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This photo showcases BYD E-2 (2023) electric vehicles being used by the 'Mingalaba' highway service, which operates between Mandalay and PyinOoLwin townships.

Mandalay-PyinOoLwin service sees strong demand

The company uses BYD E-2 (2023) electric vehicles to operate the Mandalay-PyinOoLwin route twice a day for its large number of passengers.

POWER-27 Business Group Co Ltd, which has been operating the 'Mingalaba' highway transport line between Mandalay and PyinOoLwin townships with 15 electric vehicles daily since October 2023, has increased its fleet to 19 cars, according to the company.

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twice a day for its large number of passengers.

"Passengers need to make a reservation one day in advance. For a trip from Mandalay to PyinOoLwin, the fare is K15,000, and passengers will be picked up at their homes. They can access the service at the following locations: 31st Street between 79th Street and 80th Street in Mandalay City, on the west side of

the Mandalay Railway Station, and near the Aung Thamadi goldsmith shop on the Mandalay-Lashio Road in PyinOoLwin Township," said an official from the company.

The company, which operates its station at No 5/6 on the Mandalay-Lashio Road in PyinOoLwin, also aims to provide travellers with safe service at an affordable fare. — TWA/TH

MoALI urges livestock breeders to manage disaster

THE Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation warned livestock breeders on 9 September of possible impacts triggered by heavy rainfall, floods, strong wind and lightning strikes.

Farmers are urged to follow safety management to prevent farm animals from disasters and mitigate loss.

Disaster preparedness and livestock protection measures include staying alert to early warnings and meteorological warnings of the State-run radios, broadcast channels and newspapers, storing feedstuff such as paddy straw, corn straw and bean straw and adequate drinking water for animals, preventing animals from flooding in flood vulnerable and risk areas and preparing farms and animals for disaster, moving animals to sheltered areas with feed and clean water access, relocating feedstuff to designated areas in time, ensuring vaccinations as animals are susceptible to infectious diseases after prolonged flooding, informing the nearest Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of emergency treatment for animal inquiries and contagious disease and cooperating with the LBVD and Myanmar Livestock Federation to identify and respond to suspicion of animal disease, LBVD notified. — NN/KK

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Nineteen (19) days remain until the National Census.



‘Tales of the Future’ solo art exhibition at Izana Art Gallery

THE Izana Art Gallery in Pazundaung Township, Yangon, will host a solo art exhibition titled ‘Tales of the Future’ from 10 to 16 September. That will be artist Pyi Thit Han’s fourth solo exhibition.

“Pyi Thit Han learned basic painting and traditional Myanmar handicrafts from his uncle at a young age. He also enjoys writing stories and poems, contributing to local journals and magazines, and publishing books. We warmly invite the public to experience his paintings and sculptures, which reflect the daily life and culture of the Myanmar people,” said the manager of the Izana Art Gallery. — ASH/TRKM



TALES of THE FUTURE
4th SOLO ART EXHIBITION

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10th to 16th SEPTEMBER 2024
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This photo showcases the painting of artist Pyi Thit Han.



This image shows day-trip visitors.

DPTOA launches new day trips to Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions

THE Domestic Pilgrimage and Tour Operators Association (DPTOA) has introduced new day trips to four townships in Yangon and Ayeyawady regions, according to U Myo Thein Kyaw, Joint General Secretary of the DPTOA. The inaugural trip, with 170 passengers, visited Twantay, Dedaye, Pyapon, and Kyaiklat.

“This was our first trip, with 170 passengers travelling in five passenger cars and a small vehicle. We aim to organize similar tours every three months,” said U Myo Thein Kyaw.

The trips were arranged by various tourism service providers under the DP-TOA, including Than Htay and Brothers, Saythanashin, Golden Light, Zaw Ye Naing, Shwelankayee, Ko Kyaw and Brothers, Cherry Lwin, Thoneyathi, KaungKaung Family, and Lapyaywin. — ASH/MKKS

Flood Warning

(Issued at 18:00 hrs MST on 10-9-2024)

ACCORDING to the (17:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Shwegyin River at Shwegyin is observed as about 11/2 feet (40 centimetres) below its danger level 22.97 feet (700 centimetres). It may reach its danger level during the next one day. It is especially advised to the people who settle near the river banks and low lying areas in Shwegyin Township, to take precaution measure.



Leave no child behind
in the fight against human trafficking

2024 Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day's Objectives

- ❖ To mobilize the participation of all citizens in combatting trafficking in persons as a national duty;
- ❖ To have the public instilled with awareness about and knowledge of trafficking in persons;
- ❖ To protect and care about trafficked victims with empathy; and
- ❖ To strengthen cooperation and coordination among all counter trafficking stakeholders; government agencies, civil society organizations, UN agencies, international organizations and general public.

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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)

Myanmar delegation returns from 9th Eastern Economic Forum

THE Myanmar delegation led by State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo met the delegation of Fund RC-Investments on 4 September after attending the 9th Eastern Economic Forum in Russia.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed cooperation between Myanmar and Fund RC-Investments, progress in collaboration and future work plans.

Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr Thet Thet Khine contributed to the dialogue on New contours of International cooperation during the Russia-ASEAN Business Dialogue on 4 September, while Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than on Experience of Developing Production Chains in The EAEU, SCO and BRICS



SAC Member Deputy Prime Minister MoTC Union Minister General Mya Tun Oo and Myanmar delegation are seen during their observation tour in Russia.

during Cooperation In Greater Eurasia event.

The Myanmar delegation held vital meetings with Russian officials during their visit. On 4 September, they met General

Director Mr Grigory Nazarov of Rosatom Renewable Energy Joint-Stock Company and Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce Mr Alexsei Gruzdev. They discussed power-related mat-

ters, cooperation in No (2) Steel Mill (Pin Pet), pharmaceutical and other industries.

On 5 September, the Myanmar delegation attended the Main Forum-Plenary Session of

9th Eastern Economic Forum.

Russian President Mr Vladimir Putin delivered the keynote speech, saying to promote energy supply and transport infrastructure, ensure power supply to uplift the industrial sector and living standard, upgrade transport networks such as the Trans-Siberian Railway and the Baikal-Amur Mainline, and highlight the importance of Northern Sea Route as an international logistical route between Asia and Europe in future and Logistics Corridors for Asian countries.

On 6 September, the Myanmar delegation visited the Primorsky Scientific Research Institute of Agriculture under the Federal Scientific Centre of Agricultural Biotechnology of the Far East and observed the research fields, paddy species and other crops. The delegation arrived back in Myanmar on 8 September. — MNA/KTZH

Nepali Ambassador calls on Deputy PM MoFA Union Minister

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Than Swe received Mr Harishchandra Ghimire, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Nepal to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay

Pyi Taw yesterday.

They cordially exchanged views on the promotion of friendly bilateral ties and expansion of cooperation in areas of mutual interest, including trade and investment, culture, tourism and information technology between Myanmar and Nepal. — MNA



Deputy Prime Minister MoFA Union Minister U Than Swe shakes hands with Nepali Ambassador Mr Harishchandra Ghimire yesterday.

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Chinese Ambassador calls on Deputy PM MoTC Union Minister

STATE Administration Council Member, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo received Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia at the Ministry yesterday afternoon.

Both sides cordially exchanged views on the transport

and communication projects being currently implemented in cooperation between the two countries, training and employment of maritime personnel, expanding flights, investment and technology sharing in the communications and information sector. — MNA/TS



SAC Member Deputy Prime Minister MoTC Union Minister General Mya Tun Oo receives China's Ambassador Ms Ma Jia and her delegation yesterday.

Chinese Ambassador calls on Union Health Minister

UNION Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win received Ambassador Ms Ma Jia of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar and party at the ministry yesterday morning.

They exchanged views on Pauk-Phaw friendship and mutual respect between the two countries, further promoting cooperation in the health sector, health cooperation with Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member countries, collaboration between medical universities of the two countries, the development of the traditional medicine sector and greater collaboration among traditional medicine universities, operations of the Myanmar Disease Prevention and Con-

trol and Training Academy and the training of staff to improve their capacity, cooperation between the two countries in cardiology education and cardiovascular surgery and deepening collaboration in healthcare based on the

Myanmar-China community. The deputy minister and directors-general, officials from the Ministry of Health and representatives from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China were present at the meeting. — MNA/TS



Union Health Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win receives the Chinese ambassador yesterday.

Myanmar attends ASEAN-Dhaka Committee meeting

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Myanmar Ambassador to Bangladesh, U Kyaw Soe Moe, participated in the 60th Heads of Mission Meeting of the ASEAN-Dhaka Committee (ADC) on 8 September.

The event took place at the the Thai embassy. During the meeting, the Thai Ambassador to Bangladesh, Mrs Makawadee Sumitmor, discussed proposed

ADC activities for future implementation.

Additionally, the meeting covered topics such as the ASEAN Family Day ASEAN tree-planting initiatives and exchanged views on enhancing relations with the host country, Bangladesh, as well as the regional and internal developments within respective ASEAN nations. — ASH/TMT



This photo shows the 60th Heads of Missions Meeting of the ASEAN Dhaka Committee (ADC).

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

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Myanmar delegation attends 2024 Conference of Global Public Security Cooperation Forum in China

THE Myanmar delegation led by State Administration Council Member Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae arrived back in Yangon yesterday after attending the 2024 Conference of Global Public Security Cooperation Forum in Lianyungang, China, on 9 September.

During the forum, the Union minister discussed the international cooperation to combat prolonged violence and criminal gangs that create conflicts, deepen practical cooperation in the field of law enforcement and fight against



Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae speaks on the occasion of the 2024 Conference of Global Public Security Forum in China on 9 September.



traditional and non-traditional security threats.

At noon, the Union minister met Chinese Minister of Public Security Wang Xiaohong and discussed bilateral cooperation in security and law enforcement, and signed MoU on establishment of central police cooperation centre between the two countries and assistance of five million yuan worth of police equipment and supplies.

The Myanmar delegation then visited the exhibition on police equipment in Lianyungang. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar delegation attends 24th CIFIT and investment conferences in Xiamen



Deputy Minister Daw Than Than Lin participates in the discussion of the 24th CIFIT and investment conferences in China on 7-11 September.

AT the invitation of the organizing committee of the People's Republic of China's International Trade and Investment Expo, a delegation led by Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance Daw Than Than Lin attended the 24th China International Fair for Investment and Trade (CIFIT) in Xiamen, China, from 7 to 11 September.

The event was attended by senior government officials, representatives from investment promotion agencies, and business firms from over 100

countries.

On 7 September, the delegation also participated in the 22nd-anniversary conference of the PRC's Investment Promotion Agencies Federation, where they presented Myanmar's investment procedures, potential for investment, and opportunities for cooperation.

The Deputy Minister and her team attended the opening ceremony of CIFIT on 8 September.

In the afternoon, they took part in discussions on the Re-

gional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), focusing on the benefits of regional economic cooperation and Myanmar's potential involvement in RCEP.

Additionally, the delegation visited Xiamen's independent trade zone, micro and medium-sized industrial businesses, and the "Invest in China Dialogues between Specialized and New Enterprises and Hidden Champions" Expo. The delegation returned to Yangon yesterday evening. — MNA/TMT

Myanmar participates in 62nd Annual Session of Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization

THE Myanmar delegation headed by Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney-General Dr Htein Lin Oo of the Ministry of Legal Affairs attended the 62nd Annual Session of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 9 to 13 September.

During the event, he mentioned the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP), the signing of the United Nations Convention against Corruption

(UNCAC), the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), drafting the prevention of water pollution law (draft) and other matters.

Moreover, the Myanmar delegation exchanged views on the work plans of the International Law Commission (ILC), the law of the sea, international humanitarian law, environmental protection and sustainable development and international airspace. — MNA/KTZH



The commemorative group photo of the 62nd Annual Session of Asian African Legal Consultative Organization in Thailand on 9-13 September.

NATIONAL



Gold leaf offering worth K2B planned for SunU Ponnyashin Pagoda

GOLD leaf worth over K2 billion will be offered to cover the entire SunU Ponnyashin Pagoda, according to the Sagaing Region government.

To support this offering, Dr Ashin Nyanissara (Sitagu Sayadaw) donated K100 million, while the Sagaing Region

government contributed K50 million.

The Buddha Pujaniya Festival at the historic SunU Ponnyashin Pagoda takes place annually on the full moon day of Waso (Dhammacakka Day). During the festival, 700 invited Sayadaws are presented with alms and Waso robes, and religious organizations make a grand offering of alms to members of the Sangha at the pagoda.

— TWA/MKKS

An aerial view of the SunU Ponnyashin Pagoda and its surroundings.

Floodwaters enter Tachilek due to rising levels of Mesai Creek

PARTS of Tachilek Township have experienced flooding since the afternoon of 9 September due to the rising water levels of the Mesai Creek in Shan State. Local sources, including the U Hla Moe (Tachilek) Social Organization, confirmed the situation.

A resident described the severity of the flood: "The water levels are frightening. Shwe Nann Taw's brick wall is completely submerged. The bridge leading from Mesai is also overtaken by water. Shops around Talot are fully submerged, leaving only the rooftops visible."

Several neighbourhoods in Tachilek, including Talot, Pone

Htun, Makaho Khan, Mekong, and Sansaing (A) and (B), have reported water entering homes and overflowing onto roads. Residents of severely flooded homes are being evacuated by local fire brigade members and social welfare volunteers to safer locations. The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology has issued warnings, urging those living near riverbanks and low-lying areas to remain cautious and prepared. This flooding marks the sixth significant flood in Tachilek in just over a month, with local social welfare groups reporting multiple incidents of rising water levels in August alone. — TWA/KZL



Floodwaters enter Tachilek on the morning of 10 September 2024. PHOTO: U HLA MOE

IBEC Sayadaw to speak at 4th International Peace Conference in S Korea



International Peace Ambassador IBEC Sayadaw Dr Ashin Sobita is giving a speech at a conference.

AT the fourth international peace conference to be held in South Korea, the International Peace Ambassador, IBEC Sayadaw Dr Ashin Sobita, will deliver a speech, according to the IBEC News and information centre.

IBEC Sayadaw is an active leader in matters related to school-age children and youth affairs. He also participates in helping displaced people.

Private Public Diplomatic Organization - Korea World Peace Committee (WPC) based in Seoul, South Korea, has specially invited the IBEC Sayadaw to give a speech at the fourth World Peace Conference.

The conference will be held from 21 to 25 October at The Stay Songdo Hotel in Incheon City, South Korea, where the Sayadaw will participate as a speaker.

As an international peace Ambassador, the IBEC Sayadaw is often invited to give speeches at international peace conferences. The Sayadaw reportedly visits Seoul every year and gives speeches at international peace conferences. — Htet Oo Maung/ZN

CRIME NEWS

Kentung Bust: 1 tonne Meth valued at K8.37 billion seized

IN an operation on 7 September, security forces in Kentung Township, Eastern Shan State, seized over 1.04 tonnes of methamphetamine, valued at approximately K8.37 billion.

The seizure occurred around 4:30 am near Yankye-in village on the Mongla-Kentung road, where a Toyota Hilux Revo was intercepted acting on a tip-off. Authorities discovered a substantial cache of methamphetamine hidden in the vehicle. Preliminary investigations suggest that



the drugs were intended for trafficking from Kentung to Monghyak Township.

Legal action has been in-

itiated against those involved, and further investigations into related criminal activities are ongoing. — MNA/KZL

1,000 companies fail to submit AR in Aug, DICA says

A total of 1,000 companies were struck off the register in August 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).

DICA notified those companies that failed to file their AR on the MyCO that 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, 2,000 each in April, May and June and 2,500 in July did not file the AR. A total of 6,400 companies also failed to

submit the AR in 2023.

The registration and 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), according to 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) simultaneously. All overseas corporations must submit ARs in the pre-



A signage displays the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) office.

scribed 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. If 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

Microfinance Institutional Management (Batch 2) to be conducted in Sept last week

MYANMAR Microfinance Association will offer intensive training for Microfinance Institutional Management (Batch-2) on 28-30 September at its office in Yangon, with a view to facilitating microfinance institutions to serve businesses in Myanmar.

This practical training is specially designed to share knowledge and ideas for managers, senior managers, directors, and board members of microfinance businesses, as well as those who want to launch start-ups and help them progress in their microfinance businesses.

The modules cover Institutional Capacity Assessment (ICA), Strategic Business Planning, Microfinance Product Designs, Operational Oversight, Reports: Management to Board, MFI Performance Management, Board Decisions, Policy Environment and Social Performance

management.

Trainers are U Nay Lwin from Microfinance Professional Myanmar (MPM), Certified Trainer-Frankfurt School of Finance & Management and MMFA and Daw Phyu Yamin Myat from Microfinance Professional Myanmar (MPM), Certified Trainer-Frankfurt School of Finance & Management and MMFA.

That training will be conducted from 9 am to 4 pm on 28 and 29 September and from 9 am to 12 noon on 30 September.

The fee is K300,000, and those with a membership get a discount of K200,000. Interested individuals need to enrol in this by 19 September. They can enquire about details through <https://shorturl.at/repHW> and contact number (09 965209010) within office hours. Trainees will receive a completion certificate. — NN/KK

September fair price for Shwebo Pawsan rice set at K150,000 per bag



Market inspection in residential wards by the Consumer Affairs Department (Hinthada) and the combined team on 5 September 2024.

THE fair reference rice prices for September for 108 pounds/24 Pyi Shwe Bo Pawsan first grade is set at K150,000 per bag, according to the rice reference prices released by the Consumer Affairs Department, the Ministry of Commerce.

According to the fair rice reference prices statement for September for 108 pounds/24 Pyi bags, the groups of coarse export rice (Aemahta/ Ngasein) including Sinthukha costs K71,000 per bag of 25 per cent; K78,000 for a 50-kilogramme bag of 25 per cent export rice; K73,000 per bag of 15 per cent; K80,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of 15 per cent export rice; K75,000 per bag of 10-5 per cent

rice; and K83,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of 10-5 per cent export rice.

A bag of 10-5 grade rice, which is exported and consumed locally, including Shwethwe, Anyatha and Pakhan, is set at K98,000 per bag, those produced from Ayeyawady, Bago and Yangon regions at K103,000.

Rice varieties from upper Myanmar, such as Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway, are set at K133,000 and K125,000 per bag for the first class, K120,000 per bag for the second class, and others at K110,000, K135,000, K150,000 and K145,000 depending on the brand.

Varieties that are not

mass-produced need to be sold at not more than eight per cent above the reference rates.

In addition, other specifications include K 3800 per kilogram of Shwebo Pawsan as a fair market price for sales with consumer packaging in shopping centres (Supermarket, Mini Mart, Grocery), K3,300 per kilogramme of Ayeyawady Pawsan, K2,500 per kilogramme for Zeeya, Manawthukha and K3,500 per kilogramme for Ayeyapadetha. It will be applicable as a kilogramme-based price to all brands in these shops, including jasmine, organic rice and rice berry (black/brown).

— MT/ZN

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OPINION

Overcome challenges to avoid suicide crime

SUICIDE is a significant global public health concern, with the World Health Organization (WHO) reporting over 700,000 deaths each year. The impact of suicide is far-reaching, affecting not only the individual but also families, communities, and societies on social, emotional, and economic levels.

To address this, the theme for World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) from 2024 to 2026 is "Changing the Narrative on Suicide" with the call to action "Start the Conversation". This theme emphasizes the need to reduce the stigma surrounding suicide and promote open discussions as a means of prevention. By changing the narrative, society can shift from a culture of silence and judgment to one that fosters understanding, compassion, and support.

In Myanmar, where Buddhism strongly influences societal norms, suicide is considered a violation of the virtuous cycle. Buddhist teachings, particularly those found in the Jataka tales, warn that those who take their own lives will face similar suffering in future existences for 500 lives. Buddhism emphasizes the sanctity of life and forbids killing, encouraging people to refrain from such acts for the greater good of society. By following these teachings, communities can work towards creating a safer and more harmonious society.

World Suicide Prevention Day, observed annually on September 10, was established in 2003 by the International Association for Suicide Prevention in collaboration with WHO. It aims to bring attention to the issue of suicide, reduce associated stigma, and raise awareness among organizations, governments, and the general public that suicide is preventable.

Mental depression is often at the root of suicide, with victims believing it offers an escape from their challenges and suffering. However, this belief is misguided. Many countries have enacted laws that treat suicide attempts as criminal acts, further complicating the lives of those affected. Families of suicide victims may face ongoing social and legal challenges, underscoring the importance of prevention rather than penalization.

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Ultimately, preventing suicide requires a shift in how it is perceived and addressed. By fostering open conversations, reducing stigma, and providing support, society can move towards preventing this tragedy, ensuring that no one feels alone in their struggles. Any communities and religions ban the act of suicide, which never affects anyone. So, everybody needs to prevent unacceptable loss of lives and unitedly help each other so as to overcome challenges in society without derailment of their thoughts, leading to committing suicide. Only when all global people solve different challenges to cease hate and grudges will society be peaceful and prosperous.

Professional rugby has been in the spotlight over the risk of brain injuries. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

International Literacy Day: A Celebration of Knowledge and Empowerment

By Dr Than Lwin Tun

INTERNATIONAL Literacy Day, observed on 8 September each year, stands as a global reminder of the transformative power of literacy established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in around 1966. This day is not only a celebration of the achievements in literacy worldwide but also a call to action for addressing ongoing challenges. The significance of International Literacy Day, its history, the progress made in global literacy, and the continued efforts needed to overcome barriers to education. "Literacy is not just about educating; it is a unique and powerful tool to eradicate poverty and a strong means for social and human progress."

The Significance of International Literacy Day

Since 1967, the annual celebrations of International Literacy Day (ILD) have taken place on 8 September around the world to remind policy-makers, practitioners, and the public of the critical importance of literacy for creating a more literate, just, peaceful, and sustainable society.

Literacy is a fundamental

human right for all. It opens the door to the enjoyment of other human rights, greater freedoms, and global citizenship. Literacy is a foundation for people to acquire broader knowledge, skills, values, attitudes, and behaviours to foster a culture of lasting peace based on respect for equality and non-discrimination, the rule of law, solidarity, justice, diversity, and tolerance, and to build harmonious relations with oneself, other people and the planet.

The inception of International Literacy Day was a pivotal moment in the global recognition of literacy as a fundamental human right. The international community is committed to promoting literacy as a key element of development and personal empowerment. The 8 September was chosen to honour this commitment, marking a day dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of literacy and mobilizing efforts to improve it worldwide.

Literacy, defined as the ability to read and write, is a foundational skill that supports many aspects of individual and societal development. It is not merely about reading books or writing

essays; it is about empowering individuals to participate fully in society, make informed decisions, and contribute to their communities. Literacy opens doors to opportunities, whether in education, employment, or personal growth and is essential for the functioning of democracies and economies.

Celebrations in 2024

This year, ILD will be celebrated under the theme of "Promoting multilingual education: Literacy for mutual understanding and peace". There is a pressing need to harness the transformative potential of literacy for promoting mutual understanding, social cohesion, and peace. In today's world, in which multilingualism is a common practice for many, empowering people by adopting a first language-based, multilingual approach to literacy development and education is particularly effective for its cognitive, pedagogical, and socioeconomic benefits. Such an approach can help promote mutual understanding and respect while solidifying communal identities and collective histories.

ILD 2024 will unpack issues related to literacy in multilingual contexts for achieving lasting peace and will explore possible solutions for enhancing policies, lifelong learning systems, governance, programs, and practices. ILD 2024 will be celebrated

in-person and online at the global, regional, national, and local levels.

Progress in Global Literacy

Since the establishment of International Literacy Day, significant strides have been made

in improving literacy rates across the globe. According to UNESCO, the global literacy rate for adults aged 15 and above reached approximately 87 per cent by 2023. This progress reflects decades of effort in expanding educational access, improving teaching meth-

odologies, and fostering inclusive learning environments.

In particular, efforts to promote literacy among marginalized groups, including women, children, and individuals in rural or conflict-affected areas, have yielded positive results. Initiatives such as adult education programs, community literacy centres, and digital literacy campaigns have played a crucial role in enhancing access to learning opportunities. Additionally, the integration of technology into education has facilitated new methods of learning and provided resources to previously underserved populations.

Ongoing Challenges and the Need for Continued Efforts

Despite the progress achieved, numerous challenges remain in the quest to ensure universal literacy. One of the most pressing issues is the disparity in literacy rates between different regions and demographic groups. Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, for instance, continue to experience lower literacy rates compared to other parts of the world. Gender disparities are also prevalent, with women and girls in certain areas facing significant barriers to accessing education.

Other challenges include the impact of conflict and displacement, which disrupt educational systems and hinder literacy efforts. Moreover, the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated existing inequalities, with school closures and economic hardships affecting

millions of learners worldwide.

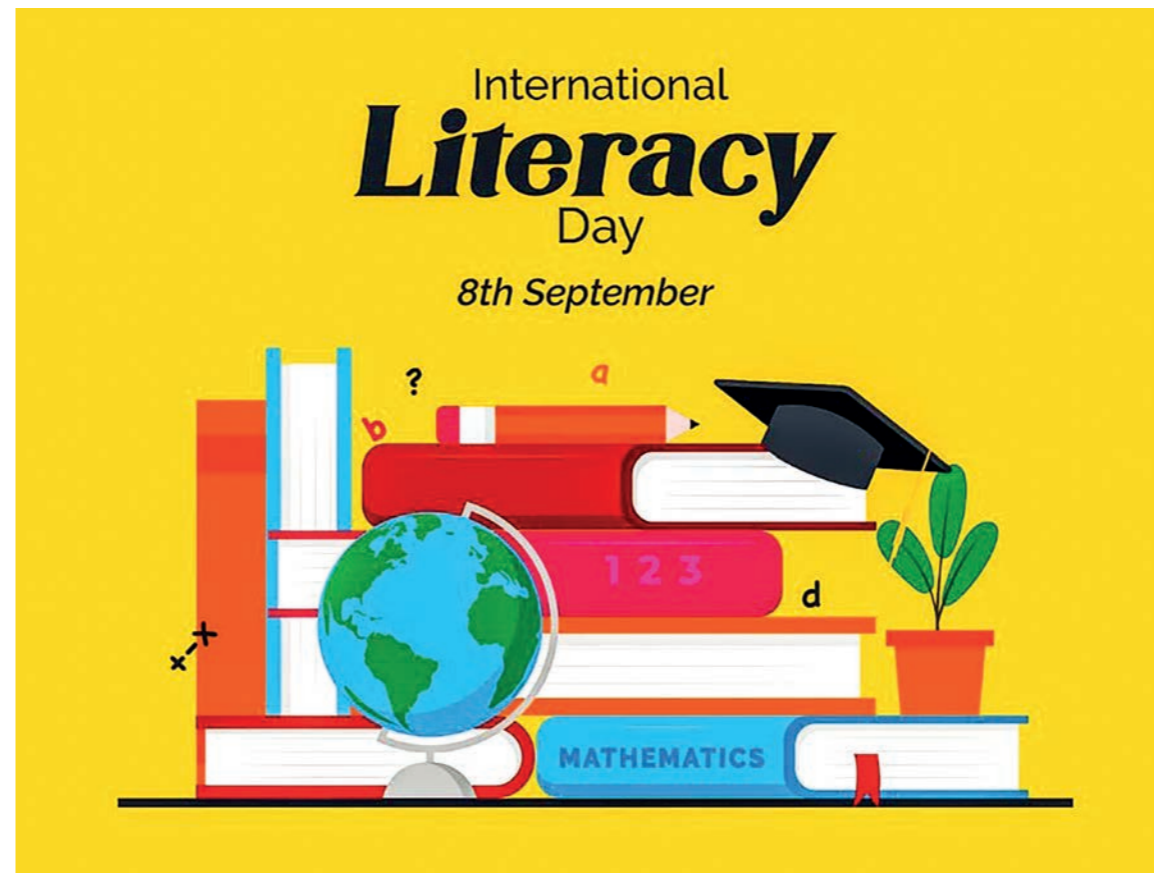
Addressing these challenges requires a multifaceted approach. Governments, non-governmental organizations, and international agencies must collaborate to create inclusive and equitable educational systems. That involves investing in teacher training, developing culturally relevant curricula, and leveraging technology to reach remote and underserved communities. Additionally, promoting literacy should be an integral part of broader development strategies, including efforts to alleviate poverty and improve health outcomes.

Conclusion

International Literacy Day serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of literacy in fostering individual empowerment and societal progress. While significant achievements have been made in increasing literacy rates globally, ongoing challenges highlight the need for continued commitment and action. By addressing these challenges and supporting inclusive education initiatives, the global community can work towards a future where literacy is a reality for all, concrete the way for a more informed, equitable, and prosperous world.

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Concussion in amateur sport 'not linked to cognitive decline': study

CONCUSSIONS in amateur sport are not linked to increased long-term risks of cognitive decline, according to a study published on Wednesday.

Such sportsmen and sports-women may even experience better cognitive performance in some areas compared with those who never sustained a concussion, with researchers suggesting there could be a potential protective effect of sports participation.

More than 15,000 people aged

between 50 and 90 took part in the study of sports-related concussions, which was carried out by academics at the University of Exeter, UNSW Sydney, the University of Oxford, and Harvard University.

The results were published in the *Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry*.

Lead author Matt Lennon, from UNSW Sydney, said: "Our findings suggest that there is something about playing sport, even though a person may experience concussion,

that may be beneficial for long-term cognitive outcomes.

"While it may be that those who play sports have had access to better education and more resources, we controlled for these factors in the analysis, so that doesn't explain the result.

"We hypothesise that there may be physical, social and long-term behavioural effects of sport that may make for healthier adults in late life."

Professor Anne Corbett, from

the University of Exeter in Britain, said: "What we see emerging is a completely different profile of brain health outcomes for people who have concussions as a result of sport compared to those that are not related to sport.

"Concussions that occur during sport do not lead to brain health concerns whereas other concussion types do, especially when people experience multiple concussions.

"In fact, people who take part in sport seem to have better brain

health regardless of whether they have had a concussion whilst taking part or not."

Researchers collected lifetime concussion histories from 15,214 participants, of whom 6,227 (39.5 per cent) reported at least one concussion and 510 (3.2 per cent) at least one moderate-severe concussion.

Participants reported suffering their last head injury an average of 29 years prior to the study and their first head injury an average of 39 years earlier. — AFP



NATIONAL



Anti-Corruption Commission Chairman U Sitt Aye (L) is pictured at the ninth Eastern Economic Forum in Russia on 3-6 September.

ACC Chair-led Myanmar delegation attends 9th Eastern Economic Forum

AT the invitation of Prosecutor-General Mr Igor Krasnov of the Russian Federation, the Myanmar delegation led by Anti-Corruption Commission Chairman U Sitt Aye attended the 9th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) in Russia held from 3 to 6 September.

On 4 September, the My-

anmar delegation signed the cooperation on anti-corruption as a related programme of the forum. The cooperation can exchange educational resources regarding anti-corruption measures between the two countries, adopting international practices and training courses for the staff.

On 5 September, the com-

mission chairman attended the discussion on protecting the rights of entrepreneurs and investors. He highlighted the strategic plans of the commission to eradicate corruption in the country, including education programmes, investigations and legal actions taken under the law. — MNA/KTZH

Counter-argument to false information

Insein Prison denies allegations of misconduct

THE Khit Thit Facebook page falsely claimed on 4 September that prison authorities of Insein were neglecting to address incidents of inmate abuse. The page alleged that a political prisoner was being subjected to same-sex sexual activity.

In reality, Insein Central Prison has no political prisoners and only holds individuals convicted of violating existing laws. On 20 August, an incident occurred in the prison's medical and tuberculosis ward where inmate Zin Myo Ko al-

legedly attempted to forcefully engage in same-sex activity with another inmate, Thant Sithu Maung. The incident was reported to the correctional officers, who then investigated the matter.

The investigation confirmed that Zin Myo Ko had indeed attempted to engage in sexual activity with Thant Sithu Maung. Consequently, Zinn Myo Ko was demoted from his position as a senior inmate, who received a 14-day solitary confinement in addi-

tion to his existing sentence and faced a reduction in privileges as per prison regulations. Therefore, claims that no disciplinary action was taken are incorrect.

Insein Central Prison officials adhere strictly to prison laws and directives, ensuring no inmate is subjected to unlawful violence, coercion, or extortion. Any such claims made by Khit Thit Media are intended to mislead the public and are not based on fact. — Thitsa/KZL

Security forces dismiss false drone attack reports in Yedashe

MALICIOUS media have deliberately spread false reports claiming that security forces bombed Kaelinseik and Shartaw villages in Yedashe Township, Bago Region, on 8 September using drones, leaving three dead and 12 hurt.

However, a security officer from Yedashe confirmed that these claims were untrue, and no such attacks took place. Subversive media outlets reportedly fabricate these false stories. — MNA/TRKM



This screenshot reveals misinformation.

False claims spread to misinform public on security forces

SUBVERSIVE media outlets are deliberately spreading misinformation, falsely accusing security forces of committing over 300 war crimes and killing 201 people in August.

However, the security forces maintain that they do not engage in unlawful violent actions. These malicious outlets intentionally overlook the casualties and destruction caused

by terrorist attacks across the country, aiming to create misunderstanding and distrust between the security forces and the public. — MNA/TRKM

Illegal items seized in various townships

ON 9 September, under the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, enforcement teams conducted inspections, seizing a range of goods.

At the Asia World Container Check Point, one type of industrial equipment (valued at approximately K83.16 million) without legal documentation was confiscated from two containers. Additionally, at the Mawtaung checkpoint, four types of industrial equipment and four types of motorcycle parts (valued at approximately K75.74 million) were seized from two vehicles travelling from Mawtaung to Yangon, along with two Nissan Diesel tractor heads and two trailers (valued at approximately K180 million). In total, items worth approximately K338.90 million were seized, and further action was taken in line with Customs procedures.

Furthermore, on 9 September, under the management of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee in Yangon Region, enforcement teams conducted checks, leading to the seizure of one unregistered Toyota Alphard (valued at approximately K6.50 million) in Shwepyitha Township for violating import-export laws.

In Taikkyi Township, illegal logs weighing 0.444 tonnes (estimated value of K391,424) were confiscated under forestry laws. Additionally, in Dagon

Seikkan Township, 15 types of consumer goods, 12 types of industrial equipment, and one type of food product (about K31.54 million) were seized from a sand-carrying boat found moored in the Phaungtawgyi River. Overall, items worth around K38.43 million were confiscated, and the action was conducted according to Customs procedures.

On the same day, in Mandalay Region, enforcement teams under the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee inspected two vehicles transporting goods from Taunggyi to Mandalay, seizing ten types of industrial equipment (valued approximately K27.89 million) and two Nissan Condor trucks (estimated value of K40 million). In total, items valued at approximately K67.89 million were seized, with further actions being taken according to Customs procedures.

Additionally, on 10 September, the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee in the Bago Region conducted inspections in the Toungoo District, seizing illegal logs weighing 1.129 tonnes (around K994,224), with actions being taken under the Forestry Law. The combined seizures on 9 and 10 September reached 13 cases, with items worth around K446.215 million, as reported by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/KZL

Archaeological excavation of Terracotta Warriors delivers fruitful, illuminating outcomes

A Terracotta Warrior, with its arms extended forward to mimic the posture of holding reins and driving a chariot, drew the eyes of visitors at an exhibition in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province.

Unlike most grey-white warriors which had lost their paint due to a chemical reaction that caused it to peel off after they were unearthed, the sleeves of this warrior managed to retain their paint.

The colour of the sleeves, known as Chinese Purple or barium copper silicate, was created chemically via reactions involving azurite, malachite and other elements at 1,000 degrees Celsius, according to Ye Ye, deputy director of the



People visit an exhibition, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the discovery and excavation of the iconic Terracotta Warriors, at the Emperor Qinshihuang's Mausoleum Site Museum in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, 8 September 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

exhibition department of the Emperor Qinshihuang's Mausoleum Site Museum in Xi'an.

"Chinese Purple has not yet been found in nature, while this figurine is the earliest object with the exact age information and unearthed location to feature this colour," said Ye. "The pigment is still difficult to produce even with current leading technologies, illustrating the wisdom of ancient Chinese people."

The figurine is being displayed in an exhibition that opened on Sunday at the museum, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the discovery and excavation of the iconic Terracotta Warriors. — Xinhua

Australia plans social media ban for children amid health concerns

AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced Tuesday plans to introduce legislation to ban children from social media by the end of the year, amid growing concerns worldwide about the potential risks social media poses to children's mental and physical health.

According to Albanese, his government plans to enforce a minimum age for access to social media platforms such as Instagram and TikTok, with the limit to be set somewhere between 14 and 16 years old,

pending further deliberation.

Speaking in a television interview with the Australian Broadcasting Corp, the prime minister said an age verification trial will take place over the next couple of months to test different approaches to implement the ban and help inform the policy design.

"We know social media is causing social harm, and it is taking kids away from real friends and real experiences," Albanese said in a press release. Social media giant Meta Platforms Inc, the operator of

Facebook, said in response to the announcement that the company "strongly believes" in the importance of responsibly empowering young people to use social media while equipping parents with tools to support them, rather than cutting off access.

Age-based restrictions for social media use are being considered by governments of other countries, including European nations such as France and Britain, as well as some states in the United States. — Kyodo

Japan-set drama "Shogun" claims 14 Creative Arts Emmy Awards

JAPAN-SET historical drama "Shogun" won 14 awards, including for its costumes and stunt performances, at the Creative Arts ceremony of US television's Emmy Awards in Los Angeles.

Set in 1600 during Japan's "Sengoku" warring states period, Shogun stars and was produced by Hiroyuki Sanada who remade a 1980 miniseries adaptation of James Clavell's 1975 novel of the same name.

The awards on Sunday come

ahead of the main ceremony on 15 September, where the winners for lead actor and actress in a drama series will be announced.

According to the Associated Press, Shogun's 14 awards from 16 categories are the most Emmys won for a single season of a TV series.

Sanada is nominated for best lead actor for his role as Yoshii Toranaga, a warlord modeled on historical figure Tokugawa Ieyasu. — Kyodo



Japanese actor and producer Hiroyuki Sanada (L) with Japanese actors Anna Sawai and Tadanobu Asano (R) attend FX's "Shogun" FYC Event at the Directors Guild of America Theater in Los Angeles, California, on 11 June 2024. PHOTO: AFP

McDonald's ends hair colour rules in Japan to attract workers

MCDONALD'S Co (Japan) said Tuesday that it will lift its hair colour restrictions for employees, hoping to improve the working environment and attract more workers amid a labour shortage. The Japanese unit of the fast food chain previously required employees' hair colour to look "natural"

but decided to revise its appearance policy to allow more diversity.

The new policy, which was introduced on a trial basis at an Osaka outlet, has had a positive impact, with the store reporting a threefold increase in fresh recruits in April compared to the previous year,

it said.

McDonald's changed its appearance policy in August 2021 to allow employees to grow a beard, considering various reasons, including religion.

Starbucks Coffee Japan Ltd. has revised its dress code to allow workers to choose their preferred style. — Kyodo

ECONOMY WORLD

EU's "Draghi report" on competitiveness calls for investment in innovation, shared debt

MARIO Draghi, former Italian prime minister and former governor of the European Central Bank, on Monday released a long-awaited report with his recommendations on how to improve the economic competitiveness of the European Union (EU).

"The situation, I would say, in the moment is really worrisome," Draghi told a press conference in Brussels, where he presented the report alongside European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

"Europe's need for growth is rising," the report underlines, adding that inconsistent and restrictive regulations are hindering European innovative companies.

Draghi called for common



People attend a press conference on the report of the future of European competitiveness in Brussels, Belgium, on 9 September 2024. **PHOTO: EUROPEAN UNION/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA**

debt tools shared between EU member states, and other collaborative strategies to

achieve "huge" levels of regular investment in sustainability and competitiveness in the

27-nation bloc.

Priorities, he said, should include reducing energy prices,

coordinating industrial policy, increasing efficiency, and a focus on defending Europe's borders.

Europe must start to facilitate "massive investment needs unseen for half a century in Europe," including both public and private investment.

Draghi also called for the development of a "genuine foreign economic policy."

Von der Leyen commissioned the report from Draghi last year as part of a broader strategy to help the EU adapt to changes in the global economy.

Von der Leyen was elected this year to a new five-year term, and is now in the process of selecting the new commissioners from among the nominees from the EU member states. — Xinhua

China's NEV output, sales register stellar growth in first 8 months

CHINA'S production and sales of new energy vehicles (NEVs) con-

tinued to maintain fast growth in the first eight months of this

year, with the NEV market share steadily increasing in the domestic market, industry data showed on Tuesday.

During the period, the production of NEVs reached about 7.01 million units, rising 29 per cent year on year, according to data from the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers (CAAM).

The sales of NEVs stood at 7.04 million units, growing by 30.9 per cent from a year earlier, the data reveals. The market share of NEVs in China reached 37.5 per cent in the period. — Xinhua



Visitors look at a new-energy sports car displayed at the World Intelligence Expo 2024 in north China's Tianjin, 22 June 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Thailand's stock investor confidence turns bullish in August

THAILAND'S stock investor confidence significantly improved in August thanks to the government's stimulus measures, local economic recovery and positive political developments, a survey showed on Monday.

The investor confidence

index, which predicts market conditions over the next three months, stood at 132.51 last month, surging from 60.40 in July and rebounding to the "bullish" zone for the first time in eight months, according to the Federation of Thai Capital Market Organizations

(FETCO).

Investor confidence across all categories jumped, with retail investors up 73.6 per cent, proprietary investors up 28.4 per cent, institutional investors up 32 per cent and foreign investors up 275 per cent, the FETCO said in a statement. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

New Zealand's electrical industry sales up 22% in Q2

THE sales for the electricity, gas, waste, and water services industry in New Zealand rose to 7.9 billion NZ dollars in the June 2024 quarter, up 22 per cent in the March 2024 quarter, according to the statistics department Stats NZ on Tuesday.

"The rise in electricity industry sales and purchases can likely be attributed to a combination of factors such as gas shortages and low hydro generation, Stats NZ said, adding the impacts have mainly been expressed in the higher wholesale price of electricity.

"It wasn't just difficulty in electricity generation contributing to the shift we are seeing, the national demand for electricity was much higher this quarter," Stats NZ business financial statistics manager Ricky Ho said, citing the study showing the month of May as being New Zealand's coldest May in 15 years. — Xinhua

Philippines' total external trade up by 4.5% in July

THE Philippines' total external trade in goods increased by 4.5 per cent in July 2024 to US\$17.37 billion from \$16.62 billion in July 2023, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) said on Tuesday.

Of the total external trade in July this year, the agency said 64 per cent were imported goods, while the rest were exported goods.

The PSA said the balance of trade in goods or the difference between export and import value in July amounted to -4.87 billion dollars, indicating a trade deficit with an annual increase of 18 per cent. China was the Philippines' largest supplier of imported goods, valued at \$3.08 billion or 27.7 per cent of the country's total imports in July, said the PSA. — Xinhua

Chinese oil companies seek opportunities at Iraq's oil expo

CHINESE energy firms are making a notable appearance at Iraq's second International Exhibition and Conference for Oil Projects and Licensing Tours, which commenced in Baghdad on Monday, aiming to leverage opportunities in the country's expanding energy sector.

Deputy Oil Minister Bassim Mohammed Khudair, speaking at the opening ceremony, outlined that the four-day event aims to facilitate

discussions between international and Iraqi firms on implementing projects proposed by the Iraqi Oil Ministry. These projects cover the extraction, gas, refining, and distribution sectors.

Chen Xinrong, president and chief representative of China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) Middle East, told Xinhua on the sidelines of the event that CNPC, which holds a majority stake in PetroChina, has



People visit a booth of a Chinese company during an oil expo in Baghdad, Iraq, on 9 September 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

been engaged in mutually beneficial cooperation with Iraq for over a decade. He emphasized the company's commitment to "harmonizing energy and environmental development, building a sustainable energy enterprise, and advancing green energy cooperation between China and Iraq."

EBS Petroleum Company, established by China's Zhenhua Oil to operate the EBS oil field in central Iraq, is also par-

ticipating in the event. Ma Cheng, managing director of EBS Petroleum Company, told Xinhua that Zhenhua Oil was among the first international firms to engage in Iraq's upstream oil and gas exploration and development.

Ma highlighted that the company's operations in Iraq have showcased "the technical prowess of Chinese enterprises and generated numerous job opportunities for the local population". — Xinhua

Apple introduces iPhone 16, iPhone 16 Plus



People experience new products of Apple after a product launch event in Cupertino, California, the United States, 9 September 2024. Apple on Monday introduced iPhone 16 Pro and iPhone 16 Pro Max, featuring Apple Intelligence, larger display sizes, and new creative capabilities with innovative pro camera features powered by the A18 Pro chip. PHOTO: XINHUA

APPLE on Monday announced iPhone 16 and iPhone 16 Plus, built for

Apple Intelligence. The iPhone 16 lineup's camera system

features a 48MP Fusion camera with a 2x Telephoto option, while a new Ultra Wide camera enables macro photography. The new A18 chip delivers a huge leap in performance and efficiency, enabling demanding AAA games and a big boost in battery life, the company said. Available in 6.1-inch and 6.7-inch display sizes, iPhone 16 and iPhone 16 Plus feature five colours: black, white, pink, teal, and ultramarine. Pre-orders begin Friday, 13 September, with availability beginning Friday, 20 September. — Xinhua

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

Vietnam evacuates 59,000 as toll from typhoon floods climbs to 82



This aerial photo shows the flooded Red River in Hanoi on 10 September 2024 in the aftermath of Typhoon Yagi hitting northern Vietnam. **PHOTO: AFP**

TENS of thousands of people were forced to flee their homes on Tuesday as massive floods inundated northern Vietnam in the wake of Typhoon Yagi, and the death toll climbed to 82.

Yagi struck Saturday bringing winds in excess of 149 kilometres (92 miles) per hour and a deluge of rain that has caused flooding not seen in decades, according to locals.

More than 59,000 people have been forced to evacuate their homes in Yen Bai province, local authorities said Tuesday, after the floodwaters engulfed almost 18,000 homes.

Floodwaters in Hanoi have reached levels not seen since

2008, state media reported, citing a senior local official, and forecasters have warned more is expected in the city's historic centre.

Phan Thi Tuyet, 50, who lives close to the swollen and fast-moving Red River which runs through the capital, said she had never experienced such high water.

"I have lost everything, all gone," she told AFP, clutching her two dogs as she was evacuated by boat, along with other residents whose homes were flooded.

"I had to come to higher ground to save our lives. We could not bring any of the fur-

niture with us. Everything is under water now."

Typhoons in the region are forming closer to the coast, intensifying more rapidly, and staying over land longer due to climate change, according to a study published in July.

Yagi downed bridges, tore roofs off buildings, damaged factories and triggered widespread flooding and landslides, leaving 64 people still missing.

Hanoi authorities said more than 25,000 trees in the city had been uprooted in the storm. Huge trunks blocked key roads in the city centre, creating large traffic jams. — AFP

Israel reopens major crossing between West Bank, Jordan

ISRAELI authorities on Tuesday reopened a major crossing between the West Bank and Jordan in both directions after two days of closure, according to Palestinian sources.

Israel reopened the Allenby Bridge crossing, known to the Palestinians as Karama Bridge, east of Jericho, in both directions, Director of the Karama Border Crossing police, Mustafa Dawabsheh,

told Xinhua.

Dawabsheh added that the crossing will be open to travellers only, noting that it will remain closed to commercial trucks. Israeli state-owned Kan TV news confirmed that the crossing has been reopened to travellers only, while remaining closed to cargo traffic.

Israel shut down the crossing following a shoot-

ing attack that killed three Israelis on Sunday near the crossing.

The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) said on Sunday that a driver approached the Allenby Bridge from the Jordanian side in a truck, exited his vehicle, and opened fire on Israeli security guards, leaving three dead at the scene. The attacker was shot dead by Israeli forces. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Indonesia to establish nuclear organization this year

INDONESIA will establish the Nuclear Energy Program Implementation Organization (NEPIO) this year, the Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry announced on Monday.

The plan to establish NEPIO, which targets building a 250-megawatt nuclear power plant by 2032, will be presented by the ministry to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, Austria next week.

"NEPIO will be responsible for planning identification, overseeing construction, and developing regulations for the security of nuclear facilities to ensure their optimal operation," said Eniya Listiani Dewi, director general of New Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation at the ministry.

Meanwhile, Harris, the ministry's head of Centre for Survey and Testing of Electricity, stated that Indonesia will produce uranium domestically.

Currently, the Southeast Asian country is preparing all necessary requirements for this plan, including developing human resources in nuclear technology. — Xinhua

Japan's plan to reuse decontaminated soil in Fukushima safe: IAEA

THE International Atomic Energy Agency said Tuesday that Japan's plan to reuse decontaminated soil following the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant accident is consistent with global safety standards.

The UN nuclear safety watchdog handed its final expert report to Environment Minister Shintaro Ito in Tokyo on the same day, which could enhance public understanding of the government's efforts to ease concerns.

The Japanese government is aiming to reduce the volume of soil containing radioactive materials. Decontaminated soil with relatively low concentrations of radioactive substances is planned to be used for public works projects across the country.

Ito told the IAEA, "The government will continue its efforts, fully considering the report's findings, to promote more effective management, recycling and final disposal of the removed soil in the future."

Around 14 million cubic metres of low-level radioactive



An International Atomic Energy Agency official (L) hands its final expert report on Japan's plan to reuse decontaminated soil following the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant accident to Japanese Environment Minister Shintaro Ito in Tokyo on 10 September 2024. **PHOTO: KYODO**

waste from decontamination work in the northeastern prefecture have been placed in interim storage near the plant. Soil and waste deemed unsuitable for recycling will be designated for final disposal. — Kyodo

SPORTS

Myanmar Sepak Takraw team returns from Thai King's Cup with medals

THE Myanmar Sepak Takraw team returned to Yangon on the night of 9 September, following their impressive performance at the 37th Thai King's Cup held in Thailand from 1 to 8 September.

The team clinched one gold, one silver, and three bronze medals. The team was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Zin Moe from the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, the principal of Yangon Institute of Sports and Physical Education, and officials from the Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation, along with family members.

The Myanmar team, consisting of six coaches, 12 male players, and 11 female players,



Medallists from the Myanmar Sepak Takraw team pose for the commemorative group photo during the welcoming ceremony yesterday.

competed in various categories, including Team, Quadrant, Mixed Regu, and Mixed Quadrant for men, as well as

Team, Quadrant, and Hoop for women. The team secured one gold in the Men's Mixed Regu, one silver in the Women's Hoop

event, and three bronze medals in the Mixed Quadrant event and the Men's team and Women's team events.

The Thai King's Cup saw participants from 28 countries, including Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, China, Myanmar, South Korea, Japan, Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, India, the USA, Sri Lanka, Iran, Oman, Australia, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, New Zealand, Argentina, Switzerland, East Timor, Poland, Iraq, Italy, and Chinese Taipei. Historically, Thailand and Malaysia have been dominant in the competition, with Myanmar, South Korea, and Vietnam emerging as increasingly strong contenders.

In the 2023 Thai King's Cup, the Myanmar Sepak Takraw team achieved three silver and three bronze medals. — MNA/KZL

Panasonic to end 37-year Olympic sponsorship contract



File photo shows a large Panasonic display installed at a Paris Olympics venue in Paris in August 2024. **PHOTO: KYODO**

PANASONIC Holdings Corp said Tuesday it will discontinue its sponsorship agreement with the International Olympic Committee, putting an end to its 37-year marketing tie-up with the event.

The Japanese company agreed with the IOC not to extend the partnership after its current top-tier sponsor contract term ends in December, Panasonic said.

Although the company's "support of the Olympic philosophy" remains un-

changed, the group decided to end the sponsorship as it "continually reviews how sponsorship should evolve with broader management considerations," Panasonic said in a press release.

The leading maker of electronics has been providing broadcast cameras, sound systems and projection equipment used in the sporting event, but is shifting its focus to such growing products as batteries for electric vehicles.

The Panasonic group is reducing its dependence on audio and visual products, deciding in July to sell its commercial-use projector business.

Panasonic first became an Olympic sponsor in 1987 and expanded its partnership to the Paralympic Games in 2014. The company will terminate its contracts for both games, it said.

Panasonic joins Toyota Motor Corp in withdrawing from a top-level Olympics marketing agreement. Toyota plans to end its contract for the Olympics, but continue sponsorship for the Paralympics, people familiar with the matter have said in May. "Over the past 37 years, we have gained many valuable experiences" through the sponsorship and "deepened our bonds with sports fans and athletes around the world," Panasonic CEO Yuki Kusumi said in the press release. — Kyodo

Myanmar to compete in U-21 Asian Equestrian Show Jumping and Tent Pegging in India



Maung Kyaw Wunna Aung training ahead of the U-21 Asian Equestrian Show Jumping competition to be held in India.

MYANMAR will participate in the Under-21 Asian Equestrian Federation (AEF) Regional Group III Show Jumping and Tent Pegging training event in Hyderabad, India.

The Myanmar Equestrian Federation has announced that Myanmar athletes will compete in these events. To qualify for these competitions, the first qualifiers were held on 19 and 20 July 2024. The final qualification round took place on 7 and 8 September at the Nay Pyi Taw Equestrian Centre, where Maung Kyaw Wunna Aung of the Yangon Equestrian

& Country Club (YECC) won first place in the Show Jumping event and Maung Aung Naing, also from YECC, won first place in Tent Pegging.

The U-21 Show Jumping competition is scheduled for October, while the Tent Pegging training will be held in November in Hyderabad. The Yangon Equestrian Subcommittee and the YECC honoured the athletes and coaches at a ceremony held on the evening of 9 September at the Golden Park Event Hall in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Region. — Arkar Lin/KZL

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BACTERIAL therapy could offer a promising new method for the prevention and treatment of colorectal cancer, according to a study carried out by Chinese researchers.

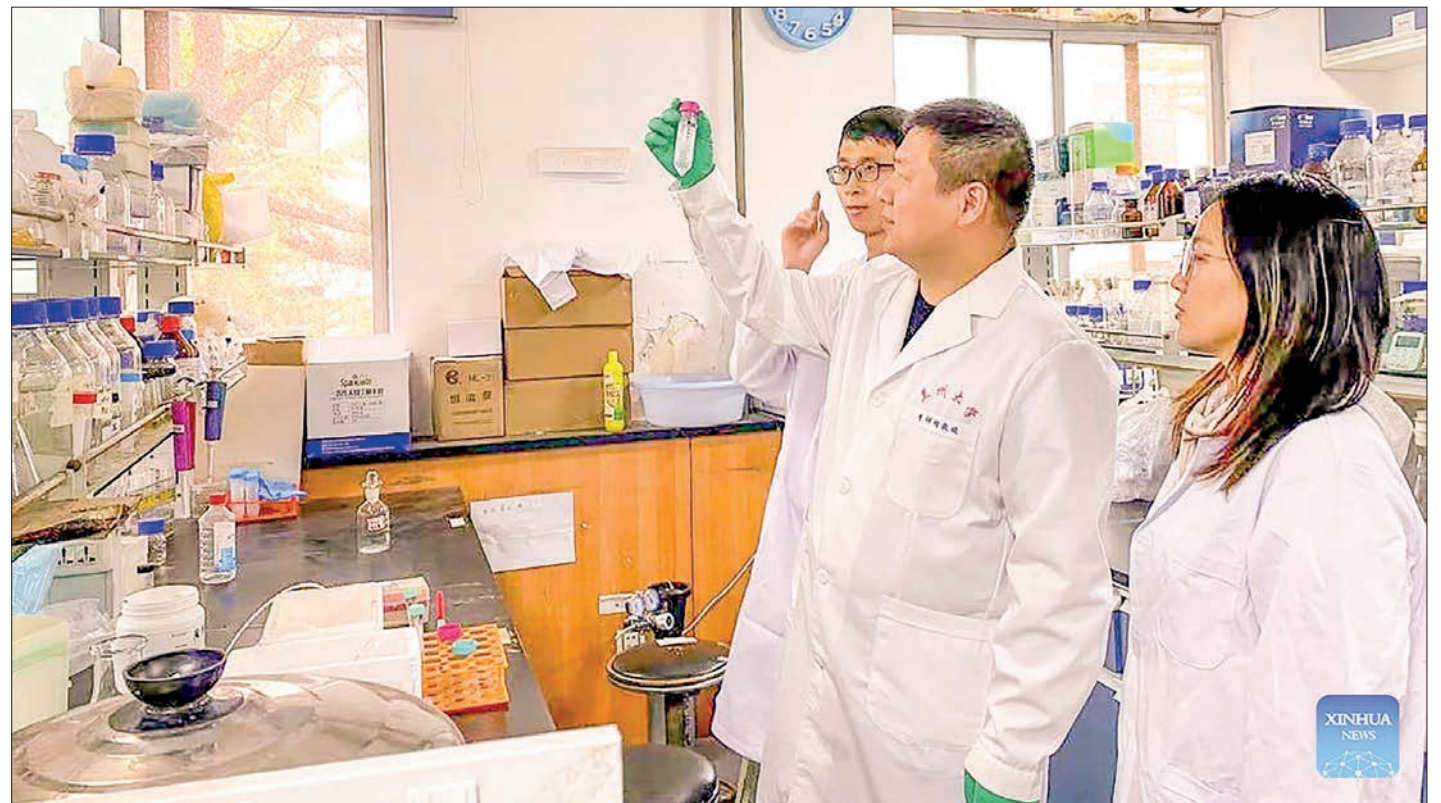
The recent study conducted by the School of Life Sciences at Lanzhou University in northwest China's Gansu Province, has revealed that the probiotic *limosilactobacillus fermentum* GR-3, derived from "Jiangshui", a traditional fermented food in northwestern China, demonstrates potential for promoting apoptosis in colon tumour cells and inhibiting their proliferation.

Professor Li Xiangkai, head of the research group and a professor at the university's School of Life Sciences, explained that studies have shown that colorectal cancer patients often experience an imbalance in their gut microbiota and a persistent state of peroxidation in tumour cells. Unlike conventional antioxidants, probiotics like *Lactobacillus* GR-3 could specifically target the tumour microenvironment while also regulating intestinal flora.

Li's team successfully isolated *Lactobacillus* GR-3, a strain with strong antioxidant properties. In both hyperuricemia mouse models and clinical trials, this strain has shown promise in promoting uric acid degradation by modulating the gut microbiome. Building on these findings, the research team explored the potential of *Lactobacillus* GR-3 in preventing colorectal cancer through its effects on gut flora and the host immune system.

The results showed that *Lactobacillus* GR-3 significantly reduced the

Chinese researchers identify bacterial therapy potentially effective in colorectal cancer prevention, treatment



Professor Li Xiangkai (C) observes probiotics derived from "Jiangshui", a traditional fermented food in northwestern China, at Lanzhou University in northwest China's Gansu Province, 10 September 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

growth of colon tumours in drug-induced mice and demonstrated positive therapeutic effects. The strain not only lowered tumour mass but also improved the

composition of intestinal microbial metabolites, promoted apoptosis in colon cancer cells, and inhibited their proliferation.

The research team will conduct fur-

ther studies to investigate the specific mechanisms of action of *Lactobacillus* GR-3 and evaluate its clinical efficacy.

— Xinhua

African Union wins Leo Tolstoy International Peace Prize

NAMED after famous Russian author and humanist Leo Tolstoy, the prize is awarded by an international jury and looks to honour

the achievements of people who engage in peacekeeping activities, oppose the arms race, promote multipolar world values and strive to avert the threat of World War III. The award ceremony was held at the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow on 9 September.

This year, the Leo Tolstoy prize was awarded to the African Union in recognition of a significant contribution to strengthening peace and preventing the threat of a Third World War or nuclear catastrophe.

The award was presented by Valery Gergiev, world-famous conductor and chairman of the Leo Tolstoy International Peace Prize jury. — SPUTNIK



Leo Tolstoy International Peace Prize award ceremony, Moscow, 9 September 2024. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

Saudi Arabia hosts global AI summit to boost innovation, growth

THE third edition of the Global Artificial Intelligence Summit (GAIN) kicked off in Riyadh on Tuesday to drive AI adoption and ensure the strategic use of related technologies worldwide.

"This year, we are raising the bar, pushing AI boundaries further and higher for the good of humanity," said Abdullah bin Sharaf Al-Ghamdi, president of the Saudi Data and Artificial Intelligence Authority (SDAIA), in the opening remarks.

The SDAIA president said AI presents ethical dilemmas and crucial challenges threatening economic and social development internationally.

He noted that the solution to the challenges is unity, and the world should navigate through collaboration.

Under the theme of "Leveraging AI for the betterment of humanity," the three-day summit focused on eight areas, addressing the role of governments in harnessing AI's potential, the generative AI, the roles of ethics and governance in safeguarding AI development, hardware innovation, and AI applications in industries and urban life. — Xinhua