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Tatmadaw upholds Geneva Convention with comprehensive measures

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The delegation led by ICRC President Ms Mirjana Spoljaric Egger pays a courtesy call on State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a delegation led by Ms Mirjana Spoljaric Egger, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) at the Office of the State

Administration Council Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the meeting, they cordially exchanged views on the undertakings of the ICRC to provide humanitarian aid in Myanmar, the need to cooperate with relevant ministries to actually

distribute necessary assistance to the people in need rather than falling into the hands of unrelated organizations, and all measures being taken by Tatmadaw in accord with the Geneva Convention.

Also, present at the meeting were

Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe, Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win and officials. The ICRC president was accompanied by her delegation members. — MNA/TTA

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Allowing Mon Unity Party to register as political party

AS of 9 September 2024, the Mon Unity Party, with its headquarters located at No 16, 19th Street, Myaingthaya Ward of Mawlamyine in Mon State, has been allowed to register under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law.

The registration number of the Mon Unity Party is 52.

Sd/ U Ko Ko
Chairman
Union Election Commission



The photo showcases boats participating in the traditional boat race at the PhaungdawU Pagoda Buddha Pujaniya Festival, Meiktila, Mandalay Region, in the previous year.

30 teams to compete in Meiktila boat race at PhaungdawU Festival

A total of 30 teams will compete in the traditional boat race held as part of the 141st Meiktila Historic Karaweik PhaungdawU Pagoda Buddha Pujaniya Festival in Meiktila Township, Mandalay Region, according to U Tin Hlaing, a member of the pagoda board of trustees.

The boat race will take place from 10 to 17 September during the festival.

“The traditional boat race will be held as part of the Meiktila Historic Karaweik PhaungdawU Pagoda Festival. A total of 30 teams—10 teams in the senior category and 20 teams in the junior category—

are participating in the competition. The boat race will start at 9 am on 10 September,” he added.

The 141st festival of the historic Karaweik PhaungdawU Pagoda will also feature alms-bowl offerings, a funfair, and a market festival. — ASH/MKKS

COVID-19 report, 9 September 2024

NEW TESTS 18,834

NEW CASES 59

CASUALTIES Nil

7 special criminal appeal cases, 2 special civil appeal cases passed judgements; 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 Khin Maung Gyi, Daw Khin May Yi, Daw Pyone Pyone Aye, and Dr Ko Ko Naing was convened Monday morning at the Supreme Court of the Union and passed judgements for seven special criminal appeal cases — Nos 6/2024 (Mandalay), 7/2024 (Mandalay), 8/2024

(Mandalay), 9/2024 (Mandalay), 10/2024 (Mandalay), 11/2024 (Mandalay) and 12/2024 (Mandalay), and two special civil appeal cases — Nos 38/2024 (Sagaing) and 47/2024 (Yangon).

In addition, a total of six special civil appeal cases — Nos 36/2024 (Mandalay), 43/2024 (Yangon), 44/2024 (Yangon), 48/2024 (Yangon), 49/2024 (Mon) and 51/2024 (Yangon) were heard. — MNA

Deep Depression No-05/2024

Issued at (19:00) hours MST on 9-9-2024

Deep Depression Condition

According to the observations at (17:30) hrs MST today, the deep depression that crossed Odisha coasts near Puri (India) has moved North-Northwestwards and continue crossing interior Odisha.

During next (24) hrs forecast

The deep depression is likely to continue to move nearly Northwestwards and gradually weaken into a Depression during next (12) hours. Thereafter it is likely to move West-Northwest and may cross continue inland of India.

General caution

Under the influence of deep depression, rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady Regions and Chin, Rakh-

ine States with likelihood of regionally and isolated heavyfalls in some Regions and States along with strong winds from tonight to 12-9-2024. Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40 miles per hour (mph). Wave height will be about 9 - 12 feet in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts.

Advisory

Under the influence of deep depression, people should be aware heavy rain with strong wind, flash flood and landslide in the hilly areas and near small rivers and also domestic flight, trawlers, vessels and ships in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts.

This is the last news for the Deep Depression. — DMH

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing awards Border Affairs Ministry's Champion football team

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing watched the final event of the Inter-Ministerial University Football Tournament 2024 at Wunna Theikdhi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon and awarded the champion team.

In the final match, football teams representing the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Border Affairs put pressure on each other to control the game, and both teams were able to reach the final match. Both teams could not break the deadlock of results till the end of the first half. In the 68th minute, the Ministry of Border Affairs' team scored a single winning goal and led the match till the final whistle, claiming the champion of the tournament 2024.

After the final match, the Senior General presented a cash award and a championship trophy to the first prize-winning football team of the Ministry of Border Affairs.

Union ministers Dr Nyunt Pe and U Ko Ko Hlaing and SAC members U Yan Kyaw, U Shwe Kyein, Khun San Lwin, and Dr Ba Shwe presented best player awards in relevant places, the top scorer and the best player of the tournament to the winners, individual medals and cash awards to respective winners.

SAC members Daw Dwe



State Administration Council Chairman Premier Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents the championship trophy to the football team from the Ministry of Border Affairs yesterday.

Bu, Porel Aung Thein, and Dr Hmuh Thang gave individual medals and cash awards to players from the fourth, third, and second prize-winning teams representing the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation and the Ministry of Science and Technology respectively.

SAC Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo handed individual medals to players from the Champion football team representing the Ministry of Border Affairs.

After the awarding ceremony, the Senior General cordially greeted the players.

The final match was also attended by Union-level dig-

nitaries, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers and officials, and spectators.

A total of seven university football teams representing the Ministry of Border Affairs, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation, the

Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Science and Technology, and the Ministry of Health participated in the football tournament which lasted from 31 August to 9 September. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

Myanmar attends 9th Eastern Economic Forum



SAC Member Deputy Prime Minister MoTC Union Minister General Mya Tun Oo (2nd left at the back) attends the signing event of the Myanmar-Russia memorandum of cooperation.

THE Myanmar delegation led by State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo left for Russia on 1 September to attend the 9th Eastern Economic Forum which would be held in Vladivostok, Rus-

sia, from 3 to 6 September.

The delegation included Union Ministers from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, the Ministry of Electric Power, the Ministry of Industry, the Ministry of Commerce, and the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, and the deputy minister for Information and other relevant officials.

On 3 September, the delegation met Mr Sholban Valerievich Kara-ool, Deputy Chairman of the State Duma, and discussed further bilateral cooperation, preparations for election in Myanmar and the tourism industry.

On 4 September, the Myanmar delegation met Mr Maksim Reshetnikov, Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation and exchanged

views on the ongoing work plans after the fourth meeting of the Inter-Governmental Russian Myanmar Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation, progress in Myanmar-Russia economic cooperation and implementation of the roadmap for cooperation between the two countries.

At noon, they attended the signing event of MoC between Myanmar and Russia regarding construction of foliage spray plant in Myanmar.

According to that MoC, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development and Fund RC-Investments will operate foliage spray production processes as the first phase, and fertilizer plant as the second phase. — MNA/KTZH

Govt-funded mobile x-ray service launched in Kyaikto Township

WITH government funding, a team comprising State-level lung and chest physicians and medical workers from the township public health department will conduct a field survey at villages in Mon State's Kyaikto Township and provide free diagnosis and medical treatment by a mobile x-ray van, according to Kyaikto Township Public Health Department.

The free diagnosis service will be conducted from 11 to 15 September: at Boyaygi village on 11 September; at Kawsannaing village on 12 September; No 7 Theinzayat on 13 September; at Pynmasakan village on 14 September and at Khalon village on 15 September.

Those who have hypertension, diabetes, fatigue, frequent coughing, loss of appetite, weight loss and smokers are invited to come to have diagnosis. — MT/ZS

People's military servants Training 5 begins across various commands

ELIGIBLE citizens for Training 5 for people military servants arrived at the respective Tatmadaw training depots, and the opening ceremonies were organized yesterday.

The commandants of respective military training depots made opening speeches, and the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, regional and state chief ministers, commanders and relevant officials attended the opening ceremonies and cordially met trainees. They also provided cash assistance and materials to trainees.

As every citizen is under an obligation to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes: Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty, the People's Military



Officials inspect the new trainees from Training 5 yesterday.

Service Law came into force on 10 February 2024.

Training 1 was successfully conducted in regions and states on 8 April

2024, and Training 5 is in progress. Those who completed the training courses are serving duties in their respective regions and units. — MNA/KTZH

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Shwe Padauk Fish Market handles 300,000 visses of freshwater, 150,000 visses of saltwater fish daily

THE Shwe Padauk Fish Market and Baho Sanpya Fish Market mainly provide marine products to cover the daily consumption in Yangon, where about seven million people reside. During the monsoon season, the Shwe Padauk Fish Market distributes about 300,000 visses of freshwater fishery products and 150,000 visses of saltwater fishery products daily.

The market receives 14 freshwater products and 15 saltwater products from Yangon Region, Ayeyawady Region, Bago Region, Rakhine State, Mon State and Taninthayi Region. It also distributes marine products to hilly areas, as well as the central and lower parts of Myanmar and Bangladesh. The freshwater rohu and river catfish are mainly exported to Bangladesh, and to Dubai and Saudi Arabia through Bangladesh port.

“The arrival of freshwater



A variety of fish available for sale at the market. PHOTO: ZWE MARN

and saltwater products this year is not much different from last monsoon season. The fishery product sales are in normal condition. The Shwe Padauk fish market is a focal hub for customers and Yangon Region. It boasts proper transport systems

like land and waterway, and it is a main trading hub for local and foreign. We export rohu and striped catfish and other fish to Bangladesh. The saltwater fishery products are transported to companies and cold storage facilities, and the local consump-

tion rate is high for freshwater fishery products except for the export volume of rohu and river catfish to Bangladesh. There is foreign demand for rohu and river catfish. If they are exported directly to foreign countries without any agents, there will be

foreign income, which will earn extra revenue for the country. It will also benefit the fish farmers and exporters,” said U Kyin Saw, chairman of the market development committee.

The fish and prawn are produced in different regions and states, and the saltwater products are exported to Thailand, China, and Japan. These two fish markets receive most of the freshwater products for local consumption. The Shwe Padauk Fish Market opens from 3 am to 5 pm daily. The market is on 8.172 acres of land and has eight complexes, 444 shops, and over 90 vendor stalls. It mainly distributes 20 types of freshwater fish and 25 kinds of saltwater fish daily.

Establishing a fish export market can double the export volume and revenue of the country and create economic opportunities for fish farmers. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

Garment manufacturers boost training, hiring to meet rising orders

GARMENT entrepreneurs in Myanmar are receiving more orders from foreign countries and they have to train and recruit more due to labour demand, according to the garment entrepreneurs.

They received orders from many countries, including the United States, and it can easily pass through until the next Thingyan period, said a garment entrepreneur.

“The current situation of garment factories is that orders are good, so we think we can get through conveniently until the next Thingyan. The order sources come from across the globe, including American orders. We sew all orders that come. If it’s for a brand, we get a certificate to receive orders after passing the checks about that brand,” he said.

Due to labour shortage caused by rising orders, the factories had to open training



This photo showcases a local garment workplace.

courses to recruit new workers, and this was an easy time to get a job, he added.

“Business operation is good, so there is a shortage of workers. The main point is that every factory has good orders, so labour demand is very high. Factories give training to 50 or 100 new workers who are not yet skilled for recruitment, depending on the scale. They don’t discriminate against men or women. Workers are paid for their skills. There are job hoppers who get higher pay in local factories,” he said.

As garment workers are receiving standard wages based on their skill level, it is more convenient for those who work hard. “Garment factories no longer adopt a salary system. Now, they practise a system of piece rate pay — varying amounts depending on the number of finished garments in line with some requirements. When a lump sum system is adopted, it is convenient for those who work hard. Some factories support their workers with rice and cooking oil,” he said. — MT/ZN

Yangon and Ayeyawady lead lobster purchases from Taungup

LOBSTERS from Taungup township, Rakhine state, are mainly ordered from hotels in Yangon and some beaches in Ayeyawady region, according to market inquiries.

Recently, lobster prices have been falling, and in Taungup township, lobsters have become abundant since last August.

“At the moment, the price of lobster is falling. It’s convenient to buy and sell. Hotels use it a lot. Some families also have it. Other stores don’t use it. Since August, lobster has become a little more abundant, and its price dropped a little. Mandalay doesn’t consume lobster much. Hotels in Yangon use it, so we send it mostly to Yangon. There are orders from hotels in Chaungtha and Ngwehsaung. The lobster is either natural or farmed. After September, in post-rainy season, the price may be better, but now the price is



Lobsters from Taungup.

falling,” said Ma San San Oo from a lobster business in Taungup township.

Lobsters had been scarce recently, she added. “During the last six months, we had not caught lobsters. The lobsters reappeared just two months ago. One reason is that farms cannot produce lobsters. Some buy live lobsters,” the lobster businesswoman said. — Thit Taw/ZN

NATIONAL

Myanmar eyes India market to ship maize

MYANMAR has been planning to export maize to the India market as Myanmar's maize export to Thailand with duty-free privilege has ended, according to the Myanmar Corn Industrial Association.

Thailand gives the green light for maize imports under zero tariff (with Form-D) between 1 February and 31 August. However, Thailand imposes a maximum tax rate of 73 per cent on maize imports to protect the rights of their growers if the maize is imported during the maize season of Thailand.

Myanmar has been preparing to export maize to India's market to avoid price loss after

the end of the maize export period to Thailand.

Myanmar delivered maize to Thailand through the Kawthoung-Ranong border. Myanmar's monsoon maize cultivation acres declined in some areas, resulting in low output. Myanmar has steady demand from foreign markets and domestic feed processing factories. Therefore, prices are expected to keep rising, maize entrepreneurs forecast.

Myanmar exported 1.8 million tonnes of maize to Thailand this year. The majority of them were delivered to foreign markets through maritime channels, according to the Ministry of Commerce. — TWA/KK



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Academy Khant Si Thu donates K300,000 in building crematorium

ON 8 September, Academy Award-winning actor Khant Si Thu donated K300,000 towards the construction of a crematorium at Yadana Kanparni Cemetery in Taloutgon Village, Thaboung Township, Ayeyawady Region.

"There is a shortage of land at Yadana Kanparni Cemetery. Since there is no longer enough space for burials, building a crematorium has become essential. That's why I contributed K300,000," said Khant Si Thu.

Additionally, on 3 September, he also donated K300,000 to support the 104th Myanmar



This photo shows Academy Khant Si Thu making donations in Thaboung Township.

Film Day and the 47th Film Elders' Respect-Paying Ceremony, which will take place on 13 October. — ASH/TRKM

Yangon's mobile phone market rebounds in Sept after 3-month slump

THE mobile phone market in Yangon Region slowed down over the last three months, from June to August. However, it bounced back in September, and mobile phones worth between K300,000 and K400,000 have been selling well.

"Mobile phones cost between K300,000 and K400,000 are now selling better than others. People would rather

choose phones worth this amount, and they can't afford phones worth more than it," said an official from Winn Mobile Yangon (mobile phone, accessories and service).

People who like games buy expensive phones, and the mobile phone market has overcome a dull moment, he said. Further, the second-hand phone market has also been

doing well, and some choose second-hand phones if they like the brands.

"Second-hand phone price varies depending on their models. When phones which are good for use are out of stock at new phone shops, they go to second-hand phone shops. Some who can't afford expensive phones buy used ones, too," he said. — Thit Taw/ZS

DICA aims to boost domestic investments

UNION Minister Dr Kan Zaw for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations said on 6 September that priority enterprises would be invited to boost domestic investments during a meeting held at the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration's office.

The startup centre will help entrepreneurs connect with investors and create an environment conducive to investing.

He ensures investment and company registration matters are in line with rules and regulations and urges staff to comply with the Civil Service

Personnel Rules.

DICA is mandated to realize potential, facilitate public service and business, promote private sector development and boost domestic and foreign investment by creating a conducive investment climate to meet investment targets with potential companies, support startups, participate in regional and international economic cooperation, and enhance institutional frame, organization structure and employee performance, with Motto: D-Dutiful, I-Industrious, C-Capable, and A-Accountable. — TWA/KK



Directorate of Investment and Company Administration's (DICA) Office.

YANGON Stock Exchange Online Basic Stock Investment Training Course 002/2024 will be offered between 28 September and 2 November 2024 every Saturday with Microsoft Teams Application.

This course is to share know-how of the stock market, which plays a vital role in the development of developing countries through online platforms, listed companies on the exchange, roles of security companies and investment knowledge before buying stocks of listed companies.

This course is tailored to those studying economics and finance, interested in stock investment, working for public companies, aiming to work for banking and financial companies and willing to make long-term investments.

Trainers serving the exchange and experts with profound experience in the finance and investment industry are director Daw Kyi Kyi Khin Swe of the Myanmar Security Exchange Commission, deputy director U Saw Mya Aye of the Myanmar Security Exchange Commission, YSX executive senior manager U Min Thu, deputy managing director U

YSX to launch basic stock investment course online in late Sept



Stockholders monitor the index panel at Yangon Bourse.

Thet Tun Oo of the CB Securities Limited, investment adviser U Thi Ha of the KBZ Stirling Coleman Securities Co Ltd, managing director U Aung Thein Tun (Chartered MCSI) of the Institute of Business & Investment Management (IBIM), co-founder and academic director U Min Han Tun (CFA) of the Matrix Institute of Professionals (MIP)/CFA Steering Committee and

director Dr Sithu Phyo (CFA) of the Trust Venture Partners/Myanmar Institute of Business (MIB).

The modules are Legal Structure of Securities Market, Listing on YSX: Criteria and Listing Process on 28 September, Basic Principles of Stock Trading and Overview of Capital Markets on 5 October, Role of Securities Companies and Pre IPO

and IPO Process on 12 October, Introduction to Corporate Finance and Trading Stocks Technically on 26 October, and Introduction to Fundamental Analysis / International Stock Market and Understanding AML/CFT in Securities Market on 2 November. A virtual link will be sent to the trainees' email.

Presentation PPT, lecturer videos, and analysis questions

will be uploaded on the YSX Online Basic Stock Investment Training Course 002/2024 Telegram Channel. Trainees can visit and study at any time and save the videos.

The trainees must submit answers to analysis questions every week. They can receive a completion certificate with over 80 per cent grade.

Those enthusiastic can register through the YSX Online Booking system <https://ysx-mm.com/events/002-2024-online-class/> before 4 pm on 27 September. The maximum capacity of trainees is 200 persons. So, they are encouraged to enrol early. The course fee is K35,000, which can be transferred to the i-banking account of KBZ Bank (Kannar Branch) with the Account Name: Yangon Stock Exchange Joint-Venture Company Limited. YSX JV Co Ltd and Account No: 21910321900111301, Wave Pay Account (Name: Daw Ei Thinzar Thet, Phone No: 09 692862428) and KBZ Pay Account (Name: Daw Phyu Pyar Linn, Phone No: 09 449253828). Individuals can enquire about the details of the course through 01 371274 during office hours and through the Facebook messenger of the YSX. — NN/KK

CBM sells US\$12.59M, 80M Thai baht in three days

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$12.59 million and 80 million Thai baht in three days (4-6 September).

Following CBM's notification dated 14 August about contribution of \$100 million towards the fuel oil sector, it sold over \$9.498 million at exchange rate of K3,400 on 15 August, over \$89.975 million at exchange rate of K3,410 on 19 August, \$31 million at exchange rate of K3,440 on 22 August, over \$35 million at exchange rate of K3,460 on 26 August and \$16.9 million at exchange rate of K3,472 on 28 August respectively.

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

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

Geenback notes counted at the exchange counter.



pharmaceuticals and medical devices on 1 August.

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

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

YGN palm oil reference rate inches higher to K6,605 per viss this week

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil for the Yangon market was set higher at K6,605 per viss this week ending 15 September, which increased from K6,490 recorded last week ending 8 September 2024, according to the Supervisory Committee on edible oil import and distribution.

The figures show a small increase of K115 per viss this week from last week's rate.

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 hotline in late

August. The Department urges consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices. The Committee notified that any person who 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 Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the cooking oil importing companies to offer the affordable rate of imported palm oil for the consumers.

The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over Hot Line: 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/KK

OPINION

Fight against infectious diseases with vaccination

VACCINES are among the most effective tools in combating infectious diseases, which pose significant threats to public health. The COVID-19 pandemic vividly demonstrated the importance of vaccines in controlling the spread of viruses and preventing severe illness. Vaccination is crucial for improving life expectancy, enhancing public health, and supporting social and economic development worldwide.

Currently, the Mpox virus has spread in several countries neighbouring Myanmar, including India, Thailand, and Singapore. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), as of late August 2024, more than 100,000 people have tested positive for Mpox, with over 220 deaths reported since January 2022. The availability of vaccines plays a critical role in controlling the spread of Mpox and treating infected individuals.

Historically, smallpox was one of the deadliest infectious diseases, especially in Europe, during the late 18th century. It claimed the lives of around 60 million people, many of whom were children. In 1796, Edward Jenner, a rural English surgeon, pioneered the smallpox vaccine, saving countless lives. As a result of widespread vaccination efforts, the WHO declared smallpox eradicated in 1980.

However, despite the eradication of smallpox, a related virus, mpox, emerged 40 years later. Mpox is found in the tropical rainforests of Central and Western Africa and occasionally spreads to other regions.

WHO has acknowledged that many smallpox vaccines can be used to some extent to prevent and control Mpox outbreaks.

Today, over 20 vaccines are available worldwide to prevent and control life-threatening diseases. Vaccination programmes save approximately five million lives annually by preventing illnesses such as diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, influenza, dengue fever, and measles. Additionally, vaccines have been instrumental in mitigating the global impact of COVID-19, protecting millions of people from severe illness and death.

In Myanmar, the Ministry of Health is actively involved in vaccination campaigns to combat various infectious diseases. The ongoing efforts to vaccinate the population are critical in preventing outbreaks and ensuring public health. As the fight against contagious diseases continues, vaccines remain a cornerstone of global health initiatives, providing a powerful defence against both known and emerging threats.

In fact, the vaccination aims to reduce the fatality rate based on infectious diseases and prevent infection of diseases. Vaccination is a single way to escape from the possible impacts of infectious diseases. So, it is important to provide relevant vaccines to all global countries so that they are able to fight against the danger of Mpox in a timely manner, similar to COVID-19.

AS human beings, we are not items or goods to be bought or sold. People have the ability to do what they can, what they must, and what they want. The world is full of different people with different minds. Some are compassionate and caring, while others are cruel and selfish. The humane people help the helpless and share in others' feelings, making the world a better place. In contrast, inhumane people commit evil acts, including treating human beings as objects to be traded, even though they themselves are also human. They do not care if it is right or wrong; they only care about making money by selling other people as if they were goods.

Many poor people become victims of the terrible crime known as "human trafficking." In particular, young people from rural areas are often targeted by human traffickers. These young boys and girls frequently lack good job opportunities and education because their parents cannot afford to send them to school. As a result, they have to work at a young age, which makes them easy targets for traffickers. The traffickers persuade these youths by promising them well-paying jobs, and they deceive their parents with lies. Sadly, the parents believe them, and their children fall into the trap of human trafficking. In this way, the bright futures of these young people, who could have been future leaders, are destroyed.

Another tactic used by hu-

man traffickers is to use young boys to lure victims. These boys approach girls, either online or in person, pretending to be interested in them. First, they try to become friends, and then they propose a romantic relationship. When the girls accept, the boys reveal their true intentions by behaving cruelly. This is known as a "fake love trap", and it leads the girls into the hands of human traffickers. Once trapped, these girls become like puppets, controlled by the traffickers.

In addition, human traffickers sometimes approach parents who are struggling to care for their children. They offer to adopt the children, convincing the parents by giving them money and promising to take good care of the children. However, these innocent children then become victims of human trafficking, a serious and dangerous situation.

Whether the victims are girls, boys, or young children, the cruel traffickers are always looking for new victims to exploit. It is impossible to know what someone is truly like just by looking at them. No matter how expensive their clothes are, their minds could be filled with darkness. Human trafficking is a crime that hunts down victims in many different ways. To stop this terrible crime, we must all work together and stand united. Therefore, everyone should join the fight against human trafficking and declare loudly that "Human beings are not

The Rising Threat in the 21st Century

By Min Zan

goods for sale".

Moreover, in recent years, Myanmar has been facing an increasingly new and severe challenge with the rise of "Kyarr Phyint", a term referring to online money fraud gangs operating primarily in border areas. These gangs have not only exacerbated the issue of human trafficking within the country but have also become one of the most significant threats to national security and social stability.

The "Kyarr Phyint" gangs lure people, particularly those in vulnerable financial situations, with promises of lucrative jobs. Once recruited, these individuals often find themselves trapped in fraudulent schemes, coerced into committing crimes, or subjected to various forms of exploitation. In many cases, these gangs target women and children, using them as pawns in their illicit activities, which include money laundering, extortion, and other forms of financial crime.

Human trafficking, already

a severe issue in the region, has been further complicated by the activities of these gangs. The "Kyarr Phyint" operations have spread across the country, infiltrating even the most remote regions. The lack of law enforcement and security in these areas has allowed these criminal networks to thrive, leading to a surge in human trafficking cases. Victims are often sold into forced labour, sexual exploitation, or other forms of modern slavery, with little hope of escape.

Moreover, the socio-political landscape in Myanmar, particularly in conflict-affected border regions, has created a fertile ground for these gangs to operate. The ongoing conflicts, lack of government control, and economic hardships have driven many to seek opportunities outside legal frameworks, making them easy targets for traffickers. As a result, the "Kyarr Phyint" phenomenon has not only fueled human trafficking but also contributed to the destabilization of communities and the erosion of trust in societal institutions.

The consequences of "Kyarr Phyint" extend beyond the immediate victims. The financial extortion and fraudulent activities carried out by these gangs have had a ripple effect throughout the nation. Families are left impoverished, communities are torn apart, and the national economy suffers from the illicit flow of money and resources. The trauma inflicted on individuals and the psychological toll on society are immeasurable, further entrenching the cycle of poverty and exploitation.

To combat the "Kyarr Phyint" issue and the broader problem of human trafficking, Myanmar must strengthen its legal and security frame-

works. This includes enhancing border security, improving law enforcement capabilities, and ensuring that vulnerable populations are protected from exploitation. Public awareness

“Regional governments, international organizations, and civil society must work together to address the root causes of trafficking and exploitation and to protect the most vulnerable populations from falling victim to these crimes. Without decisive action, the threats posed by human trafficking and “Kyarr Phyint” will continue to grow, affecting countless lives and undermining the stability and security of the region.”

campaigns and education are also crucial in empowering communities to recognize and resist fraudulent schemes.

Furthermore, collaboration between government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and international partners is essential in addressing this multifaceted problem. By working together, these entities can develop comprehensive strategies to dismantle criminal networks, provide support and rehabilitation for victims, and prevent future cases of trafficking and exploitation.

In addition, the rise of "Kyarr Phyint" has brought new challenges to Myanmar's ongoing struggle with human trafficking. The impact of these gangs is far-reaching, affecting individuals, families, and the nation as a whole. It is imperative that Myanmar takes decisive action to curb this growing threat, protect its citizens, and restore stability and security to its communities.

As we look ahead, the fu-

ture of human trafficking and the activities of "Kyarr Phyint" in Myanmar and neighbouring countries present a complex and concerning picture. Both human trafficking and the operations of online money fraud gangs like "Kyarr Phyint" are deeply intertwined, and their potential evolution poses significant challenges not only for Myanmar but also for the broader region.

One of the most likely scenarios is the continued expansion of "Kyarr Phyint" networks across Myanmar and into neighbouring countries. As these gangs become more sophisticated, they may develop new

threat posed by "Kyarr Phyint" and human trafficking, regional governments may step up their efforts to combat these issues.

We could see increased collaboration between ASEAN member states to share intelligence, coordinate law enforcement activities, and strengthen border security. By working together, these countries can develop more effective strategies to dismantle criminal networks and protect vulnerable populations.

Additionally, technological advancements in surveillance and cybersecurity may provide new tools for law enforcement agencies to track and disrupt the activities of "Kyarr Phyint"

risks for the promise of a better life may increase, making them easy targets for traffickers and fraudsters.

In such a scenario, the cycle of poverty, exploitation, and trafficking could become even more deeply entrenched, making it harder for governments and NGOs to intervene effectively. The psychological and social impacts of trafficking and exploitation could have long-lasting effects on communities, further weakening the social fabric and trust in institutions.

Technology will play a crucial role in shaping the future of human trafficking and "Kyarr Phyint." On the one hand, traffickers and fraudsters may increasingly use technology to hide their activities, communicate securely, and reach a wider audience. The dark web and encrypted communication tools could provide new avenues for criminal activities, making it harder for authorities to detect and prevent trafficking.

On the other hand, technology could also be a powerful tool in the fight against trafficking. Artificial intelligence, big data analytics, and blockchain technology could be used to track trafficking networks, monitor financial transactions, and identify patterns of exploitation. Social media platforms and online marketplaces could be more closely regulated to prevent their use by traffickers and fraudsters.

In sum, the future of human trafficking and "Kyarr Phyint" in Myanmar and the region is uncertain and will be shaped by a combination of socio-economic factors, government actions, and technological developments. While there are opportunities for progress in combating these issues, the challenges are significant. Regional governments, international organizations, and civil society must work together to address the root causes of trafficking and exploitation and to protect the most vulnerable populations from falling victim to these crimes. Without decisive action, the threats posed by human trafficking and "Kyarr Phyint" will continue to grow, affecting countless lives and undermining the stability and security of the region.

gangs. Governments may also invest in public awareness campaigns to educate citizens about the dangers of online scams and human trafficking, helping to reduce the number of potential victims.

However, these efforts will require significant political will and resources. The success of such initiatives will depend on the commitment of regional governments to prioritize the fight against human trafficking and online fraud, as well as their ability to work together in a coordinated manner.

On the other hand, if socio-economic conditions in Myanmar and neighbouring countries continue to deteriorate, the future of human trafficking and "Kyarr Phyint" could become even more dire. Economic instability, political unrest, and ongoing conflicts could create a fertile ground for traffickers and fraud gangs to exploit. As more people find themselves in desperate situations, the number of individuals willing to take



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NATIONAL

Over 10,000 tourists visit Pathein-Shwethaungyan beach in August

A total of 10,967 travellers visited Shwethaungyan Beach and Kyaukmaungnama Elephant Camp in Pathein Township, Ayeyawady Region, in August 2024, according to Daw Cherry Myint, an executive member of the Myanmar Tourism Association (Shwethaungyan Beach).

Shwethaungyan Beach is a popular destination for both foreign and domestic tourists, with over 20 hotels and guesthouses available for visitors.

“In August 2024, 10,967 domestic travellers visited Shwethaungyan Beach, compared to 17,011 domestic and international travellers in July. Visitor numbers tend to drop during the rainy season, al-



Travellers at the Shwethaungyan Beach and Kyaukmaungnama elephant camp.

though Shwethaungyan Beach remains a year-round destination, especially for day-trippers. Another attraction is the Kyaukmaungnama Elephant

Camp,” said Daw Cherry Myint.

The hotels regularly clean their front areas, beautify their compounds with landscaping,

and maintain the hotel corridors, beach coastline, and public spaces. They also provide food for guests.

Additionally, safety is a pri-

ority at the beach, with services for bicycle, motorboat, and horse rentals. Local food and souvenir shops are also available for tourists. — ASH/TMT

ME to S’pore approves PP extensions for over 300 people next week



The Myanmar Embassy to Singapore.

MYANMAR Embassy to Singapore announced that more than 300 persons will be approved for passport extension next week.

Among applicants who are eligible for an extension of less than 14 months and applied as of 9 to 13 September, 60 persons are slated on 9, 10 and 11 September, 61 persons on 12 September, and a further 60 persons on 13 September, it said.

Applicants will have to arrive by 9 am with an original passport and Identity Card, copies of the passport data page and front and back of IC,

an extension form and a photo required. If the prescribed schedule is over, further application needs to be submitted again, it said.

Fake documents or making submissions through agents won’t be considered for an extension, and the embassy warned that any private service company or agent are not permitted to provide this service and make a waiting list for submitting documents to the embassy’s WhatsApp.

For submissions to the embassy’s WhatsApp, about two submissions can be made per day, but the embassy reminds

submitters that there will be no more submissions on the following days; if not, they will be moved behind the waiting list. Applicants should watch whether they are included in the list that will be announced on the embassy’s website in a week.

Myanmar nationals aged 65 years and above don’t need to seek an appointment date, and will be considered a priority. Those who have difficulty seeking an appointment date if they have an emergency can directly apply for a walk-in and come in the morning in person. — MT/ZS

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.

Counter-argument to false information

Fake news claims youths from Sagaing, Mandalay sent to Kholan, Namsang

THE malicious media have intentionally spread false reports claiming that youths from Sagaing and Mandalay regions, forced into military service, were sent to Kholan

and Namsang townships.

However, security officers from these areas have confirmed that no such forced soldiers are present. The security forces are carrying out counter-terrorism duties, inspections, and patrols.

The conscription process for military service is being conducted in accordance with official rules and regulations. The media are fabricating stories using old photographs in an attempt to destabilize the towns. — MNA/TMT



This screenshot validates misinformation.

Trailblazing jazz club marks 50th anniversary in Japan

A trailblazer of the modern jazz club scene in Japan marked its 50th anniversary last month, celebrating a rich history of big-name artistes such as jazz phenom Art Blakey and others who performed there while also overcoming the financial hit from the COVID-19 pandemic in recent years.

Located in Tokyo's Shibuya Ward, one of the country's busiest commercial districts and a centre of youth culture, the club, Body & Soul, got a much-needed boost from the support of its nationwide fan base after falling on hard times during the health crisis.

"Live performance is at the forefront of jazz. B&S will continue to be a place that offers this charm," owner Kyoko Seki, 83, said in commemoration of the club's 1974 opening in August. Seki took an interest in jazz soon after World War II. Her father — a sound engineer — became involved in radio programme production after returning from the war. He took his daughter to a studio one day where she listened to live jazz music for the first time.

"I knew nothing about jazz,

but I got hooked on it because of the enthusiasm of the music," Seki recalled.

Seki had a penchant for dance, and joined an opera company operated by filmmaker Shochiku Co after graduating from junior high school.

But her eagerness to be involved in jazz music prevailed, leading to her quitting the company and opening Taro, a jazz club in Tokyo's Kabukicho area in Shinjuku, in 1965.

Little-known musicians of the time took to the stage and became fast friends. Terumasa Hino, widely recognized today as one of the finest Japanese jazz trumpeters, was among them.

It was a heady time. When lacking air-conditioning at the club, icicles were placed on the floor to provide a cool atmosphere amid hot jazz performances.

Seki opened Body & Soul in Shinjuku in 1974 as a late-night jazz cafe where customers could listen to music on vinyl. Drummer Roy Haynes, who performed at the first full-scale Japanese outdoor jazz festival "Live Un-



Kyoko Seki (foreground) and jazz musicians gather for a rehearsal at Body & Soul in Tokyo in August 2024. PHOTO: KYODO

der the Sky," would often visit the club when he was in Japan and introduced B&S to his fellow musicians in New York.

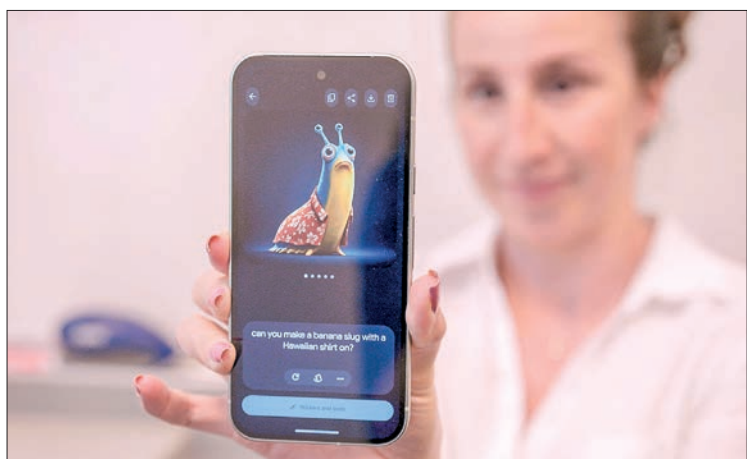
The club later moved to Roppongi, another popular nightclub

district in Tokyo, and with the addition of a grand piano, jam sessions became almost a daily affair as live performances resumed.

But it was "The Jazz Messengers" bandleader Art Blakey,

a leading figure of the modern jazz circuit, who made Body & Soul known to overseas jazz musicians through his frequent visits to the club whenever he came to Japan to perform. — Kyodo

Awe and trepidation as AI comes for smartphones



Leilani H Gilpin, Computer Science Professor at UC Santa Cruz, holds up the new Pixel 9 phone by Google in Santa Cruz, California, on 6 September 2024. PHOTO: AFP

MATTHEW Day was keen to find out if an artificial intelligence-packed Google Pixel 9 smartphone could tell him a great local fishing spot. California Assemblywoman Gail Pellerin had it whip up a playful picture of her dog in front of the state capitol building.

Igor Gaspar launched into a

discussion with the Pixel regarding causes of inflation.

Fascination tinged with concern was a common reaction as people in Santa Cruz dabbled with a Pixel 9 and its capabilities, including the ability to "add" oneself to pictures and having a whip-smart digital assistant at one's command.

AFP visited the coastal California city to ask passersby to test out the features on the phone, as Google and Apple increasingly integrate AI into their products, in what they say is becoming a transformative time for the devices central to modern life. "I asked it a question and it gave me a quick answer," Day said as he checked out the Pixel 9. "That's a lot better than the phone I have right now, I'll tell you that much."

"(There are) definitely some incredible tools that people would have available to them to do creative things, and gather information," Pellerin said after putting a Pixel through its paces.

Yet worries also mounted. "But I'm also concerned about nefarious uses of it, and we need to have those guardrails and regulations so it doesn't cause havoc in any industries or communities or whatever," she added. — AFP

"Beetlejuice Beetlejuice" tops N American box office on opening weekend

WARNER Bros Pictures' comedy horror film "Beetlejuice Beetlejuice" dominated the North American box office with an estimated three-day cume of US\$110 million on its opening weekend, data from the measurement firm Comscore showed on Sunday.

It's the second biggest opening weekend ever in North America in the month of September. The film also took in over \$35.4 million internationally for a global debut of \$145.5 million.

Directed by Tim Burton, the sequel to 1988's box office hit "Beetlejuice" stars Michael Keaton, Winona Ryder, and Catherine O'Hara reprising their roles alongside new cast members.

The film has earned an approval rating of 77 per cent based on 243 reviews to date on the review-aggregation website Rotten Tomatoes, and a "B+" on an "A+" to "F" scale from audiences polled by the market research firm CinemaScore.

In second place, Marvel Studios' superhero film "Deadpool & Wolverine" showed staying power, pulling in 7.2 million dollars on its seventh weekend for a North American cume of \$614 million.

Historical biopic "Reagan", released by independent distributor ShowBiz Direct, landed in third place with \$5.2 million on its second weekend for a North American total of \$18.5 million through Sunday. — Xinhua

ECONOMY WORLD

China's consumer prices maintain stable growth in August

CHINA'S consumer prices continued to rise in August amid a sustained recovery of domestic demand, while declines in producer prices indicated more time needed for market sentiment to get fully restored.

The consumer price index (CPI), a main gauge of inflation, was up 0.6 per cent year on year last month, quickening from the 0.5-per-cent increase in July, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said in a statement. On a monthly basis, the CPI grew 0.4 per cent in August, slightly lower than the 0.5-per-cent increase in July.

NBS statistician Dong Lijuan attributed the price changes last month to factors including high temperatures and frequent rainfall in the summer.



A consumer selects milk at a supermarket in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, 12 June 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

In breakdown, food prices, up 2.8 per cent year on year and 3.4 per cent on a monthly basis, became the major contributor to the overall price increase. Prices

of eggs, vegetables and fruits gained because of downpours in multiple regions, and pork prices also climbed with reduced production capacity and strong

market expectations.

Non-food prices remained moderate due in part to falling demand for travel and hospitality as summer vacation was coming to an end.

NBS data also showed China's producer price index (PPI), which measures costs for goods at the factory gate, went down 1.8 per cent year on year in August, bigger than a 0.8-per-cent year-on-year dip registered in July.

The PPI decrease was due to insufficient market demand and the downward trend in prices of some international commodities, Dong said. Analysts believe the consumer and producer prices in August point to warming domestic demand, while also calling for more to further improve market expectations.

China in March unveiled a programme of promoting large-scale equipment upgrades and consumer goods trade-ins in an effort to stimulate domestic demand and shore up the economy. Under the programme, factories are encouraged to replace old machines with advanced new ones, and individual consumers can enjoy subsidies on automobiles and home appliances, among others.

Recently, the central government added policy support for the programme, arranging 150 billion yuan (about US\$21 billion) of ultra-long special treasury bonds to help local policy implementation. Multiple regions including Hunan, Guangdong and Shanghai have rolled out specific plans. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

S Korea's household electricity bill rises 13% in August

SOUTH Korea's household electricity bill was estimated to rise in double digits last month when an unusually prolonged heatwave plagued the country, Yonhap news agency said Monday, citing Korea Electric Power Corp (KEPCO).

The average electricity charge per household jumped 13 per cent from a year earlier to 63,610 won (US\$47.5) in August, according to KEPCO estimate.

It was based on preliminary data, and last month's power rates will be fixed at the end of September. — Xinhua

Sri Lankan tourism earnings exceed US\$2 bln

SRI Lanka has earned over US\$2 billion from tourism in the first eight months of 2024, the latest data from the country's Central Bank shows.

Sri Lanka earned \$2.17 billion in the above period, which is a 66.1 per cent increase from the same period in 2023, the Central Bank data shows.

Tourist arrivals also increased by 50.7 per cent in the same period, and 1.36 million tourists arrived in the first eight months of 2024, the central bank data shows.

In August 2024, arrivals were 164,609, an around 20 per cent increase compared to August 2023, Central Bank data shows. — Xinhua

US travel agents embark on FAM trip to China

A group of representatives of US travel agents, organized by Air China and China National Tourist Office (CNTO), departed from Los Angeles Sunday on a FAM (short for "familiarization") trip for China.

"It will be good to experience it ourselves, so that we can tell our clients that China would be safe to go," Joey Sy,

a personal travel manager from Los Angeles-based Hyssop Travel, told Xinhua at Los Angeles International Airport.

Since China introduced a series of measures in 2023 to facilitate inbound tourism, including simplifying visa processes, expanding the list of visa-free countries, and expanding international flights, the country's inbound tourism

market has seen continuous growth, Wu Dawei, CNTO Los Angeles director said.

Wu added that this group is aimed at further increasing the travel from the United States to China and solidifying the outcomes of the 14th China-US Tourism Leadership Summit held in Xi'an in May. — Xinhua

Greek economy gains momentum as credit ratings improve



Tourists visit the Roman Agora in Athens, Greece, 10 September 2022. PHOTO: XINHUA

GREEK officials and financial experts have hailed the recent upgrades of both the country's credit rating and that of its major banks, viewing it as another

positive sign of the nation's economic recovery.

On Friday evening, Canadian credit rating agency DBRS Morningstar raised

Greece's economic outlook from "stable" to "positive," maintaining its credit rating at BBB in the investment-grade category.

DBRS's statement noted that its outlook improvement is based on expectations of continued progress in areas such as fiscal discipline and the strengthening of the banking sector.

Last year, DBRS was the first of the major credit rating agencies to lift Greece out of "junk" status, a label the country had held since 2010 when it was grappling with a severe debt crisis.

Following the implementation of three tough bailout programmes until 2018, Greek economy has recovered and successive positive assessments by third-party observers confirm that Greece continues to move on the right track, Kostis Hatzidakis, minister of national economy and finance, commented in a statement on Saturday. — Xinhua

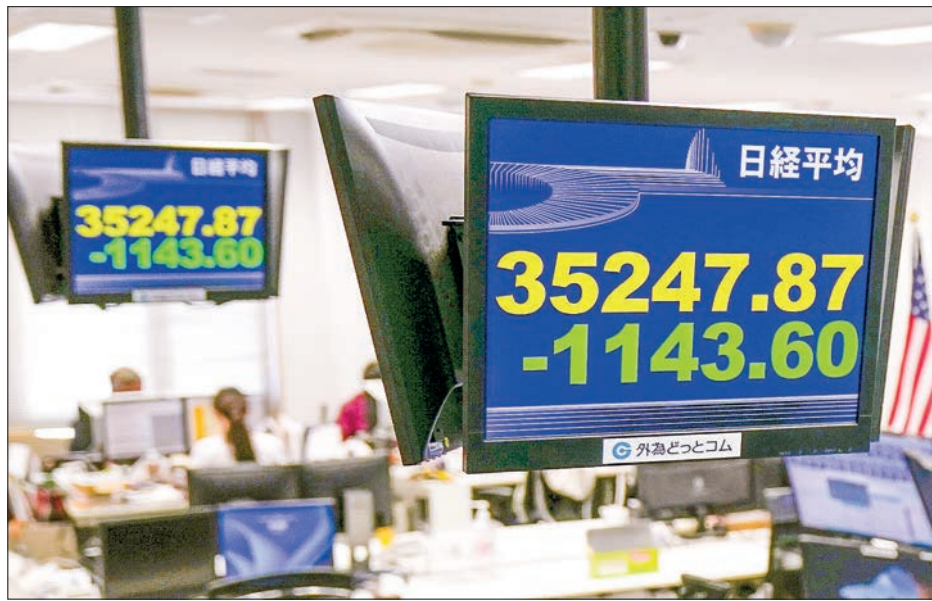
European stocks, dollar recover from US jobs disappointment

EUROPEAN stock markets and the dollar recovered Monday after big pre-weekend falls caused by concerns about the health of the US economy, but Asian equities declined further.

In Europe, investors awaited an expected interest-rate cut from the European Central Bank on Thursday.

The European Central Bank is set to cut eurozone borrowing costs once more as inflation in the single-currency bloc drifts back towards the ECB's two-per-cent target.

"Wage pressure has



Financial monitors at a currency trading company in Tokyo show the 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average falling over 1,000 points on the morning of 9 September 2024 from the previous trading day's close. PHOTO: KYODO

been a key driver of eurozone inflation this year, and now that it is retreating it could allow the ECB to embark on a prolonged rate-cutting cycle," said Kathleen Brooks, research director at trading platform XTB.

Global stocks markets slumped Friday following data showing weaker than expected US jobs growth, which raised concerns about the economy.

The data, however, raised expectations that the US Federal Reserve will cut interest rates next week after holding them at a 23-year high to tame inflation. The highly antic-

ipated non-farm payrolls report Friday showed an estimated 142,000 jobs were created in the United States last month, up on July but well off forecasts.

Traders have been on edge since July figures, which helped to spark a market rout on speculation that the Fed may have waited too long to cut borrowing costs as it focused on bringing down inflation.

Wall Street's three main indices tumbled Friday on the jobs update and pushed the dollar down against its main peers. The greenback recovered Monday. — AFP

Singaporean companies optimistic about business prospects in Q4

BUSINESS sentiment among Singapore's firms rose for the fourth quarter in a five-quarter row, reaching a two-year high, according to a survey issued by the Singapore Commercial Credit Bureau on Monday.

The Business Optimism Index rose to 5.06 per cent for the fourth quarter from 4.94 per cent a quarter earlier. The financial, construction and transportation sectors are most optimistic about business outlook, while the manufacturing sector remains relatively muted for the fourth quarter, the survey showed.

Singaporean enterprises anticipate an increase in sales volume and net profits, projecting growth for the fourth quarter.

Selling price, new orders and employment will remain expansionary at a moderate rate, while inventory levels will stay contractionary, according to the survey. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY.NO. (V.129N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **10-9-2024** 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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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

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CHANGING THE NAME OF INSECTICIDE TRADING

The foreign manufacture MAC Chem (Asia) Co., Ltd. will import and distribute the following insecticides registered in Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board changing trading name –

No	Old Trade Name	New Trade Name	Active Ingredient Name	Registration Type	Registration Number
1	Mega Alunlan	Shwe Ba	Emamectin Benzoate 5% + Lambda-cyhalothrin 10% WP	Full	F 2022-3825

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

Address: Mega Grow International Co., Ltd. No. 216/222, 9 - FLOOR, B8-C8, Bo Myat Tun Housing, Mahabadoola Rosd, Pazudaung Township, Yangon Region. PH: 01-292772

PESTICIDES DISTRIBUTER CHANGING

The manufacture of **SPKG Biochem Co.,Ltd** have registered the following products in Pesticide Registration Board of Myanmar to distribute in Myanmar. Now, we have to change from old distributor name "**Many Agrotrade Co.,Ltd**", to new distributor name "**Myanma Taiza Co.,Ltd**". If any object or enquiry, please contact to Pesticide registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayint Naung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon, from here to next 14 days. **Many Agrotrade Co.,Ltd.** Ph-09401573814

Sr.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration No.
1.	BK Ranger	Pendimethalin 33% w/v EC	P2020-5018

In the matter of the Financial Institution Law, 2016

In the matter of uab bank Limited

[Under Paragraph 34 of the Directive on External Auditors of Banks of the Central Bank of Myanmar (10/2019)]

Public Notice regarding Publication and Exhibition of Financial Statements

Pursuant to Paragraph 34 of the CBM Directive (10/2019), notice is hereby given that the Audited Financial Statement of the uab bank Limited for the Financial Period ended 31st March 2024 and the External Auditors' Report had been published on the website of the bank at

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ROLLING UPDATES WORLD

Trump, Harris tied on eve of televised presidential debate

THE US presidential race remains neck-and-neck according to polls released Sunday, two days before Kamala Harris and Donald Trump hold their first — and potentially only — televised debate.

The latest polling confirms that Trump retains locked-in support from about half of voters, despite the Republican's historic status as a convicted felon and his role in instigating the unprecedented attempt to overturn his 2020 loss to Joe Biden.

Harris, who only jumped into the race after President Biden quit in July, has rapidly transformed herself from a little-noticed vice-president into a serious contender. However, the polls show she has not made a major breakthrough, leaving the race a toss-up.

A New York Times/Siena poll found that 78-year-old Trump is leading Harris nationally by 48 to 47 per cent, well within the mar-



(COMBO) This combination of pictures created on 22 July 2024 shows US Vice-President Kamala Harris arriving for an event honouring National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship teams from the 2023-2024 season, on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, DC, on 22 July 2024 and former US President and 2024 Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump standing on stage after accepting his party's nomination on the last day of the 2024 Republican National Convention at the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on 18 July 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

gin of error.

US presidential elections are decided by tallying the results

of state-by-state contests, rather than an overall national popular vote, meaning that a tiny handful

of swing states typically determine the balance.

The poll found Harris, 59, narrowly ahead in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania, and tied in four other swing states: Nevada, Georgia, North Carolina and Arizona.

A CBS News/YouGov poll put Harris ahead by one percentage point in Michigan and Wisconsin and tied in Pennsylvania.

The election is already chaotic, with 81-year-old Biden dropping out amid concerns over his age, Trump narrowly surviving an assassin's bullet at a rally, and fears mounting that Trump will again refuse to concede if he loses in November.

However, the latest numbers confirm that each candidate retains a remarkably stable base of loyalists, almost evenly splitting the country.

One game changer could be Tuesday's ABC News debate, the only one scheduled between the

two.

Trump will be under pressure to rein in his characteristic use of insults and intimidation as he stands next to a mixed-race candidate vying to become the first female president in US history.

Harris will need to use the huge viewership to connect with Americans in a way that she was unable to as vice president and has had little time to accomplish in her super-condensed campaign run.

With Trump now the oldest presidential nominee in US history, she is pitching an optimistic, forward-looking message in contrast to Trump's apocalyptic claims that the country faces terminal decline without him in the White House.

But Harris has also been accused of running on vague optimism and unity at the expense of putting out concrete policies. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kremlin on reports of Iran allegedly supplying missiles: Such information not always true

KREMLIN spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Monday, commenting on reports that Iran is allegedly supplying missiles, that such information not always corresponds to reality.

On Monday, CNN reported, citing sources, that Iran allegedly transferred short-range ballistic missiles to Russia for use in special military operation in Ukraine. — Sputnik

Hezbollah, Islamic Group attack military sites in N Israel

HEZBOLLAH and the Islamic Group on Monday launched attacks on several military sites in northern Israel using Katyusha rockets and drones.

Hezbollah said in separate statements that its fighters had launched squadrons of suicide drones at the headquarters of the Golani Brigade and the Egoz Unit 621 in the Shraga barracks north of Acre. — Xinhua

Vietnam death toll from Typhoon Yagi jumps to 59

THE death toll in Vietnam from Typhoon Yagi jumped to 59, state media reported on Monday, as business leaders said the storm had been a "disaster" for the country's vital manufacturing sector.

Yagi, according to meteorologists the most powerful typhoon to hit northern Vietnam in 30 years, downed bridges, tore roofs off buildings and damaged factories after making landfall on Saturday carrying winds in excess of 149 kilometres (92 miles) per hour.

Power blackouts caused major disruptions to factories in northern Vietnam, which is a major production hub for global tech firms such as Samsung and Foxconn. The north was also battling serious flooding on Monday, with several communities partially underwater.

The storm killed 59 people in Vietnam, state media reported, 44 of them in landslides and flash floods. The death toll had earlier been put at 21.

Authorities said on Monday that 247 people had been injured.

"The (flooding) situation is very serious. We have ordered the discharge of water (from reservoirs)," Nguyen Hoang Hiep, deputy minister of agriculture and rural development, said in a statement.

"Localities must be active to support and ensure the safety of their people and assets."



This aerial picture shows the collapsed Phong Chau bridge over the Red River in Phu Tho province on 9 September 2024 after Super Typhoon Yagi hit northern Vietnam. **PHOTO: AFP**

At least 24 others were killed as Yagi tore through southern China and the Philippines before hitting Vietnam.

Some 1.5 million people were still without electricity in Vietnam on Monday and a major bridge across the swollen and fast-moving Red River collapsed in northern Phu Tho province.

Pictures on state media showed half of the 375-metre Phong Chau bridge gone.

Deputy Prime Minister Ho Duc Phoc

estimated 13 people were missing, according to state news site VNExpress.

He said there were 10 cars and trucks, along with two motorbikes, on the bridge when it collapsed.

In the neighbouring province of Yen Bai, 2,400 households were forced to move to higher ground as the water level rose to dangerous levels.

Floodwaters reached a metre (three feet) high in parts of Yen Bai City on Monday. — AFP

SPORTS

U Myo Hlaing Win named head coach of Myanmar National Football Team for 2024-25



This photo captures U Myo Hlaing Win being appointed as head coach for the Myanmar National Football Team.

THE Myanmar Football Federation has appointed U Myo Hlaing Win as the head coach of the Myanmar National Football Team for the 2024-25 international competitions, beginning in September.

The Myanmar National Team will first participate in FIFA international friendlies, facing

teams such as Singapore and Lebanon.

U Myo Hlaing Win represented Myanmar in the national team from 1987 until his retirement in 2004. He was a prolific scorer in domestic matches, as well as in the Malaysian and Thai leagues, and became a prominent player in the ASEAN region. In 2007, he began his coaching career with the Air Bagan team and has since held coaching roles with both the Myanmar national teams and Myanmar National League clubs.

The Myanmar National Team will also compete in the AFF Mitsubishi Electric Cup 2024, with home and away matches starting on 8 December. Additionally, they will participate in the 2027 Asian Cup qualifiers and FIFA international qualifiers from March 2025. — TWA/TKO

Sinner sweeps to US Open title for second Grand Slam triumph

JANNIK Sinner won his second Grand Slam title of 2024 on Sunday when he swept aside Taylor Fritz in the US Open final, shattering American hopes of a first male champion at the majors in 21 years.

World number one Sinner, who won his maiden Slam at the Australian Open in January, became the first Italian man to triumph in New York with a 6-3, 6-4, 7-5 victory.

For 23-year-old Sinner, it was a 55th match win of the season and sixth title.

After his 21-year-old rival Carlos Alcaraz pocketed the French Open and Wimbledon titles to take his majors collection to four, the two men have cemented their places as the powerhouses of tennis's new era. "This title means so much," said Sinner who arrived in New York under a cloud after it was revealed he had failed two drug tests but escaped sanction. — AFP



The documentary picture of the Myanmar U-20 squad. PHOTO: MFF

Myanmar U-20 gets big win over Thai

MYANMAR U-20 defeated Thai League-3 club Kasem Bundit University team 5-0 during the training match at Windmill Football Training Ground in Thailand on 9 September.

The Myanmar U-20 lost 3-1 to Bahrain U-20

in a friendly match on 6 September.

Myanmar U-20 will keep on their training until 14 September, and the last friendly match between Cambodia U-20 will be on 13 September. — MNA/KTZH

MIU wins 2024 MFF Futsal Championship

THE final and third-place play-off of the 2024 MFF Futsal Championship took place in Yangon on 9 September.

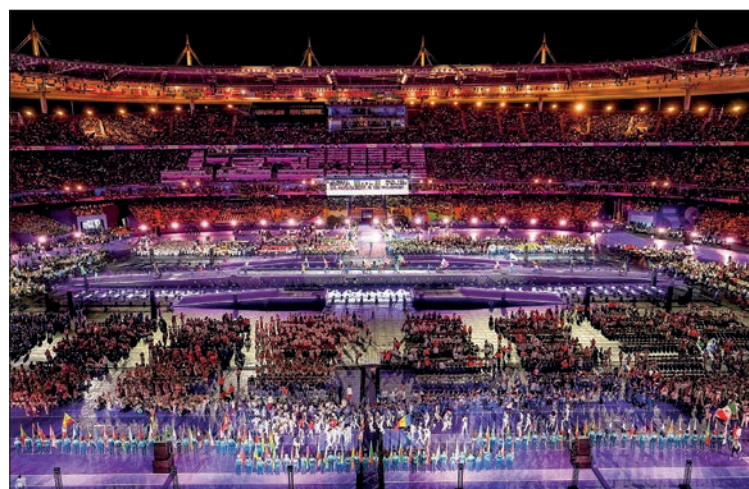
During the final match, the MIU team beat the Winner Soccer team 5-1.

In the third-place match, the VUC team won with a 6-4 over the Pyae Sone team.

The Vice-President of Myanmar Football Federation U Hteik Khun Naung Myint Wai and officials presented the fairplay award and K500,000 cash prize to MIU team, best goalkeeper award and K300,000 to Mai Soe Myat Htwe (MIU), best

player award and K300,000 to Myo Thet Aung (MIU), K1.5 million to fourth-prize winning Pyae Sone team, individual medals and K2.5 million to third-prize winning VUC

team, medals and K5 million to the second prize-winning Winner Soccer team, and medals, champion trophy and K7.5 million to MIU team. — Ko Nyi Lay/KTZH



Delegations parade during the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Closing Ceremony at the Stade de France, in Saint-Denis, in the outskirts of Paris, on 8 September 2024. PHOTO: AFP

Paris Paralympics close with a party after 'historic summer'

THE Paralympics closed on Sunday with a giant music-fuelled party as chief Paris 2024 organizer Tony Estanguet said the Games and the Olympics had created a "historic summer".

The Paralympic flame and cauldron were extinguished before a concert featuring the best of French electronic music capped off proceedings at a packed Stade de France.

More than 4,400 athletes from 168 Paralympic delegations partied despite persistent rain.

Estanguet said the closing ceremony marked the end of six weeks of Olympic and Paralympic fervour in the City of Light.

The former Olympic gold medal-winning canoeist said that period would remain "etched in people's memories".

"This summer, France had a

date with history, and the country showed up," he said.

"This summer when people talked to each other, this summer when France was happy," said Estanguet, referring to how France had been left deeply divided by snap elections just weeks before the Olympics opened.

The next Paralympics will take place in Los Angeles in 2028. — AFP

Trump, Harris tied on eve of
televised presidential debate

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WORLD

Xi meets Norwegian PM in Beijing

CHINESE President Xi Jinping met Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store in Beijing on Monday, saying that China is willing to work with Norway to promote the continuous development of friendly cooperation.

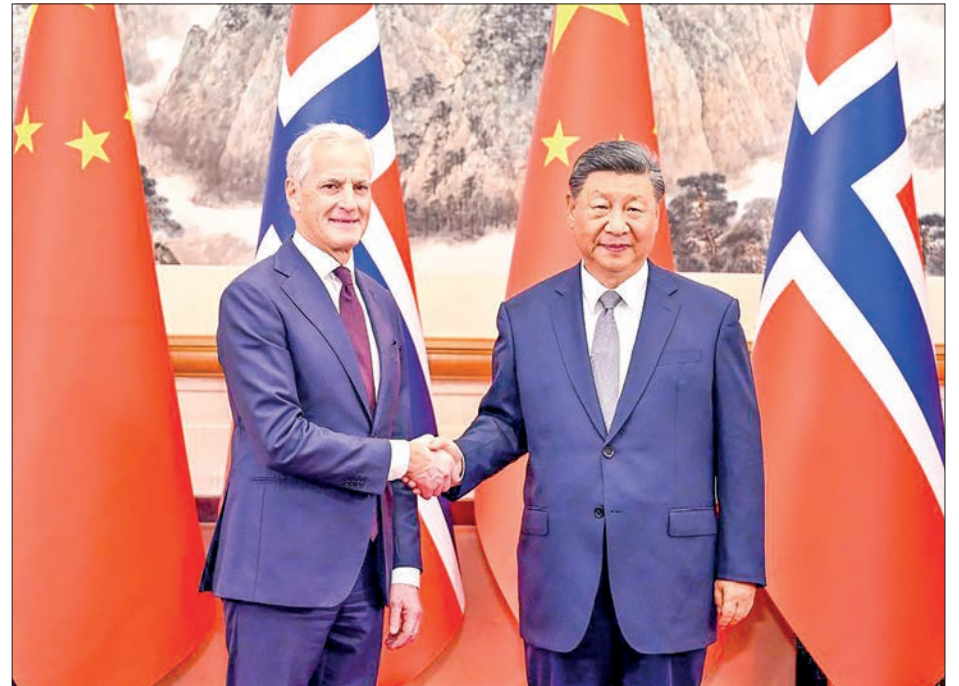
Xi asked Store to convey his greetings to King Harald V. He said since the two countries established diplomatic ties 70 years ago, the two peoples have respected, appreciated and learned from each other, forging a valuable friendship.

Furthering China-Norway friendly cooperation is consistent with the will of the two peoples, the fundamental interests of the two countries, and a

global trend of maintaining closer ties among countries to share weal and woe, Xi said.

He noted that today's world is undergoing profound changes unseen in a century, which are testing whether the international community can make the right choice.

China will continue to follow the path of peaceful development. By further deepening reform in an all-round way and advancing Chinese modernization, China will inject stability and certainty into a world fraught with changes and turbulence and create more opportunities for the common development of all countries, Xi said. — Xinhua



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store, who is on an official visit to China, at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing, capital of China, 9 September 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

Putin sends Kim Jong Un congratulations on DPRK foundation day - KCNA



Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un arrive at a residence in Pyongyang, North Korea. PHOTO: SPUTNIK

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin sent a congratulatory telegram to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on the occasion of the 76th anniversary of the founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, noting that relations between the countries are at a high level, the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported.

"Dear Comrade Kim Jong

Un, please accept my heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the 76th anniversary of the founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Relations between our countries, based on good traditions of friendship and good neighbourliness, are at a high level — this was fully confirmed by our recent constructive and meaningful talks in Pyongyang," the telegram says.

The Russian president expressed confidence that through joint efforts the countries would continue to strengthen their comprehensive strategic partnership.

United Russia party chairman and the deputy chairman of the Russian Security Council, Dmitry Medvedev also sent a congratulatory telegram to Kim Jong Un. — SPUTNIK

Lavrov arrives in Saudi capital to take part in ministerial meeting of Russia-GCC dialogue

RUSSIAN Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov arrived in the Saudi capital of Riyadh on Sunday, a Sputnik correspondent reported.

In Riyadh, Lavrov is expected to attend a ministerial meeting of the Russia-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) dialogue and hold a number of bilateral meetings.

The previous meeting of this format was held in Moscow in July 2023.

The GCC includes Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. — SPUTNIK

India reports suspected case of Mpox

INDIA'S federal health ministry on Sunday said a suspected case of Mpox (monkeypox) was identified in the country.

"A young male patient, who recently travelled from a country currently experiencing Mpox transmission, has been identified as a suspect case of Mpox. The patient has been isolated in a designated hospital and is currently stable," the ministry said in a statement.

Mpox is a zoonotic disease that presents symptoms which include fever, an extensive characteristic rash and usually swollen lymph nodes.

The World Health Organization declared Mpox a public health emergency of international concern in mid-August, warning of the potential for increased transmission of the disease globally. — XINHUA