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Hot-air balloons released at Maravijaya Buddha Image Tazaungdine Festival

A plan is underway to offer 9,000 oil lights to the Maravijaya Buddha Image with the release of hot-air balloons and a display of fireworks.

A ceremony to launch hot-air balloons to mark the Tazaungdine lighting festival was held on a grand scale at the water fountain in the Maravijaya Buddha Park in the precinct of Maravijaya Buddha Image in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory yesterday evening.

On arrival at the venue of the launching ceremony, Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla were welcomed by male and female ethnic people holding the oil lamps and national race traditional cultural troupes performing U Shwe Yoe-Daw Moe dance and traditional dances.

The Senior General and his wife cut the ribbon to open the ceremony.

Just then, a total of 500 small hot-air



SAC Chairman Premier Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla prepare the hot-air balloon for its ascent during the Tazaungdine Festival launch at the Maravijaya Buddha Image yesterday.

balloons were released with the display of fireworks while dances were presented with the song “Myaing-Myaing Hsaing-Hsaing Latazaungdine”. The Senior General, his wife and the audience en-

joyed the performances.

The Senior General, his wife and attendees watched the release of Sein-naban hot-air balloons and night flares as competitions.

While preparations were made to release hot-air balloons, ethnic cultural troupes performed traditional dances, choral dances and songs to audiences.

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Education as a Catalyst: Building Myanmar's Future through Qualified Educators

COUNTRIES with the highest levels of education among their citizens are also the most developed.

A well-educated population signifies both competence and quantity.

Myanmar must cultivate a large number of qualified educators to drive progress.

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the opening of the Myanmar National Education Conference 2024 on 25 June 2024)

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation

Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee Notification

14th Waxing of Tazaungmone 1386 ME
14 November 2024

1. Under the supervision of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, the Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee will hold the 2024 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium from 18 to 27 November at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw. Myanmar gemstones, pearls, and jade lots will be exhibited and sold at the event.
2. Myanmar gem merchants who have obtained a permit in compliance with the Myanmar Gems Law and those who have received a licence and are engaged in the business of trading gems will be allowed to attend the fair and make purchases in accordance with the stipulations.
3. Those who want to know detailed information about the 2024 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium can contact the Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee, Myanmar Gems Enterprise Head Office (Nay Pyi Taw) and Myanmar Pearls Enterprise Head Office (Nay Pyi Taw).

Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee

Theme for 104th Anniversary of National Victory Day 2024

Let's unite all nationalities for Union peace

10th Waxing of Tazaungmone 1386 ME
25 November 2024

Objectives for 104th Anniversary of National Victory Day 2024

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



Customs officers check the KENBO electric motorbike imported from China at Yangon Port yesterday.

EVs from China arrive at Yangon Port

WITH the approval of the Steering Committee on National-level Development for Electric Vehicles and Related Industries, Great Motor Myanmar Co Ltd and Aung Kan Bo Motorcycle Industrial have imported a fleet of electric cars from China.

Yesterday, a shipment of JMC JMEV EV3 electric vehicles and two KENBO electric motorbikes arrived at Yangon Port and were cleared for collection, according to the procedures. — MNA/MKKS



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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

Kathina robes donated at Maravijaya Monastery in 2024

A ceremony to donate Kathina robes for 2024 to Maravijaya Monastery took place in the precinct of Maravijaya Buddha Image's park in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory yesterday morning, attended by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla.

The Senior General offered alms in the alm bowl, fruits, flowers, and water to the Buddha Image in the monastery.

The Senior General viewed round Kathina robes, alms and articles of offering on tree-shaped stands to be donated to Maravi-

jaya Monastery.

The Senior General and his wife donated Kathina robes and alms to Lewe Paukmyaing Monastery Presiding Patron Abhidhaja Maharathaguru Bhaddanta Janinda and Abbot of Maravijaya Monastery Sayadaw Aggamaha Pandita Bhaddanta Neminda.

SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win and his wife Daw Than Than Nwe also offered Kathina robes and alms to East Intha Monastery of Lewe Sayadaw Abhidhaja Aggamaha Saddhammajotika Bhaddamnta Pandita.

The Secretary and his wife, the Joint Secretary and his wife,



SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla offer Kathina robes and alms to Sayadaw Aggamaha Pandita Bhaddanta Neminda.

council members, and Union ministers also presented Kathina and offerings to members of the Sangha.

Presiding Patron of Pynmana Pali Tekkatho Mingalazeyon

Buddhism Learning Centre Aggamaha Pandita Aggamaha Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Vimala Buddhi delivered a sermon. The congregation shared merits gained.

After the ceremony, the Senior General, his wife, and the congregation offered day meals to members of the Sangha led by Paukmyaing Sayadaw. — MNA/TTA

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The Senior General and his wife paid homage to the Maravijaya Buddha Image and offered flowers, water and oil lights. They also ignited 3,600 oil lamps together with attendees at the Buddha image.

The Senior General and his wife warmly greeted the attendees at the ceremony, as well as monks and laypeople on pilgrimage.

The ceremony was also attended by SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win and his wife Daw Than Than Nwe, the Council Secretary and his wife, the Joint Secretary and his wife, council members and



A warm welcome is extended to SAC Chairman Premier Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla during yesterday's event.

their wives, Union ministers and their wives, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman and officials.

The Tazaungdine lighting festival will be held at the Buddha Park of the Maravijaya Buddha Image in Dekkhinathiri Township from 13 to 15 November. During the period, a total of 9,000 oil lights will be offered to the image with recitation of Maha Pathana treatise, display of fireworks, release of hot-air balloons and weaving and offering of robes with the use of fabrics from lotus stocks for the second time. Moreover, the Buddha Park will be illuminated with LED lights for public observance and obeisance. — MNA/TTA

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Myanmar delegation tours significant sites in China

THE Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Maung Swe, Yunnan Province Consul-General U Thwin Htet Lin, toured Kunming and Chuxiong, as part of China-Myanmar Cultural Exchange week being held from 11 to 15 November.

On 12 November, the Union minister and delegation visited Yunnan Vocational College of Transportation in Kunming.

On 13 November, they proceeded to the eastern rose valley in Chuxiong of Yunnan and observed the Chinese Chrysanthemums, eternal flowers and roses, which are planted in greenhouses. They also studied the distribution processes of flowers in local and foreign countries via Kunming International Flora Auction Trading Centre and the cultivation of

roses using modern agricultural techniques and agricultural machinery development activities that are run with government loans.

On arrival at Kunlun, an an-

cient cultural city, they observed the renovation of ancient heritages and materials and the development of inbound/outbound tourism.

They then headed to Chux-

iong City, and the in charge of the Chuxiong Yi Autonomous Prefecture hosted a dinner event with traditional dance. Meanwhile, the Myanmar delegation also performed and

sang the Myanandar song, and concluded the dinner event.

On the same evening, they studied the square and solar calendar and the Planetarium Museum of the Chuxiong Yi ethnic group.

The recreational areas are being arranged for the locals and travellers in the square, and it also places six ceramics representing six Chinese ethnic groups, and the Chinese people celebrate festivals and praying events there every year.

The museum also displays the solar calendar of the Chuxiong Yi ethnic group, one of the five earliest calendars, statues, ancient materials and mythological events.

The square and museum were constructed in 2008, and heavy maintenance was conducted in 2016. After the tour, the Myanmar delegation stayed at the GPX Hotel. — MNA/KTZH



The Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn visits the eastern rose valley in Chuxiong Yi Autonomous Prefecture of Yunnan yesterday.

2nd day of Taunggyi Tazaungdine Balloon Festival ongoing

SHAN State Chief Minister U Aung Aung, along with state ministers, officials, and department representatives, attended the Taunggyi Tazaungdine Balloon Festival on 12 November at 5 pm

at the Awaiyar Balloon Ground in Taunggyi. The group visited the MSMEs regional products fair and market exhibition, engaging warmly with festival-goers and vendors.

During the second night of the festival, musical performances and a vibrant competition of hot-air balloons, each representing various organizations and businesses, took place.

These included the Aye Thaya Industrial Zone's balloon, Shan United Football Club's balloon, and other creative displays such as the jade mine owners' association balloon, a Ministry

of Natural Resources-sponsored snow mountain balloon, a balloon representing 22 wards, and an elaborate multi-tier fire balloon from the hotel owners' association. The Chief Minister and his team observed the balloon launches, greeted the judges, participants, and spectators, and visited a colourful photo exhibition. On 13 November at 1 pm, the chief minister, accompanied by his spouse, state ministers, and other officials, returned to the field to observe daytime balloons. Locals, young and old, participated in the launch of creative balloons shaped like figures, including dolls, turkeys, roosters, and pigeons, adding a lively touch to the festival atmosphere. — Maung Maung Than (Taunggyi)/KZL



Photos show hot-air balloons fly at Taunggyi Thazaungdine Hot-air Balloons Festival yesterday. PHOTOS: MAUNG MAUNG THAN (TAUNGGYI)

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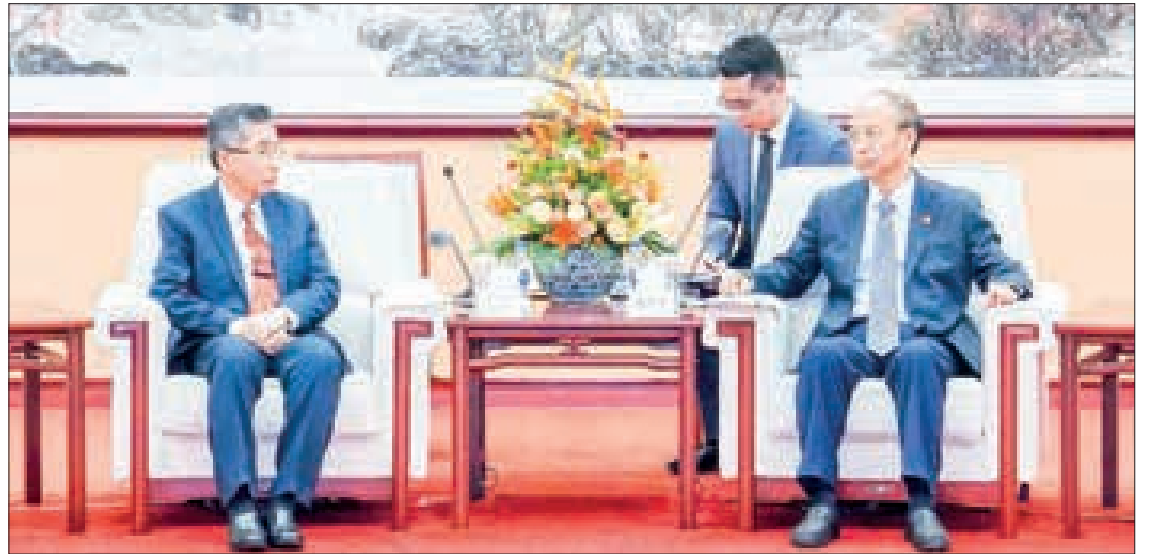
Myanmar, China to advance energy cooperation

UNION Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin met the chairman of China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) in Beijing on 11 November.

During the meeting, the two parties discussed matters on the enhancement of cooperation in the oil and gas sector, continuous access to crude oil and gas for the upgrading and expansion of refineries, potential collaboration to share the gas by constructing an LNG Terminal in Myanmar, the operation of Myanmar-China crude oil and gas pipelines at total capacity and investment in promising crude oil and gas projects, construction and upgrade of pipelines, refineries and fertilizer plants.

Similarly, the Union minister held a meeting with the deputy head of the National Energy Administration (NEA) in Beijing on 12 November.

They candidly discussed energy policies, strategies and energy security measures of the two countries, further assistance of China in technology and investment for green energy and new energy, potential cooperation with Myanmar by taking advantage of the strategic location, whereas China cooperates with Middle-East and African countries in the energy sector, and assistance in human resources development in the energy sector, and appreciated the topic the Union minister discussed at the third World Oil



Union Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin and the chairman of China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) discuss cooperation in the oil and gas sector in Beijing on 11 November.

and Natural Gas Conference.

Moreover, the Union minister received the president

of Sino-Pipeline International (SPI) and discussed measures to implement depending on the

outcomes of the discussions with Chinese energy officials. — MNA/KTZH



The Russian Buryatia Delegation led by Mr Alexey Sambuevich Tsydenov, Head of Russia's Buryatia Republic, visits the Bogyoke Market, Yangon, yesterday.

Russian Buryatia Delegation pays visit in Yangon

MR Alexey Sambuevich Tsydenov, Head of Russia's Buryatia Republic, and his delegation visited the Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon yesterday. They were warmly welcomed by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, ministers, and officials from the pagoda board of trustees.

During the visit, the delegation offered oil lamps, flowers, water, and fruits, and signed the guest book. The board of trustees also presented them with a commemorative Shwedagon Pagoda image. Following this, the delegation observed the 36th Matho robe-weaving event and later toured the Bogyoke Market, where they viewed local jewellery, jade carvings, traditional clothing, gold and silver embroideries, lacquerware, traditional handicrafts, paintings, and sculptures.

The group continued their tour with visits to City Hall, the Secretariat, Kandawgyi Lake, and

Karaweik Hall. They then proceeded to Sitagu International Buddhist University, where they paid respects to Sitagu Sayadaw Dr Ashin Nyanissara and donated offerings. The group also toured the Seminar Hall and the eye surgery clinic.

Afterwards, the delegation flew from Yangon to Patheingyi, where they were greeted by Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Tin Maung Win and officials at Patheingyi Airport.

The delegation then arrived at Chaungtha Beach from Patheingyi, where the Head of the Buryatia Republic of the Russian Federation and the Ayeyawady Region chief minister, along with their teams, launched commemorative balloons to mark Russian-Myanmar friendship. Following the balloon launch, the Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister hosted a dinner for the guests at the Azura Beach Resort. — MNA/KZL

CBM Governor meets ASEAN Banking Association Secretary-General, Myanmar Banks Delegation

DAW Than Than Swe, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, received Mr Paul C G Gwee, General Secretary of the ASEAN Banking Association, along with Daw Khin Saw Oo, Chairperson of the Myanmar Banks Association, and delegation members at the Central Bank's conference hall yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed preparations of Myanmar to host the 53rd ASEAN

Banking Council Meeting and the 24th ASEAN Banking Conference in 2025 under the leadership of the Myanmar Banks Association. The discussions also included an open exchange on the current economic and banking situations among ASEAN countries. The deputy governor and other officials from the Central Bank of Myanmar were also present on the occasion. — MNA/KZL



Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar Daw Than Than Swe meets Mr Paul C G Gwee, Secretary-General of the ASEAN Banking Association at the Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

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Gold trade, investment opportunities explored with Malaysia Gold Association in Kuala Lumpur



This photo captures Myanmar Ambassador U Aung Soe Win and Dato Wira Louis Ng Chun Hau.

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Myanmar Ambassador U Aung Soe Win met with Dato Wira Louis Ng Chun Hau, Chairman of Public Gold and President of the Malaysia Gold Association, on 12 November at Menara

Public Gold, the headquarters of Public Gold, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. They discussed potential opportunities for co-operation in gold trade and investment.

During the visit, Ambassador U Aung Soe Win toured an exhibition featuring an extensive collection of gold bars, coins, and jewellery, as well as gold ATMs and a gold safe facility, which operates as a gold savings bank.

In the meeting, Ambassador U Aung Soe Win and Dato Wira Louis Ng Chun Hau exchanged tokens of appreciation. They held productive discussions on possible collaboration in the gold industry's trade and investment sectors. — ASH/TMT

Myanmar wedding attire showcased at Hong Kong costume exhibition

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Myanmar's traditional wedding attire was showcased at the "Sartorial Splendour – National Costume Exhibition", part of the Asian Ethnic Cultural Performances held at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Foyer from 10 to 17 November.

U Han Win Naing, Myanmar

Consul-General in Hong Kong, attended the ceremony. The Ladies' Heart Fashion Office provided the traditional wedding dress, and the Myanmar Consulate-General coordinated the event with assistance from the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture.

A total of 23 countries and regions from Asia and

the Belt and Road Initiative, including Hong Kong, Macau, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, and Vietnam, took part in the Asian Ethnic Cultural Performances programme of the Asia+ Festival, which is held across September and November in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. — ASH/MKKS



This photo showcases the presentation of the Myanmar traditional wedding dress.

Miss Universe Myanmar ranks 6th ahead of 16 Nov final

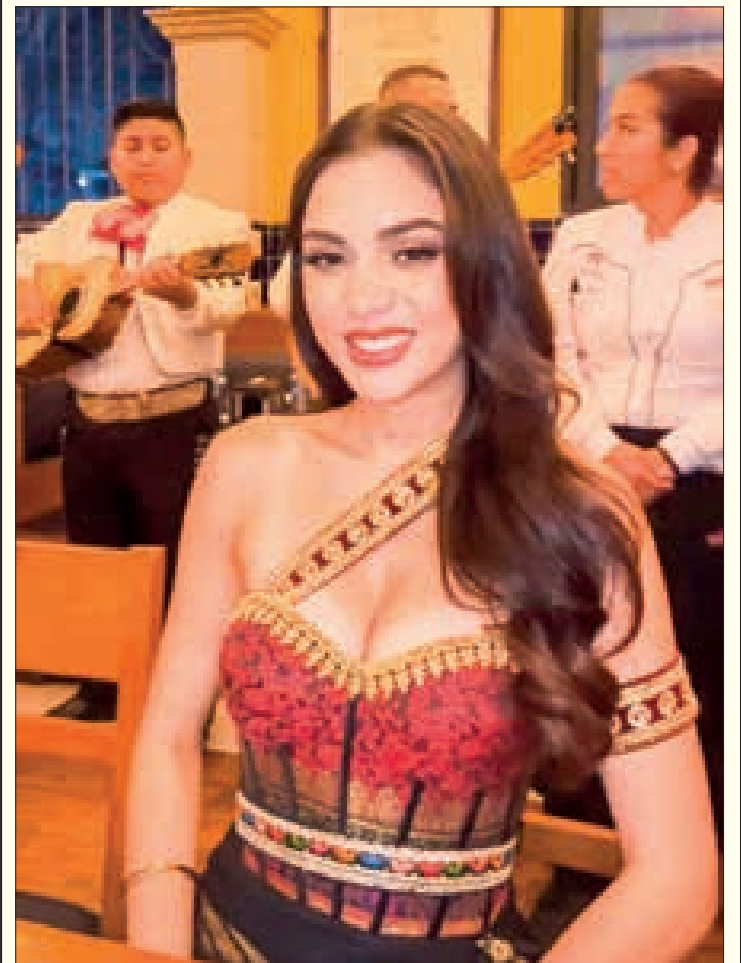
MISS Universe Myanmar Thet San Anderson is ranked 6th among the ten international candidates in the Voice for Change Project at the Miss Universe 2024 pageant, currently taking place in Mexico.

"I am doing my very best in every stage of the competition, proudly wearing the finest traditional costumes of Myanmar," said Miss Thet San Anderson.

In the Second Hot Picks ranking for the Miss Universe 2024 pageant, Miss Universe Myanmar 2024 Thet San Anderson placed 20th out of 30 international candidates.

Additionally, Thet San Anderson was ranked 16th among 20 international candidates in the Voice for Change Project Fan Vote.

The final of the 73rd Miss Universe 2024 pageant will be held on 16 November. — ASH/TKO



This photo captures Thet San Anderson representing Myanmar at the Miss Universe 2024 competition currently being held in Mexico.

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MRF sells 34,000+ rice sacks at fair prices in Oct

MYANMAR Rice Federation (MRF) sold 34,728 rice sacks (108-pound) and 43,992 small 10-kilogramme sacks in October, according to monthly reference prices set by the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce.

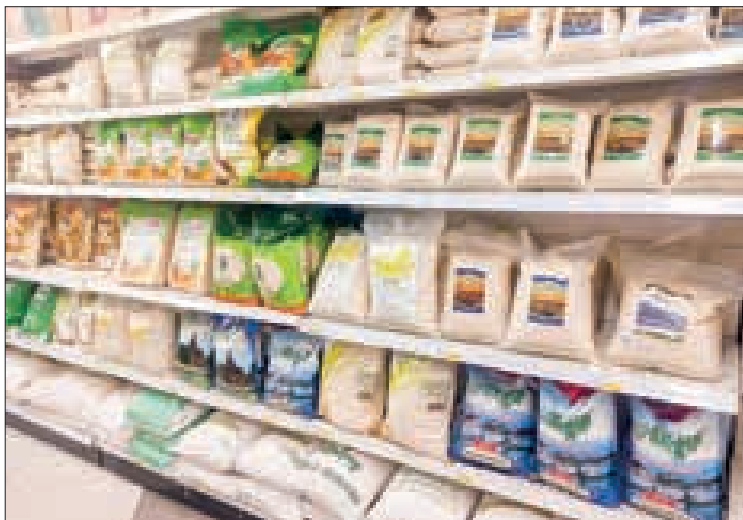
The distribution includes door-to-door delivery in Yangon and Mandalay cities, sales at supermarkets, 113 civil servant households in Yangon, 44 in Nay Pyi Taw, factories and 58 retail shops.

The ministry determined reasonable market prices by considering the following factors: fair profit for the farmers, millers and distributors, reasonable prices for consumers, last year's market price, global market prices and the prices

of other commodities. There are separate prices for modern trade with consumer packaging at mini-marts and supermarkets.

If individuals have difficulty buying rice, they are urged to contact the Myanmar Rice Federation. Buyers can complain about overpricing to the Consumer Affairs Department and MRF.

MRF warned that overpricing, sales with inaccurate measurement and quality and non-compliance with directives are subjected to fines, taxation and prosecution under Section 5 of the Essential Supplies and Services Law. Thus, rice millers, rice shops, traders, and merchants are encouraged to adhere strictly to the rules. — NN/KK



Rice packs are seen on the shelf of the supermarket in Yangon.

YGEA informs gold shops to seek gem trading licences starting 18 Nov



Gold ornaments are displayed for sales at one gold outlet in Yangon.

YANGON Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association (YGEA) notified on 12 November that gold shops in Yangon Region can now seek gem (gold) trading licences starting from 18 November.

Individuals can apply for a gem trading licence at No 2 Mining Enterprise under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, presenting two licence photos, a citizenship scrutiny card and personal information. When entities want to apply for a licence under the company's title, they must provide a company registration, com-

pany extract and documents, including a list of the board of directors and their citizenship scrutiny cards. Moreover, a bank statement with 25 per cent of total assets mentioned in the respective form and the maximum trading volume in (viss, tical, grammes, troy ounce) measurement must be declared.

Additionally, they need to present a recommendation letter from the respective township's Department of General Administration, a police clearance certificate, a recommendation mentioning that individuals are members of the

respective gold associations, and a ward administrator's recommendation letter showing that one is living in the particular address. Furthermore, the shop owner must have the tax clearance certificate, the business licence granted by the respective municipal office and the commitment of the licence seeker to comply with the rules and regulations of gem trading.

Individuals can apply for a licence within three months from 18 November. For further details, they can contact the head of the department through 09 880002052. — NN/KK

CBM sells 14.5M Thai baht again on 12 Nov

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold 14.5 million Thai baht on 12 November, after announcing that it would sell 15 million baht to importers on 11 November.

It sold over 800,000 yuan on 11 November, over 2.17 million yuan and US\$3,000 again on 8 November after sales of over 2.1 million baht, two million yuan and over \$3,300 on 7 November and about \$9,000, 490,000 yuan and 1.2 million baht on 6 November.



Thai currency. PHOTO: THAI EMBASSY

It announced on 5 November the sales of seven million yuan and 20 million baht to importers on foreign exchange trading platforms. CBM sold \$15 million, 1.5 million yuan and 100.8 million baht on 4 November.

CBM injected over \$91 million, over 9.8 million yuan and over 610 million baht into the financial market in October 2024. CBM also sold over \$76 million, 86 million baht and 4.8 million yuan in September. Moreover, CBM sold over \$190 million, 19 million yuan and 79 million baht in August.

CBM aims 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

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.

OPINION

Curb diabetes to bring well-being to families

DIABETES is known as the “silent killer” because it can often have no symptoms at first. It is a chronic disease that occurs when the body does not produce enough insulin or does not use it properly, resulting in high blood sugar levels.

Although potent drugs come one year after year, the number of patients with diabetes cannot decline remarkably across the world. Two types of diabetes still pose a threat to humans daily. Despite killing immediately, diabetes gradually worsens the health conditions of patients, with high costs for healthcare services and downtrends in socioeconomic life.

The theme for World Diabetes Day 2024-26 is “Diabetes and Well-Being,” which will run through 2026. The theme highlights the importance of a holistic approach to diabetes care, which

includes physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Hence, patients have to follow physicians’ behaviours and prescriptions to fight against diabetes.

Globally, an estimated 422 million people were living with diabetes in 2014, compared to 108 million in 1980. The global prevalence of diabetes has nearly doubled since 1980, rising from 4.7 per cent to 8.5 per cent in the adult population. That reflects an increase in associated risk factors such as being overweight or obese. Over the past decade, diabetes prevalence has risen faster in low and middle-income countries than in high-income countries.

The International Diabetes Federation issued a report in 2021, stating that approximately 537 million adults are living with diabetes. It predicts that the total number of people living with diabetes is projected to rise to 643 million by 2030. The federation reported 6.7 million deaths worldwide

among adults with diabetes as a result of diabetes or its complications in 2021.

Due to suffering from diabetes, patients may face blindness, kidney failure, heart attack, stroke and lower limb amputation. A healthy diet, physical activity and avoiding tobacco use can prevent or delay impacts of type 2 diabetes. In addition, diabetes can be treated and its consequences avoided or delayed with medication, regular screening and treatment for complications.

People should do health exercises and avoid inappropriate lifestyles since their childhood in order to curb the impacts of diabetes. If they control their consumption of inappropriate foods which trigger outbreaks of diabetes, they can overcome the challenges of such a disease during their lifespans. Consequently, they can live peacefully and happily with families by setting aside sufferings caused by diabetes.

A Month of Transformation and Tranquillity

By Min Zan

NOVEMBER, a month often overshadowed by the festive frenzy of December, holds its own unique charm and beauty. As the penultimate month of the year, November is a time of transition, reflection, and calm. It is a month where the hustle of raindrops has faded, and the quiet preparation for winter begins. Please let us explore the various aspects that make November a beautiful and significant month, touching on nature, culture, and personal reflection.

Nature’s Canvas

One of the most striking features of November is the transformation of the natural world. The vibrant colours of autumn – reds, oranges, and yellows – begin to shine, giving way to a more subdued and serene palette. The trees, now almost bare, stand as silent guardians of the changing season. The ground is often carpeted with some fallen leaves, creating a mosaic of earth and melancholic.

In many parts of the world, November marks the beginning of colder weather. The crisp air and frost-kissed mornings are a stark contrast to the warm, golden days of October. This transition creates a unique atmosphere where the world feels quiet and contemplative. The shorter days and longer nights invite us to slow down, take a breath, and appreciate the simple beauty of nature.

Cultural Significance

November is rich with cultural and historical significance. In many countries, it is a month of remembrance and gratitude. For example, in the United States, Thanksgiving is celebrated in November. This holiday is a time for families to come together, share a meal, and give thanks for the blessings of the past year. The tradition of Thanksgiving dinner, with its roast turkey, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie, is a celebration of the harvest and a reminder of the importance of community and gratitude.

In the United Kingdom and many Commonwealth countries,

11 November is Armistice Day or Remembrance Day. This day honours the end of World War I and commemorates the sacrifices of those who fought in the war. The wearing of poppies, the moment of silence at 11 am, and the solemn ceremonies held at war memorials are poignant reminders of the cost of war and the value of peace.

In Mexico, 1 and 2 November are celebrated as Día de los Muertos or the Day of the Dead. This vibrant and colourful festival honours deceased loved ones and celebrates the continuity of life. Altars are built, and decorated with marigolds, candles, and photographs, and families gather to remember and celebrate the lives of those who have passed on. It is a beautiful tradition that emphasizes remembrance, love, and the cyclical nature of life.

In Myanmar, November is considered one of the cherished and meaningful months. During this month, we can witness the natural beauty unfolding. It is a time of preparation for the cool season, with the promise of blooming flowers and lush green landscapes in the coming months. November also marks a significant period for Myanmar’s agriculture, as it is the time when the harvest is brought in, symbolizing abundance and prosperity.

Moreover, November is a month of pleasant and enjoyable weather in Myanmar. It signifies the transition from the monsoon season to the cool and dry season, offering a respite from the intense heat and heavy rains. The climate during November is perfect for outdoor activities and celebrations, making it a favoured time for festivals and gatherings.

The month of November in Myanmar also brings a sense of tranquillity and peace. It is a time when families come together and communities celebrate various cultural and traditional events. The serene weather and the abundance of festivities make November a truly special month in Myanmar.

Personal Reflection

November, with its quiet beauty and cultural significance,



This month invites us to appreciate the simple pleasures of life, from seasonal culinary delights to outdoor adventures, making it a time of renewal, gratitude, and quiet wonder.

also provides an opportunity for personal reflection. As the year begins to wind down, it is a natural time to look back on the past months and consider our achievements, challenges, and growth. The tranquil atmosphere of November encourages introspection and contemplation.

For many people, November is a time to focus on personal well-being and self-care. The colder weather and longer nights create a cosy environment that is perfect for reading, writing, and other creative pursuits. It is a month to savour simple pleasures – hot drinks by the fireplace, long walks in the crisp air, and quiet evenings spent with loved ones.

November is also a time to prepare for the upcoming festive season. It is a month to plan, to organize, and to set intentions for the final weeks of the year. This preparation, while often busy, can be deeply fulfilling as it creates a sense of anticipation and excitement for the celebrations to come.

Seasonal Delights

The culinary delights of November are another aspect that adds to its beauty. As the harvest season comes to a close, markets

and kitchens are filled with an abundance of seasonal produce. Root vegetables, squash, and apples are in their prime, and they form the basis of many comforting and delicious dishes.

In many cultures, November is a time for hearty, warming meals. Stews, soups, and casseroles take centre stage, providing nourishment and comfort as the temperatures drop. Baking has also become a popular activity, with the aroma of freshly baked bread, pies, and cookies filling homes and creating a cosy, inviting atmosphere.

One of the joys of November is the opportunity to enjoy these seasonal treats with friends and family. Whether it is a formal Thanksgiving dinner or a casual meal shared with loved ones, the act of coming together to share food and company is a central part of the month’s appeal.

Outdoor Adventures

Despite the cooler weather, November offers ample opportunities for outdoor adventures. The changing landscape, with its muted colours and stark beauty, provides a stunning backdrop for hiking, biking, and other outdoor

and the personal reflections all contribute to a rich tapestry of creative potential.

November is also National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), an annual event that challenges writers to complete a 50,000-word novel in 30 days. This event has become a global phenomenon, encouraging writers of all levels to embark on a creative journey. The supportive community and the shared goal of completing a novel make NaNoWriMo a unique and inspiring experience.

For those who are not writers, November still offers countless opportunities for creative expression. Whether it is painting, photography, crafting, or simply journaling, the month provides a quiet space to explore and develop creative talents.

In brief, November is a month of transformation, tranquillity, and beauty. Its unique charm lies in the quiet preparation for winter, the rich cultural traditions, and the opportunities for personal reflection and creativity. As we move through the month, we are invited to slow down, appreciate the simple pleasures of life, and connect with nature and our loved ones.

The beauty of November is not just in its physical landscape but in the deeper, more profound experiences it offers. It is a time to reflect on the past year, to prepare for the future, and to find joy in the present moment. As we embrace the beauty of November, we find that it is not just a month of transition, but a time of renewal, gratitude, and quiet wonder.

So, as the leaves continue to fall and the days grow shorter, take a moment to pause and appreciate the unique beauty of November. Whether it is through the vibrant cultural celebrations, the comforting seasonal foods, or the peaceful outdoor adventures, there is something in this month for everyone to cherish. Embrace the tranquillity, the reflection, and the quiet joy that November brings, and let its beauty inspire you in new and meaningful ways.

A Time for Creativity

The tranquillity and slower pace of November also make it an ideal month for creativity. Many writers, artists, and musicians find inspiration in the contemplative atmosphere of the month. The quiet beauty of the changing season, the cultural traditions,

‘Carbon-neutral’ countries demand credit at COP29

Small nations like Bhutan, Panama, Madagascar, and Suriname demand recognition for carbon neutrality.

THEY’RE some of the world’s smallest nations, but a group of countries that say they absorb more carbon than they emit is demanding attention at the UN COP29 talks.

Bhutan, Panama, Madagascar and Suriname rarely make the headlines at the annual climate conference, lost among the rich nations and major emitters that hog the limelight.

By banding together to highlight their unusual status, they hope to change that.

“Our biggest ask is acknowledgement,” Bhutan’s Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay told AFP in an interview in Baku where the countries launched their “G-Zero Forum”.

“If you don’t acknowledge this very important fact, a fact born out of decades of sacrifice... why would any country be serious about achieving carbon neutrality?”

Tiny Bhutan has a population of less than 800,000 and has harnessed its Himalayan topography to become a hydropower giant, supplying renewable energy to neighbours like India.

There is not yet any official UN designation for carbon-neutral or negative countries.

But the Climate Watch database from the World Resources Institute says Bhutan emits so little that it contributes 0.00 per cent to global emissions.

For years it touted its policy of prioritising “Gross National Happiness” over growth, an approach that has become more challenging as young people desert the country in search of jobs.

“We did not become carbon neutral and negative automatically,” said Tobgay.

“It took sacrifices. It still takes sacrifices.”

“Should we cut down our forest? Should we strip mine our land?” he asked.

Maintaining carbon-neutrality “is costly. It doesn’t just happen automatically.”

And even Bhutan’s existing economic growth – based largely on hydropower and agriculture – is threatened by climate change.

“Our big ask is that other countries pursue net-zero more aggressively,” he said.

The COP29 talks are heavily focused on the need to increase climate funding for developing countries, with some demanding an existing annual \$100-billion figure be increased 10-fold. Tobgay said he favoured an “ambitious but realistic” approach. “You can talk of trillions and it’s just going to remain a talking shop, and then we sacrifice the billions that we could have otherwise gotten,” he said.

“So let’s be realistic.”

SOURCE: AFP



Bhutan relies heavily on hydropower for energy generation.

PHOTO: AFP/FILE

NATIONAL

ME KL clarifies fake online postings on passport, consular issues



Screenshots reveal misleading posts and pictures on social networks.

THE Myanmar Embassy in Malaysia has made it clear on its Facebook page that the postings on the internet claiming to handle passport and consular issues are not related to them.

With the intention of deceiving Myanmar citizens, some Facebook pages say, “Daw Nilar from the Myanmar Embassy in Malaysia has started accepting the forms for September and October”, “Kuala Lumpur Myanmar Embassy Passport General Service”, and “Service available for passport and consular issues” and they are not true, it said.

Regarding these posts, the embassy has clarified that those advertisements have absolutely nothing to do with the Myanmar Embassy, and it will not be responsible for solving any issues arising out of them, and investigations will be made to

reveal these dishonest Facebook/TikTok account owners to take action against them in accordance with the law.

The Myanmar Embassy in Malaysia provides services such as issuance of new passports, renewals, reapplication for lost ones, and consular matters, including Certificate of Identity (C of I) for the benefit of Myanmar citizens in a timely manner. For public information, people can refer to the Myanmar Embassy’s Facebook page, “Myanmar Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia”, and website: <https://myanmarembassykl.org>, it stated.

As for the citizens of Myanmar, they can contact the Myanmar Embassy using WhatsApp No +6011 2510 5774 for any information at any time, the embassy announced on 13 November. — MT/ZN

Illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth about K2.2B on 12 Nov

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

On 12 November, the combined teams impounded a Yutong bus (approximately K60 million), heading to Yangon from Hpa-an, carrying foodstuffs worth K6 million without official documents at the Mayanchaung permanent checkpoint, four kinds of foodstuffs, two kinds of industrial materials and consumer goods valued at about K53.46 million without official document at the Asia World Port Terminal container checkpoint and ten kinds of jewellery (suspected to be jade) worth K30.219 million without official documents from the luggage at Mandalay International Airport. The action was conducted following Customs procedures.

Similarly, the combined teams conducted inspections and seized nine Nissan Diesel trucks and three dump trucks (estimated value of K273 million) carrying 1,195 barrels of illegal diesel valued at about K1.43 million at the Nantseeaung combined checkpoint, consumer goods valued at K1.2 million near the Sinphyu border crossing in Muse Township and a Mitsubishi Canter truck (worth approximately K35 million) carrying consumer

goods, foodstuffs and industrial materials without official documents worth about K31 million at the Wontapin combined checkpoint in Kengtung Township. The action was taken under the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law and Customs procedures.

Additionally, the combined on-duty teams nabbed an unregistered Toyota Crown (estimated value of K19.5 million), two unregistered motorbikes (estimated value of K800,000) in Kalay and Khamti Townships, a Chindwin Star microbus (estimated value of K35 million) carrying consumer goods worth about K10 million without official documents at the Myitnge checkpoint, and a Dongfeng

tractor head with a trailer (estimated value of K86 million) carrying industrial materials worth about K127.17 million without official documents in Paleik Township. The action was executed as per Customs procedures.

An unregistered Toyota Mark II (estimated value of K4 million) was seized in North Okkalapa Township, and five unregistered motorbikes were captured in Eainme, Wakema and Myaungmya Townships. The action was taken under the Export-Import Law.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported 25 arrests on 12 November, seizing illegal goods worth approximately K2.2 billion. — MNA/MKKS



Confiscated illegal industrial materials in Mandalay Region.

Counter-argument to false information

Security forces accused of detaining 20 youths for conscription

SUBVERSIVE media outlets intentionally spread fake news, claiming that security forces and the township administrator checked motorcycles and detained 20 youths for conscription in Oakshitpin, Padaung Township, Bago Region, on 11 November.

According to a security official, security forces inspected the traffic safety and stability of the township on that day. Malicious media outlets intentionally circulated such fake stories, aiming to defame security forces and mislead the people about security



This screenshot validates misinformation.

forces. Summoning processes for conscription are underway in accord with the law. — MNA/KTZH

Daily newspapers available online

FOR those who would like to read the Myanma Alinn, the Kyemon and the Global New Light of Myanmar, published daily by the Ministry of Information, please visit www.moi.gov.mm/mal, www.moi.gov.mm/km, www.moi.gov.mm/nlm and www.gnlm.com.mm/e-paper.

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AI-use could spell discrimination for Danish welfare recipients: Amnesty

WELFARE recipients in Denmark are at risk of becoming overly monitored and discriminated as a result of algorithms and artificial intelligence designed to identify fraud, Amnesty International said in a report Wednesday.

Hellen Mukiri-Smith, an AI researcher and one of the authors of the report, said “mass surveillance has created a social benefits system that risks targeting, rather than supporting the very people it was meant to protect.”

Amnesty has examined four algorithms — with redacted data — from among the 60 used by the Danish agency responsible for paying out social benefits, Udbetaling Danmark, to identify fraud over more than a decade.

The algorithms are applied to personal data from public databases of Danish residents, which is allowed under the legislation in the Scandinavian country of 5.9 million inhabitants.

They are used to track down potential fraud in a wide range of areas, from pension payments

Amnesty warns Denmark's welfare algorithms risk discrimination and privacy violations, targeting vulnerable recipients.



This report focuses on the use of fraud detection algorithms by the Danish government to inform the distribution of social benefits. PHOTO: PEXELS

to parental and sick leave, and student grants.

The data includes informa-

tion on place of residence, travel, citizenship, place of birth, family relationships and income, which

Amnesty noted are “sensitive data points that can also serve as proxies for a person’s race,

ethnicity, or sexual orientation.”

One of the algorithms, dubbed the “Model Abroad”, is based in particular on the nationality of the beneficiary, with the aim determining whether people have moved abroad without saying so while still receiving social benefits.

“We argue this does directly violate their right to non-discrimination because of the use of citizenship,” David Nolan, another author of the report told AFP.

According to the report, 90 per cent of the cases opened as a result of the use of this algorithm turn out not to be fraudulent.

To remedy these shortcomings, Amnesty is calling on the Danish authorities to be more transparent and allow algorithms to be audited.

Feeding personal data into an algorithmic model, in order to identify the risk of fraud, needs to be done with greater care, the organization argued.

“We want them to ban the use of all kinds of data regarding citizenship or nationality ... which we know discriminate,” Nolan added. — AFP

UK writer Samantha Harvey wins 2024 Booker with space novel



A record five women made the shortlist for this year’s Booker Prize. PHOTO: AFP

BRITISH writer Samantha Harvey won the prestigious Booker Prize on Tuesday for her short novel following six astronauts as they contemplate Earth from the International Space Station.

Spanning the course of a single day, Harvey’s “Orbital”

tracks astronauts from Japan, Russia, the United States, Britain and Italy as they observe and reflect on their home planet, touching on themes of mourning, desire and the climate crisis.

The Booker, which comes

with a 50,000 pound (\$64,000) cash prize, has launched careers and courted controversy since its creation in 1969.

Past laureates include Margaret Atwood, Ian McEwan, Julian Barnes and Kazuo Ishiguro.

“I was not expecting that,” Harvey said upon learning of her win, the first by a woman since Atwood was recognized in 2019 for “The Testaments” alongside Bernardine Evaristo for “Girl, Woman, Other”.

In her acceptance speech, Harvey dedicated the prize to “everybody who does speak for and not against the Earth; for and not against the dignity of other humans, other life; and all the humans who speak for and call for and work for peace”.

— AFP

Electrician finds frescoes behind false ceiling in Rome

ROSY-CHEEKED cherubs surrounded by blues, reds and golds have lost none of their brilliance in 17th-century frescoes discovered behind a false ceiling at the Villa Farnesina palace in Rome.

The three paintings were hidden above the vaulted ceiling of what was once the living room of Agostino Chigi, a wealthy bank-

er and Renaissance patron who had the villa built at the start of the 16th century.

Electrician Davide Renzoni stumbled upon them by chance a year ago, after climbing through a trapdoor into the long-forgotten space during maintenance work on the villa, which sits on the banks of the river Tiber. — AFP



The frescoes in the Villa Farnesina palace in Rome, visit courtesy of the Accademia dei Lincei. PHOTO: AFP

ECONOMY WORLD

S Korea to expand grants to young farmers

SOUTH Korea aimed to expand grants to young farmers as part of efforts to help young and beginning farmers settle in the countryside, the agriculture ministry said Wednesday.

Under a programme launched in 2018 that provides a maximum 1.1 million won (780 U.S. dollars) a month per farmer for up to three years, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs aimed to lift the number of grant recipients by 5,000 to 17,600 by the end of 2024.

The ministry aimed to raise the number to around 23,000 in 2025 in a bid to relieve the difficulties faced by young farmers as a result of income decreases at the start-up stage of farming.

Of the grant beneficiaries, the percentage of prospective farmers with no experience in farming practices has been on a steady increase from 42.5 per

cent in 2018 to 78.3 per cent in 2024.

South Korea plans to expand grants for young farmers, aiming to increase recipients to 23,000 by 2025.



PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ LINKEDIN

cent in 2018 to 78.3 per cent in 2024.

Among the recipients, the percentage of those who are not from agricultural high schools or agricultural universities has also been on the rise from 65.6 per cent to 79.9 per cent in the cited period.

It indicated that young people living in urban areas showed higher interest in farming as a job, the ministry noted.

The percentage of young female farmers in the grant recipients has risen from 17.5 per cent in 2018 to 29.6 per cent in 2024, showing more women interested in becoming farmers.

To support young farmers, the ministry will build four more long-term rental-based smart farms in 2025, increasing the number of rental housing complexes from the current 17 to 27. — Xinhua

Boeing forecasts air cargo traffic to double by 2043

WITH a strong air cargo market exceeding pre-pandemic levels, Boeing on Tuesday forecast continued long-term growth, saying air cargo traffic will increase by an average of four per cent per year through 2043.

The global air cargo fleet is forecast to rise to 3,900 airplanes by 2043, a two-thirds increase from 2,340 freighters in 2023.

Driven by demand in high-growth Asian markets, the large widebody freighter fleet will

nearly double.

East and South Asian markets will see the highest traffic growth per year, driven by expanding economies and consumer demand.

With the Asia-Pacific fleet expected to nearly triple, carriers in that region will require the most deliveries (980), followed closely by North America (955). These two regions will account for more than two-thirds of global deliveries. — Xinhua

New push for EU-South America trade deal despite French fury



A farmer from the Sarrebourg commune in Moselle, northeastern France, poses next to a tractor displaying a road sign turned upside down and a banner which says "Our end will be your hunger" on 30 January 2024. PHOTO: BERTRAND GUAY/AFP/FILE

A controversial trade deal between the EU and South America's Mercosur bloc is back in the spotlight with rekindled optimism that the two sides could conclude an agreement before the year is over.

The blockbuster trade pact between the 27-country European Union and Mercosur countries — Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay — has been 25 years in the making and would create the world's biggest free trade zone.

The contours of a deal were agreed in 2019 but some EU states blocked its ratification over environmental concerns.

Key opponent France is still trying to stop it in its tracks — with angry farmers planning protests from Wednesday in Paris and Brussels against an accord they fear will flood the bloc with cheaper agricultural goods.

But officials point to a real push inside the European Commission, in charge of EU trade

policy, to get a Mercosur deal over the line despite French opposition. The agreement's biggest European supporters, including Spain and Germany, believe it can be struck before year end, and South American officials were also optimistic.

"I see that both blocs are very interested in completing the remaining parts of the agreement," said Argentina's international economic relations secretary, Marcelo Cima. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

South Africa expects G20 summit to strengthen multilateralism

SOUTH Africa expects the upcoming G20 summit to strengthen multilateralism and reform the global institutions of governance, South Africa's top diplomat said on Tuesday.

Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Ronald Lamola made the remarks while briefing the media in Pretoria, South African administrative capital, about the implementation of his country's foreign policy and upcoming engagements. He explained that the G20 Leaders' Summit, scheduled from 18 to 19 November in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is the moment when heads of state and government approve the agreements negotiated throughout the year and point out ways of dealing with global challenges. — Xinhua

Airbus projects strong demand for aircraft in China over next 20 years



Guests attending the delivery ceremony of the 700th A320 family aircraft assembled by Airbus Tianjin to Chengdu Airlines pose for a group photo in front of the A320neo aircraft in Tianjin, north China, 8 July 2024. **PHOTO: LI RAN/XINHUA**

AIRBUS has forecast that China will require more than 9,500 new passenger and cargo aircraft over the next two decades, driven by robust growth in air travel and freight demand. The aircraft manufacturer's latest global market outlook projected China's fleet needs to include 9,330 passenger jets and

190 freighters. Together, these aircraft represent more than 20 per cent of the total global demand over the same period. Airbus also predict-

ed a significant rise in air travel per capita, with the number of flights per person in China set to increase from 0.5 in 2023 to 1.7 by 2043.

China has become Airbus' largest single-country market, with 2,233 Airbus aircraft in service with airlines on the Chinese mainland as of October 2024.

The company emphasized that replacing older aircraft with newer, more fuel-efficient, and environmentally friendly models has emerged as a key trend in global aviation. These upgrades not only lower operating costs but also support the industry's sustainability goals. — Xinhua

Audi says rescue bid for Belgian EV factory withdrawn

GERMAN automaker Audi said Tuesday a potential bidder for its manufacturing site in Brussels had pulled out, ending hopes that the plant could be saved from closure.

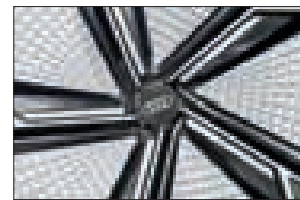
Audi earlier this year announced its intention to close the plant, which employs some 3,000 people and manufactures one of the brand's high-end electric vehicle models.

The closure of the factory, which is slated for the end of February, has prompted fierce protests in Belgium and strike action at the plant.

"The potential investor from the commercial

vehicle sector has withdrawn its expression of interest," Audi said in a statement sent to AFP.

"There is no potential investor for the site, so the active search for investors has come to an end," said Audi, which is a subsidiary of Volkswagen. — AFP



Audi's Brussels plant, which has been producing vehicles like the A1 and electric models like the e-tron, has been under scrutiny due to changing market demands.

PHOTO: AFP/FILE

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
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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.

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The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation

Central Committee for Holding Myanmar Gems Emporium
The Information about Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2024

- The significant **Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2024**, under the supervision of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, will be held from November 18 to 27, 2024 at Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw. Genuine Myanmar pearl, gems and rough jade lots will be sold at the Emporium.
- The local gems entrepreneurs who got the permit and the local gems merchants who got the license to operate in the finished gemstone making and dealing under the Myanmar Gem Law, will be allowed to attend and purchase the Lots at **Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium, 2024** according to the terms and conditions.
- For further information in detail about granted admission to purchase Lots at **Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium, 2024**, any merchants can inquire and keep contact with Emporium Central Committee, Myanmar Gems Enterprise (Head Office), Myanmar Pearl Enterprise (Head Office) in Nay Pyi Taw.

Emporium Central Committee

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

Russian PM: Climate change no excuse for unfair competition or restrictions

Russia is actively developing its own technologies and production capacities to further decarbonize its industries.



GLOBAL warming cannot be used as a pretext for discrimination of countries, transition to green energy should be without prejudice, Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin said on Wednesday.

“It is important that the transition to low-emission energy takes place without compromising the development of low-income countries. The problem of global warming cannot be used as a pretext for discrimination, unfair competition and the in-

roduction of artificial restrictions,” Mishustin told the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29) in Baku. Commenting on the transition situation in Russia, the official said that 85 per cent of Russia’s energy balance already comes from low-emission generation.

“This is primarily gas, nuclear energy, from renewable sources. We are building up our own technologies and production capacities to decarbonize industries,” he added. — SPUTNIK

Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin emphasized that the global shift to green energy should not discriminate against low-income countries. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

BRIEFS: WORLD

French National Assembly rejects 2025 budget bill

THE lower house of the French parliament, the National Assembly, has rejected the 2025 budget bill.

In the fall, members of the parliament must approve the state budget and social security spending for the coming year. Voting takes place on two parts of the bill: expenditure and revenue.

During the first vote on the budget revenue part, 192 members of parliament voted in favour and 362 voted against it amid plans for large-scale budget cuts that should result in savings of 60 billion euros (\$63.7 billion). Some provisions, including tax increases for large companies, were retained. At the same time, members of parliament rejected increases in the electricity tax and the “environmental” tax on cars. — SPUTNIK

Türkiye plans to buy 40 Eurofighter Typhoons to bolster air defence: minister

TÜRKIYE will buy 40 Eurofighter Typhoon fighter jets as Germany finally greenlighted the deal after a long-standing opposition, Türkiye’s TV100 broadcaster reported, citing Defence Minister Yasar Guler as saying on Wednesday.

The acquisition aligns with Türkiye’s strategic goals of strengthening its defence network amid growing regional challenges, said the report.

The Eurofighter Typhoon, manufactured by a consortium of Germany, Spain, Italy and Britain, is known for its advanced capabilities in air-to-air and air-to-surface combat. The approval of any purchase requires consensus from all four countries. While Spain, Italy and Britain supported the sale, Germany had blocked it due to concerns that Ankara might deploy these aircraft in Syria and Iraq against armed Kurdish groups. “But in the end, our friends in NATO – Britain, Italy, Spain – contributed positively, and Germany also responded favourably,” Guler told the TV broadcaster. — Xinhua

S Korea expects ties with Russia to improve after conflict in Ukraine ends



View of Seoul from the observation point in Namsan Park. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

SOUTH Korea expects an end to the conflict in Ukraine to create opportunities for mending ties with Russia, a senior official at the South Korean Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday.

“I can confidently say that the space for our diplomacy will expand after the end of the war when it comes to the relations with Russia,” the official was quoted as saying at a press conference by the South Korean news agency Newsis.

The official conceded that it would be “difficult to restore relations immediately after the end of hostilities,” since

much would depend on facts on the ground in Ukraine. Seoul plans to see how the situation evolves post-conflict before taking action, they added.

The official said it was “highly unrealistic to expect an improvement in relations” and a meaningful dialogue at a time when North Korea was allegedly preparing to get involved in the conflict. Despite this, Seoul does not see the need to supply weapons to Ukraine, they said.

Commenting on US President-elect Donald Trump’s pledge to end the conflict soon,

the South Korean official said that Seoul and Washington were expected to coordinate their policies while the new US administration took shape.

Russian Ambassador to South Korea Georgy Zinoviev said in an interview to Yonhap news agency in February that relations between the two countries were “not as good as we hope them to be” but nowhere near “rock bottom”. He said Russia was ready to take the path towards reconciliation but expected the same mindset from South Korean officials. — SPUTNIK

SPORTS

Team Myanmar returns after winning gold at World Bodybuilding Championship

THE Myanmar national bodybuilding team, which competed at the 15th World Bodybuilding & Physique Sports Championship held in Addu City, Maldives, from 5 to 11 November 2024, has returned to Yangon. The Myanmar team, led by vice president of the Myanmar Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Federation U Kyaw Than and world champion Ye Tun Naung, arrived at Yangon International Airport yesterday morning.



Triumphant Myanmar body-building team are cheerfully welcomed by officials from Myanmar Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Federation at Yangon International Airport yesterday.

Officials from the Yangon City Development Committee, the Department of Sports and Physical Education, representatives from the Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Yangon), students, executives of the Myanmar Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Federation, athletes, families, and the public warmly welcomed the

national team with traditional drum and dance performances.

Ye Tun Naung competed in the men's 75kg bodybuilding category, where he won first place, earning a gold medal for the World title. Vietnam's Nguyen Van Toan secured second place

with a silver medal, while India's Jagannath Khuntia won the bronze. Nazri Bin Pulong from Malaysia and Arnaud from Madagascar came in fourth and fifth, respectively.

The championship saw 377 athletes from 39 countries, in-

cluding Afghanistan, Singapore, Cambodia, Brazil, Uzbekistan, India, Iran, Madagascar, the Netherlands, Malaysia, Bahrain, Italy, Hungary, China, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Romania, Iraq, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Macau, Nigeria, Hong

Kong, Brunei, Azerbaijan, Pakistan, Mongolia, New Caledonia, the UAE, Bhutan, Nepal, Egypt, Australia, Canada, Myanmar, Vietnam, Cameroon, Tahiti, and Georgia, competing in 50 event categories.

On 8 November, 105 athletes competed in 19 classes, followed by 236 athletes in 23 categories on 9 November and 36 athletes in eight classes on 10 November.

Following his victory in the men's 75-kilogramme category on 9 November, Myanmar's Ye Tun Naung advanced to the Overall Champion round on 10 November, which featured first-place winners from each weight category. India's Saravanan Mani, who competed in the 90-kilogramme category, ultimately took the Overall Champion title. — Aung Myint (IPRD)/KZL

Myanmar and Singapore national teams to face off in friendly match today

MYANMAR'S national football team will play a friendly match against Singapore at 6:30 pm Myanmar time at the National Stadium in Singapore today, marking their first international friendly of November.

Head Coach U Myo Hlaing Win has taken a squad of 25 players, though some key players are absent due to injuries and suspensions. Singapore's national team also faces similar

challenges, with several of their leading players unavailable. This match will be the teams' first encounter since June 2019, when Myanmar defeated Singapore 2-1 in a previous friendly held in Singapore.

Despite the player absences, Myanmar head coach U Myo Hlaing Win is expected to field a strong lineup for this competitive warm-up match. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Two Myanmar players are seen in a training session in preparation for a friendly match with Singapore. PHOTO: MFF

Australia announces venues, dates for 2026 Women's Asian Cup



Chinese players celebrate after winning the AFC Women's Asian Cup title with a 3-2 victory over South Korea in the final in Navi Mumbai, India, 6 February 2022. PHOTO: CFP/CGTN/FILE

FOOTBALL Australia (FA) has officially recommended the 2026 Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Women's Asian Cup to take place from 1 to 21 March in Australia, a press release said Wednesday.

The decisions were announced following the 3rd AFC Women's Football Committee meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on Tuesday, said the release.

The tournament will be hosted across the Gold Coast,

Perth and Sydney, in Australia's states of Queensland, Western Australia (WA) and New South Wales (NSW), respectively.

Five venues have been selected, namely Stadium Australia and Western Sydney Stadium in NSW, Gold Coast Stadium in Queensland, and Perth Rectangular Stadium and Perth Stadium in WA.

All decisions will require formal ratification by the AFC Executive Committee to take effect, with the meeting due to

take place on 3 December, said the FA.

FA chief executive James Johnson said that Australia is set to deliver a tournament that will inspire players and fans.

"We are immensely proud to bring the AFC Women's Asian Cup to Australia in 2026. Hosting this premier event reinforces Australia's commitment to growing women's football and celebrating the incredible talent within the Asian football community," he said. — Xinhua



Xi leaves for APEC meeting, state visit to Peru

Chinese President Xi Jinping departed for Lima to attend the APEC summit and visit Peru, accompanied by top officials Cai Qi and Wang Yi.



CHINESE President Xi Jinping left Beijing on Wednesday to attend the 31st APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Lima and pay a state visit to Peru at the invitation of President of the Republic of Peru Dina Ercilia Boluarte Zegarra.

Xi's entourage includes Cai Qi, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and director of the General Office of the CPC Central Committee, and Wang Yi, a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and foreign minister. — Xinhua

Themed: 'Empower. Include. Grow,' the 2024 APEC summit was to focus on trade and investment for inclusive growth. **PHOTO: AFP**

Vietnam EV maker VinFast to get US\$3.5 bln in new funding

VinFast aims to compete with major global EV players like Tesla.

VIETNAMESE electric vehicle maker VinFast will receive \$3.5 billion in new funding, the majority from its CEO Pham Nhat Vuong, parent group VinGroup said on Tuesday, as it struggles to break into the international market.

VinFast — Vietnam's first home-grown car manufacturer — is aiming to compete with global EV giants such as Tesla.

It debuted on the Nasdaq in August 2023 at \$10, hitting headlines around the world as its valuation skyrocketed and then crashed. It was sitting at \$3.89 at Monday's close.

On Tuesday, VinGroup said in a press release that it plans to lend VinFast up to \$1.4 billion by the end of the year.

Vuong will also inject \$2.1 billion into the EV maker, it said, after he gave \$1 billion in April.

The move aims "to provide VinFast with sufficient financial resources to fund operations, investments, and other obligations," the group said in a statement.



The new funding is intended to support VinFast's operations, investments, and overall financial health. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

The goal is also to achieve the break-even point and cash flow balance by the end of 2026, the statement added.

VinFast said in the first 10 months of the year, it delivered 51,000 electric vehicles to the domestic market.

The company has continued "to expand its business in the US, Canada,

and Europe, while rapidly penetrating new markets such as the Middle East, Indonesia, the Philippines, and India," but did not provide further details on EVs sales there.

The company reported net losses of more than \$2 billion last year.

The firm set a target of delivering 100,000 EVs in 2024. — AFP

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India hosts BIMSTEC countries for annual National Cancer Grid meeting

INDIA hosted senior cancer physicians and policymakers from the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) countries at the annual meeting of the National Cancer Grid (NCG) from 6 to 8 November at Tata Memorial Hospital in Mumbai.

the NCG is a collaborative network that includes over 360 cancer centres, research institutes, patient groups, and professional societies in India, along with 15 other countries.

According to a press statement by the External Affairs Ministry (MEA) on Wednesday, the meeting was aimed to introduce participants to the NCG's activities and provide a first-hand experience of cancer control practices.

The agenda covered several NCG initiatives and featured brainstorming sessions to discuss future projects. Key topics included participation in Virtual Tumor Boards, workforce development, support for cancer registries, and the twinning of cancer centres across regions. — ANI