the family income, wives manage the household, ensuring the well-being and prosperity of their families. Women are valued for their contributions to both family life and broader societal harmony.

In Myanmar, it is widely accepted that there is no justification for violence against women, as both men and women share equal responsibilities in managing the duties and functions of households. Families typically ensure that husbands and wives work together equally. Therefore, women are not seen as victims of male violence. Both men and women are encouraged to collaborate and compromise

on all matters to contribute to the well-being of their families.

Under the guidance of forefathers in the country, Myanmar people experience that men have to hold a concept of dubbing all women including girls as their sisters and daughters. If so, actions of gender discrimination will disappear in society whereas violence against women will fade out gradually. If so, the society will thrive in harmony.

Violence against women and girls is a widespread human rights violation, occurring in various forms around the world. Nearly one in three women has experienced physical or sexual violence from an intimate partner, non-partner sexual violence, or both, at least once in their lifetime. This violence remains one of the most prevalent and persistent global issues, impacting women and girls in diverse conditions across the globe.

In 2023, more than 51,100 women were murdered by partners or family members. Gender-based violence has worsened in various settings, including the workplace and online, and is further fueled by conflict and climate change. Addressing this crisis requires strong responses, holding perpetrators accountable, and accelerating action through

well-funded national strategies and support for women's rights movements. Only through these efforts can everybody hope to end the cycle of violence and protect women worldwide.

The 2024 campaign, #NoExcuse, highlights the alarming rise in violence against women, with one woman killed every 10 minutes across the world. UNITE to End Violence against Women calls for renewed commitment, accountability, and action from decision-makers. By fostering mutual trust, understanding, and respect between men and women, violence against women and girls can be reduced. This shift will offer families and communities the opportunity to thrive in peace and prosperity. It is time for lasting change, where women's safety is a priority, and everyone benefits from a harmonious society.

Under the guidance of forefathers in the country, Myanmar people experience that men have to hold a concept of dubbing all women including girls as their sisters and daughters. If so, actions of gender discrimination will disappear in society whereas violence against women will fade out gradually. If so, the society will thrive in harmony.

**A**CCORDING to the News and Media Law of Myanmar, enacted in March 2014, the following objectives have been set for media development in the country:

- (1) To develop media entities that enjoy freedom of expression under the Constitution of 2008.
- (2) The media industry stands tall as the fourth pillar of the nation.
- (3) To ensure the rights and freedom of the media workers
- (4) To define and set up responsibilities, ethics, discipline and best practices of media personnel.
- (5) To fulfil the rights of every citizen for information access.
- (6) To act as a mediator between the complainant and media entity to peacefully resolve the dispute.

We are here to evaluate how many of these objectives are being met and assess what could be the future of media going forward in the country.

### Know Yourself Know the Other Side

Based on how things stand right now, freedom of expression could possibly be seen as the concept of the past. And it is definitely not brought about by the government. False accusations, fake news, fallacious allegations, fictitious accounts of stories and false-hearted social punishments have propelled many into beliefs that press freedom is secondary to peace, stability and develop-

ment and that Myanmar people do not deserve the freedom of expression at this very moment. Many countries have prospered and stood tall, despite the apparent lack of freedom of the press; Singapore, Vietnam, China, and Malaysia just to name a few.

Sun Tzu's famous words of wisdom started with, 'Know yourself, know the other side and you will not be defeated'. The strength of the country is embedded within but not appropriately extracted; we have a relatively young population, but their youthfulness and zeal are mainly being exploited in Thailand. We have lots of precious hardwood trees, but revenues from their sale are heading towards the EAOs and smugglers who ship the hardwood out of border areas or via the sea to buyers in Port Klang, Malaysia. We are the third largest exporter of rare earth to China, according to US intelligence, but the income from these is going to a country within the country of the Wa Self-Administered Division, with no sharing with the rest of the state. We have the famous jade and rubies but the lack of enforcement of rules and corruption ensures that the majority of the proceeds fall into the hands of regional commanders and coyotes. Our tribes are totally disunited, each of them acting only for themselves.

In addition to the above (dis)advantages, due to the lack of governance over social media and tough enforcement against felonious actions, we have fallen into an abyss at this moment in time.



The News and Media Law of Myanmar (2014) aims to protect media freedom, ensure workers' rights, establish ethical standards, guarantee public access to information, and mediate disputes. **ILLUSTRATION: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/CANVA**

In the epitaph of history, this could be the case study of how instrumental social media, specifically Facebook, is in the destruction of the country, especially when the government is a kakistocracy as the people are uneducated and unread.

The lack of emphasis by successive media councils on digital media ensured the downfall of press freedom too. Let the results speak for themselves. The Press Council's performance was so brilliant that the Ministry of

Information decided to form a brand-new Media Development Department, when the task of media development falls under the purview of the Press Council, as distinctly obvious under the Media Law. The priority given to digital media was also so spot-on that another superfluous association came into existence: the Digital Media Association. That all happened in the past three years. The Council has had a chance to make its mark on history and clearly it did (Not), based

on these dazzling results. With the priorities all wrong, how could it possibly act as the preserver of the fourth estate in the nation's building?

How do we give press freedom when there are no accompanying responsibilities, ethics and discipline do not exist in news and media personnel, especially those who hang out pushing falsehoods online. How can these actions go unpunished ever? When these perpetrators hide behind anonymous servers and overseas sets

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up, funded by foreign countries, how do we go for peaceful resolution of disputes?

### Know the Weather and the Terrain

Sun Tzu continued, "Know the weather and the terrain and your victory is assured". The sage is referring to the circumstances and environment under which we wage our battles. The legal environment is in shatters as the law-and-order situation is heading south compared to a decade ago, including increased corruption in the judiciary branch. Climate change and environmental upheavals are making it difficult for the country to upgrade the software of its people, including the media development as resources get diverted to rescue, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts.

Political circumstances are such that any hint of limitless press freedom could result in political instability and possible disruption to the upcoming 2025 general election timetable. The economic situation is not helping either. As the President of UMFCFI would say, 'If you remove the issue of imports and exchange rates, Myanmar is still a good country to invest in'. Yet the statistics have proven on the contrary. Even these two circumstances present the media with challenges. Reporting the factual economic news becomes a predicament. How do we express the truth and facts, without being caught in an awkward situation with the government? If the facts

were not disclosed and the truth was concealed, how would the government get the national development strategy right?

Socially, the country is divided. Some persons believed in almost everything the fake news agencies posted. At least half of the population doubt whatever the government say. The reactive approach to fake news is not helping either. Mark Twain famously said in 1924, "A lie can travel around the world and back again, while the truth is lacing up its boots". Another thumbs down for us is the lack of civility and courtesy on online platforms. There is no self-policing among ourselves. Those who try to inject an ounce of truth and politeness were singled out and fired upon by trolls, causing many of them to stay away from social media for health and psychological reasons. Technologically, we are already at the back end of ASEAN. While our IT talents are breaking their backs on Thai, Malaysian and Singapore companies, we are still struggling to decide when to turn on our VPNs, when to shut them off and when to get a free VPN app. More than 90 per cent of our population do not know how to use basic applications other than Facebook. For example, a significant portion of the corporate staff do not know how to use Google Maps and how to share locations.

With the headwinds going so strong in the upstream journey, what could be our media strategy for the company years? We can all start with the six actionable steps

to bring us closer to the original six objectives.

- (1) Stop forming duplicate entities, departments and associations. Focus all the resources on one Press Council, which should be re-named as the 'Media Council' to encompass all, especially the digital media.
- (2) Let the young people with brilliant minds, who would be willing to take risks for the nation's media development, take the lead in this evolution.
- (3) Together with all the stakeholders, we need to develop a mission and a strategy to defeat fake news. The current approaches definitely need a step up.
- (4) Law and order and effective enforcement. Needless to say, without tough enforcement actions that follow, the agencies that act for the government would remain like lame ducks.
- (5) There are many reasons to delay, postpone and put off actions. But none of these help in bringing the nation forward. Even having a small or online event is undoubtedly better than holding no events at all.
- (6) Finally, stop rewarding people for doing nothing and just wasting government budgets.

The future is bright! The future is orange! The future is ours to make.

## How stress is fundamentally changing our memories, finds study

*Traumatic experiences can trigger fearful memories unrelated to the original event.*

**RESEARCHERS** at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) revealed that stress alters how our brain encodes and retrieves aversive memories, and they developed a potential new method for restoring adequate memory specificity in persons suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

If you stumble during a presentation, you might feel stressed the next time you have to present because your brain associates your next presentation with that one poor

and aversive experience. This type of stress is tied to one memory. But stress from traumatic events like violence or generalized anxiety disorder can spread far beyond the original event, known as stress-induced aversive memory generalization, where fireworks or car backfires can trigger seemingly unrelated fearful memories and derail your entire day. In the case of PTSD, it can cause much greater negative consequences.

In a study published in Cell,

Drs. Sheena Josselyn and Paul Frankland, Senior Scientists in the Neurosciences & Mental Health programme, identify the biological processes behind stress-induced aversive memory generalization and highlight an intervention which could help restore appropriate memory specificity for people with PTSD.

"A little bit of stress is good, it's what gets you up in the morning when your alarm goes off, but too much stress can be debilitating,"

says Josselyn, who holds a Canada Research Chair in Circuit Basis of Memory. "We know that people with PTSD show fearful responses to safe situations or environments, and have found a way to limit this fearful response to specific situations and potentially reduce the harmful effects of PTSD."

Together with their colleague Dr Matthew Hill at the University of Calgary Hotchkiss Brain Institute, the research team was able to block endocannabinoid receptors

on interneurons, and limit stress-induced aversive memory generalization to the specific, appropriate memory.

In a preclinical study, stress induced larger, more generalized memory engrams, linked to PTSD-like symptoms, by disrupting the function of interneurons in the brain.

This disruption occurs due to increased release of endocannabinoids, which regulate memory specificity. The study suggests that

blocking endocannabinoid receptors on specific interneurons could prevent the formation of generalized fearful memories, potentially alleviating PTSD symptoms.

The researchers continue to explore the impact of stress on memory formation and its implications for therapeutic strategies to treat psychiatric disorders, aiming to understand the biological underpinnings of memory throughout the lifespan.

SOURCE: ANI



Researchers at SickKids have discovered that stress alters how the brain encodes and retrieves aversive memories, leading to stress-induced memory generalization in PTSD. **ILLUSTRATION: REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE/PIXABAY**



# NATIONAL

## National support to boost export-earner yam production

WITH the low cost of elephant foot yam planting and its increased foreign exchange income, it would be better if state-level support could be provided, according to Ko Aung Yin Oo, a yam retailer, wholesaler and farmer in southern Ye Township.

Currently, its market is good, and since the time before the current price was reached, it should have been encouraged to grow due to its profitability, cost-effectiveness, low cost, and low maintenance.

“There are three powder mills in Mawlamyine, Mon State. There are three in Ye Township. I would like to suggest that the yam has been more profitable than other plants since this level of price hadn’t been reached. It has fewer requirements for



This photo showcases an elephant foot yam plantation.

maintenance and fertilizers. Only a few use fertilizers for growth – just one in a hundred. So, the cost is low and the profit margin is high. More yam should be planted,” he said.

Yam growers in southern Ye earned up to K50 million per farm as their yams had better prices, weighing more than those produced in other regions.

“In our area, some farmers fetch up to K40 million or K50 million. Most of them are commercial farmers. Our yams weigh more and the powder yield is high after being crushed. Those produced in other areas weigh less and produce fewer powders. So, our yams in southern Ye fetch the best prices,” he added. — Thit Taw/ZN

## Rising dwarf coconut farms to boost market at peak production

THE number of new dwarf coconut growers has expanded and the market is expected to be thriving again when the harvest season falls.

“The number of dwarf coconut growers has been large recently. Plantations are located mostly in Twantay and around the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway. The production will be large over the next three years. Now it is the beginning of the growing season. It is expected that the market will be fine again when fruits are produced at the same time,” said a dwarf coconut grower in Twantay Township.

Including Twantay Township and Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, dwarf coconuts

are grown in Taikkyi and Hlegu townships and some plantations even stretch acreage of trees.

“There are plantations in Hlegu too. Some grow hundreds of trees and some have acreage of trees. The market has been potential now because there is an increase in the grower population,” he said.

In April this year, raw dwarf coconuts grown in Myanmar were exported to Thailand, according to coconut farms. Dwarf coconut can be made into finished products and the domestic market is likely to develop if packaging improves, and raw materials produced from the coconut can be used in making jelly and juice. — Thit Taw/ZS



Dwarf coconut plants are thriving with abundant fruits.

## JLPT candidates can request corrections at test sites

JLPT candidates for the 2024 December exam can make corrections of name and date of birth after all sections are completed on 1 December at the test site’s office, as announced



The Myanmar Association of Japan Alumni.

by the JLPT organizing committee, Myanmar Association of Japan Alumni.

Requirements are original test voucher, original passport, driving licence types B, C, D, E and national ID card.

Candidates will have to fill themselves in a correction form and just one correction for either name or date of birth is allowed. Correction is not allowed if the name and date of birth on the identity card and test voucher are different, and the candidate will need to make

sure of the exact spelling of the name used in the passport or certificate of graduation. Correction will be accepted only on 1 December 2024 and not eligible until the certificate is released, it added.

For applicants after certificates are released, it will take 2-6 months and may be longer if there are many applications for correction. A correction is only allowed for a certificate and only certificates, which are released in a year are allowed for correction. — MT/ZS

## 3D-printed figures popular among young people

MANY young people are interested in 3D real action figure technology that creates a digital model of a figure by 3D printing after scanning.

With this technology, the pictures of their loved ones, themselves or their memorials can be created and presented as a gift.

“A lot of people come and ask. It attracts many people. Most of them are young people including some middle-aged families and they ask if they can have a family figure of three or so. Some ask for their memo-

rials such as graduation day, birthday, or something special. For example, they print their figures in academic regalia to keep them as souvenirs,” said Ko Wai Naing who provides 3D printed figure service.

“It is a 3D printing technology. The printer is not a normal printer. It is produced with a printer specially made to produce figures. The paint is not manually repainted as usual, but the printer already contains paint. Since it is durable, there is no such case as colour fading,” he added.

A 3D real action figure is made by a 3D printer with details such as dressing, position, hairstyle and accessories after scanning a figure from head to toe and there are price differences depending on the printed figures.

“The price varies depending on the style and position of the print. Different prices for standing or bending. It will cost more for a figure sitting on the carpet because it uses raw materials two or three times more in printing,” he explained. — Thit Taw/ZN

# NATIONAL

## Myanmar-China Song Competition final concert, awarding ceremony held in Yangon

THE grand final concert and awarding ceremony of the Myanmar-China Song Competition (MC Song) took place yesterday at the Jewellery Mall of the Time City in Yangon.

The Chinese Embassy to Myanmar, the Centre for Language Education and Cooperation, and the Bowen School in Yangon organized the event.

Counsellor of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China Mr Li Qian Guo, Rector of the Yangon University of Foreign Languages U Kyi Shwin, Yangon Region Head of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Nanda Aung, directors and heads

of various China-Myanmar organizations, award winners and their families, and invitees were present on the occasion.

Counsellor Mr Li Qian Guo from the Chinese Embassy delivered an opening remark during the event. "Even more than a thousand years ago, the great Chinese poet composed a poem called Pyu Melody. The poem features the Pyu Prince Sunanda, who led a delegation of musicians and artistes to exchange cultures in Chang'an, the capital of the Tang Dynasty in China," said the counsellor.

The founder and boss of the Bowen School, Yangon Mr Song



The grand finale concert in action in Yangon yesterday, jointly organized by the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar, the Centre for Language Education and cooperation, and Bowen School.

Le said, "This is the first time event of Myanmar-China Song Competition in Yangon. Students from more than 20 schools in Yangon, Mandalay, Taunggyi and Lashio participated in this

grand final concert. There will be celebrations and events for the Chinese New Year in the upcoming year to uplift bilateral relations. I hope we can build more friendship between Myanmar

and China from this event." Young students entertained at the event with Myanmar and Chinese songs. Traditional dance performances are also involved. — TMT

## MoRAC rewards collector for donating 12 ancient utensils

THE Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Magway branch), under the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, recently reported that a reward and certificate of honour were given to a hobby collector who handed over 12 ancient utensils dating back to the Iron Age to the department on 21 November.

U Thet Naung from Mankyo Village, Minbu (Sagu) Township, Magway Region, donated 12 earthen wares used during the rise of the Iron Age to the department. In recognition, the department rewarded him K308,000.

At the ceremony, the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Magway



This photo showcases collector U Thet Naung being rewarded for handover of 12 ancient utensils.

branch) presented books on the Law and Regulations on the Protection and Conservation of Cultural Heritage Areas, the Law and Regulations on the Protection and Conservation

of Ancient Buildings, and the Law and Regulations on the Protection and Conservation of Ancient Artefacts to the Panalinka Library in Mankyo Village. — ASH/MKKS

## Old Service Show to entertain Mandalay fans on 1 Dec

A music show titled 'Old Service Show' is set to take place at The Square Theatre in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Region. The performance will feature singers He Lay, Hlwan Paing, Wine Su Khine Thein, Yadana Mai, and Yoon Myat Thu, according to singer He Lay.

"We're coming to Mandalay for the Old Service Show at The Square Theatre on 1 December.

Join us and the Oxygen Band for an unforgettable evening. I warmly invite all our Mandalay fans to enjoy the show with us," said He Lay.

The show will commence at 7 pm, with the Oxygen Band delivering their finest performance to accompany the event. Fans in Mandalay can look forward to an evening of vibrant music and entertainment. — ASH/TRKM



This image showcases a poster for the 'Old Service Show'.

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## DICA report: 16,000 companies fail to file AR in Jan-Oct

A total of 16,000 companies were struck off the register in the past ten months (January-October) of 2024 as they failed to file annual returns (AR) on the online registry system, MyCO, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

The DICA notified those companies which failed to file their AR on the MyCO were struck off the register from the date of the directive under 430 (F) of Myanmar Companies Law, according to the DICA's notification.

The DICA's statistics indicated that 750 companies in January 2024, 600 in February, 1,650 in March, and 2,000 each in April, May and June, 2,500 in July, 1,000 in August, 2,000 in September and 1,500 in October did not file the AR.

A total of 6,400 companies also failed to submit the AR in 2023. The registration and



Export rice bags seen being loaded onto the overseas-bound merchant vessel at Yangon Port.

re-registration of companies on the MyCO website commenced on 1 August 2018 in keeping with the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

All registered companies need to submit AR on the MyCO registry system within two months of incorporation, and

at least once every year (not later than one month after the anniversary of the incorporation) under Section 97 of the law.

Under Section 266 (A) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017, public companies must submit annual returns and financial statements (G-5) si-

multaneously. All overseas corporations must submit ARs in the prescribed format on MyCO within 28 days of the financial year ending, under Section 53 (A-1) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

As per DICA's report, thousands of companies were sus-

pending for failing to submit AR forms before the due date. Newly established companies are required to submit ARs within two months of incorporation or face a fine of K100,000 for filing late returns.

The DICA has notified that any company which fails to submit its AR within 13 months will be notified of its suspension (I-9A). If it fails to submit the AR within 28 days of receiving the notice, the system will show the company's status as suspended. Companies can restore their status only after shelling out a fine of K50,000 for the AR fee, K100,000 for restoration of the company on the Register, and K100,000 for late filing of documents, totalling K250,000. When a company fails to restore its status within six months of suspension, the registrar will strike its name off the register, according to the DICA notice. — NN/KK

## UDM to offer two-year Dental Nursing Diploma

UNIVERSITY of Dental Medicine in Yangon and Mandalay will open a two-year Diploma in Dental Nursing course for the 2025 academic year. Application for admission to the diploma course are to be submitted by 11 December 2024.

Those aged younger than 25 years who hold a Bachelor of Science degree are eligible to apply for it. The age will be decided according to the date of birth mentioned in the matriculation exam pass certificate. The applicants must be single. They must have the willingness to serve three consecutive years as civil servants. Most importantly, they must sign a bond that they are willing to pay compensation unless they complete the course and serve the responsibility of the State during the set period.

They must fill out the form with personal information, presenting name, citizenship scrutiny card number, date of birth, parents' names, bachelor's degree, full address, contact number, and existing position in civil service. Copies of matriculation exam pass certificate, bachelor's degree certificate, citizenship scrutiny card, police clearance certificate, ward administrator's recommendation letter mentioning unmarried status, health certificate certified by the respective township department, two licence photos were taken within six months (name and citizenship scrutiny card number are mentioned on the back of photos) and approval letter of the head of the department for a civil servant.

Those who want to attend in Mandalay can submit an ad-

mission form at the University of Dental Medicine located at No 1 Ward, Myothit, south of the 300-bed Teaching Hospital and north of Orthopaedic Hospital in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay. Those from Yangon can apply at the University of Dental Medicine (Yangon) located at No 582, Thanthuma Road in Thimgangyun Township, Yangon.

Those qualified to take the three-hour entrance exam (Myanmar, English, and General Knowledge) will be declared at the universities on 13 December and exam cards can be available on 17 December. The exam will take place on 19 December 2024. Individuals can enquire about details through contact numbers Yangon 09 448043520 and Mandalay 02 4080735, 02 4080736, 02 4081241, and 02 2847803. — NN/KK

## Refinery plant to produce 1,500 tonnes of edible oil monthly

THE Refinery Plant of Global Good Pure Group Co Ltd, the first ever peanut and sunflower oil processing plant in Myanmar, will produce 1,500 tonnes of edible oil per month, with a production capacity of 50 tonnes per day.

It will help reduce edible oil imports and contribute towards oil self-sufficiency. The opening ceremony of refinery plant was held at No 62 inside Industrial Park 2 in the corner of Strand Road and U Chein Street in Shwepyitha Township on 24 November, with Union Minister U Min Naung for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Union Minister Dr Charlie Than for Industry, Union Minister U Tun Ohn for Commerce,

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, chair of Myanmar Edible Oil Millers Association, chair of respective industrial parks, officials concerned, Managing Director U Maung Maung Zaw of the Global Good Pure Group and invitees attending the ceremony.

Union ministers and officials pressed buttons to unveil the plaque of the factory and sprinkled scented water on it. They observed a display of edible oil raw material storage conditions and oil processing stages. The Yangon Region chief minister delivered an appreciation speech to the Managing Director at the ceremony. — NN/KK

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## Japan's supermarket sales decline in October

SUPERMARKET sales in Japan dropped in October as unusually warm weather reduced demand for autumn and winter clothing, recent industry data showed.

The Japan Chain Stores Association reported total sales of 1.02 trillion yen (about US\$6.6 billion) at superstores, a 1.3-per cent decrease compared to the previous year on a same-store basis.

While food sales rose by 2.4 per cent due to higher prices for staples like rice and vegetables,

clothing sales plummeted over 10 per cent, as unseasonably high temperatures dampened demand for coats and other apparel.

Prolonged inflation has also impacted consumer behaviour, with many opting to save on everyday items. The association noted a decline in customer numbers compared to the same period last year. On the outlook, the association expects the upcoming winter bonuses and holiday shopping will help revive consumer spending. — Xinhua



Bags of rice sit stacked high in a supermarket in central Tokyo on 22 November 2024. PHOTO: AFP

## Equity markets mostly on front foot, bitcoin rally stutters

MOST markets rose Monday following a record close on Wall Street as traders welcomed Donald Trump's pick for Treasury secretary, while bitcoin's push to \$100,000 ran out of steam after coming within a whisker of the mark at the end of last week.

The gains came ahead of the release of key US data that could provide a fresh idea about the Federal Reserve's plans for interest rates amid expectations the next president's tax and tariffs plans will reignite inflation, tempering rate cut bets.

Investors are also keeping tabs on the Ukraine and Middle East conflicts, which have helped push oil prices higher in recent weeks.

Investors gave the thumbs-up to news that US president-elect Trump had chosen billionaire investor Scott Bessent to lead the Treasury, with optimism he will take a considered approach to the



This illustration photograph taken on 22 November 2024 in Istanbul shows a coin imitation of the Bitcoin crypto currency arranged beside a screen displaying a trading chart. PHOTO: AFP

economy.

Bessent, CEO of hedge fund manager Key Square Group, has called for an extension of tax cuts from Trump's first term. He also wants to reassert American energy dominance and believes it is necessary to deal with the budget deficit.

Recently, he has called for tax reform and deregulation

to spur growth and wrote in a Wall Street Journal opinion piece that this would be key to "restarting the American growth engine" and keeping prices in check.

This month, he called tariffs "a negotiating tool with our trading partners" in an opinion piece for Fox News, adding it was "a means to finally stand up for Americans". — AFP

### NEWS IN BRIEFS

#### Russia to export 55-60 million tonnes of grain in current season

RUSSIA is expected to export 55-60 million tonnes of grain this agricultural season, a drop from 72 million tonnes last season, Russia's TASS news agency reported Monday.

"The total grain harvest will reach 130 million tons, including 83 million tonnes of wheat. This volume will enable Russia to export 55-60 million tonnes of grain this season (1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025)," Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Patrushev said in an interview.

Patrushev added that Russian farmers face difficult weather conditions this year, including spring frost damage in several regions, summer droughts, and heavy rains during the harvest season. — Xinhua

#### Thailand's auto production drops 25.13% in October

THAILAND'S auto production continued to drop in October due to a substantial decline in output for the domestic market, data from the Federation of Thai Industries (FTI) showed on Monday.

Thai auto manufacturers produced 118,842 vehicles last month, down 25.13 per cent from a year earlier and following a 25.48 per cent fall in September as pickup truck and truck production slumped, according to the FTI.

For the first 10 months of 2024, auto production tumbled 19.28 per cent over the previous year to 1,246,868 units, partly owing to a 27.41 per cent plunge in internal combustion engine passenger cars, said FTI Automotive Industry Club spokesperson Surapong Paisitpattanapong. — Xinhua

## Italy's Unicredit bids 10.1 bln euros for rival BPM

ITALY'S second-largest bank Unicredit on Monday said it had bid 10.1 billion euros in an all-share deal for rival BPM.

Unicredit said the bid to combine Italy's number two and three banks would seek to reinforce its position in its core domestic market, adding the proposed deal remains subject to regulatory approval.

"The offer seeks to strengthen UniCredit's competitive position in Italy, one of the Group's core markets, creating an even stronger number 2 bank in an attractive market generating significant longterm value for all stakeholders and for Italy," Unicredit said in a statement.

"The complementary nature of the businesses across both geographies and client segments together with UniCredit's demonstrated exe-

cution capability means the Board considers the combination to represent a manageable execution risk."

Unicredit said it expects to be able to complete the takeover bid in June 2025 "with (BPM's) full integration completed in the following 12 months and most synergies achieved in 24 months.

"Unicredit has a strong track record in successfully integrated acquisitions," the bank added.

"With this acquisition ... we are strengthening our position in Italy and at the same time increasing even more the value we can create for all parties involved and for our shareholders in this market," Unicredit Chief Executive Andrea Orcel said in the statement.

Unicredit says the takeover would benefit BPM share-

holders, customers and employees with both groups, as well as the Italian and European banking system at a time of "geopolitical uncertainty".

Unicredit estimates the mooted deal will lead to annual cost savings of about 900 million euros (\$942 million) and increased revenue of some 300 million euros.

The development comes days after Germany's new minister of finance, Joerg Kukies, criticized UniCredit for significantly raising its stake in Germany's second-largest lender Commerzbank by acting "aggressively" and using "unfriendly methods".

Kukies, a former executive with investment bank Goldman Sachs in Germany, said "hostile takeovers are not what we need for stable banks in Europe and in Germany". — AFP

# ROLLING UPDATES WORLD

## ‘Existential challenge’: plastic pollution treaty talks begin

A final round of talks on a treaty to curb plastic pollution opened on Monday, with deep differences between nations emerging almost immediately.

The meeting opened just hours after a chaotic end to the COP29 climate talks in Baku, which agreed to a boost in climate funding that developing countries slammed as insufficient.

Opening the plastics meeting, the Ecuadorian diplomat chairing the talks warned nations that the conference was about “far more than drafting an international treaty”.

“It is about humanity rising to meet an existential challenge,” Luis Vayas Valdivieso told an opening plenary in South Korea’s Busan.

Plastic pollution is so ubiquitous that it has been found in clouds, the deepest ocean trenches and even human breastmilk.

And while almost everyone agrees it is a problem, there is less consensus on how to solve it.



A flag with an eye and writing that reads “Governments, the world is watching, cut plastic production now” is displayed above Greenpeace activists holding placards in Busan on 25 November 2024 before the opening of the Fifth Session of UN Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution (INC-5) at a nearby venue. **PHOTO: AFP**

Among the most contentious issues are whether the treaty should cap plastic production, a possible ban on chemicals feared toxic to human health and how to pay for implementation.

The deep differences have dogged four previous rounds of talks over the last two years,

resulting in a lengthy and contradictory draft treaty running over 70 pages.

Valdivieso has produced an alternative document intended to synthesize the views of delegations and move negotiations forward.

But several countries, including Russia and India, immediately objected to it.

“The reality is that many countries do not see themselves represented in this paper,” warned Saudi Arabia’s delegation head Eyad Aljubran, speaking on behalf of the Arab group.

In 2019, the world produced around 460 million tonnes of plastic, a figure that has doubled since 2000, according to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Plastic production is expected to triple by 2060.

More than 90 per cent of plastic is not recycled, with over 20 million tonnes leaking into the environment, often after just a few minutes of use. — AFP

## China launches two new satellites



A Long March-2C carrier rocket carrying two satellites blasts off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China, 25 November 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

CHINA launched a Long March-2C carrier rocket on Monday, placing two satellites into space.

The rocket blasted off at 7:39 am (Beijing Time) from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China and sent the pair of satellites, Siwei Gaojing-2 03 and Siwei Gaojing-2 04, into the preset orbit.

It was the 547<sup>th</sup> flight mission of the Long March series of rockets.

Developed by the Shanghai Academy of Spaceflight

Technology, Siwei Gaojing-2 03 and Siwei Gaojing-2 04 are commercial microwave mapping satellites owned by China Siwei Surveying and Mapping Technology Co Ltd.

According to the developer, the Siwei satellites are equipped with high-precision radar payloads, providing the world with advanced all-day, all-weather and high-resolution radar images.

They will join previously launched optical satellites to form a network in orbit, further

enhancing the capabilities of optical and synthetic aperture radar (SAR) integrated services.

SAR uses radio waves to produce high-resolution images rather than using the light from the sun as optical images.

In addition, the academy noted that the utilization of new technologies in the two new satellites would enhance payload efficiency by 25 per cent and greatly improve the precision of surveying and mapping products, meeting China’s robust demands for commercial surveying and mapping data.

The satellite maker is confident about the market prospects. It said the duo of Siwei satellites would be mainly used in sectors such as natural resources, urban safety, emergency management and maritime applications. The high-resolution and high-quality radar images will support updating basic surveying and mapping, agricultural production and ecological environment monitoring in China. — Xinhua

## Deputy FMs of Iran, France, Germany, Britain to meet on bilateral, nuclear issues

IRANIAN Foreign Ministry Spokesman Esmail Baghaei said on Sunday that deputy foreign ministers of Iran, France, Germany, and Britain will meet on Friday for talks on bilateral as well as Tehran’s nuclear issue, among other topics.

He made the remarks in a statement released by the ministry while pointing to Iran’s principled policy based on interaction and cooperation with other countries.

Baghaei stressed that such interaction and cooperation should be based on “dignity, prudence, and expediency”, noting that the upcoming talks would be in continuation of the country’s negotiations with them held on the sidelines of the 79<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York late September.

He said a series of regional and international issues, including those of Palestine and

Lebanon, in addition to the nuclear issue, would be discussed during the upcoming negotiations, the planning for which had been done in New York in the previous round.

Iran signed the nuclear deal, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), with world powers in July 2015, accepting restrictions on its nuclear programmes in exchange for lifting sanctions by the West. However, the United States withdrew from the agreement in May 2018, reinstating sanctions and prompting Iran to scale back some of its nuclear commitments.

The talks on the revival of the JCPOA began in April 2021 in Vienna, Austria. Despite several rounds of talks, no significant breakthrough has been achieved since the end of the last round in August 2022. — Xinhua

# SPORTS

## Thailand's Jeeno wins LPGA Tour Championship

THAILAND'S Jeeno Thitikul sank a six-foot birdie putt on the final hole to win the \$4 million top prize at the LPGA's season-ending Tour Championship.

An eagle-birdie finish for the second day in a row by the 21-year-old Thai star completed a seven-under par 65 final round to leave her on 22-under 266 after 72 holes at Tiburon Golf Club in Naples, Florida.

"I don't know what happened to me on 17 and 18," Jeeno said. "I really needed a birdie on 17 to give me a good chance but having an eagle, it was more than I can ask for."

"Hitting really good second shot on 18 and to hole the putt it's like, all the hard work that I've done has just paid off."

Three birdies and a 10-foot eagle putt on 17 over the last six holes gave Jeeno a one-stroke victory over American Angel Yin with New Zealand's Lydia Ko a distant third on 271 after a closing 63.

Jeeno took home the largest top prize in women's golf history



Jeeno Thitikul of Thailand walks to the 18<sup>th</sup> green to win the CME Group Tour Championship 2024 at Tiburon Golf Club on 24 November 2024 in Naples, Florida. PHOTO: MICHAEL REAVES/GETTY IMAGES/AFP

by withstanding pressure for Yin down the back nine.

"It's just another opportunity that's going through my life one time in my career," Jeeno said. "It's not a life or death. I just told

myself if I win it's going to be really good but if not it's one tournament I give it 100 per cent."

Together with a season-long \$1 million bonus for her play on single specific holes throughout

the season, Jeeno took home \$5 million this week and has plans for her huge haul.

"Definitely spend it," Jeeno said. "That's an honest answer for sure. Definitely going to

spend it for a little while but saving it for my parents as well because I told them I've been shopping a lot."

The top 60 players in the season points chase qualified for the \$11 million showdown.

Seventh-ranked Jeeno captured her fourth career LPGA title after the 2022 JTBC Classic, 2022 Northwest Arkansas Championship and this year's Dow Championship pairs event with China's Yin Ruoning, who was fourth on 272.

Top-ranked Nelly Korda, who captured the LPGA Player of the Year Award, shared fifth on 273 with South Korean An Na-rin. US star Korda won seven times this year.

### Yin looks to 2025

Yin received \$1 million for her runner-up finish.

"A lot of good golf, high energy," Yin said. "My game is good going into next year. Lots of positives. I'm hitting it good. To play well here means a lot to me." — AFP

## Myanmar gets two-week preparation for ASEAN Cup

MYANMAR national football team will get two-week training sessions for ASEAN Cup 2024 which will kick off on 8 December 2024.

The Myanmar team started their training yesterday after the 14<sup>th</sup> match of the Myanmar National League.

The team consists of 30 preliminary players including eight players who play in Cambodian, Thai and Malaysian clubs.

Those from foreign leagues will join the team later.

In the ASEAN Cup tournament, which will be held from 8 December 2024 to 5 January 2025, Myanmar is falling in Group B together with Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines and Laos. Myanmar will play against Indonesia in its opening match at Thuwunna Youth Training Centre on 9 December 2024. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Myanmar players celebrate after scoring against the Lebanon team during a friendly match in Yangon PHOTO: THAW GYI

## Man Utd held by Ipswich in Amorim's first match in charge

RUBEN Amorim was given a stark illustration of the size of his task at Manchester United after his uninspiring team were held 1-1 by struggling Ipswich in his first match in charge on Sunday.

The former Sporting Lisbon boss — the latest man tasked with restoring the club to the top of English football — spoke before kick-off about the need to be "patient".

But he had barely settled in his seat at a blustery Portman

Road before Marcus Rashford turned in Amad Diallo's inviting cross, stunning the home crowd.

Ipswich, who started the day in the relegation zone, battled back, earning the equalizer they deserved through Omari Hutchinson just before half-time.

Neither side could find a winner in the second period despite chances at both ends, with the result leaving both managers unsatisfied. — AFP



Manchester United's Portuguese head coach Ruben Amorim reacts during the English Premier League football match between Ipswich Town and Manchester United at Portman Road in Ipswich, eastern England on 24 November 2024. PHOTO: AFP

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# WORLD

## Putin, Erdogan discuss economic cooperation during phone call – Kremlin

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has had a phone conversation with his Turkish counterpart, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, during which the leaders discussed various issues, including economic cooperation, the Kremlin said on Sunday.

"In continuation of the conversation held in Kazan on 23 October [at the BRICS summit], relevant issues of bilateral agenda with an emphasis on enhancing the effectiveness of the trade and economic coop-

eration have been discussed in detail," the statement read.

The leaders also discussed a number of international issues, the statement added.

The Turkish president's office has said that Erdogan told Putin about his country's intentions to expand trade with Russia.

"President Erdogan stated that they aim to further the cooperation between Turkiye and Russia in many areas, the enhancement of the trade vol-

ume in particular," the office said on X.

During the conversation, Erdogan emphasized Turkiye's efforts to end regional tensions, and vowed that Ankara would continue to "contribute to peace processes", the office added.

In October, Erdogan attended the BRICS summit in the Russian city of Kazan and held several meetings, including with Putin.

During the meeting, the



Russian President Vladimir Putin shakes hands with Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan during a meeting in Sochi, Russia, on 29 September 2021. PHOTO: SPUTNIK

Russian and Turkish leaders discussed various issues, including bilateral relations, the conflict in Ukraine and the situation in the Middle East. — SPUTNIK

## Summit on mine-free world kicks off in NW Cambodia



Deminers of the Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC) take part in a march in front of the Angkor Wat temple for the banning of landmines as part of the Siem Reap-Angkor Summit on a Mine Free World, in Siem Reap province on 24 November 2024. PHOTO: AFP

THE Siem Reap-Angkor Summit on a Mine-Free World was held here in north-west Cambodia's Siem Reap province on Monday, discussing actions to build a safer and more peaceful world from mines.

The summit brought together delegates from more than 150 countries, which are state parties to the Mine-Ban Convention, known as the "Ottawa Treaty".

Speaking at the opening session of the summit, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet said although Cambodia achieved full peace in 1998, the shadow of landmines continued to loom large and

posed a dire threat to human lives and post-war recovery.

He said that to date, Cambodia has cleared over 3,000 square kilometres of landmines, destroying over one million anti-personnel mines and three million explosive remnants of war (ERWs).

"We have declared 15 of the 25 capital cities and provinces as mine free," Manet said. "Nevertheless, our journey is far from over. We still have over 1,600 square kilometres of contaminated land, affecting the lives of approximately one million people."

Cambodia is one of the countries

worst affected by landmines and ERWs. An estimated four million to six million landmines and other munitions have been left over from three decades of war and internal conflicts that ended in 1998.

According to an official report, from 1979 to June 2024, landmine and ERW explosions claimed 19,830 lives and either injured or amputated 45,242 others in Cambodia.

Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, under-secretary-general of the United Nations and executive secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), said the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will remain out of reach for affected communities if the landmine threat is not fully addressed.

"In the face of new and ongoing conflicts, we must ensure that our commitments translate into practical, sustained support for countries in need," she said. Alisjahbana said the United Nations stands ready to reinforce and expand its support to mine-affected countries.

"Together, we can achieve a world free from landmines and a prosperous future for generations to come," she added.

Ly Thuch, a senior minister and first vice-president of the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA), said the summit reflected a shared determination to rid the world of the cruel and lingering legacy of landmines. — Xinhua

## South Korea, Malaysia upgrade relationship to strategic partnership – Reports

SOUTH Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol and Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim agreed to establish a strategic partnership to deepen bilateral cooperation in defence industry, trade, energy, supply chains and other areas, media reported on Monday, citing the South Korean presidential administration.

Ibrahim arrived in South Korea on Sunday for a three-day official visit, which marks the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the diplomatic ties between the two countries. The leaders expressed their readiness to deepen collaboration in a wide range of areas.

Ibrahim said that new areas of partnership might include artificial intelligence and digital technologies, alongside regional security, the defence industry and economic partnerships, the South Korean news agency reported, adding that cooperation in defence industry was especially highlighted as a "symbol of mutual trust."

The leaders have reportedly signed memorandums of understanding, aimed to facilitate collaboration in critical mineral supply chains, carbon capture and storage technologies, gas reduction projects, and tourism. They have also pledged to conclude negotiations on a bilateral free trade agreement by next year. — SPUTNIK