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State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing returns the salute of cadet companies during the passing-out parade of the 26th Intake at the Defence Services Technological Academy in PyinOoLwin yesterday.

Graduate cadets urged to pursue military science and technology research for advanced skills

The Senior General noted that both capable defence and powerful defence must be fully integrated to enhance military capabilities.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudamma Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech at the passing out parade of the 26th Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy at the DSTA parade ground in PyinOoLwin yesterday morning.

After taking the salute of cadet companies, the Senior General inspected the

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graduate cadet company. Cadet companies saluted the Senior General with the slow-march past and quick-march past.

The Senior General presented the Best Cadet Award to cadet Phyto Ko Ko, an Excellent Award in Training to cadet Than Htaik Aung, and an Excellent Award in Studies to cadet Aung Phyto Khaing.

The Senior General delivered a

speech. He said: Only when human resources accredited with quality assurance recognized by engineering organizations are continuously turned out will Tatmadaw's engineering capability benefit the State.

Modern wars apply advanced technologies and effectively use electronic warfare and information warfare. Hence, military leaders emphasize advanced

technologies more than manpower in current wars. Hence, the role of technology is crucial in adopting defence policies.

As such, it is necessary to conduct continuous research on military science and technologies to have good skills in applying these technologies to be efficiently used in their respective sectors.

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The Lifeline of Knowledge: The Essential Role of Literary Wisdom in Life

"A Myanmar proverb says one can survive seven days without food but not a single morning without water. Similarly, a lack of literary knowledge leads to a life of misery. Therefore, literary knowledge is essential for a fulfilling life."

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with senior officer instructors, senior officer lecturers, faculty members, officers and cadets from the Defence Services Technological Academy on 29 May 2024)

India donates 2,200 tonnes of rice to flood victims in Myanmar

THE handover ceremony for 2,200 tonnes of rice donated by the government of India to flood victims in Myanmar was held at Asia World Port yesterday morning and attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, regional ministers, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Abhay Thakur and embassy officials, representatives of the Myanmar Red Cross Society, and officials from the Yangon Region Disaster Management Department.

The ambassador first explained the purpose of the donation.

"The donation of 2,200 tonnes of rice reflects the government of



A commemorative group photo from the handover ceremony of 2,200 tonnes of rice donated by the Indian government in Yangon yesterday.

India's unwavering commitment, underpinned by its longstanding 'Act East' and 'Neighbourhood First' policies, to assist the friendly people of Myanmar in times of need and the spirit of enduring friendship and cooperation between the two nations," said a press release from the Embassy of India on 12 December.

The chief minister then gave a word of thanks and presented a certificate of appreciation.

Afterwards, the chief minister, the ambassador, and officials inspected the containers carrying 2,200 tonnes of rice donated to Myanmar by the Indian government. — San Kyaw Oo (IPRD)/TH

Commissioning ceremony held for DSTA Intake 26th graduate cadets



A graduate cadet receives their commissioning certificate.

THE commissioning ceremony for cadets of the intake 26th from the Defence Services Technological Academy (DSTA) was held yesterday morning at the Academy's Convocation Hall.

Lt-Gen Lin Aung, Military Appointment-General of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), senior officers from the Commander-in-Chief Office, the DSTA commandant, and newly graduated cadets attended the event.

During the ceremony, Lt-Gen Lin Aung together with senior Tatmadaw officers and the DSTA commandant took the stage. He presented commissioning certificates to each cadet individually.

After the presentation, Lt-Gen Lin Aung delivered a speech to the cadets, marking the conclusion of the commissioning ceremony. — MNA/KZL

Russian Kalmykia Republic delegation leaves Myanmar



The photo captures the Russian Kalmykia Republic delegation being seen off at Mandalay International Airport.

THE Russian delegation led by Mr Batu Khasikov, Head of the Republic of Kalmykia of the Russian Federation, left Mandalay for Thailand by flight, yesterday. Mandalay regional ministers and officials saw off the delegation at the airport. — MNA/KTZH

Gold Market Rate as of 12 December 2024

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with a density of 19.25 and above is K5,380,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

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)

SAC Chair Defence Services C-in-C Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attends DSTA 26th Intake dinner

STATE Administration Council Chairman Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended a graduation dinner in honour of the 26th Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy at the cadet mess hall of the DSTA in PyinOoLwin yesterday evening.

The Senior General cordially greeted the graduate officers. Next, the Senior General had dinner together with his entourage, graduate officers and attendees.

He presented cash awards to the military band of the academy for playing music at the dinner.

The Senior General and entourage together with graduate officers enjoyed the song entertainment of Myawady Entertainment Troupe under the Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare at Thabin Hall.

Also present at the dinner were Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Senior General, Chief of the Gen-



State Administration Council Chairman Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing warmly greets graduate cadets during yesterday's dinner.

eral Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Maung Maung Aye and his wife, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Htein Win and his wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung and his wife, senior Tatmadaw members from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, Union ministers, the chief minister of Mandalay Region and his wife, the commander of Central Command, the commandant of DSTA, officials and parents and relatives of graduate officers. — MNA/TTA

Graduate cadets urged to pursue military ...

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Currently, military science and technological fields emphasize the use of artificial intelligence. Moreover, as current battlefields are in the shape of a digitalized battlefield based on information technology, the officers need to constantly study information technology.

The engineering corps of the Tatmadaw take rescue and relief measures by applying engineering technologies, expertise and machinery without delay whenever natural disasters hit any region.

As soon as they know information about natural disasters, they must rush to the scenes to quickly take rescue and relief measures without waiting for any

orders. Rehabilitation tasks must be carried out with manpower and machinery with utmost efforts to restore the original status of the disaster-affected areas as quickly as possible.

A military leader is required to continuously study and innovate, keeping up with the evolving military tactics and advanced technologies to stay competitive internationally.

To enhance military capabilities, both capable defence and powerful defence must be fully integrated. To be skilled, it is necessary for individuals to continuously engage in training, while to possess strength, weapons, vehicles, machinery, and equipment must all be made to be

powerful and efficient.

The Senior General gave guidance to all to continue studies based on their learning experiences of the qualified engineering education system for the improvement of their lives.

After taking the salute of the cadet companies, the Senior General left the parade ground.

Also present at the ceremony were Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Senior General, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Thiri Pyanchi Sithu Maung Maung Aye and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Zeya Kyaw Htin Htein Win and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Zeya Kyaw Htin Sithu Tun

Aung and wife, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, union ministers, the commander of Central Command, the commandant of DSTA, parents and relatives of graduate cadets and guests.

At the parlour of the DSTA headquarters, the Senior General met outstanding cadets and their parents and relatives.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said that as technology is rapidly developing with changes, it is necessary to continue studies with research to be able to catch up with the development of the world. The cadets have to pay back gratitude to the parents as well as Tatmadaw. They need to control themselves and uplift their capacity to become good leaders on whom families, Tatmadaw and the State can rely. — MNA/TTA

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SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects healthcare services at Tatmadaw Hospital, maintenance of ancient Tatmadaw guesthouses in PyinOoLwin

Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Maung Maung Aye and his wife, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, yesterday morning, comforted Tatmadaw members receiving medical treatment at the local Tatmadaw hospital in PyinOoLwin for their injuries which



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing offers cash awards and foodstuffs to the patient.

pital.

Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Senior General, warmly consoled families of Tatmadaw members at the maternity and child wards and presented gifts.

The Senior General, his wife and the party inspected the maintenance of ancient Tatmadaw guesthouses namely Thazin Myaing, Cherry Myaing and Yuzana Myaing and officials reported on the progress of maintenance.

In his response, the Senior General gave guidance on systematic maintenance of the ancient buildings without losing their original structures, and use of ancient furniture and utensils in the maintenance process as much as possible. He viewed environmental conservation around the guesthouses. The Senior General also gave guidance to



Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Senior General, consoles the patient mother and gives them gifts.



The Senior General inspects the maintenance work of Tatmadaw guesthouses.

they sustained while serving in the defence and security duties of the State.

The Senior General warmly asked about the health conditions of injured Tatmadaw members

in individuals and the healing of injuries and fulfilled their needs.

The Senior General present-

ed cash awards and foodstuffs to Tatmadaw members receiving medical treatment at the hos-

officials on the systematic maintenance of other ancient buildings in PyinOoLwin. — MNA/TTA

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State/Region athletes win prizes at National Sports Festival

STATE Administration Council Members watched the final matches of Inter-State and Region sports competitions of the Fifth National Sports Festival at the relevant stadiums and gymnasiums in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The final matches of Inter-State and Region boxing took place at Wunna Theikdi stadium yesterday and was attended by SAC members Dr Hmuh Thang and Dr Ba Shwe, Union Minister for Sports and

gramme, the first prize went to the Chin State team, the second to the Ayeyawady Region team, and the third to the Bago Region team and the Sagaing Region team.

In the men's 51-kilogramme, the Kayin State team won the first prize, while the Kachin State team grabbed the second prize and the Mandalay Region team and the Sagaing Region team received the third prize.

In the men's 54-kilogramme, the first prize went to the Man-

Theikdi stadium, and SAC member U Yan Kyaw, Union Minister U Min Thein Zan, deputy ministers, state and regional social affairs ministers, transportation ministers, and other officials.

In the men's 800-metre race, the Bago Region won the first prize, the Nay Pyi Taw team won the second prize and the Ayeyawady Region team won the third prize.

In the women's 800-metre race, the first prize went to the Chin State team, the second to

es went to the Shan State team and the third to the Sagaing Region team.

The Kayin State team grabbed the first prize in the men's high jump, whereas Mon State ranked at second place and the Ayeyawady Region team in third place.

In the men's 400-metre hurdle, the Sagaing Region team won the first prize, the second prize by the Mandalay Region team and the third prize by the Taninthayi Region team.

ond prize and the Kachin State team and the Mandalay Region team won the third prize jointly.

In men's volleyball, the first prize went to the Mandalay Region team, the second to Shan State team and the third to the Kayin State team and the Nay Pyi Taw team.

Similarly, the award ceremony of Inter-State and Region Taekwondo was held at TC-1. The Yangon Region team won the first prize, the Bago Region team grabbed the second prize



Union Chief Justice U Tha Htay awards the prizes.



SAC Member Dr Hmuh Thang presents awards.



SAC Member U Yan Kyaw offers prizes.

Youth Affairs U Min Thein Zan, Deputy Ministers, state and regional social affairs ministers, transport ministers, and other relevant officials.

In the women's 52-kilogramme event, the Magway Region team won the first prize, the second went to the Mandalay Region team, the joint third to the Shan State team and the Taninthayi Region team, whereas the Yangon Region team grabbed the first prize, the second by the Taninthayi Region team and the joint third by the Nay Pyi Taw and the Sagaing Region team in women's 50-kilogramme.

The Taninthayi Region team won the first prize in women's 54-kilogramme, and the Kayin State team ranked second place and the Shan State team and the Yangon Region team secured the third place.

In the women's 57-kilo-

dalay Region team, the second to the Shan State team and the third to the Nay Pyi Taw team and Taninthayi Region team.

In the men's 57-kilogramme, the Yangon Region team won the first prize, the Kachin State team ranked at the second place and the Chin State team and the Sagaing Region team at the third place.

In the men's 63.5-kilogramme, the Kachin State team won the first prize, the Mandalay Region team grabbed the second prize and the Bago Region team and Sagaing Region team achieved the third prize.

In the men's 71-kilogramme, the first prize went to the Sagaing Region team, the second to the Mandalay Region team, and the third to the Kayin State team and Bago Region team.

The final matches of the Inter-State and Region U-21 athletics were held at Wunna

the Kayah State team and the third to the Shan State team.

In the women's 200-metre race, the first and second prizes went to the Taninthayi Region team and the third to the Magway Region team.

In another women's 200-metre race, the Taninthayi Region team won the first prize, the Ayeyawady Region team grabbed the second prize and the Taninthayi Region team secured the third prize.

In the men's shot-put event, the first prize went to the Magway Region team, the second to the Yangon Region team and the third to the Ayeyawady Region team.

In the men's 110-metre hurdle, the Ayeyawady Region team won the first and second prizes, and the Magway Region team won the third prize.

In the women's 110-metre hurdle, the first and second priz-

Moreover, in the women's shot put, the Shan State team won the first prize, while the second prize by the Rakhine State team and the third prize by the Sagaing Region team.

In the women's high jump, the Taninthayi Region team ranked at first place, the Sagaing Region team at second place and the Taninthayi Region at third place.

Similarly, Inter-State and Region Men's and Women's U-20 volleyball final matches took place at Wunna Theikdi Gymnasium B, and attended by SAC Member Khun San Lwin, Union Chief Justice U Tha Htay, Union Constitutional Tribunal Chairman U Aung Zaw Thien, and other relevant officials watched the matches.

In the women's volleyball, the Shan State team won the first prize, whereas the Taninthayi Region team won the sec-

and the Chin State and Shan State teams achieved the third prize in women's singles.

In men's singles, the Yangon Region team won the first prize, whereas the second prize by the Mon State team and the third prize by the Shan State and Kayin State teams.

In the mixed event, the first prize went to the Yangon Region team, the second to the Mon State team and the third to the Shan State team and Mandalay Region team.

In the women's team event, the Yangon Region team won the first prize, the Kayah State team the second prize and the Shan State team and Bago Region team third prize.

In the men's team event, the first prize went to the Yangon Region team, the second to the Bago Region team and the third to the Mon State team and Kayin State team. — MNA/KTZH

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5th National Sports Festival: Intense competitions go on



Inter-Ministerial Sepak Takraw matches between MoHA & MoD (left) and MoC and MoHT (right) yesterday.

namment, Mandalay Region triumphed over Shan State with a 3-1 victory. Mandalay secured first place, Shan State second, while Kayin State and Nay Pyi Taw shared third place. In the women's volleyball competition, Shan State defeated Taninthayi Region 3-0 to secure first place, with Taninthayi Region in second and Kachin State and Mandalay Region sharing third place.

The Inter-State and Region billiards and snooker competition held at the Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex saw intense individual and team contests in events like Snooker 6 Red, 9 Ball,

THE Fifth National Sports Festival's competitions continued yesterday at designated sports fields and venues in Nay Pyi Taw.

In the Under-21 Inter-State and Region competitions, the men's 800-metre race saw Khaing Mye Aung from Bago Region securing first place, followed by Nay Myo Aung from Nay Pyi Taw and Waing Min Khant from Ayeyawady Region in second and third place, respectively. In the men's high jump event, Nyi Nyi Htun from Kayin State came first, Min Myat Thu from Mon State was second, and Ye Chit Naing from Ayeyawady Region placed third.

In the Inter-State and Region men's shot put event, Htet Kaung Wai from Magway Region earned first place, followed by Htet Lin Oo from Yangon Region and Than Pyae Aung from Ayeyawady Region. In the men's 200-metre race, Kaung Set Zaw from the Taninthayi Region won first place, with He Pwe Hmu



MoSYA versus MoNREC in the Inter-Ministerial Men's Football Tourney.

from the Ayeyawady Region second and Tin Moe Aung from the Taninthayi Region third. The men's 100-metre hurdles

event saw Min Thein Kha from the Ayeyawady Region in first place, Thiha Naing from the Ayeyawady Region second, and La

Pyae Aung from the Magway Region third.

In the Inter-State and Region men's volleyball tour-

and Billiards, where athletes from various regions competed fiercely.

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ISR Boinam competitions are underway at the Fifth National Sports Festival in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

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5th National Sports Festival: Intense competitions go on



Inter-Ministerial Futsal match in action.



Billiards-Snooker competition.

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In the Inter-State and Region Lethwei (traditional boxing) competitions at the Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex, athletes across different weight categories also showcased their talents, with notable victories such as Sow Shwe Win from Kayin State in the men's 51 kilogrammes and Zaw Zaw Naing from Mandalay Region in the 54 kilogrammes.

In the Inter-State and Region 25 and under cricket competition, Nay Pyi Taw's men's team defeated Kayin State 24-0, and Rakhine Region beat Ayeyawady Region by 6 points. The women's cricket matches saw Yangon Region beat Rakhine Region 6-0, and Ayeyawady Region overcome Kayin State by 3 points.

The Inter-State and Region Under-21 Men's Football Championship group stage matches were held at the Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex, with teams from Mandalay Region and Kachin State drawing 1-1, while Yangon Region defeated Chin State 4-0, and Magway Region triumphed 1-0 over Mon State.



Mandalay versus Shan in the ISR Men's Volleyball.

The Men's Sepak Takraw (Four-Person) Group Stage was held at Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex A, where Mon State won 2-1 against Shan State, Kachin State triumphed 2-1 over Kayin State, Yangon Region beat Kayah State 2-0, and Sagaing Region defeated Rakhine State 2-0.

In the Men's Sepak Takraw (Four-Person) Semi-finals, Mon State won 2-0 against Kachin State, and Sagaing Region triumphed 2-1 over Yangon Region.

The Men's Taekwondo competition took place at the Wunna Theikdi Sports Complex, where in the 54-kilogramme weight category, Tun Lin Aung from Kachin State defeated Kyi Wai Yan from Sagaing Region, Nay Soe Shein from Rakhine State won against Htet Wai Kyaw from Bago Region, and more victories were seen across various matchups, with players from Yangon Region, Shan State, and Mon State also emerging victorious.

In the Ministry-Level Men's



ISR Tennis match.

Football Group Stages, the Ministry of Planning and Finance team won 7-0 against the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs defeated the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation 3-1, and the Ministry of Information won 2-0 over the Ministry of Energy.

At the 5th National Sports Festival, the Ministry of Transport and Communications secured two gold and one silver,

ranking first in the ministry-level sports events. The Ministry of Defence took two gold and one bronze, placing second, while the Ministry of Planning and Finance secured two silver, taking third. In the regional sports events, Yangon Region topped the chart with 26 gold, 11 silver, and 11 bronze, followed by Shan State with 13 gold, 14 silver, and 22 bronze in second, and Taninthayi Region with 11 gold, six silver, and 10 bronze in third. — MNA/KZL



ISR Sepak Takraw.



ISR Football tournament.



Bago versus Ayeyawady in ISR Tennis competition.

OPINION

Use pesticides carefully to prevent harmful effects

FARMERS in Myanmar use various pesticides and germicides to protect crops from pests. Relevant departments train them to use these chemicals carefully and systematically. By following proper guidelines, farmers can ensure their crops remain safe for public consumption.

Undisciplined use of pesticides can harm consumer health. Farmers operating water-based crop plantations often assume that pesticides will dilute or disappear over time due to the aquatic environment, leading them to neglect strict adherence to usage guidelines. However, this assumption is incorrect, as pesticide residues can persist and pose significant health risks to consumers.

In addition to providing knowledge to farmers, these relevant departments are responsible for supervising farmers to ensure the use of high-quality pesticides in compliance with regulations. They also aim to prevent the use of low-quality or counterfeit pesticides and mitigate environmental impacts. However, most farmers and agricultural producers fail to systematically follow proper guidelines for using pesticides and chemicals in their work processes.

has been found to contain fungus and pesticide residues, which negatively affect export quality, reduce commodity prices, and even lead to export suspensions. Additionally, some growers apply pesticides to crops in excessive amounts, while certain businesspersons inject chemical solutions into fruits and crops to enhance sweetness beyond acceptable standards. Furthermore, some vendors immerse vegetables in water mixed with pesticides or chemicals to keep them looking fresher and more appealing to customers.

As Myanmar is an agro-based country, farmers and food processors often rely on pesticides. However, they must use these chemicals according to the guidelines provided by technicians and experts. At the same time, officials should focus on raising awareness among farmers about the safe and systematic use of pesticides and chemical solutions for pest control. Failure to adhere to these guidelines should result in appropriate action against offenders to protect consumer health. Additionally, it is crucial to ensure that victims receive fair compensation and that pesticide users are held accountable for any harm caused to consumers due to negligence or improper usage.

In Myanmar, some cases of food poisoning are linked to residues of agricultural pesticides. Officials from the relevant departments conduct training courses for farmers on the proper use of chemicals and pesticides to combat pests, as well as on processing agricultural products for export. As a result of these training courses, farmers gain knowledge on checking for chemical and pesticide residues in food and agricultural produce.

In addition to providing knowledge to farmers, these relevant departments are responsible for supervising farmers to ensure the use of high-quality pesticides in compliance with regulations. They also aim to prevent the use of low-quality or counterfeit pesticides and mitigate environmental impacts. However, most farmers and agricultural producers fail to systematically follow proper guidelines for using pesticides and chemicals in their work processes.

Consequently, some agricultural produce exported by Myanmar businesspersons

DUE to typhoon Yagi in the South China Sea and a small storm in the Bay of Bengal, continuous rainfall and flooding have caused major floods in various parts of Myanmar, in September of this year. This could be the first time in history that the country has been impacted by such extensive floods that inundated many villages and towns in many states and regions concurrently.

The torrential rain has caused water levels in creeks and rivers to rise, dams to overflow, and drains to spill over onto roads, resulting in major flooding, loss of life, destruction of homes and livelihoods and considerable economic losses.

The eastern side of Nay Pyi Taw's greater region was submerged in water, a fact totally unheard of in the past. Rescuers have had difficulty trying to reach the Loikaw, the capital of Kayah State, totally engulfed in water. Toungoo was inaccessible for two weeks in September due to floods. Flood has subsided in Kengtung and Tachilek in eastern Shan State near the Thai border, leaving mud as thick as half an adult's height covering the houses, vehicles and motorbikes. Yangon Mandalay expressway was completely cut off around the 340-mile marker near Mandalay for nearly a week due to an overflow from surrounding farmlands and swamps. One of the worst affected could be Kalaw, where the speed of the downpours and floods causes

A Friend Not in Need of Water (20.9.24)

By U AC



The eastern side of Nay Pyi Taw's greater region was submerged in water, a fact totally unheard of in the past. Photo taken on 16 September 2024 shows a flooded area in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. **PHOTO: STR/XINHUA/FILE**

landslides and buries people and houses altogether. Our favourite destination Inn Lay was not spared either. The accumulation of torrent waters from the mountains surrounding the famous lake, resulted in a significant rise in water levels across the lakes, causing the houses on stilts to collapse and even the floating farms to be swept away across the lake. Most of the houses are underwater now, with only the roofs being visible from afar.

The flood has damaged roads, bridges, houses, departmental buildings, schools, and other structures. Initial assessment by the government stated that at least 160,000 homes have been flooded in 56 townships across the land (there are altogether 330+ townships in the whole country). Around 500 relief camps have been set up by regional and state governments and charitable organizations. The death toll has been counted as 230 being killed and 80 missing, as of the middle of September. Furthermore is expected as search and rescue missions start to recover the victims of the landslides. The damage also included 117 departmental offices and buildings, 1,040 schools, 386 religious buildings, roads, bridges, power towers, and telecom towers.

Nearly 130,000 farm animals have died, and 643,081 acres of

paddy and other crops have been damaged, based on a mid-month assessment of the damage so far. The vegetable prices have suddenly shot up, due to the disruption in logistics from the vegetables producing southern Shan state to Yangon. Fuel in affected areas was inaccessible, causing hyperinflation of 300-500 per cent on a litre bottle of petrol

or diesel. Most of the hotels on the banks of Inlay Lake were flooded too, possibly rendering them uninhabitable at least for the upcoming season, even if the owners have spare cash to repair the damages.

A friend in need is a friend indeed

Floods in China, Vietnam,

and Laos due to this typhoon are equally devastating. But for a poorer country relying on agriculture, the damage to the economy can be exponential.

The government's human and financial resources were already stretched. Private donations poured in to help the flood victims, with a parallel increase in Facebook fraud tak-

ing advantage of this tragedy to defraud people in the context of collecting donations. With the widespread use of KPay, even a donation of 10 each by a hundred kind souls can enrich the fraudster temporarily.

The government is now organizing private donations using designated units and departments. In a recent private

donation drive, the government managed to collect more than K33 billion (US\$6.5 million) from private individuals and companies, bringing a rare occasion to smile about for the Senior General.

Yet, help was hard to come by in places where it was needed most. Every day over social media, people posted videos of their plight, hoping and asking for assistance, during the fortnight post floods. People close to myself have visited Inlay on the third week of September and no government officials were seen in sight when they distributed jerry cans of drinking water to the affected communities. The flood areas were so extensive that the rescue personnel were spread too thin perhaps.

International aid has also poured in meanwhile.

The World Food Programme (WFP) is launching an emergency food aid operation this week to assist around 500,000 flood-hit people in Myanmar. WFP has been offering flood relief aid since July, and the scale of its operations will now be significantly expanded. The organization plans to distribute one month's worth of emergency food supplies, including rice, fortified biscuits, and nutritional support, to about 500,000 flood-battered people, meeting their immediate needs.

"This flood, caused by Super Typhoon Yagi, is one of the worst in Myanmar's modern history.

Large parts of the country are submerged, and in some areas, it is the first time in decades they have experienced such flooding. The impact on food security is severe. Even before the floods, more than 13 million people in Myanmar were already facing food shortages in August. Our staff teams are working swiftly to meet these growing needs," said its local chief.

European Union has also donated 2 million Euros as flood relief aid.

India has also despatched a navy ship full of 10 tonnes of supplies to Myanmar in mid-September. China has also sent in some aid in October. Korea association here has also donated K200 million for flood relief. Singapore has also sent an Air Force plane full of bottled drinking water and other supplies recently. Obviously, used plastic bottles might become a waste disposal issue later on. Japan has also donated some nominal amount to the government.

The obvious invisibility is the NNCP terrorists and EAO groups. When the push comes to shove, they have no plans to help the people that they claim to serve and represent. Or, as Trump would proudly say, 'They have concepts of a plan'. They collected funds across the world to do anti-government activities and along the way, their leaders enriched themselves with millions. When people really needed them, they stood so small!

Use of Instructional Media: Still Pictures

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)



When considering instructional media, materials (e.g., still pictures) and equipment (e.g., projector, bulletin board) work together to create an effective medium. **ILLUSTRATION: REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSE/ LINKEDIN**

TEACHING aids or instructional media are a powerful tool for the teacher for his students' learning. Broadly speaking, a teaching medium is any person, material or event that establishes conditions which enable the student to require knowledge, skill and attitude. In this sense, teachers, textbooks and the school environment are all instructional media. Since media are also defined as the graphic, photographic, electronic or mechanical means for arresting, processing and reconstituting

visual or verbal information, instructional media play a key role in the design and use of systematic instruction.

When considering instructional media, one must distinguish between materials and equipment. The material itself can exist in several formats; for instance, still pictures are printed in a textbook. It may appear in a filmstrip or on a slide, an overhead transparency or a bulletin board. Here, the still picture is the material and the bulletin board on which to display it is the equip-

ment. Hence, the material and the equipment together constitute the instructional medium. In other words, for example, the picture without a projector has limited use while the projector without a picture has no use.

A still picture is a two-dimensional visual representation of persons, places or things. Photographic prints are in common use, but sketches, cartoons, paintings, graphs and maps are widely used. Pictures can be used for individual study and small-group observation, for display on bulletin boards,

flannel boards and felt boards, in exhibits, or for projection when student groups need to look at one picture at the same time. Thus, pictures may be drawn, printed or photographically processed, varying in size and colour. Also, they will be highly representational or abstract. It would be most efficient if a picture desirable for classroom use is in a book or pamphlet available to an entire class being asked to turn to the same page with one accord to see the picture.

As usual, still pictures have not only advantages but also dis-

advantages. For their advantages, pictures are inexpensive and widely available first of all. They provide common experiences for an entire group as well as visual details that will make it possible to study subjects which would otherwise be impossible. They can help to prevent and correct misconceptions. Also, they offer a stimulus to further study, reading or research, help focus attention and develop critical judgement. They are even manipulated easily. However, the sizes and distances of still pictures are often distorted.

Lack of colour in some pictures limits proper interpretations and students do not always know how to 'read' pictures.

For the most effective use of still pictures, the teacher asks students to gather magazines from which pictures can be removed and have a class project of building a picture tile. The students arrange a set of pictures in such a way that they tell a story, which will test their ability to organize and communicate. The teacher shows an unusual picture to students — an object or place that they have never seen before, perhaps — as well as can use the discovery or directed discussion technique to encourage them to describe what they are looking at.

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NATIONAL

MoE Union Minister attends Qatar National Day event

UNION Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin and his wife attended the Qatari National Day reception held at the Lotte Hotel in Yangon yesterday evening.

Chargé d'Affaires Dr Rashid Abdulla Al-Kuwari of the Embassy of Qatar to Myanmar and officials warmly welcomed the Union minister, his wife, and invitees.

The ceremony was opened with the national anthems of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the State of Qatar, followed by the chargé d'affaires

delivering the speech.

The Union minister and the Qatari Embassy official cut the commemorative cake and had a group photo taken with the attendees and the Qatari Embassy official hosted a dinner for the attendees.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein and his wife, regional ministers and their wives, ambassadors from foreign embassies, chargé d'affaires, UN representatives, and guests were present at the reception. — MNA/TS



Union Minister U Ko Ko Lwin and Qatari Charge' d'Affaires Dr Rashid Abdulla AL Kuwari cut the ceremonial cake to celebrate Qatar National Day yesterday.

Myanmar delegation attends 7th Myanmar-China (Yunnan) Cooperation Forum



Deputy Minister U Lwin Oo meets Mr Hu Dapeng, Vice-Governor of Yunnan Province in Kunming.

THE Myanmar delegation composed of senior officials from 12 ministries concerned and delegates from the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) led by U Lwin Oo, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar attended the Seventh Myanmar-China (Yunnan) Cooperation Forum and related events held on 10 December 2024 at the Wyndham Grand Plaza Hotel in Kunming city of Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China.

While in Kunming, the deputy minister had a bilateral meeting with Mr Hu Dapeng, Vice-Governor of Yunnan Province, and attended the Plenary Session of the Myanmar-China (Yunnan) Cooperation Forum and delivered a remark. In his remarks, Deputy Minister U

Lwin Oo emphasized enhancement of existing Pauk-Phaw relations between Myanmar and China and the promotion of mutually beneficial cooperation between Myanmar and Yunnan Province under the Mechanism of Yunnan Forum.

Moreover, representatives from concerned ministries participated in the respective group discussions of the Forum. During the group discussions, representatives from Ministry of Planning and Finance and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and representatives from Foreign Affairs Office of the Yunnan Provincial People's Government and Yunnan Provincial Public Security Department of the People's Republic of China led the discussions related to comprehensive strategic partnership of cooperation between Myanmar and

China, further consolidation of existing cooperation in agriculture, transport, electricity, trade and investment, environmental conservation and tourism sectors, promotion of people-to-people exchanges through the establishment of sister cities.

After the group discussions, Deputy Foreign Minister U Lwin Oo, who is also head of the delegation from the Myanmar side and Mr Hu Dapeng, Vice-Governor of Yunnan Province, who is head of the delegation from the Chinese side signed the Meeting Minutes of the Seventh Myanmar-China (Yunnan) Cooperation Forum.

Then, the Myanmar delegation attended the dinner hosted by Mr Hu Dapeng, Vice-Governor of Yunnan Province of the People's Republic of China.

On the afternoon of 12 December 2024, the Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Foreign Minister U Lwin Oo left Kunming Changshui International Airport for Myanmar. The delegation was seen off by officials from the Foreign Affairs Office of the People's Government of Yunnan Province and the Consulate-General of Myanmar in Kunming at the Kunming Changshui International Airport. — MNA

Science & technology collaboration discussed in China



The documentary group photo taken during the visit Deputy Minister Dr Aung Zeya-led Myanmar delegation.

DEPUTY Minister for Science and Technology Dr Aung Zeya led a delegation to Kunming, Yunnan Province, China, on 9 December to enhance cooperation in science and technology in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of China-Myanmar Diplomatic Relations in 2025.

The delegation met officials from various universities and institutions, including the Kunming University of Science and Technology, where they discussed technical collaboration, student exchange programmes, and technological knowledge sharing. Both sides also exchanged commemorative gifts to strengthen their partnership.

The deputy minister and his team visited the National Research Centre for Lithium-ion Battery and Materials Technology, where they observed research projects involving the purification of raw materials and recycling of spent batteries using advanced equipment. The delegation also toured Yunnan Polytechnic College to learn about its vocational training programmes,

including those tailored for war veterans and other collaborative efforts with domestic and international partners.

The visit highlighted the importance of student preparation for global robotics and technology competitions. The delegation reviewed projects such as CNC machining, industrial automation, and robotic body development. Students demonstrated their skills in assembling advanced systems and using industrial machinery under real-world conditions. Additionally, the delegation explored historical records and international awards achieved by students displayed in the college's museum.

Concluding the visit, the deputy minister engaged in an open discussion with officials to share technological ideas and establish deeper connections. The event ended with the mutual exchange of gifts, reflecting the commitment to bolstering bilateral relations in science and technology in celebration of the diplomatic milestone. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital performs first kidney transplant

THE first kidney transplant operation was performed at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1,000-bed) on 11 December.

Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win comforted the patient and donor yesterday morning.

The patient was from Pinyin township, and his father donated a kidney for him. The kidney recipient and donor were in good condition and under medical care at the intensive care unit.

The kidney transplant operations are conducted every month at Yangon Speciality Hospital (500-bed), and the Ministry of Health arranges to perform



Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win encourages the patient and donor following Nay Pyi Taw's first Kidney transplant yesterday.

the operations at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1,000-bed) normally.

The completed renal transplant operation was performed by seven teams—urine and kidney operation team, urine and kidney treatment team, heart and coronary artery operation team, anaesthetic team, diagnostic team, blood and blood supplies team, and X-ray team, consisting of medics and nurses from Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1,000-bed), Yangon Speciality Hospital (500-bed), No 2 Defence Services General Hospital (1,000-bed), Yangon and Mandalay General Hospitals. — MNA/KTZH

Coord meeting held on resettling returning Loikaw residents

A coordination meeting on the resettlement of Loikaw residents returning to the city was held yesterday afternoon at the Kayah State government office meeting hall. The meeting was attended by Kayah State Chief Minister U Zaw Myo Tin, members of the state government, the deputy regional commander, Kayah State departmental personnel, and chairs and members of Loikaw District and Township administration bodies.

In his opening remarks, U Zaw Myo Tin stated, "Due to the destructive actions of terrorist, it is essential for relevant authorities to work together systematically to ensure the safe and smooth return of displaced individuals to their hometowns. A well-structured plan is needed to address security and administrative matters effectively. The state government will render necessary assistance to returnees, including access to clean



The coordination meeting to resettle Loikaw returnees in progress yesterday.

drinking water, electricity, and employment opportunities. Additionally, assistance will be given to revitalize agricultural, livestock, and MSME activities to help rebuild livelihoods".

The chairperson of the Loikaw District Administration Body then provided reports on the conditions of residents wishing to return and resettle in Loikaw's downtown wards. Attendees discussed plans to address security concerns and ensure essential services such as drinking water, electricity,

roads, bridges, healthcare, and education were available. They also deliberated on measures to support the rebuilding and revitalization of returnees' livelihoods.

Finally, members of the Kayah State government offered their suggestions, and the chief minister coordinated the suggestions from state government members and the reports from officials at the state, district, and township levels. — Kayah State IPRD/TMT

2-day illegal trade crackdown seizes items worth K5.877B

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

During inspections on 10 December, the combined Customs on-duty teams impounded 11.771 tonnes of illegal wood (worth K1.624 million) in Ngaputaw Township, 5.246 tonnes of illegal timbers (worth K520,150) in Taikkyi Township and an unregistered Honda CRZ (worth approximately K4.5 million) in South Okkalapa Township. The action was taken under the Forest Law and the Export-Import Law.

Similarly, on 10 and 11 December, the combined teams managed by Customs Department nabbed industrial materials (worth K516.168 million) without official documents from 12 containers at the Asia World Port Terminal container checkpoint, industrial materials (valued at K441.5 million) without official documents from eight containers at Myanmar Industrial Port, consumer goods (worth about K30 million) with a mistake in country of origin at the Yangon International Airport (Export Desk) and industrial materials (valued at about K50 million) without official documents from MV MCL-18 at the Thakayta Port. The action was carried out according to Customs procedures.

Additionally, on 11 December, the combined on-duty teams seized 172 barrels of illegal petrol (worth K123.6 million) at the Kantalu combined checkpoint in Sagaing Township, nine Shacman Dump trucks (worth approximately K1.17 billion) at the Yadanabon bridge combined checkpoint, a Mitsubishi Fuso truck (worth approximately K55 million) carrying industrial material (valued at K72.433 million) without official documents in Singaing Township. The action was taken under the Export-Import Law and Customs procedures.

Similarly, the on-duty teams confiscated three Nissan Condor trucks (worth approximately K75 million) carrying industrial materials (worth K328.2 million) near Dawlan village on Myawady-Htokawko-Dawlan-Thayagon road and smuggled consumer goods (worth K8.912 million) in the high truck terminal in Muse Township. The action was conducted per Customs procedures.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported 38 arrests on 10 and 11 December, confiscating illegal items amounted to K5.877 billion. — MNA/MKKS

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E-Choice to launch 100 EV taxis in Yangon in 2025



This photo showcases EV taxis that will be operated in Yangon.

E-CHOICE Taxi Co Ltd has announced plans to introduce electric vehicle (EV) taxis in Yangon, with a fleet of 100 EVs set to operate in 2025. To facilitate this, the company is in the process of registering imported EVs and applying

for operating licences. Currently, preparations are underway to deploy an initial 18 EVs.

“Our goal is to provide EV taxi services alongside YBS buses for public transportation. As fuel prices are

rising, we made a plan to operate EV taxis. We also aim to deliver excellent service to passengers. That’s why we imported EVs and established E-Choice Taxi Co Ltd,” said an official from the company.

At present, the Luxury EV Taxi service operates over 30 EVs in Yangon. Nationwide, there are 19 EV charging stations available to support EV operations. The luxury EV taxi service was launched in the Yangon Region in October 2023, with plans to establish up to seven charging stations specifically for these taxis in Yangon Region.

Additionally, the Ministry of Industry is spearheading efforts to replace conventional taxis and buses with EVs for public transport in Yangon Region, Mandalay Region, and Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. — ASH/MKKS

K920 mln worth of Ice seized in Tachilek

A total of 115 kilogrammes of Ice (methamphetamine), valued at K920 million, was seized in Tachilek Township, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

Following a tip-off, a combined team, including members of the Anti-Drug Police Force, searched a Mitsubishi Pajero driven by Sai Shwe Aung, with Aik Kaw Kham aboard the car. The team confiscated the 115

kilogrammes of Ice (methamphetamine) worth K920 million.

Offenders admitted that the seized drugs were intended to be transported from Mongpyin Township to Tachilek Township.

Action has been taken against perpetrators, and an ongoing investigation is underway to apprehend others involved in the case. — MNA/MKKS



Offenders are seen alongside a seized vehicle and drugs.

Counter-argument to false information

Shwebo Prison refutes claims of bribery, restricted visitor access

CLAIMS that prisoners at Shwebo Prison are being denied family visits and are charged K300,000 for visiting rights are false, according to malicious news media like Khit Thit. On 3 December, a Facebook page called Khit Thit Media published such allegations, but investigations revealed they were incorrect.

Officials clarified that there are no political prisoners in Shwebo Prison. All inmates are detained for breaking the law, and visiting rights are granted according to the rules. Families are allowed to meet inmates once a month and send parcels every two weeks. The claim that visiting rights were denied for security reasons is untrue.

Records show that in October, 60 prisoners had family visits, and in November, 12 inmates were visited. Prison staff did not ask for money for these visits, and no prisoner has been treated unfairly. If any family has difficulty visiting or sending parcels to their relatives or friends in prison, they can report them to the authorities, who will investigate and take action if needed.

Officials said the claims from Khit Thit Media were false and meant to mislead the public. — Thitsa/KZL

Aerial bombardment claims in Taungtha denied

SUBVERSIVE media outlets spread false claims that a woman was killed and 12 residential buildings were destroyed in an aerial bombardment on Moehnaungkhin village, located in Taungtha Township, Mandalay Region, on 10 December.

In response to these reports, relevant security officials have clarified that the information is false. They confirmed that security forces consistently carry out necessary activities to ensure the people of Taungtha Township can live in peace. There were no bombings; instead, terrorists used drones and heavy weapons to instil fear in the people of villages and quarters that did not support them. The circulation of such false news by media outlets is intended to cover up terrorists’



This screenshot validates misinformation.

actions and mislead the public about the role of security forces. — MNA/TKO

Daily newspapers available online

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For creative writing and decoding visual information, he shows a picture or study print that has much visual information and makes students write to tell a story which describes the relationship of people in a picture and the way the environment in the picture is created.

In my teaching experience, still pictures are used in almost all textbooks, especially at the primary level. If they are used effectively and efficiently — particularly before explaining some subject matter, a teaching process will go well along the instructional period for certain. Of course, it is by far easier for students to learn any subject matter with teaching materials rather than without them at all. In the study

of languages such as Myanmar and English, the still pictures help students concrete vocabulary learn by heart. Arts subjects like geography and economics usually make good use of still pictures. Science subjects like mathematics and chemistry are good use of still pictures, whereas learning other subjects like physics and biology sometimes could do with audio-visual aids such as animation that leads to students' better understanding of scientific events — motion and mitosis versus meiosis, for example.

As regards still pictures, I listened to the humour told by my Myanmar Teaching Method teacher Daw Aye Yu Yu Mon. She once said so. When she went bloc teaching or microteaching to a school

as a well-trained teacher, she had to teach a Myanmar poem named 'Meza Taung Chay', which means the foot of Mt Meza in English. At that time, she asked her close friend, who excelled in painting, to draw the natural scene of this mountain as an instructional medium before her poem teaching. Thanks to her friend's outstanding art, the picture of Meza became so beautiful that any viewer would like to go live over there at once. During her teaching of the poem, a student unexpectedly said to her, 'Does that place exist in this country [Myanmar]? If so, I want to stay there, teacher.' She was absolutely frightened of her student's words. The foot of Meza Mountain, where Latwe Thonedara, also the owner of this poem, was fined and sent by chronicles, was disgust-

ing and tedious, especially due to several weather conditions. After all, my teacher got it into her head that her teaching medium was truly misleading.

Motivated students will learn from any instructional medium if it is completely used and adapted to their needs. Within its physical limits, the medium can perform any educational task. Whether a student learns more from one medium than another is at least likely to depend both on how the medium is used and on what medium is used. Instructional media themselves look interesting to students for the simple reason that the students like to pay attention to whatever medium the teacher brings to the classroom. Therefore, instructional media are also the life of a teaching-learning activity.

Malaysia court bars PetroSaudi from 1MDB-linked funds

A Malaysian court Wednesday approved the government's application to bar PetroSaudi International and its chief executive from accessing \$340 million connected to the scandal-racked 1MDB sovereign wealth fund. Kuala Lumpur High Court judge Ahmad Shahrir Salleh said there was enough evidence to show that the money involved was linked to money-laundering activities.

Granting approval to the application effectively bars PetroSaudi International and its chief executive Tarek Obaid from accessing the money.

Others prohibited

include subsidiary PetroSaudi Oil Services (Venezuela), UK based-law firm Clyde & Co LLP, and Temple Fiduciary Services Ltd.

The Malaysian ruling comes after Obaid, the Swiss-Saudi chief executive of the oil exploration and production company, was sentenced in August to seven years in prison in Switzerland over the embezzlement of \$1.8 billion from 1MDB.

His right-hand man Patrick Mahony, 47, a Swiss-British director at the Geneva-based firm, was also found guilty and given a six-year sentence.

— AFP

Notice for Change of Pesticides Trade Name

The foreign manufacture AgriGate CropSciences Pte., Ltd. will import and distribute the following insecticides registered in Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board Changing trading name.

No.	Old Trade Name	New Trade Name	A.I	Reg: Type	Reg: No.
1	Cyclone Super 505EC	Cyclone 505EC	Lufenuron 5% + Profenofos 50% EC	Provisional	P2022-5860

It is therefore announced to come and reject within 14 days to joint Secretary, Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein in wishing to make any objection in respect of the said changing trading name of herbicide.

Address- **Myanma Awba Group Co., Ltd.** No.(95-A), Kyaik Wine Pagoda Road, 8th mile, Mayangone Township, Yangon Region, The Republic of Union of Myanmar.

Notice for Change of Pesticides Trade Name

The foreign manufacture Chrysalis Crop Pte., Ltd. will import and distribute the following insecticides registered in Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board Changing trading name.

No.	Old Trade Name	New Trade Name	A.I	Reg: Type	Reg: No.
1	Evo Biso Extra 32WP	NAYKABAR 32WP	Bispyribac-sodium 20% + Pyrazosulfuron-ethyl 12% WP	Provisional	P2023-5207

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Address- **Evogro Co., Ltd.** No.(95-A), Kyaik Wine Pagoda Road, 8th mile, Mayangone Township, Yangon Region, The Republic of Union of Myanmar.

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No.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration No.
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WORLD



The President took part in AI Journey, an annual international conference on artificial intelligence and machine learning taking place in Moscow from 11 to 13 December. **PHOTO: EN.KREMLIN.RU**

Putin joins plenary session of Russia's AI Journey 2024 conference

RUSSIA'S AI Journey event is an annual online conference that unites renowned international experts in artificial intelligence on a single platform.

Sputnik comes to you live as Russian President Vladimir Putin attends the plenary session of

the AI Journey 2024 international conference. The International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, known as AI Journey, will take place in Moscow from 11 to 13 December. As is customary, the AI Journey programme will be

organized into three thematic blocks: science, business, and society. These sessions will feature prominent researchers, scientists, and representatives from government and industry, both from Russia and around the globe. — SPUTNIK

BRIEF: WORLD

South Korea's ruling party leader calls for supporting President Yoon's impeachment as party stance

SOUTH Korea's ruling party leader Thursday called for supporting impeachment against President Yoon Suk-yeol as its party stance.

The remarks by Han Dong-hoon, chief of Yoon's own People Power Party, came after the president delivered a televised address to the nation in which he justified his hugely controversial martial law decision.

Earlier in the day, Han already called on his party's lawmakers to vote on Yoon's impeachment based on their own "conviction".

"We must stop further confusion. There is only one effective method now," Han said at a press conference. "In the next (impeachment motion) vote, our party's lawmakers should enter the assembly hall and take part in the vote based on their own conviction and conscience."

The People Power Party had initially refused to back impeachment, hoping Yoon would resign from office instead. But its leadership said attempts to persuade Yoon had made no progress.

Earlier in the day, Yoon defended his move to impose a short-lived martial law and showed no will to step down in a televised address to the nation. — Xinhua

Meta donates \$1 mln to Trump's fund as part of effort to mend ties

META has confirmed a \$1 million donation to US President-elect Donald Trump's inaugural fund, signaling a significant shift in CEO Mark Zuckerberg's approach to the incoming administration, the Wall Street Journal reported on Thursday.

The donation is a notable departure from Zuckerberg's previous stance, especially considering his contentious relationship with Trump during the election campaign. Trump had previously threatened to retaliate against tech giants he perceived as undermining his campaign. The paper also reported that as Republicans prepared to take control of both the White House and Congress, tech CEOs were recalibrating their strategies in anticipation of new regulations that could impact their businesses.

However, Zuckerberg's outreach to Trump was not an isolated incident. The report also noted that Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, who has been critical of Trump in the past, had recently congratulated him on his victory and expressed optimism about the new administration. — SPUTNIK

French farmers dump hay, tires, manure in Dijon protesting EU-MERCOSUR deal

FRENCH farmers have dumped tonnes of hay, tyres and manure in Dijon to protest against the recent EU-MERCOSUR free trade agreement and to once again delay government aid, France Bleu reported on Thursday.

Several hundred farmers took to the streets of the largest city in the French region of Burgundy - Franche-Comte - to protest against the agreement. They arrived in the city centre on 70 tractors, respond-

ing to a call by the FNSEA and Jeunes Agriculteurs unions.

The farmers are certain that the agreement with MERCOSUR, which provides for the abolition of over 90 per cent of tariffs between the EU and the South American bloc, would mean that preferences would go to South American products. They also claim that the recent vote of no confidence and resignation of the French government has delayed promised aid measures

by several months.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said last week that she had signed a political agreement with the South American trade bloc Mercosur in the Uruguayan capital Montevideo to create the world's largest free trade area with more than 700 million EU and South American consumers, despite protests from a number of EU countries led by France. — SPUTNIK



French farmers with their tractors gather at the Esplanades des Invalides during a protest organized by unions including FNSEA (National Federation of Farmers Union) against the EU pesticide ban and other environmental regulations they say will threaten agricultural production, in Paris, France.

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SPORTS

Dortmund fear 'worst-case scenario' after Schlotterbeck injury

BORUSSIA Dortmund coach Nuri Sahin said his side feared a "worst-case scenario" after Nico Schlotterbeck, the club's only fit centre-back, was stretchered off in Wednesday's home loss to Barcelona.

With Dortmund trailing 3-2, Schlotterbeck leapt high to try and head in a free-kick in the last play of the game and landed awkwardly on his ankle and was stretchered from the pitch.

"We don't know yet with Schlotti, but the pictures look ugly," Sahin said.

"It would be a disaster if

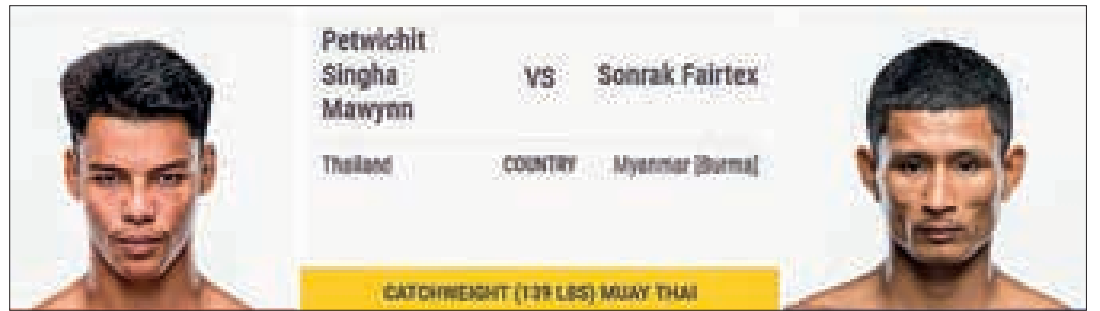
he was out too," Sahin added, with central defenders Niklas Suele and Waldemar Anton also on the club's injury list, forcing midfielder Emre Can to fill in at centre-back.

"Let's see. I'm waiting for the diagnosis," Sahin said, adding Schlotterbeck was "obviously upset".

Dortmund came into Wednesday's match missing Anton and Suele, along with Julian Brandt and Maximilian Beier. Defender Julian Ryerson was also subbed off at half-time with an injury. — AFP



Borussia Dortmund defender Nico Schlotterbeck was stretchered off the pitch with an apparent ankle injury. PHOTO: AFP



Myanmar's Sonrak set to battle Petwichit at ONE Friday Fights 91

MYANMAR'S Sonrak steps into the ring today at ONE Friday Fights 91 in Thailand, where he will clash with Thai fighter Petwichit in a highly anticipated Co-Main Event.

This will be Sonrak's sixth fight with ONE Championship, boasting a record of four wins

and four losses from his previous eight bouts. After a strong three-fight win streak this year, he is determined to finish 2024 with another victory. Petwichit, who has faced six opponents under the ONE banner, holds a 3-3 record. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

Bottom half rivals for La Liga top three

THE top three teams in La Liga will face opponents in the bottom half of the table in round 17 of games this weekend. FC Barcelona, currently leading the league, will host Leganes on Sunday, but coach Hansi Flick will miss the game due to a two-match ban following his red card in last week's 2-2 draw at Real Betis.

Barcelona has struggled recently, earning just five points from its last five league matches. Raphinha's injury adds to their concerns, though Ronald Araujo is available again after recovering from injury.

Real Madrid, who could overtake Barcelona with a win, faces Rayo Vallecano on Saturday.

Madrid is in good spirits after beating Atalanta in the Champions League, with Vinicius Jr and Jude Bellingham in strong form. However, Kylian Mbappe, who scored in that match, is doubtful due to a hamstring injury.

Atletico Madrid can also level points with Barcelona with a win over Getafe. Antoine Griezmann and Julian Alvarez have been in excellent form for Diego Simeone's side.

Elsewhere, struggling teams like Real Valladolid and Valencia are set for crucial clashes, while Sevilla, fresh from recent improvements, takes on Celta Vigo. Athletic Bilbao, in great form, travels to Alaves in a Basque derby. — Xinhua

Sweden ends rape inquiry allegedly targeting Kylian Mbappe

SWEDISH prosecutors have closed an investigation into alleged rape and sexual assault at a Stockholm hotel, which Swedish media linked to Real Madrid star Kylian Mbappe, citing insufficient evidence.

An investigation into alleged rape and sexual assault in Stockholm which Swedish media said targeted Real Madrid forward Kylian Mbappe has been closed due to insufficient evidence, the Swedish prosecutor said Thursday.

The 25-year-old French star, one of the highest-profile players in world football, visited the Swedish capital 9-11 October with a group of people after he was not selected by his country for a Nations League match.

Sweden's prosecution authority announced on 15 October that it was investigating an alleged incident that occurred at an upscale

Stockholm hotel on 10 October, without mentioning the suspect by name.

Several Swedish media outlets, including newspapers Aftonbladet and Expressen and public broadcaster SVT, identified Mbappe as the suspect.

"My assessment is that the evidence is not sufficient to proceed and the investigation is therefore closed," prosecutor Marina Chirakova said in a statement that also did not mention Mbappe by name.

Chirakova said the suspect had "not been notified of suspicion of a crime". Mbappe's lawyer said in October that he was "shocked" to see his name linked to the investigation.

Speaking for the first time about the case on Sunday, he told French television show Clique he was "not involved". — AFP



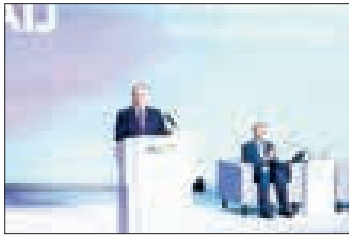
Kylian Mbappe moved to Real Madrid from Paris Saint-Germain this year. PHOTO: AFP

World wrestling governing body strengthens cooperation with Chinese enterprise

UNITED World Wrestling (UWW) President Nenad Lalovic has underscored the great benefit that the organization's cooperation with Chinese enterprise Taishan Sports Group brings to the sport of wrestling.

During his recent visit to Taishan Sports Group, a renowned sports equipment manufacturer in Dezhou, east China's Shandong Province, Lalovic was impressed by the company's latest sports equipment manufacturing innovations and smart factories. He praised Taishan's contributions to world wrestling when UWW faced difficult times and stressed that UWW will continue to cooperate with Chinese companies like Taishan Sports.

"Taishan was close by us and helped us in a difficult period, so our collaboration will last in the future for sure. We really wish they would remain one of the leaders in sports equipment," Lalovic said. — Xinhua



A SMART microgrid, the first of its kind in China, has been put into operation at a port in the eastern province of Jiangsu as a pioneer initiative in implementing the country's zero-carbon port plan.

The intelligent microgrid system, built in the Port of Lianyungang, consists of 5.2 MW of distributed photovoltaic power generation equipment, 5 MW of new energy storage facilities, battery-swapping container trucks, all-electric tugboats, electric front cranes, and empty container stackers, with the aim of achieving near-zero carbon emissions throughout the entire process of ship berthing, cargo handling and transport, Science and Technology Daily reported on Wednesday.

This initiative provides "a replicable and scalable model" for the development of zero-carbon ports in China, said the report.

In June 2024, the Ministry of Transport announced the first batch of zero-carbon pilot projects for typical transport and facilities on highways and waterways — including an international container terminal and freight container hub in the Port of Lianyungang.

In response, State Grid Jiangsu Electric Power Co, Ltd collaborated with the Port of Lianyungang in building the "multi-energy complementary intelligent microgrid" featuring green energy and

Smart microgrid built to pioneer China's zero-carbon port plan

A smart microgrid at Lianyungang Port in Jiangsu, China, pioneers a zero-carbon port plan using advanced energy technologies.



An aerial drone photo taken on 26 June 2024 shows freight ships docked at the container terminal of Lianyungang Port, east China's Jiangsu Province. PHOTO: JI CHUNPENG/XINHUA

high efficiency.

"With various types of power generation and consumption equipment con-

nected to the microgrid, annual clean energy generation can exceed six million kWh," said Yang Huadong, general man-

ager of the Engineering and Technology Department of Lianyungang Port Holding Group Co, Ltd. — Xinhua

Tokyo to make day care free to boost birth rate

Japan's population has been declining for years, and Tokyo governor Yuriko Koike warned of a demographic crisis.

TOKYO plans to make day care free for all preschool children starting in September; the city governor has announced as part

of efforts to boost Japan's low birth rate.

The move aims to reduce the financial burden on families by expanding a

policy of free day care for second-born and subsequent children to first-borns as well.

While many developed countries are struggling with low birth rates, the problem is particularly acute in Japan where the population has been declining for years. "Japan is facing the crisis of a declining number of children, which isn't going away," Tokyo governor Yuriko Koike said as she announced the plan this week.

"There is no time to spare" to address the problem, she added, echoing warnings from the prime minister and other officials of a looming demographic crisis. Japanese media said the policy in Tokyo, one of the world's biggest cities with a population of 14 million, is the first initiative of its kind at a regional level in Japan.

Public day care is currently available to working parents in Japan, but the national government is planning to widen access to all households. — AFP



Koike is advocating for a four-day workweek for government staff to encourage parenthood. PHOTO: SHUTTERSTOCK

PAYING LOCAL PUBLISHERS

Australia to force tech titans to pay for news

AUSTRALIA will force Meta and Google to pay for news shared on their platforms under a new scheme unveiled Thursday, threatening to tax them if they refuse to strike deals with local media.

Traditional media companies the world over are in a battle for survival as precious advertising dollars are hoovered up online.

Australia wants big tech companies to compensate local publishers for sharing articles that drive traffic on their platforms. "The rapid growth of digital platforms in recent years has disrupted Australia's media landscape, and it is threatening the viability of public interest journalism," Communications Minister Michelle Rowland told reporters. — AFP