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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the meeting on peace, stability and development of Yangon Region yesterday.

Half of population lacks vital security knowledge

Undermined education and economy impact the rule of law across generations.

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing stressed the need to wipe out terrorists in Yangon Region.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech, as mentioned at the meeting on peace and stability and development of Yangon Region at Konmyinthathayya yesterday afternoon.

In his address, the Senior General underscored that as terrorists attempt to commit terror acts, taking a chance in unguarded moments of security forces, individuals have to monitor the movements of terrorists with security awareness and knowledge to ensure peace and stability.

He instructed the military command and regional government to coordinate measures to be taken for peace, stability and development of Yangon Region.

He noted that those who lack knowledge to analyze good and bad things can

commit crimes, so it is necessary to raise the understanding and critical thinking of the people through the release of true information in various ways and means.

Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Zaw Hein reported on efforts to take peace, stability and security measures in the region, welfare for security forces and beautification in military stations.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein presented endeavours for the betterment of road transport, beautifying Yangon City, and operation of agriculture and livestock zones.

Council Joint Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo explained that it is necessary to take care of peace and stability as well as security measures, systematic functions of checkpoints, the requirement of stabilizing prices of gold and foreign currencies, systematic eradication of narcotic drugs, and preventive activities against those who undermine peace and stability.

The Senior General stressed the need to disseminate stipulations to the people of the region through media. Traffic rules must be enforced under discipline. Agriculture and livestock tasks must be operated at allotted lands systematically. Public participation plays a key role in growing trees in the vacant lands for greening the environment as

well as for ensuring peace and stability in Yangon Region.

Also present at the ceremony were Council members Admiral Tin Aung San and Lt-Gen Nyo Saw, Union ministers, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Yangon Mayor, ministers of the regional governments, and departmental officials. — MNA/TTA

Salient points from the speech of the Senior General at the meeting on peace, stability and development in Yangon Region

- Weak education and economic sectors have been harming the rule of law in the country in successive eras.
- Individuals have to monitor the movements of terrorists with security awareness and knowledge to ensure peace and stability.
- The military command and regional government should coordinate measures to be taken for peace, stability and development in Yangon Region.

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Restoration underway to preserve ancient waterways in Bagan heritage site

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Preservation efforts enhance public access to historical sites in Bago region



An aerial view shows moats of Hanthawady ancient city.

THE Department of Archaeology and National Museum has confirmed that the Inwa gate, Theindi gate, and moats of the ancient Hanthawady city are under preservation for public observation in Bago Region.

Preservation efforts are managed jointly by the Bago Region Government and the Department of Archaeology and National Museum, funded by the Bago Region Government.

Additionally, it's understood that the ancient royal buildings of Kanbawzathadi Palace and statues of King Anawrahta, King Bayintnaung, and King Alaungphaya, along with their palaces, are on display for public enjoyment and tours.

Similarly, it's reported that the construction, large-scale maintenance, and repairs of the Myaynan Tier-roofed building in Kambawzathadi Palace are being undertaken by the Department of Buildings' special task force-3 under the Ministry of Construction. — ASH/TRKM

Myanmar's systematic preservation of mangroves: Home to the third-largest mangrove area

THE Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (MoNREC) has reported that Myanmar, which boasts the third-largest mangrove area globally, has been systematically preserving its mangroves nationwide.

Globally, there are 123 countries with mangroves, and Myanmar ranks third with the most extensive mangrove areas worldwide. The majority of Myanmar's mangroves are found in Rakhine State, Taninthayi Region, and Ayeyawady Region.

In February, MoNREC designated a 2,275-acre mangrove area in Kyaikto Township, Mon



Images depict some mangroves seen in Myanmar.

State, as the "Kyaikpi Shwethaungkwin protected public mangrove forest" to safeguard natural mangroves, establish new mangrove areas, and protect the

mangrove ecosystem.

There are approximately 70 different species of mangrove trees globally, with Myanmar hosting 34 species, predominant-



and Taninthayi Delta areas in Taninthayi Region, are home to many of the oldest mangroves. Mangroves serve as crucial barriers protecting urban areas from storms, floods, and severe weather. However, the indiscriminate use of mangroves by locals has led to their depletion.

In fact, 43 per cent of the total income of local households in mangrove areas comes from selling mangrove products such as charcoal, fish, crab, and prawns. Therefore, authorities are actively monitoring the use of mangrove products to conserve these vital ecosystems. — ASH/ TMT

ly found in the Ayeyawady Delta area, covering 13,500 square miles.

Southern Myanmar, particularly the Myeik coastal area

COVID-19 report, 10 JUNE 2024

NEW TESTS

31,765

NEW CASES

63

CASUALTIES

Nil

10 special civil appeal cases passed judgements; 1 special criminal appeal case, 6 special civil appeal cases heard

A special appeal tribunal consisting of Chief Justice of the Union U Thar Htay and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union: U Myo Tint, U Khin Maung Gyi, U Thaug Naing and Daw Pyone Pyone Aye was convened Monday morning at the Supreme Court of the Union and passed judgements for ten special civil appeal cases – Nos 41/2023 (Sagaing), 2/2024 (Yangon), 8/2024 (Kachin), 13/2024 (Yangon), 15/2024 (Mandalay), 9/2024 (Magway), 11/2024 (Mandalay), 12/2024 (Yangon), 16/2024 (Mandalay) and 17/2024 (Mandalay).

In addition, a total of seven special appeal cases, one special criminal appeal case — No 4/2024 (Taninthayi), and six special civil appeal cases — 6/2024 (Mandalay), 18/2024 (Yangon), 20/2024 (Yangon), 22/2024 (Ayeyawady), 24/2024 (Yangon), and 25/2024 (Magway) were heard. — MNA

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Further studies polish image of qualified medical officers



SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets key military and medical personnel from Defence Services Medical Academy and Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Sciences yesterday in Mingaladon Township, Yangon Region.

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing noted that the role of medical services is crucial in providing physical and mental treatments to those wounded in serving security and defence duties of the State and those in unhealthy conditions.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met commandants, senior officer instructors, senior officer lecturers, faculty members, trainees of master's courses, cadets and trainees from Defence Services Medical Academy and Defence Services Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Sciences at relevant convocation halls separately yesterday afternoon.

Speaking on the occasions, the Senior General pointed out that only when trainees correctly pursue literature and military arts in training will they serve their duties successfully after the training.

The Senior General instructed them to provide nursing patients kindly and patiently while serving as nurses to become outstanding nurses by applying sympathy and medical knowledge.

He stressed that instructors and faculty members have to train trainees with their experiences and knowledge from relevant subjects to produce good officers capable of medical education.

Efforts must be underway to turn out qualified and capable medical officers, nurses, medical pharmacists, and medical technologists who are relied on by the State, Tatmadaw, and the people.



The Senior General visits and consoles patients at Defence Services Orthopaedic Hospital in Yangon.

He continued that medical officers who graduated from DSMA are basically capable of giving healthcare services to patients, and they have to continue further medical studies to become outstanding personnel.

The Senior General instructed officer instructors, post-graduate trainee cadets, and medical trainees to study advancements in medical education constantly.

He spotlighted that officers at management and academic

levels have to give training to trainees to be able to come out

with outstanding medical officers with fine physical and mental health.

The Senior General underlined that the officer trainees in master's courses must be capable of shouldering with trainees from other countries in medical education.

The Senior General fulfilled the needs of trainees.

The Senior General and party had lunch together with cadets from DSMA.

At these academies, the acting commandant of DSMA and the commandant of DSINPS reported on the training affairs of their academies.

Also present at the meetings were Commander-in-Chief

(Navy) Vice-Admiral Zwe Win Myint, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung, union-level dignitaries, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, faculty members and trainees.

Yesterday morning, the Senior General warmly comforted Tatmadaw members who were receiving medical treatment for their injuries suffered while serving State defence and security duties at Defence Services Orthopaedic Hospital in Yangon. After asking about medical treatments and healing of injuries, the Senior General fulfilled the patients.

After viewing round the hospital, the Senior General attended to the needs of officials.

The commandant of the hospital reported to the Senior General about healthcare services for patients and work processes. The Senior General gave guidance on cleaning and beautifying the hospital and upgrading it. — MNA/TTA

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at DSMA and DSINPS

- The role of medical services is crucial in providing physical and mental treatments to those wounded in serving security and defence duties of the State and those in unhealthy conditions.
- Only when they correctly pursue literature and military arts in training will they serve their duties successfully after the training.
- Medical officers who graduated from DSMA are basically capable of providing healthcare services to patients, and they have to study further to be outstanding persons.
- Officer trainees in master's courses must be capable of shouldering the burden of trainees from other countries in medical education.

NATIONAL

Tatmadaw should be role model in cotton cultivation sector producing A-grade cotton: Senior General

TATMADAW should be a role model in the cotton cultivation sector, producing A-grade cotton, said State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Yesterday morning, the Senior General inspected the Tatmadaw Textile Factory (Thamaing) in Hline Township, Yangon Region.

On arrival at the factory, the Senior General first heard the reports made by Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Kyaw Swa Lin and factory manager U Khine Shwe regarding cotton cultivation processes of Tatmadaw Cotton Cultivation Units, accomplishment of directives made by the Senior General, cultivation processes and estimated plantation, history of factory, recruitment and welfare of staff.

Then, the Senior General stressed that soil quality assessment should be done first to ensure cotton cultivation and a high production rate. System-



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing looks into the products during his inspection tours at the Tatmadaw Textile Factory (Thamaing) yesterday.

atic soil management is also required, depending on the type of soil used. It is also necessary to utilize the agrochemicals and irrigation water properly.

Moreover, assessments

should be done to ensure the production rate and to meet the target, depending on the type of soil used. Tatmadaw should be a role model in the cotton cultivation sector, producing A-grade

cotton, and needs to cultivate one specific type instead of planting various kinds of cotton.

Cotton is an essential item used to gain quality fabrics, so quality cotton is needed. Tat-

madaw Textile Factory (Thamaing) produces the required garments and fabrics for Tatmadaw. The country imports cotton and fabrics, and the local factories should produce adequate products to reduce the import volumes. Basic fabrics and utensils such as daily wear should be produced locally and sold at cheap prices.

The Senior General added that colourful and fashionable clothes should also be created and sold in the market. Moreover, proper ways should be considered to occupy the market by producing quality hotel and private utensils and research should be conducted to enhance the work processes.

The thread and textile industries play key roles in the country, and they should produce to meet the country's needs and sell at cheap prices to the public.

Then, the Senior General inspected the factory compound and gave cash awards to the employees. — MNA/KTZH

DPM MoFA Union Minister receives Ambassadors of UAE, Sri Lanka separately



Deputy Prime Minister Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Than Swe shakes hands with the Sri Lankan ambassador (L) and receives the United Arab Emirates (UAE) ambassador (R) yesterday.



U Than Swe, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, separately received Mr Mutaz Abdullah Abduljaleel Mohamed Al Faheem,

Ambassador-designate of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and Mrs Ponnemperuma Arachchige Prabashini Ponnemperuma, Ambassador-designate

of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the call, the Dep-

uty Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs congratulated the UAE Ambassador for his appointment as the first Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Unit-

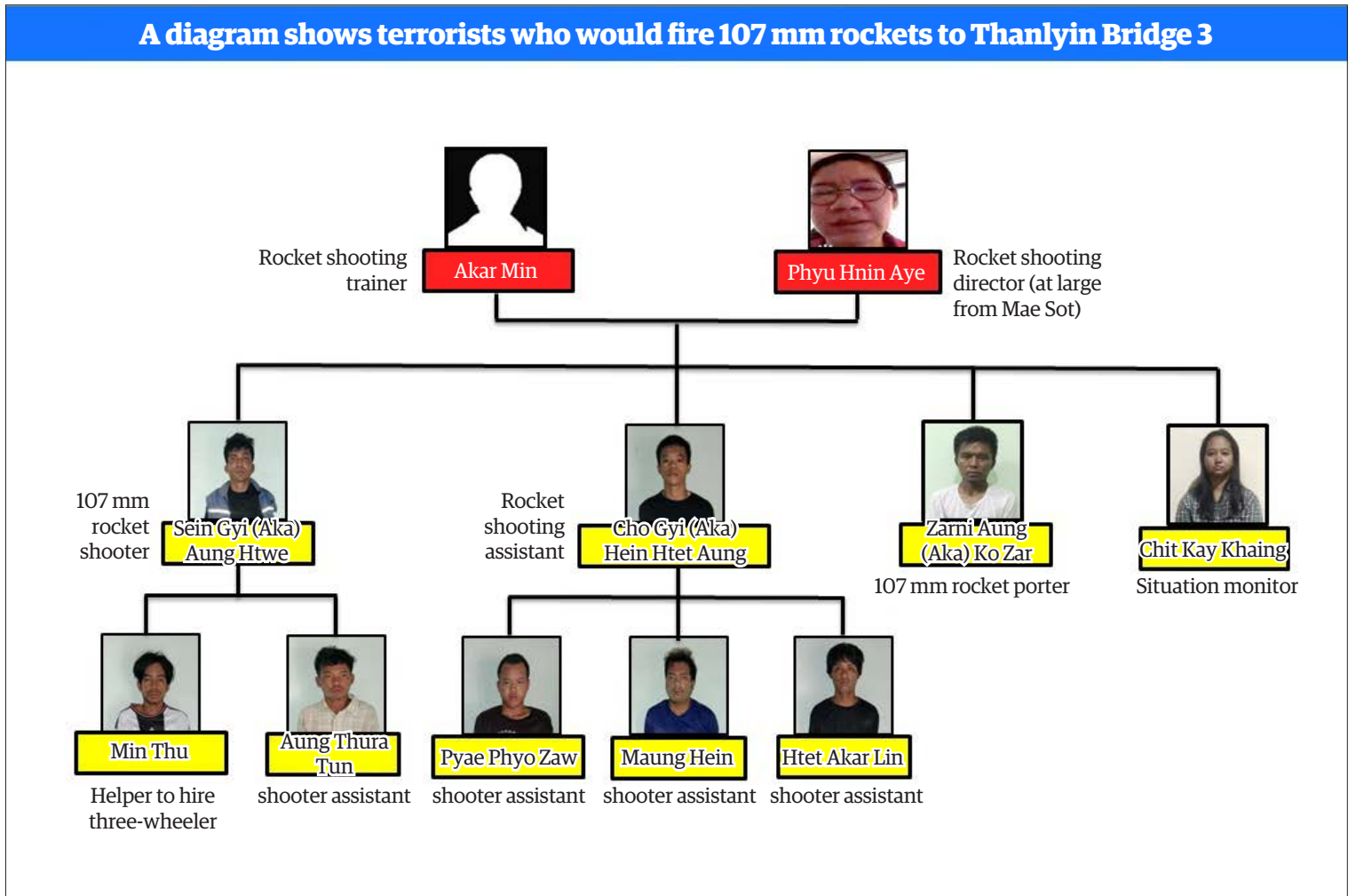
ed Arab Emirates (UAE) to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. They cordially exchanged views on matters pertaining to the strengthening of the existing bilateral relations between Myanmar and UAE, mutually beneficial cooperation, including trade and investment sectors, and enhancement of collaboration in the regional and international arenas.

During the meeting with the Sri Lankan Ambassador, the Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs extended congratulations to the ambassador for the latter's appointment as Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Myanmar. They cordially exchanged views on matters pertaining to the further advancement of the existing friendly bilateral relations and mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries, as well as continued collaboration in rendering consular assistance for Sri Lankan nationals in Myanmar. — MNA

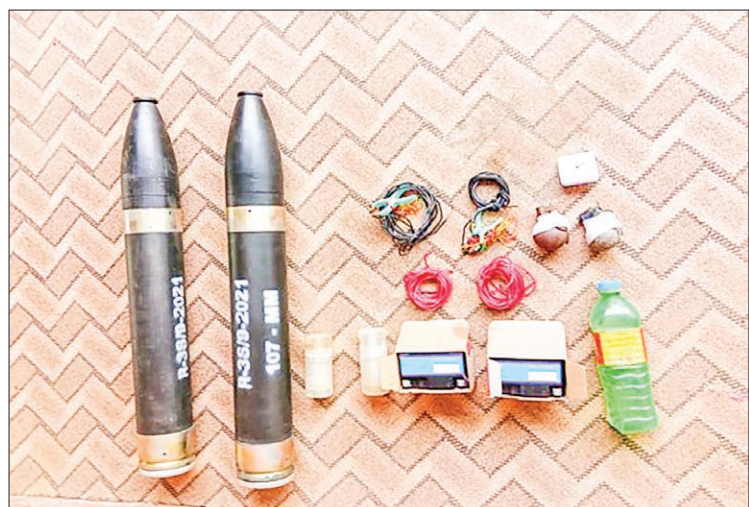
Terrorists arrested for plotting Thanlyin Bridge 3 attack with 107 mm rockets

TERRORIST groups affiliated with CRPH and NUG are actively undermining national peace and instilling fear in the public. Their goal is to disrupt government operations through various acts of terror, including assassinations, arson attacks on public infrastructure, roads, and bridges, and extrajudicial killings of innocent civilians and government employees.

According to a report from a concerned resident opposed to terrorism, a terrorist group known as UG, under NUG, has been planning to detonate 107 mm rockets at the crowded opening ceremony of the Thanlyin Bridge 3. On the morning of 8 June 2024, in an old wooden cabin in the shipyard workers' housing area in Ward 61 of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, Yangon, several UG members were apprehended. Among them were Sein Gyi (also known as Aung Htwe, 26 years old), Cho Gyi (also known as Hein



An aerial map shows the location of shooting 107 mm rocket to Thanlyin Bridge 3.



A documentary photo depicts seized 107 mm rockets and related accessories.

Htet Aung, 18 years old), Min Thu (30 years old), Maung Hein (24 years old), Aung Thura Tun (25 years old), Pyae Phyo Zaw (18 years old), and Htet Arkar Lin (26 years old). Authorities seized two 107 mm rockets, two fuses, two grenades, two batteries, four wire coils, and other related accessories.

According to the confessions of the arrested individuals, on the morning of 9 June, Chit Kay Khaing (38 years old) and Zarni Aung (also known as Ko Zar, 32 years old) were identified and apprehended. Chit Kay Khaing, who took part in firing rockets, was residing at No 93, Thazin Street, Ward 72, Dagon Myothit (South) Township. Zarni Aung lives in House No 111, on Bandoola Street in the same township. They were found in possession of one 107 mm rocket and a fuse. In total, nine individuals — eight males and one female — were arrested, and authorities seized 107 mm rockets, three fuses, two grenades, two batteries, four wire coils, and other related items.

Based on the confessions of the detainees, Arkar Min (yet to be apprehended) of the Brigade Drone Force PDF provided instructions on how to use rockets via Instagram in the third week of April 2024. During the opening ceremony of the Thanlyin Bridge 3 on 19 May, Phyu Hnin Aye (also yet to be arrested) of Yangon UG contacted Sein Gyi (also known as Aung Htwe) to orchestrate an explosion at the ceremony. Phyu Hnin Aye transported three 107 mm rockets and two grenades. Sein Gyi, Zarni Aung, and Chit Kay Khaing met two male UG members (currently under investigation), who then concealed the explosive devices.

Furthermore, according to their confessions, Sein Gyi (also known as Aung Htwe), Cho Gyi (also known as Hein Htet Aung), Maung Hein, Pyae Phyo Zaw, Htet Arkar Lin, Zarni Aung (also known as Ko Zar), and Chit Kay Khaing surveyed the condition of the Thanlyin Bridge, the area near the toll gate, and the security forces

around Myananda's housing in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township from 4 to 8 June. Subsequently, they selected a location about 1,000 metres east of the 'Bayin Gyi' sand stone trading business, where they planned to fire a 107 mm rocket to blow up the bridge during its opening ceremony on 8 June.

Therefore, the relevant authorities will continue to take effective action against those who planned the explosion in a public area, and the public is urged to help combat terrorists who plot acts of terror. Authorities encourage individuals with information about terrorists' hiding places, movements, and residences to report confidentially to relevant authorities for swift arrest of those involved in criminal activities and those supporting them. Authorities will issue a press release to inform that whistleblowers and arrestees will be duly rewarded, and they call on the entire populace to cooperate in restoring peace and stability to towns and villages as soon as possible. — MNA/TKO

NATIONAL

Myanmar-Korea sign MoU for realty development



The MoU signing event between Myanmar and Korea on property development in progress yesterday.

THE Myanmar Real Estate Entrepreneur Services Association (MRESA) and the Korea Real Estate Service Development Association signed an MoU yesterday with the aim of exploring and enhancing the real estate sector and real estate agent role.

The MoU was signed by

Chairman Dr Eric Parle of the Korea Real Estate Service Development Association and Chairman U Khin Maung Than of the Myanmar Real Estate Services Association (Central) at the MRESA annual meeting held at Sky Star Hotel in Yangon.

“We will exchange real estate services law and the proper

services. We will promote the sector, hold talk shows and conduct training sessions. Therefore, we signed the MoU. If we have proper engagement with international countries, they will be aware, and there might be benefits for the members,” said MRESA Chair U Khin Maung Than. — Arkar Lin/KTZH

Myanmar exports areca nuts to Thailand via Kawthoung-Ranong

MYANMAR exports areca nuts to Ranong, Thailand, via Kawthoung, according to areca nut traders in Myeik.

At present, areca nuts produced in Bokpyin Township are also exported to Thailand via Kawthoung.

“Plenty of areca nuts from Bokpyin were delivered via Kawthoung-Ranong. The previous export route was Myeik-Yangon-Thailand. Thailand does not produce areca nuts. Most of the exported nuts are split ones,” said a areca nut trader in Myeik.

The Kawthoung-Ranong border is currently used to export marine products to Thailand and import consumer goods and food.



Areca nuts produced in Bokpyin.

“The major destination for marine products is Thailand. They consume a lot. These products are shipped through the Kawthoung-Ranong border. Imports from Thailand include materials for boats and consumer goods. Food products are also imported through this channel,” said a marine product trader in Kawthoung. — Thit Taw/ZN

Advertorial

Successful Grid Connection of Distributed Photovoltaic Project of Dapein (1) Hydropower Station in Myanmar

RECENTLY, the 400kW distributed photovoltaic project of Dapein (1) Hydropower Station was successfully connected to the grid for power generation, marking a crucial step of Datang (Yunnan) United Hydropower Developing Co Ltd towards “coupling development” and a pioneering action of China Datang Overseas Investment Co Ltd towards “coupling development”.

This project was commenced on 25 April 2024 and grid-connected on 31 May. Its average annual power generation is expected to be 594.74MWh, equivalent to a reduction of



carbon emissions by 504t. This is a demonstration project of “technological transformation, quality improvement and effi-

ciency enhancement”, which can reduce the consumption of high-price off-grid electricity, increase the standby power of the power station and boost the production reliability. In addition, it is crucial to mitigate the power shortage around the world and promote local development.

In active response to the initiative of China Datang Overseas Investment Co Ltd towards a leader in “electricity cost reduction and efficiency improve-

ment”, all works involved in the project were completed independently by Datang (Yunnan) United Hydropower Developing Co Ltd. In order to guarantee the construction period and quality, our Chinese and Myanmar employees struggled in line with the spirits of “courage, self-reliance, loyalty and responsibility” despite the high temperature. Eventually, this project lasted for 36 days, from commencement to grid connec-

tion for power generation!

The successful implementation of this project demonstrates not only the technological strength of our company but also the solid commitment of China Datang Corporation to green and clean energy. It has injected new momentum into the new development pattern of China Datang Overseas Investment Co Ltd, i.e., new energy development (represented by wind power and photovoltaic power) driven by hydrogen energy, energy storage, green carbon, intelligent integrated energy, energy conservation and environmental protection and science and technology R&D on the basis of conventional energy (grid, thermal power, hydropower, etc.). It has also contributed to the development of China Datang Overseas Investment Co Ltd towards hydropower/thermal power integration and wind/photovoltaic power integration.



NATIONAL

Myanmar aims to export 1.89M tonnes of pulses this FY

MYANMAR seeks to meet the export target of 1.89 million tonnes of pulses in the 2024-2025 financial year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar's agricultural produce is the backbone of exports, including rice, maize, and sesame seeds. It contributes to the gross domestic product (GDP) to a great extent.

The value of Myanmar's pulses exports hit over US\$1.484 billion from over 1.76 million tonnes in the previous FY 2023-2024 (April-March), comprising 1.6 million tonnes worth \$1.34 billion through maritime trade and 157,400 tonnes worth \$141.38 through border posts, the Ministry of Commerce's statistics indicated.

Myanmar bagged US\$412 million from over 470,000 tonnes of pulses in the past two months of the current financial year 2024-2025 beginning 1 April, the Ministry of Commerce's statistics showed.

Myanmar's pulses export by sea totalled over 460,800 tonnes of pulses worth \$397.8 million, whereas over 17,000 tonnes of pulses worth \$14.6 million were shipped to the neighbouring countries between 1 April and 31 May this FY.

The Ministry of Commerce has been joining hands with the Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association to meet export targets.

Domestic consumption accounts for only 20 per cent of Myanmar's pulses output, while 80 per cent of production is shipped to foreign markets. The black grams and green grams are primarily exported to India,



Beans and pulses are well-organized for market sale.

Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, Pakistan, the Philippines, China, Japan and European countries. India extended the free import policy of black grams (urad) and pigeon peas (tur) up to March 2025.

India has growing demand and consumption requirements for black grams and pigeon peas. According to a Memorandum of Understanding between Myanmar and India signed on 18 June 2021, India will import 250,000 tonnes of black grams and 100,000 tonnes of pigeon peas (tur) from Myanmar for five consecutive years from the 2021-2022 financial year to 2025-2026 FY. This G-to-G pact will not affect the pulses' annual quota set by India. Myanmar's exporters are also entitled to deliver the pulses to India under that yearly quota.

Yangon, Ayeyawady, Bago, and Mon State are the main producing areas of the black grams, followed by the Sagaing and Mandalay regions.

Pigeon peas (red gram) are cultivated in Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay regions, and pigeon pea (white) cultivation is found in southern Shan State, Shwebo district in Sagaing Region.

Green grams are commonly grown in Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago regions.

The Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association stated that black grams, which India primarily purchases, are commonly found only in Myanmar, whereas pigeon peas, green grams and chickpeas are grown in African countries and Australia. — NN/EM

YGN palm oil wholesale rate slightly higher for week ending 16 June

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil for the Yangon market moved up to K5,365 per viss this week ending 16 June from K5,345 recorded last week ending 9 June, according to the Supervisory Committee on edible oil import and distribution.

The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs and banking services to decide the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil on a weekly basis.

Despite the reference price, the market price is way too high.

To control overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed the consumers of lodging the complaints for overcharging through the call centre's hotline in late August. The department urged consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices. The Committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market manipulation will face legal action under the Essential Goods and Services Law.

The department is working together with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the cooking oil importing companies to offer affordable rates of imported palm oil for consumers.

The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs Department or sent to the Facebook page of the department and the region and state departments concerned.

The domestic consumption of palm oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. About 700,000 tonnes of palm oil are yearly imported through Malaysia and Indonesia to meet domestic demands. — NN/EM

Extreme weather and transport issues affect Shan mango quality

DESPITE optimism about mangoes from the southern Shan State, extreme weather and transport hurdles resulted in quality loss, according to the Khwanyo Fruit Trading Depot.

At present, mango prices are in a bear market.

"The mango from southern Shan State saw good prospects previously. Yet, heavy rain causes an inferior state in fruit quality. Some mangoes are ripening too fast as they are packed and not exposed to air. Delays in road transport, extreme weather, and high supply have led to a decline in demand," said an official of the Khwanyo fruit depot.

He asked for priority for trucks loaded with fresh produce such as mangoes and other fruits and vegetables during traffic congestion.

"Shan mango is sent to the Mong-

la area, which can cut transport time. Yet, heavy rain blocked road parts and hindered transport," he added. Moreover, China's mango will start to flow into markets in the last week of June. Therefore, it is suggested that exporters consider the market conditions.

Fruit traders faced a series of challenges while exporting mangoes to China, such as watermelon export.

At present, extreme weather and transport on rough roads are contributing factors to the physical damage of the fruits. Therefore, the Muse border, which was the previous trade channel, is the only option for mango exports, fruit depot owners stressed.

Growers are battered by the high cost of cultivation input and export market risks every year. Low use of cultivation input

brought down quality, causing post-harvest diseases such as stem end rot and black spots in fruit in 2022.

As a result of this, some traders did not even cover the cultivation cost due to the inferior quality of Seintalone mango.

Of about 200 mango varieties that originated in Myanmar, Seintalone, Shwehintha, Padamyia Ngamauk, Yinkwe, and Machitsu varieties are primarily grown. The foreign market prefers Seintalone varieties.

Ayeyawady Region possesses the most extensive mango plantation acres, having about 46,000 acres. Bago Region is the second largest producer, with 43,000 acres, and Mandalay has 29,000 acres of mango. There are over 24,000 acres in Kayin State, over 20,400 acres in Shan State and over 20,000 acres in Sagaing Region, according to the association. — NN/EM

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Weather Report

Establish green areas for urban development

CLIMATE change is a global issue that poses significant threats to the socioeconomic development of nations worldwide. Initially, most countries prioritized economic growth over environmental conservation, resulting in severe climate change impacts.

Countries around the world are experiencing natural disasters related to water; including decreased rainfall, floods, and river overflows due to climate change. These events devastate communities, destroying lives and property and altering geographical landscapes.

Myanmar has faced a decline in rainfall due to climate change, leading to reduced water inflow into dams and reservoirs due to a decrease in forest coverage from some 42 per cent of the total area. Hence, the country is rapidly losing water resources because of inland mining, gold panning in rivers and creeks, and illegal timber extraction. The people in barren areas and mild desertification regions suffer from intense heat, especially during summer. This year, Chauk Township in Myanmar was listed among the world's 15 hottest cities.

The integration of green spaces into urban development is essential for combating climate change and creating sustainable cities. By learning from past environmental challenges and adopting proactive measures, countries can enhance the quality of life for urban residents while preserving natural resources. Investing in urban greening is not just a necessity but a strategic approach to building resilient and vibrant cities for the future. Hence, local authorities need to create socioeconomic development plans for urban areas with greening areas in a proper ratio so as to develop green economic and green development measures.

Trees play a vital role in creating a pleasant and sustainable urban environment. They enhance the beauty of the surroundings and promote better physical and mental health among residents. Trees also reduce air pollution and produce oxygen, benefiting the environment.

Urban greening can help alleviate the adverse effects of climate change. Strategic tree planting in cities can lower temperatures, reduce energy consumption, and improve air quality. Creating green spaces is essential for fostering a healthier and more livable urban environment. Therefore, it is imperative to prioritize the establishment and maintenance of green areas in urban planning and development.

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A Wave of Nostalgia for My University Life By Maung Maung Aye

I came to Dagon University as a freshman in 2002. Although a lapse of about twenty years has glided away, memories of my student life are still fresh. I feel as if some incidents occurred only yesterday.

On 2 December that year, the university was re-opened. At about 7 am that day, I left home and took a bus from the bus stop in front of the Kaba Aye Pagoda. As Dagon University is located in the outlying area of Yangon, I got to a bus stop which lay nearest to the university after a one-hour ride. Then, I walked on towards the university. A few minutes afterwards, the university gate, flanked by beds of colourful flowers, came into view. On the entry of the gate, I found myself on Tawin Road leading to the convocation building, which stood silhouetted against the western horizon. The road was lined with trees of different species, behind which were patches of swampy, low-lying lands covered in wild, tall grass interspersed with clumps of trees. I was aware that the university estate was a wide, flat landscape dotted with groves of trees, amongst which stood buildings that housed academic departments. The university struck me as a pleasant place at first sight. I was also excited at the sight of the colour and animation of the students who flooded the entire estate. At the same time, I felt a sensation of loneliness among the strange faces.

After following the road for ten minutes, I reached the English Department, where I was to learn until I graduated. It was housed in an imposing, cream-coloured three-storey brick building standing in all its setting at the corner of Nguwah Street and Tawin Road. Trees bounded the building on the eastern, northern and western sides and a vast stretch of wild grass on the southern side. There were some Gold Mohur trees in front of the building covered in flaming red flowers. When I arrived in the first-year classroom, I saw a middle-aged teacher lecturing to the students. It seemed that her teaching was in full swing. Therefore, the whole class was in complete silence. That being so, I, without asking permission from the teacher, took a vacant seat in the rear part of the class. But



The welcoming ceremony and the refresher course for tutors and demonstrators at Dagon University in Yangon Region on 8 November 2021.

the teacher, putting on a show of anger, asked me why I was so late for the class. When I answered that I was so due to traffic congestion, she replied with the ghost of a smile that it was OK with her. Then only was I relieved. It was the taste I first experienced in my university life. (Later, I learned that this teacher was Daw Thadar Min, who became one of the apples of the students' eyes because of her excellent teaching skills and great love for them.) Some minutes later, the class was dismissed, and the students dispersed. Only five students, including me, remained in the class.

We looked furtively at one another and introduced ourselves. Then, we marched to the Gantgaw Oo food stall situated at the corner of Nguwah Street and Vija Street. It was surrounded on all sides by vast stretches of watercress studied with clumps of plantain plants. I saw some tiny houses tucked away in the midst of forested areas beyond the watercress fields. That scene gave me the impression that we were on a farm deep in the countryside. We sat down to tea with some snacks and fell into conversation. The conversation was animated with various topics, especially about ourselves, so that we could know more about each

of us. My new friends were Moe Thauk from Insein, Chan Thar Soe from Kyimyindine, Myo Ko Ko Aung from Hline and Than Htaik Aung from Kaba Aye, where I also lived. We continued to chat at the canteen till 3 pm.

From that day onwards, we learnt together, ate together and went out together. Within a few days, our intimacy snowballed, and we became close friends. Over time, we became more and more attached and learned about the ins and outs of one another. Moe Thauk, who was a little short and brown-skinned, had a craze for Western music, especially songs of Eminem, a world-famous Western vocalist. As he was a hysterical fan of Eminem, he was often dressed after his fashion. He not only had perfect English pronunciation but was a demagogic speaker as well. Chan Thar Soe, brown-skinned and of medium height, was a reticent bibliophile. He was seen always poring over books and hanging over his right shoulder a big bag bulged with books of different sizes. He was a deep-thinker, scoffing at those who made noises. He frequented the library across Tawin Road from our department. He seemed to aspire to be a writer or be ambitious for success in his education. Myo Ko Ko Aung,

like Chan Thar Soe, was interested in reading. He often bought books. He was a tall chap with a rounded face and hair erected upright. He usually wore a collarless, long-sleeved white shirt. He carried himself like a gentleman. It was said that he looked like actor Lwin Moe. Than Htaik Aung was a different character from us; he was a Chinese hybrid. He was fair-skinned, tall and plump. It appeared that he preferred doing business to pursuing education. His parents opened a mini-store on the ground floor of their house. As he and I had attended the same high school in Kaba Aye, we two were more attached.

At that time, we all were in our late teens and prime of youthfulness. So we enjoyed the juice of the university life carefreely and merrily. We attended the classes as regularly as we could and paid full attention to all the teachers' lectures. We treated all the teachers with every mark of respect. We did our best to be on amicable terms with other students. But, when we found ourselves bored during the lectures, we slipped out of the classroom and scuttled to the canteen nearby. It was a bustling place, a row of food stalls roofed with thatches and screened off with bamboo mattings. We frit-

tered away the whole afternoon there, sometimes chatting with one another, sometimes singing songs to the guitar. In those days, vocalist Sai Sai Kham Hlaing was very popular among young people. His songs were in vogue. Primarily, we sang his songs named "February Record" (ဖေဖော်ဝါရီလကတည်း) and "A Lot of Friends" (သူငယ်ချင်းများ). Often, we rambled about in the premises of the university and sat down at the food stalls or tea shops which pleased us, particularly, at Chan Myae food stall where Kyaw Ze Ya, one of my elder brothers, who majored in Chemistry, and his friends haunted. It was situated right across the Geology Department, and we usually saw them perched on the stools round a table, talking about various topics. We later became acquaintances of my brother's friends. Sometimes, we rode to the 7-8 Junction in downtown North Dagon, where we spent some hours playing video games. Once or twice a semester, we visited Yangon University and Inya Lake, for we believed that, without visits to these places, our university life would not be complete and meaningful. In particular, watching the broad expanse of the water of Inya Lake dotted with greenery islets while sitting at a fried-fritter stall on the bund of

the lake was an enjoyable time for us. Often, we, with our girlfriends, saw movies at the cinema houses in downtown Yangon. We all also participated happily in the social and religious occasions organized by the university. At that time, the Rector of Dagon University was Dr Maung Thin, a former Geology Professor. He always wore a smile and was kind to the students. The Professor and Head of the English Department was Daw Sein Sein Myint. She was a woman of small figure but with an air of great influence. She was a disciplinarian and good at teaching. But she retired from her position at the end of the second semester of the 2002-2003 academic year and was succeeded by Daw Swe Swe Pwint, who was kind-hearted and more understanding to students. It was learnt that Dagon University was founded in 1993, that the first Rector was U Kaung Nyunt, a former principal of RC 2, who was later promoted to a member of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, and that Dagon University covered a total area of nearly 1,500 acres, being the biggest one in Myanmar.

We were happy to see the skies during the first and second years. However, when we came to the final year, some of my friends, in preparation for the life journey ahead, focused more on education so that they could get their degrees as early as possible. Some friends got married; some led the business handed over to them by their parents; some sought contacts with their friends and relatives who were working abroad to follow them to be able to make more money. As I belonged to a family of government employees, I intended to be a government employee like my brothers and sisters when I graduated. So, I paid more attention to my studies and passed my final-year examination without any difficulty in 2005. In brief, this three-year university life was the happiest time of my life. It not only secured me a degree that could ensure me a good job but also taught me a lot about social dealings. So, I think I shall go on remembering my university student life, a crucial turning point in my life, till my last day on earth.



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Monday 10 June 2024)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 11 June 2024: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Lower Sagaing Region and Chin and Kayah states, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago regions, fairly widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and Northern Shan and Rakhine states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Yangon and Taninthayi regions and Eastern Shan, Kayin and Mon states. Degree of certainty is 100%.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The Cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady regions and Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon states.

STATE OF THE SEA: Occasionally squalls with rough seas will be experienced in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40 mph. Wave height will be about 9-12 feet in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times in off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30-35 mph. Wave height will be about 7-9 feet in off and along Rakhine Coast.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Increase of rain in Bago, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 June 2024: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100%.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 June 2024: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100%.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 June 2024: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

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The photo shows the opening ceremony of the Legal Knowledge Dissemination Course 1/2024.

Yangon Region Advocate-General opens legal knowledge dissemination course 1/2024

THE opening ceremony of the Legal Knowledge Dissemination Course 1/2024, organized by the office of the Yangon Region Advocate-General, was held at the office of the Yangon Region government on 8 June.

The Yangon Region chief minister stated that the aim of the course is to promote the rule of law and justice.

The course will cover various laws, including the consti-

tution, the Union attorney-general's law and regulations, the counter-terrorism law, the anti-corruption law, and many others. Sixty employees from the Department of General Administration and 40 teachers from basic education schools attended the first course.

The course will be held at No 4 Ahlon Basic Education High School and last for two days. — TWA/MKKS

Nationwide census set for October 2024 with contingency plans, advanced training



Record of pilot project for the national census on the number of people and households in Mingaladon Township, Yangon Region.

A 15-day nationwide census will be conducted from 1 to 15 October 2024, announced Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing during a meeting on the census held at the hall of the Mandalay City Development Committee on 7 June.

He also mentioned that

preparations must be made in advance to extend the census period if it cannot be completed within the specified timeframe due to security concerns or transportation difficulties.

Furthermore, various levels of training courses in census-taking, including

multiplier courses, will be conducted in August. Census will comprise 68 questions related to family and 18 more questions for organizations. Additionally, both the de facto and computer-assisted personal interview (CAPI) systems will be utilized. — TWA/TKO

MSF promotes opportunities for female seafarers

OVER 700 Myanmar female seafarers have been working on cruise ships worldwide since the year 2000, with about 60 more Myanmar women ready to serve, according to the Myanmar Seafarers Federation (MSF).

Myanmar women are employed as hotel staff on large cruise ships, and some female maritime staff have attended maritime courses offered by the Department of Maritime Administration to work with a sailor's passport.

MSF conducted a seminar for female seafarers at its office in Kyauktada Township, Yangon, at the beginning of June. — ASH/MKKS



Myanmar female seafarers enjoy serving on cruise ships around the world.

Unclaimed prizes from 52nd Aungbarlay lottery draw await claimants



The photo showcases the opening event of the 52nd Aungbarlay Lottery.

ACCORDING to the Internal Revenue Department, nearly 14,000 lottery prizes from the 52nd Aungbarlay lottery draw held on 1 July 2023, including a K50 million prize, remain unclaimed.

These prizes can be claimed until 28 June 2024 at the Aungbarlay offices in Yangon and Mandalay. However, if they are not claimed by 28 June, they will be confiscated as revenue for the State. — TWA/TRKM

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Unique ID granted in Tachilek

THE team led by U Min Naing Oo, Head of Tachilek District of the Ministry of Immigration and Population, inspected the collecting processes of biographic and biometrics under the e-ID system to issue 10-digit Unique ID for those who pass the Myanmar-Thai border near the Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge I yesterday.

The process was conducted on 19 April 2024, and over 26,000 people have received their unique IDs to date. — MNA/KTZH



Officials seen in the issuing process of UIDs in Tachilek yesterday.

Kyaikto hospital records first birth of newborn with imperforate anus



A newborn with imperforate anus is brought from the delivery room. PHOTO- KYAIKTO TOWNSHIP HOSPITAL

AT Kyaikto Township Hospital in Mon State, an infant with an imperforate anus was born for the first time.

The baby was given birth on 9 June as the fifth delivery at the hospital.

A pregnant woman for the fifth delivery at the hospital gave birth to a child with an imperforate anus today. It is the first-ever case at our hospital, Kyaikto Hospital stated.

The parents of the baby are from a village in Kyaikto, and except for the imperforate anus, it is a healthy newborn, the hospital said. With a referral letter, the baby was transferred to a hospital where a specialist is assigned, it added.

The imperforate anus treatment includes colostomy, making an anal opening and closing the opening in the abdomen, the hospital said. — MT/ZS

Danyingon Market provides school supplies for 700 children of workers

VARIOUS kinds of school supplies have been given to more than 700 students who are the children of shopkeepers, stevedores and company staff at the Danyingon wholesale market in Yangon, according to MAEX-Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Ltd.

The ceremony took place at Complex No 4 at 10 am on 9 June, and MAEX-Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Ltd provided schooling materials to school-age children of the employees for the 2024-25 academic year.

Materials worth K41,678,075 were given to 775 students – 606 children of shopkeepers, shop assistants and hawkers, five children of shop-house and modular house sellers, 40 children of construction workers, 24 children of stevedores and cleaners, 35 children of Armanshin security group and three-wheeler drivers, and 65 children of office staff.

Assistance includes materials worth



The ceremony will assist more than 700 students who are the children of shopkeepers, stevedores, and company staff at the Danyingon wholesale market in Yangon.

K35,075 each to 82 KG students, materials worth K40,950 each to 257 Grade 1-2-3 students, materials worth K45,725 each to 144 Grade 4-5 students, materials worth K66,375 each to 164 Grade 6-7-8-9 students, materials worth K70,075 each to 105 Grade 10-11-12 students, and materials worth K150,000 each to 23 university

students, totalling 775 students.

A special scholarship programme will also be launched for the students of shopkeepers who are having financial difficulty enrolling their children in the schools this academic year, and enquiries can be made at the MAEX Admin B12 office. — MT/ZN

Thai imports resume regularly after Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge II reopens

AFTER the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge II reopened, importing of

goods from Thailand to Myawady has operated on a regular basis, except for

delays in transportation, according to Myawady-based traders.

“Trade has operated normally, but there are delays in transportation because it is the monsoon, so roads are muddy. We can’t say exactly how many trucks go on a daily basis because of transport barriers and some difficulties in seeking import licences,” said a Myawady-based trader.

Goods conveying into the country increase when transport is convenient or decrease when roads are blocked due to weather conditions, he said.

“Imports have been normal after the No 2 bridge reopened. Just delays are happening through journey due to transportation barriers,” he added.

At present, goods transport has to use old Dawna Range Road and Htaw Kaw Koe Road, he said. Flood happened a few days ago in Myawady due to heavy rain, but it has now returned to normal. “It does not flood from the mountain stream, just roads were covered in water due to heavy rain. It’s not severe,” said a Myawady resident. — MT/ZS



No 2 Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge.

NATIONAL

Restoration underway to preserve ancient waterways in Bagan heritage site

THE Archaeology and National Museum Department (Bagan branch) has planned to discover and maintain ancient waterways in the Bagan Cultural Heritage Site to prevent flooding and ensure good water drainage before the monsoon season.

In 2021, heavy rain and Cyclone Mocha caused flooding in designated areas, damaging ancient religious buildings and surrounding areas. Therefore, priority is given to completing the restoration of waterways 1 and 2 before the onset of the monsoon.

An official of the department stated, "The department has conducted inscription records, documents, and field studies,

collaborating with Italian hydrologists on the waterways of the Bagan era, connections between water channels, and the restoration of ancient lakes. We execute these tasks meticulously to avoid damaging ancient buildings and brick structures, adhering to UNESCO guidelines to preserve the geographical integrity of the ancient site."

Currently, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, along with related ministries, is undertaking the restoration of ancient waterways.

The report highlights that the people of ancient Bagan developed systems to channel water from Mya Lake at the foot of Tuyen Hill into reservoirs such as Alanpagan, Mayoe, La-

ymyethna, Nyaunglettaphet, and Shwenanyin, extending to the royal moat. This extensive water network spanned over 200 feet across various geological formations. Experts are now working to restore this network.

Since 2021, local and foreign hydrologists have studied the ancient reservoirs and water channels, which were buried under mud. Following the recommendations of foreign experts, authorities began restoration efforts for three major reservoirs in 2023, resulting in significantly reduced flooding that year. Restoration efforts have been carried out with careful consideration of the surrounding geological features. — ASH/TMT



Part of the restoration of ancient lakes and waterways of the Bagan era.

Nationwide crackdown on illegal trade results in numerous seizures and arrests

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, law enforcement agencies are taking action against illicit trading nationwide.

Combined teams, operating under the Magway Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force, confiscated an unregistered Taryan motorbike (valued at approximately K100,000) at the Semichaung checkpoint in Sedoktara township. Additionally, illegal teak weighing 0.309 tonne and illegal timber weighing 4.878 tonnes, with a total value of K1.146 million, were seized in Myothit township on 7 June. The action was conducted under the Export and Import Law and the Forest Law.

On 8 June, a combined team apprehended three unregistered vehicles (estimated value of K28 million) in Myitkyina township and seized 19,520 kilogrammes of ammonium nitrate worth K19.52 million in Namti township. This intervention was carried out under the Export and Import Law and the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Furthermore, on the same day, combined teams intercepted a Nissan Diesel truck (valued at approximately K80 million) en route from Phayathonsu to Kyaikmaraw. The truck was transporting six types of goods

worth K22.28 million, including 5,600 phone screen covers lacking official documents. In addition, 4,455.8 kilogrammes of duct tape from China, valued at K14.035 million, were discovered, which differed from the items declared in the Import Declaration (ID) at the Asia World Port Terminal container checkpoint. Seven types of goods, valued at K15.54 million, including 68 Uniqlo brand shorts without official documents, were also found in the luggage of two passengers at Yangon International Airport. The action was taken in accordance with Customs procedures.

Similarly, combined teams intercepted a Mitsubishi bus (valued at approximately K20 million) travelling from Thamanya to Yangon at the 39th-milepost checkpoint. The bus was carrying ten types of goods valued at K32.698 million, including 600 bottles of fish sauce from Thailand without official documents. Additionally, illegal teak weighing 0.532 tonne, valued at K397,632, was seized in Hinthada district. These interventions were conducted under Customs procedures and the Forest Law. Consequently, 17 arrests were made on 7 and 8 June, with an estimated value of K233.717 million, according to the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/MKKS

K1 bln worth of Ice seized in Tamway Township



The offender seen with seized drugs.

phetamine), valued at K1 billion, in Tamway Township, Yangon Region.

Upon a tip-off, a combined team, including members of the Anti-Drug Police Force, conducted a search of the house in Tamway Township, rented by Ma Su Mon Kyaw, at 2 pm on 8 June. They discovered and confiscated 40 kilogrammes of Ice with a value of K1 billion.

Legal proceedings have been initiated against the perpetrator, and an ongoing investigation is in progress to apprehend other individuals involved in the case. — MNA/MKKS

THE Myanmar Police Force announced the seizure of 40 kilogrammes of Ice (metham-

Counter-argument to false information

False reports circulated regarding alleged arrests, military pledges at swimming pool

SUBVERSIVE media outlets are circulating false information alleging that security forces arrested over 20 youths who were swimming at Min Gyi Hotel's swimming pool and forcibly asked them to sign a guarantee to serve in the military. Additionally, some were purportedly arrested on 9 June in Kalay Township, Sagaing Region.

According to a clarification from the relevant security officer, on 9 June, administration officials intervened to resolve a conflict following a report of a fight among young people who were swimming at the Min Gyi Hotel's swimming pool. No arrests were made, and nobody was asked to pledge to serve in the military.

Malicious media outlets are intentionally spreading falsehoods about the People's Military Service Law from its effective date onward in order to cause public concern. — MNA/TRKM



The screenshot validates misinformation.

JAPAN'S transport ministry inspected the headquarters of Honda Motor Co and Mazda Motor Corp on Monday after massive cheating on vehicle certifications by the two automakers and three other companies came to light.

Toyota Motor Corp, Yamaha Motor Co and Suzuki Motor Corp also faced on-site probes last week after the five companies said tests for certifications required for mass production were not conducted in line with government specifications.

The ministry will decide whether to impose administrative punishments to prevent a recurrence after the inspections, officials said. Although the

Japan govt inspects Honda, Mazda over improper vehicle certification



Transport ministry officials enter the headquarters of Honda Motor Co in Tokyo for an inspection on 10 June 2024. PHOTO: KYODO

five companies have said their products are safe, the latest misconduct has raised doubts about product reliability across the industry.

A total of 38 models manufactured by the five companies are affected. Six of the affected models produced by Toyota, Mazda and Yamaha are currently on the market, and the ministry has ordered shipments to be halted, it said.

The ministry will lift its order to suspend shipments after confirming that the affected models were able to meet its safety and environmental performance standards. However, it will urge companies not in compliance with the

requirements to issue recalls, the officials said.

Tokyo-based Honda said vehicle tests for 22 past models were improperly conducted between 2009 and 2017, including the reporting of falsified data. None of its current models are affected, it said.

At Mazda, headquartered in Fuchu, Hiroshima Prefecture, cases of misconduct were found in its collision and engine output tests for five models, including two current ones, the Roadster RF and Mazda2, the automaker said.

Mazda and Toyota halted the production of a total of five models last week following the shipment ban. — Kyodo

NEWS IN BRIEF

Libya seeks to increase daily oil production

LIBYAN Prime Minister Abdul-Hamed Dbeibah on Sunday emphasized the importance of consolidating the efforts of all government institutions to enhance oil production.

The prime minister made the remarks in a meeting with Farhat Bengdara, chairman of the Libyan National Oil Corporation (NOC), according to a statement by the Libyan government.

To bolster oil production, Dbeibah also issued instructions to support the Libyan private oil sector and to "increase the efficiency of Libyan workers", the statement added.

During the meeting, Bengdara confirmed that NOC has set a goal to increase production to two million barrels per day by the end of next year. — Xinhua

Foreigners buy S Korean stocks for 7th month in May

FOREIGN investors bought South Korean stocks for the seventh successive month due to the government's ban on stock short-selling, financial watchdog data showed Monday.

Foreigners acquired a net 1.53 trillion won (US\$1.1 billion) worth of domestic listed stocks in May, remaining net buyers since November last year, according to the Financial Supervisory Service (FSS).

Offshore investors were net buyers in the main bourse KOSPI and the smaller KOSDAQ market.

The consecutive foreign purchase came after the financial authorities prohibited short-selling on all listed stocks in November last year. — Xinhua



Apple CEO Tim Cook (C) reacts as he leaves the Apple Developers Academy during his visit to Indonesia in Tangerang, a suburb of Jakarta, on 17 April 2024. PHOTO: AFP

Apple to break AI silence at developers conference

APPLE on Monday will attempt to persuade doubters on its AI strategy after rivals raced ahead in adopting artificial intelligence.

AI and perhaps even a partnership with ChatGPT-maker OpenAI will likely be a driving theme at the kickoff of Apple's WWDC developers' conference in Silicon Valley, according to analysts.

The conference is Apple's annual rendezvous for developers who create apps for iPads, Macs and iPhones — and CEO Tim Cook will work hard to convince his audience

that the company is a major AI player.

While Apple has been quietly including AI features in its hardware for years, it has yet to solidify its overall strategy or embrace ChatGPT-style generative AI that took the world by storm in late 2022.

Rivals Microsoft and Google have meanwhile rolled out products in rapid-fire succession, propelling Microsoft and the AI chipmaker Nvidia to surpass Apple as the world's biggest companies when measured by stock price. — AFP

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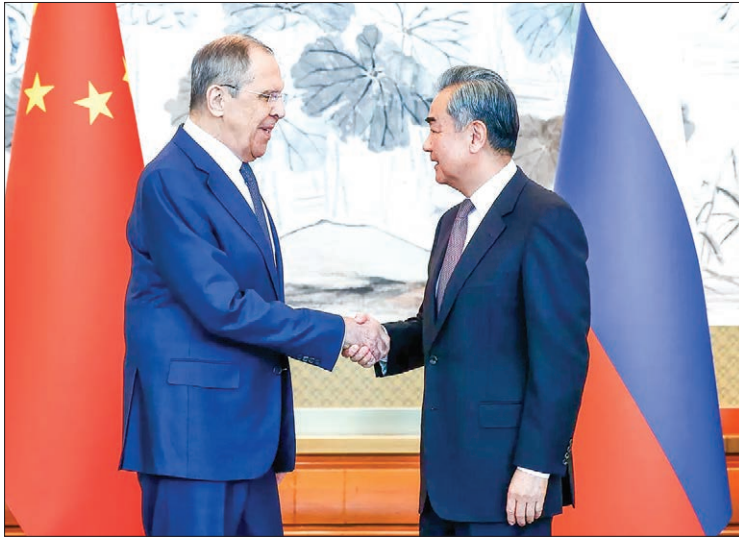
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ROLLING UPDATES: WORLD

Lavrov, Chinese top diplomat focus on Asia-Pacific security — Russian Foreign Ministry



In this handout photo released by the Russian Foreign Ministry, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi shake hands during a joint press conference following their meeting at the Diaoyutai State Guest House in Beijing, China. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

RUSSIAN Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi have discussed security issues in the Asia-Pacific region, taking into account anti-Russian and anti-Chinese activities of the United States in the region, the Russian Foreign Ministry said on Monday.

“The ministers substantively discussed issues of ensuring security and stability in the Asia-Pacific region, taking into account the US line of creating closed military-political structures there that have an anti-Russian and anti-Chinese orientation,” the ministry said in a statement.

The ministers have also discussed aspects of the new secu-

urity structure in Eurasia against the backdrop of stagnation of Euro-Atlantic mechanisms, the ministry added.

During the BRICS foreign ministers’ meeting in Russia’s Nizhny Novgorod, the Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov spoke on the association’s significance due to fully the implemented principles of equal cooperation it is based on. He also added that BRICS is driven forward by the wind of change and its role in global processes will only grow further.

Lavrov added that the “steady increase in the number of countries showing genuine interest” in joining the work of

the bloc confirms the growing importance of BRICS.

BRICS has started to actively work on the implementation of the decisions of the Johannesburg summit in 2023 on the improvement of the international financial system and the development of a platform for trading in national currencies, Sergey Lavrov also noted.

At the same time, work is underway on key Russian initiatives in the transportation sector; on the establishment of a contact group on climate and sustainable development, a working group on nuclear medicine and a medical association, among others, he added. — Sputnik

NEWS SUMMARIES

Thai cargo ship sinks in sea off Cambodia's Sihanoukville, all 10 crew members rescued

A Thai cargo ship sank in sea off Sihanoukville in southwestern Cambodia on Sunday, and all 10 crew members were rescued timely, Cambodia's National Committee for Maritime Security said in a news release.

The accident happened at around 12:00 pm at noon local time when the vessel, shipping 53 containers, was travelling from Thailand to the Sihanoukville Autonomous Port, the news release said.

The ship sank when it was hit by torrential rain and strong wind as well as high waves at a point near Koh Rong Island, it said.

“All 10 Thai crew members were rescued timely by a nearby fishing boat,” it added. — Xinhua

Israeli war cabinet minister Benny Gantz resigns from govt, calls for new elections

ISRAEL'S centrist War Cabinet Minister, Benny Gantz, announced his resignation from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's emergency government on Sunday and called for new elections.

In response, Netanyahu released a statement saying that “Israel is in an existential war on several fronts. Benny, this is not the time to abandon the campaign”.

In a televised press conference, Gantz accused Netanyahu of prioritizing his political survival over a ceasefire deal that would secure the release of about 100 hostages held in Gaza.

“Unfortunately, Netanyahu is preventing us from advancing towards the real victory,” said Gantz. “Strategic decisions are met with hesitation due to political considerations.”

Echoing increasing public protest against Netanyahu's government, Gantz called for a new round of elections in the fall. He urged Netanyahu to set an agreed date to hold them. “Don't let our people to be torn apart,” he said. — Xinhua

Flooding and landslides kill three in Vietnam's north

FLOODING and landslides in northern Vietnam have killed three people, state media said Monday, after days of heavy rain that partially submerged thousands of homes.

Images on state media showed water gushing down the steep roads of mountainous Ha Giang province, a popular spot for motorcycle tours, with vehicles overturned and abandoned in the floodwater.

Residents in Ha Giang city stood on rooftops waiting for

rescue.

Around 400 foreign tourists were evacuated from the flooded area.

It has been raining heavily and continuously in the province since Saturday. Thousands of homes have been partially submerged and many roads damaged, state media said.

High water on the Lo river had triggered “floods and landslides”, according to a statement on the website of the provincial authorities.

Access to three communes bordering China had been cut off due to landslides, the statement said.

Three people died after being swept away in floodwater or buried in landslides, according to state-run Voice of Vietnam.

Serious flooding was also reported over the weekend in the northern port city of Hai Phong and Quang Ninh province where UNESCO World Heritage site Ha Long Bay is located. — AFP



An aerial picture shows flood waters submerging buildings after heavy rain in Ha Giang city in northern Vietnam on 10 June 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

SPORTS

Alcaraz rallies to defeat Zverev in five-set thriller for maiden French Open title



Carlos Alcaraz celebrates winning the men's singles final match between Carlos Alcaraz of Spain and Alexander Zverev of Germany at the French Open tennis tournament. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

ANOTHER milestone win for Carlos Alcaraz and another Grand Slam title for the 21-year-old youngster.

The Spaniard demonstrated his prowess by lifting major trophies on all kinds of surfaces after a marathon victory over Alexander Zverev in the French Open final on Sunday.

Alcaraz came from a 1-2 set deficit to clinch the victory 6-3, 2-6, 5-7, 6-1, 6-2, securing his first title at Roland Garros. "Winning your first in every Grand Slam is always super special," he said.

"But in Roland-Garros, knowing all the Spanish players who have won this tournament and be able to put my name on that amazing list is something unbelievable.

Something that I dream about being in this position since I started playing tennis, since I was five, six years old. It's a great, great feeling." Alcaraz has already won the hard-court US Open in 2022 and the grass-court Wimbledon in 2023. — Xinhua



Real Madrid will not take part in Club World Cup: Ancelotti



Real Madrid's Italian coach Carlo Ancelotti is thrown in the air by his players as they celebrate after winning the UEFA Champions League final football match between Borussia Dortmund and Real Madrid, at Wembley stadium, in London, on 1 June 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

REAL Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said in an Italian newspaper interview on Monday that the newly crowned European champions will refuse to play in the expanded Club World Cup next year.

"Players and clubs will not partici-

pate in that tournament," Ancelotti told Italian newspaper Il Giornale.

"A single Real Madrid match is worth 20 million euros and FIFA wants to give us this amount for the entire Cup. So no. Like us, other clubs will refuse the invitation," the Italian coach

added. The expanded 32-team Club World Cup is proposed to take place next summer, adding to an already congested calendar for players.

England's Professional Footballers' Association has warned FIFA that players could go on strike. — AFP



Myanmar's defenders Soe Moe Kyaw (L) and Latt Wai Phone (C) fight for the ball with Japan's forward (R) Daizen Maeda during the FIFA World Cup 2026 Asia qualifiers football match between Myanmar and Japan at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon on 6 June. **PHOTO: THAW GYI**

Myanmar to play Asian Cup 2027 third round qualifiers

THE Myanmar national team has been eliminated from the 2026 World Cup Asian zone second-round qualifiers but will continue to compete in the 2027 Asian Cup third-round qualifiers.

According to the format of the second qualifying round, the top two teams with the most points in the nine groups will qualify for the 2027 Asian Cup qualifiers and continue to play in the third qualifying round of the 2026 World Cup Asia Zone, while the two

teams with the lowest points will continue to play in the third qualifying round of the 2027 Asian Cup.

Therefore, the Myanmar team will not be allowed to play in the World Cup qualifiers, but still have a chance to play in the third stage of the Asian Cup qualifiers as they have only one point in five matches with one game left to play.

The Asian Football Confederation will host the final stage of the 2027 AFC Asian Cup with a

total of 24 teams, and the two teams with the most points from each group in second-round qualifiers will qualify directly, with a total of 18 teams directly qualifying, so only six teams will emerge from the third round qualifiers.

The third qualifying round will be held from March 2025 to March 2026, and the 18 teams that will be allowed to play in second-round qualifiers and six teams from first-round qualifiers will have to play in the play-off.

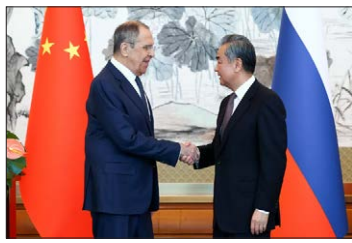
The 2027 Asian Cup third-round qualifiers will be held in four groups of six teams, and only the top team from each group will qualify. The Myanmar team also dropped out of the third qualifying round in the 2023 Asian Cup. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

China coach calls for unity ahead of South Korea World Cup qualifier

CHINA national team head coach Branko Ivankovic called for unity against South Korea against their FIFA 2026 World Cup qualifier in Seoul on Monday.

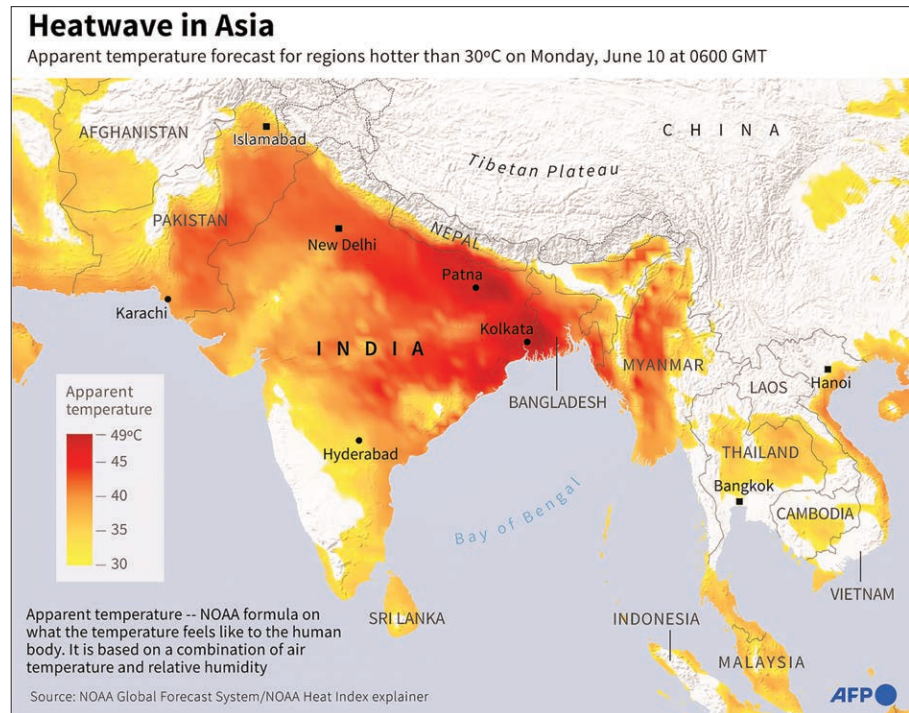
"As a strong team in Asia, South Korea has always been a regular participant in the World Cup who have several world-class players with outstanding abilities. In response, we will focus on collective defence and prioritize team collaboration," Ivankovic said.

China are currently dealing with injuries, with forward Alan not travelling to South Korea, and Wu Lei and Zhang Yuning also carrying injuries. In such a situation, Ivankovic said, the team should be more concentrated. — Xinhua



WORLD

India's heatwave longest ever, worse to come



Map showing a forecast for India and surrounding region, using the NOAA "apparent temperature" readings that take into account a combination of air temperature and relative humidity. **PHOTO: AFP / NICHOLAS SHEARMAN AND JOHN SAEKI**

INDIA'S heatwave is the longest ever to hit the country, the government's top weather expert said Monday as he warned people will face increasingly oppressive temperatures.

Parts of northern India have been gripped by a heatwave since mid-May, with temperatures soaring over 45 degrees Celsius (113 degrees Fahrenheit). "This has been the longest spell be-

cause it has been experienced for about 24 days in different parts of the country," the head of India's Meteorological Department (IMD), Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, said in an interview with the Indian Express daily.

The mercury is expected to fall as the annual monsoon rains move north this month, but Mohapatra cautioned worse will follow.

"Heatwaves will be more frequent, durable and intense, if precautionary or preventive measures are not taken," he said.

India is the world's third-biggest emitter of greenhouse gases but has committed to achieve a net zero emissions economy by 2070 — two decades after most of the industrialized West.

For now, it is overwhelmingly reliant on coal for power generation.

"Human activities, increasing population, industrialization and transport mechanisms are leading to increased concentration of carbon monoxide, methane and chlorocarbons," Mohapatra said.

"We are endangering not only ourselves, but also our future generations."

Scientific research shows climate change is causing heatwaves to become

longer, more frequent and more intense.

The latest heatwave has seen temperatures in New Delhi match the capital's previous record high: 49.2C (120.5F) clocked in 2022.

As people sought relief from the scorching temperatures, the electricity grid groaned under a record peak power demand of 8,302 megawatts.

On 29 May, an automatic weather station in the Delhi suburb of Mungeshpur recorded a high of 52.9C (127.2F), but the temperature was the result of a faulty sensor.

Elsewhere in Delhi, 17 other city stations hit a maximum of 49C (120.2F) the same day.

"We constituted an expert committee, which observed readings for the next two days and found there were problems with the sensor," Mohapatra said.

While the IMB had raised its concerns about the recording within hours, Mohapatra confirmed for the first time that the sensor was faulty.

"We inspect the AWS (automatic weather stations) every six months," he said.

"But in between a bird or a monkey can disturb it". — AFP

US in Gaza ceasefire push with UN vote, Mideast tour

THE United States stepped up pressure Monday for a Gaza ceasefire with a call for a UN Security Council vote on a truce as it redeployed Washington's top diplomat to the region scarred by eight months of war.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken's regional tour was preceded by further bombardment of Gaza by Israeli forces, with witnesses reporting overnight strikes in the centre of the strip and helicopter gunfire on ravaged Gaza City.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu meanwhile faced domestic dissent, with war cabinet member Benny Gantz quitting Sunday over the premier's handling of the war.

Washington sought to bring a ceasefire closer by tabling a draft resolution at the United Nations, calling for an "immediate ceasefire with the release of hostages" between Israel and militant group Hamas.

A staunch ally of Israel, the United States has been widely



A Palestinian girl climbs over debris a day after an operation by the Israeli Special Forces in the Nuseirat camp, in the central Gaza Strip on 9 June 2024 amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Hamas militant group. **PHOTO: AFP**

criticised for having blocked several earlier UN draft resolutions calling for a halt to the fighting.

A new push for a deal by President Joe Biden on 31 May,

separate from the UN, has so far failed to produce tangible results, while further doubts have been cast on a truce by an Israeli special forces raid to free hostages which killed scores of

Palestinians on Saturday. "People were screaming — young and old, women and men," said Muhannad Thabet, 35, a resident of the crowded Nuseirat refugee camp area. — AFP

S Korea resumes anti-North broadcasts over waste-carrying balloons

SOUTH Korea has resumed loud-speaker propaganda broadcasts at its border with North Korea after a six-year hiatus, in response to the North's restart of launching waste-carrying balloons into the South.

The military's Joint Chiefs of Staff said Sunday that it restarted the broadcasts in the afternoon, while demanding an immediate halt to North Korea's "despicable" practice of launching such balloons.

The propaganda broadcasting, halted in 2018 amid a thaw in relations, was brought back as North Korea recommenced sending the balloons Saturday after having announced on 2 June a temporary halt to the activity.

It has launched numerous waste-carrying balloons since 28 May in tit-for-tat retaliation for the flying of anti-Pyongyang propaganda leaflets across the border by South Korean activists. — Kyodo