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Domestic drug market normalizes as medicine imports resume

According to the Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, the domestic drug market has returned to normal as the import of foreign medicines has been allowed again.

Since July 2023, import licences for medicines were temporarily suspended, leading to shortages of some medicines and rising prices in the domestic market. Starting from March 2024, due to resumption to authorize import licences, medicines will be re-entering the domestic market in the upcoming months.

The Central Bank of Myanmar is selling foreign currency to facilitate the foreign exchange

needs of pharmaceutical importers. Currently, people face a shortage of commonly-used drugs for chronic patients, such as painkillers, nerve tonics, and pain relievers. It has been reported that due to higher prices than before, users are buying and using similar medicines at lower prices.

“For eye drops, the price skyrocketed to five times more than before. Some department stores have been out of stock for a long time. Small shops sell their stocks at exorbitant prices if the expiration date is still valid. Moreover, Enervon-C is no longer available for purchase in the domestic market. At a few drug shops, people have to pay a high price for medicines. There



Led by Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, pharmaceutical companies directly sell drugs to the public at fair prices.

are losses for actual users in the medicine market, and action should be taken against such shops,” said Daw Lin Lin from Tamway Township, a consumer of medicine, to GNL.M.

Medicines and accessories

used locally are mainly imported from many countries such as India and Vietnam. Starting from 17 July, under the directive of the Ministry of Commerce and led by the Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Pharmaceutical Manufac-

turers Association, pharmaceutical companies are selling drugs directly to the public at the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization (Yangon Office) at 10 per cent reduced prices.—TWA/TKO



The Myanmar International Fish Auction Market located in Inlaymyaing Industrial Zone, Myeik. PHOTO: MYINT OO (MYEIK)

Myanmar’s fish export market faces challenges in Taninthayi Region as domestic demand slows

Due to a sluggish domestic market, fish and aquatic product businesses in Myanmar have to export their goods to Thailand, creating a buyer’s market there. This situation has caused increasing difficulties for business owners year after year, according to the industry sources.

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Cotton of probably good quality produced even in ancient Pyu era

EVEN in the Pyu era, the oldest era on Myanmar land, cotton could be produced and the quality was probably good, U Kyaw Myo Win, director of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture (Bagan Branch), who had worked in ancient Sri Ksetra city, said on the social network.

When studying the Pyu dresses, he had to rely on Pyu-era reliefs because there were no mural paintings available.

“There are two types of clothes: the first is the elite upper class and the second ordinary civilians. Most of the reliefs showed men. Ordinary men wore a tucked-up lower garment that covered the knees and no clothes in the upper body. Upper class men wore the same in the lower part, but with patterns of high quality. They also wore arm bracelets, necklaces and head

ornaments,” he said.

Pyu women wore a sarong-like lower part (Htamein) and likely used a belt for men as belts for women may have not yet appeared, according to studies, he added.

“When big and small gold-panning pits in Sri Ksetra palace site were studied after the bushes had been cleared, the gold finders discarded the tiles

they found as worthless. But, these tiles are much valuable to the archaeologists. We found that a cloth was used to separate the mould and clay in making tiles. It proved that the Pyu people had produced cotton with patterns. They appeared to be of great quality. Some are thick and some are thin. Cotton cloth seems to be essentially used,” he said. — MT/ZN



Some evidences of Pyu-era dresses.



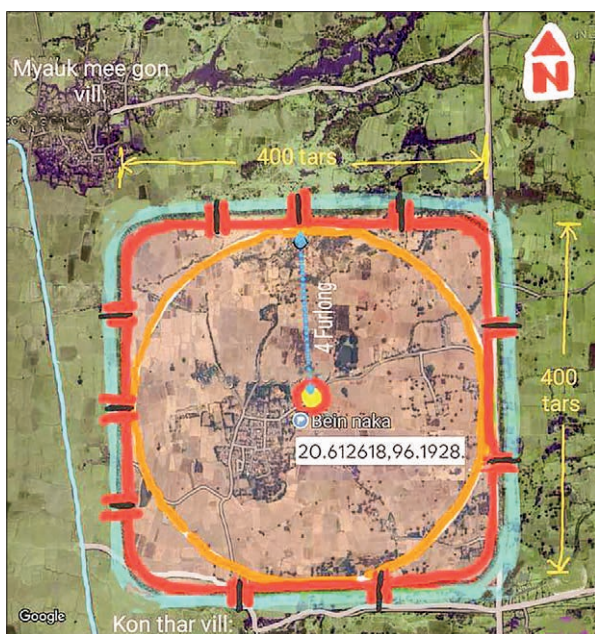
First literary evidence of ancient Beinnaka City discovered

EVIDENCE of ancient literature about Beinnaka city was discovered for the first time, making the history of the ancient town better known.

In 1981, it was found out that an ancient city that residents called “Beinnaka, Pyu City” existed at the foot of Shan plateau in the east of Pyawbwe Township.

Writer and researcher Bo Shake (Yadanapura) discovered a handwriting palm-leaf manuscript, a copy of a palm-leaf manuscript about Beinnaka, at the Universities’ Central Library. According to it, it was a historical record of the Prince of Beinnaka and his eight descendants of the Beinnaka dynasty.

“I found the monograph. Beinnaka is



This image shows the location of Beinnaka City according to locals.

located in Pyawbwe Township, and its existence has been known to us since we were young, but no evidence has been found. I was fortunate to find a his-

torical record of Beinnaka during my search for ancient palm-leaf manuscripts and folded papers. It includes Beinnaka’s history and the area of the city wall. With

the help of this evidence, we can say Beinnaka is an ancient city and how it was built,” said Bo Shake (Yadanapura).

According to the manuscript, it is an ancient Pyu city, and King Pyusawhti allowed to build it. The manuscript includes evidence of how it was built and measurements of the city walls.

“It was an ancient city that existed in the Pyu era. Myanmar’s history includes the Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age, and Pyu Era. Beinnaka emerged in Pyu’s era. With a compilation of evidence extracted from ancient palm-leave manuscripts and folded papers, we should make it into a book so that the public can observe,” he said. — MT/ZS

MoH intensifies response to diarrhoea outbreak in Yangon

ON-GROUND teams have been actively working to control the outbreak of severe diarrhoea in several townships in Yangon Region, under the close supervision of the Ministry of Health and with the assistance of the Yangon Region government. From 6 pm on 20 July to 6 pm on 21 July 2024, 48 new diarrhoea patients were hospitalized in Yangon Region. No one was confirmed to have severe diarrhoea, and all patients were reported to be in good health condition. On 21 July, a total of 68 patients were discharged. Intensifying efforts to control the disease are ongoing in Yangon Region.

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The photo depicts a ceremony of Myanmar community in Chiang Mai city, Thailand, donating Waso robes to Buddhist monks on 20 July (Dhammacakka Day).

Myanmar community in Chiang Mai city of Thailand offers Waso robes

THE Myanmar community, including the families of the Myanmar Consulate-General in Chiang Mai city, Thailand, donated Waso robes to monks on 20 July (the full moon day of Waso as well as Dhammacakka Day), according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Myanmar Consul-General U Min Kyaw Lin, along with the families of the Consulate-General, joined the event at the Wat Sai Moon Myanmar Monastery to offer Waso robes and donation items to the Buddhist monks, as well as serving the attendees with foods.

At the ceremony, the assistant abbot of Wat Sai Moon Myanmar Monastery, U Pannacakka, said in his sermon that Dhammacakka Day provides devout Buddhists with an opportunity to donate in accordance with the teachings of the Lord Buddha. After the sermon, the congregation shared merits. — ASH/TH

DPM MoFA Union Minister leaves for 8th China-South Asia Expo, 28th China (Kunming) Export and Import Fair



Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe seen at Mandalay International Airport yesterday before departure for Kunming, China.

A Myanmar delegation led by U Than Swe, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs together with U Htun Ohn, Union Minister for Commerce departed from Mandalay International Airport for the People's Republic of China yesterday to participate in the 8th China-South Asia Expo, 28th China Kunming Export and

Import Fair and related events to be held from 22 July in Kunming city of Yunnan Province, the People's Republic of China.

The Expo and Trade Fair, under the theme of "Solidarity and Coordination for Common Development", is jointly organized by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China and the People's Gov-

ernment of Yunnan Province.

The Myanmar delegation was seen off by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Commerce and Mr Zhang Wei, acting Consul-General of the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Mandalay at the Mandalay International Airport. — MNA

Myanmar, China eye promotion of multi-sectorial collaboration



Myanmar Consul-General U Kyaw Zeyar Lin and Director-General Ms Zhang Tao of the Foreign Affairs Office of the Sichuan Provincial Government exchange gifts.

ON 17 July, Myanmar Consul-General to Chongqing U Kyaw Zeyar Lin met Director-General Ms Zhang Tao of the Foreign Affairs Office of the Sichuan Provincial Government.

They discussed pro-

moting collaboration between Myanmar and Sichuan Province of China in economic, trade, education, cultural and tourism sectors as well as the resumption of direct flights between Myanmar and

Sichuan Province.

On 16 July, U Kyaw Zeyar Lin also met Director-General Mr Yang Lin of the Port and Logistics Office of Chongqing Municipal Government at the Port and Logistics Office in Chongqing and exchanged views on the operation of transport and logistics services by of the International Land and Sea Trade Corridor (ILSTC) in Chongqing, the conditions of transporting goods between Myanmar and Chongqing and the resumption of Chongqing-Yangon direct flights. — ASH/TMT



Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Maung Swe signs to hand over the chairmanship of the ACB to the Philippines Ambassador to China Jaime A FlorCruz.

Myanmar hands over ASEAN Committee chairmanship to the Philippines

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Myanmar handed over the Chairmanship of the ASEAN Committee in Beijing (ACB) to the Philippines on 18 July at the Intercontinental Beijing Sanlitun Hotel in Beijing.

Alternate Chair of ASEAN Committee in Beijing Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Maung Swe, who handed over the chairmanship to Philippines Ambassador to China Jaime A FlorCruz.

During the meeting,

ASEAN state ambassadors and representatives approved the summary record of the ACB meeting hosted by Malaysia on 8 February 2024. They also discussed development in ASEAN-China dialogue relations. Additionally, representatives from respective ASEAN countries briefly reviewed the progress in bilateral relations with Chi-

na over the past six months and exchanged views on regional developments. The Chairmanship of the ACB was then officially handed over to Jaime A FlorCruz for the term from July to December 2024. — ASH/TMT

NATIONAL

Kayin State expands coffee production with new saplings

A total of 10,029 acres of coffee plantations in Kayin State produce 21,229 tonnes of coffee beans. Plans are underway to expand this by an additional 1,000 acres, focusing on the globally traded Robusta variety. Yesterday morning, Robusta coffee plants were grown at the PhaungdawU camp in Kyauktaung village, Tapaung village-tract, Hlaingbwe Township.

During the planting ceremony, Kayin State Chief Minister U Saw Myint Oo emphasized the suitability of the region for high-value coffee cultivation and highlighted the importance of coffee beans in generating export revenue, given their global popularity. The Chief Minister and officials distributed coffee saplings to farmers from various villages in Hlaingbwe. Farmer Saw Win Naing Sein, on behalf of the farmers,



The distribution of coffee saplings and planting of coffee trees in progress in Kyauktaung village, Tapaung village-tract, Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State on 21 July 2024. **PHOTO: SAW MYO MIN THEIN (IPRD)**

expressed gratitude. Subsequently, the Chief Minister and officials planted 1,600 Robusta

saplings on 2.5 acres of hardwood plantation owned by Saw Win Naing Sein.

The Chief Minister viewed coffee sapling-growing activities of local farmers and honoured

traditional cultural troupes.

The Chief Minister and officials also inspected the elevated water levels at Yebok Dam near Htilon village in Hlaingbwe Township. U Than Oo, Head of Kayin State Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department presented the update report on the dam's current status and the preparations for managing the high water levels.

Furthermore, they examined the Check Structure and Canal Side Spill Structure funded by the Kayin State budget for the 2023-2024 financial year and the Escape Outfall Channel funded by the Union budget for the 2024-2025 FY. Directives have been issued to construct water retention dams in areas prone to overflow and to grow more teak saplings in the dam areas affected by excess water diversion. — Saw Myo Min Thein (IPRD)/ TRKM

Counter-argument to false information

Misinformation: Security forces arrest and kill six people from Tumaya Village

MALICIOUS news media are spreading misinformation that six innocent people from Tumaya Village, Mingin Township, Sagaing Region were arrested and killed by security forces on 16 July to mislead the public.

What actually happened was the PDF terrorists arrived in Tumaya Village at 7:30 am on 17 July and abducted six innocent people to the east of the village and killed them with knives and guns at the top of the village. Then, they left for Pyinpinmaw Village.

Five innocent people died

due to the killing of the PDF terrorists. One person was taken to Mingin Township Hospital for treatment, but died of his injuries, according to a security official.

PDF terrorists are burning down towns and villages that do not support them and arresting and killing innocent people. In this process, they arrested and killed six innocent people, and are spreading conspiracy propaganda through illegal subversive media that the security forces did it. — MNA/KZL

Subversive media spread fake news messing up between public and security forces

SUBVERSIVE media have been spreading propaganda on social media sites falsely alleged that security forces entered the village of Katai in Chauk Township, Magway Region, arrested one person, and took gold, money, cars, and motorcycles from the village.

Regarding the news, according to a security official, arresting one person from Katai village in Chauk Township and bringing gold, money, cars, and motorcycles are misinformation. The security forces are only carrying out the necessary security measures to prevent terrorists from entering Chauk Township.

As PDF terrorists are collecting money, forcibly recruiting new members and abducting and killing innocent people in some villages in Chauk Township, the security forces are conducting security measures in the area. At around 11 pm

on 20 July, PDF terrorists attacked the security forces in the vicinity of Hsutaw village with heavy weapons and small arms. Due to counter-attacks of security forces, those terrorists retreated to the northeast area. Therefore, in order to reduce the incidence of terrorism, the public should inform nearby security camps and security forces about information of terrorists. — MNA/TKO



This screenshot validates misinformation.

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Confiscation of illegal items: consumer goods, foods, motorcycles and vehicles

UNDER the oversight of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to prevent and prosecute illegal trade are being effectively enforced according to the law. On 17 July, combined teams managed by the Customs Department conducted inspections at the Asia World container checkpoint, leading to the seizure of 40,100 kilogrammes of China-made GI pipes (with an estimated value of K58.947 million) from 19 containers. Action is taken in accordance with Customs procedures.

The same day, the combined teams under the management of Bago Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force seized 300 packets of Knorr chicken powder made in Thailand (estimated value of K4.15 million) on a vehicle driving from Mawlamyine to Mandalay and a Scania Bus carrying these items (estimated value of K40 million) and five products (estimated value of K15.562), including 103 containers of 18-litre vegetable oil made in Thailand, without official documents, Kantaw Ward in Waw Township, with a total value of K59.712 million, and action is being taken in accordance with customs procedures.

In addition, on 17 July, combined teams of Customs Department found two containers at the Myanmar Industrial Port and seized three types of goods including 1,917 kilogrammes of window lock (estimated value of K8,472,870) which were carried more than the import declaration. On 18 July, the teams also impounded two vehicles driving from Tachilek to Yangon at Ywathagyi dry port, including 4,050 kilogrammes of Organik Tissue Paper made in China, which exceeded the import declaration form (estimated value of K18,134,550), and one Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and one Isuzu Giga Truck (estimated value of K72 million) carrying these products, and action is being taken in accordance with customs procedures.

In addition, on July 18, duty-assigned teams under the



Illegal sawn timbers confiscated in Bago Region.



Illegal vegetable cooking oil seized in Kayin State.



A vehicle which carries illegal goods confiscated in Kayin State.



Photo shows seized illegal GI pipes at the Asia World container checkpoint.

management of the Shan State Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force seized a total of five products (estimated value of K2.21 million), including two Air Pumps, which were piled up on the side of the road beyond Sinphyu point in Muse, and action is taken in accordance with customs procedures.

On 18 July, a combined team under the management

of the Sagaing Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force serving at Yadanabon Bridge Checkpoint seized one unlicensed Hijet (estimated value of K6 million) and one unlicensed Toyomax-125 motorcycle (estimated value of K300,000) in Sawbwa Ward 4, Tamu, and action is being taken in accordance with the Export/Import Law.

Also, on 18 July, a joint task force under the management of the Magway Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force nabbed 42.666 tonnes of smuggled charcoal (estimated value of K320,000) in Pwintbyu Township, Minbu District, and action is being taken in accordance with the Forest Law.

Additionally, on 19 July, the Kayin State Illegal Trade

Eradication Special Task Force conducted an inspection at the Thanlwin Bridge combined checkpoint. They seized 680 5-litre jerry cans of two-shrimp brand cooking oil, 170 18-litre jerry cans of cooking oil (valued at K34.48 million), and two Mitsubishi Fuso Canters carrying these items (valued at K60 million). In total, items worth K94.48 million were seized, and action is being taken following Customs procedures.

On 19 and 20 July, the Bago Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force inspected areas in Toungoo and Pyay districts, uncovering 0.105 tonne of illegal teak timber, 5.633 tonnes of hardwood, and 0.431 tonne of other wood (valued at K4.84 million). They also seized an unlicensed Honda Freed in Bago Township (valued at K5 million) and took action under the Export and Import Law.

Similarly, on 19 and 20 July, the Sagaing Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force inspected the Yadanabon Bridge checkpoint, where they seized unlicensed vehicles including

two Nissan AD vans, one Toyota Wish, and one Honda Fit (estimated value of K28 million). Action is being taken in line with the Export and Import Law.

During the period from 17 to 20 July, a total of 25 cases (estimated value of more than K358.417 million) were seized, according to the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/TKO

NATIONAL

Dhammacakka Day Ceremony marked at Indian Centre

THE Indian Embassy to Myanmar held the Dhammacakka Day Ceremony at the Indian Centre in Pabedan Township, Yangon, on 21 July.

The event was inaugurated by Pro-Rector Dr Nodhinyana of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University and Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Abhay Thakur, who ignited

the Dhamma candles. Both officials, along with the Director of the Indian Centre, Dr Surabhi Thakur, provided explanations about the significance of Dhammacakka Day.

Following this, Indian Ambassador Mr Abhay Thakur and other officials offered Waso robes to the ITBMU Pro-Rector and members of the Sangha



Photo depicts scenes of Dhammacakka Day Ceremony being held at Indian Centre in Yangon on 21 July. **PHOTO: TWA**

attending the ceremony. Additionally, the ambassador and the

pro-rector opened the new photo gallery at the centre before the

Dhammacakka Day Ceremony was launched. — ASH/ TRKM

Yangon Red Cross to use GPS-equipped ambulances for EMS

MYANMAR Red Cross Society in Yangon Region will conduct emergency rescue and treatment operations using GPS-equipped emergency ambulances that can be directly supervised by the Command-and-Control Centre, according to Dr Zaw Htay, Chairman of the Yangon Region Red Cross Supervisory Committee.

“This is the implementation of the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) system. In emergencies, timely assistance can potentially save patients’ lives. Therefore, the ambulances are directly supervised by the Command-and-Control Centre at the regional office to receive information and instructions on location and response coordination. As a result, a total of 11 emergency ambulances in Yangon are equipped with GPS and will be monitored

by the Command-and-Control Centre. In case of emergencies, the nearest ambulance can promptly attend to patients and transport them to the nearest hospital,” said Dr Zaw Htay.

The organization has provided Red Cross members to be assigned to the ambulances, equipping them with the necessary training in emergency care to ensure they can provide appropriate care for

patients in various situations.

A total of 15 emergency ambulances equipped with GPS will be kept ready for conducting emergency measures under the direct supervision of the Command-and-Control Centre. The Yangon Region Red Cross Supervisory Committee operates 59 ambulances, with 11 of them capable of providing Emergency Medical Service (EMS) systems. — ASH/TKO



This photo depicts Red Cross members who will assist in emergency ambulances during the emergency care training.



Catalogue shows paintings at the art exhibition “The Artistic Spectrum”.

“The Artistic Spectrum” Group Exhibition at Artistic Space Art Gallery

THE Artistic Space Art Gallery in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, hosts a group art exhibition called “The Artistic Spectrum,” according to a gallery curator. The exhibition is open from 20 to 23 July and features diverse and colourful paintings by 14 artists.

“We invite you to enjoy the paintings as all of them are new creations,” said the curator.

The participant artists include well-known names such as M Tun Aung, Han Thar, Aung Pache, Chan Nyein, Hsan Lin Ko, Kyaw Swar, Phoe San, Kalyar Ei Ei Lwin, Naw Anna, Ohmar Saw, Pyone Myintzu, Saw Thu Zar Hlaing, Thiri Myat Su, and Tin Yu Khine. — ASH/ TRKM

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.

Flood Warning

(Issued at 14:00 hours MST on 21-7-2024)

ACCORDING to the 12:30 hours MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin at Hpa-an is observed as about 1.5 feet (42

centimetres) below its danger level 24.61 feet (750 centimetres). It may reach its danger level during the next two days.

It is especially advised to the people who settle near the river banks and low-lying areas at Hpa-an Township, to take precaution measure. — DMH

LBVD to disburse K12B loans to livestock farmers

THE Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in Nay Pyi Taw will provide a K12 billion loan to those engaged in animal husbandry including beef cattle, dairy cow, poultry and goat and sheep farming.

Starting in August this year, K12 billion allotted from K22 billion of the State Economic Promotion Fund will be disbursed to those livestock farmers in nine regions and states, including Nay Pyi Taw. This loan with a low interest rate is aimed at enhancing livestock businesses.

The department has called for proposals from livestock farmers in the regions and states. Those farmers who own real property such as farm, building, plot of land with energy and water supply and can present assets or collateral exceeding the loan amount are eligible to receive the loan.



A layer farm.

They can apply for a loan through the respective township-level or district-level working committees. The loan term is set for three years for dairy cow farmers and two years for poultry, beef cattle, sheep and goat. Annual inter-

est is two per cent.

During the last financial year 2023-2024, the State Economic Promotion Fund provided K20 billion in loans to the farmers of operating farms of broiler, pig and duck. — TWA/KK

Hmawby estate market increases back this month

THE real estate market in Yangon Region's Hmawby Township, which was quiet in June, increases back in July, according to local real estate service agencies.

Transactions are happening in Hmawby's downtown wards: extended wards 1, 2, 3 and 4 and there are buyers in villages of the township.

"Prices are good now. Transactions were low last month. However, transactions

are happening almost weekly this month," said a local estate agent.

The property market in Hmawby and Taikkyi townships developed between January and March this year and slowed in April, however gradually increased back this month. Depending on location, price of a 20 ft-60 ft land plot in Hmawby and Taikkyi townships varies. — Thit Taw/ZS



Entrance to Hmawby.

Myanmar's fish export market faces challenges in Taninthayi Region as domestic demand slows

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Although it is currently fishing season in Myanmar's waters, the costs of operation outweigh the earnings, putting fishing businesses in a difficult position.

"Thailand's fish market favours buyers, and our country has lenient legal measures. Thailand is aware of this. Prawns with an A Grade used to fetch \$30 per kilogramme, but prices have now fallen in the Thai market. At present, Thailand enjoys benefits while Myanmar's fishing firms face reduced profits," said Daw Htay Htay Win, Managing Director of the Myanmar International Fish Auction Market in Myeik.

The fish auction market in Myeik, Taninthayi Region, has not been promoted by successive administrations, allowing Thailand to dominate the market for many years.

"We earn 2,000 Baht per

barrel (approximately K200,000). Selling 240 barrels would bring in K50 million, but it costs K100 million to operate a fishing vessel. With Thailand's booming fish market, we have no choice but to sell there. If we refuse and bring the fish back, we won't cover labour and vessel costs, risking jobs and rendering fishing vessels useless. We do this with little hope of revenue," explained a fishing vessel owner from Myeik.

For three decades, a significant fish market has emerged in Ranong, Thailand, primarily dealing with fish from Myanmar.

"If local businesspersons establish a fish market in unison, it will emerge," she remarked.

The international fish auction market in Myeiktaung Village-tract, Myeik Township, Taninthayi Region, was established with \$70 million in capital from the government and both domestic and international in-



Jetties of Myanmar's fishing trawlers in Myeik. PHOTO: MYINT OO (MYEIK)

vestors. Developed 20 years ago, a modernized fish market at this location could bring many benefits to local businesses and the fishing industry, including creating a market with independent

equilibrium, saving time and costs, generating more job opportunities, and curbing illegal trade.

Myanmar's waters, including those off Rakhine, Ay-

eyawady, Yangon, Mon, and Taninthayi, have many fishing plots. In Taninthayi alone, there are approximately 1,500 offshore fishing trawlers. — Myint Oo (Myeik)/ TMT

OPINION

Notice important role of school health measures for students

HEALTH awareness among students, from primary to high school, is crucial for reducing the spread of infectious diseases. Teaching students about health is challenging, but if they understand the importance of controlling infections, they will follow the necessary precautions.

Schools, as communities of teachers, staff, and students, are ideal for disseminating health knowledge. Teachers play a vital role in guiding students to adhere to health guidelines. According to the 2019 interim census, over 900,000 out of 25.169 million people in the country had never attended school. About 12.84 million had completed primary and pre-primary education, 5.46 million finished middle school, and over 3.34 million graduated from high school.

Actually, basic education schools at different levels play a critical role in promoting health awareness among students. Through comprehensive health education and proactive healthcare services, students can learn to protect themselves and their communities from infectious diseases.

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Actually, basic education schools at different levels play a critical role in promoting health awareness among students. Through comprehensive health education and proactive healthcare services, students can learn to protect themselves and their communities from infectious diseases. This combined effort of teachers, health officials, parents and health officials is vital in ensuring a healthy future for all students.

Moreover, health officials need to take preventive measures of diseases based on mosquitos and flies and explain how to engage daily lifestyle to be free from infectious diseases including diarrhoea disease with the help of teachers. If they can improve health conditions of school society as well as residential areas of the people, people including children can be free from infectious diseases which may mostly break out in monsoon. Only when schoolchildren have the chance to enjoy medical checkup and health awareness raised by health officials will the country build the society with healthy and fit youths in the future. Those healthy and fit youths will be ready to serve the State responsibilities at different levels.

Given these numbers, raising health awareness in basic education schools is essential. Students can then share this knowledge with their families. Health officials and staff from Township Public Health Departments should conduct educational talks on the dangers of infectious diseases, personal hygiene, and safe food practices for students.

Medical teams must provide healthcare services to children under five in schools and intensify efforts to control malaria, dengue fever, and diarrhea among students. Preventive measures against mosquito and fly larvae should also be implemented. Educating students on personal hygiene, conducting medical checkups, and promoting oral hygiene are necessary steps. Additionally, parents should be encouraged to maintain a

MYANMAR DERANGEMENT SYNDROME

By Dr. Nay Zaw Min (Roma)

THERE is rampant Myanmar Derangement Syndrome within the has-beens and wannabes from the international organizations. Obnoxious, holier than thou, arrogant mindset is widespread in their midst. They have to pile in on those brown and yellow people in faraway developing countries. When it comes to their "Uncles" in powerful Western countries, they don't register.

Some "has-beens", even if they worked in Myanmar decades ago and already retired, can't stay away. Some return to the border areas wearing military fatigue. Looking tough! Some have thriving consultancy business. Appear here! Appear there! There's no shortage of

“Some “has-beens”, even if they worked in Myanmar decades ago and already retired, can't stay away. Some return to the border areas wearing military fatigue. Looking tough! Some have thriving consultancy business.”

“events” in the Western capitals for endless, meaningless discussions about Myanmar, all the while totally oblivious about the reality. Then there are some who just keep their names in the picture for potential future contracts. A group has even rep-

licated a name with “SAC” in it! Who in the right mind! Are they really that desperate?

Then there's a so-called rapporteur who lobs grenades form his base in Washington D. C. Based in Washington D. C., what is he supposed to do! Such

a righteous person! China take note! Russia take note!

Let's be honest. The best and the brightest don't work for years/decades in the international organizations with a civilian paygrade. The best and the brightest go work for financial

firms, law firms, hedge funds, etc., etc. There's a need for these mediocre average IQ people to feel righteous.

On a separate matter, a certain “economist” has been making rounds selling books. The question people should ask is, how could any government allow a foreign citizen to be privy of intimate information of the country's sensitive details. Even the best of the allies such as United States and the UK, for example. Imagine if the leader of the United States enlists a UK national as a close economist advisor and share sensitive knowledge and information of the US? Could that even happen? Only in Myanmar when a foreign national is enlisted as a senior advisor

to the leadership, the person is hoisted, celebrated and accepted as if it's a standard procedure. Let the distinguished “economist” to find a position with say, Prime Minister of Singapore, Prime Minister of Thailand and see if that is possible, let alone a

Western government. How can a foreign national, any foreign national, can become a close economic advisor to the leadership of a country. Who might they be reporting the sensitive information of the country? Has anyone ask?

On yes, from 2015 to 2020, it was an open knowledge (not open secret!) that an official from a certain foreign embassy even sat in on some cabinet meetings (you know who you are).

Let's be real, people!

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Children with type 1 diabetes maybe at higher risk of mental health issues, finds study

CHILDREN diagnosed with type 1 diabetes are at significantly higher risk of a number of mental health issues, including mood and anxiety disorders, a study from a team in the UK and the Czech Republic has found.

The findings emphasise the critical need for ongoing monitoring and care for the mental health of young individuals with type 1 diabetes.

According to the JDRF organisation, 8.7 million individuals worldwide suffer from type 1 diabetes, with over 400,000 in the United Kingdom alone. It is a chronic, life-threatening illness that is typically identified as a kid and has long-term consequences.

Mental health of young people

The findings highlight the urgent need for monitoring and support for the mental health of young people diagnosed with type 1 diabetes.

According to the charity JDRF, 8.7 million people are living with type 1 diabetes around the world, including over 400,000 people in the UK. It is a chronic,

According to JDRF, a global diabetes research organization, there are approximately 8.7 million individuals living with type 1 diabetes globally, including over 400,000 in the United Kingdom alone. The condition has profound long-term implications for health and requires lifelong management.



This finding underscores the crucial importance of ongoing monitoring and mental health care for young individuals coping with type 1 diabetes. **ILLUSTRATION: REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE/FREEPIK**

life-threatening condition, usually diagnosed in childhood, that has a life-long impact.

Currently, people with type 1 diabetes rely on a routine of finger-prick blood tests and insulin injections or infusions, because their pancreas no longer produces insulin itself, although recent developments in artificial pancreas technology are helping transform this care.

Developing psychotic disorders

Previous studies have shown potential links between childhood-onset type 1 diabetes and a number of mental health disorders in adulthood. However, it is not clear whether these links can be best explained by the impacts of living with the condition and its treatment, or whether underlying common biological mechanisms may be implicated, for example, the impact of unstable blood sugar levels on the developing adolescent brain.

To help answer this question, a team of researchers turned to data from over 4,500 children with type 1 diabetes on a national register in the Czech Republic and from large-scale European DNA studies. From the national register data, the researchers found that children diagnosed with type 1 diabetes - compared to children without the condition - were over twice as likely to develop a mood disorder and more than 50 per cent more likely to develop an anxiety disorder. They were also more than four times more likely to develop behavioural syndromes including eating and sleep disorders.

“Although we found a concerning increase in the risk of mental health problems among people living with type 1 diabetes, our study - and others before it - suggest this is unlikely to be the result of common biological mechanisms. This emphasises the importance of prevention and sustained attention to the mental health needs of children and young people with type 1 diabetes.”

Tomas Formanek, a PhD student at the University of Cambridge and the National Institute of Mental Health, Klecany, Czech Republic, said: “Although we found a concerning increase in the risk of mental health problems among people living with type 1 diabetes, our study - and others before it - suggest this is unlikely to be the result of common biological mechanisms. This emphasises the importance of prevention and sustained attention to the mental health needs of children and young people with type 1 diabetes.”

The researchers say that mental health problems in later life may be a result of children with type 1 diabetes being forced to make significant changes to their lives, with a constant focus on monitoring their food intake and a need to check blood sugar levels

and administer insulin injections. This often leaves these children feeling excluded from social events and singled out by peers, teachers and even family members. **‘Diabetes distress’** Dr Benjamin Perry from the Department of Psychiatry, University of Cambridge, said, “We know that people diagnosed with type 1 diabetes can experience ‘diabetes distress’. This can include extreme frustration with blood sugars and feelings of isolation and can lead to burnout, hopelessness, and a feeling of lack of control. It's little wonder, then, that they are at risk of compounding mental health problems, spanning into their adult lives.”

Professor Peter Jones, also from the Department of Psychiatry, University of Cambridge, added: “Our findings emphasise the urgent need to support children diagnosed with type 1 diabetes, look out for signs of mental health problems and offer timely, expert help. That way, it may be possible to help these children early, before these problems fully take root.”

SOURCE: ANI

NATIONAL



Loans from Emerald Green Project Fund are handed over to resident.

Emerald Green Project Fund loans over K496 billion nationwide, boosting rural agriculture and livestock sectors

According to U Myo Naing Aung, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Rural Development, the Emerald Green Project Fund was spent on disbursing over

K496 billion in loans across the country, primarily benefiting the agriculture and livestock sectors. "To date, over K496 billion has been lent to 1.3 million households, encompassing a popula-

tion of 9.4 million nationwide, through the Emerald Green Project Fund. These loans have been issued towards rural areas, supporting small businesses including agriculture, livestock,

fishery, rural electrification, and manufacturing sectors," U Myo Naing Aung explained.

He further noted, "The fund has provided over K300 billion in loans to more than 700,000 households for agricultural activities, and K126 billion to over 400,000 households for livestock activities. To ensure security and efficiency, we use only digital payment systems for these loans and collaborate with service companies and village-based service groups".

The Emerald Green Project Fund operates the capital revolving fund for the villages, allocating K30 million per village from the State funds. These village funds are managed by committees elected by public and offer low-interest loans at K0.5 to K1.5 per month to support activities that boost family income. The interest earned is reinvested into the village community fund or used for other village projects, as agreed by the community. — ASH/KZL



Officials inspect rural livestock breeding farm.

15 terrorists arrested in rocket attacks in Lewe Township

IN response to reports from residents regarding explosions in Lewe Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, on the morning of 16 July, security forces rushed into the area and found that three rockets have exploded near Kyankhin and Kantha villages, causing no damage to people or buildings.

Afterwards, security forces con-

ducted a search in the surrounding area and discovered four damaged rocket launchers and three ready-to-fire rocket launchers near Aung Setana Village. The rockets that had not yet been fired were systematically defused, and the surrounding area was searched. Security forces arrested Pyae Phyo Aung (aka) Nauksae,

and Thet Khaing Tun (aka) Ko Thet, from Hayman Village of Lewe Township in connection with the rocket firings. According to the investigation results, necessary procedures are being conducted on 15 suspects involved in the incident, in order to take effective action against the accused. — MNA/TH



Rocket launchers and defused rockets seized by security forces in Lewe Township on 16 July.

Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7 pm Sunday 21 July 2024)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and strong elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 22 July 2024: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Lower Sagaing Region and Kayah State, fairly widespread in Mandalay and Magway regions and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of regionally heavyfalls in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfalls in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and Kachin, Kayin and Mon states. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The Cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Bago and Taninthayi regions and Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states.

STATE OF THE SEA: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40 mph. Wave height will be about 10-13 feet in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30-35 mph. Wave height will be about 7-9 feet in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. — DMH

What 5G telecom towers can offer in China's digitalization

This extensive deployment is aimed at benefiting individuals and businesses by offering unprecedented convenience and numerous opportunities.

WITH over 3.8 million 5G base stations now operational across China, the widespread adoption of 5G is delivering substantial benefits to both individuals and businesses, offering unprecedented convenience and a wealth of opportunities.

China Tower, responsible for constructing the majority of these communication base stations, positions itself as a fundamental pillar of the country's digital economy. "Only by providing robust communication infrastructure services, can the advancement of emerging industries like the industrial

internet, artificial intelligence (AI) and the metaverse be facilitated," said Chen Xiaojie, head of the information department at China Tower.

Covering a total area of 101 square kilometres, Jiangsu Huai'an Industrial Park in eastern China features an Internet of Things platform and AI analysis system supported by the 5G network, which can transmit and analyze the pollution and safety risk data of chemical enterprises in real time.

On the screen in the park's command center, the status of an enterprise's liquid sulfur storage tank field is displayed and updated. Re-

al-time data measuring the tank's temperature, pressure and liquid level are sent to the command centre.

The data and images collected by the toxic gas probe and related camera in the tank field are analyzed by AI, and the progress and results of risk elimination are updated in real time. As a large number of the park's companies are involved with the storage and production of hazardous chemicals, safety is a prerequisite for everything. The park's 5G wireless network coverage has helped improve the update frequency of data transmission in environmental monitoring equipment from 20 seconds to one second. — Xinhua



This photo taken on 17 October 2023 shows a 5G base station constructed by China Tower in Lianyungang, east China's Jiangsu Province. PHOTO: CHINA TOWER/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA



This photo taken on 18 July 2024, shows the scene of the 45th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council of the African Union (AU) in Accra, Ghana. PHOTO: SETH/XINHUA

AU official says Africa faces shortage of 15 mln teachers

This deficit severely hampers the continent's progress and its ability to meet educational and developmental goals.

AFRICA faces a deficit of 15 million in the supply of teachers, which hinders the continent's development, a senior African Union (AU) official said Friday.

Mohammed Belhocine, the AU commissioner for education, science, technology and innovation, made the remarks at a press briefing at the ongoing 45th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council of the AU in Accra, the Ghanaian capital, warning that this deficit has a negative impact on the continent's ability to meet its education and development aspirations.

The commissioner, therefore, called on the continent to take steps to bridge this gap to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in education

by 2030 set by the United Nations.

"This teacher deficit is huge, and we need strong efforts to bridge the gap and make the best use of what we are already investing in our educational systems," Belhocine said.

Africa needs an investment of about 90 billion US dollars to bridge the gap, improve infrastructure in education, and meet the SDGs on schedule, observed the commissioner.

The situation in Africa is due to the diminishing social status of the teaching profession, according to Belhocine. "Today, it is more flamboyant to be a businessman than to be a teacher. This is what is creating the gap in the supply of teachers." — Xinhua

BRIEFS: LIFESTYLE

Bruce Springsteen is officially a billionaire

THE Boss is officially a billionaire, Forbes said Friday, estimating that Bruce Springsteen is conservatively worth \$1.1 billion.

The guitar hero bard behind hits including "The River" has solidified much of his wealth in recent years, the financial outlet indicated, in no small part due to a blockbuster sale in 2021 of his music catalog to Sony for an estimated half-a-billion dollars.

The deal followed his wildly successful Broadway show run. Now, Springsteen is on a global tour currently set to run through 2025.

According to industry tracker Pollstar, in 2023 Springsteen sold more than 1.6 million concert tickets, raking in \$380 million in revenue.

And the 74-year-old "Dancing in the Dark" singer shows no signs of slowing down. — AFP

New Zealand launches boot camp pilot for young offenders

AS a part of the New Zealand government's plan to crack down on youth crime and get youth offenders back on track, the Military Style Academy was officially opened on Saturday.

The first batch of 10 young people will begin their time on the Military Style Academy Pilot starting 29 July at the Youth Justice residence in Palmerston North, said New

Zealand Minister for Children Karen Chhour.

The first three months there will focus on structure and routine, addressing criminal behaviors, physical activities, education and vocational training, preparation for work and finding employment, as well as specific rehabilitative, therapeutic and cultural components required for each young person, Chhour said,

adding each one will have a consistent mentor throughout.

Following the residential component, the nine-month stage of the programme will be focused on supporting the young person to transition back into the community, she said, adding families and communities will be engaged where possible for the full 12 months of the programme. — Xinhua

ECONOMY WORLD

Boeing sees 50,000 commercial plane market in 20 years

The global fleet will nearly double over the next 20 years, with approximately half of the deliveries being new aircraft models.

THE world's airways will have just over 50,000 commercial aircraft in 2043, almost double the current number, according to a forecast released Friday by Boeing.

The global fleet will "nearly double over the next 20 years", with about half of deliveries consisting of new models with greater fuel efficiency to replace older jets, according to the forecast.

"The balance between replacement and growth is very close, about 50-50," said Darren Hulst, vice president of marketing for Boeing's commercial aviation division.

Of the nearly 44,000 new planes to be delivered between now and 2043, more than 33,000 are single-aisle and 8,000 dual-aisle planes.

While airlines have announced ambitious orders to



Boeing 737 airplanes are pictured on the company's production line, on 27 March 2019 in Renton, Washington. PHOTO: STEPHEN BRASHEAR/AFP/FILE

update their fleets, both Boeing and European rival Airbus have faced supply chain shortfalls that have pushed back the timeframe on many plane deliveries.

That has resulted in fewer retirements of old planes. In the 2020-2023 period, the removal rate of planes was half the pace of the 2010s decade as carriers stick with older planes to meet travel demand.

But fewer than one third of the 26,750 planes currently in service will still be operating in 20 years.

The forecast estimates that passenger air traffic will rise an average of 4.7 per cent annually, outpacing the 3.2 per cent growth in the airplane fleet.

Airlines are meeting demand by "increasing load factors and using airplanes more hours per day", Boeing said. — AFP

Conspiracy theories take off after global IT crash

FROM fearmongering about a looming "World War III" to false narratives linking a cabal of global elite to a cyberattack, a torrent of online conspiracy theories took off Friday after a major IT crash.

Airlines, banks, TV channels and financial institutions were engulfed in turmoil after the crash, one of the biggest in recent years that was the result of a faulty software update to an antivirus programme operating on Microsoft Windows.

The proliferation of internet-breaking conspiracy theories on social media platforms — many of which have removed guardrails that once contained the spread of misinformation — illustrates the new normal of information chaos after a major world event.

The outage gave way to a swirl of evidence-free posts on X, the Elon Musk-owned site formerly known as Twitter, that peddled an apocalyptic narrative: The world was under at-

tack by a nefarious force.

"I read somewhere once that ww3 (World War III) would be mostly a cyber war," one user wrote on X.

The IT crash also stirred up an unfounded theory that the World Economic Forum — long a magnet for wild falsehoods — had plotted a global cyberattack.

To make that theory appear credible, many posts linked an old WEF video that warned about the possibility of a "cyberattack with Covid-like characteristics".

The video, available on the WEF's website, had cautioned that the only way to stop the exponential spread of the cyber threat would be to disconnect millions of vulnerable devices from each other and the internet.

The WEF has long been a target for conspiracy theorists pushing the idea of a shadowy cabal of elites working for private gain under the garb of solving global issues. — AFP

Moody's lifts Türkiye credit rating on governance improvement



Inflation and domestic demand are calming down. People enjoy leisure time on the bank of the Bosphorus Strait in Istanbul, Türkiye, 27 March 2023. PHOTO: SHADATI/XINHUA

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Moody's said Friday that it has upgraded Türkiye's credit rating on improved governance and progress on inflation, while maintaining the country's outlook as "positive".

The shift came as Türkiye battles a cost-of-living crisis that prompted President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to drop his opposition

to interest rate hikes as a means of tackling inflation.

In June, the country's annual inflation rate stood at 71.6 per cent — with consumer price hikes easing after hitting a peak of 75.45 per cent in May.

Türkiye's sovereign credit rating was lifted from B3 to B1, Moody's said on Friday.

This was largely due to "improvements in governance, more specifically the decisive and increasingly well-established return to orthodox monetary policy", the agency added. — AFP



A global cyber outage caused chaos for travellers. PHOTO: ANP/AFP

Kenya to leverage Paris Olympics to boost sports tourism

THE Kenya Tourism Board (KTB), the country's tourism marketing agency, said Friday it will use the upcoming Paris Olympics to showcase Kenya's potential in sports tourism.

John Ololtuaa, principal secretary in the State Department of Tourism, said in a statement issued in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, that the role of sports personalities as national icons and global am-

bassadors is key to showcasing the destination's potential for tourism and sports during the Games.

Besides celebrating the prowess of the country's athletes, the Olympics offers a prime opportunity

for Kenya to share its vibrant culture and heritage with the world, Ololtuaa said, adding that "as we wish our Olympians' success in their various disciplines, we are confident their excellence will draw

positive attention to our great nation." The Olympics come during Kenya's peak tourism season that traditionally runs from June through October. Its key highlights include the world-famous wildebeest

migration in the Maasai Mara National Reserve in southern Kenya and the humpback whale migration in the coastal town of Watamu, both spectacles often dubbed the "Twin Migration". — Xinhua

Tesla sales stumble in California as competition heats up

Tesla's dominance in California's electric vehicle market is faltering, with a 24 per cent drop in new car registrations in the second quarter.

TESLA'S grip on the electric vehicle (EV) market in California, the most populous US state, appeared to be loosening, with new car registrations plummeting 24 per cent year over year in the second quarter, according to the California New Car Dealers Association (CNCDA).



This photo taken on 15 April 2024 shows a view outside a Tesla store in San Mateo, California, the United States. **PHOTO BY LI JIANGUO/XINHUA**

This marks the third consecutive quarter of declining sales for the EV giant in the Golden State, raising concerns about Tesla's future dominance, according to a report released by the organization on Thursday.

While the Tesla Model Y remained California's

best-selling electric car, the company's overall market share shrunk significantly.

Tesla's hold on the battery electric car market dipped to 53.4 per cent

in the first half of this year, down from 64.6 per cent during the same period last year. Tesla's total California sales were down 17 per cent year-to-date.

— Xinhua

Transferring Registered Pesticides

Registered pesticides distributing by **Myanmar Kete Co.,Ltd** in the territory of Myanmar for the product as following are transferring from **Liuzhou Huinong Chemical Industry Co.,Ltd.** former producer to **Anhui Byter Agriculture Technology Co.,Ltd** as per mutual consent from both parties. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board within (14) days.

No	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration No.
1	Tenoxsu	Thiamethoxam 21% SC	P2019-4652

Myanmar Kete Co.,Ltd.
No.125-127, Kha 11st, Myoe Thit (A+B) Quarter, Inn Sein Township, Yangon.

Transferring Registered Pesticides

Registered pesticides distributing by **Myanmar Kete Co.,Ltd** in the territory of Myanmar for the product as following are transferring from **Hefei Spr Chemistry Technology Co.,Ltd.** former producer to **Anhui Byter Agriculture Technology Co.,Ltd** as per mutual consent from both parties. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board within (14) days.

No	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration No.
1	SPR Tricide	Clomazone 23% + Fomesafen 9.5% + Quizalofop-P-ethyl 2.5% EC	P2023-4849

Myanmar Kete Co.,Ltd.
No.125-127, Kha 11st, Myoe Thit (A+B) Quarter, Inn Sein Township, Yangon.

Transferring Registered Pesticides

Registered pesticides distributing by **Myanmar Kete Co.,Ltd** in the territory of Myanmar for the product as following are transferring from **Tianjin Book Agrochemicals Co.,Ltd.** former producer to **Anhui Byter Agriculture Technology Co.,Ltd** as per mutual consent from both parties. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board within (14) days.

No	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration No.
1	Bean Guard 250 AS	Fomesafen 250g/l AS	P2019-4642

Myanmar Kete Co.,Ltd.
No.125-127, Kha 11st, Myoe Thit (A+B) Quarter, Inn Sein Township, Yangon.

Transferring Registered Pesticides

Registered pesticides distributing by **Myanmar Golden Byter Co.,Ltd** in the territory of Myanmar for the product as following are transferring from **Shandong Newpower Biotech Co.,Ltd.** former producer to **Anhui Byter Agriculture Technology Co.,Ltd** as per mutual consent from both parties. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board within (14) days.

No	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration No.
1	Power-Expert	Azoxystrobin 20% + Difenconazole 12.5% SC	P2019-4650
2	Power-Zole	Difenconazole 40% SC	P2019-4649

Myanmar Golden Byter Co.,Ltd.
No.125-127, Kha 11st, Myoe Thit (A+B) Quarter, Inn Sein Township, Yangon.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
Online Ticketing and Payment System Implementation Tender Committee
Expression of Interest (EOI) Invitation

- Developers of local and international organizations interested in investment are invited to bid on the design, construction, and operation of an Online Ticketing and Payment System for purchasing train tickets online. The initial implementation of this project is planned for Yangon-Mandalay, Yangon-Pyay-Bagan, and Yangon-Mawlamyine sections.
- The entity responsible for implementing the Online Ticketing and Payment System can be a Myanmar-owned company, a foreign-owned company, or a joint venture or consortium. All such entities are eligible to participate in the bidding process.
- The selection process for this project will be implemented in two phases: submission of an Expression of Interest (EOI) and submission of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for those who succeed in the EOI stage. In the first stage, local and international companies interested in investing and operating this project are invited to submit their EOIs.
- Interested investors can purchase the EOI documents from which is 300,000 MMK for one set at the Supply Department of Myanma Railways, on the corner of Merchant Road and 51st Street, Botahtaung Township, Yangon, during office time from (22- 7- 2024) to (2-8-2024).
- The Proposal for EOI shall be submitted to the Supply Department of Myanma Railways, at the corner of Merchant Road and 51st Street, Botahtaung Township, Yangon, no later than (16.9.2024) (2:30) PM.
- For further details, please contact during office time by Ph: 067-77051 or 01-291994.

ROLLING UPDATES: WORLD

Israel faces retaliations after strikes on Houthi, Hezbollah targets

Yemen's Houthi group vowed to strike vital targets in Israel in retaliation for airstrikes on Hodeidah and Lebanon.



This video screenshot shows Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea delivering a statement in Sanaa, Yemen, 19 July 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

YEMEN'S Houthi group vowed to "hit vital targets in Israel" while Lebanon's Hezbollah retaliated with rockets after Israel had launched airstrikes on dif-

ferent areas in Yemen and Lebanon on Saturday.

The Houthi group on Saturday vowed to retaliate against Israeli air

strikes that destroyed oil storage and electric facilities, wounding nearly 80 people, in the Houthi-held Red Sea port city of Hodeidah.

"We will not hesitate to hit vital targets in Israel," Houthi military spokesman Yahya Sarea said, reiterating that Tel Aviv will not remain a safe area.

"The Israeli enemy launched a brutal aggression on Hodeidah, targeting the power station, the port, and the fuel storages, all of which are civilian targets," he said in a televised statement.

Earlier in the day, the Israeli military said in a statement that its fighter jets targeted "military targets" of the Houthi militia, as a response to "the hundreds of attacks carried out against the State of Israel in recent months".

The statement came after Houthi top negotiator Mohammed Abdulsalam said the Israeli strikes would not stop the military group from targeting "Israeli cities and ships." — Xinhua

NEWS BRIEFS: WORLD

PM Modi receives congratulations from Luxon

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi received a congratulatory phone call from his New Zealand counterpart, Christopher Luxon, on his victory for the third time in the general elections and the two leaders, during their interaction, reiterated their firm commitment to take bilateral cooperation to new heights in the years to come.

"Noting that India-New Zealand ties are anchored in shared democratic values and close people-to-people ties, both leaders reiterated their firm commitment to take bilateral cooperation to new heights in the years to come," per the press release from the Ministry of External Affairs on Saturday. — ANI

South Korea escalates propaganda

SOUTH Korea will ramp up propaganda broadcasts to the North in response to Pyongyang sending more trash-carrying balloons across the border, Seoul's military said Sunday.

The two Koreas have engaged in a tit-for-tat campaign, with the North sending nearly 2,000 trash-carrying balloons southwards since May, saying it is retaliation for propaganda balloons launched by South Korean activists.

In protest at a latest wave of North Korean balloons, the South Korean military said it was widening the scale of its frontline propaganda broadcasts. — AFP

Clashes in La Rochelle protest

PROTESTERS clashed with police in France's western port of La Rochelle Saturday, as conservationists and small farmers mobilised against massive irrigation reservoirs under construction.

Local government officials had banned demonstrations in the city, which is a popular tourist site in summer.

A 2,000-strong march, one of two through the city, was charged by police at around 1:30 pm (1130 GMT). Running battles erupted around barricades and burning rubbish bins as some protesters threw projectiles and police fired tear gas grenades.

"We were in the demo, they started blocking ahead and behind," said Lilia, a 25-year-old who declined to give her full name. "They isolated us off to one side to charge everyone else." — AFP

Italian cities brace for peak heatwaves

Several Italian cities are under the highest heat warning due to an expected peak in temperatures from an ongoing heatwave.

SEVERAL Italian cities were placed under the highest heat warning on Friday, as a heatwave causing extreme temperatures is expected to peak over the weekend.

The red alert — the highest in the country's four-tier system — will be in place for three days in 17 out of the 27 cities included in the national monitoring system operated by the Health Ministry, and another five cities are on the second-highest orange alert.

Turin, Bologna, Verona, and Trieste have been among the cities hardest hit by the heatwave in the north, while Florence, Rome, and Perugia in central Italy, and Bari and Palermo in the south are also experiencing extremely high temperatures.

In several regions, espe-



Tourists sheltered under parasols visit the Colosseum amid a heatwave in Rome, Italy, 12 July 2024. **PHOTO: ALBERTO LINGRIA/XINHUA**

cially in metropolitan areas, temperatures are expected to exceed 40 degrees Celsius during the next 48 hours, to

be eased by a wave of cooler air gradually arriving in some of these areas by Sunday afternoon, according to

weather forecasts by Italy's Air Force and the online weather service ilMeteo.it. — Xinhua

SPORTS

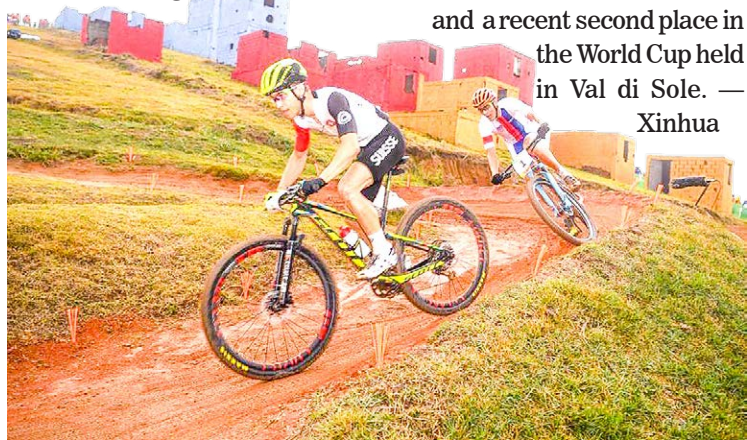
Hilltop out of town setting to provide backdrop of Olympic mountain bike thrills

The venue promises breathtaking views to complement the fierce competition.

THE Olympic Games is coming ever-closer to the first medals in cycling mountain bike to be decided with the women's race on 28 July and the men's race on the following day.

The races will take place at Elancourt Hill which is in the town of Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines. The 231-metre Elancourt Hill is the highest point the 'Ile-de-France' region of Paris, with views that promise to be almost as spectacular as the racing, where there are some clear favorites in an event that mixes strength, courage, stamina and bike-handling skills.

British rider Tom Pidcock goes into the Olympics as reigning champion and this year he has mixed cycle-cross, road racing and



Switzerland's Nino Schurter (L) competes during the men's cross-country race of cycling mountain bike at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games on 21 August 2016. PHOTO: LI GA/XINHUA/FILE

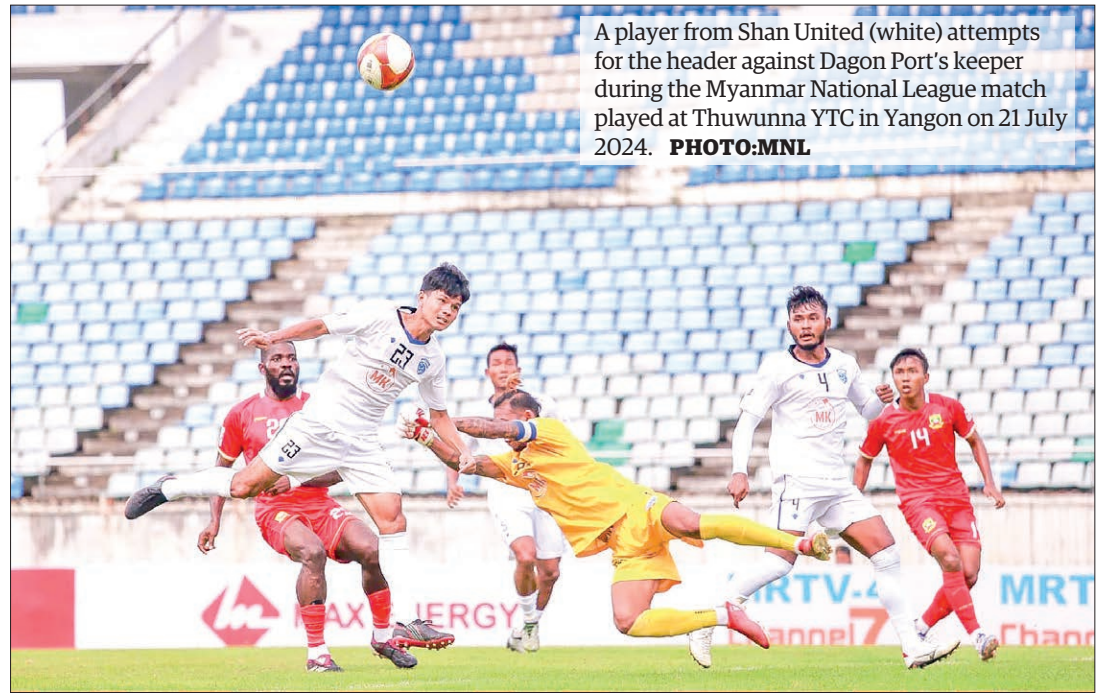
mountain biking, winning both the World Cup events he has taken part in.

Pidcock will double up in the road race in Paris, although there could be a slight doubt over his form as he was out of this year's Tour de France early.

Nino Schurter of Switzerland is one of the all-time mountain bike greats, and the 38-year-old already has Olympic gold from 2016, along with a host of World Championship and World Cup golds. Another Olympic success would be the icing on the cake for Schurter in a career going back over 15 years.

France's Victor Koretzky will have home fans cheering him on after a season that has seen two successes in short-track and a recent second place in the World Cup held in Val di Sole. — Xinhua

MNL: Shan on top with Yangon's draw



A player from Shan United (white) attempts for the header against Dagon Port's keeper during the Myanmar National League match played at Thuwunna YTC in Yangon on 21 July 2024. PHOTO:MNL

SHAN United secured the top spot in the Myanmar National League with a 4-2 win over Dagon Port FC played at Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon yesterday.

Taking an advantage of Yangon's draw with Hanthawady, defending champion Shan United secured the top spot of the MNL standing table. Dagon Port faced a loss by mutual goals.

As Shan United had to play away in Brunei as an ASEAN club qualifier last week, they changed their starting line-up while Dagon Port used their players perfectly.

Myo Sett Paing took a leading goal for Dagon Port in the first minute of the match. Thus,

Shan United came from behind and got a goal back just before the end of the first half. The equalizer for Shan was scored by Hein Phyo Win at 40th minute.

In the second half, Shan United played strongly to make more goals. Khun Kyaw Zin Hein touched the ball into the net at 49th and 87th minutes while Mark Saki scored the winning goal at 62nd minute.

Dagon Port responded with second goal from Kaung Myat Kyaw at 82nd minute. The best player award for the match went to Shan United's Khun Kyaw Zin Hein.

At the same time, Yangon United played a 1-1 draw against Hanthawady United

at the Yangon United Sport Complex.

The meeting between two teams at the top of the table, who have won two games in a row, ended in a draw. In the 60th minute, La Min Htwe gave Yangon the leading goal through a penalty, but Kyaw Myo Naing equalized for Hanthawady in the 73rd minute. Yangon's David Htan won the best award for this match.

After the Week-3 matches, Shan United occupied the top position with full nine points while Yangon, Hanthawady and Yadanabon are following Shan with seven points each. Unfortunately, Thitsar Arman and Rakhine United have no point yet. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Team Myanmar grabs silver at Colourful Yunnan Basketball Championship

MYANMAR youth basketball team won a silver medal at the Colourful Yunnan Basketball Championship held in Yunnan Province, China, as stated by the Myanmar Basketball Federation.

Six ASEAN countries including Myanmar, Thailand and Malaysia and five basketball teams from China totalling 11 teams competed in the U-18 men's triple basketball event, held from 14 to 20 July. Team Myanmar secured the silver medal together with team Malaysia during the



Championship.

The victorious Myanmar basketball team returned to Yangon on the afternoon of 20 July and was welcomed back by officials from Institute of Sports and Physical Education and the Myanmar Basketball Federation at the Yangon International Airport. — TWA/KZL

The silver medalists, representing Myanmar competing with opponent team during the Colourful Yunnan Basketball Championship in Yunnan, China. PHOTO: MYANMAR BASKETBALL FEDERATION

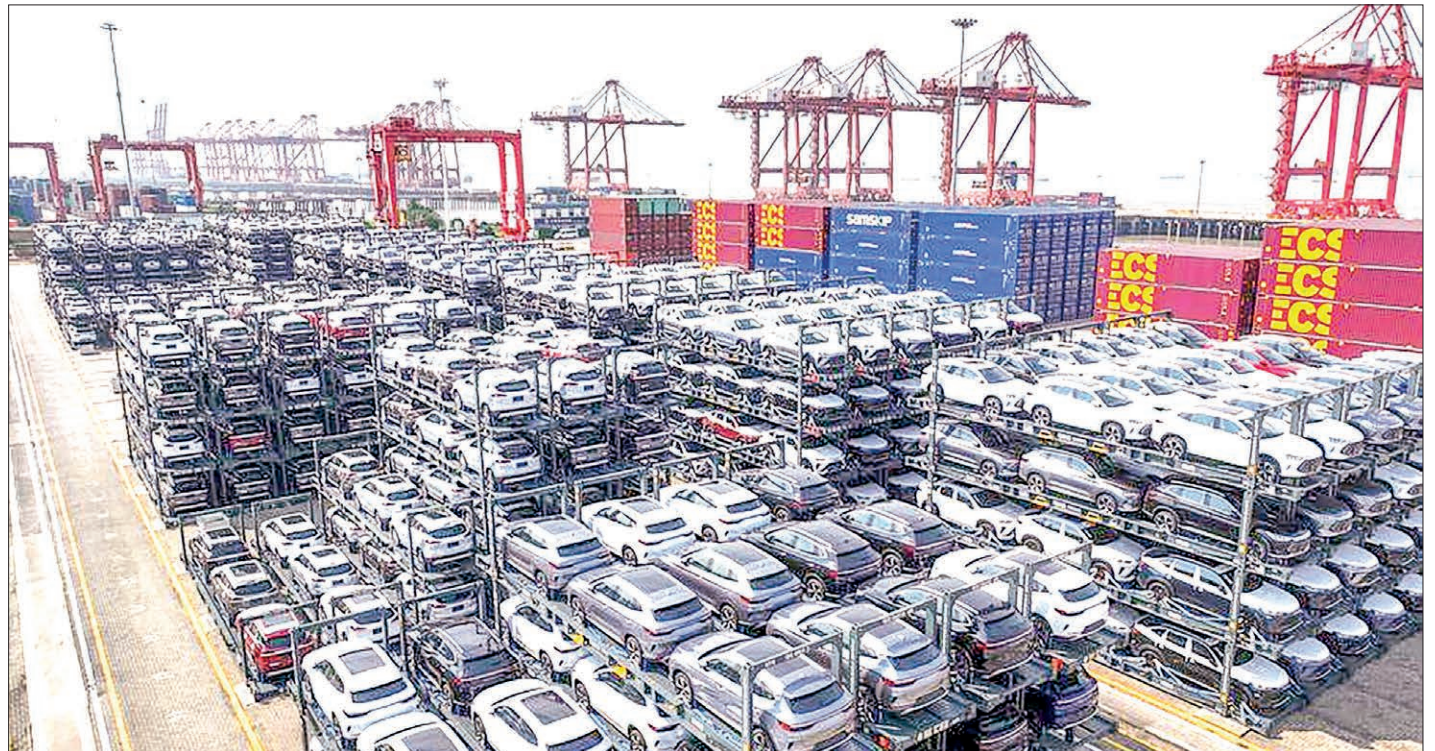


Chinese industry body urges EU to seek balanced solution in BEV probe

The CCCME, representing 12 Chinese BEV exporting producers, including three specifically investigated by the Commission, voiced concerns over the imposition of provisional additional tariffs reaching up to 37.6 per cent on Chinese BEV makers.

A Chinese industry body has urged the European Commission to amend its unlawful findings in the anti-subsidy probe into Chinese battery electric vehicles (BEVs), expressing hope that a balanced solution can be reached to avoid harm to both parties.

"Trade defence measures will harm all sides involved. The strength and growth of the EU and Chinese BEV industries lie in collaboration, not conflict," Shi Yonghong, vice president of the China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Machinery and Electronic Products (CCCME), told a press conference in Brussels on Friday.



An aerial panoramic drone photo taken on 11 July 2023 shows new energy vehicles for export at a terminal of Taicang Port, east China's Jiangsu Province. **PHOTO: JI HAIXIN/XINHUA**

The CCCME represents 12 Chinese BEV exporting producers, including three sampled producers individually investigated by the Commission.

On 4 July the European Commission introduced provisional additional tariffs

of up to 37.6 per cent on Chinese BEV makers. The Commission alleged that the decision was based on the investigation concluding that the Chinese BEV value chain benefits from subsidies, causing a threat of economic injury to EU pro-

ducers.

Shi noted that the determination is "unlawful," with the low representativeness of the samples in the investigation compromising the objectivity of the analysis. — Xinhua

Laos-Thailand cross-border passenger train service starts operation

THE Laos-Thailand cross-border passenger train has officially started operation, running between Krung Thep Aphiwat Central station in the Thai capital of Bangkok and Khamsavath railway station in Lao capital Vientiane.

The opening ceremony, held in Vientiane on Saturday, was attended by Lao Deputy Minister of Public Works and Transport Saysongkham Manodham, Thai Deputy Minister of Transport Surapong Piyachote, and representatives from both countries.

The first train departed on Friday from Krung Thep Aphiwat Central station and arrived at Khamsavath railway station on Saturday. The entire journey took about 12 hours.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, deputy director of the railway de-



Khamsavath railway station, also known as Vientiane-Tai railway station is located in Nonvai Village, Xaysetha district, Vientiane prefecture, Laos. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE VIA LAOTIAN TIMES**

partment under the Lao Ministry of Public Works and Transport Hinphe Lakhonevong said the opening of the Laos-Thailand cross-border passenger train service will provide more convenience for the people of the two countries

to travel, promote the development of trade, investment and tourism between the two sides, and further enhance the connectivity between Laos, Thailand and the Greater Mekong Subregion countries. — Xinhua

GLOBAL IT OUTAGE

Global tech glitch affects 8.5mln Windows devices

A global IT outage has affected 8.5 million devices running the Windows operating system, Microsoft said.

On Friday morning, a global failure of Windows-based equipment affected telecommunications operators, banks, and airlines around the world. US company CrowdStrike confirmed that the global failure had occurred due to its update for the Falcon Sensor cybersecurity application.

"We currently estimate that CrowdStrike's update affected 8.5 million Windows devices, or less than one percent of all Windows machines. While the percentage was small, the broad economic and societal impacts reflect the use of CrowdStrike by enterprises that run many critical services," the company said in a statement on Saturday. — SPUTNIK