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Qualified applicants to draw lots for Thilawa and Kanaung Housings



The image captures people recreating and taking vacation at Zinkyaik Waterfall in Mon State.

## Surge in daily visitors to Zinkyaik Waterfall, thousands on weekends

Visitor arrival to Zinkyaik Waterfall, a destination for taking vacation during monsoon season and located in Mon State, increased on a daily basis and even reached the thousands on weekends, according to residents and social relief associations in Mawlamyine.

People can play water at the waterfall from May to Thadingyut, and most of the visitors are residents from Mawlamyine, Thaton, and Hpa-an townships. The number of visitors is estimated to reach 1,000-3,000 on weekends, according to an official from the Aung

Nawarat Social Relief Association near the waterfall.

“The number of visitors has been large. In addition to residents, people from Hpa-an, Thaton, and Mawlamyine came to visit here. Even if it is a business day, there are many visitors. The visitor arrival has nearly 3000 on weekends. The waterfall has had water throughout the past year, but it is available only from around May to Thadingyut because water is piped now from the top of the waterfall to houses in the village,” he said.

In previous years, visitor arrival generally peaked in Waso. However, it

has been on the rise even during this monsoon season, which is even more significant than last year’s, according to residents.

“Increase in visitor arrival helps vendors nearby. The parking fee is K1,000 for motorcycles and K1,500 for cars there,” he said.

In order to ensure the safety of visitors, warning signs have been provided at dangerous points, and a joint team comprised of security groups, social relief groups and ward or village officials has been taking care of visitors. — MT/ZS

## Myanmar’s rice, maize exports show upward trajectory

The Ministry of Commerce partners with the Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry to boost exports and stimulate economic growth.

MYANMAR’S rice and maize exports to international markets through maritime trade are steadily growing, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The Ministry of Commerce has been joining hands with the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry as a public-private partnership to bolster exports and stimulate economic growth.

Myanmar shipped 5,400 tonnes of maize through Asia World Port Terminal (AWPT-2) and 2,700 tonnes of maize through Min Htet Min Port (MHM) to international trading partners on 17 June.

Myanmar is scheduled to export 58,800 tonnes of rice through Sule Wharf, 33,000 tonnes of maize and 12,500 tonnes of rice through Ahlon International Port Terminal (AIPT), 10,000 tonnes of rice and 25,000 tonnes of maize through the Myanmar Terminal-TMT, 12,500 tonnes of rice through Yangon International Gateway Terminal (YIGTL),

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## Heilongjiang General Chamber of Commerce established in Myanmar

THE ceremony to mark the opening of the Heilongjiang General Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar took place at the office of the China Enterprises Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar at Time City Office Building 2 in Yangon on 18 June.

It was attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, regional ministers, Chi-

nese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chen Hai, Deputy Director General of Foreign Affairs Office of the Government of Heilongjiang Province Mr Li Shengbin, Director-General of the Strategic Studies and Training Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Zaw Phyo Win, President of Heilongjiang General Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar

Mr WU Yutong (aka) U Sai Zaw Tun Lin, Myanmar-China entrepreneurs and representatives. — Ko Htet/KTZH

The establishment conference of the Heilongjiang General Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar in progress in Yangon on 18 June 2024.



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### Appointment of Head of Service Organization

THE State Administration Council has appointed Dr Ni Lar Myint Htoo, Principal of the National Management Degree College of the Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education, as Rector of Monywa University of Economics on probation from the date she assumes charge of her duties.



## Casting call for Min Thant Maung Maung's new TV series 'Tuition'

ACCORDING to director Min Thant Maung Maung, new performers will be recruited for a new television series titled 'Tuition' to be produced by AIM Treasure and Apexvision Entertainment.

"We are inviting applications from individuals interested in acting for the new series I am directing. A total of 7 cast members will be chosen for various roles and characters in this series. Applicants can review the roles and characters they wish to portray

and complete the application form," said Director Min Thant Maung Maung.

Applicants should submit one headshot, one profile photo, and one full-length photo taken within the last six months.

Applications can be submitted via the link <https://www.facebook.com/61561084526693/posts/122095848986369484/> or directly to Aim Treasure and Apexvision Entertainment in Bahan Township, Yangon Region. — ASH/TKO



The image showcases the Sedona Hotel in Yankin Township, Yangon Region.

## Yangon Region offers over 980 hotels, accommodations for year-round tourists

MORE than 980 hotels, motels, and other accommodations are currently operating in Yangon, catering to both domestic and international tourists who visit throughout the year, according to U Nanda Aung, Director of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism (Yangon Region),

Throughout the year, both homegrown and overseas tourists visit 28 travel destinations in Yangon, as well as nine newly expanded ones, with monthly festivals and night markets playing a key role in continuously attracting tourists.

"In Yangon Region, there are a total of 491 accommodations, including 384 hotels, motels, and 107 guesthouses. In addition, 490 guesthouses operate under the Yangon City Development Committee's license, totaling 981 lodgings available for tourists through-

out the year. The region sees year-round visits from both domestic and international tourists to both original destinations and newly expanded ones. Tourists also visit organic farms in townships such as Twantay, Kawhmu, Kungyangon, Thanlyin, Kyauktan, Kayan, Thongwa, Hlegu, Hmawbi, and Taiky. Due to the visits to these places, efforts are underway to streamline the issuance of new licenses for these trips," U Nanda Aung said.

The 28 old destinations in Yangon Region include Shwedagon Pagoda, Sule Pagoda, Tooth Relic Pagoda, Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Pagoda, Kyaikkhauk Pagoda (Thanlyin), Botahtaung Pagoda, Daddaw Mwedaw Kanku Pagoda, Malamud Pagoda, Maha Satkya Atula Manaung Ngahtetgyi Pagoda, Chaukhtetkyee Re-

clining Buddha Image, Koehtetkyee Pagoda, Kamakura Buddha Statue (Japan Pagoda), Kyauktan Mid-water Pagoda, National Museum, Bogyoke Aung San Museum and Inya Lake. Among the nine new destinations in the Yangon Region open to domestic and foreign tourists are Yangon University, the Honourable Lim Chin Tsong's OBE (Order of the British Empire) palace, Kyaik Pyatthadatanaw Kaungmmu Pagoda, and Palakkad Hindu Temple.

The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism is collaborating with the Yangon Regional Government, Myanmar Tourism Federation, Myanmar Hoteliers Association (Yangon Zone), and relevant departments and officials to enhance the tourism sector in the Yangon Region. — ASH/TH

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## Union Price Stability Committee meeting 2/2024 held

DEPUTY Prime Minister Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein, Chairman of the Union Price Stability Committee, presided over the 2/2024 committee meeting yesterday.

Speaking at the event, the Union minister highlighted the proper cooperation with ministries concerned, region/state governments and private organizations to prevent shortage and price rise of medical supplies and essential goods, supervision on statistics and ground situation based on the reports of region/state and weekly inspection of committee on rice warehouse, rice shops, medical supplies warehouse and pharmacies.

He also mentioned the efforts of FESC (Foreign Ex-



Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein addresses the 2/2024 meeting of the Union Price Stability Committee in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.



change Supervisory Committee) to ensure the foreign income for imports of essential supplies, supervisory of relevant departments and organizations for gold and foreign

exchange prices stability, as well as rice and cooking oil prices, and the need to fulfil the public's needs and balance the prices, impacts of high temperatures in April and May causing

high prices of meat, fish and eggs, arrangements of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation to grant K12 billion loans to livestock breeding industries in nine region/state

including Nay Pyi Taw in 2024-2025 Financial Year.

He firmly instructed the officials of relevant departments and organizations from the region/state and Nay Pyi Taw to supervise the price stability measures as the unstable prices and sudden increase in prices of basic foodstuff seriously affect the people with low income and employees with fixed income.

Then, the vice-chair of the committee and attendees discussed price stability measures, completed work plans based on the decision of the committee and reviewed price changes.

The Deputy Prime Minister made proper instructions and concluded the meeting. — MNA/KTZH

## Myanmar, India discuss trade, investment at Lucknow Business Conclave 2024

THE Ministry of Foreign Affairs has reported that Myanmar and India discussed collaboration in trade and investment at the Uttar Pradesh-Uttarakhand International Business Conclave 2024 held in Lucknow, India on 15-16 June.

The event was organized by the Chambers of Commerce & Industry of Uttar Pradesh. Myanmar's Ambassador to India, U Moe Kyaw Aung, attended.

Mr Er D P Singh, President

of the Chambers of Commerce & Industry of Uttar Pradesh, delivered the opening speech, and participants discussed the economic affairs of their respective countries.

Mr Keshav Prasad Maurya, Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, participated as a special guest, joining approximately 1,500 invited guests including ambassadors, chargé d'affaires, diplomats from forty countries, government officials, and businessmen. — ASH/TMT



Myanmar Ambassador to India U Moe Kyaw Aung was with Indian businesspeople.

## NSPNC holds meetings with political parties working group



The meeting between the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee and the Working Group of Political Parties in progress in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

THE National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee (NSPNC) met with the Working Group of Political Parties yesterday morning at the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Centre in Nay Pyi Taw.

Union Minister of Border Affairs NSPNC Chairman Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, along with committee members, Dr Aung Myat Oo, leader of the political

parties working group, and representatives from the Union Solidarity and Development Party attended the meeting.

Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung and Dr Aung Myat Oo delivered opening remarks. Lt-Gen Min Naing, Secretary of the NSPNC, then outlined the agenda for the meeting.

The political parties' working group proposed discussion points and clarified topics

raised by the NSPNC. Lt-Gen Win Bo Shein, a member of the NSPNC, announced agreements on union peace and development and discussed amendments to the 2008 State Constitution.

Both sides negotiated the proposed amendments to the State Constitution. The meeting adjourned for the day and will continue on 20 June. — MNA/TS

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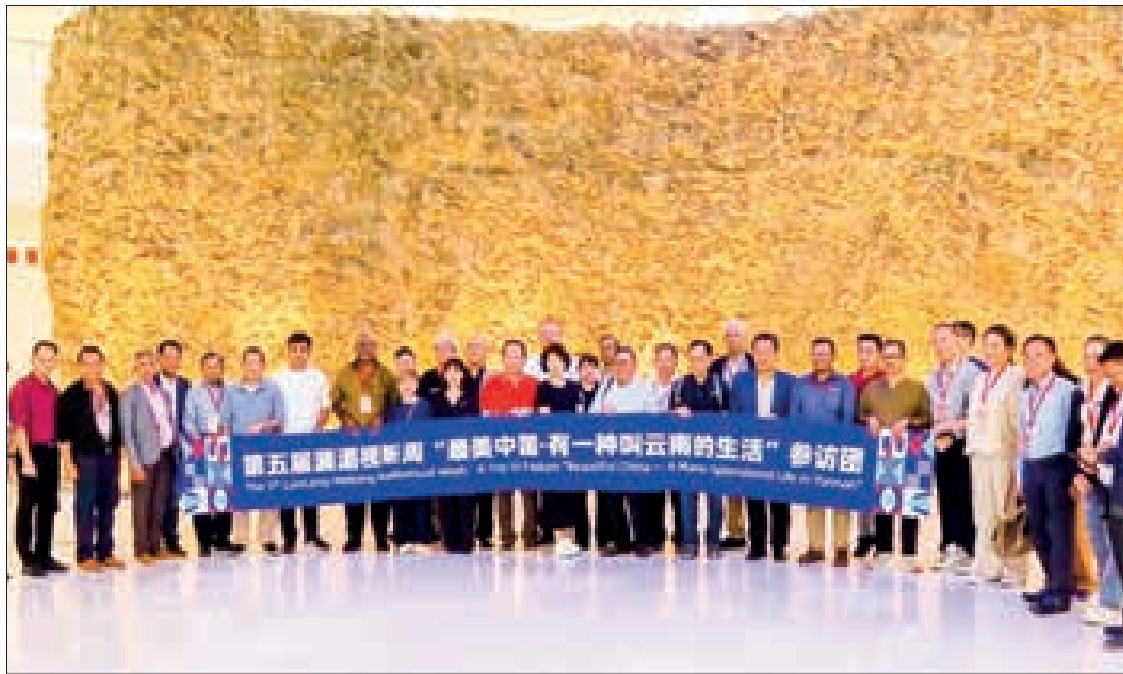
## Myanmar delegates tour China's renowned sites

THE Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn on Tuesday visited famous sites in Kunming and Yuxi of Yunnan Province, China, together with representatives of Lancang-Mekong member countries and South Asian countries after attending the fifth Lancang-Mekong Audiovisual Week.

On arrival at the Kunming University of Science and Technology on 18 June, the delegates observed the learning sessions, innovative science and technology, AI research and science labs and interpretation of 108 languages, including Viet Nam, Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia and Thai.

The university was established in 1954, and there are now over 53,000 students, including 583 international students.

They also proceeded to



Delegations, including Myanmar delegates, who attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Lancang-Mekong Audiovisual Week, pose for the documentary group photo at the Chengjiang Fossil Site Natural History Museum in Yuxi City, on 18 June 2024.

Yunnan Botanee Bio-Technology Group Co Ltd, where they studied the production of Winona cosmetics and skin care

products.

The company was founded in 2019 and is conducting research and developing sensitive

skincare products that are leading the skincare brands.

In the evening, they also visited the Chengjiang Fossil

Site Natural History Museum in Yuxi and observed the 300 specimens of 20 different fossils displayed with a digital system, electric and sound system at the three-storey building.

The museum was constructed in 2014, became Asia's only fossil natural heritage site, and was inscribed on the World Heritage List.

Moreover, the delegates headed to Marfan village in Chengjiang of Yuxi district and observed the preserved museum, collective shops, traditional food stalls, sales of farm products and so on.

The village won Yunnan's Beautiful Village in 2019, One Village One Product Award in 2021 and a five-star beautiful village award in 2023.

They also visited the 83-hectare FuHoiWan beach that stretches 2600 metres from east to west. — MNA/KTZH

## Border region development subcommittee meeting 1/2024 held



The meeting 1/2024 of Road, Bridge, and Building Development Working Subcommittee on the development of border regions and ethnic communities in progress yesterday.

THE Road, Bridge, and Building Development Working Subcommittee held its first coordination meeting 2024 at the Union Minister's Office of the Ministry of Border Affairs on 18 June 2024. The meeting focused on the development of border regions and ethnic communities.

Maj-Gen Phyo Thant, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs and Chairperson of the Subcommittee, presided over the meeting. Attendees included heads of departments from relevant ministries, chairpersons of regional and state subcommittees, and other officials.

In his opening remarks, Maj-Gen Phyo Thant emphasized the critical role of infrastructure development in the

socioeconomic progress of border areas. He highlighted the importance of coordinating short-term and long-term projects planned by the relevant ministries.

Subcommittee representatives then reported on the implementation of road, bridge, and building projects from the 2011-2012 to the 2023-2024 financial year. They also discussed activities, financial allocations, and plans for the 2024-2025 financial year.

The meeting concluded with discussions and suggestions from the deputy minister and other attendees, aiming to enhance the effectiveness of ongoing and future development projects. — MNA/TS

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## Yangon ceremony marks 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence

A ceremony marking the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the initiation of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, jointly organised by the China Foundation for Peace and Development (CFPD) and the Myanmar-China Cooperation and Communication Centre (MCCCC), took place yesterday at the Chinese Cultural Centre in Yangon.

Mrs Qiao Li, Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar, highlighted, “China-Myanmar diplomatic relations began in June 1950, and 2024 marks the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the announcement of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence. Seventy years ago, Premier Zhou Enlai formulated these principles: mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, mutual non-aggression, non-interference in each other’s internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful coexistence”.

The leaders of both coun-



The photo shows the celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Initiation of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence by China-Myanmar civil societies.

tries signed the Five Principles on 29 June 1954 in Yangon. “In April 1955, these principles were endorsed at the Asia-Africa Summit (Bandung Conference) in Indonesia. Many nations embraced them and subsequently became funda-

mental principles followed by the United Nations,” added Daw Than Than Nu, Chairperson of the U Nu-Daw Mya Yee Foundation.

“In 1954, during a meeting in Beijing between Chairman Mao and my father, former

Prime Minister U Nu, Chairman Mao expressed that China had initiated numerous projects and pledged future assistance to Myanmar,” Daw Than Than Nu continued. “Seventy years later, China has provided significant support to Myan-

mar, particularly through the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation (LMC), which involves collaboration in politics, culture, social development, and economic sectors, promoting people-to-people communication”.

CITIC Myanmar Deputy General Manager Mr Ma Chuanfu discussed progress and future plans for the Kyaukpuyu Project, affirming, “CITIC Myanmar remains committed to advancing the Kyaukpuyu Project and enhancing Corporate Social Responsibility.”

Additional speakers at the event included Chairman U Nay Oke of the Nay Oke Foundation and CFPD Executive Officer, Joint Secretary U Khin Maung Zaw of the Myanmar Institute for Strategic and International Studies, Chief Editor U Win Tin of the Northern Light Journal and Dr Kyi Shwin, Rector of Yangon University of Foreign Languages. — TWA/TMT

## 15 Myanmar anti-narcotics officers complete training in Yunnan

ACCORDING to the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar, 15 Myanmar anti-narcotics officers attended the anti-narcotics training course opened by the Yunnan Police College.

The Chinese Embassy in Myanmar commissioned the Yunnan Police College to open this capacity-building course, conducted from 30 May to 14 June, to deepen cooperation and help improve Myanmar’s drug prevention and control law enforcement capacity.

In the course, the Myanmar officers learned about China’s drug prevention and control policy and laws and regulations from the Yunnan State Department of Public Security’s Narcotics Prevention and Suppression Department and Yunnan Police College.

The college also taught Myanmar officers how to manage and control chemicals that can be easily made into drugs and how to handle technology and equipment used in drug prevention and control law enforcement.

During the course, the trainees visited the drug prevention and control centres of the Public Security Department in Yunnan and Guizhou Provinces and had an exchange of work experience. They also visited a drug inspection station in Yuxi, Qinglongchang, Yunnan Province and



Myanmar anti-narcotics officers are seen during the training course on drug prevention and control conducted by the Yunnan Police College.

studied the situation of drug arrests. Next, the trainees attended the launch ceremony of the 2024 “Safe Mekong”, a joint anti-drug campaign in Telhon Sub-Province, Yunnan Province.

“The content taught in this course is fully professional and practical, and I can fully apply what I have learned in my future work. I will continue to strengthen Myanmar-China drug prevention and law enforcement cooperation,” said a trainee representing Myanmar. — TWA/KZL

## Myanmar workers urged to migrate officially to Thailand

AS Thailand has intensified security to crack down on illegal entries, Myanmar workers need to make sure their migration is official through reliable agencies, an activist on Myanmar workers’ affairs told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

“Rather than strict restriction, it is more appropriate to say that security has been tightened. Local authorities have even educated residents about reporting to them if suspicious groups of people enter villages. Surprise checks have been conducted along the route where undocumented migrants may enter. Of arrests of Myanmar people who crossed the border illegally, most were the result of residents’ reports,” he said.

Illegal entry may face a

lot of risks even life-threatening, he said, and added that if there are surprise checks along the route, they may also face traffic accident if authorities chase after them. There is also a risk of being arrested if they encounter operation against undocumented migrants inside Thailand, he said.

He wants Myanmar workers to go to work in Thailand through the MoU system, and they will have the right to enjoy MoU benefits at workplaces if they come through reliable agencies that really work in compliance with this official system. Myanmar workers also need to take note of the contact numbers of respective authorities so that they can ask for help when they have difficulties in Thailand, he added. — MT/ZS

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## Retired member of SSMNC Win Neinmitayon Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Munindabhivamsa dead, and former member of SSMNC Kanthonhsint Buddhism Learning Centre Sayadaw Bhaddanta Gunikabhivamsa and driver wounded in attacks of PDF terrorists

SECURITY forces taking security measures in the region between Myotha Town and Kamma Village at about 1:30 pm yesterday were blown up by PDF terrorists under scrutiny for their number, and then both sides exchanged fire.

In the incident, at a time when mines attacked the security forces, a vehicle driving from Thakyin Village to Myotha Town arrived at the scene of the attacks. Due to attacks from PDF

terrorists, the car plunged into the roadside and turned upside down about 250 metres from the scene.

After the incident, security forces inspected the vehicle, where they found a Sayadaw who was dead in mine attacks by PDF terrorists and rescued one more wounded Sayadaw and a wounded driver. In the incident, the preliminary investigation found that the Sayadaw, who was dead with injury caused by small



A retired member of SSMNC Kanthonhsint Buddhism Learning Centre Sayadaw Bhaddanta Gunikabhivamsa receives a treatment by a surgeon at a hospital.

arms attacks at the occiput, is a retired member of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Win Neinmitayon Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Munindabhivamsa of Bago in Bago Region, and the Sayadaw injured with glass pieces is a retired member of SSMNC Kanthonhsint Buddhism Learning Centre Sayadaw Bhaddanta Gunikabhivamsa from Mingaladon Township of Yangon Region. Driver U Kyaw Win was wounded in his right

arm by a small arms attack.

The remains of the dead Sayadaw and injured Sayadaw and injured driver have been sent to the military hospital in Nanmyo from TadaU People's Hospital of Mandalay to receive medical treatment. Security measures are being taken in the vicinity of the incident. With regard to the incident, driver U Kyaw Win explained as follows: - "I am driver Ko Kyaw Win. As two Sayadaws, Bhaddanta

Munindabhivamsa and Bhaddanta Gunikabhivamsa, have some issues about Dhammayon in the village, they came along with me. At the exit of Kamma Village, PDF terrorists opened fire seven times, so Sayadaw Bhaddanta Munindabhivamsa was dead, U Gunikabhivamsa was injured, and I was wounded in my hand seriously. Now, Tatmadaw is giving treatment to us."

The two SSMNC retired member Sayadaws arrived at TadaU Airport from Yangon at 10 am yesterday to attend the preliminary coordination meeting before the Shwegyin Nikaya Centre meeting to be held on 20 June 2024 at Maha Withokdayon Taikthit (Shwegyin Nikaya Centre) in Mandalay of Mandalay Region. While going to Kamma Village of Ngazun Township, the natives of Kanthonhsint Sayadaw, along TadaU-Ngawun-Thakyin-Kamma Road by car, were attacked by PDF terrorists. — MNA/TTA



The photo shows driver U Kyaw Win wounded in his left arm by a small arms attack.

## Illegal goods seized in various states/regions across nation

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

The on-duty team managed by the Mon State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force impounded two trucks (worth approximately K80 million) heading to Kyaikmaraw from Phayathonzu, carrying five kinds of goods worth K27.255 million, including 576 bags of Koh Kae egg peanut without official documents, in Kyaikmaraw township on 17 June. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

On the same day, the combined teams nabbed a light truck (worth approximately K22 mil-

lion) carrying 9,600 bottles of Sponsor soft drink from Thailand valued at K8 million without official documents on the detour of Kengtung township, 24,750 kilogrammes of plastic resin worth K35.5 million at the Myanmar Industrial Port and 1,315 jerrycans of palm oil from Malaysia (each containing 18 litres) worth K17.272 million without Import Licence and four kinds of goods worth K36.132 million, including 2332.8 square metres of porcelain tiles from China that were not declared in the Import Declaration (ID), from six containers at the Asia World Port Terminal container checkpoint. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

During inspections on 17



Confiscated Sponsor soft drink cans in Shan State and a vehicle in Mon State.



and 19 June, the combined teams captured six kinds of medicines worth K287,500, including ten boxes of Ventolin without Myanmar drug registration number, in Mingala Taungnyunt town-

ship and an unregistered Honda CRV (worth approximately K8 million) at the Yadanabon bridge combined checkpoint in Sagaing township. The action was taken under related procedures and

the Export and Import Law.

Therefore, 14 arrests (estimated value of K234.45 million) were made on 17 and 19 June, according to the committee. — MNA/MKKS

# NATIONAL

## Robber at Sagaing KBZ Bank seized with K303.1M found dead



The photos show bank notes robbed by four terrorists and handphones, pistol and bullets used by terrorists during the robbery of the KBZ Bank in Sagaing.

FOUR terrorists (under verification) arrived at the Sagaing KBZ Bank 1 by two motorbikes and robbed the bank in Pabedan

Ward, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Region, at 4:30 pm on 19 June. According to reports, the combined patrol teams, which

are conducting security in the city's neighbourhoods, took timely action to arrest culprits. Within 10 minutes, the com-

bined patrol arrived at the bank and captured one terrorist dead after an exchange of fire. Along with him, officials also confiscated

K303.1 million, two handphones, one pistol, nine bullets, one bomb (under verification) and two motorcycles.

According to the investigation, the bank robbers were from a group led by Sin Yine (aka) Khine Zaw Lin of Sagaing District PDF Battalion 2 based in Paunghla Village, and a terrorist who was captured dead was Ko Naung from that group.

The security forces are blocking entrances and exits of the city in order to identify further and arrest the remaining suspects who escaped from the robbery and operate in accordance with security procedures. — MNA/KZL

## Arrest made in fatal shooting and robbery of goldsmith in Mandalay



Kan Pai (aka) Ko Phyo (aka) Pyae Phyo Aung is arrested along with gold items as evidence.

ON 13 June 2024, at approximately 17:20, U Win Aung, a goldsmith residing in Thanlyetmaw West Ward of Mahaungmyay Township, Mandalay Region, was riding his motorbike home from work. He was followed by two unidentified men on a CZI motorbike who shot at him (the type of firearm is still being verified)

and fled with his gold items. Despite being rushed to Mandalay General Hospital, U Win Aung succumbed to his injuries during treatment. A case was filed at No 4 police station under Section 54 of the Counter-Terrorism Act to apprehend the suspects.

To apprehend those responsible for the terrorist

shooting and robbery, security forces launched an investigation, receiving support from security facilities and accountable citizens. Kan Pai (aka) Ko Phyo (aka) Pyae Phyo Aung, aged 38, was identified and arrested at approximately 18:16 on 18 June at his residence in Audaund village, Madaya Township. Gold and jewellery were seized as evidence.

The detainee, Kan Pai (aka) Ko Phyo (aka) Pyae Phyo Aung), confessed that, due to financial difficulties, he conspired with Ko Maung (currently at large) and Mingalarpar (yet to be apprehended), both members of the Madaya PDF terrorist group, to rob and fatally shoot U Win Aung.

Security forces continue to take measures to apprehend the remaining accused members of the PDF terrorist group, Ko Maung and Mingalarpar. — MNA/TKO

## Abandonment of elderly and patients in Myanmar more common among men than women

AMONG the elderly people and patients in Myanmar, men are more likely to be abandoned than women, according to Daw Shwe Le, chairperson of the Shwe Myittar Parahita Association, based on her experience.

Those in their 60s and 70s are abandoned because of old age, while those in their 30s and 50s are discarded because of social problems, alcoholism and chronic infectious diseases, she said.

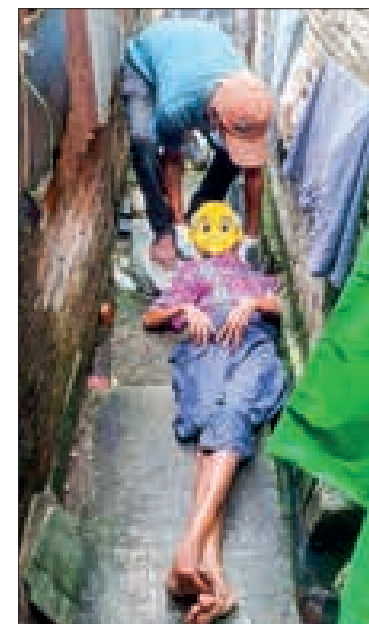
“During the three years of our association’s existence, most of the people who live on the roadside in illness and deep-rooted problems are men. They range from middle age to old age. Of the people we have helped, 80 to 85 per cent are men,” she said. Citing similar conditions in four cases, she added that the abandoned people had committed adultery when they were young and were abandoned on the streets as there was no one to support them in their old age.

“When he was young, he lived with a lesser wife. All the wealth he accumulated were spent on pleasures with his lesser wife. When a bad situation arose, the lesser wife didn’t accept him anymore. He couldn’t go either to the legally wedded wife or the mistress. We saw these similar

conditions in three or four cases,” she said.

With severe alcoholism in successful life situations, some people faced deteriorating health and inconveniences at work, leading to a situation of abandonment with no one to help.

“Most of the men, aged between 30 and 50, had problems with alcoholism. And some of them had TB, AIDS or asthma. As these chronic diseases are a huge burden on their families, they were found to be abandoned,” she explained. — Htet Oo Maung/ZN



A man abandoned by a roadside.

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

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## Recognize quality and quantity in workforces

**Q**UALITY and quantity are essential factors in evaluating workforces. Quality refers to the excellence or distinctiveness of something, while quantity is a measure of amount or size. Quality indicates the standard or norm for a product or task, whereas quantity pertains to measurable values or counts.

The primary difference between quality and quantity is that quality relates to the characteristics of something, while quantity refers to its value or amount. The attributes defining quality in goods and services can vary significantly. Quality and quantity are different but both aspects are inseparable in workforce.

Measuring quality or qualification in society, workplaces, or businesses can be challenging due to its subjective nature. Individual perceptions play a significant role; one person may consider something high-quality, while another might see it as inferior. Consequently, there is no universally accepted measure

for quality. Management experts often suggest that quality can be evaluated through comparisons, and some even argue that 85 per cent of quality depends on management practices.

Qualified staff can significantly enhance the reputation of their companies and workplaces. Quality products, which are preferred by customers, can provide long-term benefits to production firms. As a result, companies strive to recruit sales promoters with qualities such as trustworthiness, responsibility, and politeness. Organizations that employ qualified staff and produce quality products are more likely to succeed.

While qualified staff members benefit specific companies or businesses, well-educated and skilled citizens contribute to the entire nation. The development of a country relies on the qualifications of its people, not just on material resources. A nation's progress

is driven by individuals who are willing to work, eager to learn, and capable of critical thinking.

Leaders in various sectors must work to enhance the capabilities of their followers and employees. Recognizing and rewarding successful performances and practical applications of qualifications are crucial for strengthening the workforce. This approach not only improves individual performance but also boosts the overall productivity and competitiveness of organizations and nations.

That is why, both quality and quantity are vital in workforce evaluation. Quality focuses on the excellence and distinctive attributes of work, while quantity measures the volume or amount. Effective management and leadership play a crucial role in enhancing both aspects, leading to the success of organizations and the development of nations. Qualified individuals, whether in businesses or in society at large, are fundamental to achieving long-term progress and prosperity.



In contemporary poetry, there has been a noticeable shift in style and preference compared to earlier periods. **ILLUSTRATION: IMAGE USED FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSE/FREEPIK**

**O**NE day, while talking about short stories, one of my Myanmar teachers suddenly said to me, "Will you write little poems?" At this time, I saw the light of wisdom. That is true. A person who wants to write short stories will have to know the art of choice words in poetry that could make the stories distinctive

as well as arrive at their purpose. So, short story writers should study poems to some extent by indirect methods. As all of us are aware, Myanmar poetry has had a long history for ages since the Bagan Era, with different varieties of poetic genres.

Before a Myanmar poetry reading, what a poem means

# The Fundamentals of a Myanmar Poetry Reading

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

*Traditional poetry, characterized by structured rhyme and meter, has given way to modern forms that prioritize unconventional rhythms and experimental techniques.*

wishes to be described generally. The English word 'poem' comes from the French word 'poeme' or the Greek word 'poiein', which means to make or create, whereas the Myanmar word 'ဂဗျာ' (gabya) is derived from a Sanskrit word 'गब्या' (kabya), meaning 'ဖွဲ့သည့်' (compose), as far as I know. By Oxford, the word 'poem' is termed a piece of writing in which the words are chosen for their sounds and the images they suggest, not just for their obvious meanings; the words are arranged in separate lines, usually with a repeated rhythm, and sometimes the lines rhyme at the

end. According to Longman, the word 'poem' is defined as a piece of writing that expresses emotions, experiences, and ideas, especially in short lines, using words that rhyme or have a particular pattern of sounds. A poet's choice of words is of vital importance in writing a poem so as to point up his feelings, thoughts and the like to the best of his ability. The chosen and written words of a poem, metaphorically speaking, contain their fragrance and flavour.

In general, poems are adorable to read or singable as and when possible, short and to the point. There are found various

kinds of Myanmar poetry through the ages, for instance, 'သံဝေါက်' (than-bauk), 'လင်္ကာ' (linka), 'ဒွေးချိုး' (dwe-jo), 'တြိချိုး' (taya-jo), and 'လေးချိုး' (lay-jo). It will not have escaped our notice that there are three kinds of poetry in the world of literature: epic poetry, lyric poetry, and pastoral poetry. Whatever kind of poem it is, the poem often begins in delight and ends in wisdom, as Robert Frost said. It is believed that there will be three sorts of beauty in poetry \_ pure beauty, ornate beauty, and grotesque beauty \_ for example, writing about the nature of butterflies, describing the structure of a

temple, and making the behaviour of an ogre feel pleasurable in poems respectively.

When reading a poem, including Myanmar poetry, a reader has already to be acquainted with the poet's brief personal profile, his aim of writing the poem, its relevant information like history or events, and his other works of writing as much background knowledge as possible at first. Almost all kinds of poetry will probably call for the four essential acquaintances mentioned above in full measure; only if a poem reader gets fully informed about them can he gain, beyond doubt,

a deep insight into the poem, including its literal meaning and connotation. Before a deductive study of Myanmar poetry, I would like to advise having read three books very well in advance. These books are 'ဂဗျာရေးချင် စာစာင်' (Gabyayaychin-sasatthin by Min Thu Won), 'ခေတ်သစ် ဂဗျာမိတ်ခွဲ' (Khitthitgabya-matephwe by Tatkathwinmon), and 'ဂဗျာပရိယယ်' (Gabya -payiyel by Min Thu Won & Min Yu Wai).

The reflections on poems of different poets have been changing from age to age. Nowadays, their so-called modern poems are still popular among poet-lovers. It

is understood that such poems are mostly based on unusual rhythms rather than usual rhyme. Some Myanmar poets take the view that a piece of writing without rhyme never becomes a poem to the core. Saya Mg Tha Noe once stated that classical poems used to be composed of some rhythm in the light of an earliest Myanmar poem, 'မြကန်သာ' (Myakantha). No doubt poems will be pleasurable to read or sing. Not every poem is a poem, however, and not every poet is a poet too. Only a person who can compose poems pretty capably, off the cuff or until they are readable and singable, turns out to be a poet, as always. Poet laureates have the same opinion on the fact that whoever wishes to write poems must have read a broad spectrum of poetry enough ahead, learned some poems by rote if necessary, and done more reading poems aloud instead of silent reading. Next, reading a poem is far beyond paraphrasing it, actually. If it comes to that, creating a poem may be even trickier than reading it up. Poem readers had better, therefore, enjoy poems body and soul in order that they can, figuratively speaking, suck a bank of nectar called poetry.

## New study finds cybersecurity as top concern among automotive manufacturers

*Automotive companies are increasingly prioritizing measures to protect their vehicles and systems from cyber threats.*

**R**OCKWELL Automation, Inc., the world's largest company dedicated to industrial automation and digital transformation, has announced the results of the 9<sup>th</sup> annual "State of Smart Manufacturing Report: Automotive Edition." The global study encompasses the responses of 182 leaders from automotive manufacturers, automotive supply manufacturers, and electric vehicle manufacturers across 15 of the leading manufacturing countries.

This year's report emphasizes the evolution of the automotive industry, revealing a focus on harnessing emergent technology to reduce risk, generate growth, and maximize workforce potential.

Automotive manufacturers are acutely aware of the industry's evolution in the era of Industry 4.0, particularly as cyberattacks resulted in \$1.99 billion in system downtime costs in the first half of 2023 alone.

### Key global findings include:

- \* Cybersecurity risk is listed as the top external obstacle for automotive manufacturers in 2024 - up from 9<sup>th</sup> position in 2023.
- \* 97% of automotive manufacturers are using or evaluating smart manufacturing technology - up from 85 per cent in 2023.
- \* Technology investments increased 35 per cent year-over-

year; from 23 per cent to 31 per cent of the operating budget. \* Wearable technology is listed as one of the top 10 investment areas for automotive manufacturers in 2024, ranking third overall.

\* Employee engagement is the top workforce-related obstacle for automotive manufacturers in 2024.

\* Reducing manufacturing waste is the factor that matters most to automotive manufacturers' ESG programs. "As the automotive industry is navigating an era of rapid transformation, setting clear goals and fostering cross-departmental collaboration have emerged as critical factors—and obstacles—for


success," said James Glasson, vice president, global industry — auto, tire & advanced mobility at Rockwell Automation. "This year's report highlights the pressing need for automotive manufacturers to prioritize organizational change management and adopt technologies that enhance the capabilities of their workforce."

Automotive manufacturers are focusing on strategies that prioritize workforce retention, upskilling, and engagement. Technologies such as smart manufacturing and automation, which complement and augment the value brought by their employees, are key to driving positive business outcomes.

SOURCE: ANI



The emphasis on cybersecurity reflects broader industry trends where the integration of digital technology in vehicles (such as connected cars and autonomous vehicles) has heightened concerns about vulnerabilities to cyber attacks. **ILLUSTRATION: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/PIXABAY**



### Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Wednesday 19 June 2024)

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

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 20 June 2024:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Mandalay and Magway regions and Kayah State, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing Region and (Northern and Southern) Shan State, fairly widespread in Eastern Shan State and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of regionally heavyfalls in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfalls in Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and Kachin and Mon states. Degree of certainty is 100%.

**THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD:** The Cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, (Southern and Eastern) Shan, Chin and Rakhine states.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30-35 mph. Wave height will be about 7-9 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Increase of rain in Bago and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin and Mon states.



# NATIONAL

## Innovative approaches to exploring Myanmar's traditional medicines

MYANMAR produces its traditional medicines and exports to foreign countries and regional countries, according to the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioner Association.

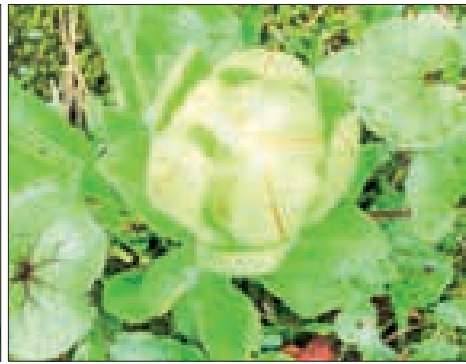
Myanmar's traditional medicine has been used since the time of ancient kings to the present day, and the new generation should preserve conventional medicines to honour the greatness of ancient traditional medicine practitioners benefiting the country and its people.

Myanmar is rich in herbs and roots at the wildlife sanctuary, national park, and ice-capped mountains, and it can earn foreign income by exporting traditional medicines. Moreover, the herbal plant farmers and producers can make income, and it can reduce the expenses for foreign-made drugs.

The neighbouring countries focus on research and innovation



Medicinal taro root



Snow louts



Fritillaria cirrhosa

in flora, biomedicine, traditional medicine, and distribution processes. Meanwhile, Myanmar grabs proper economic opportunities by producing Myanmar's traditional medicines, which are rich in raw materials.

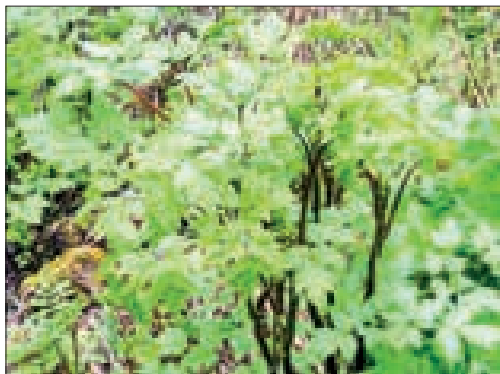
"Myanmar traditional medicine is very effective. It has been used since the time of ancient kings. As the saying goes, let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food. The herbal plants are medicinal plants, so tradi-

tional medicines possess enormous power. For example, the Indian almond that can be seen everywhere in Yangon can cure cracks in the bone and swollen wounds if we wrap the Indian almond leaves on the wound for six hours. If we rub the liquid of Taunglonkyaw (Min Yaza) on the bruises, they can be cured within a few minutes. The plants, roots and tubers from marine and ice-capped regions are also medicinal plants. They are also rare and

useful in producing traditional and foreign medicines. The country produces foreign medicines, and if it produces real traditional medicines as a trial and grabs a firm foreign market, we can see the high export volume of traditional medicine. Therefore, we need to explore more," said U Soe Paing, an 83-year-old member of the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioner Association.

The country researches 24

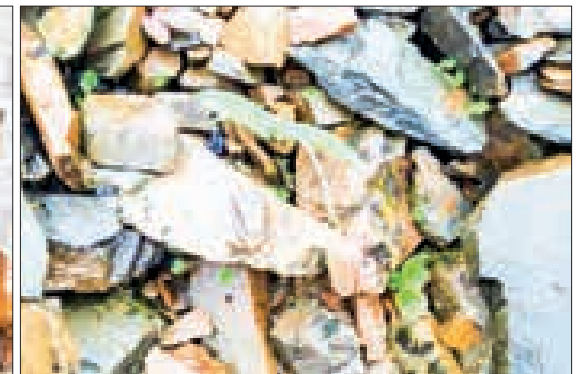
types of medicinal plants found in Myanmar's northernmost part, where the snow-capped mountains and forests are situated. The Cordyceps, taro roots, Gushar and snow louts used in medicines for cancers, heart, lung, kidney, liver and diabetes grow on snow-capped mountains, and plenty of raw materials for traditional medicines can promote Myanmar's field of traditional medicine. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH



Ginseng



Cordyceps



Gushar

## Extrication equipment donated; Uses explained

EXTRICATION equipment to pull out victims trapped in car accidents is being donated, and its uses are shared, according to a freelance public rescuer U Maung (Rescue).

"When people are trapped in a car accident, they need to be pulled out to rescue. So, we are donating patient extrication equipment. In addition, we provide personal assistance," he said.

Previously, he travelled around Myanmar to train in patient rescue and transport and found that people trapped in an accident could die due to delays in the authorities arriving to help, so he has been donating such equipment and giving training on how to use



A person trapped in a car accident is rescued using extrication equipment. The various uses of this equipment are also discussed.

it, he said.

"This time, I donate the equipment. I pay all the trans-

port charges by myself to ask them some questions. For example, I asked how to pull out

a trapped patient in the front cabin. Based on their knowledge and my knowledge, I help

them in a practical way," said U Maung (Rescue).

He has been donating rescue equipment since 2020, and the total amount has exceeded 40.

"In this regard, I donate the equipment throughout Myanmar and give training on how to use it. I have donated more than 40 sets. In both the old Yangon-Mandalay highway and the new highway, I donated eight sets in eight locations. I started donating in 2020. More than 40 locations include Yangon-Hpa-an, Yangon-Mawlamyine, Yangon-Pathain, Chaungthar, Nay Pyi Taw-Magway, Aungban in Northern Shan State and Kyaukse, and Pinlaung," he said. — Thit Taw/ZN

## Ministry plans expansion of luxury EV taxis in Yangon



The photo shows luxury EV taxis running in Yangon Region.

LUXURY electric vehicle (EV) taxis operating in downtown areas of Yangon will see an increase to 250, as announced by luxury EV taxi service providers.

Currently, there are 31 luxury EV taxis primarily serving downtown and surrounding areas within Yangon Region, with plans to increase this number by December.

The luxury EV taxi service

was introduced in Yangon Region in October 2023, and efforts are underway to expand the EV charging infrastructure to include up to 7 stations in Yangon Region. Nationwide, there are a total of 19 EV charging stations.

The Ministry of Industry is leading an initiative aimed at replacing taxis and public transport buses with EV vehicles. —

ASH/MKKS

## Myanmar's rice, maize exports show upward trajectory

### SEE FROM 1

25,000 tonnes of maize through Myanmar Integrated port Limited terminal (MIPL), 2,700 tonnes of maize through MHM, 10,800 tonnes of Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa, 10,000 tonnes of rice and 27,500 tonnes of maize through Myanmar Industrial Port-MIP), 52,500 tonnes of maize through Thilawa Multipurpose International Terminal-TMIT), 21,000 tonnes of maize through Wilmar (Wilmar International Port

Terminal) and 2,700 tonnes of maize through Mottama and 2,700 tonnes of maize through Shweme Port on 18 June.

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 Un-

ion 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 export targets and facilitate exports. — NN/EM



Cargo containers are seen at Yangon Port.

## Qualified applicants to draw lots for Thilawa and Kanaung Housings

THE qualified applicants who have deposited the set amount at the Construction, Housing and Infrastructure Development Bank (CHID) are entitled to draw lots to buy apartment units of Thilawa and Kanaung affordable housing complexes on 21 June 2024, the Department of Urban and Housing Development notified.

There are a total of 2,189 prospective applicants who have a deposit of K3 million at the CHID Bank.

A total of 380 apartment units from 11 buildings of Thilawa and Kanaung affordable housing complexes developed by the Department of Urban and Housing Development under the Ministry of Construction in Yangon Region will be sold this month under home loans with low interest rate, the department notified.

There are 463 applicants for 150 apartment units in three



One of the Public Rental Housing projects in Yangon Region.

five-storey buildings, with each floor having 12 rooms in the Kanaung housing complex. The drawing lots system will be practised in order to follow the CHID Bank's list.

There are 55 applicants for

80 units of two five-storey buildings in the Thilawa housing complex, with each floor having eight rooms. All of them are allowed to draw lots to buy them. Moreover, 33 more applicants for 90 units of three five-storey

buildings in the Thilawa housing complex with six rooms on each floor are entitled to draw lots. Additionally, 194 individuals applied to buy 60 apartment units in three five-storey buildings with four rooms per floor, and 60 of

them were allowed to draw lots according to the list ordered by the CHID Bank.

The drawing lot event will be held at 10 am on 21 June at the meeting hall on the second floor of the department located at No 228/234, Bogyoke Aung San Road, Botahtaung Township.

The applicants or their authorized representatives can attend the event to draw lots. The representative must provide an authorization letter and identification of the applicant entitled to draw lots. All the attendees must present their citizenship scrutiny cards and arrive on time at 9:30 am.

Those prospective buyers will receive a notification letter to review the bank loan amount. They can still take it out by 28 June. They must contact the CHID Bank before 12 July. Failure to do so will cause the loss of the chance to buy the apartment units. — NN/EM

# ECONOMY WORLD

## EU's tariff plan targeting Chinese EVs to undermine its own green transition: official

*The European Commission's move, announced on 12 June, involves preliminary tariffs on Chinese EV imports ranging from 17.4% to 38.1%, in addition to the existing 10% vehicle duty.*

THE European Union's plan to impose additional duties on imports of Chinese electric vehicles (EVs) will undermine its own green and low-carbon transformation and the global response to climate change, a Chinese official said Tuesday.

Li Chao, spokesperson of the National Development and Reform Commission, made the remarks at a press conference.

The European Commission on 12 June unveiled a preliminary decision to impose provisional tariffs on EVs imported from China after its anti-subsidy investigation. The pre-disclosed duties range from 17.4 per cent to 38.1 per cent, in addition to the standard 10 per cent vehicle duty already in place.

Disregarding facts and rules and preconceiving outcomes, the



The photo taken on 7 June 2024 shows an exterior view of Volkswagen (Anhui) Automotive Company Limited in Hefei, east China's Anhui Province. PHOTO: GUO CHEN/XINHUA

investigation is actually weaponized and politicized, jeopardizing fair competition in the name of safeguarding it, Li said.

Practice has fully proved that shortsighted trade protectionism is not an option, Li added.

The proposed tariffs, if implemented, would not only harm Chinese enterprises but also impede the long-term healthy development of EU companies as well as disrupt and distort the global automotive industry and supply chains, including the section within the EU, Li warned.

He noted that such measures would not only harm the interests of EU consumers but also exacerbate the EU's dependence on foreign fossil fuels as well as hinder EU's green and low-carbon transformation efforts. — Xinhua

### NEWS ROUNDUPS

#### Nepali lawmaker tears "Budget Booklet" on rostrum of parliament

A Nepali lawmaker on Tuesday tore the budget booklet on the rostrum of the House of Representatives protesting the uneven distribution of the annual budgetary allocations.

Rajendra Prasad Lingden, Chairman and the former Deputy Prime Minister from the opposition Rastriya Prajatantra Party (RPP) tore the budget booklet on the rostrum.

He shredded the Ministry of Physical Infrastructure's budget booklet in protest. — ANI

#### Over Euro 1.2 billion affected by fraud, irregularities in 2023: OLAF

INVESTIGATIONS by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) established that in 2023, over Euro 1 billion of EU taxpayers' money should be recovered from misuse.

OLAF's investigators detected a further Euro 209 million before they could be unduly spent.

The OLAF report 2023, published 19 June, provides an insight into OLAF's main results, examples, trends and operations last year.

During 2023, OLAF opened 190 new investigations, following 1178 preliminary analyses carried out by OLAF experts.

OLAF closed 265 investigations, issuing 309 recommendations for follow-up to the relevant national and EU authorities.

OLAF recommended the recovery of Euro 1.04 billion to the EU budget. — ANI

## Qatar ranks 11<sup>th</sup> in IMD's 2024 World Competitiveness Booklet

*This approach aimed to gauge the business environment and overall competitiveness of Qatar's economy, comparing these findings with those of other countries reviewed in the study.*

QATAR has ranked 11th of 67 countries, most of which are developed countries, in the 2024 World Competitiveness Booklet, issued by the International Institute for Management Development (IMD) in Switzerland, compared to 12<sup>th</sup> last year.

According to the Qatar

News Agency (QNA), the report ranked Qatar 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> respectively across the economic performance, government efficiency, business efficiency and infrastructure factors.

The competitiveness assessment was based on the developments witnessed by a

comprehensive set of data and indicators provided at the local level, along with the results of an opinion poll of a sample of company managers and businessmen on the business environment and the competitiveness of the Qatari economy, as well as comparing such data and indicators with counterparts from other reviewed countries.

Qatar's rank was positively influenced by the outstanding performance of many subfactors classified under the four factors mentioned above. Under the economic performance factor, the most prominent indicators were the unemployment rate, youth unemployment rate, and terms of trade index in which the country ranked first globally. — ANI



Qatar's capital Doha. PHOTO: REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE/PIXABAY

## American electric vehicle startup Fisker files for bankruptcy

US electric carmaker Fisker said it filed for bankruptcy Monday, citing inflation woes and production problems.

Fisker is in “advanced discussions with financial stakeholders” over the sale of its assets, according to a company statement announcing the bankruptcy proceedings published overnight into Tuesday.

“Like other companies in the electric vehicle industry, we have faced various market and macroeconomic headwinds that have impacted our ability to operate efficiently,” it added.

Fisker has been in financial difficulty for months and had already halted the production of its Ocean model, which was launched in 2022. — AFP



Henrik Fisker stands with the Fisker Ocean electric vehicle after its unveiling at the Manhattan Beach Pier ahead of the Los Angeles Auto Show and AutoMobilityLA in Manhattan Beach, California, on 16 November 2021. PHOTO: PATRICK T. FALLON /AFP/FILE

## Dutch lighting company takes root in east China

*The facility showcases a blend of manual labor and automation, with workers deeply engaged in light-bulb production while automated guided vehicles navigate through the aisles transporting products.*

At the production base of a Dutch company in east China’s Jiangxi Province, workers are fully immersed in light-bulb production, while automated guided vehicles move through the aisles carrying products.

“Over the past month, we sold more than 10 containers of bulbs per day, and each container was loaded with 40,000 to 600,000 bulbs,” said Ji Yilan, an employee of the LED lighting production base in the city of Ruichang. The facility belongs to Signify NV, a Dutch lighting multinational, formerly Philips Lighting NV.

According to Ji, the finished bulb products will be sold and shipped



Employees work on the production line in a lighting production base of Signify NV, a Dutch lighting multinational, in Ruichang City, east China’s Jiangxi Province, on 12 June 2024. PHOTO: ZHU YUNUO/XINHUA

to over 10 countries, including the United States, Poland, Japan and Malaysia.

Having been in the Chinese market for many years, Signify has

always regarded China as its “second homeland”, where it has established close connections with local governments, suppliers and clients, according to Eric Rondolat, CEO of

Signify.

Today, Signify boasts nine manufacturing factories and a major research and development (R&D) centre in China. — Xinhua

## Malibu mansion nets \$210M as California’s priciest home

IT’S a price tag that you’ll probably have to take a second look at: the founder of eyewear maker Oakley just sold his Malibu home for a whopping \$210 million.

The uber-luxury pad — which is a lot of money even by the jaw-dropping standards of Malibu’s expensive real estate — is now the costliest home

ever to be sold in California.

The sum tops the mere \$200 million that Jay-Z and Beyonce lavished last year on their own Malibu com-

pound.

Eyewear impresario James Jannard, who founded Oakley in 1975, made a tidy profit on the house, having bought it in

2012 for just \$75 million, reported the Los Angeles Times, which said it had seen real estate records of the sale.

The identity of the

buyer was not clear, the outlet said, with paperwork showing it had been purchased by a Delaware-based limited liability company. — AFP

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# ROLLING UPDATES

## WORLD

## Australian opposition details plan for nuclear rollout if elected

*Dutton framed the impending election as a “referendum on nuclear”, criticizing current renewable energy scaling policies as insufficient and unreliable.*



Australia's conservative opposition, led by Peter Dutton, has unveiled plans to construct nuclear power plants nationwide if they win the upcoming election. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/PIXABAY**

AUSTRALIA'S conservative opposition will build nuclear power plants across the country if it wins the next election, according to plans detailed Wednesday that have reignited debate over climate policy.

Opposition leader Peter Dutton said he would overturn a 26-year nuclear ban to build seven government-owned reactors on the sites of ageing coal-fired power stations.

Calling an election due within the next 11 months a “referendum on nuclear”, Dutton said current policies to scale up renewables were ineffective and unreliable.

Australia's science agency has warned costly nuclear

reactors would take at least 15 years to build, while critics have derided Dutton's plan as “toxic”, “risky” and “economic insanity”.

The shift to nuclear power would be a sharp departure from the energy policy of Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's government, which aims to ramp up renewables and gradually wind back heavily polluting coal-fired power.

Under the opposition's plan, the first government-owned reactors would come online by 2035 at the earliest, Dutton said.

Eventually, five of Australia's eight states and territories would host a nuclear power plant. — AFP

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Foreign visitors to Japan top 3 mln for 3<sup>rd</sup> straight month in May

THE number of foreign visitors to Japan totaled 3.04 million in May, up 60.1 per cent from a year earlier and exceeding the 3 million mark for the third consecutive month, boosted by the weak yen, government data showed Wednesday.

The Japan National Tourism Organization attributed the strong tourist arrivals to China's holiday season and an increased number of flights and ships coming from East Asia. — Kyodo

#### Israel army says operational plans for Lebanon offensive ‘approved’

THE Israeli military said Tuesday operational plans for an offensive in Lebanon were “approved and validated”, as Israeli forces and the Iran-backed Hezbollah movement engaged in cross-border exchanges of fire.

Senior Israeli military officials “held a joint situational assessment in the Northern Command. As part of the situational assessment, operational plans for an offensive in Lebanon were approved and validated,” the military said in a statement. — AFP

#### India's civil aviation security body recommends 5-year flying ban for hoax bomb callers

IN the backdrop of increasing hoax bomb threats to airports, India's civil aviation security body Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has proposed a five-year flying ban on those who issue such threats, officials said Wednesday.

The information was given by BCAS Director-General Zulfiqar Hasan in an interview to a local newspaper The Hindu. — Xinhua

## Diplomats say at least 550 pilgrims died during hajj, mostly Egyptians

*The pilgrimage was once again marked by intense heat, contributing to most of the deaths among Egyptians.*



Egypt's foreign ministry confirmed efforts with Saudi authorities to locate missing Egyptian pilgrims amidst the tragic events. **PHOTO: AFP**

DIPLOMATS said on Tuesday that at least 550 pilgrims died during the hajj, underscoring the gruelling nature of the pilgrimage which again unfolded in scorching temperatures this year.

At least 323 of those who died were Egyptians, most of them succumbing to heat-related illnesses, the two Arab diplomats coordinating their countries' responses told AFP.

“All of them (the Egyptians) died because of heat” except for one who sustained fatal injuries during a minor crowd crush, one of the diplomats said, adding the total figure came from the hospital morgue in the Al-Muaisem neighbourhood of Mecca.

At least 60 Jordanians also died, the diplomats said, up from an official tally of 41 given earlier on Tuesday by Amman.

The new deaths bring the

total reported so far by multiple countries to 577, according to an AFP tally.

The diplomats said the total at the morgue in Al-Muaisem, one of the biggest in Mecca, was 550.

Earlier on Tuesday, Egypt's foreign ministry said Cairo was collaborating with Saudi authorities on search operations for Egyptians who had gone missing during the hajj. — AFP

# SPORTS

## Shan crown MNL League Cup title with win over Yangon

SHAN United edged Yangon United 1-0 in the final match of the Myanmar National League Cup Tournament held at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon yesterday.

Shan United FC, which has dominated the local football world in recent seasons, once again won the championship title in the first competition of the new season, the MNL League Cup, making it the only team to win all domestic tournaments after turning professional.

In addition, Shan United head coach Myo Hlaing Win also won the first championship trophy with his new team, Shan United, and it was the first championship trophy for him as a professional coach.

In the final match, Yangon United used all key players except for Hein Zeya Lin, who was injured. Shan United had some changes to the starting line-up due to injuries and absent play-



Shan United seen celebrating as they win the Myanmar National League Cup Tournament for the 2024 season. PHOTO: THAW GYI

ers, but essential players were included.

Even though it was a final game where two big MNL teams were meeting, they focused on making fewer mistakes.

Team Yangon struggled to score without a centre-forward player. Winger Ye Yint Aung

scored the single or winning goal for Shan in the 38<sup>th</sup> minute as Yangon's defenders hesitated to clear the ball.

Shan United had more chances to score than Yangon but managed to score only one goal. Yangon changed players in the second half and attacked

high, but the Shan team was able to control the game wisely to seize the winning result.

After the match, an awarding ceremony was held. Rakhine United player Kyaw Ko Ko secured the most scoring awards and got K1 million as a cash award. Next, officials present-

ed individual medals and cash awards of K35 million plus the Myanmar National League Cup trophy to the champion Shan United. The first runners-up, Yangon United, also garnered K20 million as a cash award and individual medals. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

## Premier League announces fixtures for upcoming season, Man United to play in opening game



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THE English Premier League announced the schedule of the 2024/25 campaign where Manchester United will be locking horns against Fulham in the opening game of the competition on Friday, 16 August.

The match between United and Fulham will be played at the former's home, Old Trafford.

The defending champions

Manchester City will play their opening game of the completion against Chelsea on Sunday, 18 August at Stamford Bridge. This will be the first game for Chelsea's newly-appointed manager Enzo Maresca.

Before the defending champions, Crystal Palace will play against Brentford in their opening fixture in a day game.

Arsenal, last season's runners-up, played Wolves on Saturday, 17 August, while the newly promoted Southampton travel to Newcastle and Bournemouth will visit Nottingham Forest. Brighton will travel to Everton on Saturday, with new 31-year-old head coach Fabian Hurzeler, the youngest Premier League manager in history, in charge of his first game. Liverpool begin the Arne Slot era with a trip to Ipswich, who return to the Premier League after a long gap of 22 years on 17 August.

Under the reign of newly appointed manager Julen Lopetegui, West Ham United will kick off their campaign following Bournemouth-Nottingham clash. Tottenham will face newly promoted Leicester on Monday, 19 August. Leicester are still without a manager after losing their previous manager Maresca to Chelsea. — ANI

## Cristiano Ronaldo had a good game against Czech Republic: Patrice Evra

FORMER French footballer Patrice Evra said that Portuguese skipper Cristiano Ronaldo had a 'good game' game against the Czech Republic in their EURO Cup 2024 clash at the Red Bull Arena in Leipzig.

Even though Ronaldo played for 90 minutes, the legendary footballer failed to get the back of the net. However, he created two chances and kept five shots.

The 39-year-old also made 100 per cent accurate passes.

"Cristiano Ronaldo had a good game and was seen everywhere in the attack. He was helping his team-mates with some passing and made great movements in the box to create an opening for his side.

This is the kind of impact he brings to the Portuguese side. Many debate about his position in the starting eleven, benching him risks losing a proven goal-scoring presence on the field," Evra was quoted in a release from Sony Sports Network as saying.

The former footballer added that players like the Portuguese skipper always demand more from themselves. —



Impressively, the 39-year-old maintained a perfect accuracy with his passes, making him a notable presence on the field according to Evra.

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*A new foundational document was drafted to underpin long-term relations between Moscow and Pyongyang.*

**T**HE negotiations are part of Russian President Vladimir Putin's current visit to North Korea, during which the two sides are expected to sign a number of bilateral documents, including a landmark Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Agreement.

Negotiations between Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un with the participation of delegations have concluded in Pyongyang.

This is what the two leaders said during the meeting, which lasted about an hour and a half and was followed by one-on-one talks:

#### North Korea's Support for Russian Policy

As a result of Kim's visit to Russia in 2023, the two sides made "significant progress" in bolstering bilateral relations, the Russian president said.

"A new fundamental document was prepared today, something that will form the basis of the long-term relationship between Moscow and Pyongyang," Putin pointed out.

Russia appreciates North Korea's consistent and unwavering support for Russian policy, including in connection with the Ukraine crisis, Putin stressed.



Following a 90-minute meeting in Pyongyang, Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un concluded negotiations along with their respective delegations. The discussions included a significant one-on-one session between the two leaders. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

## From strong Russia to impressive Pyongyang: Key takeaways from Putin-Kim talks

"Interaction between our countries is based on the principles of equality (and mutual respect for each other's interests," he said.

Both Moscow and Pyongyang are fighting against the "hegemonic and imperialist policies of the US and its satellite states," he added.

Pyongyang's transformation since

my (Putin's) last visit to the city in 2000 is impressive and noticeable, the Russian leader said.

#### North Korea Backs Russian Special Op

"The government of North Korea appreciates the important mission and role of strong Russia in maintaining strategic

stability and balance in the world," Kim, for his part, stated.

Pyongyang expresses "full support and solidarity with the Russian government, army and people in carrying out the special military operation in Ukraine to protect the sovereignty, security interests and territorial integrity", the North Korean leader said. — SPUTNIK

#### DIGITALIZED GREEN ECONOMY

### Sri Lankan president reveals plans to promote competitive, digitalized green economy

SRI Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Wednesday revealed plans to create a new commercial bank, an economic commission and an institute called "Enterprise Sri Lanka" to promote a competitive and digitalized green economy, the President's Media Division (PMD) said.

Wickremesinghe said at the opening ceremony of an international industry exhibition that Sri Lankan industrialists need to secure loans at low interest rates and the new commercial bank will help address the need. The president said the industries must be powered through green energy sources and the country is working on significantly increasing the share of renewables in the country's energy mix. — Xinhua

### Bird flu shows world not ready for future pandemics: report

*The bird flu strain H5N1 has been crossing into mammals, including US farm cattle and a small number of humans, raising alarms about its pandemic potential.*

SURGING cases of bird flu among mammals, including US cattle, offer a stark warning that the world is not ready to fend off future pandemics, a report said on Tuesday, urging leaders to act quickly.

More than four years since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, politicians are "gambling through neglect" by not putting enough money or effort into



Bird flu poses a significant risk as wild birds can transmit the virus to poultry, emphasizing the critical need for robust biosecurity measures. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ PIXABAY**

avoiding a repeat of the disaster, the report said.

The bird flu H5N1 has been increasingly jumping over to mammals, including cattle in farms across the United States as well as a few humans, prompting fears the virus could spark a future pandemic.

"If H5N1 began to spread from person to person, the world would likely again be overwhelmed," the report's co-author and former New Zealand

prime minister Helen Clark told a press conference.

It could even be "more disastrous, potentially, than Covid", said Clark.

While wealthy countries have vaccines that could fight this mpox outbreak, they have not been made available to the central African country, she said.

Now two people have died from the mpox strain in South Africa, illustrating how neglect can lead to such pathogens spreading, she said. — AFP