

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing: We will do our utmost to restore normalcy

The government, regions, states, and relevant ministries have to present cash assistance for those who lost their lives.



State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing warmly greets locals at the flood relief camp of Mingala Byuha Sasana Beikman in Pyinmana Township yesterday.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pledged, “We will provide cash assistance for the totally damaged buildings, damaged huts, partially damaged houses and huts, one-storey houses and two-storey houses as much as possible.”

Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, yesterday morning, met people at the flood relief camp of

“The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement issued compensation for deaths as well as cash assistance for the injured to receive medical treatments. We are calculating the value of damaged buildings. We will provide cash assistance for the totally damaged buildings, damaged huts, partially damaged houses and huts, one-storey houses and two-storey houses as much as possible.”

Mingala Byuha Sasana Beikman in Pyinmana Township and presented relief supplies to them.

At the meeting, the Senior General expressed his sadness for the loss and damage of life and property of the people in a natural disaster. Although natural disasters cannot be avoided, preparedness can be taken against natural disasters with rescue and relief measures to be able to return to normalcy.

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Announcement for people at home and abroad to donate cash and kind to flood-affected victims

- As flash floods caused by Typhoon Yagi occur in Myanmar, well-wishers may donate cash and kind for flood-affected victims.
- If they wish to donate cash in mobile payment, they can send cash to KBZ Pay through QR Code 70157401001 of KBZ Pay or scanning QR Code, Wave Money through scanning QR Code or mobile phone numbers 09 255001542 and 09 255001543 directly.



- Moreover, arrangements are underway for well-wishers to apply other electronic payment systems and mobile payment systems, and further information will be released.
- If well-wishers wish to donate cash through banking services, they can donate cash in Myanmar kyat into account number OA-011834 of Myanma Economic Bank in Nay Pyi Taw, and they can make donations as follows: -
 - They can donate cash directly through MEB in Nay Pyi Taw or via other MEB branches or private bank branches.
 - People can donate cash in Myanmar kyat from their accounts opened at State-owned and private banks at home through account transfer.
- If well-wishers wish to donate foreign currency, they can make cash donations to account number 011128400000063 at Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank in Yangon through the following ways: -
 - They can donate US\$, euro and Singapore \$ in cash at MFTB directly.
 - Well-wishers at home and abroad can donate foreign currencies through the following accounts: -

SWIFT CODE/BIC	-	MFTBMMMY
Beneficiary Name	-	Natural Disaster Management Fund
Beneficiary A/C No	-	0111284000000063
- Moreover, those wishing to donate foreign currencies can donate cash to foreign account number EDN-600018 opened at Myanma Economic Bank in Nay Pyi Taw

through the following ways: -

- They can donate US\$, euro and Singapore \$ in cash at MEB directly.
- Those with foreign accounts at MEB can donate cash through account transfer.
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SWIFT CODE/BIC	-	MYEBMMMY
Beneficiary Name	-	Natural Disaster Management Fund
Beneficiary A/C No	-	EDN-600018

- Well-wishers wishing to make cash and kind donations can contact the following persons: -

Nay Pyi Taw	Yangon	Mandalay
<p>Daw Lei Lei Aye Director-General Department of Disaster Management 067 3404050 09 2021491</p> <p>U Win Shwe Deputy Director-General Department of Disaster Management 067 3404048 09 25417001</p> <p>Daw Phyu Phyu Win Director Department of Disaster Management 067 3404316 09 43054844</p>	<p>U Than Soe Director Department of Disaster Management Office of Yangon Region Department 09 250123885 09 420740160</p> <p>Daw Than Than Win Deputy Director Department of Disaster Management Office of Yangon Region Department 09 420740160</p>	<p>U Aye Min Thu Director Department of Disaster Management Office of Mandalay Region Department 09 420708827</p> <p>Daw Thet Thet Aye Deputy Director Department of Disaster Management Office of Mandalay Region Department 09 400502056</p>

- Donated items can be sent as follows: -
 - to relevant region/state government offices
 - to Office 23, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Nay Pyi Taw
 - to Central Store Depot (Yangon), Department of Disaster Management, Ward 3, Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road, Yangon
 - to Central Store Depot (Mandalay), Department of Disaster Management, 65th Street between 34th and 35th Streets, Pyigyimyetshin Ward, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay

Well-wishers can donate cash to Myanmar kyat accounting number OA-011834 and foreign accounting number 0111284000000063 at MFTB in Yangon and foreign accounting number EDN 600018 at MEB in Nay Pyi Taw.

National Disaster Management Committee

Special Weather News

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ACCORDING to Weather Research and Forecasting model, the tropical depression in the South China Sea may intensify and may cross to the interior Vietnam on 20-9-2024. It is forecasted to start crossing Southeast Myanmar on the evening of 20-9-2024. After crossing the remanant clouds and wind wave from the tropical depression over Myanmar, it may re-initiate into a Low-Pressure Area over the Andaman sea and Bay of Bengal.

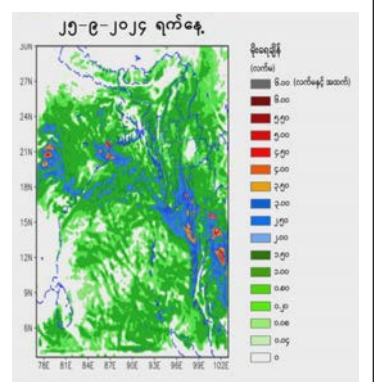
Due to the wave propagation speed, rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Shan, Chin, Rakhine,

Kayah, Kayin and Mon states with likelihood of regionally and isolated heavyfalls and strong wind during 21 September 2024 up to 25 September 2024.

At this time, the tropical depression has not yet crossed over the interior Vietnam, so all forecast are based on the time of observation, the data used and the model applied. Therefore, the storm's track may change. The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology will continue to release updated forecast in real-time as they come available.

Advisory

People should be aware the heavy rainfall with strong wind, the natural disasters such as flash flood and landslide in the hilly areas and near small rivers and inland water transport and domestic flight. — DMH



NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

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He pledged that the government would lead the process of rehabilitation measures in the areas affected by damage and loss.

He explained that officials are striving to improve the damaged road transport facilities to residential areas, and he said that he has ordered all to carry out rehabilitation tasks to return to normality within six months.

The Senior General stressed the need to grow all sown acreage of summer crops and add new plantations in the damaged monsoon crops.

Moreover, he guaranteed that the government would help livestock breeding farmers to re-operate their farms as much as possible.

The Senior General continued, **“Natural disaster cannot be evaded. Actually, I am sorrowful to hear that. These losses and damage comprise the property of the State as well as yours. The government lost roads, bridges, buildings, factories, electric power supply facilities, communication and so on. You all faced the loss of property. This being so, I asked what you took along with you? Some of them replied they fled away only with the clothes they were in. Some people took something. Some people took nothing except a basket. In an outbreak of natural disasters, people were so worried that they didn’t know what to do. They fled with whatever they could grab. Just a thing, they all come along with their children. I knew some children were lost in flooding in other regions. I am sorrowful for it. We will help you to return to normalcy as much as we can. The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement issued compensation for deaths as well as cash assistance for the injured to receive medical treatments. We are calculat-**

ing the value of damaged buildings. We will provide cash assistance for the totally damaged buildings, damaged huts, partially damaged houses and huts, one-storey houses and two-storey houses as much as possible. We are thinking of doing what is suitable for the regions. With regard to the schools, we are trying to reopen them by the end of September. If these schools are

been taught. So, we have arranged for students to attend schools closed in disaster during the remaining time. So, I would like to urge you all to ask your children to go to school. If they are educated, it will contribute a lot to their future. If not, they will face difficulties in future. We are no longer to learn. Now, we are standing in the current situation. We must make our

ble. Floods broke out not only in Myanmar but also in Asia and Europe. It is a nature. Hence, we have to endure these challenges with the endeavours, perseverance and diligence of the people. So, I urge everyone to continue their relentless efforts. You all have to unite your strength. If you arrive back your natives, we will provide food and accommodation for you. We will not send back you irresponsibly.”

The Senior General presented cash assistance and food supplies to flood-affected people through representatives.

The SAC Joint Secretary, Union ministers for Health and Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chair and senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief also presented relief supplies and foodstuffs to the flood-affected people respectively.

On behalf of those people, a representative spoke words of thanks.

The Senior General inspected the functions of the clinic opened by the Ministry of Health for the flood-affected people and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Moreover, the Senior General met officials at Mingala Byuha Sasana Beikman and stressed the need to compile the data on loss and damage in natural disasters as quickly as possible.

It is necessary to provide cash assistance for loss and damage. The government, regions, states, and relevant ministries have to present cash assistance for those who lost their lives.

The Senior General noted that supervisory committees must be formed to scrutinize the donated items to prevent unacceptable events such as food poisoning of those people.

The Senior General then cordially greeted the people from the relief camp. — MNA/TTA

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closed for various reasons, students will be allowed to attend schools on Saturday and Sunday as a substitute. After Thadingyut month, holidays will be on Saturday and Sunday. During the Buddhist Lent, Sunday will be a holiday. If so, students may be allowed to attend school on weekends. But we will arrange the examination according to the number of chapters that have

children get better than us and their era better than ours. Only then, we will be perfect parents.”

In giving the word of encouraging the flood-affected people to overcome the challenges of natural disasters, the Senior General said: **“I really know your sufferings at present. I am sorrowful for it. The State will provide you all with what you need as much as possi-**

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State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects the clear-up work in the aftermath of flash floods yesterday.

Government pledges aid for recent disaster losses

Officials need to clear up debris in flooding and route blockades in rehabilitation measures as the first priority.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing instructed officials to take lessons from recent incidents and systematically conduct research on the construction of buildings at a far distance from the waterway where flash floods occur.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accompanied by SAC member Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Maung Maung Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Htein Win and senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and officials inspected



the military headquarters in Tatkon station and presented relief supplies yesterday morning.

The Senior General guaranteed that necessary assistance would be given for loss and damage.

He continued that, first and foremost, officials need to clear up debris in flooding and route blockades in rehabilitation measures.

As the second priority, he added that it is necessary to emphasize water and power supply processes and then take rehabilitation measures.

He stressed the need for families to buy basic foodstuffs at reduced prices to ensure family convenience.

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The Senior General fulfilled the needs of Tatmadaw mem-

bers and families who faced the impacts of flash floods. He then presented foodstuffs and clothes to families.

The Senior General comforted Tatmadaw members receiving medical treatment at the clinic of the local military command for their injuries in flash floods and presented foodstuffs.

The Senior General inspected the damage to Mon Creek Bridge triggered by torrential water. Officials reported that trees, logs, and stones caused damage to the bridge. The Senior General gave necessary guidance and viewed relief measures being taken.

He then visited the damaged staff housings of the local military headquarters and gave words of encouragement to families.

He viewed round removal of silt and debris in the basic education high school and instructed officials to reopen the school as soon as possible.

The senior general viewed round damage and loss of roads, bridges, and buildings in the military station during the flash floods and left necessary instructions. — MNA/TTA

The Senior General consoles and presents foodstuffs to the Tatmadaw member patient.

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Road traffic accident-vehicle extrication training graduation ceremony held

THE Ministry of Home Affairs announced that the graduation ceremony for the Fire Department's Road Traffic Accident-Vehicle Extrication Training took place yesterday morning in Dekkhinathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw. The event was attended by SAC Member Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, who delivered the speech.

Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Than Tun Oo, council members, the chief of police, permanent secretary, directors-general, officers, and trainees from



SAC Member Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae delivers the closing speech at the graduation ceremony for the Fire Services Department's Road Traffic Accident-Vehicle Extrication Training in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

the Fire Department were also present. The ceremony featured rescue team skill competitions based on various types of traffic accidents occurring across Myanmar. Lt-Gen Yar Pyae awarded

the winning teams and trainees.

The course, held from 2 to 18 September at Zabuthiri Township Fire Station, included 52 trainees from the Myanmar Fire Brigade Headquarters, Central Fire Academy, townships within the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, and fire stations along the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway. The training has enhanced the fire brigade's search and rescue capabilities, enabling quicker and more effective responses to traffic accidents, thereby reducing injuries and fatalities. — MNA/TS

MIFER Union Minister participates in 56th AEM Meeting and related meetings

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and ASEAN Economic Minister (AEM) of Myanmar Dr Kan Zaw participated in the 56th ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting and related meetings in Vientiane, Laos PDR.

Union Minister attended the 38th ASEAN Free Trade Area Council Meeting on the morning of 16 September 2024. At the meeting, ministers discussed matters concerned with rules of origin (ROO), trade facilitation, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, standards and technology cooperation, and customs integration under the implementation of the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) among ASEAN Member States. In addition, ministers provided guidance on the updated ATIGA Negotiation and tasked the Trade Negotiation Committee and their subsidiary bodies to conclude the negotiation in 2025.

In the afternoon, the Union minister also joined the 27th ASEAN Investment Area Council Meeting together with other ASEAN Economic Ministers. During the meeting, ministers exchanged views on the development of the ASEAN Sustainable Investment Guidelines, the ASEAN Investment Promotion Action Plan, the publication of the ASEAN Investment Report, the arrangement of the ASEAN Investment Forum, and investment cooperation activities in the

ASEAN region.

During the 27th ASEAN Investment Area Council Meeting, the Union minister signed the Fifth Protocol to Amend the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement (ACIA). The protocol includes the consolidated revised ACIA text along with its Headnote and Annexes, incorporating all amendments from the First Amendment Protocol to the current draft Fifth Protocol, and the document would be uploaded to the ASEAN website upon completion of the signing of the Fifth Protocol, to facilitate public access.

In the evening, the Union minister attended the ASEAN Economic Ministers and ASEAN Business Advisory Council Consultations. ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ABAC) briefed the meeting on the progress of the ABAC's 2024 activities at the consultations. Ministers provided guidance for strengthening private sector engagement in future economic cooperation and endorsed the recommendations on mechanisms for Public-Private Partnership.

The Union minister joined the 56th ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting together with ASEAN Economic Ministers on 17 September 2024. At the meeting, ministers noted the progress of the Priority Economic Deliverables (PED) under Lao PDR's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2024, the ASEAN Declaration on

Supply Chain Connectivity, and the recommendations for the upgrade of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Intellectual Property Cooperation. Moreover, ministers endorsed the ASEAN SME Policy Index 2024, which is a primary reference document to benchmark MSME policies across ASEAN, and the Model Framework for an Inclusive Business Accreditation System in ASEAN.

In the afternoon session, ministers noted the progress of the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA) Negotiations and tasked the negotiators to expedite their work in order to conclude the negotiations in 2025. Ministers also exchanged views on the implementation of sustainability initiatives under the ASEAN Economic Community, including the ASEAN Strategy for Carbon Neutrality, the Framework for Circular Economy for the AEC, and the ASEAN Blue Economy Framework. Ministers noted the progress of the development of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Strategic Schedule 2026-2030. They tasked the High-Level Task Force on Economic Integration (HLTF-EI) to complete the AEC Strategic Schedule in a timely manner.

The Union minister attended the ASEAN Economic Ministers and Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Interface Meeting on the morning of 18



September 2024. The meeting exchanged views on matters such as digital innovation and transformation, unleashing the potential for transformative and people-centred innovation in the ASEAN region towards 2045 and accelerating the activities of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among ASEAN-WIPO.

In the afternoon, the 16th Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam (CLMV) Economic Ministers' Meeting was held, and the Union minister participated alongside the Economic Ministers of Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam in the meeting. At the meeting, ministers noted the implementation of CLMV Action Plan 2023-2024 and endorsed the CLMV Action Plan 2025-2026 as a living document. Ministers tasked the CLMV senior economic officials to monitor the implementation of the activities under the action plan. Moreover, ministers discussed conducting the socialization workshop scheduled in 2024, which will discuss the development of guidelines on the Implementation Plan for the Framework for CLMV Development 2020-2030.

Mr Malaithong Kommasith, Minister of Industry and Com-

merce of Lao PDR, chaired the meetings, which were attended by ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM), ASEAN Free Trade Area Council Ministers, ASEAN Investment Area Council Ministers, Senior Economic Officials (SEOM), ASEAN Business Advisory Council Members, Secretary-General of the ASEAN Secretariat and representatives. The meetings were joined by Mr Aung Ko, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Dr Marlar Myo Nyunt, Myanmar SEOM Lead, Director-General of the Foreign Economic Relations Department and responsible persons together with the Union minister.

The Union minister will attend the meetings of the ASEAN Economic Ministers with the EU Trade Commissioner, Russia, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Hong Kong (China), the United States, India, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, EAS, Japan, China, Korea, Plus Three Economic Ministers, and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Ministers which will be held from 19 to 22 September 2024. — MIFER

NATIONAL

Myanmar delegation arrives back after BRICS Media Summit, tour in Moscow

THE Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn visited the significant sites of Moscow, such as the Kremlin palace, ancient museums, the tomb of the unknown soldier, the Red Square, Saint Basil's Cathedral, and religious temples on 16 September during the visit to Moscow for BRICS Media Summit.

Moreover, the Union minister met with the Centre for Public and Business Cooperation with the Republic of Myanmar and clarified the Myanmar-Russia cooperation, the actual situation of Myanmar, floods in Myanmar, efforts of the Head of the State and officials in conducting rescue work and rehabilitation processes, and preparations for enumeration of population and

household census.

on 17 September, the Union minister visited the Myanmar Embassy in Moscow and met the ambassador and embassy staff. During the meeting, they discussed the actual situation of the country, the need to weigh the fake news and the efforts of the Prime Minister in education, health, relief and rehabilitation measures, and State security.

At noon, the Union minister informally met Mr Sergey Vladimirovich, regional head of South East Asia of Roscongress, at Plaza Garden and discussed the Myanmar-Russia media cooperation plan.

The Myanmar delegation arrived in Yangon from Moscow yesterday evening. — MNA/KTZH



Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn visits one of significant sites in Moscow – ancient museum – on 16 September.

MoIP Union Minister receives UNHCR Resident Representative

UNION Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing received a delegation led by Ms Noriko Takagi, Resident Representative of UNHCR to Myanmar, at the Union Minister's Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

They exchanged views on implementation of the process to repatriate those who left Rakhine State under the framework of the tripartite memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the ministry, UNDP and UNHCR, further extension of the MoU term, entry visa for foreign staff of UNHCR, coordination with relevant departments for imported materials under the procedures, measures for travels and residences of domestically appointed staff,



Union Minister U Myint Kyaing receives Ms Noriko Takagi, Resident Representative of UNHCR to Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

and further cooperation between the ministry and UNDP-UNHCR.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Ministers for Immigration and Pop-

ulation U Htay Hlaing and Dr Myo Thant, Permanent Secretary U Win Zaw Aung, Director-General of the Immigration Department U Ye Tun Oo and officials. — MNA/TTA

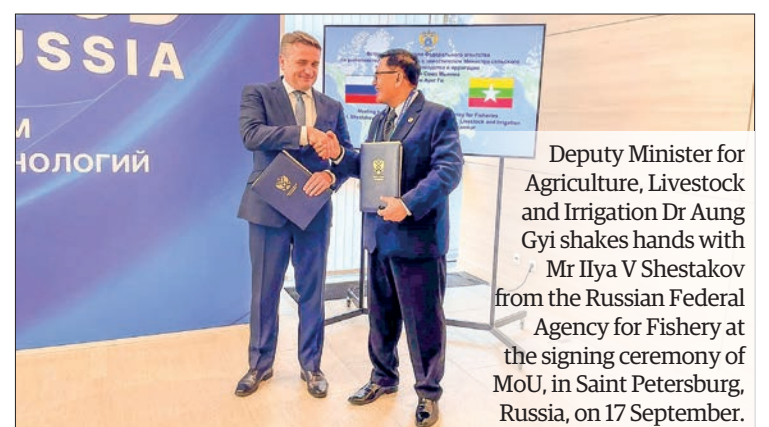
Myanmar, Russia to boost fishery cooperation

THE Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Gyi, currently in Saint Petersburg to attend the seventh Global Fishery Forum and Seafood Expo Russia, participated in the signing ceremony of MoU on bilateral cooperation in the fishery sector between the ministry and Russian Federal Agency for Fishery, on 17 September.

During the ceremony, the deputy minister and Mr Ilya V Shestakov, on behalf of the agency, discussed the conservation of live marine resources, information exchange about the fishery, capacity building for the person-

nel from the fishery sector, exchange of experts for experiences and enhancement of cooperation in the economic affairs. They then signed the MoU and posed for documentary photographs.

The MoU is based on discussions made at the fifth International Fishery Forum and Seafood Expo held in the Russian Federation on 22 September 2022, and the two countries signed it aiming to promote cooperation in protecting the live marine resources and enacting laws and procedures. After the event, the deputy minister observed the displays at the forum and exhibition. — MNA/KTZH



Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Gyi shakes hands with Mr Ilya V Shestakov from the Russian Federal Agency for Fishery at the signing ceremony of MoU, in Saint Petersburg, Russia, on 17 September.

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

NATIONAL

MoH Union Minister receives Russian trade delegation in Myanmar

UNION Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win met a delegation led by Mr Vladimir Kazadaev, head of the Russian Trade Representative Office in Myanmar, yesterday at the Ministry of Health's conference hall in Yangon.

During the meeting, discussions centred on the provision of medical supplies and equipment from Russia in response to the recent flooding in Myanmar. As an agreement was signed for cooperation in cancer treatment between the Ministry of

Health and the Napalkov Cancer Center in Saint Petersburg, Russia, they also discussed future collaborative efforts, including the establishment of local production of medicines and medical supplies in partnership with Russian pharmaceutical companies, as well as ensuring the availability of rapid diagnostic test kits at affordable prices in Myanmar.

Further topics included obtaining FDA approval for Russian medicines in Myanmar and ongoing collaborations in



Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win receives Mr Vladimir Kazadaev, head of the Russian Trade Representative Office in Myanmar, in Yangon yesterday.

healthcare between the two countries. The deputy minister, the permanent secretary, and officials from both the ministry and the Russian Trade Office in Myanmar were also present at the meeting. — MNA/KZL

Maintenance on Pyawbwe-Phayangasu, Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung roads inspected



Deputy Minister U Win Pe inspects the maintenance works on the Meiktila-Taunggyi Road, which was damaged by recently torrential rainfalls.

DEPUTY Minister for Construction U Win Pe inspected the maintenance work on the Pyawbwe-Phayangasu Road and Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung Road, which were

damaged by torrential rains. The deputy minister first observed the maintenance works between mileposts 10/0 and 10/3 and between mileposts 28/4 and 28/5 on

the Pyawbwe-Phayangasu Road and called for repair works using vehicles and heavy machinery so as not to fail smooth transport.

During the inspection at mileposts 40/0-40/3, 45/3-45/4 and 47/1-47/3 on the Meiktila-Taunggyi Road, he gave instructions to remove the settlers from the creek beside the Meiktila-Taunggyi Road as it can affect the water current.

He then inspected the maintenance works underway at mileposts 54/4-54/5, 57/6, 62/2-62/3, 66/0 and 71/1-71/3 at the entrance of Kalaw. He highlighted the need to clear the debris, manage the drainage system, prepare road signages to meet set standards and supervise them so as not to cause failure for smooth transportation. — MNA/KTZH

Commander-in-Chief (Air)-led delegation arrives back after 21st AACC



Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung meets Air Chief Marshal Punnakdee Pattanakul of Thailand during the 21st ASEAN Air Chiefs Conference (21st AACC).

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (Air) General Tun Aung met General Soeung Samnang of the Royal Cambodian Air Force, Air Chief Marshal Punnakdee Pattanakul of Thailand and Brigadier General Bounma Chanthavongsa on behalf of the Chief of the Lao Air Force, on 15 September during the visit to attend the 21st ASEAN Air Chiefs Conference (21st AACC).

During the meeting, they cordially discussed bilateral cooperation in education and training sectors between air forces, joint exercises for natural disaster prevention and close collaboration in humanitarian assistance and preventive measures against disaster.

On 16 September, the General attended the 21st AACC at Sokha Siem Reap Resorts and Convention Centre in Siem Reap. The ASEAN Air chiefs discussed the topic of "Enhancing Information Sharing and Cohesive Cooperation Among ASEAN Air Forces For Peace and Development" and approved the decisions.

The General and party attended the dinner hosted by the Cambodian Air Chief on the night of 17 September.

The General and party arrived back in Yangon yesterday evening. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar attends ASEAN-OSHNET awards; Dagon Beverages, CP Livestock win

FROM 11 to 13 September, a delegation led by the Director-General of the Department of Factories and General Labour Laws Inspection attended the fifth ASEAN Occupational Safety and Health Network (ASEAN-OSHNET) Awards in Singapore.

On 11 September, the Myanmar delegation participated in the fifth ASEAN-OSHNET Awards, the 11th ASEAN Occupational Safety and Health Network Conference, and the Singapore WSH Conference 2024, all held at the Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore. The events included representatives from ASEAN countries and award-winning companies.

On 12 September, ASEAN country representatives, the Office of the Secretary-General of ASEAN, the office of the Secretary-General of ASEAN-OSHNET, and partner organisations attended the Policy Dialogue on Harnessing the Potential of Global Supply Chains to

Improve OSH in ASEAN at Furama City Centre. This was followed by the 25th ASEAN Occupational Safety and Health Network coordinating meeting on 13 September.

At the fifth ASEAN-OSHNET Awards Ceremony, the ASEAN-OSHNET Excellence Award and the ASEAN-OSHNET Best Practices Award were presented. Dagon Beverages Company Limited received the ASEAN-OSHNET Excellence Award, while Myanmar CP Livestock Co Ltd was honoured with the ASEAN-OSHNET Best Practices Award, representing Myanmar.

The awards, which have been presented every two years since 2016, see Myanmar competing each year. Winners are nominated based on criteria set by the Ministry of Labour, related ministries, and technicians. Since 2016, five factories have received Excellence Awards, and five have received Best Practices Awards. — MNA/TMT

OPINION

Follow physicians' directives to avoid the resilience of antibiotic drugs

MISUSE of antibiotics is contributing to the growing problem of antibiotic resistance worldwide. Many individuals, especially in developing and underdeveloped countries, take medications without following proper prescriptions, which diminishes the effectiveness of these drugs. The World Health Organization (WHO) recently highlighted this issue, noting that antibiotic resistance is becoming a daily concern. On 3 September, the World Health Organization issued new guidelines on antibiotic resistance ahead of a global meeting scheduled for 26 September to address this critical health issue.

Antibiotic resistance occurs when bacteria, viruses, and parasites adapt to drugs that are meant to kill them, rendering these

medications ineffective. This often happens when people take antibiotics without proper medical guidance, using them to treat conditions that may not even require them. As a result, these microbes evolve, making the drugs less potent over time. WHO has been warning about this problem for years, as antibiotic misuse continues to rise, particularly in areas where access to medical education is limited.

In some countries, the situation is exacerbated by practices in animal farming. Antibiotics are commonly added to animal feed to promote growth and increase profits. However, this practice contributes to the development of resistant bacteria,

which can be transferred to humans through the consumption of meat. World Health Organization recognized this as a significant issue during the 2019 World Public Health Conference, identifying it as one of the top 10 public health challenges globally.

The impact of antibiotic resistance is staggering. According to the medical journal *Lancet*, over 1.2 million people worldwide died due to antibiotic-resistant bacteria in the past two years. This number surpasses the annual death toll from diseases like malaria and AIDS. While antibiotic resistance is particularly problematic in poorer nations, it is a global issue that threatens public health.

Medical experts have repeatedly warned about the difficulty of treating infections caused by resistant bacteria. The economic and social costs are significant, as prolonged illnesses strain healthcare systems and reduce productivity. As such, authorities need to raise public awareness to follow physician's directives to overcome the challenges of antibiotic drug resilience.

To combat this, individuals, particularly in developing nations, must strictly adhere to medical advice. It is crucial to avoid self-medication and purchasing antibiotics from unregulated sources. By following physicians' directives, people can reduce the risk of antibiotic resistance and protect their health and that of their communities.

An Outline of the Tertiary Geology of Burma

This article is the continuation of the previous Episode 43, entitled "An Outline of the Tertiary Geology of Burma", contributed by Prof L. Dudley Stamp in 1922.

The Geography of the Tertiary Period in Burma.

No apology is tendered for attempting to consider the Tertiary geology of Burma from the point of view afforded by a reconstruction of the geography of the period. The reconstruction is based, of course, on detailed study in the field and laboratory, a great part of the information being now available in published form. Despite the lack of knowledge concerning many parts of Burma, this palaeogeographical picture may be considered reasonably correct, and it helps to explain many facts that are otherwise difficult to interpret. More importantly, perhaps, it supplies a simple means of visualizing and memorizing a mass of facts – an advantage not to be ignored in attempting a comprehensive view of the world's stratigraphy.

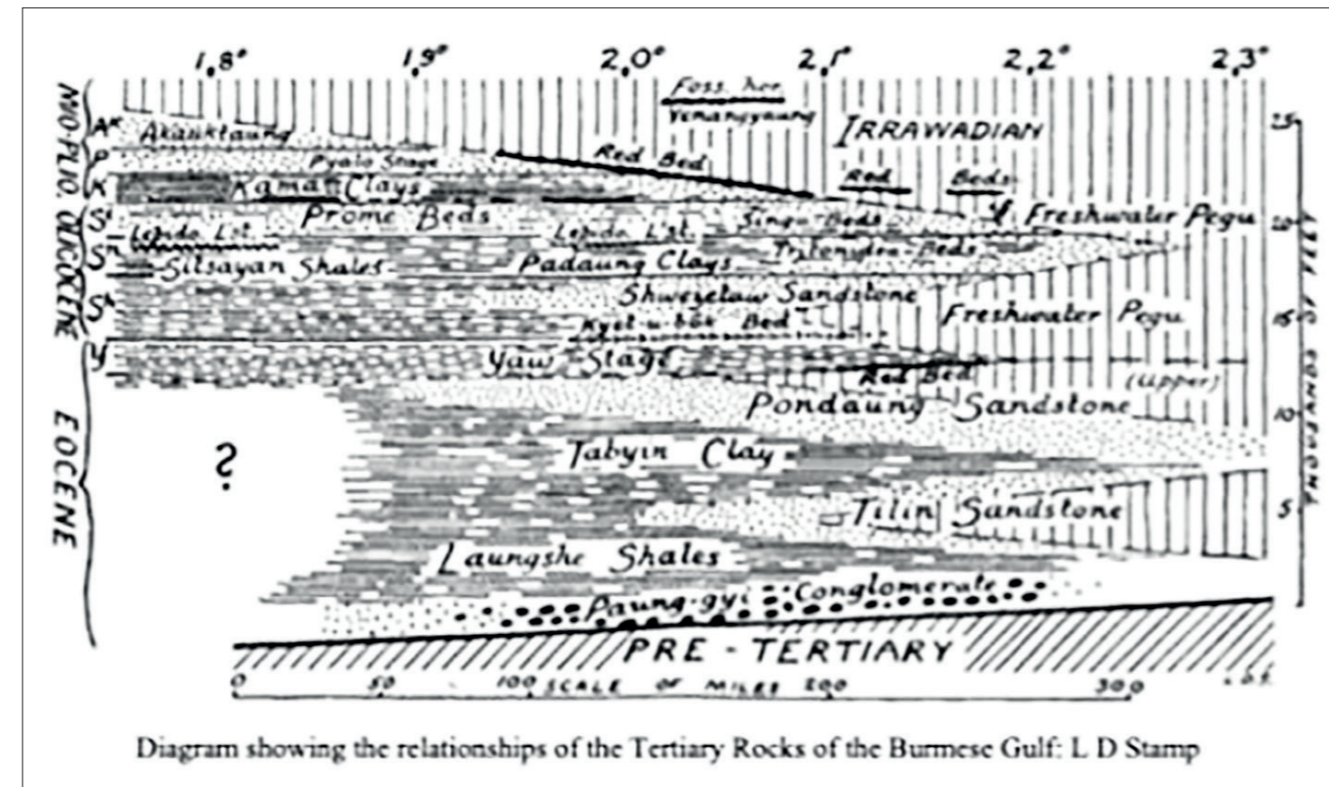
As already pointed out, the main folding of the Shan Plateau, as well as the earlier stages of the uprise of the Arakan Yoma, took place in the pre-Tertiary, probably in late Cretaceous times. There is every reason to believe that the former was a land mass from the earliest Tertiary times and that the latter formed a narrow ridge separating two arms of the sea – the Gulfs of Assam and Burma. The line of the Arakan Yoma continued through the Andaman and Nicobar Islands of Sumatra and Java, but most probably, this line was breached by the sea throughout the Tertiary period, just as it is at the present day. The history of the Tertiary period in Burma is largely that of the infilling of the Burmese Gulf, a great geosyncline that is dominated by sediments, both continental and marine. Flowing into the gulf from the north, one or more rivers poured in huge masses of sediment. The Irrawaddy of the present day may be looked upon as the remnant of this great Tertiary river system.

There has been, generally speaking, a gradual movement southwards of deltaic conditions from the Eocene to the present and a consequent retreat of the sea towards the south. It follows that:

- the Tertiary succession is predominantly marine in the south and mainly continental in the north,
- each horizon can be traced laterally from marine through deltaic into fluvial or aeolian deposits as one goes northwards,
- there is, on the whole, a tendency

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for continental conditions to move southwards as one ascends in the succession. The continental type of Pliocene (Irrawadian) is the most widely spread of all the continental deposits.

Certain other important factors must, however, be considered. Throughout the Tertiary period, there seem to have been movements of folding and uplift along the line of the Arakan Yomas, culminating in the great folding movements that affect all the Tertiary deposits of Burma and which took place towards the end of the Pliocene. It is not possible to point to any great unconformities amongst the Tertiary strata of Burma, though much has been written on their occurrence or otherwise. The observed cases fall into two groups: -

- "ravineforms" such as occur almost invariably at the base of Cycles of sedimentation. Examples: the base of the Yaw Stage in the Lower Chindwin District, and probably also the base of the Irrawaddy in the Oilfields of Minbu, Yenengyaung, etc. The intra-formational

"unconformities" frequently observed in the Pegu System belong to this class,

- local unconformities due to the denudation of the minor folds produced as a result of the "buckling" of the floor of the geosyncline during the Tertiary period. A good example is seen in the Myaing region, where the Irrawadian rests directly on the Pondaung Sandstone.

An extreme case, and one of great interest, of the effect of the minor folding in the floor of the geosyncline is seen around Shinmadaung near Pakokku. Here, in the very midst of the Tertiary Belt, a ridge of the pre-Cambrian gneisses, which must form the floor of the old gulf, appears at the surface as a result of folding and faulting. The exact relationship with the surrounding Pegu rocks is uncertain, but the lowest Pegu (Shwezetau Sandstones) appear to rest directly on the gneiss. It may be noted that this locality is along the line of Tertiary volcanoes, which pass through the midst of the Tertiary Belt. Around Shinmadaung, igneous rocks are found interbedded with Pegu and

probably with Irrawadian sediments.

The Tertiary Succession and its Classification

The Tertiary succession in Lower Burma is very different from that in Upper Burma. A failure to recognize the importance of lateral variation and the wedging out of marine beds when followed northwards has caused considerable confusion and invalidates much that has been written on the Tertiary geology of Burma. The progress that has been made in this respect within the last few years is largely due to the work of Dr G de P Cotter.

- It may be said at once-
- that very little is known of the succession in the Sittang Valley, that is to say, on the eastern side of the Pegu Yoma,
 - that the Eocene strata are very imperfectly known,
 - that may point to the correlation of the succession in Upper and Lower Burma, which is still uncertain.
- It is found, however, that most of the principles of the cycle of sedimentation can be applied on a large

scale to the interpretation of the Burmese sequence. An attempt diagram also indicates roughly the lithology of the beds. Under "continental" are included aeolian, lacustrine, fluvial, and some brackish water deposits.

Eocene

- Southern Region (Nicobar and Andaman Islands and Lower Burma) In the Andaman Islands, the Eocene is represented by a series of conglomerates and sandstones resting unconformably on and containing pebbles derived from the underlying rocks, which are probably Cretaceous and comparable with the Axial Group of the Arakan Yoma. In passing, it may be noted that the deepest water in Eocene times lay to the south, and the deposits of this age are represented by limestones in parts of Sumatra and Java. Little is known of the Eocene rocks of Lower Burma (Henzada and Promé Districts). They consist mainly of unfossiliferous shales and sandstones that are much disturbed by faulting. The junction with the pre-Tertiary rocks appears to be invariably faulted.

- Northern Region (Upper Burma) Here, the Eocene rocks are of greater interest and have been studied in some detail, especially regarding the higher beds. The succession is: -
 - Yaw Stage (marine shales).
 - Pondaung Sandstones.
 - Tabyin Clays.

- Laungshé Shales with Paung-gyi Conglomerate at or near the base.

Paung-gyi or Swelegyin Conglomerate: A typical basal conglomerate from 2,000 to 4,000 feet thick. The contrast between the folded but comparatively unaltered conglomerate and the underlying cleaved and folded shales or phyllites (Kanpetlet Schists, etc.) has already been noted. The pebbles in the conglomerate seem to consist of fragments of these rocks together with

a few gneisses of a more distant origin.

Laungshé Shales: Possibly from 9,000 to 12,000 feet in thickness. The fauna of these beds has not yet been studied, but it seems to include several forms of late Cretaceous aspect, possibly survival in the early Eocene gulf. The most abundant fossil is a large *Operculina*.

Tinlin Sandstone: It is possible that this arenaceous group, marine in the south, becomes brackish or freshwater northwards. It is certainly much thinner in the south and cannot be traced as a separate division to the south of latitude 20° 15'. This attenuation from an estimated thickness of up to 5,000 feet in the north to nothing in the south probably accounts for the huge thickness claimed for the Laungshé Shales in the south.

Tabyin Clays: A group of greenish, somewhat rubby shales up to 5,000 feet in thickness. The most interesting fossil is *Nummulites verdenburgi* Prever. In the south, other nummulites, some large in size, are found, apparently at this horizon or slightly higher (Minbu district). North of latitude 21° 45' the writer did not succeed in finding any nummulites or other marine fossils, but numerous thin seams of coal occur in the higher part. The coals of Upper Chindwin appear to belong to this and to succeeding divisions.

Pondaung Sandstone: A very interesting series of deposits. The lower part comprises beds of greenish sandstone (weathering yellow), with bands of conglomerate and greenish shale and passes down quite gradually into the Tabyin Clays below (1 in. map, sheet 84 K/5). Fossils here (latitude 21° 50' to 22° 45') are scarce but include *Arca*, *Cardita*, and other marine forms. Going upwards in the series, the Pondaung Sandstones exhibit a gradual change from marine to brackish and finally to freshwater and land conditions. Plant remains (wood) occur throughout; in the lower part of the wood, it is carbonized, higher up, partly carbonized and partly silicified, whilst in the highest part, it is always silicified. It should be mentioned that silicified wood is highly characteristic of the continental depos-

its in Burma. As one passes northwards (as from latitude 21° 45' to 23° 30'), the upper continental beds thicken at the expense of the lower marine. The most striking members of the continental facies are beds of clay- purplish, pale greenish, or mottled – with abundant vertebrate remains indicating their formation in freshwater lagoons. The remains include mammals (*Anthrocotherium*, *Anthracoehyus*, *Metamynodon?* etc.), crocodiles (*Crocodylus*), and huge turtles. From about latitude 22° 0' to 22° 30' the highest bed is a "Red Bed" or layer of laterite denoting terrestrial conditions. To the south, the whole of the Pondaung Sandstones become more marine, the mottled or purplish clays are not found much to the south of latitude 20° 30', and oysters (*Alectryonia noetlingi*) are here abundant. Large nummulites are common from 20° 5' southwards. The group is as thick as 6,500 feet in latitude 22° 5'.

Yaw Stage: A series of shaley clays with an interesting fauna, which has been described in part. The series is essentially a marine one, and fossils include *Nummulites yavensis* Cotter and *Velates orientalis* Verd. – the latter, especially in the upper part – large *Am-pullinae*, etc. The stage typically develops at about latitude 21 (30' longitude 94 (20'E.; northwards, marine fossils gradually become scarcer and stunted, and the deposit wedges out, being absent at latitude 22° 45'. Owing probably to the proximity of the western shoreline, the deposits are very sandy about latitude 21° 5', but again become of deeper-water type in the Ngape-Yenanma area (latitude 19° 50' to 20° 5'). Eastwards in the Myaing district (latitude 21° 37', longitude 94° 52'), the series is again of shallow-water type, possibly due to the nearness of the ridge of ancient rocks of Shinmadaung mentioned above. In the north, the base of the Yaw Stage is marked by interesting bone beds, whilst conglomeratic bands with fish remains occur throughout. Concerning the upper limit, northwards from 21° 45' the series passes up gradually into the overlying "Freshwater Pegu"; whilst in the south, it would appear to be well defined by a bed which the writer prefers to regard as the base of the Pegu. The latter bed, described below, has been traced at intervals for 100 miles, though it should be mentioned in fairness that general agreement as to the identity of the bed throughout has not yet been reached. (To be continued).

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NATIONAL

IMPACTS of Typhoon Yagi and a deep depression from the Bay of Bengal triggered heavy rains in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Kayah, Kayin, Mon and Shan states and Bago, Magway, Mandalay and Ayeyawady regions, causing loss of life and property, injuries and livelihoods of the people.

Plan underway to provide K800,000 for each death in floods

Hence, K800,000 each — K500,000 of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement—will be provided as cash assistance for those who lost life among the flood-affected people to the bereaved

families. Moreover, relevant region and state governments will also provide cash assistance to them, according to the management committee.

Depending on the suffering of injuries and loss and damage of property, necessary aid will be delivered to the flood-affected people. — MNA/TTA

Indian Navy Warship INS Satpura arrives in Yangon with Humanitarian Aid



THE Indian Naval Ship INS Satpura (F-48) arrived at Myanmar International Port (Thilawa) yesterday afternoon, carrying humanitarian aid and food for flood-stricken areas. The ship, loaded with relief materials from India, was welcomed by Tatmadaw (Navy) senior officers, officials from the Indian Embassy in Myanmar, and Thilawa Port authorities.

A handover ceremony was held at Thilawa Port, where Indian Ambassador

to Myanmar Mr Abhay Thakur officially handed over the relief materials to Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein. The chief minister expressed his gratitude and, together with the Ambassador, viewed the relief supplies.

The aid includes 24 boxes of food (dried noodles, biscuits, beans, canned food) sufficient to support 100 people for seven days per box, 11 boxes of clothes, six boxes of medicines, and 16 containers of emergency supplies such as tarps, temporary tents, flashlights, soap, and gasoline. In total, 57 boxes of aid will be distributed to flood-affected villages in the region as soon as possible. — San Kyaw Oo (PRD)/TS

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein receives the relief materials handed over by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Abhay Thakur at Thilawa Port, Yangon, yesterday.

115 people hospitalized for food poisoning in Tatkon

A total of 115 people were hospitalized in Chaungcha village, Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw, after consuming biryani, chicken and potato curry and egg and tomato curry donated by well-wishers on 17 September.

According to the Ministry of Health, all the patients are in stable condition, and no deaths have been reported.

Medical teams from Tatkon (100-bed) Hospital, Tatkon Township Public Health Department and Nyaunglon Village rural health centre conducted field studies and provided health-

care services on that day.

Similarly, other medical teams from Nay Pyi Taw Public Health Department, Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (100-bed) and Tatkon Township Public Health Department conducted field studies and disease control measures yesterday.

The Ministry of Health urged well-wishers to donate warm and hygienic food for the natural disaster-affected victims and management teams and health staff of the temporary relief camp to make sure that the donated foods are clean and hygienic. — MNA/KTZH



Medical teams conduct field studies and healthcare services in Chaungcha Village in Tatkon yesterday.

Donation ceremony held for flood victims



Union Minister Dr Soe Win receives the donations of the Myanmar Women and Children's Development Association in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

A donation ceremony was convened yesterday afternoon at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief, and Resettlement's conference hall for flood victims struck by the impact of Typhoon Ragi. Union Minister Dr Soe Win accepted the donations and expressed gratitude on behalf of the ministry, presenting certificates of appreciation to donors.

Donations included K17 million from the staff of the

Ministry of Transport and Communications, K7 million from the Myanmar Women and Children's Development Association, K5 million from U Aung Zaw Myint and family, K1.1 million from Dr Khin Eaindra Zaw, K3 million and six boxes of traditional medicines from U Tun Shwe and family (Tun Shwe Wah Traditional Medicine Production), and K500 million from U Ko Ko

Aye of the Myanmar Golf Federation. Various individuals and companies, including a total of K752.176 million, also made additional donations.

In addition, retired Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and his wife Daw Mya Mya San donated 300 meal boxes to 300 flood victims at Ayela Theina Monastery through the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief, and Resettlement. — MNA/KZL

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AYA bank donates K1B to flood victims, opens public contribution channels



This picture captures flood relief items donated by the Ayeyawady Bank.

ON 16 September, officials and staff from AYA bank donated food supplies, cash, clothing, medicines, drinking water, rice, cooking oil, and household utensils worth K1 billion to five flood-stricken townships in Bago and Mandalay Regions, as well as the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Flood victims who received donations, both in cash and kind, were from Toungoo, Tatkon, Yamethin, and Kyaukse Townships.

Additionally, local and international Ayeyawady bank users can contribute to the donation by selecting AYA Helping Hands under Charity & Organization through AYA mobile banking's bill payment and submitting the donor's name and phone number without a service charge. Donations can also be made through the pay bills section of the AyaPay mobile wallet or via QR code, both without service charges. — ASH/MKKS

Authorities seize illegal goods and vehicles across multiple regions

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, authorities recently conducted successful operations, seizing numerous illicit consumer goods and vehicles across various regions.

Between 16 and 17 September, Customs Department inspection teams at the Myanmar Industrial Port uncovered 12 types of undeclared consumer goods and two types of industrial items valued at K174.5 million across ten containers. Similarly, at the Asia World Port Terminal's container checkpoint, six containers were found containing undeclared goods valued at K129.4 million. At the Dry Port in Ywathagyi, two trucks transporting industrial items worth K81 million, along with the trucks themselves valued at K70 million, were confiscated for lacking prop-

er documentation.

On 17 September, officials in Mon State seized another truck in Mawlamyine transporting consumer goods worth K13.2 million, along with a Nissan Diesel tractor head and a trailer valued at K85 million.

In the Mandalay Region, inspections led to the seizure of consumer and industrial goods worth K11.2 million, which were transported in a Yutong bus valued at K65 million. Another case saw the confiscation of K9.9 million worth of consumer goods and a Hino Profia truck valued at K30 million.

On 18 September, an unregistered Toyota Crown worth K4 million was seized in Insein, Yangon, under the Export and Import Law. In North Okkalapa, a truck carrying 0.939 tonnes of illegal timber valued at K826,496 was also intercepted, along with the Toyota Hiace valued at K5 million.

In Bago Region, authorities seized an unregistered Nissan Note valued at K5 million and over 4.395 tonnes of illegal timber valued at K3.9 million.

In total, between 16 and 18 September, authorities successfully confiscated illegal goods in 21 cases valued at K688 million, as reported by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/KZL



Confiscated illegal battery at the dry port in Ywathagyi.

Counter-argument to false information

Malicious news spread false reports of bombing in Kyauk Gyi Township

REPORTS of a drone bombing by the Tatmadaw that supposedly injured three people, including an eight-month-old child, and damaged a pagoda and residential homes in Kyauk Gyi Township, Bago Region, have been found to be false. Malicious news media have been disseminating these erroneous reports.

According to local security forces, they are working with the community to ensure regional security and law enforcement. During their operations, insurgents attacked security personnel with drones, resulting in bombs falling on civilian homes. Some security personnel were injured, and several civilians were hurt or killed in the attacks.

The local populace has denounced the brutal actions of these insurgents and is aware that such false reports are being spread to cover up the insurgents' actions. The community has expressed their awareness of these malicious news outlets and their attempts to mislead the public. — MNA/KZL



A screenshot of Khit Thit media validates their fake news.

Media circulates fake news: Samon dam breach causes flash flooding



A screenshot of Myaelatt Athan Broadcasting validates their fake news.

THE malicious media intentionally spread fake information, claiming that, Samon dam breach flooded over 20 villages in Wandwin Township of Mandalay Region, and the urgent assistance was needed.

According to the Irrigation Department, there was no dam breach, and if it needs to drain the dam water, the

department has to report to the superior level and release notices for the residents, and evacuate them. Moreover, the members of Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force, social organizations and well-wishers carry out rescue work and relocation processes daily. The malicious media spread false news to impose fear among the public. — MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL BUSINESS

MFSPEA urges fertilizer sellers to follow reference prices

FERTILIZER consumers can complain about those sellers who fail to stick to the set reference prices of fertilizer for Yangon, according to the Myanmar Fertilizer, Seed and Pesticide Entrepreneurs Association (MFSPEA).

Under the guidance of the Urea Fertilizer Purchasing and Distribution Steering Committee, MFSPEA has instructed member companies to sell fertilizers that are in high demand in the domestic market, according to the set reference prices for Yangon from 16 to 30 September.

The reference prices are K83,000 per 50-kilo bag of Urea fertilizer (large granular), K115,000 per 50-kilo bag of Rock Phosphate and K128,000 per 50-kilo bag of Di Ammonium Phosphate. Yet, the MFSPEA has not confirmed the reference price for Complex fertilizer.

The prices may vary a bit depending on transportation charges in other regions and states as the prices mentioned above are set for Yangon Region, MFSPEA stated.

Additionally, reference prices will be further announced as per rules and regulations. For overcharging, consumers can complain to the committee through contact numbers (067 410032, 09 883353358).

At present, the Fertilizer Committee holds a quarterly meeting to ensure quality fertilizer for growers without facing shortages. Under the approval of the Fertilizer Technology Group, 11,573 fertilizer registrations have been granted after the 41st meeting of the Fertilizer Committee. With individuals' consent, 1,957 registrations were voluntarily cancelled. The department revoked 2,793 registrations for expiration of validity, and 6,823 registrations are still being processed. — NN/KK



File photo shows a farmer spreading fertilizers at a paddy field.

CBM sells 10M Thai baht on 18 Sept

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) stated on 17 September that 10 million Thai baht were set to be sold on 18 September.

It also injected US\$30,000 on 17 September; \$5 million on 16 September; \$230,000, over 1.5 million yuan and over 956,000 baht on 13 September into the financial market.

CBM announced on 12 September that it would pump \$10 million into the fuel oil sector and \$7 million into the edible oil sector through the foreign exchange trading platform. It sold \$12.4 million and 80 million baht on 4 September; \$90,000 on 5 September and \$100,000 on 6 September, respectively.

Following CBM's notification dated 14 August about contribution of \$100

million towards the fuel oil sector; it sold over \$9.498 million at exchange rate of K3,400 on 15 August, over \$89.975 million at exchange rate of K3,410 on 19 August, \$31 million at exchange rate of K3,440 on 22 August, over \$35 million at exchange rate of K3,460 on 26 August and \$16.9 million at exchange rate of K3,472 on 28 August, respectively.

CBM announced on 9 August that it would sell \$6 million, five million yuan and 10 million baht into the edible oil, fuel oil and pharmaceutical sectors through online foreign exchange trading platforms in the coming weeks.

CBM sold \$5 million and five million yuan for the fuel oil, edible oil and pharmaceutical sectors on 2 August, after selling 69 million baht and nine mil-

lion yuan for those importing edible oil, fertilizer, pharmaceuticals and medical devices on 1 August.

Therefore, CBM injected over \$190 million, 19 million yuan and 79 million baht in August.

This move is to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and the currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March, it has been joining hands with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK



Central Bank of Myanmar, Nay Pyi Taw.

MoALI urges replanting in flooded fields

THE Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation has urged farmers to replant previous crops or other crops in flood-hit fields.

Massive floods and landslides triggered by Typhoon Yagi devastated rural areas. The Agriculture Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation went on field trips to discuss with farmers. They are managing to seek storage and farm machinery for ploughing to repair soil and prepare seed beds.

Furthermore, irrigation channels are being prepared to deliver water to unaffected paddy fields from floods.

Farmers are urged to connect with the nearest Agriculture Department and Agricultural Mechanization Department to get access to seeds and farm equipment.

A virtual work coordination meeting was also held at the department in Nay Pyi Taw on 16 September regarding farm recovery post-flood to mitigate yield loss and replant crops in flood-damaged fields.

Dr Ye Tint Tun, director-general of the Agriculture Department, instructed guidelines to repair and replant damaged farmlands not to impact yield. He revealed the condition of seed reserve



The harvesting of monsoon paddy with a combine harvester in Ayeyawady Region.

and replanting plans in Nay Pyi Taw council area, supporting fertilizer inputs and conducting awareness campaigns for farmers. The department also went on field tours to some townships and elaborated on future plans. — NN/KK

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Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy Pirapan Salirathavibhaga addresses the launch event of Chinese automaker Changan Automobile's premium electric vehicle (EV) brand AVATR in Bangkok, Thailand, on 17 September 2024. **PHOTO: SUN WEITONG/ XINHUA**

Automaker Changan debuts EV brand AVATR in Thailand

CHINESE automaker Changan Automobile officially launched its premium electric vehicle (EV) brand AVATR in Thailand on Tuesday in a move to expand its presence in the Southeast Asian country's upscale automotive market.

The event showcased the debut of the AVATR 11, an SUV coupe that marks

Changan's fourth model introduction in Thailand, following the launches of the Deepal L07 and S07 last year and the Lumin L earlier this year.

Available in both standard and long-range variants, the AVATR 11 features a modern, luxurious design, state-of-the-art battery technology, and advanced driving assistance

systems, positioning it as a strong contender in the luxury EV segment.

"AVATR is committed to leading in the development of EVs, meeting current needs, and moving towards a future of smart automotive solutions connected to daily life," said Shen Xinghua, managing director of Changan Auto Southeast Asia.

Together with its major partners, China's leading battery manufacturer CATL and technology giant Huawei, Changan has developed cutting-edge automotive innovations, signifying a new era of intelligent driving where technology and convenience are seamlessly integrated, Shen told the launch event. — Xinhua

New products to debut in Global Digital Trade Expo

MORE than 400 new products and technologies will debut at the third Global Digital Trade Expo, scheduled from 25 to 29 September in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, Tang Wenhong, assistant minister of commerce, said on Wednesday. Among the new products

and technologies, approximately one quarter originate overseas, a significantly higher proportion than the previous edition, Tang told a press conference.

Leading companies from 32 countries and regions will participate in the expo, with international

companies accounting for over 20 per cent of both the total number of exhibitors and exhibition areas, he added. A dedicated zone for future industries will be established for the first time this year, showcasing cutting-edge technologies in areas such as intelligent robots and low-altitude

economy, according to Tang. A report on China's digital commerce will also be released during the expo, which will focus on the achievements and future prospects of China's digital commerce and show Chinese wisdom to bridging the global digital divide. — Xinhua

Announcement Pesticide Registration Number Correction

"Transferring Distributor for Registered Products" was advertised on page 13 of The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper on 6th September 2024. In the advertisement, **Product No. 2, Trade Name – OAKS 9.4SC**, Active Ingredient – **Chlorfenapyr 9.4%SC**, Registration Type – **Provisional**, Registration No. – **P 2024 – 3238** was advertised. It is hereby declared that the correct pesticide registration number of the product is **P 2024- 6268**.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MCL 9 VOY. NO. (04N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **19-9-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **TMT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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As per special resolutions duly passed in writing on 18.9.2024 by all of the members of the company:

- The process of members' voluntary winding up will proceed and take effect from 18.9.2024.
- U Sai Aung Sar (CPA No.1105), member of Myanmar Association of Insolvency Practitioners (MAIP. 00206) shall be and is hereby appointed as liquidator of the Company for the purpose of such members' voluntary winding up and is authorized to carry out the Company's affairs in respect of such winding up; and
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V BEYPORE SULTAN VOY.NO. (24010)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V BEYPORE SULTAN VOY.NO. (24010)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **19-9-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301185**

**Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority**

Agent For:

M/S CONNEXT SHIPPING PTE LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V DEWI SHINTA MANGGALA VOY.NO. (105150)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V DEWI SHINTA MANGGALA VOY.NO. (105150)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **19-9-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **TMIT-2** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301928**

**Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority**

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ROLLING UPDATES WORLD

Dutch king unveils stricter migration policy

DUTCH King Willem-Alexander said on Tuesday that the Netherlands will pursue a stricter migration policy as he delivered his annual speech at the traditional opening of the parliamentary year.

The new parliament welcomed the new coalition government under the leadership of Prime Minister Dick Schoof. Traditionally, the first day of the parliamentary year is held on the third Tuesday of September, in the Dutch administrative center of The Hague.

First formed in July 2024, the new government comprised the Party for Freedom (PVV), the New Social Contract (NSC), the People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD), and the Farmer-Citizen Movement (BBB).

Last Friday, the coalition presented its policy programme, which prioritized taking stronger

King Willem-Alexander highlighted the goal of reducing asylum numbers in the coming years.



The Princes' Day speech is a key moment in Dutch society. PHOTO: ANP/AFP

control over asylum and migration.

Echoing this sentiment in his address, King Willem-Alexander emphasized the government's intention to reduce asylum numbers in the coming years.

"Due to various forms of migration, the Dutch population has grown faster than expected, reaching 18 million inhabitants," said the king. "The government is going to reduce the number of asylum applications. Stricter, faster and more modest (numbers) are the key words."

Under the proposed plan, the government will activate an emergency law as soon as possible by declaring an asylum crisis. — Xinhua

Moscow hosts BRICS Urban Future Forum

THE 2024 Cloud City BRICS International Innovation Forum kicks off in Moscow on 18 September in a two-day event that brings together more than 5,000 participants from over 30 countries.

The event, also known as the BRICS Urban Future Forum, is attended by managers, entrepreneurs, urbanists, as

well as members of the scientific community and public organizations from former Soviet republics, Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

They will participate in the discussion "with political and business decision-makers to help identify growth areas and create synergies among BRICS cities, organizations and

companies," according to the forum's website. This year's forum is being held under the "Harmonious Development: The Future of BRICS Megacities" slogan. One of the goals is to promote leadership practices of Moscow city management to foreign markets. Sputnik is the forum's general information partner. — SPUTNIK



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Japan to elect new prime minister

JAPAN'S new prime minister will be formally elected by parliament on 1 October following next week's leadership contest, a ruling party official said Wednesday.

Polls indicate that three frontrunners are emerging among the nine candidates to succeed Fumio Kishida as head of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) in the 27 September internal vote.

They are conservative economic security minister Sanae Takaichi, 63, former LDP secretary-general Shigeru Ishiba, 67, and Shinjiro Koizumi, 43, son of former premier Junichiro Koizumi.

The conservative LDP – which has governed almost uninterrupted for decades – holds a majority in parliament, meaning the winner of the party election is essentially guaranteed to become premier. — AFP

25 injured as train derails in South Africa

Twenty-five people were injured when a train derailed on Tuesday night in South Africa's Western Cape province, local authorities confirmed on Wednesday.

The derailment occurred at Dal Josafat Station near Paarl, about 60 kilometres northeast of Cape Town, according to a statement by Metrorail Western Cape.

"The train was en route from Cape Town to Wellington station when the incident occurred," Metrorail said in the statement. "Twenty-five passengers were injured and transported by ambulance to various hospitals for treatment. No fatalities were reported. Other passengers onboard were transported to their homes." Emergency services, including ambulances, firefighters and the South African Police Service (SAPS), responded to assist the injured. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Yangon Region Sports Festival kicks off

THE opening ceremony of the Yangon Region Sports Festival was held yesterday afternoon at the National Indoor Stadium 1 in Thingangyun Township.

Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Soe Thein delivered the opening speech, followed by warm greetings to the participating teams by the chief minister and other regional ministers.

The event featured demonstrations of traditional Myanmar martial arts, Taekwondo, fitness dancing, and acrobatics. Prizes were awarded to outstanding athletes. The sports festival, a precursor to the 2024 National Sports Festival, will



The opening ceremony of the Yangon Region Sports Festival in progress at the National Indoor Stadium 1, Thuwunna, Yangon, yesterday.

run from 14 to 24 September, featuring 24 sports, including football, Sepak Takraw, basketball, badminton, traditional cane

ball, golf, cricket, table tennis, volleyball, swimming, athletics, weightlifting, billiards and snooker, boxing, judo, karate,

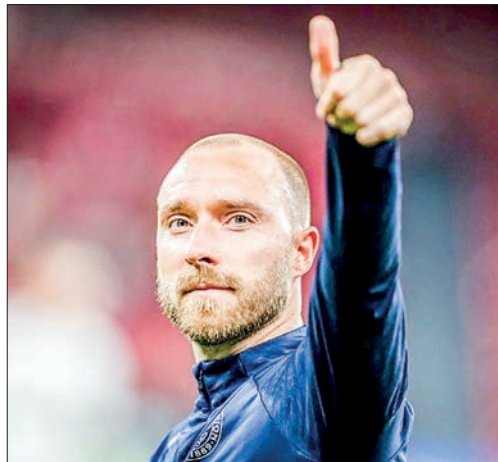
high jump, Taekwondo, Myanmar MMA, vovinam, wrestling, wushu, and parasports.

Athletes from 14 districts

are participating, with a total of 2,417 players and 599 officials, making 3,016 participants. —

Arkar Lin/KZL

Eriksen will wait to settle Man Utd future



Christian Eriksen will wait to settle his Manchester United future. **PHOTO: RITZAU SCANPIX/AFP**

CHRISTIAN Eriksen will wait to settle his Manchester United future after speculation that the Denmark midfielder could leave Old Trafford.

Eriksen was one of Erik ten Hag's first signings as United manager in 2022, but the 32-year-old had a diminished role last season.

The former Tottenham star, who suffered a cardiac arrest at the 2021 European Cham-

pionship, was linked with a move to his old team Ajax, as well as Belgian side Anderlecht, during a close-season of transfer rumours.

But Eriksen remained with United after the transfer deadline passed and has made a positive impact since returning to the starting line-up.

He made his first start of the season in Saturday's 3-0 win at Southampton, which he followed up with a brace in the 7-0 rout of Barnsley in the League Cup third round on Tuesday.

"I feel very good being at United," Eriksen said. "If they told me to leave I would leave but I didn't hear that."

"I'm also a guy who likes being in a place where my family is settled and at the same time being in a place where I can benefit and play, that's always going to be my aim."

Asked about his long-term future with his contract expiring next year, he said: "There's one year left so my focus is going to be on this year, going full out and see what happens afterwards."

United have scored 10 without reply since Eriksen came into the starting line-up. — AFP

Celebrity football fundraiser for flood recovery starts 24 Sept



The press conference is in progress for the Flood-Stricken Area Rehabilitation Fundraising Football Match on 17 September.

A fundraising football event aimed at supporting the rehabilitation of flood-affected areas will begin on 24 September, featuring a match between artists and the Yangon Region Women's National Team.

This event, announced at a press conference for the fundraising football tournament, will take place at the MFF Futsal Stadium in Thingangyun Township, Yangon, and will run from 24 to 27 September. The game will feature three teams of artists and the Yangon Region Women's Champion Team.

All donations raised during the event will go towards necessary rehabilitation efforts in flood-affected regions. The teams include celebrities from both the film and music industries, and the matches will be accompanied by performances from various actors and singers throughout the four-day event.

Paing Zeye Htun, a spokesperson for the Movie FC football team, highlighted the mix of participation from football-enthusiastic actors, musicians, and TV series stars. He added, "Alongside the matches, actors and singers from the film industry will entertain the audience with musical performances." The event will kick off at 3 pm on 24 September, with YW FC facing off against Music FC, followed by Movie FC against Friend FC at 4 pm.

The tournament will continue over the next three days, culminating in a third-place match at 3 pm and a championship match at 5 pm on 27 September. Paing Zeye Htun, Moe Yan Zun, Mahn Hein, singers Yone Lay, Yahwunna, and officials from the Myanmar Football Federation attended the press conference for the event on 17 September. — ASH/KZL

Atletico Madrid and Barcelona ready to start with European campaigns

FC Barcelona and Atletico Madrid make their Champions League debuts on Thursday night with Barcelona travelling to Monaco, while Atletico Madrid are at home to RB Leipzig.

Barca travel to the south of France after starting the season with five wins from five games in La Liga and with 17-year-old Lamine Yamal in outstanding form, along with central defender Inigo Martinez, while midfielder, Pedri also looks to be getting

close to his best after a long run of physical problems.

Hansi Flick's job will be to ensure that the trio remain free of injuries under the intense fixture schedule, with Martinez and Pedri both struggling with muscle problems for the past couple of seasons.

Flick is certainly working hard at his task, with stories that he arrives at Barcelona's training ground at 6 am to prepare his training sessions. — Xinhua



China moves to promote archaeological study travel

THE Chinese government on Wednesday released guidelines to promote the high-quality development of educational travel in the field of archaeology.

These guidelines highlight the benefits of utilizing China's abundant archaeological resources for educational purposes.

The guidelines state that educational travel "is conducive to preserving and promoting traditional Chinese culture, as well as enhancing the public's scientific literacy and humanistic spirit."

Educational travel, or study travel, combines education and tourism, offering hands-on experiences outside the classroom. Guidelines instruct provincial departments to list suitable archaeological sites, encouraging institutions like museums and research centers to organize related educational activities.

To ensure the quality of archaeological study travel, the National Cultural



Yuanmingyuan Ruins Park, Beijing. PHOTO: VCG/CHINA DAILY

Provincial cultural relics departments are tasked with listing suitable archaeological sites for study travel, and institutions are encouraged to organize related educational activities.

Heritage Administration will oversee the certification of qualified bases and incorporate such travel into the development and operation of national archaeo-

logical site parks and related museums.

China's 55 national archaeological site parks received over 67 million visitors in 2023, an increase of 135 per

cent compared to the previous year. The surge highlights the growing popularity of such parks as a new hot ticket in cultural tourism. — Xinhua

Cyprus to support multi-bln euro undersea electric cable linking Asia, Europe

Once completed, the project will become the world's longest undersea electrical conductor, extending 1,240 kilometres and reaching depths of up to 3,000 metres.



In 2023, Greece's Independent Power Transmission Operator began construction on a subsea electric power transmission system connecting the power grids of Israel, Cyprus, and Greece. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/TOVIMA.COM/FILE

CYPRUS will support and participate in the Great Sea Interconnector, a multi-billion euro electric transmission project connecting Europe, the Middle East and Asia, an energy official said on Tuesday.

This announcement was made by Energy, Commerce and Industry Minister George Papanastasiou following a Council of Ministers meeting that approved the regulatory framework for the interconnection between Cyprus and Greece's Crete Island, aimed at ending Cyprus's energy isolation.

The decision follows weeks of extensive consultations involving the governments of Cyprus and Greece, the European Commission, Greece's Independent Power Transmission Operator, the operator of the project, and the manufacturers of the special deep-sea cable.

The interconnector, with an estimated cost of 2.4 billion euros (US\$2.7 billion), is slated for completion by 2030. It will connect the transmission grids of Greece via Crete, Cyprus, and eventually Israel.

Under the agreed terms, Cyprus will contribute 125 million euros (about \$139 million) in five installments of 25 million euros (about \$28 million) each over the next five years, Papanastasiou said. — Xinhua

Cambodia targets 40% of electric cars, 70% of electric motorbikes by 2050

CAMBODIA is committed to achieving 40 per cent of electric cars and 70 per cent of electric motorcycles by 2050 in order to reduce carbon emissions, Minister of Public Works and Transport Peng Ponea said here on Wednesday. He made the remarks during a dissemination workshop on the National Policy for the Development of Electric Vehicles (EVs) 2024-2030.

"EV sector is one of the high potential sectors, as it has not only enhanced environment and improved public health, but also contributed to the momentum of economic base diversification as well as strengthened energy security," he said.

"Using EVs has importantly contributed to reducing the impact of carbon dioxide emitted from petrol-powered vehicles," he added. — Xinhua