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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the State Administration Council meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing recounted that Chinese Premier Mr Li Qiang actively supports for the implementation of the Five-Point Roadmap of the State Administration Council as well as encourages more efforts of Myanmar to initiate political stability of the country and political reform process.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said so at the meeting of the SAC at the SAC Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the visit to China to attend the GMS Summit and other summits in Kunming, the Senior General recounted that he held talks with Premier Mr Li Qiang of the People's Republic of China, held talks with Politburo member of the Communist Party of China Secretary of Chongqing Municipal Party Committee Mr Yuan Jiajun and Central Committee member of CPC Secretary of Yunnan

Chinese Premier reaffirms Myanmar's sovereignty

China encourages the Myanmar government to manage China-Myanmar border trade posts.

Provincial Party Committee Mr Wang Ning and Prime Ministers from the GMS countries, respectively.

At the meetings, he explained the progress of Myanmar, the undertakings

of the country, bilateral cooperation with the relevant countries, and the support of friendly countries to Myanmar in the international landscape.

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Salient points explained by the Senior General on important discussions of the Chinese Premier

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Youth Success: Discipline and Lawfulness as Foundations for Nation-Building

- Youths must adhere to discipline and laws to achieve success in their lives.
- By following the laws and regulations set by the government, they can become valuable, law-abiding citizens dedicated to serving the nation.

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the ceremony of presenting awards to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination 2024 with distinctions in all subjects on 22 July 2024)

Myanmar Gazette

Head of Service Organization appointed

THE State Administration Council has appointed Dr Than Than Win, Pro-Rector of the University of Monywa, Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education, as Rector of the same university on probation from the date she assumes charge of her duties.

Theme for 104th Anniversary of National Victory Day 2024

Let's unite all nationalities for Union peace

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23rd Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference and Myanmar Traditional Medicine Seminar

20, 21, 22 November 2024

Nay Pyi Taw

Objectives for 104th Anniversary of National Victory Day 2024

- To foster mutual respect and trust among all nationalities, ensuring durable peace
- To cultivate a well-educated populace with the knowledge and skills necessary for the State's development
- To encourage nationwide support for the education sector, contributing towards the all-round development of the State
- To enhance domestic production, ensuring the prosperity and food security of the State

202nd Anniversary Brazil's Independence Day held in Yangon

THE Brazilian ambassador to Myanmar organized the 202nd Anniversary of Brazil's Independence Day at his residence in Yangon yesterday.

The event was attended by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ko Ko Kyaw, relevant officials and resident representatives of the UN and invitees.

Brazilian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Gustavo Rocha de Menezes and officials cordially greeted the deputy minister and attendees.

After he had given a speech, the Brazilian ambassador hosted the dinner for attendees. — MNA/KTZH



Deputy Minister U Ko Ko Kyaw shakes hands with Brazilian Ambassador Mr Gustavo Rocha de Menezes at yesterday's event.

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.

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)

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It was noted that Premier Mr Li Qiang of the People's Republic of China held a specific meeting with the Myanmar Prime Minister among other prime ministers bound for the GMS summit. At the meeting, the Senior General explained the progress of Myanmar widely. At the meeting, important discussions of the Chinese Premier were: China always supports the endeavours of the Myanmar government in internal peace processes. China actively supports the implementation of the Five-Point Roadmap of the State Administration Council as well as encourages more efforts of Myanmar to initiate political stability of the country and political reform process. China reaffirmed the sovereignty of Myanmar and its territorial integrity. China encourages the Myanmar government to manage China-Myanmar border trade posts. China wishes harmonized development of Myanmar through cooperation. These talks are the clear standing of China for Myanmar's sovereignty and the endeavours of the Myanmar government.

At the meeting, the Chinese Premier pledged to provide necessary aid for the election and enumeration of population and household census process.

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Yunnan Provincial Party Committee Mr Wang Ning. They also pledged to cooperate with Myanmar for development, peace and stability fully. These meetings brought positive results. It can be seen that their talks specifically emphasized Myanmar affairs.

At the separate meetings with Prime Ministers from four Southeast Asian countries attending the GMS summit, the Senior General continued to explain serving the State responsibilities by the State Administration Council under the Constitution (2008) due to voting frauds in the 2020 multiparty democratic general election, preparations to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election and plans to invite international observation teams to analyze the election as a transparent election. Those Prime Ministers held discussions supporting the Myanmar. The trip to China was successful as the Senior General could discuss the promotion of China-Myanmar economic cooperation and sending more scholarship students to China to ensure the development of human resources.

The Senior General pledged that State responsibilities will be handed over under the democratic standards to the winning party in the free

and fair multiparty democratic general election in accordance with the 2008 Constitution.

He emphasized that the government is striving for security measures. All measures are being taken in accord with the NCA as much as possible. The government, EAOs and political parties have agreed to continue their discussions at the Hluttaw.

He noted that political parties are allowed to register under the law. Larger number of representatives of national races need to join the political platform in order to demand needs of regions and their national races under the law.

The Senior General stressed that a PR system is being initiated for state and regional, and Amyotha Hluttaws for wider participation of national races and all strata of people in the Hluttaw.

He underscored that those who committed voting fraud not only in relevant constituencies but in the whole region in the 2020 election. Bago Region saw the worst voting fraud in the election. As those unscrupulous persons committed voting fraud in the entire region or state, the voting fraud in the election worsened unprecedentedly.

He pointed out that those who were responsible for the voting fraud were CEC mem-

bers from the NLD party. They represented the party. As they committed voting fraud in groups, it is necessary to prevent the occurrence of such incidents.

The Senior General explained that those who create conflicts are the people from the relevant region and the country. In the same way, they also initiate the development, peace and stability of their own region. Hence, council members have to join hands with residents in lessening terror acts of armed groups from relevant regions to ensure peace and stability for the region and its residents.

With regard to disasters, the Senior General highlighted that destructive acts of humans caused tremendous loss and damage to roads, bridges, schools and buildings. Terrorists without rationality naughtily destroy buildings, roads and bridges essential for the development of the State. As these losses and damage are being repaired and reconstructed, development undertakings of the State cannot be carried out.

The Senior General elaborated on committing terror acts based on external instigations, lesser knowledge and techniques, and lack of critical thinking. It can be seen that terror acts and evil acts occur in the region where people have

the least knowledge. Hence, the government is encouraging the education sector in order to shape a developed, peaceful and stable nation in the future. Only when individuals have a school education will they have critical thinking.

The Senior General noted that it is necessary to strive to meet the target cultivation, enhancing double crop cultivation and expanding sown acreage in order to develop the agriculture sector.

He stressed the need to encourage the operation of textile, electronic products, steel and iron industries to meet the domestic demands.

Council members reported on the desire of IDPs from Loikaw to resettle in peaceful and stable Loikaw, clarification on the implementation of the Roadmap of the State to residents on trips of council members, needs to seek the solution for EAOs to renounce armed terrorism in order to reach the peace track and rehabilitation of the people in the disaster-hit regions.

The meeting was also attended by SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Secretary General Aung Lin Dwe, Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo and council members and officials. — MNA/TTA

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NATIONAL

Opening/closing venues for 5th National Sports Festival inspected

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn and Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Min Thein Zan, accompanied by Deputy Ministers U Ye Tint, Daw Nu Mra Zan, U Htein Lin, U Zin Min Htet, and relevant departmental officials inspected the preparations for opening and closing events of the Fifth National Sports Festival at Wunna Theikdi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

They observed the lighting system, installation of LED, sound system and electrical bulbs, flag hanging of regions, states and ministries, entry and exit of performers and athletes, practice sessions of the free fall squad and torch relay.

During the inspection, Un-



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn, Union Minister U Min Thein Zan, deputy ministers, and officials view the opening and closing venues for the Fifth National Sports Festival yesterday.

ion Minister U Maung Maung Ohn provided proper instructions to complete preparedness in time and report to officials on difficulties and urged for active participation as it is a national-level occasion.

Union Minister U Min Thein Zan also coordinated the discussion. The first National Sports Festival was held in Yangon in 1992 featuring 22 sports, while the second time in 1994 in Yangon with 24 sports, the third time in 1997 in Yangon with 29 sports, the fourth in Nay Pyi Taw in 2015 with 27 sports, and the fifth will feature 23 sports at region and state level, six sports at ministries level and four para sports. A total of 6,500 athletes will compete in it. — MNA/KTZH

2024 Myanmar Mid-Year Gems Emporium enters second day

THE second day of the 2024 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium occurred yesterday morning at the Mani Yadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw. The event was attended by U Khin Maung Yi, Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, who observed the activities and expressed support.

During the visit, the Union minister reviewed the pearl auction, examined tender announcements, and inspected stalls showcasing pearls, gemstones, and jewellery. He provided instructions to responsible officials where necessary.

The emporium features 280

pearl lots, 160 gemstone lots, and 4,800 jade lots divided into three categories (A, B, and C). Pearls sold on the second day included 108 lots, auctioned through the open tender system. The third day will witness the sale of pearl lots 141-280.

The emporium will continue at the Mani Yadana Jade Hall between 18 and 27 November, bustling with local and international traders exploring and purchasing various high-value items. Payments are accepted in foreign currencies such as the US dollar, euro, yuan, and baht, as well as Myanmar kyats for domestic traders. — MNA/KZL



Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi looks into pearl lots on the second-day emporium yesterday.

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Read findings on 2020 election fraud and unlawful acts on website and mobile app

Individuals at home and abroad can read the findings in the investigation of “voting fraud and unlawful acts”, which occurred in the 2020 multiparty democratic general election on the website and mobile application, starting from 22 November.

Website and mobile application showcase the conspiracy in advance in the pre-electoral period, actions in the electoral period and events in the post-electoral period, verification over voter lists of 315 townships included in the election in the entire Myanmar, investigation on the ground and findings in investigation over the whole event of the election, revocation of the electoral results of the 2020 multiparty democratic general election, reviews on the 2020 multiparty democratic general election, and documentary photos. Individuals can read all sectors, including the findings in the investigation of voting fraud and unlawful acts, which happened in the 2020 multiparty democratic general election in a single platform.

Moreover, these presentations are expressed in five languages: Myanmar, English, Chinese, Russian and Japanese. Readers can visit the website <https://2020election.uec.gov.mm> and on mobile application downloaded from the website. — MNA/TTA

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Essay competition for International Day of Persons with Disabilities held

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win observed the high school level essay competition under the theme for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) "Amplifying the leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future" at BEHS 11 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

A total of 84 students from basic high schools in eight townships in Nay Pyi Taw participated in the competition. Winners will be awarded at the State level International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) ceremony to be held on 3 December in Nay Pyi Taw.

At noon, the Union minister received UNOCHA chief Mr Sajjad Mohammad Sajid at the ministry.

During the meeting, the two parties exchanged views on humanitarian assistance for the displaced persons and those who need help in Myanmar, findings and suggestions of UN organizations and humanitarian organizations in New York during



Union Minister Dr Soe Win views the high school level essay competition in hailing the International Day of Persons with Disabilities yesterday.

their visit to Myanmar, and plan to sign an agreement between Disaster Management Department of the ministry and UNOCHA, and arrival visa, visa extension and travel issues of foreign staff of UNOCHA. — MNA/KTZH

MoALI Union Minister to attend ASEAN-Henan Food & Agri Cooperation Conf in China

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation U Min Naung departed Yangon for China on the evening of 19 November. They will attend the ASEAN-Henan Cooperation Conference on Food and Agriculture to be held in Henan Province, China, from 20 to 22 November. — MNA/KZL

MoI Union Minister to attend 2024 Global Vocational & Technical Education Development Conf in China

THE Myanmar delegation, led by Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than, departed Yangon yesterday morning to attend the 2024 Global Vocational and Technical Education Development Conference, which will take place from 20 to 22 November in China. The invitation to attend the conference came from Mr Huai Jinpeng, Minister of Education of the People's Republic of China. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

Chinese language HSK-II training opened



Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine opens the Chinese Language HSK-II training yesterday.

THE Ministry of Hotels and Tourism launched the Chinese language HSK-II training in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the event, Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine said the tourism industry is a service-oriented business, and it is important to be able to serve the tourists in their languages. In addition to Chinese language courses under the ministry's programmes, English, Russian, Japanese, Korean and Thai language

courses are also being opened nationwide. She then urged the trainees to learn carefully and make efforts to become good employees who can be reliable ones for the ministry.

Then, the principal of Fuqing International Language Centre reported on the learning conditions and the current plans for the training courses. The Union minister and the deputy minister oversaw the Chinese language training courses and provided neces-

sary instructions. The training will last two months and the staff officers and staff will join it.

At noon, the Union minister received Yangon International Hotel President Mr Koki Onodera at the ministry and discussed the promotion of tourism to Japan, invitation processes to attract Japanese tourists to Myanmar and plans to share good images of the country to Japanese people. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission

Statement 10/ 2024

1. Children are the treasures of the nation. In order to promote and protect the inherent rights of children, the United Nations adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) on 20 November 1989 and designated it as World Children's Day. This year marks the 35th anniversary of this landmark event. The theme of World Children's Day 2024 is "Listen to the Future".
2. To promote and protect children's rights, Myanmar ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1991 and enacted the Child Law in 1993. To better protect children, the Child Law 1993 was replaced by the Child Rights Law 2019.
3. Children are human resources for the nation's future, so it is important for them to grow up healthy, happy, and free from an early age. The comprehensive development of children is tied to a nation's growth and progress. Therefore, children's rights must be constantly promoted and protected.
4. Children worldwide face challenges such as poverty, conflict, lack of access to education, and discrimination. Efforts to reduce violence and sexual and psychological exploitation of children cannot be carried out by government agencies alone, but require the participation of civil society organizations, parents, and the public at large.
5. On the occasion of the 35th anniversary of World Children's Day, which falls on 20 November 2024, we urge all responsible parties to work together to ensure that all children equally enjoy the right to life, development, protection, and participation in society. It is imperative to listen to the voices of children and fulfil their needs for a safe and prosperous future.

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20 November 2024

MNHRC inspects Centre for Women's Care and Development

ON 19 November 2024, the inspection team, led by U Kyaw Soe, U Tin Aung and U Than Win, Commissioners of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC), inspected the Centre for Women's Care and Development (CWCD), Twantay Township, Yangon Region.

The inspection team inspected the Women's Care and Development Department under the MNHRC law and procedures on whether the women who are detained in the centre can get fundamental rights, including healthcare services, food supply, adequate dormitories, provision of purified drinking water,

the support programme for physical and mental development, life safety and right to learn vocational training, basic importance for those who are illiterate read, teaching, right to communicate with their families, right to reintegration, and right to freedom of religion, sustaining social life, incorporating mental strength, receiving care and also inspected the implementation on the recommendation of MNHRC during the previous inspection.

MNHRC will send recommendations on the findings during the inspection to the relevant departments. — MNHRC



MNHRC Commissioners view round the mess of the centre yesterday.

Myanmar, Russian RC-Investments discuss herbal extract factory



The discussion between Myanmar and Russia for the natural herbal extract factory in progress yesterday.

DEPUTY Minister for Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation Dr Aung Gyi met a delegation from RC-Investments, led by Mr Artemii Alimov, a representative of the Russian company's Myanmar office yesterday. The meeting held at the Union Ministry office focused on plans for a factory to produce natural herbal extracts and a related invest-

ment project in Myanmar.

Discussions also covered land development and seed production initiatives. The deputy minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development, and senior officials from various ministries and organizations, including the rector of the University of Agriculture, participated in the meeting. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

Scheduling event held for team sports at 2024 National Sports Festival

THE scheduling event for department-level team sports at the 2024 National Sports Festival occurred yesterday morning at the Wunna Theikdi Football Stadium conference room in Nay Pyi Taw. Deputy Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Htein Lin led the event, where schedules were set for six department-level sports, 23 state and regional sports, and four for

athletes with disabilities. Team sports such as football, futsal, volleyball, and sepak takraw were included in the event.

Officials emphasized that all teams must comply with the established rules and regulations, which have been pre-approved and distributed to the relevant departments to ensure fair competition. The event was attended by various key



The timetable-drawing event for team sports of the Fifth National Sports Festival in progress yesterday.

figures, including U Htein Lin, the sports event committee chairman, and representatives from the participating sports federations and ministries. — MNA/KZL

Preparations for 5th National Sports Festival inspected



Deputy Minister U Win Pe and officials view preparations for the Fifth National Sports Festival yesterday.

DEPUTY Minister for Construction U Win Pe inspected key preparation sites for the Fifth National Sports Festival 2024 opening and closing ceremonies yesterday afternoon.

His visit included reviewing the readiness of venues such as Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex, where he assessed the installation of banners, seating arrangements for national leaders, and stage backdrop preparations. He also inspected ongoing renovations at the swimming pool and Sports Hall C, where flags and

backdrop signs were being installed.

Additionally, the deputy minister checked accommodations for referees and jury members in Cluster 5 of the Gold Camp training facility, focusing on their renovation progress. He directed officials to ensure all preparations were thoroughly completed to host a grand and successful event. Emphasizing timeliness, he instructed the team to promptly address and report any immediate needs or issues to avoid lapses in readiness. — MNA/KZL

2-day illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth K232M

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to combat the illicit trade are continued effectively by the law.

On 18 November, combined teams impounded consumer goods worth K100.49 million without official documents from four containers at the Asia World Port Terminal container checkpoint, consumer goods valued at K21.09 million without official documents from a passenger's luggage at the Yangon International Airport, smuggled motorbike spare parts and consumer goods worth K23 million on the outskirts of Kengtung Township. The action was conducted following Customs procedures.

Similarly, combined teams conducted inspections and seized three unregistered vehicles worth K16.5 million in Myeik, Bokpyin and Dawei Districts, a

Nissan Condor truck (worth approximately K30 million) carrying foodstuffs valued at K17 million without official documents at the entrance to Mandalay, and an unregistered vehicle and three unregistered motorbikes worth K14.65 million in Patheingyi and Labutta Districts. The action was taken under the Export-Import Law and Customs procedures.

Additionally, on 19 November, the joint on-duty teams nabbed teak weighing 4.506 tonnes worth K3.96 million in Phyu Township and two unregistered vehicles worth K5.5 million in Toungoo Township. The action was taken under the Forest Law and the Export-Import Law.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported 16 arrests on 18 and 19 November, confiscating illegal goods worth approximately K232 million. — MNA/MKKS

Security forces deny using bomb drops with monk, civilian casualties

MALICIOUS media intentionally spread fake information, claiming that the drone attack of security forces exploded on a passenger bus on the Shwebo-Myitkyina route in Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Region, killing a monk and four civilians.

According to a security official, the bomb dropped by PDF terrorists using drones exploded near the Katha-Mandalay "Ngwe Oh Mann"

passenger bus, which arrived near Paygyi village in Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Region, on 18 November evening. After the bomb blast, four people were wounded and a four-year-old child died.

Subversive media outlets circulate misinformation to cover the inhumane actions of terrorists aiming to mislead the people about security forces. — MNA/KTZH

Counter-argument to false information

People killed, injured in bomb blast

ARMED insurgents launched attacks in townships, wards and villages and against passenger buses using heavy weapons, rockets and bomb drops.

On 18 November, security forces received a report that the dead and injured people were taken to Mandalay General Hospital in Chanmyathazi Township after the bomb blast. According to the investigation, the bomb drops by PDF terrorists using drones exploded near the Katha-Mandalay "Ngwe Oh Mann"

passenger bus which arrived near Paygyi village in Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Region. After the bomb blast, Ma Eaindra Moe, aged four, died at the spot, and Daw Khin Htay, 57, Daw Nyein Sabei, 30, Daw Yin Htwe, 33, and Maung Thiha Naing, three years old, were injured.

Locals strongly oppose such attacks by terrorists, and the security forces conduct necessary measures by cooperating with the locals. — MNA/KTZH

OPINION

ARTICLE

Weather Report

Uplift the lives of children to enjoy all rights

“ON World Children’s Day, we celebrate the youngest members of our human family. But today is also a moment to recognize the enormous challenges children face in our deeply divided, tumultuous and often violent world,” remarked UN Secretary-General António Guterres in reference to the occasion.

World Children’s Day, established in 1954 as Universal Children’s Day, is celebrated annually on 20 November to promote global unity, raise awareness about children’s issues, and improve their welfare. Since 1990, it also marks the anniversary of the UN General Assembly’s adoption of the Declaration and Convention on Children’s Rights, highlighting the importance of protecting and advocating for children’s rights worldwide.

World Children’s Day is a global event focused on promoting children’s rights and well-being. It raises awareness about the challenges children face and advocates for their right to education, healthcare, and protection from violence and exploitation. The day highlights the importance of safeguarding children’s futures and ensuring they grow up in safe, supportive environments.

The day serves not only as a celebration but also as a call to action, urging governments, organizations, and communities to uphold the principles set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child and to continue working toward a world where every child has access to basic needs and a safe environment. This landmark international treaty is the most widely ratified human rights agreement in history, underscoring the global commitment to ensuring that children have the opportunity to grow, thrive, and reach their full potential. The CRC outlines the civil, political, economic, social, health, and cultural rights of children, emphasizing the importance of making these rights accessible

to every child.

The theme for Universal Children’s Day 2024 is “For every child, every right”. This theme highlights the importance of ensuring that all children have access to their fundamental rights, such as education, healthcare, protection, and a safe environment. In Myanmar, efforts are being made to nurture children in every possible way. The country has effective laws and regulations in place to protect children’s rights, including compulsory primary education and the KG+9 educational programme, aimed at improving the lives of children.

Relevant ministries are responsible for ensuring the protection of children’s social and educational rights as fundamental rights. As children represent the future workforce, the government aims to shape them into reliable citizens who will contribute to building a modern nation enriched with advanced technologies and strong social ethics, creating a society that benefits all people.

LIFE in a small town is undeniably different from life in a big city, isn’t it? It was around 1994. I was living in a small town and had a brief two-day trip to Yangon. In that small town, I was an English teacher, though not an especially well-known one. The reason for my visit to Yangon was to meet an English teacher there. His name was U Thein Naing, a respected teacher who was likely about three or four years older than I was. He was also the teacher of my younger siblings who lived in Yangon. I wanted to meet him to explore the possibility of connecting with his network and perhaps arranging some small study circles in Yangon.

After arriving in Yangon, I called U Thein Naing to arrange a meeting. He mentioned that he couldn’t invite me to his house today and suggested instead that I come to the place where he was teaching – at No (...) on Kili Road, third floor; at around 2:30 in the afternoon. So, shortly before two, I took a bus from Kyimyindine to Kili Road and found the building he had mentioned. I went up to the third floor, knocked on the door, and a man who seemed to be the host opened it. When I told him I was there to meet U Thein Naing, he welcomed me warmly and led me to the living room. About ten to fifteen minutes later, a group of seven or eight children came out. They were wearing simple clothes – loose shirts and shorts, likely due to the summer heat – and each held some small books. It seemed they weren’t students who had come from afar but rather children from nearby houses.

Like a teacher, I leaned forward to take a closer look at the books the children were holding. Hmm ... it wasn’t a book I recognized. It was definitely not a school textbook. Since I already knew that U Thein Naing taught English, I felt a sudden curiosity about what he was teaching these kids.

Just then, U Thein Naing came out, and we both started walking down the stairs. Before we even reached the bottom, I couldn’t hold back my question any longer.

“What do you teach, Saya?” I asked right away.

“English,” he replied with a smile.

“What kind of English?” I followed up quickly.

He seemed to understand what I was getting at. Reaching

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into his shoulder bag, he took out a book and showed it to me.

“This book,” he said, holding it out in front of me.

The moment I saw it, I understood immediately. It was clear why the children from my rural area would never quite catch up with the children in Yangon when it came to English.

Once we reached the ground floor, U Thein Naing continued,

“Kids in Yangon often have three English teachers. The first one is the school teacher, who teaches them from the prescribed textbooks. The second one is the tutor outside of school who helps them go over the same textbooks. And then, there’s a third one – the one like me – who teaches them using international curricula tailored to their age.”

I understood. The school syllabus alone wasn’t enough, so they were incorporating international programs alongside it. I began to wonder just how long Yangon had been evolving with this kind of comprehensive English learning system. Meanwhile, U Thein Naing didn’t add anything more, and I found myself lost in thought.

When I returned to my small hometown, I kept thinking about the English teaching system I had experienced in Yangon. I wondered how I could bring something similar to life here. It was early May – summer break – and my tutoring classes were also on hold. Unlike in Yangon, where students continue attending extra courses during the summer, students here only come back for registration when school reopens.

The idea of teaching a syllabus outside of the prescribed schoolbooks was unheard of for both students and parents in my town. However, I was determined not to give up. I decided to start with whatever was possible. Since schools were closed and I didn’t have any students, I turned to one of my nieces, who had just finished her matriculation examination.

I gathered her and a few of her friends, offering to teach them from my Grammar in Use (Intermediate level) for free.

Honestly, I wasn’t sure if this book level was suitable for these



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students. All I had was this Grammar in Use book and the motivation to teach, so I just started with what I had. Along with my niece, I gathered six female students and began teaching them. Surprisingly, they seemed genuinely interested. The class lasted a little over a month, and they were enthusiastic throughout. Eventually, the school reopened, and other students returned to their regular classes with the prescribed textbooks, so I had to stop the free lessons. What I’ve shared here is a glimpse of how we began introducing international English curricula in our small town.

Thirty years have now passed, and it’s 2024. My small class has grown to about forty regular students, and during the summer break, there are often over sixty attending. None of the parents who bring their children here request that I teach them from the standard textbooks. I accept students who are at least seven years old, so I teach various levels, from Grade 2 up to

students who have just completed Grade 12.

Over these thirty years, both parents and the community have come to understand the value of English. Now, people truly recognize its importance. My little class, which I once offered for free, has grown, and there are now three similar classes in this small town alone. While I don’t oppose the government’s textbooks – they still have value and are taught in many tuition centres – there’s also an apparent demand for broader learning. There are even three private schools in this small town now, not counting the others. I think anyone looking at the town’s progress in education over the years would see how much the community’s mindset and priorities have evolved.

In Myanmar, the motivation to learn English has a long history and many reasons behind it. English was introduced during the colonial period and has remained an essential language in the country’s education system.

In recent years, globalization has made English even more important.

One key reason is the economic opportunities that come with knowing English. Many multinational companies operate in Myanmar, and fluency in English can lead to better job prospects and higher salaries. In major cities like Yangon, businesses often require employees who can communicate well in English because it is the primary language of international trade and industry.

Additionally, the academic environment has increased the emphasis on learning English. Higher education institutions in Myanmar often use English as the language of instruction, especially in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. Students who want to study abroad or at international universities within Myanmar need to have strong English skills, as demonstrated through exams like IELTS or TOEFL.

The role of technology and

the internet is also significant. Access to global knowledge and resources is mostly available in English. Students and professionals in Myanmar use the internet to access online courses, research papers, and international publications, all of which require a good command of English.

Another important factor is cultural exchange and the desire for global connectivity. English acts as a bridge that connects Myanmar to the world and facilitates interactions with people from different cultures and backgrounds. This international perspective is particularly appealing to the younger generation, who are eager to explore beyond their borders.

The dedication to learning English also comes from a societal aspiration for progress and development. As Myanmar continues to grow and integrate into the global community, English proficiency is seen as a stepping stone to achieving modernity and advancement. Parents understand this and in-

vest in their children’s English education to provide them with the necessary skills for the future.

In rural areas, where access to quality education and resources can be limited, community efforts and individual initiatives play a significant role. Teachers like me and others bridge the gap by introducing innovative methods and international curricula, ensuring that students in small towns have the same opportunities as those in urban areas.

Despite the enthusiasm for learning English, several challenges remain. Limited resources, especially in rural areas, can hinder the learning process. There is a shortage of trained English teachers and up-to-date materials. However, community-driven efforts and initiatives by local educators have shown promising results in overcoming these barriers.

The government’s role in supporting English education

is also crucial. Policies that encourage English learning, provide resources, and train teachers can significantly enhance the quality of education. Collaboration with international organizations and educational institutions can further support these efforts.

In brief, the motivation to learn English in Myanmar is fuelled by economic aspirations, academic requirements, technological advancements, cultural exchanges, and societal progress. The journey of diligent study is marked by dedication, innovation, and a collective effort to bridge gaps and create opportunities. As Myanmar continues to develop, English proficiency will remain a vital component of its educational and societal landscape. By addressing challenges and leveraging opportunities, the country can ensure that its citizens are well-equipped to thrive in a globalized world.



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 19:00 hours MST on 19 November 2024

Bay of Bengal Condition

ACCORDING to the observations at 17:30 hours MST today, a low-pressure area may form over Southeast Bay of Bengal around 23 November 2024.

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is a few cloud over the North Andaman Sea, North Bay and Westcentral Bay of Bengal and partly cloudy to cloudy over the South Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

SPECIAL FEATURES: According to the observations at 17:30 hours MST today, the Tropical Storm Typhoon (MANYI) over the South China Sea is likely continue to move west-southwestwards and reach near Hainan Island around the morning of 20 November 2024.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 20 NOVEMBER 2024: Rain will be scattered in (northern and southern) Shan State and isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and eastern Shan and Kayah states. Degree of certainty is 80%. Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 4-7 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of isolated to scattered rain in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20 NOVEMBER 2024: Partly cloudy and likelihood of isolated light rain. Degree of certainty is 60%.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20 NOVEMBER 2024: Partly cloudy. — DMH

NATIONAL

Centenarian writers to join MWA's 37th Annual Reverence Ceremony

THE Myanmar Writers Association will hold its 37th Annual Reverence Ceremony for Senior Literary Scholars on 14 December at Yangon City Hall, Pabedan Township. This annual event honours veteran members aged 80 and above who have contributed significantly to Myanmar literature.

This year, the ceremony

will recognize 276 senior literary figures, including two centenarian writers: Sayagyi Alinka Kyawswa (U) Lay Myine (aged 101) and Sayagyi (U) San Kyin (aged 105). According to the association's secretary, Writer Maung Nyein Thu (Gyopingauk), their inclusion highlights the special nature of this year's event.

The ceremony coincides with Myanmar Writers Day, typically observed on the first day of Nadaw (the ninth month in the Myanmar calendar). It reflects a long-standing tradition of acknowledging literary scholars who meet specific criteria the association sets. — ASH/KZL



This photo captures senior literary scholars being honoured at the Myanmar Writers Association's annual reverence ceremony in the previous year.

Chindwin Bridge 70% complete, boosts regional development



This image depicts officials inspecting the construction site of the Chindwin Bridge (Htamathi).

ACCORDING to the Department of Bridges with the Ministry of Construction, the construction of the Chindwin Bridge (Htamathi), linking Homalin Township in Sagaing Region and Leshe in the Naga Self-Administered Zone, is 70 per cent completed.

The bridge, part of the Leshe-Pansat-Swamara road, spans the Chindwin River. It is a reinforced concrete structure measuring 801 metres (2,629 feet) in length and 9.4 metres (31 feet) in width, with a 40-foot clearance to allow vessels to pass underneath.

Once completed, the bridge is expected to significantly enhance education, healthcare, and economic opportunities for residents in Homalin District and the Naga Self-Administered Zone. — ASH/MKKS

Eco-friendly stoves using old engine oil and cooking oil skyrocket in popularity

LOCAL-MADE stoves, which function like gas stoves but use the utilized engine oil and cooking oil without needing to use gas, have been bought mainly by Yangon Region and the sales have increased, according to the Soe Lin Stove Production in Kengtung, Shan State (East).

They have manufactured the stoves in their own design and about 60-70 stoves on average have been sold a month and the number of buyers has increased, said U Sai Noon.

"Previously, monthly sales were around 40-50, now climbed to about 70. The price can't be fixed because some parts are imported. Price starts from around K200,000 depending on size," he said.

Orders are placed from Yangon Region, Mandalay Region, Ayeyawady Region and Kachin State, but the majority are from Yangon.

It functions by using the utilized engine oil or cooking oil. A small fan is equipped to control the heat level and it can run by a power bank or battery when the electricity is off. — MT/ZS



This photo showcases locally produced stoves that can use the utilized engine oil and cooking oil.

Warm clothes sales expected to rise in Dec



This image captures warm clothes being displayed at the store.

ACCORDING to the garment market, sales of warm clothes may improve in the coming December.

This year, sales are low due to the shortage of warm clothes and fewer sellers, but it may improve in the coming December, according to clothing dealers.

"This month, sales are still low, but in December, sales can be good. This year, a shortage of goods may be a reason. There are also fewer sellers. The prices have improved, so there are a few difficulties for buyers," said an official at Ko Pauk ready-made garment wholesaler in Mandalay.

Sales of warm clothes were good during last year's cold season, but this year's sales have decreased compared to last year.

"This year's warm clothes sales are lower than last year's normal sales. Since we mainly sell clothes to the smaller cities, fewer buyers directly come to us. We send them to those who order. This year is not as strong as expected, but we expect sales to increase in December," he said. — Thit Taw/ZN

Citizens can register birth abroad at Myanmar Embassy, Consulate

BOTH Myanmar citizen parents can register for childbirth abroad at the Myanmar Consulate-General in Chiang Mai or the Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand, notified on 18 November.

Under Section 10 of the 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law, children of both Myanmar citizen parents can be registered for childbirth abroad in a prescribed form within one year from birth at the Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok or the Myanmar Consulate-General in Chiang Mai.

Parents or guardians must register childbirth abroad by providing a copy of the birth certificate (notarized translation) and childbirth abroad certificate (citizenship form - Naing 8), passport copies of both Myanmar parents, copies of citizenship scrutiny cards, application forms and commitment of the parents. Consuls will forward it to the ministry concerned for approval according to rules and regulations. The embassy will proceed to childbirth abroad registration.

After childbirth abroad registration, they must apply for New Born Baby Passport at the Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok or Myanmar Consulate-General in Chiang Mai to reside in Thailand, along with appointment letter and application form (personal history form)

attached photo, birth certificate copy (notarized translation into Thai/English), Passport copies of Myanmar parents and valid visa, copies of citizenship scrutiny cards and household registration copy of Myanmar parents, marriage certificate of parents, work permit copy and tax receipt if parents are working in Thailand,

The newborn baby passport application process might take about four months as the embassy or consulate general needs to report it to the Myanmar Passport Office.

When Myanmar parents want a child born in Thailand to be repatriated to Myanmar, they only need to seek a one-way Certificate of Identity (CI) with personal information and application form (with photo), childbirth certificate (Thai/English), passport copies of Myanmar parents and copies of visas and work permits, copies of citizenship scrutiny cards and household registration copy of Myanmar parents, copy of flight ticket, CI application form and commitment letter stating that there is no objection from another one to repatriate a child to Myanmar only if one of parents will come along with the child. The application form is available for free at the Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand. — NN/KK

Russian Etalon Group pursues JVs with Myanmar, Vietnam developers



One construction site of the Russian Etalon Group. PHOTO: ETALON GROUP

MR Mikhail Margelov, Vice-President of the Etalon Group in Russia, said that the group has been planning to set up joint ventures with Myanmar and Vietnam developers, according to the report of Myanmar Economic Attache in Moscow citing the online news <https://realty.ria.ru/20241111/etalon-1983058335.html>.

Etalon Group is the first ever group to attract foreign developers in the Russian construction market, who are not from the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). At present, the final discussion to create a JV with Myanmar and Vietnam developers is being undertaken, Mr Mikhail Margelov said.

He highlighted that construction sectors are battered

by a labour shortage. Etalon Group is executing real estate management and construction works across Russia. At present, the Russian construction sector is facing low employment, ranking fourth after trading, mining and industrial engineering industries. The skilled labour shortage in the construction industry has become severe to finish work, Mr Anton Glushkov, President of the National Association of Builders addressed on 18th Moscow Real Estate Forum.

Labour shortage hiked up wages of concrete workers and welders up to 35 per cent, real estate experts said. According to a report from Russia's Ministry of Construction, construction workers are

estimated at 12 million. The construction industry falls short of 200,000 workers to meet demand. At present, Russia's unemployment rate is 2.4 per cent and is likely to remain at 2.6 per cent until 2027, Russia's Ministry of Economic Development forecast.

Recruitment of traditional migrant workers from CIS is more difficult and expensive. Thus, they tend to the Asian and African markets for potential labour force. There were migrant workers in Russia from 81 countries in 2022. Russian overseas recruitment agencies are attempting to hire builders from South East Asian Nations including Myanmar to tackle labour shortage problems in the construction industry. — NN/KK

Myanmar and Bangladesh negotiate rice export G-to-G pact

MYANMAR has been discussing with Bangladesh to export 200,000 tonnes of rice again under the government-to-government pact, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

A work coordination meeting was held on 13 November 2024 to export 200,000 tonnes of rice to Bangladesh under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Myanmar and Bangladesh for rice export in the 2024-2025 financial year.

The director-general of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Or-

ganization under the Ministry of Commerce, the president of the Myanmar Rice Federation and a delegation led by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Food of Bangladesh discussed a rice sale contract of 200,000 tonnes including price.

Bangladesh government signed the MoU with Myanmar in September 2022 to import 250,000 tonnes of rice and 50,000 tonnes of parboiled rice from 2022 to 2027.

The federation aims to achieve 2.5 million tonnes of rice exports in the 2024-2025 finan-

cial year (April-March). More than 1.36 million tonnes of rice and broken rice worth US\$647 million have been delivered as of 31 October.

The Ministry of Commerce has been cooperating with departments and institutions concerned to achieve export targets and beyond depending on the supply volume of rice, broken rice, pulses, corn, rubber and fisheries from the respective companies.

Ministry of Commerce is working together with the Union of Myanmar Federation of

Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association, Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association, Myanmar Industries Association, Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association, Myanmar Fisheries Products Processors and Exporters Association to meet monthly export targets and facilitate exports.

The federation is projected to achieve 2.5 million tonnes of rice export in the FY 2023-2024,

generating earnings of US\$1 billion. However, rice exports fell short of the target with 1.6 million tonnes worth \$845 million.

The Central Bank of Myanmar's monetary policy to control export earnings impeded rice exports, hurting exporters financially. The El Nino weather condition also hampered rice export, the MRF chairperson affirmed.

Myanmar exported 2,261,203 tonnes of rice and broken rice to foreign trade partners in the past 2022-2023 FY (April-March), with an estimated value of \$853.472 million. — NN/KK

ECONOMY WORLD

Serbia sees surge in Chinese tourist arrivals in first nine months of 2024

SERBIA received 150,000 Chinese tourists in the first nine months of 2024, marking an increase of 71 per cent year-on-year, according to Marija Labovic, director of the Tourism Organization of Serbia (TOS), at the China-Serbia tourism conference on Monday.

Emphasizing the event, which brought together Serbian and Chinese travel organizers, as crucial in strengthening tourism ties and bilateral cooperation, Labovic noted that Chinese tourists contributed to 288,000 overnight stays, ranking third among foreign visitors in Serbia.

Labovic attributed the growth to such factors as the recent launch of direct flights between Guangzhou and Belgrade, the upcoming connection to Shanghai, visa-free travel,



A woman sells Serbian traditional Kuglof cakes at the kuglof festival in Sremski Karlovci, Serbia, on 25 May 2019. PHOTO: XINHUA

and strong Serbia-China relations.

“The developments demonstrate the significant potential

for further growth and collaboration,” she added.

Describing the Chinese market as one of Serbia’s most

promising tourism drivers, Uros Kandic, state secretary at the Ministry of Tourism and Youth, said, “Chinese arrivals

have already surpassed 2019 levels, and Serbia is the only European country to achieve this milestone. With three direct flights to China and a fourth on the way, we expect China to reclaim the top spot among foreign visitors next year.”

While tourists from Türkiye and Russia currently top the list, the rapid growth in Chinese arrivals indicates that China may soon surpass them in numbers, he added.

A delegation of Chinese travel organizers from Guangzhou, the capital city of Guangdong Province in southern China, is in Belgrade for a visit from 16 to 22 November. Organized by TOS and Air Serbia, the visit aims to further strengthen cooperation between the two countries’ tourism industries. — AFP

NEWS In BRIEF

Indonesia projects export growth of up to 9.6% by 2029

THE Indonesian Trade Ministry has predicted that the country’s overseas shipments could rise by 9.6 per cent by 2029, fuelled by increasing global trade, an official said on Tuesday.

Fajarini Puntodewi, head of the Trade Policy Agency at the ministry, said that Indonesia’s exports to countries with which it has free trade agreements have been trending upward and are expected to continue to grow.

“The export target is between seven per cent and 9.6 per cent by the end of 2029,” she said. According to data from the Trade Ministry, Indonesia’s cumulative exports reached US\$192.85 billion by September this year, marking a year-on-year increase of 0.32 per cent. Puntodewi noted that she is optimistic that the target will be achieved considering that Indonesian exports continue to experience growth. — Xinhua

Japan, Canada agree to further cooperation in LNG, EV battery sectors

THE leaders of Japan and Canada agreed Monday to enhance economic ties further in such fields as electric vehicle batteries and liquefied natural gas.

In their first summit meeting, Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba and his Canadian counterpart Justin Trudeau also confirmed that greater security cooperation between the two nations is important, the Japanese government said.

Japan and Canada are seeking to build robust supply chains for EV batteries, as the resource-rich nation can serve as a key location for Japanese carmakers due to its proximity to the United States, a major auto market. — Kyodo

Tokyo stocks rebound on bargain-hunting amid Nvidia caution

TOKYO stocks bounced back Tuesday as investors scooped up recently battered shares, but gains were limited as caution dominated the market ahead of US chip giant Nvidia Corp.’s earnings report.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average ended up 193.58 points, or 0.51 per cent, from Monday at 38,414.43. The broader Topix index finished 18.27 points, or

0.68 per cent, higher at 2,710.03.

On the top-tier Prime Market, gainers were led by nonferrous metal, bank and insurance shares.

The US dollar briefly dipped to the upper 153 yen range in Tokyo as the currency was sold following an overnight fall in long-term US Treasury yields.

Stocks were in positive territory throughout the day, sup-

ported by gains on the US tech-heavy Nasdaq index overnight and rising US stock futures in the afternoon.

Bargain-hunting also lifted the market after recent declines over concerns about President-elect Donald Trump’s proposed policies, such as higher tariffs, but trading remained muted amid a lack of fresh trading cues, brokers said. — Kyodo



A man walks past an electronic board displaying the numbers on the Tokyo Stock Exchange in Tokyo on 7 November 2024. PHOTO: AFP

Nippon Steel sends letter to US Steel to address output concern

NIPPON Steel Corp said Tuesday it has promised workers at United States Steel Corp in a letter that it will not import steel produced overseas to the United States after its planned \$14.1 billion acquisition of the American peer.

The letter, written by Nippon Steel Vice Chairman Takahiro Mori, appears to be aimed at dispelling workers' concern over a potential cut in the US firm's production capacity as a result of the change of hands.

The move comes as the powerful United Steelworkers union and US President-elect Donald Trump have expressed vehement opposition to the deal.

In the letter, Mori



File photo taken 2 September 2024, shows United States Steel Corp's Edgar Thomson Plant in Braddock, near Pittsburgh, in Pennsylvania. **PHOTO: KYODO**

emphasized that the Japanese company has no intention to reduce US Steel's output capacity and said there is a lot of misinformation circulating regarding its takeover plan.

The acquisition plan is currently under review by the US Committee on Foreign Investment, which is tasked with studying incoming foreign investments from the national security viewpoint. The review is expected to conclude by late December.

Mori had expressed confidence about closing the deal at a press conference earlier this month, saying, "We are now in a position to have measured discussions" with the outcome of the US presidential election clear. — Kyodo

Japanese rice price to wholesalers hits record high in Oct

THE average price of Japanese rice sold to wholesalers by suppliers in October struck a record high on rising production costs, government data showed Tuesday, despite forecasts that the price would go down following the autumn harvest.

The transaction price of unpolished rice harvested this year, which could affect retail prices, rose 57 per cent from a year earlier to 23,820 yen (\$154) per 60 kilograms, the highest



Photo taken on 18 October 2024 shows newly harvested rice in Tokyo, as wholesale rice prices hit their highest level in 31 years. **PHOTO: KYODO**

price since the Ministry and Fisheries began the survey in 2006.

Rice prices have remained high in the country after the private-sector inventory dropped to its lowest level in a quarter of a century this summer, partly affected by strong demand for Japanese cuisine amid a boom in inbound tourism.

Higher rice prices have added to the pressure on households, which have been already been hit by rising energy, food and other living costs. — Kyodo

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SITC CHUNMING VOY.NO. (2420S)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **20-11-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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ROLLING UPDATES WORLD

G20 leaders reaffirm commitment to multilateralism



Chinese President Xi Jinping and other leaders attending the 19th G20 Summit pose for a group photo for the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty initiated by Brazil in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 18 November 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

G20 leaders reaffirmed their strong commitment to multilateralism and pledged to reform the global governance system, according to the G20 Rio de Janeiro Leaders' Declaration released on Tuesday.

The leaders pledged to work for a reinvigorated and strengthened multilateral system, rooted in the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and international law, with renewed institutions and a reformed governance that is more representative and effective.

They also pledged to reform

the UN Security Council through a transformative reform that aligns it with the realities and demands of the 21st century and makes it more representative, inclusive and effective.

They underscored the need for enhancing the representation and voice of developing countries in decision-making in multilateral development banks and other international economic and financial institutions.

The leaders also voiced readiness to continue to stand by all the commitments made in the Common Framework for Debt

Treatments beyond the Debt Service Suspension Initiative, including those in the second and final paragraphs.

On reforms in world trade, they emphasized the need to ensure a rules-based, non-discriminatory, fair, open, inclusive, equitable, sustainable and transparent multilateral trading system, with the WTO at its core.

They also voiced support for the necessary reform of the WTO with a view to having a fully and well-functioning dispute settlement system accessible to all members by 2024. — Xinhua

NEWS In BRIEFS

Indonesia to study Brazil's free meal programme for schoolchildren

INDONESIAN President Prabowo Subianto plans to send a team to Brazil to study the implementation of free meal programmes for students.

"I have asked my team to arrange a meeting with Brazilian representatives. We will send a team to learn about the lunch programme for children in Brazilian schools," the president said during the Indonesia-Brazil Business Forum held at the Copacabana Palace in Rio de Janeiro on Sunday local time, according to a press release.

During the forum, Prabowo emphasized that the free lunch programme for schoolchildren is a strategic initiative of his administration, highlighting the importance of learning from countries with successful experiences. — Xinhua

Lebanon, Hezbollah generally agree to US proposal for ceasefire with Israel – Reports

LEBANON and the Lebanese Hezbollah movement have agreed to the US proposal for a ceasefire with Israel, but with some comments on the content, media reported citing Ali Hassan Khalil, an aide to the speaker of the Lebanese parliament.

According to the official, this is the most serious effort to end the hostilities at the moment.

Lebanon handed over its written response to the US ambassador to Lebanon on Monday, the agency reported citing Khalil.

The official said that all the comments presented confirmed the strict compliance with UN Security Council Resolution 1701 and all its provisions. He also added that the success of the initiative now depended on Israel, which, according to him, "could make 100 problems" if it does not want a solution.

As reported by the agency, Khalil added that Israel is trying to negotiate "under fire", referring to the escalation of bombing of Beirut and its suburbs, but this "won't not affect" the position of Lebanon. — Sputnik

Negotiators seek to break COP29 impasse after G20 'marching orders'

NEGOTIATORS sought Tuesday to break a deadlock at UN climate talks after G20 leaders backed the need for "trillions" of dollars for poorer countries but left key sticking points unresolved.

Ministers at the COP29 conference in Azerbaijan had been eagerly waiting for the G20 meeting in Rio de Janeiro to issue a declaration that might jump-

start the stalled negotiations.

While the lack of a phrase calling for "transitioning away from fossil fuels" disappointed activists, the statement on climate finance was cautiously welcomed at the sports stadium hosting the talks.

"G20 delegations now have their marching orders for here in Baku," UN climate chief Simon Stiell said in a statement.



UN climate chief Simon Stiell delivers a speech during the opening of the 2024 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) in Baku on 11 November 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

"We urgently need all nations to bypass the posturing and move swiftly towards common ground, across all issues,"

he said.

Rich nations are being urged to significantly raise their pledge of \$100 billion a year in

financing for poorer countries to take action against climate change.

But efforts to finalize the deal in Baku are hampered by disputes over how much the deal should entail, who should pay it, and what types of financing should be included.

The chair of the G77+China, a grouping of developing nations, told AFP that the Rio statement was a "good building block" for the climate talks as G20 leaders acknowledged that the needs were in the "trillions" of dollars.

But Adonia Ayebare, the group's Ugandan chairman, said the G77 was "not comfortable" with vague wording saying the money should come from "all sources". — AFP

SPORTS

Myanmar football team loses to Lebanon in friendly match

A friendly football match between Myanmar and Lebanon took place at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon on 19 November, with the Lebanese team emerging victorious with a 3-2 score line.

Team Myanmar faced similar results in both international friendly matches played during November's international week, against Singapore and Lebanon. Despite expectations, Myanmar's team ended both matches in defeat due to late goals.

With injuries affecting several players, head coach U Myo Hlaing Win made changes to the team lineup. The Lebanese team, coached by former Myanmar coach Radulovic, applied early pressure from the start of the match. In 37 minutes, Malek scored for Lebanon, but in 42 minutes, Thiha Zaw levelled the score with a penalty kick, making it 1-1 by halftime.

In the second half, both teams increased their efforts to score. In 57 minutes, Myanmar's

team captain Maung Maung Lwin netted a leading goal from a corner kick. However, despite holding their advantage, Myanmar struggled to defend against Lebanon's offensive. In 74 minutes, Lebanon's forward Sanni Mahak scored with a header, followed by a decisive goal in 84 minutes, securing the victory for Lebanon.

Looking ahead, Myanmar will be preparing for the upcoming ASEAN Cup competition in December, having played four



Myanmar team captain Maung Maung Lwin attempts a header to score. **PHOTO: THAW GYI**

international friendly matches in October and November – securing one win, one draw, and two losses. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Myanmar faces another loss in ASEAN Women's Futsal Championship

THE ASEAN Women's Futsal Championship group stage continued in the Philippines on 19 November, where the Myanmar team suffered another defeat.

In the Group Stage, Indonesia defeated Myanmar with a seven-goal margin, while Vietnam won 6-1 against the host country the Philippines. This unexpected result left Myanmar's women's futsal team with a diminished chance of qualifying for the third-place play-off. Despite showing good form in earlier matches against Thailand, Vietnam, and the Philippines, the Myanmar team struggled in this match, making errors and suffering from player fatigue after four consecutive days of play. Indonesia scored three goals in the first half and added four more in the second half.



Myanmar and Indonesia compete during their match. **PHOTO: MFF**

After the Group Stage matches, Thailand and Vietnam, having won all three of their matches, secured spots in the final round, while Indonesia, with three points from three games, will play in the third-place play-off. Myanmar, with one point from four games, and the Philippines, also with one point from three games,

have limited chances for advancement. Myanmar will need a narrow victory over Indonesia in their final match to have any hope of progressing to the third-place play-off. The final group matches will take place today, with Thailand facing Vietnam and the Philippines taking on Indonesia. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Gvardiol steals in to ensure Croatia reach Nations League quarterfinals

JOSKO Gvardiol continued his scoring streak to earn Croatia a 1-1 home draw with Portugal on Monday that allowed them to squeak into the Nations League quarterfinals.

Portugal had already sealed top spot in Group A1. The draw allowed Croatia to

finish one point above Scotland who continued their late surge with a 2-1 win over Poland in Warsaw.

In Group A4, Spain, already assured of qualification, beat last-placed Switzerland 3-2 in a match of penalty kicks in Tenerife.

Denmark secured second place in the group with a 0-0 draw in Serbia.

In Split, Portugal took a 33rd-minute lead when Joao Felix neatly finished a sharp counterattack. Rafael Leao then missed the target when clean through. — AFP

Federer hails 'historic' Nadal ahead of imminent retirement

TENNIS great Roger Federer hailed his former rival Rafael Nadal on Tuesday ahead of the Spaniard's imminent retirement from tennis at the Davis Cup.

"Rafa, I have to say: What an incredible run you've had. Including 14 French Opens — historic!" Federer wrote on social media platform X.

"You made Spain proud... you made the whole tennis world proud".

Retired Swiss star Federer and Nadal faced each other 14 times at Grand Slam tournaments with Nadal holding a 6-3 advantage in finals.

The Spaniard also had a 24-16 winning record overall in their 40 head-to-head meetings.

"I keep thinking about the memories we've shared... always cracking each other up," wrote Federer.

"Wearing each other out on

the court and then, sometimes, almost literally having to hold each other up during trophy ceremonies".

Federer won 20 Grand Slams, a tally only beaten in the men's game by Nadal on 22 and Novak Djokovic, who holds the record at 24.

"You beat me — a lot. More than I managed to beat you. You challenged me in ways no one else could," Federer continued.

"You made me reimagine my game — even going so far as to change the size of my racquet head, hoping for any edge".

Nadal, a 22-time Grand Slam winner, will bow out from professional tennis after competing with Spain at the Davis Cup.

David Ferrer's team face the Netherlands in the quarter-finals on Tuesday, although it is unknown if Nadal will participate in the tie. — AFP



Rafael Nadal of Team Spain gestures during a press conference ahead of the Davis Cup tennis tournament finals, in Fuengirola, near Malaga, on 18 November 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**



Xi calls for building just world of common development, outlines China's actions for global development

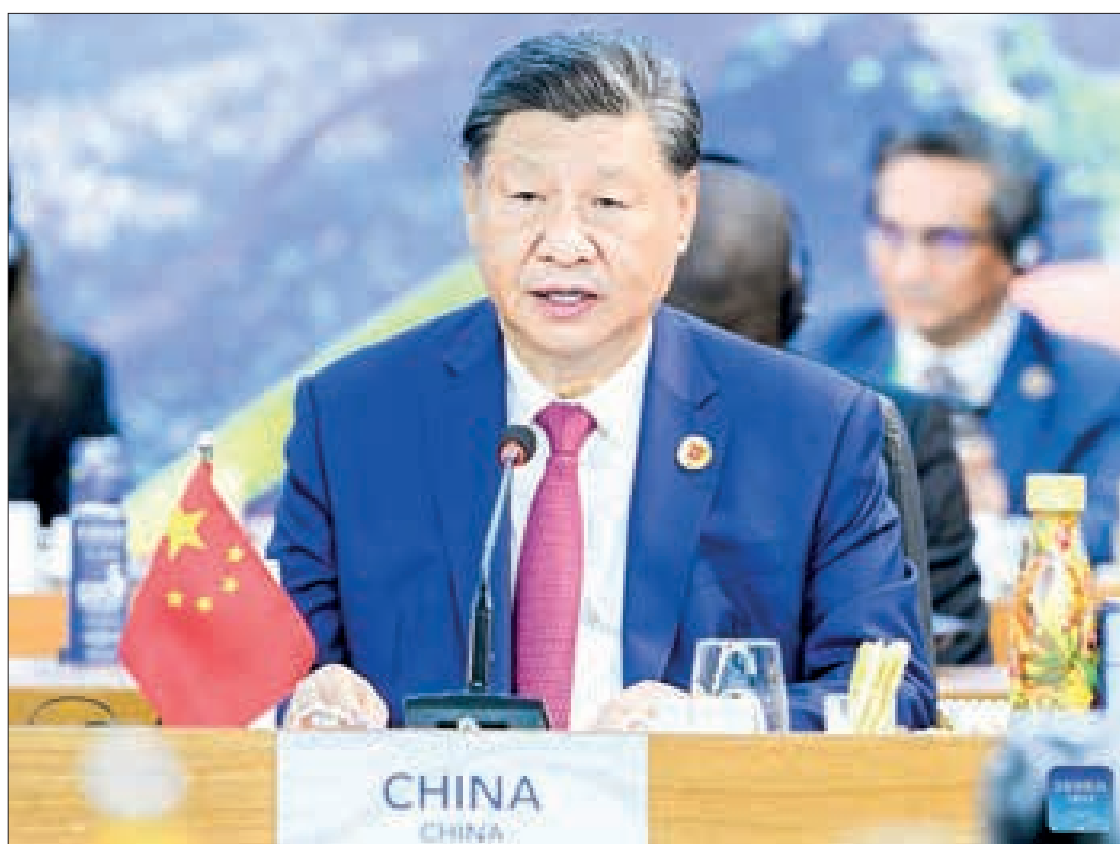
CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Monday said that China is ready to work with all parties to build a just world of common development, and outlined China's eight actions for global development.

Xi made the remarks at Session I of the 19th G20 Summit on Fight Against Hunger and Poverty.

In his speech entitled "Building a Just World of Common Development", Xi pointed out that transformation of a scale not seen in a century is accelerating across the world today, and humanity faces unprecedented opportunities and challenges.

As leaders of major countries, G20 leaders should not let their vision be blocked by fleeting clouds. Rather, they must see the world as one community with a shared future, and shoulder their responsibility for history, take historical initiative and move history forward, Xi said.

Xi noted that at the Hangzhou Summit, China placed development at the centre of the G20's macroeconomic policy coordination for the first time, and the Rio Summit this year



Chinese President Xi Jinping delivers an important speech entitled "Building a Just World of Common Development" at Session I of the 19th G20 Summit on Fight Against Hunger and Poverty in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 18 November 2024. Xi attended the G20 Summit here on Monday. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

has chosen the theme "Building a Just World and a Sustainable Planet", and decides to establish a Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty.

From Hangzhou to Rio, G20 leaders have been working for

one and the same goal, that is, to build a just world of common development, he added.

To build such a world, Xi said, it is important to channel more resources to such fields as trade, investment and develop-

ment cooperation, and strengthen development institutions, and there should be more bridges of cooperation, and less "small yard, high fences", so that more and more developing countries will be better off and achieve

modernization.

He said that it is important to support developing countries in adopting sustainable production and lifestyle, properly responding to challenges like climate change, biodiversity loss and environmental pollution, enhancing ecological conservation, and achieving harmony between man and nature.

It is important to foster an open, inclusive and nondiscriminatory environment for international economic cooperation, promote a universally beneficial and inclusive economic globalization, energize sustainable development with new technologies, new industries and new business forms, and support developing countries in better integrating in digital, smart and green development to bridge the North-South gap, he said.

It is also important to stay committed to multilateralism, and uphold the UN-centred international system, the international order underpinned by international law and the basic norms of international relations based on the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, Xi added. — Xinhua

Bleaching, cyclones drive coral decline across northern Great Barrier Reef

CORAL coverage has declined across the northern region of Australia's Great Barrier Reef (GBR) as a result of climate change and cyclones, government scientists said on Tuesday.

New data published by the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS) revealed that coral cover has declined on 12 of 19 reefs surveyed in the northern region of GBR between August and October.

Scientists from the AIMS Long Term Reef Monitoring Programme (LTMP) found that coral coverage on the 12 reefs has declined by 11-72 per cent following a series of disturbance events during the summer of 2023-24.

More than a third of hard coral cover — a measure of the percentage of live coral on the reef surface — was lost in one sector, marking the largest annual decline for the sector since AIMS monitoring began 39 years ago.

Scientists attributed the widespread decline to an extensive mass coral bleaching event, two cyclones and flooding that affected the reef between December 2023 and March 2024.

Coral bleaching is a phenomenon that occurs when ocean temperatures rise and coral under heat stress expel the symbiotic algae living in their tissue, turning the coral completely white. Coral that has been bleached is not dead but is more likely to starve and can take years to recover. — Xinhua

Amendments to Russian nuclear doctrine intended to adapt it to modern realities - Kremlin



Launching the Iskander-M ballistic missile system at the Kapustin Yar range in the Astrakhan Region. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

EARLIER on Tuesday, the official website for legal acts released a decree signed by Russian President Vladimir Putin titled "On Approving the Fundamentals of the State Policy of the Russian Federation on Nuclear Deterrence".

Amendments to Russia's nuclear doctrine were intro-

duced to adapt it to the realities of today's world, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said during a meeting on "New Opportunities for Cooperation Between Indian and Russian Media: Strengthening Ties Between the Peoples of India and Russia."

The event, held under

Sputnik's aegis, brought together editors-in-chief of Indian media outlets. Peskov emphasized the importance of a specific clause concerning aggression against Russia by a non-nuclear state when such aggression involves or is supported by a nuclear state.

He was responding to a question about whether Russia would consider the use of US-supplied non-nuclear missiles by the Ukrainian Armed Forces to strike deep into Russian territory as an element of aggression by a non-nuclear state supported by a nuclear state, within the framework of the nuclear doctrine signed by President Vladimir Putin. — Sputnik