

Government to upgrade NyaungU Airport to boost travel to Bagan

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SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing underlined that the Bagan-NyaungU region needs to emphasize land management, especially as it possesses ancient cultural heritage lands. Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior

General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by his entourage and chief ministers of Mandalay and Magway regions, yesterday afternoon met departmental officials of NyaungU District at Bagan Cultural Museum in the Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone to talk about

regional development measures.

He heard reports on the development process of NyaungU District, agriculture and livestock sectors, tourism, healthcare services, upgrade of roads, inundation of lakes and damage of some ancient buildings in recent heavy rains

in Bagan presented by officials.

Union ministers discussed water supply projects in NyaungU District, maintenance of ancient lakes and religious edifices and beautification of the city.

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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing examines lacquerware created by trainees at the Lacquerware Technology College in NyaungU District yesterday.

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the meeting with departmental officials in Bagan

- Giving accommodation and food supply services to travellers who wish to enjoy ancient cultural heritage and natural beauties aims to develop NyaungU District.
- Although the government fulfils the needs as much as it can, residents need to strive to develop agricultural tasks and implement solar-powered river water pumping projects on a self-reliant basis.
- Bagan-NyaungU region needs to emphasize land management, especially as it possesses ancient cultural heritage lands.

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Thirteen (13) days remain until the National Census.



‘Colourful Images of Bagan’ photo exhibition showcases in Yangon

PHOTOGRAPHER Maung Maung Myint, the organizer of the photo exhibition, announced that an exhibition titled ‘Colourful Images of Bagan’ is being held at the Art Hall in Bahan Township, Yangon Region.

The exhibition runs from 14 to 24 September and features over 150 photographs showcasing the scenery of Bagan, taken by five renowned photographers.

“I am responsible for organizing the event. The photographers exhibiting here are well-known local photographers from Bagan, and this is their first exhibition in Yangon. They are professionals in the field of photography and have received

international awards. There are more than 150 photographs in various sizes from all five photographers. Bagan constantly offers new scenes that photographers find difficult to capture fully. We have compiled a collection of stunning daytime and nighttime images of Bagan to give visitors, whether they have been to Bagan or not, the feeling of being there,” said organizer and photographer Maung Maung Myint.

Photographers participating in the exhibition include Maung Maung Myint, Naing Htun Win (Bagan), Shine Ko, Aung Din, and Bagan Chitthu. — ASH/MKKS



Academy Nay Aung is seen receiving donations of relief supplies for flood-stricken people.

Rice, relief supplies donated to flood-hit people in Nay Pyi Taw

THAMADA Foundation and well-wishers led by Abbot of Nanda Aungmyay Monastery of Leikpyakan Monastery Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Aggamaha Saddhammajotikadhaja Aggamaha Kammathanacariya Leading patron of Nanda Aungmyay Foundation Dr Bhaddanta Nimala from North Ngahtetgyi Ward of Bagan Township, Yangon, donated cash and kind for flood-hit people from flood-ravaged Toungoo, Pyinmana, Tatkon and Yamethin

townships at Thamada robe house on old Yedashe road in Bahan Township yesterday afternoon.

The Thamada Foundation, Myanmar Hoteliers Association and well-wishers donated male and female clothes, blankets and bags of rice, and the leading patron Sayadaw of the Nanda Aungmyay Foundation, Kyanigan Monastery Sayadaw, Arthawka Dhamma Yeiktha Monastery Sayadaw and Chindwin Monastery Sayadaw, utensils of members of the

Sangha and personal goods to actor academy Nay Aung.

The total value of donations amounted to some K100 million for flood victims in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Reportedly, academy Nay Aung will present these donations to the victims.

Leading patron Sayadaw of Nanda Aungmyay Foundation and will-wishers plan to make further donations for people from the flood-affected areas. — Tin Soe (MMAL)/TTA



This photo shows a picture being included in the photo exhibition.

Deep Depression No 11/2024

Issued at 19:00 hours MST on 16-9-2024

Depression Condition

ACCORDING to the observations at 17:30 hrs MST today, the Deep Depression over the interior of West Bengal (India) has slowly moved West-Northwestwards and still persists.

During next (36) hrs forecast

The Deep Depression is likely to move slowly West-Northwestwards and weaken into a Depression during next 12 hours and may cross continue inland of India during next 36 hours.

General caution

Due to the Deep Depression, rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine State and scattered to fairly widespread in

Sagaing Region and Chin State with heavy rainfalls from tonight to next 24 hrs. Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30-35 mph. Wave height will be about 7-9 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

Under the influence of deep depression, people should be aware of 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. — DMH

Flood Bulletin

Issued at 08:30 hrs MST on 16-9-2024

Flood conditions of Sittoung River

ACCORDING to the 07:30 hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo has exceeded by about five feet (149 centimetres) above its danger level 19.69 feet (600 centimetres). It may fall from the present water level by about 1½ feet during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

According to the 07:30hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk has exceeded by more than 1½ feet (52 centimetres) above its danger level 35.10 feet (1,070 centimetres). It may to fall from the present water level by about ½ foot during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

Advisory

It is especially advised to the people who settle near the river banks and low lying areas in Toungoo Township, Hpa-an Township, and Madauk, to take precaution measure. — DMH

NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

Government to upgrade NyaungU Airport to boost travel to Bagan



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing hears the report on the upgrading of roads during the meeting with departmental officials of NyaungU District yesterday.

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In his speech, the Senior General stressed the need to dig drains along both sides of roads for proper flow of water and systematically keep road directions in accord with the set characteristics.

In education, he highlighted that the number of students in NyaungU District accounted for 17 per cent of more than 500,000 population of the district. Among those students, just 12.88 per cent of students learn high school education with lesser changes in learning grades, he added. He noted that all school-age children have to complete KG+9 education.

Although the government fulfils the needs as much as it can, residents need to strive to develop agricultural tasks and implement solar-powered river water pumping projects on a self-reliant basis. Increasing the incomes of residents will contribute to improving the money circulation of the region and regional

development.

He continued that giving accommodation and food supply services to travellers who wish to enjoy ancient cultural heritages and natural beauties aims to develop NyaungU District.

Hence, he added that it is necessary to beautify the region, create a better landscape of the district, standardize domestic foodstuffs in production and give accommodation services to travellers.

Bagan-NyaungU region needs to emphasize land management, especially as it possesses ancient cultural heritage lands.

The government is preparing to upgrade NyaungU Airport in order to develop local and foreign travellers who will be able to travel to the Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone.

The Senior General met teachers and staff at Lacquerware Technology College, where Union Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Hla

Moe reported on conducting lacquerware courses, assessment of skills of trainees, opening of libraries, operating the lacquerware museum and sale centre.

College Principal Daw Nilar Myint presented training courses on lacquerware techniques at schools abroad, gave lectures to foreign experts, discussed labour shortage in the lacquerware industry, and discussed the emergence of the college.

The Senior General gave guidance on efforts to preserve lacquerware techniques.

The Senior General viewed round the lacquerware works of trainees at the lacquerware technique hall and production process.

In his guidance, the Senior General urged all to sustain prestigious works of lacquerware, preserve the production techniques, and provide necessary aid for students.

While flying over the Bagan An-

cient Cultural Zone, the Senior General inspected the preservation of ancient religious edifices, the inflow of water to ancient lakes, including the emerald lake, greening tasks in the Bagan-NyaungU region and the thriving of crops in the Bagan-NyaungU-Pyawbwe regions.

He overviewed landslides caused by torrential rains from the Shan plateau and mountains, which caused flooding in some townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area due to heavy rains starting from 10 September triggered by Typhoon Yagi from South China Sea and a deep depression from the Bay of Bengal, inflow of water from these hilly areas to Hsinthay Creek via Mone, Nawin and Kintha creeks, and leaving silted areas, damaged croplands and inundated some villages after water has ebbed.

The Senior General gave instructions on how to rehabilitate and take preventive measures against natural disasters. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

Water inlet channels must be cleared for all lakes and irrigated areas

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing stressed that seasonal crop cultivation, which may reduce the inflow of water volume into the lakes, must be located at a set distance from the lake under the disciplines and laws.



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views round the Emerald Lake and its vicinities yesterday.

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing underlined that trees must be grown to maintain the lakes and reservoirs and that clearing water inlet channels needed for all lakes and along irrigated areas on his inspection tour of Mingala Lake No 3 (Muntein Lake) near West Phwasaw Village.

Yesterday morning, the Senior General inspected flooding and repair of ancient lakes for prevention of damage in natural disasters in the Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone of NyaungU District in Mandalay Region.

At the emerald lake, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Tin Oo Lwin and officials reported to the Senior General on conditions of the dredged lakes and dredging underway for the lakes and no need to dredge the lakes among 91 ancient lakes in the Bagan Ancient Cultural

Heritage Zone, dredging of the lakes with the contribution of well-wishers, flow of water into the designated outlet channel in heavy rains of Typhoon Yagi due to necessary maintenance of drains, having 10.71 inches of rainfalls on 11 and 12 September in the zone without causing flooding due to clearing the gutters and repair of lakes and flow of rainwater into designated drains and lakes, partial damage of 12 religious buildings in heavy rains and no damage in inundation, accomplishment of the guidance given by the Senior General on his tour of the Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone in May 2024 to green Bagan region and ensure proper flow of water, facts about the emerald lake, maintenance for it in successive eras, lesser storage of water at the emerald lake due to some water leakage and vapouring based on the geophysical survey, and undertaking of necessary maintenance for the lake, and inflow of water to the lake.

In his response, the Senior General stressed the need to systematically maintain the emerald lake as it is a historic lake. The Senior General called to carry out systematic maintenance for the lake's water leakage. Emphasis must be placed on ensuring proper flow of water, he added.

Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Min Thu reported on the implementation of Tuyin Hill greening project, arrangements to grow trees to be free from ancient areas for greening Bagan region including Tuyin mountain range, thriving of trees, and growing of manageable tree plantations along both sides of Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung-NyaungU road in monsoon 2024 in Meiktila, Kyaukpadaung and NyaungU townships.

After hearing the reports, the Senior General gave guidance on the need to seek the best ways to have dense for-

ests in addition to applying conventional tree-growing techniques to ensure the greening of dry regions. He then viewed round the emerald lake area and gave necessary guidance to officials.

On arrival at Zeyawady (Zeyaweri) Lake near East Phwasaw Village, the Senior General heard the report on the construction of the silt tanks on the water inlet channel by officials and gave instructions on systematic maintenance of the water inlet channel and strengthening of the lake.

Officials are implementing plans to ensure the sustainability of the Bagan World Heritage Site, prevent flooding, green the region to attract travellers and maintain ancient lakes with excavation in accordance with the guidance of the Senior General. Moreover, well-wishing people contribute to the maintenance of the ancient lakes as perpetual meritorious deeds. — MNA/TTA

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National Disaster Management Committee holds 2/2024 meeting

CHAIRMAN of the National Disaster Management Committee State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win yesterday presided over the 2/2024 meeting of the committee in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Senior General noted that Typhoon Yagi triggered the flash floods and colossal deluge in Southeast Asian countries, including Myanmar's Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, and some regions and states were seriously inundated. The management committee and relevant region/state management committees provide the needed assistance to the flood victims in a timely manner, and the standing order of the National Disaster Management Committee also states that the relevant region and state can carry out management by organizing teams.

He continued that there are two disaster response scenarios: the relevant state and region natural disaster management committees conducted with their own plans while floods occurred in Kachin State, Sagaing, Mandalay,

Bago and Ayeyawady regions in early this monsoon. Such action is Scenario 1, and Scenario 2 is a Union-level operational model. At the same time, there is a worsening impact of threats, limitations in resources and responses by relevant states and regions, and under circumstances where greater effectiveness is achieved only through collaborative actions across the areas.

He then highlighted the record-hit heavy rainfalls brought by Typhoon Yagi that caused floods in the country, especially in Tatkon of Nay Pyi Taw.

He added that the Scenario-2 operation was conducted in the country. The Disaster Management Centre was established on 12 September; the vice-chairs-led DMC meeting was held on 13 September; and the emergency DMC meeting was initiated on 14 September to launch disaster management measures.

The relevant organizations and officials provided rescue work in flood-affected areas. According to the 15 September report, the death rates in 69 townships of seven regions and states showed that there were



The second meeting of the National Disaster Management Committee is in progress yesterday, chaired by SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win.

47 deaths in Nay Pyi Taw, five in Kayin State, 76 in Mandalay Region, 43 in Shan State and one in Ayeyawady Region. Therefore, it needs to release information regarding the damages and death rate. A total of 388 relief camps were opened in nine regions and states, and the well-wishers donated drinking water, food and clothes.

He also mentioned the inspection tour of the SAC Chairman in flood-affected areas starting from 12 September.

He instructed the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation to release notices regarding the dams and continued that the villagers residing in risk areas were evacuated to safe locations in advance, and so the locals from the Sittoung River basin in Bago River were evacuated.

He then stressed the need to take proper measures for access to clean water and food, re-opening of departmental offices, schools and hospitals, systematic allocation of cash donations and materials, and talked about the transportation of five basic food-stuffs and drinking water to the flooded areas in far-flung places by the government.

He instructed all to apply the experiences of the Natural Disaster Management Committee and form the needed committees, as 12 work committees were organized during the MOCHA outbreak.

He continued that the country received international assistance with strings, and some humanitarian aid from ASEAN will also be received soon. Moreover, the In-Country Liaison Team –

ICLT of the AHA Centre will also assist in releasing natural disaster information and receiving international assistance.

Participants then coordinated the discussion, and the Vice-Senior General concluded the meeting.

Due to Typhoon Yagi, flash floods and landslides occurred in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, regions and states except Kachin State, Taninthayi Region and Rakhine State from 9 to 15 September. The damages and death rate from 69 townships until 15 September were 1,083 houses, 146 office buildings, 1,023 schools, 382 religion schools, 177 roads and bridges, 963 lamp posts, 82 telecom towers, while 172 deaths and 38 missing. A total of 105,388 animals were perished in the floods. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar delegation arrives back after 11th Beijing Xiangshan Forum



SAC Member Union Defence Minister Admiral Tin Aung San (C) is seen upon his arrival back from China yesterday.

THE Myanmar delegation led by State Administration Council Member Union Minister for Defence Admiral Tin Aung San arrived back in Myanmar on 15 September after attending the 11th Beijing Xiangshan Forum.

The Union minister and party arrived in China on 12 September morning and attended the welcoming dinner hosted by General Jiang You Xia of China Central Military Commission in the evening.

On 13 September, the Myanmar delegation attended the opening ceremony and plenary meeting of the 11th Beijing Xiangshan Forum.

The Union minister then met General He Weidong,

Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission at Bayi Hall in Beijing and openly exchanged views on peace, stability and the rule of law at border areas of the two countries, enhancement of bilateral cooperation in defence sectors, strengthening Swemyo Pauk-Phaw relations, cooperation in military technology, sending of trainees and current situation of regional countries and Myanmar.

Moreover, the Myanmar delegates attended the second Plenary Session, regional security forum, and gala dinner hosted by Admiral Dong Jun, Minister of National Defence.

On 14 September, the delegates attended the Chinese Initi-

atives of Global Affairs presided over by Vice-Foreign Minister Mr Chen Xiadong and the third and fourth Plenary Sessions.

During the visit, the Myanmar delegation visited the Beijing-based high-industrial technology companies and observed modern aviation technology, pilotless crafts, electronic military operations, and air defence technologies.

Furthermore, they proceeded to the Myanmar Embassy to China and met officials of the embassy.

This year's Beijing Xiangshan Forum was attended by more than 1,800 guests from over 100 countries and international organizations. — MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL

Flood relief efforts strengthened by donations after Typhoon Yagi

THE donation ceremony for regions affected by flooding from Typhoon Yagi was held yesterday morning at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. Union Minister Dr Soe Win accepted the cash donations and delivered an appreciation speech.

During the ceremony, various donors contributed as follows: Rear-Admiral Htay Nang (retired) and Daw Ohnmar Myint donated K5 million, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation contributed K40 million, the Ayeyawady Foundation gave K100 million, Dr Phone Myint (White Hope Mental Hospital) and Kyaing Tong Paradise Ho-

tel donated K10 million, U Zaw Min and Daw Kyawt Kyawt San family donated K10 million, U Zaw Win and Daw Nway Nway Win family gave K5 million, the Royal Myanmar Nay Pyi Taw Golf Club contributed K5 million, and the 'As Best We Can' Charity organization donated K1 million. In total, K176 million in cash donations was received at the ceremony.

Additionally, the Myanmar ambassador to Thailand, diplomatic staff, companies in Thailand, Myanmar workers in Thailand, and other donors contributed 500 rice bags. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs donated 100 rice bags, and Ko Thiha (Nay Pyi Taw) donated 6,000



The donation ceremony for the flood-battered areas is in progress yesterday, attended by Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win.

purified water bottles worth K3 million. Furthermore, donors led by Sayadaw U Pannacakka from the Ayethukha monastery contributed K7 million, ten rice bags, and 58 bags of consumer goods.

Union Minister Admiral Moe Aung for the Ministry-1 of the State Administration

Council Chairman's Office and his wife Dr Daw Aye Khine Nyunt also provided breakfast and lunch for 450 Tatmadaw members, Myanmar Police Force, and firefighters who volunteered in the flood-battered areas. They also donated lunch boxes, instant noodle packs, soft drinks, and other

meals for flood victims through the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

Similarly, the SkyNet Media Shwe Thanlwin Company family began donating 10,000 meal boxes daily for flood-stricken areas in Nay Pyi Taw starting 14 September through the ministry. — MNA/TRKM

Mekong-ROK documentary film workshop for 2024 festival held in Yangon



Deputy Minister Daw Nu Mra Zan speaks on the occasion of the Mekong-ROK documentary film workshop yesterday in Yangon.

THE opening ceremony of the Mekong-ROK Documentary Film Incubator Workshop for Mekong Film Festival (2024) (traditional sports and food) initiated under the Mekong-Korea Cooperation Fund (MKCF) was organized at Novotel Yangon Max Hotel in Yangon yesterday.

Speaking at the event,

Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Daw Nu Mra Zan said the documentary film incubator workshop will be held in Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam and Laos, including Myanmar, aiming at boosting culture and tourism through traditional sports and food. Moreover, such a move can

promote mutual understanding and values. The exchange of different cultures is human nature and diplomatic ties among the countries.

She then highlighted the new experiences and tastes received from enjoying different traditional sports and cultures, understanding the heritage and culture of each sport and food, supportive measures in friendships and strategic cooperation among Mekong-ROK through the Mekong Film Festival.

Then, the students of the National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon) performed Myanmar traditional dance, and the event was concluded.

During the workshop, the experts from Cambodia, Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar and Laos discussed the effective measures for documentary film incubators. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar to attend 7th Global Fishery Forum in Russia

THE Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Gyi left for Russia to attend the seventh Global Fishery Forum and Seafood Expo Russia on 14 September.

The forum and expo will be held in St Petersburg from 17 to 19 September and is the main event of the Russian fishery industry. The event contacts thousands of businesses from around the world with Russia's vital fishery, aquaculture, processing, shipbuilding, logistics and packaging companies. It can bring benefits to Myanmar regarding the sea fishing industry, fish farming, maintenance, shipbuilding and logistics. — MNA/KTZH

COVID-19 report, 16 September 2024

NEW TESTS
16,618
NEW CASES
44
CASUALTIES
Nil

MRF to sell rice at reduced prices for donors supporting flood-hit communities

MYANMAR Rice Federation (MRF) will sell Pawsan and Aemahta rice bags at much fairer prices to those philanthropists who would like to donate rice in flood-stricken areas, according to its announcement dated 14 September.

MRF raised crowdfunding

with a capital of K100 million to help rural communities affected by floods and called donors to acquire voluntary contributions or other resources. MRF and affiliated associations will donate immediate aid like rice bags to civil service organizations, philanthropic non-profit organ-

izations, and those in charge of temporary shelters, doing social work and rescue activities in flood-stricken areas.

Additionally, MRF will support pedigree seeds and cultivation inputs to help farmers who suffered damage recover from flood damage.



Diligent workers stack rice bags in a Yangon warehouse.

Those individuals who want to join MRF's funding can contact the MRF through the phone number 09 400067250, 09 400067260 and email: eo@mrf.com.mm. — NN/KK

IIMTF lowers exhibition booth prices

INDIA International Mega Trade Fair offers exhibition stands at a discount to attract Myanmar businesspeople, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

India International Mega Trade Fair (2024-2025), jointly organized by the Bengal Chambers of Commerce and Industry and GS Marketing Associates, is scheduled to be held from 20 December 2024 to 6 January 2025 at Science City Ground in Kolkata, inviting the participation of Myanmar business people.

The IIMTF promotes India's economic growth and infrastructure development, brings a variety of products from different Indian states and countries, fosters new businesses and expands existing industries. Furniture & interior, lifestyle, children's segment, auto show, handloom and handicraft, processed food and food products, health and fitness, electronics and appliances, finance, beauty and cosmetics, real estate and allied industries will be showcased.

Myanmar business people can get a 20 per cent discount without tax on exhibition costs of US\$2,000 for renting more than 15 booths, 15 per cent on \$2,000 without tax for 10 to 15 booths rent and 10 per cent for less than ten booths rent.

A 9-square meter booth costs US\$2,000 with 18 per cent Goods and Services Tax. A table, three spotlights, a 15 Amp socket, a dustbin and a carpet will be provided. Individuals can register to rent a booth at the expo through utploys.28@gmail.com, utpal.roy@gsmktg.mm of GS Marketing Associates.

Myanmar participated with two booths in the previous IIMTF 2023-2024, which attracted more than 1.75 million visitors from 17 countries and 22 states of India.

The GS Marketing Associates have successfully organized 248 expos in the past 29 years in India and won 19 All India Exhibition Excellence Awards.

Myanmar businesspeople who want to join the IIMTF can send their information to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization through the contact number 067 408622 or email: event.td.myantrade@gmail.com. — NN/KK

YGN palm oil rate set at K6,720 per viss this week

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil for the Yangon market increased a bit to K6,720 per viss this week ending 22 September, up from K6,605 recorded last week ending 15 September 2024, according to the Supervisory Committee on edible oil import and distribution.

The figures show a slight 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



Bottles of cooking oil are arranged for sale at the supermarket.

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 is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market ma-

nipulation 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/KK

Myanmar manufacturing attracts \$75M Foreign Direct Investment in 5 months

FOREIGN direct investments of more than US\$75.6 million were pumped into Myanmar's manufacturing sector from 23 enterprises in the first five months of the current financial year 2024-2025, beginning 1 April, as per the statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

Chinese companies primarily made investments in the manufacturing sector. The manufacturing enterprises that need a large labour

force are prioritized to create job opportunities for the locals.

Myanmar Investment Commission gave the green light to 26 foreign projects from seven countries (China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand) to make investments of \$207.6 million in the past five months this FY 2024-2025, including expansions of capital by existing enterprises.

The transport and communications sector found capital expansion

to be \$82.66 million. The manufacturing sector drew \$75.6 million, and the services sector received \$44 million. One enterprise put FDI of \$3.7 million into the power sector, while one business made investments of less than one million in the agriculture sector, respectively. Myanmar's manufacturing sector is concentrated mainly in garment and textiles produced on a Cutting, Making, and Packaging basis, and it contributes to the country's GDP to a certain extent. — KK

CORRIGENDUM

PLEASE read 'Typhoon Yagi' instead of 'Cyclone Yagi' in the full text of a talk by Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun, Leader of the Information Team of the State Administration Council, about flood response and aid efforts in the third line and 14th line of the first paragraph in the first column on page 7 of The Global New Light of Myanmar issued on 16 September 2024. Error is regretted. — Ed

OPINION

Cease fighting, turn to rescue flood victims

NOT only state-owned media outlets but also private media ones report that flash flooding has caused damage to lives and property in various parts of the nation, accompanied by documentary photos of families suffering from the impacts of heavy rains and floods.

Everyone should uphold affection, sympathy, and consideration for one another. No one should impose burdens on others who are already dealing with various daily challenges, even if they do not directly benefit from helping them. As most people in Myanmar are Buddhists, they should reflect on the principle of a virtuous cycle in all their actions. Only when people act without causing harm to others will their deeds genuinely benefit everyone.

On the other hand, since all these organizations claim to prioritize the interests of the people, they must take action to provide rescue and relief for flood victims. Therefore, all parties should temporarily cease fighting and avoid any harmful actions, focusing instead on rescue and relief efforts for the benefit of the people. Although some individuals may not be directly affected by the disaster, they are still facing starvation due to heavy rains and lack of aid, and they also require humanitarian assistance. If not, they will continue to suffer the effects of flash floods, strong winds, and other disasters without support.

Everyone should uphold affection, sympathy, and consideration for one another. No one should impose burdens on others who are already dealing with various daily challenges, even if they do not directly benefit from helping them. As most people in Myanmar are Buddhists, they should reflect on the principle of a virtuous cycle in all their actions. Only when people act without causing harm to others will their deeds genuinely benefit everyone.

Since this is a critical time marked by the impacts of natural disasters, all Myanmar people must come together to face the potential risks. No one should surrender to these disasters, and now is the time for all citizens to show off their united strength in order to overcome the challenges posed by natural disasters.

Out of generosity, people from safe areas in Myanmar are donating food, clothing, and monetary assistance to flood victims to help ease their suffering as much as possible. As many people face the dangers of flooding, even volunteers from social rescue and relief associations are working hard to reach flood-affected areas to distribute relief supplies donated by people from other regions and states.

This is not the time to divide any part of the Union, as the priority is to save the lives of flood victims and alleviate their suffering. Organizations controlling these areas must allow genuine social associations and volunteers to address the needs of flood victims with compassion, and those organizations themselves need to provide necessary assistance for these charity organizations to be able to serve the interests of the people in a smoother manner.

Key Notes on World Patient Safety Day

By Dr Than Lwin Tun

WORLD Patient Safety Day, observed annually on 17 September, is a vital occasion for raising awareness about the importance of patient safety and fostering a culture of continuous improvement in healthcare practices worldwide. World Patient Safety Day is an opportunity to raise public awareness and foster collaboration between patients, health workers, policymakers and healthcare leaders to improve patient safety.

This year (2024), the theme is “Improving diagnosis for patient safety” with the slogan “Get it right, make it safe!”, highlighting the critical importance of correct and timely diagnosis in ensuring patient safety and improving health outcomes.

A diagnosis identifies a patient’s health problem, and is a key to accessing the care and

treatment they need. A diagnostic error is the failure to establish a correct and timely explanation of a patient’s health problem, which can include delayed, incorrect, or missed diagnoses, or a failure to communicate that explanation to the patient.

Diagnostic safety can be significantly improved by addressing the systems-based issues and cognitive factors that can lead to diagnostic errors. Systemic factors are organizational vulnerabilities that predispose to diagnostic errors, including communication failures between health workers or health workers and patients, heavy workloads, and ineffective teamwork. Cognitive factors involve clinician training and experience as well as predisposition to biases, fatigue and stress.

The Importance of Patient Safety

Patient safety is a fundamental component of high-quality healthcare. It includes a range of practices and strategies designed to prevent errors, avoidable harm, and adverse events during medical treatment. The goal is to provide care that not only addresses patients’ health needs but also safeguards them from harm. World Patient Safety Day serves as a reminder of the critical importance of this aspect of healthcare, highlighting the need for caution and proactive measures to protect patients. The errors in healthcare can have serious consequences, leading to prolonged illness, disability, or even death. According to the WHO, millions of patients worldwide are harmed every year due to unsafe care. These incidents are often preventable and result from systemic issues such as inadequate



protocols, insufficient training, or communication breakdowns. By emphasizing patient safety, World Patient Safety Day seeks to address these challenges and encourage healthcare systems to implement best practices that minimize risks and improve outcomes.

Challenges in Patient Safety
Despite significant advance-

ments in medical technology and knowledge, ensuring patient safety remains a complex challenge. Several factors contribute to the persistence of safety issues in healthcare settings:

- ❖ **Human Error:** Healthcare professionals, despite their training and expertise, are prone to making errors. These can result from fatigue, stress, or miscommunication, impacting patient safety.

❖ **Engaging Stakeholders:** Collaboration between healthcare professionals, policymakers, patients, and the public is essential for driving improvements. World Patient Safety Day provides a platform for these stakeholders to come together and advocate for better practices and policies.

- ❖ **Lack of follow to Standardization Procedure:** Variability in procedures and practices across different institutions can result in inconsistent care and increased risk of harm.

- ❖ **Communication Barriers:** Effective communication among healthcare providers and between

providers and patients is crucial for ensuring safety. Miscommunication can lead to mistakes and misunderstandings that affect patient care.

Addressing these challenges requires a multifaceted approach, including improving training and education, standardizing procedures, and fostering a culture of openness and learning.

Promoting a Culture of Safety

Creating a safer healthcare environment involves not only addressing specific risks but also fostering a culture of safety. This means encouraging openness about errors and near-misses, learning from mistakes, and continually striving to improve. World Patient Safety Day plays a crucial role in promoting this culture by:

- ❖ **Raising Awareness:** By focusing on specific themes each year, World Patient Safety Day highlights key areas for improvement and encourages healthcare providers and patients alike to prioritize safety.

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- ❖ **Educating and Training:** Ongoing education and training

are critical for maintaining high standards of patient safety. World Patient Safety Day serves as an opportunity to emphasize the importance of these efforts and to share best practices.

- ❖ **Policy and Regulations:** Effective policies and regulations are necessary to support safe practices and address systemic issues. World Patient Safety Day calls for policymakers to prioritize patient safety in their agendas and to implement changes that can lead to safer healthcare environments.

In addition, World Patient Safety Day is a powerful reminder of the ongoing need to prioritize patient safety and to work towards eliminating preventable harm in healthcare. By raising awareness, addressing challenges, and promoting a culture of safety, this day encourages a global commitment to improving care and safeguarding patients. As we observe World Patient Safety Day, let us renew our dedication to making healthcare safer for everyone, ensuring that each patient receives the high-quality, harm-free care they deserve.

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AI is ‘accelerating the climate crisis,’ expert warns

Generative AI models use approximately 30 times more energy than traditional search engines. This is due to their need for extensive computing power both during training and when generating responses.

IF you care about the environment, think twice about using AI.

Generative artificial intelligence uses 30 times more energy than a traditional search engine, warns researcher Sasha Luccioni, on a mission to raise awareness about the environmental impact of the hot new technology.

Recognized as one of the 100 most influential people in the world of AI by the American magazine Time in 2024, the Canadian computer scientist of Russian origin has sought for several years to quantify the emissions of pro-

grams like ChatGPT or Midjourney.

“I find it particularly disappointing that generative AI is used to search the Internet,” laments the researcher, who spoke with AFP on the sidelines of the ALL IN artificial intelligence conference, in Montreal.

The language models on which the programs are based require enormous computing capacities to train on billions of data points, necessitating powerful servers.

Then there’s the energy used to respond to each individual user’s requests.

Instead of simply extracting information, “like a search engine would do to find the capital of a country, for example,” AI programmes “generate new information,” making the whole thing “much more energy-intensive”, she explains.

According to the International Energy Agency, the combined AI and the cryptocurrency sectors consumed nearly 460 terawatt hours of electricity in 2022 — two per cent of total global production.

Energy efficiency
A leading researcher on the

impact of AI on climate, Luccioni participated in 2020 in the creation of a tool for developers to quantify the carbon footprint of running a piece of code. “CodeCarbon” has since been downloaded more than a million times. Head of the climate strategy of startup Hugging Face, a platform for sharing open-access AI models, she is now working on creating a certification system for algorithms.

Similar to the programme from the US Environmental Protection Agency that awards scores based on the energy consumption of electronic devices and appliances, it would make it possible to know an AI product’s energy consumption in order to encourage users and developers to “make better decisions”.

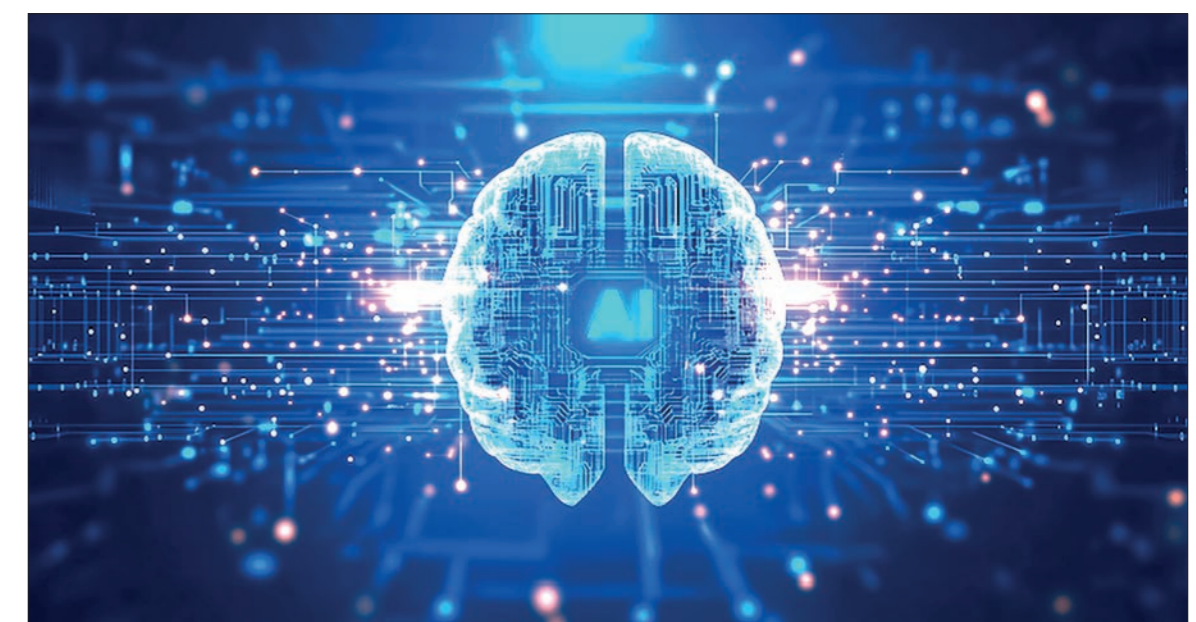
Transparency

In order to develop her tool, Luccioni is experimenting with it on generative AI models that are accessible to everyone, or open source, but she would also like to do it on commercial models from Google or ChatGPT-creator OpenAI, which have been reluctant to agree.

Although Microsoft and Google have committed to achieving carbon neutrality by the end of the decade, the US tech giants saw their greenhouse gas emissions soar in 2023 because of AI: up 48 per cent for Google compared to 2019 and 29 per cent for Microsoft compared to 2020.

“We are accelerating the climate crisis,” says Luccioni, calling for more transparency from tech companies.

The solution, she says, could



Unlike traditional search engines that extract existing information, generative AI creates new information, which requires much more energy. PHOTO: AFP

come from governments that, for the moment, are “flying blindly”, without knowing what is “in the data sets or how the algorithms are trained.” “Once we have transparency, we can start legislating.”

‘Energy sobriety’
It is also necessary to “explain to people what generative AI can and cannot do, and at what cost,” according to Luccioni.

In her latest study, the re-

searcher demonstrated that producing a high-definition image using artificial intelligence consumes as much energy as fully recharging the battery of your cell phone.

Source: AFP

NATIONAL

Khaing Hnin Wai+donors provide K50M aid to flood-hit households in Pynmana

ON 15 September, actress Khaing Hnin Wai and donors provided cash, household items, and food to support 125 flood-stricken households in Pynmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, according to Khaing Hnin Wai.

They donated K50 million to 25 households in Laytha (South) and Laytha (North) villages, offering K2 million to each household whose home was damaged by the flood. In addition, 100 households received K10 million, with each receiving K100,000 alongside

household items and food.

“I personally delivered donations to those battered by the flood, as I’ve gained the trust of the donors. I’m happy that I was able to help them. That is my first donation in Pynmana, Nay Pyi Taw,” Khaing Hnin Wai said.

In addition, Khaing Hnin Wai and generous donors provided rescue equipment, including lifeboats, life jackets, and lifebuoys, to organizations involved in search and rescue operations. Clothes and foodstuffs were also

donated to relief camps.

The Khaing Hnin Wai Foundation, in collaboration with Felicity Solar Myanmar Family and other donors, continues to extend relief supplies to flooded areas. They had previously donated oxygen and medicines during the COVID-19 pandemic. The foundation also runs a children’s centre, currently caring for more than 120 children, including ten orphaned twins. — ASH/TRKM



This photo shows Khaing Hnin Wai donating cash assistance to people from flood-battered villages.

Academy stars donate K12M aid to 4,000+ flood victims in Tatkon



This photo showcases Academy Khant Si Thu and stars donating meal boxes to the public.

ACADEMY film stars, including Academy Khant Si Thu, donated food, clothing, and lunchboxes on 15 September. They visited the flood relief camps at Chanmyae Yeiktha Monastery and Maha Janaka Monastery in Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw, providing supplies worth over K12 million to more than 4,000 flood victims.

“We donated four items and cash to the patron Sayadaw of Maha Janaka Monastery in Tatkon, as well as food, clothing, purified water, and lunchboxes to flood-affected villages such as Makyee-pin, Naung Thinkha, Ywathit, Pyawywa, Ywaysu, Ponnama, Shoukkon, and Anawrahta,” said Academy Khant Si Thu.

Academy Aung Khaing, Academy Wah Wah Aung, Actor Moe Sat, and other film stars reportedly joined Khant Si Thu in the donation effort. — ASH/MKKS

Level-1 fire at Shwelinpan Industrial Zone extinguished, investigation underway

A level-1 fire broke out at Shwelinpan Industrial Zone in Ward 54, western Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Region, according to a statement released by the Fire Brigade.

The fire began at approximately 4:43 am on 16 September. In response, three fire trucks from the Northern District Fire Station, four from Hlinethaya Township Fire Station, one from Shwepyitha Township Fire Station, and two from Insein Township Fire Station were dispatched to tackle the blaze.

By 5:05 am, although the fire had started to die down, the level-1 fire response team continued their efforts to extinguish it entirely. The fire was brought under control by 5:27 am and wholly extinguished by 5:39 am.

The fire brigade will conduct further investigations into the cause of the fire and assess the damage. — Htun Htun/TKO

Mid-Autumn Mooncake Festival held at Yangon’s Chinese Culture Centre

ACCORDING to Chief Executive Officer Mr Liu Ying of the Bank of China (Yangon Branch), the Mid-Autumn Mooncake Festival was celebrated at the Chinese Culture Centre (Yangon) located in Ahlon Township on 14 September.

The event was organized by the Chinese Culture Centre (Yangon) and the Bank of China (Yangon Branch). The latter capitalized for the event, said Mr Liu Ying.

The festival features peace, re-



This photo showcases the display of mooncakes at the festival.

union and prosperity according to Chinese culture.

The celebration of the mooncake festival was part of the formulation of “One Belt One Road” to promote mutual understanding and the nearing of the hearts of the People-to-People tie.

Counsellor Mr Li Qianguo of the Chinese Embassy, Mr Xiang Jiabo, who is in charge of the Chinese Culture Centre (Yangon), and Rector of Yangon University Dr Tin Maung Tun also attended the event. — ASH/TMT

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NATIONAL

Severe flooding nationwide: Over 200 dead, thousands displaced

DUE to Typhoon Yagi in the South China Sea and a small storm in the Bay of Bengal, continuous rainfall and flooding have affected Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and other states and regions.

The torrential rain has caused water levels in creeks and rivers to rise, resulting in flooding across wards and villages in 56 townships within Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Kayah State, Kayin State, Bago Region, Magway Region, Mandalay Region, Mon State, Shan State, and Ayeyawady Region. The flood has damaged roads, bridges,



This photo shows the evacuation of flood victims during ongoing search and rescue operations.

houses, departmental buildings, schools, and other structures.

A total of 2,116 houses have been flooded in these 56 townships. Consequently, 438 relief camps have been established by the relevant state and regional governments. Personnel from the Tatmadaw, police, firefighters, Red Cross members, and volunteers are conducting rescue and relief operations for 42,858 households comprising 163,710 individuals.

As of 4 pm on 16 September, reported data indicates that 226 people have been killed and 77

others are missing.

Furthermore, infrastructure and crop cultivation have been severely affected in 84 townships across Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Kayin State, Bago Region, Magway Region, Mandalay Region, Shan State, and Ayeyawady Region. The damage includes 117 departmental offices and buildings, 1,040 schools, 386 religious buildings, roads, bridges, power towers, and telecom towers. Additionally, 128,344 animals have died, and 643,081 acres of paddy and other crops have been damaged. — MNA/TMT

Myanmar govt assists safe return of citizens facing hardships abroad

THE government has been actively working to repatriate Myanmar nationals facing hardships overseas. In close cooperation with the Myanmar Consulate-General and relevant foreign embassies, the authorities strive to ensure the safe return of citizens experiencing difficulties abroad.

The Myanmar Consulate-General coordinated with the Immigration Department in Dubai to repatriate a Myanmar citizen, Ma Moe Sandar Tun, who had encountered difficul-

ties in Abu Dhabi, the UAE. She arrived back in Yangon at 10:15 pm on 15 September on a flight from Dubai to Yangon.

The government, alongside Myanmar embassies and consulates-general, continues to repatriate nationals who face challenges while working abroad. Ma Moe Sandar Tun and her family expressed their gratitude to the government, the Myanmar Embassy, and the Myanmar Consulate-General for their efforts. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/TRKM



Returnee Ma Moe Sandar Tun. PHOTO: KANU

Counter-argument to false information

False claims about Bawbin Dam draining and flooding debunked by authorities

THE Thayawady 8 City media has been spreading false information, claiming that the Bawbin Dam in Zigon Township, Bago Region, was drained due to heavy rain and that this caused flooding. This claim is untrue.

An official from the relevant irrigation department has stated that the dam has not been drained. If the dam were to overflow or require breaching, authorities would be informed immediately. A notification would then be issued, and residents would be evacuated as a safety measure. The official added that such procedures cannot be undertaken independently. The news was deliberately fabricated to mislead the public and tarnish the government's reputation. — MNA/TRKM



This screenshot proves misinformation.

False claims of bombing by Tatmadaw debunked: Pagoda damage caused by terrorists

CERTAIN subversive media outlets are spreading false claims that Tatmadaw (Air) dropped bombs on the monastery in Pyatthetgyi village, Taungtha Township, Mandalay Region, without conflict, causing damage to pagodas.

According to official sources and locals, this information is incorrect. During the Counter-Terrorism Operation, Tatmadaw is targeting only areas where terrorists are reported to be hiding,

based on information from residents seeking peace. The damage to pagodas is attributed to terrorists themselves, who have been known to attack sacred Buddhist sites using backhoes, taking refuge in pagodas during fights, and dropping bombs. Locals are aware of these acts of terrorism. The subversive media, which supports terrorism, is spreading false information to obscure terrorists' actions and mislead the public about Tatmadaw. — MNA/TRKM



This screenshot validates misinformation.

NATIONAL

KBZ Bank donates K10B for flood relief in Myanmar in Sept



This photo shows packing foodstuffs and relief supplies to donate to the people affected by the floods. **PHOTO: KBZ**

KBZ Bank Ltd has donated K10 billion for the relief and rehabilitation of people in flood-hit areas in Myanmar during September 2024.

In order to provide effective

support for this donation, KBZ is carrying out this in a wide-scope manner through its branches,

bank employees, and local and foreign networks of social and business partners.

A total of One hundred bank branches across Myanmar have been designated as emergency aid stations for various areas affected by natural disasters. K100,000,000 per branch has been allocated as an initial donation. Bank staff and town elders are cooperating to provide timely and effective support in flood-hit areas across the country.

Ready-to-eat foods, fish and meat cans, drinking water bottles, BPI oral rehydration salts, essential medicines, ready-to-wear men's and women's garments, women's monthly sanitary pads, and blankets have been distributed by trucks to flood victims in the most severely hit Aungban, Kalaw, Shwenyaung, Nyaungshwe and Inlay, Tatkon, Yamethin and Pyawbwe since 10 September due to heavy rains

caused by Yagi typhoon starting 9 September.

In addition, in towns and villages where it is difficult to cook and eat, cooking stations are set up in pavilions to provide breakfast, lunch and dinner; and money is transferred through KBZPay to villages close to the victims to arrange and distribute drinking water and meals.

Similarly, in Bago, Ayeyawady regions and other areas which are likely to be flooded, KBZ makes itself ready to provide support and donations in a timely manner; and the first phase of relief operations will be prioritized, and plans are being drawn up for the second phase of recovery.

KBZ Bank, based on the excellent experience of relief and rehabilitation gained during the nationwide flood in 2015, is making efforts to provide practical support nationwide in this year's flood disaster. — Thuta Kyaw/ZN

Nationwide illegal trade seizures: K124M in goods confiscated

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to combat illegal trade continue effectively in accordance with the law.

On 14 September, the Magway Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force conducted inspections, resulting in the seizure of four unregistered vehicles valued at approximately K1.3 million across Magway, Minbu, Thayet, and Aunglan districts. The action was taken under the Import and Export Law.

On 15 September, the Mon State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force seized illegally transported food items worth approximately K27.5 million, along with one Nissan Condor Truck and one Nissan Diesel Truck valued at about K85 million in Zeyamyang Ward, Mawlamyine Township. The

action was conducted in line with Customs procedures.

On 16 September, the Bago Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force seized 9.161 tonnes of illegal timber, valued at approximately K3.11 million, in Pyay District and Thayawady District. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

Similarly, the Taninthayi Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force seized one unregistered Honda Fit worth approximately K7.5 million in Dawei Township. The action was taken under the Import and Export Law.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported that between 14 and 16 September, 11 arrests were made, leading to the seizure of illegal goods valued at approximately K124.41 million. — MNA/TMT

Major drug bust in Yangon and Mandalay: K2.4B+ in narcotics seized

ACCORDING to the Myanmar Police Force, drugs worth over K2.4 billion were seized in Yangon Region and Mandalay Region.

On 8 September, a combined anti-narcotics team arrested Tun Tun Myint in Ward 41, Dagon Myothit (North) Township, along with psychotropic drugs, including one kilogramme of ketamine and 105 grammes of Happy Water. His accomplice, Ba Thar Zan, was also arrested in Ward 41 (extension) of Dagon Myothit (North) Township. Based on their confessions, the team searched Tun Tun Myint's house on Sagawah Street, Ward 41, Dagon Myothit (North) Township, where they found 980,000 stimulant tablets and 50 grammes of heroin.

On 12 September, the team also apprehended Hla Shwe and Zaw Min Naing with 920,000 stimulant tablets in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Re-

gion. In total, the authorities seized one kilogramme of ketamine, 105 grammes of Happy Water, 1.9 million stimulant tablets, and 50 grammes of heroin,

with a combined value of over K2.41 billion. Legal action has been taken under the drug and anti-money laundering laws. — MNA/TMT



Two offenders are seen alongside confiscated drugs in Yangon.



Two arrestees are seen alongside seized drugs in Mandalay.

Italian radiant heating giant eyes opportunities in China's dual carbon goal

WHEN China announced its commitment to peak carbon dioxide emissions by 2030 and work towards carbon neutrality by 2060, Yang Siping and her workmates opened a bottle of red wine to celebrate.

Yang, executive director of the Asia-Pacific region of the Italian radiant heating giant Carlieuklima, recounted this episode of her career life while participating in the ongoing 2024 China International Fair for Trade in Services in Beijing.

The dual-carbon goal of reaching the peak of carbon emissions and attaining carbon neutrality has brought great business prospects to the Italian heating company Yang works for, just as Yang and her colleagues anticipated when they popped the cork four years ago.

Yang said China is undergoing green transformation and upgrading, unleashing a huge demand for environmental revamping and energy consumption reduction in

the industrial sector. This will present enormous opportunities to industrial solution companies like Carlieuklima.

Headquartered in Venice, Italy, Carlieuklima boasts a history of nearly 70 years. It is one of Europe's foremost providers of large space heating solutions and thermal energy management services.

Since its entry into the Chinese market in 2013, Carlieuklima has provided customized radiant



A man works at a workshop in Tianjin Carlieuklima Heat Energy Equipment Manufacturing Co Ltd, in north China's Tianjin, 11 September 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

heating system solutions for spaces such as high-speed railway and aircraft maintenance hangars, stadiums, exhibition centres,

and industrial factories. At the end of 2019, Carlieuklima completed a factory in Tianjin — Tianjin Carlieuklima

Heat Energy Equipment Manufacturing Co Ltd — positioning the factory as a major global production base. — Xinhua



A financial data monitor in Tokyo shows the US dollar trading in the 139 yen level on 16 September 2024. PHOTO: KYODO

Dollar plunges to 139 yen, lowest since July 2023

THE US dollar plunged to the 139 yen zone Monday in Asian trading, hitting its lowest level in over a year, amid growing expectations that the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates by half a point later this month.

The US currency slipped to the mid-139 yen zone, its lowest level since July 2023, in the run-up to the Fed's two-day policy meeting from Tuesday. Japanese financial markets were closed Monday due to a national holiday, making trading thin across the board.

The dollar was also pressured by remarks by Bank of Japan policy board members earlier this month that indicated a positive stance toward higher interest rates. The BOJ will hold a two-day policy meeting from Thursday. At 5 pm, the dollar fetched 139.87-88 yen compared with 140.89-92 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm Friday. The euro was quoted at 155.47-49 yen against 156.29-33 in Tokyo late Friday afternoon. Late last week, The Wall Street Journal reported that the US central bank is likely to reduce rates by 0.5 percentage point from the current 5.25-5.50 per cent, the highest level in 23 years, in a bid to prevent a sharp slowdown in the world's biggest economy. — Kyodo

Türkiye fines businesses US\$9.6 mln for price hikes in 2024

THE Turkish Trade Ministry said Monday that it has imposed fines of some 327.4 million Turkish lira (about US\$9.6 million) in 2024 on businesses guilty of excessive price increases and stockpiling.

From the beginning of this year till 15 September, the ministry has conducted price gouging inspections and sector-based inspections on 46,368 real and legal persons and imposed fines on 1,274 of them, according to a statement released by the ministry.

In particular, for price gouging

inspections, 691 out of the 45,318 real and legal persons inspected have been fined 197.6 million Turkish lira, it said.

Meanwhile, for sector-based inspections, 68 out of the 202 real and legal persons in the auto sector inspected have been fined 75.1 million Turkish lira, 392 out of the 538 in the real estate sector inspected with 30.2 million Turkish lira, and 123 out of the 310 in the jewellery sector inspected with 24.6 million Turkish lira, it said.

The inspections were made to ensure price stability in the country

and establish a fair domestic market, it noted.

Türkiye has been struggling with rising inflation and one of the worst cost-of-living crises of its history. Since June 2023, the central bank has raised its key interest rate from 8.5 per cent to 50 per cent, tightening monetary policy. The country's annual inflation rate moderated to 51.97 per cent in August, marking its lowest level in a year. The figure, released by official data in early September, came in slightly below market expectations. — Xinhua

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

Multiple developing nations unite at UNHRC to challenge Western unilateral sanctions



This photo taken on 4 July 2024 shows a view of the 56th session of the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

“TO my regret, sanctioning states deny the existence of the humanitarian and often disastrous impact of unilateral sanc-

tions,” said Alena Douhan, the United Nations (UN) Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of the unilateral coercive

measures, during an interactive dialogue at the 57th session of the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) here on Friday.

In her report submitted to this session of the UNHRC, Douhan said that unilateral sanctions imposed by the United States and other countries on China violate international law, negatively affecting the human rights of the Chinese people and causing spillover effects.

She welcomed China’s use of necessary administrative and legal measures in response and called for systematic monitoring and assessment of the adverse human rights impact of unilateral coercive measures.

In recent years, the US has introduced a series of unilateral coercive measures against China, such as restricting the export of semiconductors and key technologies and sanctioning certain Chinese companies.

Globally, the US has imposed widespread economic and financial sanctions on countries like Iran, North Korea, Russia, and Venezuela, restricting their trade, energy exports, and banking activities. These measures

aim to influence the policy directions of these nations through isolation and pressure.

As a concerned party in the report, China expressed its appreciation for Douhan’s findings. The Chinese representative pointed out at the interactive dialogue that unilateral sanctions, which China has always firmly opposed, seriously violate the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, breach the basic norms of international relations, and gravely infringe on human rights.

The Chinese representative further asserted that the US frequently abuses long-arm jurisdiction under domestic law, using the pretense of democracy and human rights to conceal its actual violations, despite its own poor human rights record. China called on the US and other nations to heed the international community’s legitimate concerns and promptly lift all unlawful unilateral sanctions against developing countries. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

362 climbers receive permission to climb 10 mountains in Nepal

AS many as 362 climbers from 54 countries and regions, including 88 women, have received permission to scale ten mountains in Nepal for the fall season on Monday.

Among the climbers, 308 have been granted permission to climb Mount Manaslu, the world’s eighth-highest peak at 8,163 metres, and 14 for Mount Dhaulagiri, the seventh-highest at 8,167 metres, according to Nepal’s Department of Tourism. The government has collected US\$300,525 in royalty fees from issuing the permits, the agency said.

“We granted permissions to some 1,300 climbers in the autumn last year. We are also expecting a similar footfall this year,” said Rakesh Gurung, a director at the department. — Xinhua

Japan again delays launch of H2A rocket with reconnaissance satellite

THE scheduled launch of an H2A rocket carrying an information-gathering satellite from a space centre on a southwestern Japan island was postponed on Monday for a second time, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd said, on this occasion due to strong winds.

The manufacturer, Mitsubishi Heavy, said it decided to suspend the launch of rocket No 49 from the centre on Tanegashima Island in Kagoshima Prefecture because of unsuitable wind conditions in the upper atmosphere. A new date has yet to be fixed. — Kyodo

Violence, threats hang over Trump-Harris race after turbulent weekend



Pictures of evidence found at the fence of US president Donald Trump’s golf course are shown at a press conference in West Palm Beach, Florida, on 15 September 2024 following a shooting incident at former US president Donald Trump’s golf course. **PHOTO: AFP**

KAMALA Harris and Donald Trump head into a newly intense phase of the US presidential campaign on Monday, with tensions heightened after a second apparent assassination attempt against the Republican former president.

The arrest on Sunday of a gunman on Donald Trump’s Florida golf course came the same day as more bomb threats poured into Springfield, Ohio, a small Midwestern city at the centre of Republican-led conspiracies against immigrants.

But the duelling campaigns are set to march on with little interruption, a day after the Secret Service confirmed one or more of its agents “opened fire on a gunman” located near the boundary of Trump’s Florida golf course and that an “AK-47 style rifle” with a scope was recovered along with a GoPro video camera.

The FBI said it was “investigating what appears to be an attempted assassination of former President Trump”.

US media identified the suspect as Ryan Wesley Routh, 58, who has expressed support for Ukraine and has a lengthy arrest record.

Authorities said they had not identified a specific motive or political ideology for the shooter behind the previous bid on Trump’s life at a campaign rally in Pennsylvania. — AFP

SPORTS



Vinicius in spotlight as Real Madrid

kick off Champions League defence

Real Madrid's Brazilian forward (7) Vinicius Junior celebrates scoring the opening goal from the penalty spot during the Spanish league football match between Real Sociedad and Real Madrid CF at the Anoeta stadium in San Sebastian on 14 September 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

CHAMPIONS League holders Real Madrid make their debut in this season's competition when they entertain Stuttgart in the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium on Tuesday night.

Carlo Ancelotti's side face their German rivals after a 2-0 win away to Real Sociedad in San Sebastian, in a game which was much more complicated than the final score indicates. Both of Madrid's goals came from the penalty spot, with the first of those arriving in the second half after Real Sociedad had hit the woodwork three times.

The absence of Eduardo Camavinga, Dani Ceballos, Jude Bellingham and Aurelien Tchouameni left Madrid looking unbalanced in central midfield, and although

Ancelotti should be able to count on Bellingham and Tchouameni on Tuesday, he probably won't risk starting them. While Ancelotti can welcome players back into his squad, Saturday saw him lose Morocco international Brahim Diaz with an injured adductor muscle that looks likely to keep him out until December, and that means Rodrygo, who replaced him on Saturday, is likely to start.

Kylian Mbappe impressed on Saturday and appears to be adapting to life at his new club, but Vinicius Jr is slowly coming under the spotlight at Real Madrid. Despite being a key player for the club, the media have begun to question some of his on-field actions, such as the 'be-quiet' gesture he made to the home fans in San Sebastian after opening the scoring. — Xinhua

Dortmund coach Nuri Sahin in the footsteps of Jurgen Klopp

LOTHAR Matthaus, Germany's record international, has questioned whether Nuri Sahin is part of a growing coaching trend.

"Like Bayern coach Vincent Kompany, who worked under Pep Guardiola, Nuri Sahin has been influenced by Jurgen Klopp," the 63-year-old said ahead of Borussia Dortmund's 2024/25 UEFA Champions League opener against Club Brugge.

At 36, the German-Turkish Sahin has brought back fond memories since taking over as Borussia Dortmund's head coach. Following a generational shift enforced by a busy transfer window, the 2012 German champions are playing football that bears a striking resemblance to the style that Klopp established during his time at Dortmund and Liverpool.

Having struggled in recent years to replicate the success of Klopp's era, Borussia Dortmund opted for

a major overhaul this summer. Sahin stepped in and, much like Klopp, began a rebuild by relying on a mix of new players, including many young talents.

The connection between Klopp and Sahin, a former midfielder under the iconic coach, has grown into a lifelong friendship, solidified through the two national championships and a German Cup title they won together. "We have intense contact and often speak by phone," Klopp, now 57, said.

"There is a new generation of coaches out there," Klopp noted when he returned to Dortmund for a farewell match honouring former BVB icons at a sold-out Signal Iduna Park in early September. Under Sahin, Dortmund's football this season mirrors the intense, vertical play that defined the club's golden years under Klopp, characterized by creative moves, quick transitions, and relentless attacking. — Xinhua

Wheelchair rugby Paralympian Ike helps motivate Brave Blossoms

JAPAN head coach Eddie Jones and his players drew extra inspiration ahead of their Pacific Nations Cup semifinal against Samoa from Paris Paralympic wheelchair rugby gold medallist Yukinobu Ike.

The 44-year-old Ike, who captained Japan to its first Paralympic wheelchair rugby crown at the recent Paris Games, delivered a rousing half-hour speech to the Brave Blossoms before their 49-27 victory over Manu Samoa on Sunday.

The three-time Paralympian also addressed the 14,893 in attendance at Prince Chichibu Memorial Rugby Ground before kickoff.

"I'm happy to be able to tell you that if you keep trying and don't give up, your dreams will come true," he said.



File photo shows Japan wheelchair rugby captain Yukinobu Ike speaking at Tokyo's Haneda airport after returning from the Paris Paralympics on 5 September 2024. **PHOTO: KYODO**

In his postgame press conference, Jones said the Japan squad gained valuable perspective from Ike's account of taking up wheelchair rugby after losing his leg and suffering severe burns in a car accident at age 19.

"He was such a humble, sincere man," Jones said. "The humility and sincerity just oozed through him and the players for 30 minutes were just transfixed by his speech."

Back-rower Tiennan Costley said the Brave Blossoms players found the conversation with Ike "seriously moving."

"He's got one leg, he's got one arm that he can control, and the fact that he's been able to overcome those challenges and thrive and become a gold medallist, that gave us some serious motivation and power as well," the Kobe Steelers forward said.

"I spoke to him, just the two of us, afterwards. What he has achieved is amazing."

For Ike, giving the pre-game motivational talk felt like returning a favour to the Brave Blossoms, who sent a video message to encourage their wheelchair rugby counterparts ahead of the gold-medal game against the United States in Paris. — Kyodo

Multiple developing nations unite at UNHRC to challenge Western unilateral sanctions

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Israel pounds Gaza as Hamas vows to keep up fight

GAZA medics and rescuers on Monday said Israeli strikes on several homes killed at least 18 people, as Hamas claimed it had ample resources to sustain its fight nearly a year into the war.

The latest strikes came as Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant warned that prospects for a halt in fighting with Hezbollah militants along the Lebanon border were dimming, yet again raising fears of a wider regional conflagration.

Senior Hamas official Osama Hamdan told AFP during an interview in Istanbul on Sunday: "The resistance has a high ability to continue."

"There were martyrs and there were sacrifices... but in return there was an accumulation of experiences and the recruitment of new generations into the resistance."

His comments came less than a week after Gallant told journalists that Hamas, whose 7

October attack triggered the war, "no longer exists" as a military formation in Gaza.

Deadly fighting raged on in the Gaza Strip on Monday, with survivors seen searching through the debris of crushed buildings following a strike on the Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza.

Ten people were killed and 15 others were wounded when an air strike hit the home of the Al-Qassas family in Nuseirat on Monday morning, a medic at Al-Awda hospital, where the bodies were brought, told AFP.

"My house was hit while we were sleeping without any prior warning. There are many martyrs, among them the sons of my family and my little grandsons," said Rashed al-Qassas, a surviving family member.

Gaza's civil defence agency said six Palestinians were killed in a similar air strike during the night on a house belonging to



A smoke plume billows during Israeli bombardment on the village of Kfarshuba in south Lebanon near the border with Israel on 16 September 2024 amid ongoing cross-border tensions as fighting continues between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip. PHOTO: AFP

the Bassal family in Gaza City's Zeitun neighbourhood, a regular target of Israeli military raids

since the war began.

Two people were killed in another overnight air strike in

Rafah that targeted a house belonging to the Abu Shaar family, the agency said. — AFP

China's new foxtail millet variety sets summer yield record



Experts check the growth of the new foxtail millet variety, Zhonggu 25, cultivated in a demonstration field in central China's Henan Province, 10 September 2024. PHOTO: CHINESE ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA

CHINESE agricultural scientists have developed a new variety of foxtail millet, setting a summer yield record, with the breakthrough expected to provide strong support for boosting grain production and revitalizing the country's millet industry.

The new foxtail millet variety, Zhonggu 25, was

developed by researchers from the Institute of Crop Science (ICS) under the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, and cultivated in a demonstration field in central China's Henan Province. A recent expert measurement recorded a yield of 625.92 kilograms per mu (about 9,389 kilograms per hectare),

breaking China's 2014 summer foxtail millet yield record per mu.

This new variety has achieved a record-breaking high yield, despite adverse weather conditions such as heavy rainfall and lack of sunlight this year. The success can be attributed to the superior traits of this millet variety, including lodging resistance, high productivity and excellent disease and stress tolerance, along with the use of optimized planting techniques that further enhanced its performance, according to experts.

This achievement lays the foundation for scientific breeding, the exploration of new cultivation techniques and further development of the millet industry, offering a model for increasing millet yields on a large scale, said Diao Xianmin, a researcher with the ICS and leading scientist of China's millet and sorghum industry and technology system. — Xinhua

IAEA predicts robust growth of nuclear energy growth by 2050

THE International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) predicted a robust growth of nuclear energy worldwide by 2050, in a report published on Monday.

The United Nations nuclear watchdog presented two predictions for global nuclear energy deployment in its "Energy, electricity and nuclear power estimates for the period up to 2050" report. The low-case projection sees an increase of about 40 per cent in global nuclear operational capacity from 372 Gigawatt electric (GW(e)) in 2023 to 514 GW(e) by 2050.

In the high-case prediction, the global nuclear operational capacity is forecast to reach 950 GW(e) by 2050, about 2.5 times the figure in 2023, with "a significant contribution from small modular reactors".

The report said "supportive national policies and strategies, more favourable financing frameworks, investment in grids and work force development" are needed to achieve the high-case scenario.

"The global momentum behind nuclear energy continues at pace," IAEA Director-General Rafael Grossi said in a statement. "The new IAEA projections reflect increasing acknowledgement of nuclear power as a clean and secure energy supply."

According to the report, by the end of 2023, a total of 413 nuclear power reactors were operational across the world, and an additional 59 reactors with a total capacity of 61.1 GW(e) were under construction. Nuclear power accounted for 9.2 per cent of total global electricity production in 2023. — Xinhua