

# The Global **NEW LIGHT** of MYANMAR



## 'Popa-Bagan GeoTraveller Tour' set to launch on 17-18 Oct

Tickets for the GeoTraveller tour will be sold once a month on every full moon day starting from the coming Thadingyut.

The GeoTraveller from Popa to Bagan, where people can study both culture and nature, will be launched for the first time, according to Ko Tin Ko Min from Mahagiri Group.

Tickets for the GeoTraveller tour will be sold once a month on every full moon day starting from the coming Thadingyut.

“Now we have begun selling Geotourism. Since the Bagan pagoda festival and the dry season are approaching, we are planning to sell tickets. The first GeoTraveller tour that we started selling for the Thadingyut full moon is for a two-day trip to Bagan — on the first day, people can see Mount Popa from Bagan and

study nature. Then we will sleep on Mount Popa and start hiking. We will also take the travellers to the geosites that are convenient to visit,” he said.

During the trip to historic Popa and Bagan, visitors can observe the history of Popa, the belief and worship of spirits related to Popa and the Buddha statues built

from the volcanic rock of Mount Popa.

Going down to the Bagan plains from the Popa platform, people can feel the differences between hot, cold and humid climates because of the presence of forest trees. At the same time, they can study the biodiversity of Mount Popa National Geopark, volcanic rocks and orchids on the ground while walking in the forest.

Recently, people who want to experience nature and relax have directly visited the Popa area, and the number of pilgrims to Bagan visiting Popa has increased more than before. — MT/ZN



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## COEX Food Week 2024 welcomes Myanmar businesspeople

MYANMAR businesspersons involved in the food and beverage (F&B) industry are cordially invited to join COEX Food Week 2024, which will be held from 20 to 23 November 2024 at the COEX centre, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

COEX Food Week 2024 will be held in conjunction with the World FoodTec Expo and the Korea Bakery Show. It is an optimal business platform for the F&B industry in Korea, featuring products and services of the global food industry.

The events will also help participants strengthen ties with international institutions and enhance collaborations. This annual expo is expected to attract about 55,000 buyers and observers and the participation of about 1,000 companies from 20 countries with over 1,400 booths. Therefore, Myanmar businesspeople are invited to participate in and observe the COEX Food Week 2024. COEX and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs of

the Republic of Korea co-hosted it.

Those selected representatives among the applicants of the COEX Food Week 2024 will be provided four-night stay hotel accommodation, including breakfast and a two-day lunch meal. They will get returned partial payment of flight tickets. The refund will vary in the respective countries. The representatives will bear the visa cost themselves, although they will get an invitation for an entry visa.

Those individuals from international trade promotion organizations, senior-executive level representatives from food-related associations, institutions and trade promotion organizations related to the F&B industry that are assigned or supported to open food shows in the relevant countries and government personnel or government institutions will be cordially invited. Interested Myanmar businesspeople can enquire about the expo through the contact number 067 408622 and email event.td.myantrade@gmail.com. — NN/KK

# NATIONAL



**Nationwide Census Collection continues on the third day.**



## Youth Education: Essential for Personal and National Growth

IF youths lack educational knowledge, they cannot develop themselves, their families, society, the nation and nationals.  
Therefore, in the basic education sector, it is crucial to ensure all youths and school-age children attend and complete their education.

*(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting to provide guidance to outstanding students in the 2023-2024 academic year on 26 April 2024)*

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### Heads of Service Organizations transferred and appointed

THE State Administration Council has transferred and appointed the following persons as Heads of Service Organizations, as shown against each of their names from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
1. Daw Win Win Maw Managing Director Myanma Investment and Commercial Bank Ministry of Planning and Finance	Managing Director Myanma Foreign Trade Bank Ministry of Planning and Finance
2. U Kyi Zin Tun Director-General Securities and Exchange Commission Ministry of Planning and Finance	Managing Director Myanma Investment and Commercial Bank Ministry of Planning and Finance



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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.

## Yangon residents flock to Chaungtha Beach over public holiday



This picture captures beachgoers vacationing at Chaungtha Beach in July.

AMONG those who visit Chaungtha Beach during public holidays through travel companies, the majority are Yangon residents.

Visitor arrival to the beach has been non-stop but usually increased on weekends.

“Visitor arrival doesn’t stop but usually increases on weekends and holidays. Most visitors come by travel agencies. Famous hotels are full of visitors on weekends. Visitors come with friends or families, and most are Yangon residents. The road to Chaungtha is fine,”

said a resident.

In August, local visitor arrival increased in Bagan and Popa as the rain level was low in such locations. Similarly, many people visit Hpa-an, where natural sceneries look beautiful, especially during monsoon season.

In May, the arrival of local visitors from Yangon and Ayeyawady regions also mounted in Ngwehsaung Beach, and people also flocked to beaches in order to escape the heat last summer. — Thit Taw/ZS

# NATIONAL

## Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

## Awareness seminar on anti-corruption held at Ministry of Defence

THE Anti-Corruption Commission and the Ministry of Defence jointly organized an awareness seminar on anti-corruption in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Defence Admiral Tin Aung San spoke on the occasion that the anti-corruption strategic plan (2022-2025) containing the prevention of corruption, education programmes and investigations was drafted in the country.

He highlighted the directives of the SAC Chairman Prime Minister made during the 2022 International Anti-Corruption Day ceremony regarding the enormous impacts of corruption on State development and stability, spirit and character of people, enactment of the Anti-Corruption Law on 7 August 2013 to take action against corruptions, prevention



State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Defence Admiral Tin Aung San delivers a speech at the awareness seminar on anti-corruption in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

and educating programmes to build a society that totally opposes corruption and to eradicate the corruptions.

He also stressed the critical role of government employees

in the governance system, the decline of the capacity of the government if corruption is on the rise among the employees, and huge threats on the country and people if the spreading bribery

and misuse of power is not curbed in time, and urged the government employees to serve duties for public without fear or favour.

The ACC chairman also briefed the holding of awareness

programmes on anti-corruption and urged the staff to serve their duties honestly.

Attendees then discussed the anti-corruption measures. — MNA/KTZH

## SAC Member meets religious and ethnic leaders in Kachin State

STATE Administration Council Member Daw Dwe Bu met the leaders and officials of 16 religious groups at Malikha Hall of the Kachin State government office yesterday.

During the meeting, she urged them to find a solution for peace and tranquillity and the development of the country and the region, as well as cooperation to build peace and tranquillity under the teachings of religion.

Leaders of religious groups reported on the needs in the mis-



sionary sector, the SAC member negotiated with the relevant officials, and the KBC Reverend and Catholic Church Father prayed.

At noon, she met leaders and officials of 14 ethnic literary and cultural associations.

At the event, she said the SAC initiates all-inclusive meet-

ings for the peace of the country, and leaders of the ethnic people should participate for peace and tranquillity in their respective states and the nation. Ethnic leaders reported on the preservation of literature, culture and heritage. She concluded the meeting after hearing the reports.

She then proceeded to the Garunalet youth training centre and donated 50 bags of rice, ten bottles of ten-viss cooking oil and K5 million for the centre. — MNA/KTZH

State Administration Council Member Daw Dwe Bu provides food supplies at the Garunalet youth training centre in Myitkyina, Kachin State, yesterday.

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## SAC Member makes inspection tours in Myanaung

STATE Administration Council Member Mahn Nyein Maung, accompanied by Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Tin Maung Win and relevant officials, inspected the replantation of monsoon paddy in flood-damaged land areas in Myanaung District yesterday.

The SAC member and party first observed the Byaw Tun paddy plantation on 2.50 acres of farmland in Ingapu Township of Myanaung District, Sinshwekyia-2 sunflower plantation on five acres of farmland in Kanyingu village, monsoon sunflower (Sinshwekyia-2) and monsoon peanut (Magway-12) on 350 acres of land in Kazungon village-tract and rotary weeding and Leersia hexandra killing processes in monsoon paddy (Sinshwekyia-2) field and



State Administration Council Member Mahn Nyein Maung observes the recultivation of paddy in farmlands that were submerged in Ingapu, Ayeyawady Region.

monsoon sesame (Samonnet) field.

They then headed to the Kaung Thant oil mill on Thabawameeset Street in Myanaung, where they discussed the production processes, market status, raw materials, and plan to promote sunflower oil production.

They also observed the census-collecting processes conducted at Ward 4 in Manaung Township.

They attended the meeting held at Aung Zeya Stadium, highlighted the vital role of the census and called on public participation.

They also provided paddy seeds and agrochemicals to the flood-inflicted farmers from Myanaung, Kyangin and Ingapu townships. — MNA/KTZH

## India Centre celebrates Mahatma Gandhi's 155<sup>th</sup> birthday



This photo captures the 155<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of Mahatma Gandhi. (PHOTO - MAY THET)

ON 2 October, the 155<sup>th</sup> birthday of Mahatma Gandhi was celebrated at the India Centre in collaboration with the U Ne Oke Foundation. The event focused on Gandhi's teachings of non-violence, truth, and justice, which continue to inspire generations and show the path to true liberation through dialogue, social reform, and uplifting people with low incomes with dignity.

Indian Ambassador Abhay Thakur spoke about the strong bilateral relations between Myanmar and India, emphasising the lasting influence of Gandhi's

principles. Scholars also contributed by discussing excerpts from Gandhi's speeches, and cultural performances were showcased during the event.

U Nay Oke, U Hein Latt, and Dr Tin Maung Htwe, who have written about Mahatma Gandhi, also delivered speeches. They highlighted the shared cultural values between India and Myanmar, particularly the warm care within family life. They stressed the ongoing relevance of Gandhi's messages in addressing modern societal issues through dialogue and

cooperation.

Students from the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre performed music and cultural displays, further enhancing the spirit of the occasion. Gandhi's teachings on compassion, understanding, and justice were a central theme, reflecting a collective resolve to build a peaceful and harmonious future for both nations.

The event was attended by 125 guests, including representatives from political parties, think tanks, charities, and the Indian community. — MT/TMT

### Notice: Movie Broadcasting via Telecom Networks

THE Ministry of Information released Order 32/2024 for permitting businesses to broadcast movies via telecommunication networks on 13 March 2024 under Subsection (c) of Section 4 of the Essential Supplies and Services Law, and now it operates and reviews the issuance of permits to broadcast movies via telecommunication networks.

Those who hold the permit to broadcast movies via telecommunication networks are required to submit their content to the censorship team, keeping in line with Order 32/2024. TRUST Entertainment received the permit to broadcast a video file. However, they violated the censorship policy and did not submit it to the censorship board. Therefore, the licence of TRUST Entertainment was revoked temporarily, and plans are underway to take action under the existing law.

Those who receive the permit to broadcast movies via telecommunication networks will have to submit their content to the censorship board, and those who do not have the licence must apply for the permit to broadcast movies via telecommunication networks.

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# NATIONAL

## Sanitation and healthcare services ongoing in flood-hit areas

RELIEF and recovery efforts continue in flood-stricken villages and districts, including Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and other regions and states impacted by flooding.

In these areas, efforts are ongoing to clean up and relocate necessary items, as well as clear fallen trees and debris. Members of Tatmadaw, police, fire brigade, Red Cross, and civil society organizations are actively cooperating with locals to undertake tasks in flood-hit areas across Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, as well as various regions and states. Relief and restoration operations are actively coordinated.

Efforts were ongoing yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, particularly in Zeyathiri, Pyinmana, Lewe, and Pobbathiri townships.

Similarly, recovery measures are being taken in Kayah State's Loikaw Township. These efforts include cleaning public spaces such as monasteries, schools, hospitals, clinics, and government buildings, as well as clearing debris like silt and fallen trees.

Additionally, health teams have been providing essential medical services and education sessions in temporary relief camps for flood victims. They distribute aid supplies, including



This photo shows rescuers evacuating flood victims during the flash floods.

clothing, necessary items, food, and donations. Yesterday, Lt-Gen Phone Myat from the Commander-in-Chief (Army) office and Commander Maj-Gen Soe Min of the Nay Pyi Taw Command visited flood victims in Aungthuka, Paunglaung, Bokoelone, and

Heyman villages in Lewe Township, where they provided rice, oil, and food supplies. They also visited Venerable Bhaddanta Pannasiri, the abbot of Aungthuka Monastery, and offered donations. Additionally, efforts are underway to repair roads and

bridges that were damaged by the flooding. Temporary Bailey bridges were installed as replacements, and repairs to the remaining bridges are underway to restore transport links as quickly as possible. — MNA/KZL

## Malaysian Associations, KBZ Bank provide relief aid to Ayeyawady, Bago Regions

ON 29 and 30 September, the Malaysian Association of Myanmar, the Malaysia-Myanmar Merchant Association, and KBZ Bank delivered relief supplies to families affected by flooding in Ayeyawady and Bago regions.

Donations included essential food items such as rice, cooking oil, dried noodles, and beans, which were distributed to six villages in Danuphyu Township, Ayeyawady Region, on 29 September. Medical supplies, including painkillers, wound ointments, stomach supplements, and BPI oral rehydration salts, were also part of the aid.

Similarly, flood victims



This picture captures the donation event to flood victims.

taking refuge at Mahasi and Shwelinyon monasteries in Taungoo Township, Bago Region, received additional donations from the same organ-

izations. These included rice, dried fish, canned fish, dried noodles, fried prawns, ready-to-eat meals, drinking water, and clothing. — ASH/TKO



### Special Weather News

Issued at (19:00) hours MST on 2-10-2024

ACCORDING to the observations at (17:30)hrs MST today, due to the Western disturbance, development of cumulonimbus clouds and the convergence of warm air from the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal and cold air from the China high pressure system, remnant of Typhoon "Krathon" over the South China Sea, rain or thundershowers are likely to be widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin, Mon States with likelihood of regionally and isolated heavyfalls and scattered to fairly widespread in Bago, Yangon Regions and Shan, Kayah States and strong wind from tonight to 6 October 2024.

#### Advisory

People should be aware of the natural disasters such as the heavy rainfall with strongwind, thunder, lightning strike, lightning, hails, flash floods and landslides in the hilly areas and near small rivers and inland water transport and domestic flight. — DMH



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This photo shows actress Wai Laryi donating meals.

## Actress Wai Laryi celebrates birthday with meal donations for 500 people

ON 1 October, actress Wai Laryi marked her birthday by providing meals for 500 people in South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region. The donation, which cost over K2 million, included rice, chicken curry, fish curry, fried cabbage, soup, fish sauce, and cold drinks.

Wai Laryi expressed her joy in donating, saying, "I can't afford to do this for many people by myself, and not everyone chooses to donate in this way, even if they've done so before.

But on my birthday, seeing so many people enjoy the food makes me incredibly happy."

Additionally, actress Wai Laryi is currently involved in filming the television drama series 'Kyin Phaw (Life Partner)', alongside well-known actresses such as Academy Soe Pyae Thazin, Nor Phaw El Htar, May Pachi, Nakkhat, Neylin Shein, Ney Htut, Muu Hteik Htar, Su Noe Zin, Aye Thida, Daw Dal Bi, and Win Min Than. — ASH/TKO

## Asia-Europe Cultural Festival 2024 showcases early Myanmar colour film

PYO Chit Lin (My Darling), one of the very few earliest Myanmar colour films, was screened at the Asia-Europe Cultural Festival 2024 held at Oldham Theatre in Singapore on 27 September, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The movie Pyo Chit Lin, directed by U Tin Myint, is one of the very few surviving Myanmar classics and the earliest surviving colour film from the 1950s. The process of restoring the film to its original quality and essence was attentively carried out at the best film laboratory in Italy, and it has been preserved in the Asian Film Archive in Singapore.

The cultural festival has been hosted by the Asia-Europe Foundation



(ASEF), with the support of the European Union (EU), since 2018 to promote cultural dialogue, innovation, and artistic cooperation between Asia and Europe.

The Cultural Festival was attended by Chargé d'Affaires ad interim/Minister U Zaw Zaw Soe of the Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Singapore, along with embassy officials and representatives from the ASEAN Member States, the United Nations, and the European Union. — ASH/TH

Asia-Europe Cultural Festival 2024: Pyo Chit Lin (My Darling), one of the earliest Myanmar colour films, is seen being screened at the opening ceremony held at Oldham Theatre in Singapore on 27 September.

## Domestic travellers surge in Ngwetaung Beach of Ayeyawady Region

IN August 2024, Ngwetaung Beach in Ngaputaw Township, Ayeyawady Region, saw 13,555 domestic visitors, according to Daw Ni Ni Mar, an executive from the Myanmar Tourism Entrepreneurs Association (Ngwetaung Beach). Ngwetaung Beach is a year-round destination for domestic travellers, particularly from the Yangon and Nay Pyi

Taw regions, due to its proximity to the Myat Mawtinsun Pagoda.

"During January, 35,455 domestic travellers visited Ngwetaung Beach, followed by 36,555 in February, 38,955 in March, 48,955 in April, 54,555 in May, 17,455 in June, and 14,155 in July. There has been a steady increase in domestic tourism, with visitors arriving through-

out the year," Daw Ni Ni Mar explained.

Ngwetaung Beach provides a peaceful and safe environment for beachgoers. Visitors can enjoy services such as bicycle and motorboat rentals, as well as horse riding. In addition, market stalls offer local cuisine, accessories, and souvenirs for sale. — ASH/MKKS



This photo shows travellers visiting Ngwetaung Beach during the rainy season.



This image showcase a poster for the concert.

## Renowned singer Nini Khin Zaw to hold solo concert at The Transporter, Yangon

AN announcement said that a solo concert by renowned singer Nini Khin Zaw will take place at The Transporter in South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region.

The concert is scheduled for the evening of 2 October, commencing at 6:30 pm, with musical support provided by The Transporter Band, ensuring the best performance.

Nini Khin Zaw expressed her excitement, stating, "It has been a long time since I last met my fans, and I'm thrilled to spend an evening singing many songs together. Most of the songs will be from my recent album. Well-known DJs Jule, A Day, and Yar Za will also be joining me, so let's meet at The Transporter on Wednesday night." — ASH/TRKM

## MFSPEA urges fertilizer sellers to follow reference prices for Oct

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

Under the guidance of the Urea Fertilizer Purchasing and Distribution Steering Committee, MFSPEA has instructed member companies to sell fertilizers that are in high demand in the domestic market, according to the set reference prices for Yangon from 1 to 31 October.

Reference prices are K97,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Urea fertilizer (large granular), K124,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Rock Phosphate and K137,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Di Ammonium Phosphate. Yet, the MFSPEA has not confirmed the reference price for Complex fertilizer.

Figures showed an increase of K14,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Urea fertilizer (large granular), K9,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Rock Phosphate and K9,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Di Ammonium Phosphate compared to the rates of September.

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

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

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

## Agri Dept aims to plant 21,000+ acres of chickpeas in Pwintbyu this winter

THE Agriculture Department projected chickpea cultivation to reach 21,843 acres this winter in Pwintbyu Township, Magway Region.

The department will push the growers to start farming in early October in order to meet the targeted acres, ensure food

security, and improve cropping intensity.

"We aim to meet over 20,000 chickpea acres in Pwintbyu Township. The department will provide pedigree chickpea seeds, use of inputs and growing methods," Daw Moe Moe Wai, head of Pwintbyu Town-

ship Agriculture Department.

Locals from Pwintbyu Township chose high-yielding Yezin 6 and 12 varieties, which are suitable for the area. Department-run farms produce chickpea seeds for cultivation. The cultivation cost of chickpeas is over K300,000 per acre.

Growers from Pwintbyu Township have planned to cultivate 41,800 acres of various pulses, including black grams, lablab beans, black-eyed peas, mung beans, ricebeans, and butter beans in the coming winter growing season. — Hlaing Win Lay/KK

## Yezin University reopens 2024-2025 undergraduate admissions



File photo shows the Yezin Agricultural University in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

YEZIN Agricultural University, under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, announced again that it is accepting first-year admission to a four-year bachelor's degree BAgSc for the Academic Year 2024-2025.

Those who passed the 2024 matriculation exam with Myanmar, English, Mathematics,

Physics, Chemistry and Biology subjects and who scored 340 and above can apply for the course. The applicants must be Myanmar citizens. Furthermore, they must be healthy enough to go on field trips to the farms. They must comply with the rules and regulations of the university. A total of 300 students with a 50-50 per cent

male-to-female ratio will be accepted.

Entrance forms can be downloaded from [www.yau.edu.mm/event](http://www.yau.edu.mm/event). Matriculation pass recommendation from the principal from the relevant school, exam result, copy of citizenship scrutiny cards of students and parents (guardians), three passport-sized pho-

tos, recommendation from the ward administrator or a police clearance certificate must be provided as well.

The form must be sent to the Student Affairs Department of Yezin Agricultural University in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw, by 25 October 2024 through postal service (postal code 150501) or email [student-affairs@yau.edu.mm](mailto:student-affairs@yau.edu.mm), along with the required documents. Individuals can enquire about details through contact numbers 067 3416512 and 09 894415790 or the aforementioned email.

Those who do not complete the form or meet the criteria will not be considered. Students are advised to proceed with the early process so that they can join another university unless they are selected. Those who were admitted to the university will be declared in a timely manner via the notice board or online web portal, [www.yau.edu.mm/event](http://www.yau.edu.mm/event). — NN/KK

## MGMA to open Basic Sewing Machine Operator Training Course Batch 244



(File) Trainees are diligently observing demonstration during the Advanced Sewing Machine Operator Training (Batch 4).

MYANMAR Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) will conduct a Basic Sewing Machine Operator Training Course (Batch 244) from 7 to 25 October 2024 at the Myanmar Garment Human Resources Development Training Centre (MGHRDC).

The course will provide practical and technical approaches to sewing machines, different sewing methods,

labour laws and practices. This training will also help those hunting jobs from regions outside Yangon connect with the garment factories with a view to creating job opportunities.

Those who wish to attend the training can enrol through the contact numbers of MGHRDC at 09 940858350, 09 450723262, 09 9403912570, 09 784085794 and 09 952802635. — NN/KK

# OPINION

## Never give up in the face of heart disease

**W**ORLD Heart Day is a global initiative to raise awareness about the heart health of humans. Even simply acknowledging this important day dedicated to heart health can make a difference for everyone. Cardiovascular disease, the leading cause of death worldwide, claims over 20.5 million lives annually, according to the World Heart Federation. This day promotes the importance of heart health through various activities aimed at preventing suffering based on heart-related conditions like heart attacks, stroke, and heart failure.

World Heart Day is observed globally on 29 September each year to raise awareness about heart disease and promote preventive measures for managing cardiovascular conditions. The 2024 theme, 'Use Heart for Action', provides a global platform for impactful initiatives, emphasizing the importance of intentional efforts.

The world and natural environment offer everyone an equal opportunity to live. However, individuals may face diseases depending on their physical and mental habits. Their actions shape their lives. Those suffering from heart disease should not give up. They need to remember, 'A quitter never wins, and a winner never quits.' With this mindset, heart patients can strive to overcome their challenges and recover as quickly as possible.

Medical experts, such as cardiologists, inform people about the dangers of heart disease. Additionally, individuals can benefit from advice rooted in religious teachings, which emphasize compassion for all living beings. Practising compassion helps maintain both physical and mental peace, promoting a healthy mental state. By cultivating compassion, individuals can support their heart health, contributing to stable blood circulation and overall well-being.

Individuals who do not suffer from heart disease should take preventive measures to avoid becoming heart disease patients. That includes reducing the consumption of cooking oil, monosodium glutamate, and foods high in cholesterol. By following doctors' advice and incorporating regular walking exercises, they can

effectively lower their risk. Additionally, managing mental states, such as avoiding excessive anger and excitement, is essential for maintaining heart health.

As a best practice, individuals, especially heart patients, can manage rapid heartbeats or aid in their recovery from heart disease through meditation. Regardless of religion or nationality, patients suffering from various conditions, including cancer, diabetes, and others, may reduce their risks by adopting meditation as an effective therapy.

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**K**NOWING idioms is useful in everyday conversation to sound more fluent and natural, as they can convey complex ideas briefly and add a layer of cultural richness to your language, making interactions more engaging and relatable.

ပုဆိန်ရိုး /puseinroie/

- The handle of an axe
- The handle supports every swing with the purpose
- An axe providing the grip needed to wield

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မယ်ဇော်သားသည် ညှိမည်းမည်း အရောင်ရှိ၍ မာသည်။ ပြောင်လက်လာအောင် အရောင်တင်နိုင်သော သစ်သားလည်း ဖြစ်သဖြင့် တီရိုကဲ့သို့ အိမ်အသုံးအဆောင်များ လုပ်ရန် အသုံးကျသည်။ ထို့ပြင် ပုဆိန်ရိုး သစ်သား ဆောက်ပုတ်ရိုး မှစ၍ အခြားတန်ဆာပလာအရိုးများနှင့် လက်ကိုင်တုတ်များ လုပ်ရန် အသုံးပြုကြသည်။

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သွေးသစ်လောင်း /swaysaitlaung/



အပင်းချ /a painn hkya/

# Connecting on the Universal Dance of Words

BY AUGUSTIN

ကိုယ်အမျိုးသားပျက်စီးရာ ပျက်စီးကြောင်း အတွက် တခြားသူကို အကူအညီပေးတာဟာ သစ္စာဖောက်တာပဲ ခါကြောင့် သစ္စာဖောက်ကို ...

The handle of an axe is made of wood, but it is essential for the axe's blade to cut through wood, which is of the same material. Without the wooden handle, the blade would be unable to function effectively.

Therefore, individuals who betray or deceive are often compared to axe handles, as they serve to support and enable the actions of others, similar to how the handle supports the blade.

In this analogy of Myanmar idiom, the axe handle is crucial for the axe's function, even though it is not the part that does the cutting.

Similarly, a betrayer or deceiver may not be the main force behind an action but plays a supportive role in enabling harmful acts.

The comparison highlights how such individuals, like the handle, are essential for the execution of betrayal,

though their role might be less visible or direct compared to the actual perpetrator.

This idiom underscores the idea that betrayal or deceit often relies on others who facilitate or support it.

### USAGES

**"Betrayal is often a team effort."**

- o Definition: Betrayal usually involves multiple people working together, much like an axe handle and blade work together.
- o Example: "He couldn't have stolen the information on his own; betrayal is often a team effort."

**"Behind every traitor, there's a conspirator."**

- o Definition: The trait of a betrayer often requires the assistance of others who support their deceitful actions.
- o Example: "The plan to undermine the company wasn't just his idea; behind every traitor, there's a conspirator."



ပုဆိန်ရိုး /puseinroie/

**"The enabler is as guilty as the perpetrator."**

- o Definition: Those who help or support wrongdoers are equally responsible for the wrongdoing.
- o Example: "You can't just blame the criminal; the enabler is as guilty as the perpetrator."

**"Every schemer needs an accomplice."**

- o Definition: People who plot deceitful schemes generally need others to assist in carrying out their plans.
- o Example: "The robbery was well-coordinated; every schemer needs an accomplice."

**"An axe without a handle is useless."**

- o Definition: Even though the handle is not the cutting edge, it is crucial for the axe's effectiveness, much like certain individuals who support wrongdoing.
- o Example: "His plans were good, but without the team, an axe without a handle is useless."

**"A traitor needs a partner in crime."**

- o Definition: Those who betray or deceive often rely on others to help them execute their treachery.
- o Example: "She didn't act alone; a traitor needs a partner in crime."

**"Behind every act of treachery, there's a collaborator."**

- o Definition: Acts of betrayal usually involve someone who assists or collaborates in the treacherous act.
- o Example: "The scandal wasn't just one person's fault; behind every act of treachery, there's a collaborator."

သွေးသစ်လောင်း /swaysaitlaung/

- Infuse new blood
- Bring in new energy.
- Incorporate innovative ideas.

တစ်သားမွေး တစ်သွေးလှ သည် မြန်မာ ဆိုရိုးစကား ဖြစ်သည်။ မိန်းမတို့သည် သားတစ်ကြိမ် ဖွားမြင်ပြီးတိုင်း သွေးသစ် တစ်ဖန်လောင်းသဖြင့် တစ်မျိုးပိုလှလာသည်။ မြန်မာ ဘောလုံး တစ်ခုတည်း ဆန်းဖို့ သွေးသစ်လောင်း... သွေးသစ်လောင်းကြမည့် မျိုးဆက်သစ် လူငယ်များ... To "infuse new blood" means to rejuvenate or revitalize a project, or-

ganization, or system by introducing fresh ideas and new people.

This concept of Myanmar idiom is derived from the idea that a woman in the post-natal period experiences a revitalization of her blood, bringing new energy and vitality.

The Myanmar idiom phrase "infuse new blood" metaphorically represents the process of injecting new energy and creativity into a venture or organization by incorporating novel ideas and people.

Just as a woman's post-natal period is associated with renewed physical vigour due to changes in her blood, an organization can become invigorated and more dynamic through the introduction of new perspectives and talent.

This revitalization can lead to improved performance, innovation, and overall effectiveness, much like how new blood brings freshness and vitality to the body.

### USAGES:

**Start afresh**

- Definition: To begin again in a new way.
- Example: After the move, they decided to start afresh in their new city.

**Make a clean break**

- Definition: To leave behind the past and start anew.
- Example: He chose to take a clean break from his old job and pursue his passion.

**Hit the reset button**

- Definition: To start something again from the beginning, as if re-setting a device.
- Example: She felt it was time to hit the reset button on her career after the long hiatus.

**Begin a new chapter**

- Definition: To start a new phase or period in life.
- Example: Graduating from college felt like beginning a new chapter in her life.

**Start with a blank slate**

- Definition: To begin without any previous constraints or influences.
- Example: They were excited to start with a blank slate in their new business venture.

**Wipe the slate clean**

- **Definition:** To remove past mistakes or issues and start fresh.
- **Example:** After the reconciliation, they decided to wipe the slate clean and rebuild their friendship.

**Turn a new page**

- **Definition:** To change direction or make a new beginning.
- **Example:** Moving to the countryside was a way for them to turn a new page in their lives.

အပင်းချ /a painn hkya/

- To swallow bewitched food
- To consume enchanted food.
- To eat magically cursed dishes.
- To ingest food under a spell.
- အပင်းချ ဂါတာခေါ် ဖြေဆေး ဂါတာတော်ကြီး...
- ပညာသည့်များ ဆေးခတ်သော် အပင်းချ ဂါတာခေါ် ဖြေဆေး ဂါတာတော် မန္တန်ကို ရွတ်ပါလော။
- ကျားတိုက်၊ မြွေတိုက်၊ အပင်းသွင်း၊ လောင်တိုက်ကြီး၊ လောင်တိုက်ငယ်၊ အင်းမြုပ်နာမ်နဲ့ပွဲ ရိပ်ဖမ်း၊ သံဖမ်း၊ ကျပ်လိပ်သေ၊ ပုဏ္ဏကတိုက်၊ တောသူတိုက်၊ တစ္ဆေတိုက်၊ နတ်တိုက်၊ စုန်းမျိုးနစ်ရှက်၊ ကျိုက်ကိုးယောက် စသော ပယောဂအမျိုးမျိုးတို့ကို အော်ငေါက်၊ ခြိမ်းခြောက်၊ မောင်းခဲစေကာ မျှနှင့် ပျောက်ကင်းစေနိုင်သော ဗြစလွယ် အမည်ခံ ဆရာကြီးဦးထင်ပေါ်ရေးသားသည့် လက်တွေ့ပယောဂကုထုံးကျမ်း...
- ပယောဂအမျိုးအစားခွဲပုံပယောဂဖမ်းစားခြင်း လက္ခဏာ၊ ပြုစုခြင်း၊ ပယောဂစမ်းသပ်နည်းအမျိုးမျိုး၊ ပယောဂပညာယူနည်း၊ အင်းများကွဲပုံ၊ ပယောဂစီးထွန်းပုံ၊ အင်းပုံအမျိုးမျိုးအကြောင်း၊ အပင်းကျ ရေမန်း၊ အပင်းထွက်ဆီမန်း၊ စုန်းချုပ်ဂါတာ၊ ပယောဂနိုင်ဆေး၊ အင်းချပုံ၊ လက်ဖွဲ့စီရင်နည်း၊ ပယောဂစီးထွန်းအင်းအကြောင်း၊ စုန်းပြုစားပုံ၊ အလုံးအပင်းချနည်း၊ ကိုယ်ပြောင်းကိုယ်ခွာစီရင်ပုံ၊ အင်းလက်ဖွဲ့စီရင်နည်းအပေါ်အဝင် လောကီပညာများစွာ...

to the old belief that a witch could cast a spell on someone by feeding them food made with black magic.

If a person ate this food, they would fall under the witch's influence and suffer from a mysterious illness that ordinary remedies couldn't cure.

Therefore, if someone consumes food given without goodwill, they are derogatorily described as eating bewitched food, implying that it will ultimately bring them harm.

This idiom illustrates the dangers of consuming things that come from malevolent or ill-intentioned sources.

It reflects a broader theme in various cultures regarding the importance of goodwill and positive intentions behind actions, especially in relationships and exchanges.

Eating "bewitched food" serves as a metaphor for engaging in relationships or accepting help from those who do not have your best interests at heart.

The consequence is not just physical harm but also emotional and psychological impacts, warning against naivety in trusting others. Ultimately, it underscores the significance of discerning the intentions behind what is offered to us.

### USAGES:

**"A wolf in sheep's clothing"**

- o **Definition:** Someone who disguises harmful intentions as harmless.
- o **Example:** Be cautious; that businessman seems friendly but could be a wolf in sheep's clothing.

**"To bite the hand that feeds you"**

- o **Definition:** To harm or show ingratitude to someone who helps you.
- o **Example:** He's always complaining about his boss; it's like biting the hand that feeds you.

**"To take candy from a baby"**

- o **Definition:** To take advantage of someone who is defenceless or unsuspecting.
- o **Example:** Conning that elderly woman out of her savings was like taking candy from a baby.

**"A poisoned chalice"**

- o **Definition:** A task or position that seems desirable but is actually harmful or dangerous.
- o **Example:** Accepting that promotion may seem great, but it could be a poisoned chalice with all the extra work.

**"Don't look a gift horse in the mouth"**

- o **Definition:** Don't criticize or question the value of a gift.
- o **Example:** When his grandmother gave him a used car, he should remember not to look a gift horse in the mouth.

**"To open a can of worms"**

- o **Definition:** To create a situation that leads to many complicated problems.
- o **Example:** Bringing up past mistakes during the meeting could open a can of worms we're not ready to deal with.



# NATIONAL

## Authorities seize over K2 billion in illegal goods during nationwide crackdown

SUPERVISED by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, authorities are continuing efforts to combat illicit trade across Myanmar in line with the law. During inspections on 25 September and 1 October, combined Customs teams made significant seizures. At the Myanmar Industrial Port, seven containers were found carrying industrial materials worth K369.838 million that differed from the Import Declaration (ID). At the Asia World Port Terminal, 19 containers were discovered with various industrial

materials, auto parts, and consumer goods worth K895.842 million, all without official documentation. Additionally, K90 million worth of industrial materials were seized at Mandalay International Airport, and a further K20 million at Yangon International Airport.

On 1 October, combined teams under the Kayin State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force intercepted three vehicles carrying foodstuffs and industrial materials worth K62.04 million, along with a Mitsubishi Fuso truck containing car parts,



Confiscated illegal goods in various regions and states.

industrial materials, and consumer goods valued at K34.016 million, all without proper doc-

umentation.

The Mandalay Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force also seized vehicles and goods at several checkpoints. These included industrial materials and consumer goods worth over K104.954 million at the Kyweltatsone checkpoint, and a Toyota HiAce carrying consumer goods worth K4.159 million at Myitnge checkpoint. Two trucks carrying foodstuffs valued at K33.75 million were impounded at the 16-Mile Kyaukchaw checkpoint, while a Mitsubishi Fuso tractor-trailer with indus-

trial materials worth K35.189 million was seized in Kyaukse Township.

On 1 and 2 October, further arrests were made, including a Toyota HiAce transporting foodstuffs and consumer goods at the Nyaungkhashay x-ray station, and illegal teak and hardwood weighing over four tonnes in Pyay and Thayawady Districts.

In total, 40 arrests were reported between 25 September and 2 October, with the value of the confiscated goods estimated at K2.047 billion. — MNA/MKKS

### Counter-argument to false information

## Thayawady prison denies false reports of misconduct and assault

A Facebook page under the name “Khit Thit Media” falsely reported that the authorities at Thayawady prison failed to take action against a female prisoner who allegedly attacked another inmate with a pointed iron rod on 26 September.

In reality, there are no political prisoners at Thayawady Prison, only individuals charged by the courts for breaking the law. The incident in question occurred on 29 August at 6:30 am, when two female prisoners, Ma Chit Moe Swe and Ma Hla Hla Win, had a verbal argument and a physical altercation over a missing tube of toothpaste. No weapons were involved in the fight. Prison staff officer Daw Nang Tin promptly reported the matter to the officer-in-charge, and both inmates were formally warned and placed in separate sleeping quarters as a disciplinary measure.

The claim that the prison authorities took no action is entirely false. Thayawady Central Prison follows strict inspection routines, including daily, unannounced, and spe-

cial inspections, ensuring that no weapons, such as iron rods, are present. The suggestion that Ma Chit Moe Swe was involved in repeated assaults is also incorrect.

Officer Daw Nang Tin, responsible for the women’s dormitory, has consistently followed prison regulations without showing any bias towards inmates. There is no evidence of oppression, threats, or financial demands from the families of prisoners. If evidence of any wrongdoing emerges, a thorough investigation will be conducted, and appropriate action will be taken.

The prison authorities have officially taken disciplinary action against both inmates involved in the altercation, and there have been no attempts to prevent the dissemination of information from within the prison. The claims made by ‘Khit Thit Media’ are entirely fabricated and appear to be an attempt to mislead the public and spread false information about the prison’s operations. — Thitsa/TMT

## False claims of security forces burning homes in Mindat circulate

IN Chin State’s Mindat Township, unverified and false reports were spread by unlawful media outlets, claiming that security forces burned down homes along the Mindat-Matupi Road, specifically in the western neighbourhood near Bayintnaung Street.

According to an official security source, reports are entirely false. The actual situation involved PDF terrorists entering the township, recruiting new members, and extort-

ing money from locals. Upon receiving confidential information from residents, security forces deployed themselves to maintain regional security. Upon arrival, terrorists initiated a gunfire and fled the scene.

During their retreat, terrorists set fire to several homes to prevent security forces from pursuing them further. Malicious media outlets aligned with terrorists are now distorting the facts, accusing security forces of committing



This screenshot validates misinformation.

arson in an attempt to cover up the perpetration of terrorists who are using villages as a shield for their operations. — MNA/KZL

## False reports blame security forces for civilian injuries in Kalay

FALSE reports are circulating, claiming that security forces attacked villages in Kalay Township with heavy weapons, resulting in civilian injuries, despite the absence of any clashes.

These reports have been regarded as deliberate misinformation aimed at spreading propaganda. On 1 October, malicious media outlets re-

ported that security forces used heavy weapons in Tinder, Kyaukphoo, Doenwe, and Ashaytsee villages in Kalay Township, injuring six civilians. However, these reports were found to be baseless accusations.

The actual events, as reported by a security official, reveal that PDF terrorists attacked Kyantha village in

Kalay Township with artillery, prompting security forces to respond to ensure local safety. Attackers reportedly sustained injuries. The spreading of these misleading reports appears to be an attempt to cover up violent acts of PDF terrorists and mislead the public regarding the role of security forces. — MNA/KZL



There are now 2,500 Parkruns across 23 countries. PHOTO: AFP

## From 13 to Millions: 20 Years of Parkrun's global health and community impact

*Parkrun started with just 13 participants in a London park and has grown to 2,500 events across 23 countries with millions of participants.*

PAUL Sinton-Hewitt founded Parkrun, only 13 people attended the first event in a London park. Two decades later, millions participate weekly in 2,500 Parkruns across 23 countries, jogging, walking, or running five kilometres every Saturday at 9 am.

Sinton-Hewitt reflects on

this incredible growth, noting Parkrun's impact on health and community. The upcoming anniversary on 5 October will celebrate the volunteers and participants, such as Olivia Unwin, who cherishes the social aspect and sense of accomplishment.

Family-oriented runners like Martin Boyle enjoy the fun

and competition with their children. Some participants wear blue shirts signifying over 500 runs, like 82-year-old Len Voralia, who has completed 612. Sinton-Hewitt emphasizes that Parkrun welcomes all abilities, promoting exercise as a source of joy and mental well-being. — AFP

## New Greenland hearing for anti-whaling activist Watson

A Greenland court will decide Wednesday whether to keep anti-whaling activist Paul Watson in custody pending a decision on his extradition to Japan, where he is wanted over a clash with whalers.

For the third time since the 73-year-old US-Canadian campaigner's arrest in late July in Nuuk, the capital of the Danish autonomous territory, "the prosecution has asked for an extension of the detention", the prosecutor in charge of the case, Mariam Khalil, told AFP in an email.

Supporters of Paul Watson, founder of Sea Shepherd and known for his environ-



Watson, who featured in the reality TV series 'Whale Wars', founded Sea Shepherd and the Captain Paul Watson Foundation. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

mental activism, expect the court to grant Japan's extradition request as the legal

review continues.

Watson's lawyer, Julie Stage, argues he should be released due to the lengthy detention considering the accusations, which stem from a 2010 incident involving a stink bomb aimed at disrupting whalers.

The court hearing, lasting about 90 minutes, may echo previous hearings criticized as unjust, according to Lamya Essemlali, head of Sea Shepherd France. Watson was arrested in Nuuk on 21 July under a 2012 Japanese warrant, which claims he caused damage to a whaling ship. — AFP

## Coldplay ticket scalping fiasco sparks backlash in India

BRITISH rock band Coldplay's upcoming tour of India has triggered a police investigation and dismayed fans after scalpers bought up cheap tickets to resell online for more than \$1,000 apiece. Thousands of music fans tried and failed to buy tickets for three concerts scheduled in financial hub Mumbai next January, sold by popular Indian online ticket portal BookMyShow.

All three shows sold out in minutes, and those who missed out were infuriated when they saw \$70 (6,000-rupee) tickets appear on resale websites at vastly inflated prices.

"The tickets are being sold at 10 times, 20 times, 30 times the price that is being sold on the website itself," student Anna Abraham, 19, told AFP.

"I wouldn't feel good about it myself if I knew that I paid for something 30 times more than what I could have paid for."

Local media reports said BookMyShow's chief operating officer was questioned by police Monday after a complaint brought by Mumbai lawyer Amit Vyas, who claimed the vendor was working with "black marketeers" to make an extra windfall on ticket sales. — AFP



British rock band Coldplay has captivated audiences worldwide with their emotive lyrics and innovative sound. PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

## Surge in Chinese tourist arrivals showcases strong people-to-people ties

THE surge of Chinese tourists visiting Malaysia showcases strong affinity for Malaysia and speaks strongly of the close people-to-people ties between the two countries, a Malaysian official with the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture (MOTAC) told Xinhua on Monday.

From January to August 2024, Malaysia has welcomed 2,285,785 Chinese tourists, representing a significant 160 per cent

growth compared to the same period last year, said Lee Thai Hung, deputy director-general of Tourism Malaysia, an agency under MOTAC. "This surge in arrivals from China is a clear indication of the strong bonds between our nations, especially with the introduction of visa-free entry for Chinese travelers to Malaysia, effective 1 December, 2023 until 31 December 2026," he said. — Xinhua

# ECONOMY WORLD

## S Korea's export grows for 12<sup>th</sup> month in September

SOUTH Korea's export grew for the 12<sup>th</sup> straight month due to strong demand for locally-made semiconductors and automobiles, government data showed Tuesday.

Export, which accounts for about half of the export-driven economy, gained 7.5 per cent from a year earlier to US\$58.77 billion in September, continuing to increase since October last year, according to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

Import rose 2.2 per cent over the year to \$52.12 billion in September, sending the trade surplus to \$6.65 billion. The trade balance stayed in black for the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive month since June last year.

Of the country's 15 major export items, six products saw an expansion in outbound shipment.

Semiconductor export advanced 37.1 per cent over the

*Notably, semiconductor exports surged 37.1 per cent to \$13.62 billion, fuelled by AI-related chip demand and new smartphone launches.*



Mobile device shipment jumped 19.0 per cent to 1.92 billion dollars. South Korea remains a significant market for mobile devices, with major brands like Samsung and LG being prominent players. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

year to \$13.62 billion in September, keeping an upward trend for the 11<sup>th</sup> successive month.

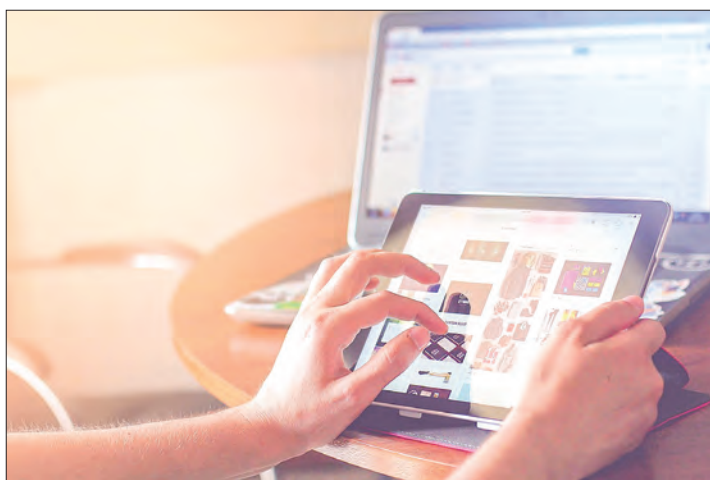
The double-digit growth was attributed to chip demand relevant to artificial intelligence, higher memory chip prices, and the launch of new smartphones.

Mobile device shipment jumped 19.0 per cent to \$1.92 billion thanks to the global smartphone market recovery, while computer export more than doubled to \$1.51 billion on a continued demand for solid state drive (SSD).

Display panel export shrank 4.3 per cent to \$1.73 billion last month, keeping a downward trend for the second straight month.

Automotive shipment mounted 4.9 per cent to \$5.48 billion in August, rebounding in four months on the back of robust demand for hybrid electric vehicle. — Xinhua

## Philippines to tax foreign-based digital service providers



This tax applies to various services, including search engines, mobile apps, and online games, ensuring that both local businesses and international platforms compete on equal terms. **PHOTO: PIXABAY**

PHILIPPINE President Ferdinand Marcos on Wednesday signed into law a measure that imposes a 12 per cent value-added tax on foreign-based firms providing digital services in the country.

The tax applies to a vast range of products and services including search engines, software licensing, mobile apps,

online games, webinars, music, advertising, warehousing and cloud services, website hosting, and electronic marketplaces.

"Whether you are a small tech start-up or a global tech giant based halfway around the world, if you are making money here in the Philippines, you are part of our community," Marcos said in a speech at a signing ceremony

attended by legislators.

"Local businesses and international digital platforms now compete on equal terms. We no longer will be playing by different sets of rules."

Failure to pay the tax would lead to the suspension of business operations in the Philippines of a digital service provider. Senate president Francis Escudero said the law plugs a tax revenue loophole caused by the "vagueness" of existing laws pertaining to taxation of e-commerce transactions, particularly foreign-based companies that provide services to local consumers.

Other countries have been imposing the same tax on digital services and transactions now that their consumption has become almost universal, Escudero said in a statement. The law exempts educational services such as online courses and webinars provided by privately-owned schools. — AFP

## Sri Lanka to review sovereign bond restructure deal

SRI Lanka's new government said Tuesday it would "review" a \$12.5 billion sovereign bond debt restructure deal announced last month as part of efforts to repair the nation's ruined finances.

Restructuring the debt is a cornerstone of the International Monetary Fund rescue plan Sri Lanka agreed to last year after an unprecedented economic crisis.

Former president Ranil Wickremesinghe had unveiled

an agreement with international bondholders, the largest component of the government's foreign debt, just days before he lost office in an election last month.

But new foreign minister Vijitha Herath told reporters that the new administration was still weighing whether to proceed with it. "We will review the debt restructure agreement the previous government announced," Herath said. — AFP



Sri Lanka's new government announced it would review a \$12.5 billion sovereign bond debt restructure deal, a key part of the IMF rescue plan agreed upon last year following an economic crisis. **PHOTO: PIXABAY**

## Vietnam attracts 3,500 FDI projects in garment, textile sector

Many large FDI corporations have invested in building modern garment and textile factories in Vietnam

VIETNAM has so far attracted 3,500 foreign direct investment (FDI) projects in the garment and textile industry with a combined value of US\$37 billion, Vietnam News Agency reported Tuesday, citing the Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association.

The FDI accounts for 65 per cent of the sector's total export turnover, said the report. Many large FDI corporations have poured money into building modern garment and textile factories in Vietnam, according to



Employees make clothes for export at a textile and garment company in My Hao district, Hung Yen province, Vietnam, on 29 March 2022. PHOTO: VNA/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA/FILE

the association.

Experts said building technical standards and laws pertaining to

energy conservation and environmental protection should be given careful consideration. — Xinhua

### Member's Voluntary Winding-up & Appointment of a Liquidator for F&P Myanmar Co., Ltd. (Registration No. 105359179) pursuant Articles 147(a)(ii) and 152(a) of Insolvency Law 2020 & Notice to Creditors

With respect to F&P Myanmar Co., Ltd. (Registration No. 105359179) (the "Company") which is located at Reiwa Residence, 1st Floor, No.138 (B), New University Avenue Road, Bahan Township, Yangon Region, Myanmar, it is hereby noticed that:

1. According to Article 147(a)(ii) of Insolvency Law, the Company unanimously passed the following resolutions:

- (i) to wind up the Company voluntarily effective on 30 September 2024; and
- (ii) to appoint the following liquidator (the "Liquidator") pursuant to Article 152(a) of Insolvency Law, effective on 30 September 2024:

Name: Daw Nilar Thwin  
 Name of the Company/Title: Global United Myanmar Ltd./Managing Director  
 MAIP member serial: 00120  
 Phone number: 095049113  
 Address: #14-11, Level 14, Sule Square, 221 Sule Pagoda Road, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, Myanmar 11182

2. Any creditors who have any debts or claims against the Company are required to submit their names, addresses, and details of their claims, together with any documentary evidence in their possession, to the Liquidator on or before 31 October 2024.

Daw Nilar Thwin  
 Liquidator  
 Global United Myanmar Ltd./Managing Director  
 #14-11, Level 14, Sule Square, 221 Sule Pagoda Road,  
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## Bridgestone latest Japan firm to end Olympics sponsorship

TYREGIANT Bridgestone has become the latest Japanese firm to end its Olympics sponsorship, following pullouts by Toyota and Panasonic, saying it wants to focus on motorsport.

Bridgestone said on Tuesday that it "still strongly believes in the IOC's vision of 'building a better world through sport'", referring to the International Olympic Committee.

"Still believing in the power of sports, the company will carry that mo-

mentum forward" by using tyre products to "drive innovation", a statement said. The decision comes after Japanese electronics giant Panasonic and auto titan Toyota said last month they had decided to end their top-tier Olympic sponsorship.

Toyota's chairman Akio Toyoda has said the Olympic Games were "becoming increasingly political," while Panasonic announced their withdrawal citing "management considerations." — AFP



Bridgestone struck sponsorship deals with the Olympics for 10 years in 2014 and the Paralympics for six years in 2018. PHOTO: TOSHIFUMI KITAMURA/AFP/FILE

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V CAPE FELTON VOY.NO. (916N)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V CAPE FELTON VOY.NO. (916N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3-10-2024 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MIP where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.  
Phone No: 2301185

Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

(ONE) OCEAN NETWORK EXPRESS LINE

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MSC FORTUNE VOY.NO. (SB438A)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V MSC FORTUNE VOY.NO. (SB438A) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3-10-2024 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of AWPT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Phone No: 2301185

Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY S.A

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MCL 11 VOY.NO. (08/24)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V MCL 11 VOY. NO. (08/24) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3-10-2024 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of IBTT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.  
Phone No: 2301928

Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S UNIVERSE LOGISTICS INTERNATIONAL CO LTD

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V BBC CITRINE VOY.NO. (1119043) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4-10-2024 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MITT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.  
Phone No: 2301928

Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S BEN LINE AGENCIES (S'PORE) PTE LTD

# ROLLING UPDATES

## WORLD

## French PM outlines policies on national priorities



French Prime Minister Michel Barnier delivers a speech in the National Assembly in Paris, France, on 1 October 2024. **PHOTO: JACK CHAN/XINHUA**

*Key priorities include reducing the public deficit, reforming immigration, and implementing new retirement policies.*

FRENCH Prime Minister Michel Barnier delivered a comprehensive one-and-a-half-hour speech Tuesday in the National Assembly, detailing his government's key priorities including public deficit reduction, immigration reform, and retirement policies.

Barnier set ambitious target for France's public deficit, aiming to bring it down to five per cent of its gross domestic product (GDP) in 2025 from this year's six per cent, and further down to three per cent in 2029.

To achieve the goal, Barnier pledged to reduce public spending and introduce a more "effective" public spending scheme.

He also called for an additional tax effort, under which large and very large companies that make significant profits should contribute more "without compromising the competitiveness" of France.

The wealthiest French people will also be targeted for an "exceptional contribution," he added. Following the murder of a young student by an illegal immigrant who was supposed to be deported from France, Barnier acknowledged in the National Assembly that France's migration and integration policies are no longer managed "in a satisfactory way". — Xinhua

## Claudia Sheinbaum sworn in as president of Mexico

CLAUDIA Sheinbaum Pardo was sworn in Tuesday as Mexico's first woman serving the presidency during a solemn ceremony in Congress.

"I swear to uphold and enforce the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States ... and to loyally and patriotically carry out the office of president of the republic that the people

have conferred upon me," Sheinbaum said with her hand raised in a sign of oath.

Sheinbaum, 62, won the presidential elections in June with a large majority of the votes to become the first woman to assume the office.

In her first message to the nation as president, Sheinbaum said the Latin American

country has entered an era of change, in which women are protagonists.

Her administration, she said, will continue to deepen the reform process begun by her predecessor Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador as part of Mexico's so-called Fourth Transformation, which aims to promote self-determination and development by focusing on helping to lift people out of poverty.

In her speech, which was interrupted by applause and cheers on several occasions, Sheinbaum praised Lopez Obrador's political legacy, describing the former president as a true democrat and patriot in the tradition of the country's great national heroes. Sheinbaum, who takes office for the 2024-2030 term, has unveiled a 17-point government plan that prioritizes the "republican austerity" of her predecessor, who rejected the lavish lifestyle and corruption of former government officials, as well as strengthening welfare programs and education. — Xinhua



Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo (front) attends her presidential inauguration ceremony in Mexico City, Mexico, 1 October 2024. **PHOTO: FRANCISCO CANEDO/XINHUA**

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### CLMTV: Workshop on digital marketing to boost tourism

WOMEN from tourism communities in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam (CLMTV) have gathered in Laos to improve their digital skills through a training workshop.

Participants from the public and private sectors attended the workshop, titled "Enhancing Digital Skills for Women in Tourism Communities in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam", which took place in northern Laos' Luang Prabang, according to a report from Laos' Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism on Wednesday.

The training aimed to empower women in local tourism communities with digital skills to strengthen their businesses and gain greater exposure to the global market. — Xinhua

#### Rain-induced disasters rise in Nepal

CUT OFF from the outside world since last week after roads and electricity infrastructure were swept away, locals in Panauti Municipality, Nepal's Kavrepalanchowk, face a bleak future. Most houses have been toppled by the gushing waters of the Roshi River, which continues to roar.

The death toll from the rain-induced disaster, which began last Saturday, has risen to 241, with 29 still missing, according to the Armed Police Force (APF).

"We couldn't harvest the paddy even though it had ripened. We have been forced out of our homes. Those whose houses and fields remain intact don't have to worry about aid, but those who have lost their main source of food and shelter must rely on donors to survive. These people need support, considering their circumstances," said Parbati KC, a displaced resident of Bhumidanda in Kavrepalanchowk District, speaking to ANI. — ANI

# SPORTS

## Al Hilal enjoy AFC Champions League romp after Neymar boost

*Returned to training after a year out due to a left knee injury, following his transfer from Paris Saint-Germain in August 2023 and subsequent injury on international duty in October 2023.*



Neymar (right) with Al Hilal coach Jorge Jesus. **PHOTO: AFP**

FORMER Fulham striker Aleksandar Mitrovic was on target as Al Hilal, buoyed by Neymar returning to training this week, swept past Al Shorta 5-0 in the AFC Champions League Elite late Tuesday in Riyadh.

Brazil superstar Neymar announced his return to club training with the Saudi champions on Monday after a year out with a left knee injury.

Al Hilal took the lead in the 11<sup>th</sup> minute against their Iraqi opponents through Marcos Leonardo with Mitrovic adding the second four minutes later.

Salem Al Dawsari, Nasser Al Dawsari and Mohammed Kanno completed the romp in the second half.

Neymar, 32, moved from Paris Saint-Germain in August 2023 but ruptured his meniscus

and anterior cruciate ligament on international duty in October 2023. "Happy to be back in the group," Neymar posted on Instagram, with pictures of him running and kicking the ball, watched by Al Hilal's Portuguese coach Jorge Jesus.

Al Hilal have not yet registered Neymar for the current Saudi Pro League season which began in August but he has been included in their AFC Champions League squad. Neymar could make his competitive return in Al Hilal's next Champions League Elite match against title holders Al Ain on 21 October in the UAE. Al Ain have made a stuttering start to their Champions League title defence. Hernan Crespo's side have just one point from two West Zone games after being beaten 4-2 by Al Gharafa in a rollercoaster match at the Al Bayt Stadium in Qatar on Tuesday. — AFP

## Cameroon FA disappointed as FIFA bans Eto'o from national team matches for six months

CAMEROON Football Federation (FECAFOOT) on Tuesday evening expressed disappointment after FIFA banned FECAFOOT president, Samuel Eto'o, from attending national team matches for six months. The world football governing body said on Monday that it had sanctioned the former Barcelona star after he was found guilty of "offensive behaviour and violations of the principles of fair play and misconduct of players and officials" during the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup round-of-16

match between Brazil and Cameroon, held in Colombia earlier in September. Eto'o, who has served as FECAFOOT president since 2021, is prohibited from attending men's and women's matches involving FECAFOOT teams across all categories and age groups, according to the FIFA decision.

"FECAFOOT is surprised and disappointed by this unfortunate decision, which appears to be based on a misinterpretation of the actions of its president," FECAFOOT said in a statement. — Xinhua

## Ticket sales of UEFA Women's EURO 2025 officially launched in Switzerland

A group of special guests gathered on Tuesday at the Jungfrauoch, over 3,000 metres high in the Bernese Oberland, Switzerland, to launch ticket sales for the 14<sup>th</sup> UEFA Women's EURO 2025.

Outside the Jungfrau railway station, located at nearly 3,500 metres in altitude, a simple court was set up on a massive glacier. There, the Swiss women's football team, along with players from England, Germany, Denmark, and other teams, played an exhibition match amid icy rain and clouds.

The qualifying tournament began in April, and the 15 teams joining host Switzerland will be decided through the tournament in December.

The UEFA Women's EURO 2025 will take place on 2-27 July, 2025 in eight Swiss cities: Geneva, Zurich, Bern, Lucerne, Basel, St. Gallen, Sion, and Thun. This event marks the first time Switzerland is hosting the UEFA Women's EURO. The nation previously co-hosted the European Championship with Austria in 2008. — Xinhua

## Battling Alcaraz outlasts Sinner in thriller to win China Open

CARLOS Alcaraz roared back from a set down to beat world number one Jannik Sinner in a thriller and win his first China Open title on Wednesday.

The four-time Grand Slam champion from Spain edged a captivating final 6-7 (6/8), 6-4, 7-6 (7/3) for his fourth ATP crown of the year and 16<sup>th</sup> overall. Alcaraz, who is set to return to number two in the world behind Sinner, was 3-0 down in the final-set tie break only to fight back and win in three hours, 21 minutes.

The dramatic triumph ended Sinner's run of 14 victories in

a row and saw him deposed as the Beijing champion after an almighty fight. "What can I say about the year you're having, it's unbelievable," Alcaraz told Sinner at the victory presentation.

"I respect you a lot as a player, but even more as a person."

US Open champion Sinner has been playing in Beijing under fresh scrutiny. The Italian has admitted to sleepless nights over his doping case, which was reignited at the weekend when the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) said it had appealed the decision to clear him. — AFP



Spain's Carlos Alcaraz defeated Italy's Jannik Sinner to win the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing. **PHOTO: AFP**



## Xi says good-neighbourliness, strategic coordination the most essential features of China-Russia ties

*Lasting good-neighbourliness, comprehensive strategic coordination, and mutually beneficial cooperation are the most essential features of bilateral ties between China and Russia.*

**C**HINESE President Xi Jinping said on Wednesday that lasting good-neighbourliness, comprehensive strategic coordination and mutually beneficial cooperation have become the most essential features of bilateral ties between China and Russia.

He made the remarks in a congratulatory message sent to Russian President Vladimir Putin on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic ties between the two countries. — Xinhua



A flag-raising ceremony marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China is held at the Tian'anmen Square in Beijing, capital of China, 1 October 2024. PHOTO: CHEN ZHONGHAO/XINHUA

## Iran launches missile attacks on Israel amid escalating tensions in Lebanon

*Iran's IRGC warned that if Israel retaliates, it will face "crushing and destructive" attacks.*

IRAN fired about 180 missiles at Israel on Tuesday evening after the ongoing Israeli military offensive in Lebanon killed Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah.

Salvos of missiles rained down on Israel at around 19:30 local time (1630 GMT), triggering sirens and sending residents running for shelter. Loud ex-

plosions were heard in Jerusalem as Israeli air defence systems successfully intercepted some Iranian missiles, as witnessed by Xinhua correspondents.

Traffic on Jaffa Road, a major street in Jerusalem, returned to normal shortly after the attacks, though a heavier-than-usual police presence remained, according to Xinhua correspondents.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed that Israel would retaliate against Iran's missile attack. "Whoever attacks us — we will attack him," Netanyahu told a Security Cabinet meeting focused on potential counter-attacks and the ground military campaign in Lebanon.

Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said that if Israel retaliates by attacking Iran, it will face "crushing and destructive" attacks. — Xinhua



Iran fired around 180 missiles at Israel in response to the Israeli military offensive in Lebanon that killed Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah. PHOTO: IRAN DEFENCE MINISTRY VIA SPUTNIK

### UNEXPLODED WORLD WAR II ORDNANCE

#### Runway closed at Japan airport after dud shell explodes on taxiway

A dud shell exploded on a taxiway at Miyazaki Airport in southwestern Japan on Wednesday, forcing the closure of its runway, although no injuries were reported in the morning incident, authorities said.

Video footage from the Civil Aviation College, which uses the airport as a pilot training base, showed a black cloud of dust shooting up from the ground two minutes after an aircraft passed the site.

A seven-metre-wide hole was discovered on a taxiway at Miyazaki Airport after a dud US bomb exploded around 8 am. All flights were suspended by 9 am, with services expected to resume Thursday after repairs. This incident highlights the airport's history of unexploded World War II ordnance, causing significant travel disruptions and long lines for passengers. — Kyodo