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Honorary Patron of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of SAC Chair and Prime Minister, looks into the display at yesterday's event in Nay Pyi Taw.

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A ceremony to mark the 2024 Myanmar Women's Day was celebrated at the Myanmar International Convention Centre II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, attended by Honorary Patron of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister.

On the occasion, the Senior General delivered an opening address through a video message.

He said that the role of women is essential in nurturing youths, promoting

education qualification with five kinds of capacities, and becoming skilful human resources.

The Myanmar National Women's Committee was formed on 3 July 1996 to prioritize the development of women's affairs. As part of honouring those women, Myanmar Women's Day is celebrated on 3 July 1998.

Efforts are ongoing to reduce the dropout rate of students, mitigate learning of education in relevant grades, and pursue vocational courses and higher education through collaborative efforts by

parents, teachers, and authorities without gender discrimination.

According to the survey, 42.3 per cent of males and 51 per cent of females completed primary education, 25.2 per cent of males and 18.8 per cent of females were in middle education and 15.2 per cent of males and 11.7 per cent of females in high school education as well as 9.7 per cent of male and 12.9 per cent of female in university education. Such data showed that there is a need to promote the education qualification of women more than now.

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Yangon-Nanning-Yangon flight now weekly

THE Yangon-Nanning-Yangon flight will be operated once a week from 1 July, according to Yangon International Airport. Officials welcomed Ruili Airlines Flight DR 5019, which arrived from Nanning, People's Republic of China, at around 1 pm on 1 July.

Ruili Airlines' Yangon-Nanning-Yangon direct flight resumed on 1 July 2024 at Yangon International Airport. Yangon International Airport officials happily welcomed the Ruili Airlines plane

that landed in Myanmar from Nanning at 2:50 pm local time and gave souvenirs to the arriving passengers. Ruili Airlines will run direct flights between Yangon and Nanning every Monday. Yangon International Airport announced that passengers can access and enquire about flights at <https://www.rlair.net>. — TWA/KZL

An official from Yangon International Airport presents souvenirs to passengers arriving at Yangon International Airport on the Ruili Airlines flight.



NATIONAL

Taninthayi to host boat competitions and festivals to boost tourism

ACCORDING to the Taninthayi Region Tourism Committee's work coordination meeting (3/2024) held on 2 July, boat competitions and travel festivals are scheduled to be held on the islands during the upcoming travel season to attract visitors to the region.

Relevant officials are making all necessary preparations to ensure the success of the coming travel season. Efforts are also underway to establish connections with Thailand to facilitate Thai travellers visiting Myanmar during this period. — ASH/MKKS



Taninthayi Region Tourism Committee's work coordination meeting (3/2024) in progress on 2 July.

Withdrawals from e-pension cards now available at 100 branches without account transfer

PENSIONERS do not need to transfer money between banks and withdraw cash from e-pension cards at any 100 branches equipped with a centralized e-pension system without service charge, Myanma Economic Bank (MEB) notified.

MEB's e-Pension system has been upgraded to a centralized e-pension system from September 2023. The centralized e-pension system has reached 100 banks as of June 2024.

In order to provide faster service to the pensioners and reduce the work burden for the staff, MEB started an e-pension system in August 2012. By using computer systems and smart cards in pension payments, pensioners can now use e-pension cards to withdraw their pensions on any day or at any time.

The pensioners can check the branches that operate the Centralized e-Pension system through www.meb.gov.mm and Myanma Economic Bank Facebook Page in a timely manner, MEB notified government pensioners.

At present, that service is available at the following 100 branches; Pynmana branch, Saving branch 3, Tachilek branch, Kawthoung branch, Bhamo branch, Taikkyi branch, Hlegu branch, Lewe branch, Tatkon branch, Pobbathiri branch, MEB branch 1 (Mandalay), branch 2 (Mandalay), Saving branch 4, Thanlyin branch, Kyimyindine branch, Kamayut



Retirees are seen receiving their pensions in Myawady Township on 21 September 2023.

branch, Thingangyun branch, Loilem branch, Lashio branch, Monywa branch, Hmawbi branch, Sagaing branch, Shwebo branch, Htantabin (Insein) branch, Myaung branch, Hpa-An branch, Butalin branch, KhinU branch, Shwepyitha branch, Hlinethaya branch, MEB branch 3 (Mandalay), Tamway branch, Myawady branch, Debayin branch, Mingaladon branch, Nyaung U branch, Meiktila branch, North Okkala branch, Kawkareik branch, Namatu branch, Kawhmu branch, Insein branch, Magway branch, Yanbye branch, Kungyangon branch, PynOoLwin branch, Bago branch, Thayet branch, Kutkai branch, Kyauktan branch, Myingyan branch, Taungoo branch, Minbu branch, Momeik branch, Amarapura branch, Kyaukse branch, Thayawady branch, Pakokku branch, Mabein branch, Patheingyi branch, Yamethin branch, Pyay

branch, MEB branch 1 (Mawlamyine), Hsihseng branch, Wundwin branch, MEB branch 1 (Yangon), Pathein branch, MEB branch 2 (Mawlamyine), Kyaukpadaung branch, Thazi branch, MEB branch 2 (Yangon), Hinthada branch, Thaton branch, Kalaw branch, Pyawbwe branch, MEB branch 3 (Yangon), Myaungmya branch, Sittway branch, Chauk branch, Eainme branch, MEB branch 4 (Yangon), Maubin branch, Thaton branch, Taungdwingyi branch, Yekyi branch, MEB branch 5 (Yangon), Pyabon branch, Kyaukphyu branch, MEB branch 5 (Yangon), Pyapon branch, Kyaukphyu branch, Dala branch, Kyonpyaw branch, MEB branch 6 (Yangon), Saving branch (1), Taunggyi branch, Keungtung branch, Myeik branch, South-Dagon branch, Wakema branch, Dawei branch, North Dagon branch and Ingapu branch. — NN/KK

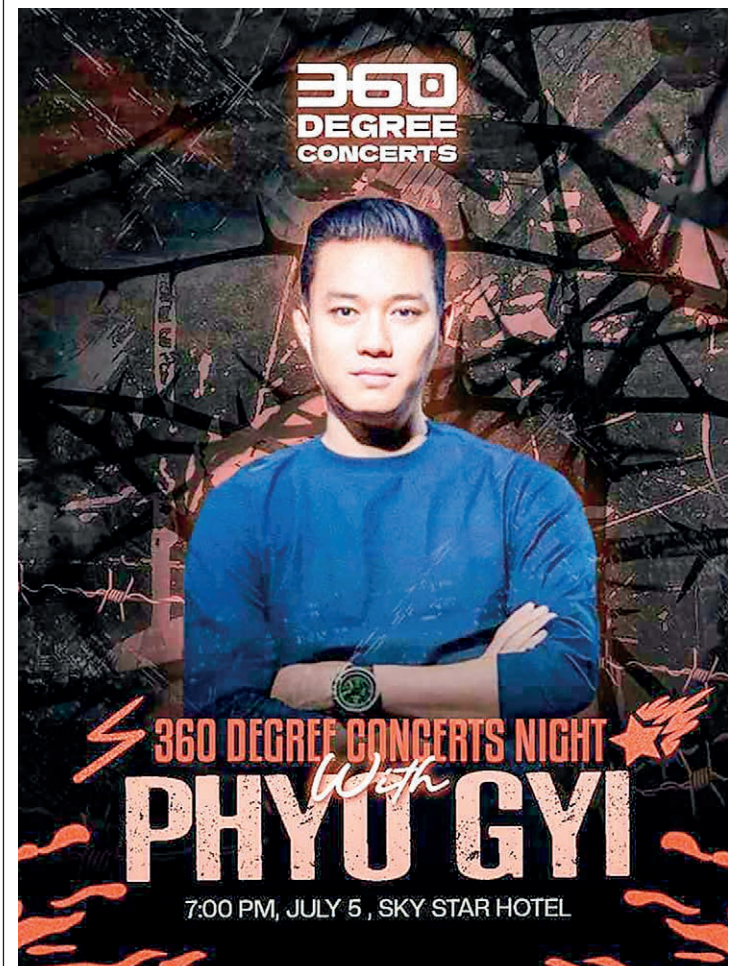
Phyo Gyi to host 360 Degree Concerts at Sky Star Hotel on 5 July

SINGER Phyo Gyi's solo music concert, '360 Degree Concerts' will be held at Sky Star Hotel in Tamway Township, Yangon Region, on 5 July, according to Phyo Gyi.

"I have been a bit distant from music for a while. This concert is intended for those who want to escape their stresses and strains and enjoy themselves with music," said Phyo Gyi.

Phyo Gyi will reportedly perform his famous songs at the 360 Degree Concerts, accompanied by his fellow singers.

Phyo Gyi is the son of singer Hinthada Myint Ngwe and the elder brother of singer Yuzana. — ASH/MKKS



The photo depicts singer Phyo Gyi's solo concert advertisement.

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In the education sector, 50.76 per cent of women are learning basic education, 63.60 per cent are in higher education, 47.19 per cent are in the science and technology sector, and 70.44 per cent are in related education. In the 2023-24 academic year, 64.31 per cent of girls passed the matriculation examination.

Priority is given to reducing the maternal death rate as an aim of reproductive health included in the sustainable development goal of Myanmar.

It is necessary to implement deserved entitlements for women, recognizing their capability to prevent violence against women, which can hinder the rights of women and gender equality.

The Senior General urged all ministries, government organizations and INGOs to participate in implementing 12 tasks of the national strategic plan (2023-2032) for the development of women schemed under the Beijing Action Plan and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

Chair of Myanmar National Women's Committee Union Min-



MWAF Honorary Patron Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and dignitaries pose for the group documentary photo on the occasion of Myanmar Women's Day 2024 yesterday.

Implementing deserved entitlements for women key to preventing violence

ister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win reported on the development of women, empowerment of women, and prevention of violence against women.

A video clip on 12 tasks for the national strategic plan (2023-

2032) for the development of women was shown.

MWAF Honorary Patron Daw Kyu Kyu Hla presented medals, certificates and cash awards to outstanding women for 2023.

Honorary Patrons Daw Khin Thet Htay and Daw Than Than

Nwe also awarded outstanding women.

The wife of the SAC Secretary and the wife of the SAC Joint Secretary presented awards to other outstanding women.

Wives of SAC members and SAC Member Daw Dwe Bu pre-

sented medals, certificates and cash awards to women's entrepreneurship award winners.

Honorary Patron Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and party viewed products displayed in commemoration of Myanmar Women's Day 2024. — MNA/TTA

Committee aims to protect minors from military service

THE Committee on the Prevention of Recruitment of Child Soldiers convened its first meeting yesterday morning at the Ministry of Defence, presided over by Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Defence Admiral Tin Aung San and attended by committee members from various ministries.

Admiral Tin Aung San, who is also the committee chairman, emphasized that the committee was established on 5 January 2004, with its primary objective to prevent the recruitment and deployment of underage children as soldiers in the military. The committee remains vigilant, rejecting suspicious enlistments and ensuring that any underage soldiers are promptly returned to their families.

In an effort to address the inclusion of Tatmadaw (Army) in the UN Secretary-General's report, the Myanmar Government collaborated with the Country Task Force on Monitoring and Reporting (CTFMR) to establish the Plan of Action. This plan focuses on the protection and prevention of underage children from serving in the military.

As part of this initiative, 1,057 underage soldiers who were mistakenly recruited before reaching the age of majority have



Deputy Prime Minister MoD Union Minister Admiral Tin Aung San chairs the first meeting of the Committee on the Prevention of Recruitment of Child Soldiers yesterday.

been allowed to be withdrawn from the military. The systematic process involves transferring these soldiers back to their parents, facilitated by both the military and the UNCTFMR.

In 2023, the CTFMR reviewed cases involving nine suspected underage soldiers. A total of 120 individuals were identified for removal from the previous list. Currently, Tatmadaw adheres to laws, regulations, and provisions agreed upon by the CTFMR and the Prevention Committee on the Prevention of Underage Children from Military Service. Recruitment procedures strictly follow established rules,

and awareness activities are coordinated with relevant ministries. Regular committee meetings aim to ensure that no child soldiers is employed in the military and that the CTFMR is promptly informed of meeting decisions.

The Committee on the Prevention of Recruitment of Child Soldiers maintains ongoing communication with the CTFMR. Recently, the chairperson met the CTFMR on 22 February 2024, engaging in discussions with technical co-chairs and a small team to clarify and verify the list.

The enactment of the People's Military Service Law in 2010 has led to its

implementation, with various conscription groups ensuring that individuals under the age of 18 are not included in the country's military call-up.

In 2023, the United Nations Secretary-General's report on children and armed conflict highlighted recruitment practices. Affiliated groups and militias associated with Tatmadaw recruited 1,102 children, and Tatmadaw faced accusations of six serious crimes. The report prompted objections, and response information was sent to the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (UNSRSG). These findings were disseminated through television broadcasts and official news channels.

During a subsequent meeting, committee members and representatives discussed the progress of working groups focused on preventing minor children from serving in the military. They clarified the status of previous decisions and recommended conditions for implementation across relevant sectors. Committee Chair Admiral Tin Aung San emphasized the importance of their efforts.

Finally, Admiral Tin Aung San delivered the closing speech, concluding the committee meeting. — MNA/TS

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5th National Sports Festival to be held on grand scale



Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn delivers the speech at the meeting of the Working Committee on Organizing the Opening and Closing of National Sports Festival yesterday.

THE 5th National Sports Festival will be held at national level on the grandest scale as it grabs an opportunity to show patriotism and national spirit, said Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, who is also Chairman of the Working Committee on Organizing the Opening and Closing Events, at the committee's second meeting yesterday.

In his speech, he noted that the festival is held aiming at turning out new generation athletes who will bring honour to the State, and the opening and closing ceremonies will be organized on a grand scale with full essence for the entire people to be proud of it.

He continued that the opening event will be conducted with reference to the opening ceremo-

ny of the 27th SEA Games hosted by Myanmar in 2013. The sound and lighting systems will present the traditional culture and be a positive force for the development of the country, and unity and patriotism will also be achieved.

He also urged officials to organize experts from relevant arenas and artistes to actively participate in the opening and closing ceremonies of the sports festival.

Then, the secretary of the committee and other attendees discussed event planning, stage design, opening and closing event plans, performance, technological matters and access to electricity. After hearing the reports, the Union minister concluded the meeting. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar, Uganda discuss political and economic cooperation

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Myanmar Ambassador to Malaysia U Aung Soe Win met Ms Betty Oyella Bigombe, High Commissioner of Uganda, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 2 July.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on political and economic cooperation between the two countries. — ASH/TMT



Myanmar Ambassador to Malaysia U Aung Soe Win meets Ms Betty Oyella Bigombe, High Commissioner of Uganda.

Myanmar-Brazil to boost collaboration in snake antivenom production, medical research

MYANMAR Ambassador to Brazil U Aung Kyaw Zan visited the Butantan Institute in Brazil during a three-day working trip from 26 to 28 June as part of the Myanmar-Brazil snake antivenom production technology promotion project aimed at sending Myanmar experts to Brazil and increasing medical research activities between the two countries.

During the visit to the Butantan Institute on 26 June, a famous medical research centre specializing in the production of immune-enhancing biological drugs in Brazil, the ambassador discussed detailed matters pertaining to the project. These included improving technologies used in antivenom production in Myanmar, sending Myanmar experts to the Butantan Institute, further cooperation related to the current antivenom project, and identifying areas for increased collaboration in other medical research fields.

In addition, the ambassador met Mr Roberto Mateus Ordine, Chairperson of the Associação Comercial de São Pau-



Myanmar Ambassador to Brazil U Aung Kyaw Zan and Chairperson of the Associação Comercial de São Paulo (ACSP) Mr Roberto Mateus Ordine are seen at the meeting.

lo (ACSP), at the ACSP building in São Paulo. They discussed exchanging information and facilitating business deals between businesspeople from Myanmar and Brazil, as well as organizing an online discussion in a B2B format to enhance cooperation in investment activities.

The discussion also covered the implementation of projects as per the terms agreed upon in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Union of Myanmar Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and Brazil's

ACSP. Also present at the meeting was Mr Ricardo Cateb Cury It DM, Honorary Consul-General of Myanmar, based in the city of São Paulo.

Similarly, during the three-day trip, the Myanmar ambassador attended the Global Agribusiness Forum and the Global Agribusiness Festival as a special guest at the invitation of a famous Brazilian agricultural consulting organization (DATAGRO), along with the ambassadors of Uruguay, Kenya, Suriname, and Botswana based in Brasilia. — ASH/TH

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Counter-argument to false information

Media spreads fake news



The screenshot validates misinformation.

UNSCRUPULOUS media outlets intentionally spread fake news, claiming that security forces torched Htivar village and Kayanlay village in Hsihseng Township, Shan State (South), burning down 16 houses on 27 June.

According to a security official, security forces did not conduct arson in Htivar and Kayanlay villages, and the news was unfounded.

The attacks of PNLA terrorists burnt down the villages in Hsihseng Township, and villagers had to flee from these areas. Tatmadaw members and militia conducted security measures by cooperating with locals so that they could peacefully reside in their original places. — MNA/KTZH

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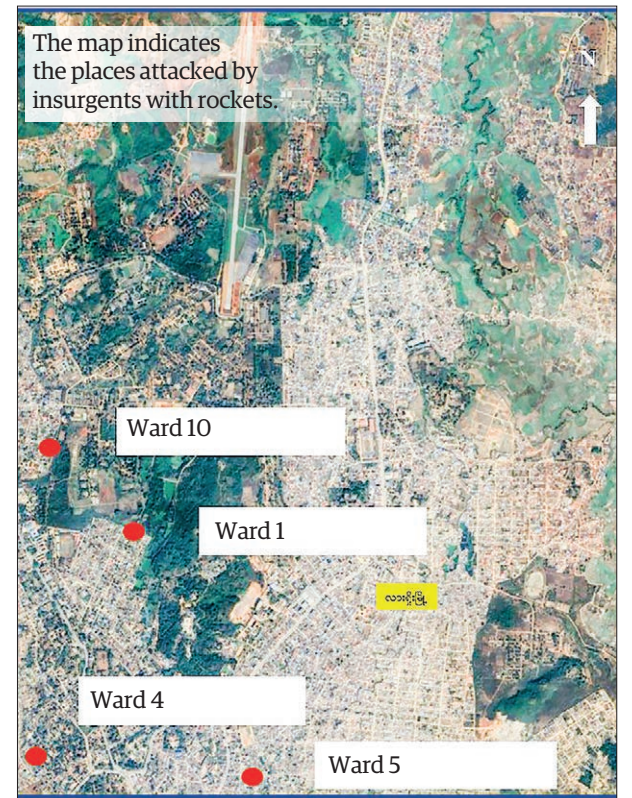
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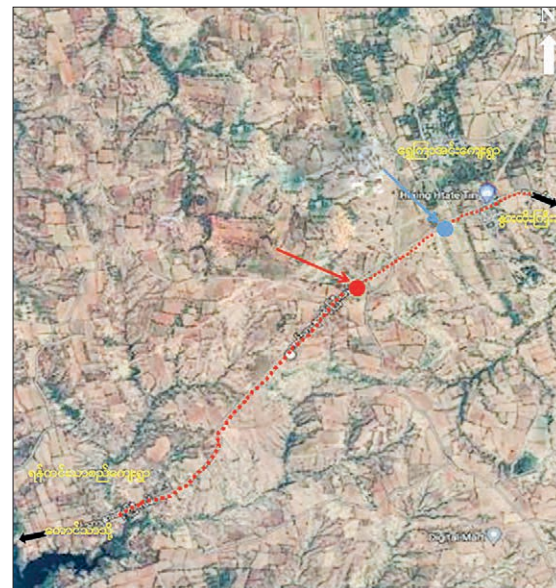
Terrorists' rocket attack kills six in Lashio

THE terrorists launched attacks in Lashio of Shan State (North) for no reason, killing six locals, including three children aged 12 and 14, yesterday.

The insurgents started a rocket attack about 4,000 metres from northeast of Lashio, and the shells fell on a house on Tharyar Street in ward 1 in area 3 of Lashio and exploded. Six people, including three children aged 12 and 14, one male and two females, were killed in the explosion. The dead were taken to Lashio General Hospital by security force members and social welfare organizations. Launching terrorist attack in towns and wards where the people peacefully live means committing a war crime, and the security force members conducted counter-terrorism operations together with locals. — MNA/KTZH



PDF terrorists commit car thefts on Taungtha-Natogyi road



PDF terrorists committed 11 car-snatching cases after inspecting the vehicles along the Taungtha-Natogyi road on 2 July.

PDF terrorists in three vehicles arrived at the place between Yankinthasi village in Taungtha Township and Shwekyainn village in Natogyi Township of Mandalay Region on 2 July. They inspected the "Paing TTA" passenger bus on the Taungtha-Natogyi road and stole four AD vans, two Succeed, three

Probox and two six-wheel vehicles.

Security forces arrived at the spot at 10:15 am on the same day and found 11 vehicles near Shwekyainn village at 3 pm.

PDF terrorists scrutinized passenger buses, asked for money by force, robbed, detained and killed the passengers and locals who did not support them. The security forces are conducting security measures for the safety of passengers. — MNA/KTZH

The map pinpoints the locations of car-snatching incidents committed by PDF terrorists.



Photos show the vehicles snatched by PDF terrorists on the Taungtha-Natogyi road on 2 July 2024.

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.

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Floods in Ayeyawady, Chindwin rivers prompt evacuations in Kachin and Sagaing



Officials provide the relief food to flood victims (L) and rescuers transport flood victims to flood relief camps by boats (R).

THE water level of the Ayeyawady River has risen in Kachin State due to heavy rains, causing floods in the residential areas of Myitkyina and nearby villages. At noon on 3 July, the river level dropped from the alarm point of 1,368 centimetres to 992

centimetres. The streets in the city were littered with rubbish, prompting Tatmadaw personnel from the Northern Command, fire brigade members, social volunteers, and departmental staff to conduct a collective clean-up operation.

Chief Minister of Kachin State U Khet Htain Nan, Commander of the Northern Command Brigadier General Aung Zaw Htwe, and other officials visited the clean-up sites to encourage the workers and provide necessary support.

Since 2 July, river water has entered Bamao Township in Kachin State. As of 3:30 pm yesterday, the water level had risen 87 centimetres above the emergency level, necessitating the evacuation of 22,361 people. In Shwegu, the water level ex-

ceeded the emergency level by 72 centimetres on the afternoon of 3 July, resulting in the evacuation of 492 people.

Similarly, heavy rains in Sagaing Region have caused the Chindwin River to exceed the emergency water level by 175 centimetres, flooding residential areas and villages in Khamti Township. Flood relief camps have been set up at Myatheindan Pagoda compound, TatU Nandawun monastery, Theravada Buddhist Missionary School, and Zeephyugon Primary School, sheltering 685 people. Tatmadaw personnel, fire brigade members, social volunteers, and departmental staff have been assisting with the evacuation, providing healthcare, food, drinking water, and other necessary relief items. — MNA/TMT

K166 mln worth of seizures in crackdown on illegal trade

UNDER the oversight of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to combat illegal trade are effectively underway with actions in accordance with the law.

A joint team led by the Customs Department conducted inspections on 2 July, seizing 28 types of smuggled goods valued at approximately K141.67 million. These included an aluminium profile CNC rolling bending machine not declared in the import declaration form, which was found in a container at Myanmar Industrial Port.

Simultaneously, another team managed by the Sagaing Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force conducted inspections on the same day. They confiscated seven types of smuggled goods worth around K8.37 million, such as 2,064 short tins of Tiger beer and 1,272 short tins of ABC beer, at the Yadana-bon checkpoint. Additionally, at Kaungmudaw junction in Sagaing, 1,900 iron pipes valued at K15.43 million were seized for

lack of official documentation, which was in line with import and export regulations.

On 3 July, the Bago Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force carried out inspections, confiscating 2.11 tonnes of illegal hardwood worth approximately K1.43 million in Taungoo District.

Consequently, the Anti-Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported four arrests on 2 and 3 July, involving goods estimated at K166.91 million. — MNA/TMT



Confiscated illegal items at Myanmar Industrial Port.

Centres for C of I extend service due to low applicants

SINCE the number of applicants for the certificate of identity (C of I) has been fewer, C of I centres in Thailand will provide service until 6 July, as announced by the Myanmar Embassy's Labour Attache Office in Thailand.

The announcement on the C of I application states that the C of I issuing was begun on 23 February 2024 in order to help Myanmar migrant workers to be able to work officially in Thailand, and Cs of I were issued for those who registered in the Thailand Employment Department.

It is initially planned to stop centres for C of I on 30 June 2024. However, the Myanmar Ministry of Labour will extend it to 6 July 2024 in order to help Myanmar workers be efficient, and due to the request by the Thai Employment Department, it said,



C of I issuing office in Chiang Mai.

Five C of I centres were set up in Patong Division, Samut Prakan, Samut Sakhon, Chonburi and Surat Division, and three mobile unit camps were stationed in Chiang Mai, Nakhon Sawan and Songkhla provinces on 23 February 2024.

C of I process, date and time for applying C of I and contact numbers for inquiry are provided, and applicants should go in person, not via brokers, so that they don't

need to pay more, the Ministry of Labour urged when centres for C of I were initiated.

"I've heard the closure of C of I centres will be temporary for now because the number of applicants has been fewer. We all have waited for further announcements on how officials from both parties would continue to provide it. It is still uncertain," said a Myanmar national in Thailand. — MT/ZS

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Drug gang trafficking 13M+ stimulant tablets arrested in Lewe



Offenders are seen alongside seized drugs and vehicles.

THE Myanmar Police Force stated that a gang trafficking 13.44 million stimulant tablets worth K20.16 billion was arrested in Lewe Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

A combined team comprising those from the Drug Enforcement Division seized 13.44 million stimulant tablets worth K20.16 billion from a light truck driven by Zeyar Kyaw, accompanied by

Hein Kyaw Min heading to Yeni from Pynmana at Taungsinaye checkpoint on Yangon-Mandalay highway in Lewe Township at 7 am on 25 June.

According to confession, Myat Paing Thu, Phyto Sithu Hein and Aung Aung (aka) Aung Gyi were arrested in Yame-thin Township with a Nissan Box carrying stimulant tablets, Nwe Ni Thin, Ye Dwe Hlaing (aka) Bala and Myint Aung



with a Toyota WILL in Pynmana, Wai Min Phyto (aka) Ohn Ohn Khaing in Ward 1 of Shwepyitha Township.

As they trafficked stimulant tablets

from Shan State to Yangon Region, an investigation is underway, and action is being taken against them under the Anti-Money Laundering Law. — MNA/TTA

34,000 actions taken against YBS drivers for rule violations

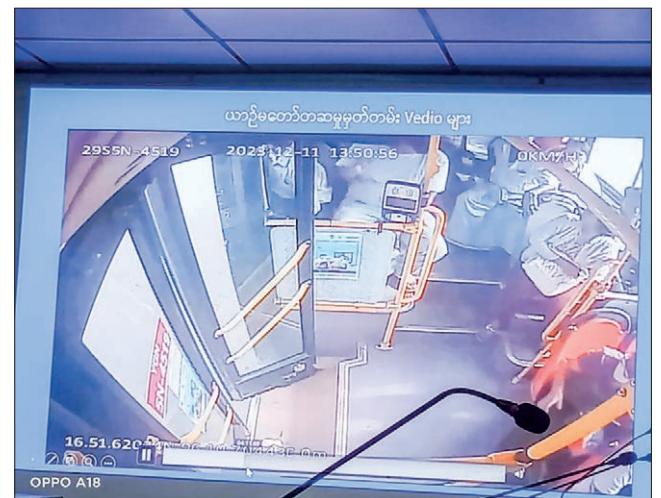
DURING six months this year, there have been more than 34,000 actions taken against undisciplined YBS drivers, said U Lyan Cin Mang, joint secretary of the Yangon Region Public Transport Committee (YRTC), at a press conference on 2 July.

These actions in six months include 31,764 recorded arrests, 409 complaints (call centre), three complaints via facebook, 182 cases of driving through a red light, 1,330 speeding cases, 255 cases of lane departure, 179 reckless driving incidents, one out-of-bound driving, 106 long parking time cases, 329 overtaking cases, two rude responses, and 54 other cases, totalling 34,654 cases.

Among 31,764 recorded arrests from 1 January to 30 June 2024, the majority of them are 6,215 overtaking cases, 18,450 cases of driving with side doors open, 3,525 undisciplined parking cases and 1,254 cases of allowing people to get on and off at the traffic lights.



Recorded photo of a vehicle accident and press conference on 2 July.



“There are 34,654 cases in total. Out of it, 31,764 are recorded arrests. There are 6,215 overtaking cases and 18,450 cases of driving with doors ajar, which is the biggest,” he said.

Actions are taken for complaints on

drivers in accordance with 138 points of disciplinary actions specified by YRTC. At the same time, tribunals are formed to investigate the cases of conductor presence, extra fares, accidents, hidden CCTV, loss or destruction of CCTV accessories,

lack of waybill, running in other routes beyond permitted one, and lack of YRTC’s ID card.

According to YRTC’s data, more than 3,600 buses on 131 bus routes carry about 1.4 million commuters every day. — MT/ZN

OPINION

Reduce plastic waste to save the planet Earth

PLASTIC products are inexpensive and widely available for packaging in the domestic market. While plastic is integral to daily life, plastic pollution poses a severe threat to all living beings, especially humans and the entire ecosystem.

The creation of plastic products is aimed to facilitate society's proper use of packaging. Its usefulness and beautiful design could attract societies, contributing to keeping everything neat and tidy. However, the massive production of plastic products cannot be controlled in the market and society, terribly threatening the natural environment.

Plastic was first produced in 1907 to improve packaging, but its production only took off around 1950. Since then, plastic production has surged dramatically, increasing 230-fold over 70 years. In 2019, industries produced 460 million tonnes of plastic, and current annual production exceeds 380 million tonnes.

Plastic waste is now visible on beaches and shores, and disposable plastic bags litter roads and residential areas. The United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) estimates that 75 to 199 million tonnes of plastic waste are in the oceans. This alarming situation calls for urgent action to manage plastic products to protect human society. Without intervention, the world risks being overwhelmed by plastic waste.

plastic products are recycled globally.

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Myanmar, like many other countries, uses a significant amount of plastic products, particularly plastic bags. Authorities must manage plastic use and waste disposal systematically. Given that a single piece of plastic can endure environmental conditions for over 100 years, proper disposal is crucial. In 2002, Bangladesh banned plastic bags, and many other countries have taken similar steps to reduce plastic use. To save society and the environment, everyone must reduce their use of plastic products. Systematic management and individual responsibility are essential to mitigate the harmful impact of plastic pollution throughout the world.

Businesses manufacture plastic products that attract customers, making it difficult for people to stop using them. Thin and portable plastic products are ubiquitous, and markets heavily rely on plastic bags. However, there is no systematic disposal of these used plastic bags, leading to massive daily plastic waste.

Plastic waste accumulates in landfills and oceans, posing significant risks to animals. Many animals mistakenly consume plastic pieces, and aquatic animals often die due to plastic pollution in the seas. The world produces around five trillion plastic bags yearly, an amount that could wrap around the Earth seven times. Sadly, only nine per cent of

IF YOU say Myanmar people are honest to the extent of being gullible, you would probably be correct. The subsequent question would be, 'Would no one take advantage of them?'. The answer to that would be a resounding 'Yes'. Let me give you an example using the world of buying and selling gemstones.

A lot of interest has always been placed in the gems and jewellery business in Myanmar. First, other than emeralds, Myanmar produced the most precious gemstones. It's our country's unique asset. Second, with supply extremely limited, the prices kept going up every year, with a steady demand from international connoisseurs. Third, there is no barrier to entry to get into this trade. From an aunt selling betel nuts to a medical doctor, anyone can become the seller or, rather, the broker of precious gemstones.

As long as the buyers are not as discerning as most local buyers are, the jewellery market will continue to be the whole nine yard of cons.

Let's talk about the qualifications of sellers and assessors first. There are two major qualifications in the gem world: GIA for diamonds and FGA for the rest of the coloured stones. The former is US-based, and the latter is UK-based. Alas, most of the people selling, trading, assessing or certifying the gemstones here without qualifications of any kind. We have encountered a number

of jewellers whose qualifications are stated as FGA (Cand). At first, we wondered if FGA had shifted to Canada. Only after further enquiries did we realize Cand refers to the word 'Candidate'. They have not even started the programme yet!

Second, the fraud even continues to be passed on to certifications. Some people doing gems assessment and issuing one-page report cards do not have any form of qualifications. And yet, the buyers quickly fall in line once they see some sort of a report card. If a particular jewellery shop regularly patronizes the assessor, they could be easily 'influenced' by the shop to give the upgraded status in the certificate for the gems. There is no such thing as independence, and as long as they are not discovered and no one challenges them after that particular assessment report, Personal reputation is the only one at stake.

Third, training: With the economy crumbling due to a

lack of proper business opportunities, a lot of people from a

variety of backgrounds have decided to have a crack at this

genuine stones either. Exams are in-house, and diplomas are issued

some extreme ends, a heat-treated ruby may be passed off as un-

The Whole Nine Yards of Con!

By U AC



Myanmar is renowned for producing a variety of precious gemstones. ILLUSTRATION: PIXABAY

business. Hence, classes are full, and schools and teachers are earning a lot of money. Yet some of the teachers themselves have no formal gemstones-related educational qualifications. Armed just with a few years of gemstone selling experience, their teaching methods are rudimentary, at best. Students are not given much practical experience with

generously.

Fourth, sellers frown upon buyers with loupes. Without loupes, at least, how would we ever know the quality of the gems! Yet the sellers do not want potential customers armed with loupes! Maybe they do not want to sell to knowledgeable buyers, or their target market segment is over-trusting buyers only. At

treated; a spinel may be passed off as a ruby; a nephrite jade can be passed off as a similar alternative. The source can also be deceived by the sellers, especially since Mogok rubies are significantly pricier than the Monghsu counterparts.

Fifth, there are regular cases of fights between individual sellers and brokers. Once you want to sell your gemstones, more likely than not, you will be asked to leave that stone with a broker or at a shop. The broker or the shop owner is naturally tempted to take advantage of the dupable seller by swapping the latter's gem with a similar stone of lesser quality. It is not easily noticeable unless the seller has a really discriminating eyesight.

Sixth, especially when buying any precious stone necklaces, you need to watch out for the mix of stones. A Mogok chain may include a couple or so Monghsu stones. Untreated rubies may be combined with a few heated ones, with the seller passing the chain off as comprising expensive natural gems. Some of the stones contained in the chain may not necessarily have an attractive cut. A lot of these would not have sufficient culet. As long as the facet is there, the stone in the chain looks nice on the surface.

Seventh, with the recent news on the sale of a five-carat Myanmar ruby at a Hong Kong auction for tens of millions, the interest in rubies is at a frenzy

level here. Unethical buyers are getting rubies from Vietnam or Mozambique to resell them back to the locals here. As long as you are not armed with the knowledge to determine the quality yourself, you can get conned easily.

Eighth, the seller can easily misinform you about the market potential of each type of stone. Rubies are always at the top of the list, followed by Sapphires. Even spinels are moving up the ladder, too, in the absence of new Mogok rubies entering the market. Citrine may look like Danburite, but they are totally different prices. The seller may upsell Citrine's potential to sell the unwanted item at a higher price to you.

Finally, what is the solution for us? Just like when buying houses all over the world, we need independent assessment or valuer for our gemstones, too. Check out the seller's qualifications. The best phrase that the seller wants to hear from you would be, "I know nothing about gems. But I trust you". Please do not ever say that. That will make you fall into the whole nine yards of cons where the perfect trap by the seller awaits. Unless you can arm yourself with GIA and FGA certifications, please find someone with qualifications to accompany you. Bring along that person to the deal table. You will save a lot of headaches and anger in the future. Thank me later.

Study finds how new blood test helps improve cancer treatments

A novel approach called liquid biopsy has been developed, which involves analyzing DNA fragments in blood samples.

THE likelihood that treatment will be successful for cancer increases with early detection. Almost every kind of cancer is covered by this. Evaluating the advantages and disadvantages of each type of therapy on an individual basis and keeping a regular eye on treatment outcomes are also essential components of effective patient care.

Oncologists have various techniques at their disposal to accomplish this, including the use of imaging equipment and

invasive procedures including punctures, tissue samples, and endoscopic procedures.

An improved technique, a kind of liquid biopsy that examines blood samples rather than organs or tissues, has recently been further developed by researchers at the University of Zurich (UZH) and the University Hospital Zurich (USZ).

The method sequences and analyses DNA fragments circulating in the blood of patients. "Our method can be used in the future for risk assessments,

treatment monitoring during follow-up care and early detection of cancer recurrence, in principle for all types of tumors," said Zsolt Balazs, co-first author of the study at the UZH Department of Quantitative Biomedicine.

Since the method is based on blood samples, it is less invasive than performing tissue biopsies, for example. Moreover, taking blood samples is fast and more practical in day-to-day hospital operations, as fewer appointments for diagnostic interventions are needed, sparing those

affected lengthy waits.

The new method for analysing liquid biopsies can help oncologists more accurately determine tumour activity and spread. This will enable them to develop therapies that are tailored to individual patients. "We can see earlier and more quickly how much the cancer has spread in the body and how well a patient is responding to a specific treatment, or whether there will be a relapse," said Zsolt Balazs.

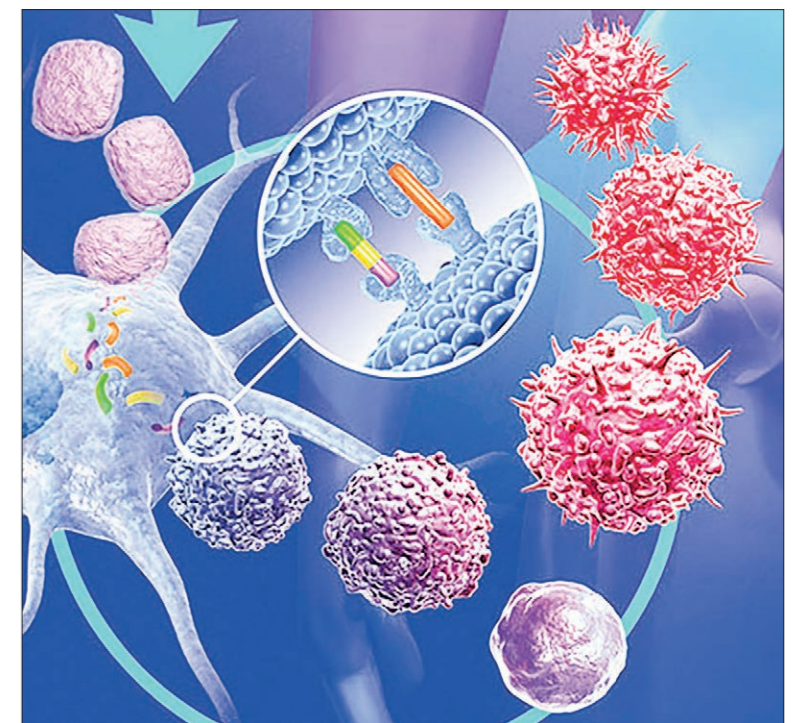
In the lab, the researchers analysed the gene fragments cir-

culating in the blood for changes in the DNA that are characteristic of the specific type of cancer. The method analysed alterations in the number and length distribution of the fragments. "The liquid biopsy technique enables us to discriminate between biologically less and more aggressive metastatic cancer disease — perhaps even earlier than using imaging technology," said co-first author Panagiotis Balermipas, a professor at the Department of Radiation Oncology at USZ.

The researchers tested their

method on patients undergoing radiotherapy, including several HPV-positive patients. HPV stands for human papillomavirus, which can also cause cancer. The number of HPV DNA fragments found in the blood allowed the researchers to observe the development of tumours. For head and neck cancer, they found that a higher concentration of HPV DNA might be an early indication of cancer recurrence, which could be combated using immunotherapy.

SOURCE: ANI



Each type of cancer requires a tailored approach to treatment. Oncologists evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of various therapies to provide personalized care. ILLUSTRATION: PEXELS

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Weather Report

Myanmar Railways to lease 204 trucks via auction

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Transport and Communications, Myanmar Railways plans to lease a total of 204 trucks to individuals and companies collaborating with them for three years (from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2027) through a bidding process.

The auction will take place on 29 July at the Ywataw branch of Myanmar Railways. Interested parties can bid for up to three lots. Application forms can be purchased from 3 to 16 July at the office of the deputy general manager (Supply) of Myanmar Railways, located at the corner of Trader Road and 51st Street, Botahtaung Township, Yangon, for K50,000 per set.

For more details, individuals can visit the Commerce Division (Ywataw branch) of Myanmar Railways or contact them by phone. — TWA/TMT

MMMC College invites applications for academic year 2025-2026



The gateway of the Myanmar Mercantile Marine College.

THE Myanmar Mercantile Marine College will be offering diploma courses for the 2025-2026 academic year, starting from January 2025.

The two-year courses will include Cadet Training Course (CD/50), Cadet Engineer Course (CE/50) and Cadet Mercantile Electrical Engineer Course

(CME/05).

After completion, students will receive diplomas in nautical studies, maritime technology, and marine electrical technology.

The admission criteria include an age of not more than 21 years on 31 December 2024, and for cadet training and

cadet engineer courses, applicants must have a total of at least 400 marks, including physics and chemistry subjects in the KG+12 examination.

For the cadet mercantile electrical engineer course, the applicants must have obtained at least 390 marks in science or the combination of science and art, including physics and chemistry subjects.

MMMC will accept applications from 1 July 2024 to 30 August 2024.

The numbers of students to be admitted are 130, 130 and 40 in the cadet training course, the cadet engineering course and the cadet mercantile electrical engineer course, respectively.

Personal interviews will be held at the MMMC on Bayintnaung Street, Kamayut Township, for admission, and detailed information can be obtained from the registrar's office and training sections as well as www.mmmc.edu.mm and MMMC Facebook page. — TWA/ZN

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 13:30 hrs MST on 3-7-2024)

Flood condition of Ayeyawady River

ACCORDING to the 12:30 hours MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Bhamo has exceeded by about 2 ½ feet (77 centimetres) above its danger level. It may continue to rise from the present water level by about 1 foot during the next 1 day and may remain above its danger level.

According to the 12:30 hrs MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Shwegu has exceeded by more the 2 feet (65 centimetres) above its danger level. It may continue to rise from the present water level by about 2 ½ feet during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

According to the 12:30 hrs MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Hkamti has exceeded by six feet (175 centimetres) above its danger level. It may fall from the present water level by about 1 ½ feet during the next one day and may remain

above its danger level.

According to the 12:30 hrs MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Homalin has exceeded by about three feet (90 centimetres) above its danger level. It may continue to rise from the present water level by about one foot during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

According to the 12:30 hrs MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Phaungpyin has exceeded by about a centimetre above its danger level. It may continue to rise from the present water level by about 2 feet 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 Bhamo, Shwegu, Hkamti, Homalin and Phaungpyin Townships, to take precaution measure.

Flood Warning

(Issued at 13:30 hrs MST on 3-7-2024)

ACCORDING to The 12:30 hours MST observation today, the wate level of Ayeyawady River at Katha is observed as about one foot (31 centimetres) below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next 12 hours.

According to the 12:30 hours MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River

at Mawlaik is observed as about 5½ feet (165 centimetres) below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next two days.

It is especially advised to the people who settle near the river banks and low-lying areas at Katha and Mawlaik townships to take precaution measure.



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Wednesday 3 July 2024)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 4 July 2024: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay regions and Northern Shan and Kayah states and fairly widespread in Magway Region and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Nay Pyi Taw, Upper Sagaing, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Rakhine and Mon states. Degree of certainty is 100%.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The Cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Upper Sagaing, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, (Southern and Eastern) Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states.

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with rough seas are likely at times in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 mph. Wave height will be about 8-10 feet in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 5-7 feet in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Increase of rain in Upper Sagaing, Yangon, Ayayawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4 July 2024: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100%.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4 July 2024: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100%.

CBM sells \$5M to exporters, importers on 2 July

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$5 million for exporters and importers on online trading platforms on 2 July.

CBM injected \$5 million and 40 million baht in June and \$10 million, 30 million baht and 22.5 million yuan into markets in May through online trading platforms.

CBM injected \$3 million, two million yuan and 54 million baht into the financial market in April. It also sold \$18 mil-

lion, 12 million yuan and 312 million baht in March, \$77.38 million and 850 million baht in February and \$68.33 million, 313.5 million baht and 4.2 million yuan in January 2024, with a view to curbing the instability in the foreign exchange market and stopping the currency devaluation.

CBM sold \$186.71 million, 1.599 billion baht and 40.7 million yuan in the half year of 2024.

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



A glimpse of the general view of the Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw.



A betel leaf plantation in Kyaukse Township.

Betel leaf prices stabilize after two-week decline

IN the main areas of betel leaf plantations, after the price dropped in the past two weeks, it is currently stable, and the market is expected to be active, according to contacts with the betel trading community.

“The market has been stable for the last few days. The price fell in the last two to three weeks with a gradual daily fall. Currently, the price is stable.

It's not convenient to go up or go down beyond this level. If it falls further, there will be no one to pick betel leaves. At the moment, the price of betel leaves is stable,” said an official from a

betel leaf warehouse in Kyaukse Township.

In 2023, the betel price was good throughout the year, benefiting the farmers.

“The market may be active again in the coming months. Last year, sales were good, and farm owners earned a lot of money. This year, the market is slow, so farmers could not save money,” he said.

Kyaukse Township is one of the areas in Myanmar where betel leaf cultivation is abundant, the quality is also good, and it can be sold in the market, attracting many buyers. — Thit Taw/ZN

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MGMA to open Basic Sewing Machine Operator Training (Batch 240)



Female workers seen in manufacturing garment products using motorized sewing machines.

MYANMAR Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) will offer a Basic Sewing Machine Operator Training Course (Batch 240) from 15 July to 2 August 2024 at Myanmar Garment Human Resources Development Training Centre (MGHRDC).

The course will provide practical and technical approaches to sewing machines, different sewing methods, labour laws and practices.

This training will also help those hunting jobs from regions outside Yangon connect with the garment factories with a

view to creating job opportunities.

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

ECONOMY WORLD



China, Switzerland to start talks for FTA upgrade ASAP

CHINA and Switzerland on Monday signed a memorandum of understanding and agreed to officially start negotiations for the upgrade of the Sino-Swiss free trade agreement (FTA) as soon as possible, according to Chinese Ministry of Commerce.

Chinese Minister of Commerce Wang Wentao held talks with Swiss Federal Councilor Guy Parmelin, also head of the Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research on Monday, discussing the robust development of Sino-Swiss economic and trade

There is a shared commitment to implementing economic and trade agreements reached by the leaders of both countries. This reflects a broader strategic alignment in economic policies.

relations. Wang highlighted the close economic ties and strong complementarity between the two nations, and the positive impact of the bilateral FTA over the past decade on trade and investment growth.

The Chinese side expressed its willingness to work with Swit-

zerland to implement the important economic and trade consensus reached by the leaders of both countries.

Wang called for the swift initiation of negotiations to upgrade the Sino-Swiss FTA, aiming to enhance the quality of bilateral economic cooperation.

The existing FTA has been recognized for its positive impact over the past decade on boosting trade and investment between China and Switzerland. The city of Zürich, the most important economic centre of the country. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

He also urged the Swiss side to maintain free trade principles, oppose protectionism and unilateralism, and continue to provide a fair and open investment environment for Chinese enterprises.

Parmelin, acknowledging China as one of Switzerland's most important trading partners, praised the positive role of the Swiss-Sino FTA and expressed the Swiss business community's anticipation for its upgrade. — Xinhua

Consulate in New York develops platform for Indian students to find internships in US

This portal allows students to directly apply to companies listed on the platform.



Indian students constitute a significant portion, more than 25 per cent, of all international students studying in the United States. **PHOTO: ANI**

THE Indian Consulate in New York has launched a new platform for Indian students to find internship opportunities in the US.

The newly launched portal can be accessed by students to directly apply to the companies according to details provided in it. Several Indian and American companies and organizations have agreed to consider deserving Indian students for internship opportunities, the Consulate in New York said, referring to the Indian Student

Resource Portal.

For the third year in a row, a record number of Indian students travelled to the United States to pursue higher education, the US Embassy in India revealed in a release in November last year.

According to the Open Doors Report (ODR), the number of international students from India to the United States increased by 35 per cent and resulted in an all-time high of 2,68,923 students in the academic year 2022-23. — ANI

NEWS IN BRIEF

Strong earnings help Japan post record tax revenue for 4th year

JAPAN'S tax revenue for fiscal 2023 reached a record 72.08 trillion yen (\$445 billion), the Finance Ministry said Wednesday, setting a new high for the fourth consecutive year, boosted by strong corporate earnings.

The revenue for the year ended in March, up around 2.5 trillion yen from the government's initial estimate, compares to the previous fiscal year's 71.14 trillion yen.

Revenue from the international tourist tax more than tripled to 39.9 billion yen, driven by a revival of inbound tourism following the removal of COVID-related restrictions and a weaker yen. Japan charges 1,000 yen per person departing the country, regardless of nationality.

The increase in full-year tax income, however, did not change the fact that Japan was heavily reliant on debt issuance to satisfy its spending needs. — Kyodo

Pak budget 2024-25: Former Sindh gov objects to newly imposed taxes on salaried class

CRITICIZING the budget for the fiscal year 2024-25 rolled out by the Shehbaz Sharif-led coalition government, the former governor of Sindh, Muhammad Zubair has said that both direct and indirect taxes have affected the salaried class majorly, pointing to unequal tax imposition, reported ARY News.

During an interview on ARY News' "11th hour", the former Sindh governor expressed disapproval of the federal government's uneven taxation policies, pointing out that salaried persons have been impacted by both direct and indirect taxes.

"If everyone was taxed equally, no one would object," Zubair said. — ANI

Indonesia launches first EV battery plant

The facility, located in Karawang, West Java, is touted as the largest in Southeast Asia with a production capacity of up to 10 Gigawatt hours (GWh) annually.

INDONESIA launched its first electric vehicle battery plant on Wednesday, President Joko Widodo said, as Southeast Asian countries move to gain a foothold in the emerging industry.

The country, which is the region's largest economy and home to the largest nickel reserve in the world, has been seeking to position itself as a key player in the global electric vehicle supply chain.

The plant is a joint venture between South Korean manufacturers Hyundai Motor Group and LG Energy Solution (LGES) and can produce up to 10 Gigawatt hours (GWh) of battery cells every year.

Widodo said the plant, located in West Javan town of Karawang, was "the biggest in Southeast Asia".

Its opening marked "a new chapter" that underscored the resource-rich nation's ambition to become a global player in the electric vehicle supply chain, Widodo said at the launch. "We have abundant natural resources, but for decades we only exported it in the form of raw materials without added value," he said. "But now with smelters being built, with the electric vehicle battery cell being built, we will become an important global player in the global supply chain for electric vehicles." — AFP



Indonesia launched its first electric vehicle battery plant on Wednesday. **PHOTO: HANDOUT / INDONESIAN PRESIDENTIAL PALACE/AFP**

Public Announcement

Pursuant to the instructions from and on behalf of my client, **YANGON GOLDEN PARAGON INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED**, I hereby make the following public announcement.

My client previously sent legal notices to the purchasers, who bought the following resident units from my client under the structured installment payment plan outlined in the "Agreements for the Sale of Possessory Rights of Resident Units" but have failed to pay the remaining purchase price, on 29th March 2023, and 14th May 2023 respectively. The notices informed the purchasers that if they did not pay the remaining balance, their Agreements would be terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

Despite receiving these legal notices, the purchasers have continued to fail to pay the remaining balance and comply with the Agreements' terms. Therefore, I hereby announce that all "Agreements for the Sale of Possessory Rights of Resident Units" signed between the purchasers and my client have been terminated and are now void in accordance with the terms of the agreements. Consequently, only my client retains the rights to own, transfer and sell the following residential units freely.

- (1) A 985.65-square-foot residential unit located at Room No. 206, 2nd Floor, Tower 2, Emerald Bay, Shukhinthar Mayopat Road, Thaketa Township, Yangon Region,
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- (3) A 1548.48-square-foot residential unit located at Room No. 607, 6th Floor, Tower 2, Emerald Bay, Shukhinthar Mayopat Road, Thaketa Township, Yangon Region,
- (4) A 899.58-square-foot residential unit located at Room No. 212, 2nd Floor, Tower 2, Emerald Bay, Shukhinthar Mayopat Road, Thaketa Township, Yangon Region,
- (5) A 1006.4-square-foot residential unit located at Room No. 204, 2nd Floor, Tower 2, Emerald Bay, Shukhinthar Mayopat Road, Thaketa Township, Yangon Region,
- (6) A 1037.21-square-foot residential unit located at Room No. 903, 9th Floor, Tower 2, Emerald Bay, Shukhinthar Mayopat Road, Thaketa Township, Yangon Region,
- (7) A 579.79-square-foot residential unit located at Room No. 202, 2nd Floor, Tower 1, Emerald Bay, Shukhinthar Mayopat Road, Thaketa Township, Yangon Region,

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SEASTAR VULCAN VOY.NO. (HSF2402)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SEASTAR VULCAN VOY.NO. (HSF2402)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **4-7-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **TMIT-2** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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DECLARING OBJECTION TO CHANGE OF TRADE NAME

The distributor of the following one agricultural chemicals registered by **Shanghai E-Tong Chemical Co.,Ltd** has been changed from **Yonta Myanmar Co.,Ltd** to **Anawrahta Production Co.,Ltd** in Myanmar Market.

If you would like to object to the change in trade name for the following one modified drugs, you can come to the Myanmar Pesticides Registration Board within two weeks.

No	Old Trade Name	New Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration Type	Registration No
1.	E-T Weapon 32 WP	K4 Benrac 32 WP	Bensulfuron-methyl 4% + Quinclorac 28% WP	Full	F2023-4280

Anawrahta Production Co.,Ltd

Notice for change of manufacturer

Notice is hereby given that the official manufacturer— **Arysta LifeScience Netherlands B.V**, Netherlands to **UPL Vietnam Co.,Ltd.** has been changed for the following pesticide distributed by Myanmar Arysta LifeScience Co.,Ltd.

Myanmar Arysta LifeScience Co.,Ltd. invites objections to Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein township, Yangon from all parties within a period of fourteen (14) days from the publication of this notice. If no objections are received within the period prescribed, parties mentioned above shall proceed with the completion of formalities recorded with the Pesticide Registration Board.

No.	Brand Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1	Omite 57 EW	Propargite 57% EW	F 2022 - 3442

Myanmar Arysta LifeScience Co.,Ltd., Suite #09-02, Crystal Tower, Kyun Taw Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon. 01 – 933 93 59, 933 93 60

ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD



Eastern Siberia and the Far East are highlighted as promising regions due to their abundant resources and relatively low exploration levels.

PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/SPUTNIK

Eighth East Russia Oil and Gas Forum to focus on pivot to East

The forum serves as a prominent international platform for dialogue and exchange of experiences among key stakeholders in the oil and gas industry.

THE Eighth East Russia Oil and Gas Forum opened here Wednesday with the pivot to the East being one of the significant topics of this year, focusing on accessing new markets, optimizing routes, and rebalancing demand.

The forum, an annual international investment and exhibition event, will feature presentations of more than 40 major oil and gas projects planned for construction, modernization and implementation up to 2035 and beyond.

It serves as a professional international platform for dia-

logue and experience exchange among government and business representatives in the oil and gas sector of Eastern Siberia and the Far East.

“Eastern Siberia and the Far East are considered promising regions for increasing oil and gas production in Russia in the near future. Rich resources and low exploration of the territory promise successful exploration and the discovery of new fields, including large and unique ones,” said Oksana Fedoseyeva, founder and CEO of Vostock Capital. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Egypt's new govt takes oath

Egypt's new cabinet has been sworn in before Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi at the Al-Ittihadiya Palace in the Egyptian capital Cairo on Wednesday, state-run Nile TV reported.

The new cabinet is headed by Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly, who has been in the post since 2018. — Xinhua

China, Laos to hold joint exercise

BASED on the annual plan and the agreement of both sides, the armed forces of China and Laos will hold the Friendship Shield-2024 joint military exercise in Laos this July, China's Ministry of National Defence announced on Wednesday. — Xinhua

CIS countries to improve joint military systems: Russian Defence Minister

They have approved main directions and key milestones for developing a joint system to control and assess radiological, chemical, and biological situations.



Russian Defence Minister Andrey Belousov was elected Chairman of the Council of Defence Ministers of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). **PHOTO: SPUTNIK/FILE**

DEFENCE ministers of the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) agreed on Wednesday to improve joint military systems, Russian Defence Minister Andrey Belousov said.

“Decisions on the improvement of joint military systems were made,” Belousov said following Wednesday's meeting of the CIS Council of Defence Ministers in the Belarusian capital of Minsk. Main directions and key milestones of the development of the joint system of control and assessment of the radiological, chemical and biological

situation were approved, the minister said, adding that the principles of the establishment of a joint technical organization structure, joint communication systems, as well as approaches to training national engineer divisions to operate as a part of the joint humanitarian demining engineering unit were also discussed.

The Council of Defence Ministers also signed agreements on conceptual approaches to the development of military cooperation within the CIS until 2030, on the establishment of the organization's basic educational

and scientific cooperation and on a number of financial and staff issues, Belousov added.

Orders on sharing experience in objects and area demining and countering unmanned aerial vehicles gained in Russia's operation in Ukraine were also issued, the minister said. — SPUTNIK

At least 121 people, mostly women, killed in stampede at India's Hathras



The location in Hathras, Uttar Pradesh, India, where a tragic stampede occurred during a sermon on 3 July 2024, resulted in loss of lives. **PHOTO: AFP**

THE death toll from a stampede at a Hindu religious congregation in northern India has risen to 121, news agency ANI reported on Wednesday, where a police report said the number of people present was more than triple the permitted capacity.

The stampede on Tuesday was at the religious event in a village in Hathras district of Uttar Pradesh state, about 200 kilometres (125 miles) southeast of New Delhi, where police had given permission for 80,000 people to gather, according to the

document, the first information report. Around 250,000 people attended the event, according to the police report reviewed by Reuters. At least 121 people were killed and 28 were injured, ANI news agency reported, citing local officials. — ANI

SPORTS

2 gold medallists back from Altai Regatta Dragon Festival



Team Myanmar, with two gold winners of the Altai Regatta Dragon Festival, arrives back at the Yangon International Airport on 3 July 2024.

TEAM Myanmar returned to Yangon yesterday morning after bagging two gold medals, securing first spot in the Altai Regatta Dragon Festival held on 30 June in Barnaul, Russia.

Myanmar squad won the two golds

in the 200-metre and 500-metre events, but in the 2,000-metre race, the Myanmar rowers tried their best, but they were satisfied with sixth place as a result.

A total of 13 teams, including Myanmar, host Russia, Malaysia, India, Viet-

nam, the Philippines, Indonesia, Cambodia and Uzbekistan competed in the tourney. The Myanmar team includes 12 athletes led by U Thaung Htike Min, president of the Myanmar Rowing Federation and two coaches. — Arkar Linn/KZL



UFC Fight Night: Myanmar's Joshua Van to face Johnson on 13 July

MYANMAR'S MMA star Joshua Van will fight against American fighter Johnson at the UFC Fight Night event to be held in the United States on 13 July.

Joshua had been planning to fight since May, but he often missed the fight. Lastly, he was scheduled to fight against the Russian fighter Ulanbekov on 15 June, but the fight was cancelled because the opponent was overweight during the medical weigh-in the day before the fight.

This time, Joshua will fight against American Johnson. The US fighter Johnson has fought more than 20 times in his MMA career, and after joining the UFC, he has eight fights with four wins and four losses.

Joshua Van has had a great run since joining the UFC, going three-out-of-three and has an 11-out-of-10 MMA career record. — Shine Htet Lwin/KZL



Brazil forward Raphinha celebrates his goal in the 1-1 draw with Colombia. PHOTO: AFP

Brazil held by Colombia in Copa America, to face Uruguay quarterfinal

Looking ahead, Brazil's encounter with Uruguay promises to be a highly anticipated match, characterized by the storied rivalry between the two nations.

COLOMBIA came from behind to grab a 1-1 draw with Brazil on Tuesday, ensuring their qualification to the Copa America quarter-finals as group winners.

An equalizer from Daniel Munoz in first half stoppage time was enough to earn Colombia a share of the spoils after Raphinha had fired Brazil into the lead with a sublime 12th-minute free-kick at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California.

The result means Colombia advance to the knockout rounds as winners of Group D, where they will face Group C runners-up Panama in Glendale, Arizona, on Saturday.

But Tuesday's draw means Brazil

will face a titanic showdown in Las Vegas on Saturday against arch-rivals Uruguay, winners of Group D with a perfect record.

Brazil goalscorer Raphinha insisted the five-time world champions would be unfazed at the prospect of playing Uruguay.

"Our team is evolving with each game, with each training session and we think we're on the right track," Raphinha said.

"Unfortunately it wasn't the result we wanted, and it wasn't the position that we wanted to qualify for the quarterfinals in.

"But whoever wants to be champion shouldn't be worrying about who they

play in the next round; we have to be prepared for anyone.

"If we want to win this competition we have to be prepared to play our best".

Vinicius Jr out

Brazil will head into the quarter-finals without Real Madrid star Vinicius Jr, who picked up his second yellow card of the tournament for a reckless early foul on James Rodriguez on Tuesday.

Colombia playmaker Rodriguez had alarm bells ringing amongst Brazil fans from the ensuing free-kick, just clipping the top of the bar with goalkeeper Alisson beaten. — AFP

Japan names Paris Olympics squad with no overage players

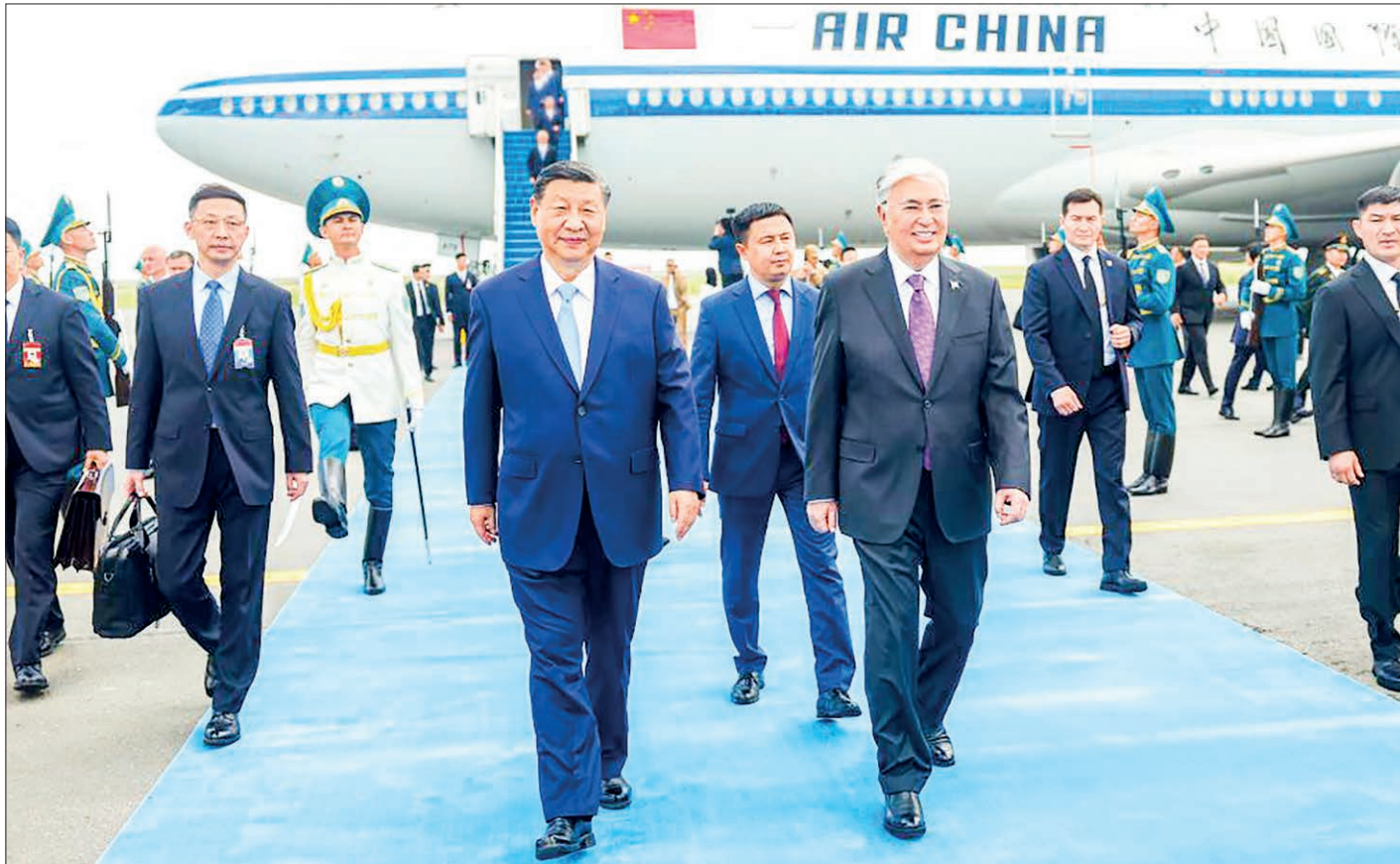
UNLIKE previous Olympics, Japan decided not to include any overage players (players older than 23 years) in their 18-man squad for the Paris Olympics.

Japan opted not to call up any overage players in their 18-man squad for the Paris Olympics under-23 football tournament on Wednesday, as was the case for the 1996 games in Atlanta and the 2008 games in Beijing.

FC Tokyo midfielder Kuryu Matsuki was a surprise omission by manager Go Oiwa, who based his side on the U-23 Asian Cup-winning team in May.

Shunsuke Mito and Koki Saito both made the list after starring for Sparta Rotterdam last term in the Dutch Eredivisie, the latter on loan, counting themselves among six Europe-based players.

"We'll take one game at a time with the aim of making the final and winning the gold medal," Oiwa told a press conference. — Kyodo



Chinese President Xi Jinping arrives in Astana, Kazakhstan, 2 July 2024, for the 24th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, and a state visit to Kazakhstan at the invitation of Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev. Xi was warmly welcomed by Tokayev and a group of Kazakhstan senior officials upon his arrival at the airport. **PHOTO: JU PENG/XINHUA**

As Kazakhstan currently holds the rotating presidency of the SCO, the meeting of heads of state is particularly significant. It provides a platform for discussing regional security issues, economic collaboration, and joint initiatives within the SCO framework.

the two nations has grown stronger over time, and set an example of solidarity, mutual benefit, and mutual success between neighboring countries.

In a series of meetings scheduled with Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Xi is expected to engage in detailed discussions aimed at further strengthening cooperation between the two nations.

The deepening mutual trust and political ties between China and Kazakhstan have been accompanied by a remarkable growth in their trade and economic cooperation over the past three decades.

China was Kazakhstan's largest trading partner in 2023, with two-way trade up by 32 per cent year on year to reach US\$41 billion.

The Central Asian nation has also become a critical partner in the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). — Xinhua

Xi arrives in Kazakhstan for state visit, SCO summit with focus on bolstering cooperation

CHINESE President Xi Jinping arrived in Kazakhstan on Tuesday for a state visit and to attend the 24th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of

the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. This is Xi's fifth visit to Kazakhstan and the second one in less than two years, following his previous state visit

in September 2022.

Calling the China-Kazakhstan partnership "unique", Xi said upon his arrival here that the everlasting friendship of

LAVISH WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

Indian tycoon launches mass weddings to celebrate son's nuptials

ASIA'S richest man, billionaire Indian tycoon Mukesh Ambani, launched Tuesday the start of the lavish finale of his son's wedding celebrations with mass nuptials for 52 "underprivileged" couples.

Pre-wedding parties for his son have already included multi-day galas, a European cruise for 1,200 guests, a specially-built Hindu temple, and entertainment provided by performers ranging from R&B star Rihanna to the Backstreet Boys.

Ambani, 67, is chairman of Reliance Industries — India's biggest company by market capitalisation — and took part with his family in Tuesday's Hindu ceremony with some 800 guests. "Starting with this function, the family pledged to continue supporting hundreds more such weddings across the country," his company said in a statement. Ambani's younger son Anant and fiancée Radhika Merchant, both 29, are set to marry in a three-day Hindu ceremony in India's financial capital Mumbai from 12 July. — AFP

Turkiye reduces wheat imports from Ukraine sixfold in May: Trade data

TURKISH wheat imports from Ukraine in May dropped sixfold year on year to 79,700 tonnes as the share of import in Turkiye's

domestic consumption declined from 82 per cent to 25 per cent, Sputnik has calculated based on both countries' trading data.

Corn topped the list of Turkish imports of Ukrainian grains, accounting for 74 per cent and increasing ninefold year on year to 233,000 tonnes. Barley was the third-most imported grain, albeit accounting for just one per cent and declining 22-fold to 3,800 tonnes.

Turkiye's grain imports from Ukraine halved this May compared with last year, to 316,600 tonnes. Turkiye halted wheat imports from 21 June until 15 October to protect local producers from price decreases. — SPUTNIK



A harvester collects wheat in the village of Zghurivka, Ukraine, on 9 August 2022. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK/FILE**