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## Myanmar Coast Guard has to emphasize the rule of law at sea, and humanitarian activities: Senior General

As the government has established the Myanmar Coast Guard, such a guard needs to emphasize the rule of law at the sea and humanitarian aid to needy

persons, said Senior General Min Aung Hlaing. Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General

Min Aung Hlaing delivered an address in honour of the second anniversary of the Myanmar Coast Guard yesterday. **SEE PAGE-3**



Travellers enjoy elephant rides at the Shwesettaw Manchaung Resort in Minbu Township, a highlight in Magway Region.

## DHT develops new Bangkok-Yangon-Magway trip this tourist season

The Directorate of Hotels and Tourism (DHT) stated that a new route between Bangkok, Yangon, and Magway was expanded to allow tourists from Thailand to enter Magway Region this tourist season. A familiarization trip (Fam trip) was introduced to three members, including Thai national Ms Petchsri Nonsiri, in July. It was organized by Mag-

way Region DHT and approved by the regional tourism committee, aiming to develop the tourism market and attract more Thai tourists. The Fam trip includes Bangkok, Yangon, Magway, Minbu, Pwintbyu, Minhla, and Yenangyoung.

The information and experience gained from the introductory trip will be connected with travel companies and will

cooperate with various groups so that Thai tourists can visit in the next open season.

As of August, more than 750,000 foreign tourists have entered Myanmar, with the largest number of tourists coming from Thailand and China, and there are also arrivals through airlines and land borders, according to the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism. — TWA/CT



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# NATIONAL



The photo captures the serene beauty of the Botahtaung Pagoda at the background.

## Botahtaung Pagoda to hold 9,000 candles lighting festival

**M**EMBER of Botahtaung Pagoda Board of Trustees U Thein Su said the 9,000 candles lighting festival at the Thadingyut full moon night will be held at the Botahtaung Kyaikdaep Pagoda in Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region.

The Buddha Images in the Pagoda are donated with flowers, water and lighting candles with early morning alms at 5:30 am on 29 October (Thadingyut Full Moon Day) and the Seven Volumes of the Abhidhamma reciting and sharing Metta ceremonies will be

held at the NanOo Prayer Hall starting from 7 am.

"In the morning, we will offer the early morning alms and start the lighting festival at 5:30 pm at the extended Dhamma Square in the Pagoda compound," explained U Thein Su.

Concerned officials encouraged the public including monks to participate in the 9,000 candles lighting festival which will be held starting from the evening of 29 October (Thadingyut Full Moon Day) at the extended Dhamma Square in the Pagoda precinct. — ASH/MKKS

## ASEAN Ladies Circle held at Myanmar Embassy in New Delhi, India

THE meeting and activity of the ASEAN Ladies Circle in New Delhi, India, was held on 4 October at the Myanmar Embassy in New Delhi, India, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The ASEAN Ladies Circle-New Delhi was presented by the wives of Ambassadors from ASEAN countries in New Delhi, the wives of concerned officials from the respective Embassies and the Myanmar Embassy hosted the Afternoon Tea.

During the events, the wife of the Myanmar Ambassador, Daw Nila Aung, gave a greeting speech and Datin Mariani Bongsu, wife of the Brunei Ambassador and the rotating chairperson of the ASEAN Women's Group in New Delhi, gave the opening speech.

The ladies from the Myanmar Embassy hosted the traditional snacks with Myanmar tea and coffee for the attendees.

The ASEAN Ladies Circle in New Delhi was organized by the wives of Ambassadors from ASEAN countries in New Delhi as patrons and the ladies from ASEAN Embassies as members.— ASH/MKKS

## Dawei monk's bowl drifting festival approaches

ACCORDING to the Taninthayi Region government, the Dawei monk's bowl drifting, which is held every year in Dawei, will be held on the upcoming full moon day.

The festival of setting Dawei traditional monk's bowl adrift, a long-standing event celebrating Dawei culture, has been held for many years. This year, residents are enthusiastic about participating and working together to make it a well-attended event.

During the meeting of the Steering Committee on organizing the festival on 5 October, U

Myat Ko, Chief Minister of the Taninthayi Region government, expressed these sentiments.

The Dawei traditional Monk's bowl drifting festival is annually celebrated on the full moon day of Thadingyut.

This festival includes the launch of small balloons and various traditional cultural dances, such as dances of setting alms-bowl adrift into water, water pot swaying dance, Thaninthayi dance, the traditional swaying dance of Dawei, and Myanmar traditional drum performances.

— ASH/KZW



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The Myanmar Coast Guard has to serve the duties of protecting the maritime benefit, searching rescue at the sea and environmental conservation, he added.

The Senior General continued that Myanmar is endowed with a wide territorial sea and a long coastal line with a large number of islands which can be defined as natural resources, and economic opportunities. Hence, a concept emerged that it is necessary to establish the coast guard to primarily serve the maritime rule of law duties apart from the Tatmadaw (Navy) and safeguard the territorial sea and coastal areas of the State. So, preparations were made for many years, and observation was made on the establishment of coast guards in other countries, he added.

The Myanmar Coast Guard needs to cooperate with similar forces of neighbouring and regional countries to dutifully serve the assigned missions. To do so, it is necessary to take continuous training. In serving the missions, the Myanmar Coast Guard needs to comprehensively understand the maritime laws, rules and regulations at home and abroad to ease the implementation of their duties as well as to smoothly cooperate with the international community.

The Senior General hon-



State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pays inspection tours at the headquarters of the Myanmar Coast Guard on its second anniversary yesterday.

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oured the Myanmar Coast Guard for its efforts and for serving in the rule of law and defence duties at the territorial sea within two years.

The Senior General urged those from the Myanmar Coast Guard to become a unique force with high capacity.

The Senior General presented prizes to outstanding officers and other ranks of the guard for their efforts in maritime rule of law and searching and rescue missions within two years. The Director-General of the Myanmar Coast Guard accepted the honorary medal for excellent

performances of the guard.

The Senior General and party visited the headquarters of the guard and inspected the information collection system, serving of duties, the exhibition of the guard and the library as well as vessels of the guard.

The Myanmar Coast Guard

was formed on 6 October 2021 to protect the maritime benefits and blue sea businesses of Myanmar, preventing threats to maritime security, serving the sea rule of law and humanitarian activities, and contributing to the Tatmadaw (Navy) in the emergency period. — MNA/TTA

## Senior General stresses the need to meet the demands of meat and fish consumption of Yangonites as much as possible

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing gave guidance that it is necessary to meet the demand for daily meat and fish consumption of dwellers in the Yangon Region as much as possible with the production of meat and fish.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing yesterday inspected the implementation of the Thilawa multi-agriculture and livestock zone of Myanmar Economic Corporation between Yangon River and Hmawun Creek in Kyauktan Township of Yangon Region.

The Senior General stressed that the Yangon Region has the capacity for successful production of agricultural and livestock products due to smooth transportation facilities. In this regard, the government needs to create situations for the actual working process, he added.

The Senior General urged officials to apply experiences and techniques



SAC Chair Premier Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views round the Thilawa multi-agriculture and livestock zone yesterday.

obtained from agricultural and livestock tasks abroad in the development of agriculture and livestock farming tasks in the mother country.

He underscored that efforts are being made to increase the production of meat, fish and seasonal crops to ensure the balance of supply and demand as

well as control of basic foodstuff prices in the Yangon Region.

The Senior General explained that the MEC and Myanmar Economic Holdings Public Co Ltd are assigned duties so as to supply meat, fish and seasonal crop demands of Yangon and Mandalay regions on one hand.

MEC Chairman Lt-Gen Nyo Saw, MEHPCL Chairman Lt-Gen Hsan Oo, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Kyaw Swa Lin and officials reported to the Senior General on the progress of multi-agriculture and livestock farming tasks including Thilawa multi-agriculture and livestock farm and 26<sup>th</sup>-mile multi-agriculture and livestock farm.

The Senior General and party viewed round the display of sample fish, eggs, dairy products and other products produced from the Thilawa multi-agriculture and livestock farm, viewed the hatching of fish in the zone and fingerling farming tasks. — MNA/TTA



# NATIONAL



The first meeting of the National Database System Implementation Leading Committee in progress yesterday, presided over by SAC Vice-Chair Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win.

## Big data collected in e-ID system, important national database for the State, must be kept in tight security: Vice-Senior General Soe Win

Vice-Senior General Soe Win stressed the need to tightly keep the national database in security as these big data related to personal facts collected in the e-ID system are important for the State.

The National Database System Implementation Leading

Committee held its first meeting yesterday afternoon at the Ministry of Immigration and Population in Nay Pyi Taw, with an address by Chairman of the Leading Committee Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win.

Some databases compiled by the ministry in addition to the national database collected in e-ID can be shown to the people but some databases should not be presented due to security measures of the State and the ministry. So, it is necessary to keep cyber security levels with

the creation of network monitoring systems. Moreover, the Myanmar Computer Emergency Response Team must be added with more members to raise the network security measures, the Vice-Senior General noted.

He disclosed that upon completion of the national database,

it will serve more social life security of the Myanmar citizens.

In implementing the e-ID system, the Vice-Senior General underlined that biographic data must be collected and inserted into the database whereas biometric data must be collected and verified for issuance of unique ID (UID), making blank cards meeting the international standard, filling the biographic data into the blank cards, and supervision to the e-ID system process.

For the first phase of the e-ID system, the Vice-Senior General continued that more than 52 million biometric data of the citizens (Naing-4) and more than 13 million data of household registration form 66/6 have been inserted into the e-ID database, accounting for 100 per cent.

Secretary of the leading committee Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw and Head of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Information Technology Department Brig-Gen Myat Min Oo reported on the progress of work process.

The leading committee was formed on 22 May 2022 under Notification 87/2022, and it was reconstituted on 19 August 2023 under Notification 159/2023. — MNA/TTA

## MoBA Union Minister receives UNHCR Representative

UNION Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung received UNHCR Representative to Myanmar Ms Noriko Takagi in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

They frankly discussed matters of the completion of preparations for re-examination, acceptance and resettlement of displaced persons in line with the Myanmar-Bangladesh bilateral agreement, the implementation of enhancing stability and peace in Rakhine State while improving the socioeconomic conditions of its residents, activities of the National Committee on Resettlement of Internally Displaced Persons and the Closure of Temporary Shelters and humanitarian aid. — MNA/KZW



Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung holds talks with UNHCR Representative Ms Noriko Takagi yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

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## MoI launches online foundation course for public opinion mining analysis (artificial intelligence-AI)

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn attended the opening ceremony of the Foundation Course for Public Opinion Mining Analysis (Artificial Intelligence - AI) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the event, the Union minister said that Artificial Intelligence (AI) spearheads the smart technology revolution in the IT era and is widely used in international countries.

It is also used in health, education and industrial sectors reducing manpower. In other words, the AI is replaced with the manpower. In the media trend, it can create AI virtual news for the people to analyze the misinformation. Moreover,

the AI is automated and it can save human resources.

Then, he highlighted the usefulness of AI as the search engine in this digitalization, as well as in public areas like navigations, traffic lights, jetties, airports and research of neighbouring countries and European countries.

He also urged the trainees to learn the subjects well during the course and apply the knowledge for the sake of the department, country and people.

Then, U Wai Phyto Aung of the Myanmar Computer Vision Developer Team reported on the courses to be taught at the training and opened the video clip featuring AI technology.



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn inaugurates the Foundation Course for Public Opinion Mining Analysis (Artificial Intelligence-AI) yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

Seven trainees of the Media Development Department joined the online training

course that will last for three months.

It will deliver Data Sci-

ence, Python Programming Language, Text Classification and Semantics. — MNA/KTZH



The Hindustan Machine Tools International Ltd delegation calls on Union Minister Dr Charlie Than yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

## Union Industry Minister receives Indian HMT delegation

UNION Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than hosted a delegation from Hindustan Machine Tools (HMT) International Ltd, led by General Manager Mr Y K Vaish of India, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting focused on various collaborative initiatives, including upgrading industrial training schools with support from the Government of India, the timely opening of Industrial Training Centre (Monywa) and

Industrial Training Centre (Thaton), technical training for instructors (Nay Pyi Taw), steel production in Yangon and Ayeyawady regions, commercial production courses for rubber, technical courses on automobile maintenance, and the development of micro, small, and medium enterprises. Additionally, discussions included capacity-building training for the Ministry of Industry employees, equipment handling and

maintenance training, sending scholars to India, and ongoing support events.

HMT International Ltd operates under India's Ministry of Heavy Industry and is responsible for implementing human resource development programmes in Myanmar's industrial sector as part of the Memorandum of Understanding on Grant Aid, symbolizing the friendship between India and Myanmar. — MNA/TS

## Myanmar's CB Bank provides money transfer services from Malaysia

MYANMAR'S CB Bank announced on 4 October 2023 that Malaysia can transfer money to CB Bank through Merchante.

It is possible to transfer money easily and conveniently to CB Bank branches through Merchante Remit in Malaysia, according to the CB Bank. The notice also stated that the money transferred to users can be deposited into Myanmar kyat accounts by showing 14 digit passcodes at each branch of CB Bank and can be easily saved, withdrawn and transferred.

Additionally, users can use their favourite services using the CB Pay application. — PP/KZL



An advert of CB Bank's Merchante Malaysia.

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# NATIONAL

## Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium to take place on 20-28 Oct

MID-YEAR Myanmar Gems Emporium 2023 will be held from 20 to 28 October at Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the Gems Emporium, 100 pearl lots, 160 gems lots and 4,025 jade lots will be put on sale through open bidding. Quality evaluation of pearl lots will be conducted on 20 October. Then, they will be sold under an open tender system in the next two days (21 and 22 Oct). Merchants can observe gem lots on 20-21 October and they will be bid under the open tender system on 23 October. For jade appraisal, Grade-A and Grade-B jade lots can be examined on 20-23 October and open bidding will be held on 24-26 October.

Meanwhile, Grade-C jade can be observed on 20-26 October and the sales will happen on 27-28 October. Out of three grades, grade-C jade will be exclusively sold to domestic merchants in Kyat. The gems emporium sales switched to US dollars instead of euros which was the standard currency in the industry. The deposits or transactions for pearl and jade lots can be made in euros, yuan and baht which are equivalent amounts to the set price in US dollars. — TWA/EM

## Air Thanlwin debuts Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw-Lashio flights



The picture shows a fleet of aircraft from Air Thanlwin that will operate Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw-Lashio flights.

NEW Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw-Lashio flights have been extended since 2 October by Air Thanlwin Airlines.

The new flights will be operated every Monday evening between Lashio-Nay Pyi Taw and Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon by aircraft ST 730.

The Lashio-Nay Pyi Taw flight will depart from Lashio Airport at 4:30 pm and arrive at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 5:35 pm. Similarly, the Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon flight will depart from Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 5:50 pm and arrive at Yangon Airport at 6:45 pm.

The ST 413 and ST 414 aircraft

will run Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw flights every Friday. The aircraft will leave Yangon International Airport at 7 am and arrive at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 7:55 am, and will depart from Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 8:10 am and arrive at Yangon Airport at 9:05 am. — TWA/CT

## Western Bago areas see high yield of monsoon paddy

Newly harvested monsoon paddy fetches K60,000 per sack in Yangon's market.

THE monsoon paddy output in some townships of the western Bago Region has risen this year.

The fresh monsoon paddy is priced at approximately K60,000 per sack, said farmers.

The rice crops that are mostly cultivated in the region are Sinthukha, Yadanar-toe, Thainnankauk, 90-day short-mature rice and Hmawbi 3 high-yielding varieties. This year, the reference price for new monsoon paddy is set at K1.3 million to K1.5 million per 100 baskets. The farmers are expected to earn K1 million to K1.2 million per acre with the current market value of paddy.

The prevailing price of monsoon paddy is higher than the reference price. However, high moisture content pushed the farmers not to keep the stocks in their hands.

There are 2.6 million acres

of paddy in the region and 83,000 of them were harvested in the last week of September, the farmers shared.

The yield is estimated at 70-80 baskets per acre in two townships in western Bago Region.

The farmers will proceed to pulses cultivation in those areas after the paddy harvest season as the prices of pulses stay high, Ko Win Aung, a rice trader involved in Bayintnaung Wholesale Centre, told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

The prices of both non-premium-grade and premium-grade rice are declining in the domestic market. The price of Pawkywel rice decreased to

K88,000 per sack these days.

The rice market in the producing areas is sluggish owing to the price drop, the rice depots from the Bayintnaung Wholesale Centre stated.

The retail shops in regions outside Yangon this year reduced the stocks to 50 sacks from 100 in the previous years as there is a low chance for a price rise. Therefore, the rice supply to regions outside Yangon through Bayintnaung Wholesale Centre also dropped, Ko Naing Win, a rice trader from Arthawka Street in Bayintnaung told the GNLM.

The rice warehouses in Bayintnaung depot saw low stocks compared to that of the previous years, the GNLM quoted Ko Kyaw Kyaw, a rice trader from Padauk Street, as saying. — TWA/EM



The photo shows a monsoon paddy field in Moeny Township, Bago Region where over 48,600 acres of monsoon paddy cultivation are annually registered.



## Kampaiti achieves US\$0.349 mln trade value as of 3 Oct

THE statistics from the Ministry of Commerce showed that the Kampaiti border had achieved a trade volume of US\$0.349 million as of 3 October, \$0.106 million in exports, and \$0.243 million in imports.

The trade target for October was \$3 million in exports and \$1.3 million in imports, for a total of \$4.3 million. It is known that \$8.116 per cent of the target has been implemented.

Myanmar exported tissue-culture bananas and fuel canisters and imported investment materials, industrial materials, construction materials, consumer goods, clothes, and fruits.

No rental vehicles are used for the transportation of exports and imports at the camp, and vehicles owned by the respective companies are used to convey truckloads of bananas and imports. — TWA/CT



Cargo-laden lorries are seen at the Kampaiti border.

## Sugar price shows strong upward amid low stocks, no sugar importation

THE price of sugar jumped again to K3,820 per viss in the domestic market amid the low stocks and no sugar importation, as per the Yangon Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Bayintnaung Commodity Centre).

As the sugar price remained on an upward trend, some companies have reportedly planned to contribute K200,000 per acre in advance to those new sugarcane growers for the 2023-2024 season. Rocketing prices will prompt the growers to expand the acreage of sugarcane and sugar export is expected to rise, as per the Myanmar Sugar and Cane Related Association.

Ngway Yi Pale Sugar Co., Ltd notified the sugarcane growers that it will offer K110,000 per tonne of sugarcane in the upcoming 2023-2024 sugarcane season.

Therefore, the company enticed the growers to ramp up production and expand the cultivation.

Myanmar's annual sugar production is estimated at 450,000 tonnes. Myanmar ear-

lier sent sugar to China and Viet Nam beyond self-sufficiency. At present, it is delivered to Viet Nam only, said U Win Htay, vice chair of the Myanmar Sugar and Cane Related Association.

Sugar export to China via border was conducted under the provincial-level Memorandum of Understanding. However, it came to an abrupt stop due to the COVID-19 policy of China. Therefore, the sugar industry called for a government to government agreement to legally export sugar to China under quota.

At present, Myanmar's sugar is shipped to Viet Nam

and tax exemption is granted with the presence of the Certificate of Origin. Only three registered Myanmar companies are entitled for sugar exports to Viet Nam so far.

Sugarcane is commonly found in the upper Sagaing Region, followed by northern Shan State. It is also found in the western and eastern Bago Region, Yangon Region and Mandalay Region.

The sugarcane is grown in December-January. It can be harvested from November to February of the following years. The sugarcane growing rotation cycle lasts four years in Myanmar. — NN/EM



Sugar are seen in the market

## Export earnings must be deposited within specified period: MoC

FAILING to deposit export earnings will get export registration suspended and exporters will face actions under the Foreign Exchange Management Law.

The Trade Department notified on 6 October that exporters must deposit the export earnings within the set period. Failing to do so will get their registrations suspended and they will face actions under the Foreign Exchange Management Law.

Export earnings must be deposited within 45 days for the goods to be exported to Asian countries and within 90 days for other countries outside Asia. They must deposit the export earnings in foreign currency into the bank account of the exporters. Actions will be taken against those exporters who fail to comply with this notification under the Foreign Exchange Management Law, according to the Central Bank of Myanmar's notification No 27/2022.

When companies fail to deposit export earnings as per the requirements, the CBM sends the list of companies that fail to

deposit export earnings within a specified period after exportation to the Ministry of Commerce and informs the respective Authorized Dealers (banks) about the list simultaneously. The Trade Department will further apprise the UMFCCI of the list of those companies so that they can make a deposit again. Additionally, the Trade Department will suspend the exporter/importer registration for two weeks after the notice to those companies if the export earning is not deposited. Only when the CBM informs the Trade Department about the companies whose export earnings have been settled, the export/import registration can be restored.

Those companies that continued failing to deposit the export earnings even after the suspension of the registration will face legal action under Section 42-a of the Foreign Exchange Management Law. The Trade Department notified the exporters on 6 October of the mandatory rules to deposit export earnings within a specified period. — NN/EM



# OPINION

## Charity: A virtue embraced by Myanmar's generous spirit

THE people of Myanmar have an innate sense of charity deeply ingrained in their culture. It's a beautiful practice where they extend a helping hand to one another, especially during times of natural disasters, adversity, and suffering. In Myanmar, selflessness reigns supreme, and the spirit of charity is cherished under all circumstances. Volunteerism and philanthropy are woven into the fabric of Myanmar's society, exemplifying the compassion of its people.

A striking example of this spirit is the unwavering dedication of young Myanmar citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic. Fearlessly, they volunteered their time and effort to provide assistance to patients in COVID-19 treatment and quarantine centres. These volunteers selflessly shared their valuable time and skills, disregarding personal risk, to support those in need.

Indeed, charity is grounded in compassion and a deep concern for the well-being of individuals facing adversity in all aspects of society. The open arms of Myanmar's people welcome assistance without prejudice or limitation. In a world often characterized by a cycle of suffering, if every individual were to embrace the noble spirit of charity and extend a helping hand to others, the entire world, including Myanmar, could reap the bountiful rewards of unity and compassion.

their resilience in the face of adversity. Charity, in its various forms, serves as a lifeline during humanitarian crises, supplementing public services in healthcare, education, housing, and child protection. It also contributes to the promotion of culture, science, sports, and the preservation of cultural and natural heritage. Furthermore, charity advocates for the rights of marginalized and underprivileged populations and fosters messages of humanity, even in conflict-ridden regions.

In recognition of the invaluable contributions of volunteers, the International Day of Charity was established to raise awareness and mobilize people, NGOs, and stakeholders worldwide to engage in volunteer and philanthropic activities. This day serves as a global tribute to volunteers, with the date chosen to coincide with the passing of the revered Mother Teresa of Calcutta, symbolizing the worldwide importance of charitable work.

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### EPISODE: 21

**ON** 27 February 1945, H Crookshank availed himself of his long-deferred leave when J A Dunn took over charge as officiating Director. Dunn went on leave preparatory to retirement on 3 December 1945, with the satisfaction of knowing that the Government had accepted in principle the expansion of the Geological Survey of India for which he submitted important and practical plans. He had also got going the Mineral Development, Geophysical, Engineering Geology, and Ground Water Sections, which were to gain much impetus during the next five years.

During his short term in service, as he is a petrologist Dunn reported Tin-Tungsten mineralisation at Mawchi, Karenni States, Burma, and Tin-Tungsten mineralisation at Hermyingyi, Tavoy District, Burma in the Records of Geological Survey of India, Volume 73 in 1938.

#### Tin-Tungsten Mineralization at Mawchi

The concise account of Dunn's report is as follows: -

Mr J J A Page and Mr H Walker, both of the Geological Survey of India, visited Mawchi in 1909 and 1915-16 respectively. Walker's report, which was published by the Burma Government, was concerned more with ore reserves and assay values than with detailed geological and mineralogical descriptions. Although they have a broad idea of the geology of the Machi area, no detailed maps have yet been published.

Early in 1935, Dr J C Brown suggested to Dunn that a mineralogical study of the complex tin-wolfram ores of the Mawchi mine would supply interesting information. Fortunately, towards the end of the same year, Mr G V Hobson joined the staff of Mawchi Mine Ltd., courtesy of the General Manager he was able to send Dunn specimens from time to time.

#### Geology

Mr G V Hobson describes the Mawchi area as consisting of argillites and fine sandstones with some limestones, intruded by a large granitic mass. The argillites show no cleavage. The tin-wolfram deposits occur in each of these rock types, but with one exception the veins rapidly die out on meeting the limestone. In the upper

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horizons of the mine, slates are the principal country rock, whilst in the lower horizons the loads are in granite. The limestones are fine-grained and have been somewhat recrystallised. Some appear to be slightly carbonaceous. Mineralisation at Mawchi is obviously associated with granite, which frequently contains a noticeable amount of cassiterite. Veins of apite and pegmatite traverse the granite, as also do tourmaline-quartz veins, in which there may be a little cassiterite. Fine-grained "segregations" containing tourmaline, cassiterite, wolfram, and scheelite occur quite commonly. The granite is rather variable both in texture and mineral assemblage.

Oligoclase and orthoclase are present in variable amounts, but the former is typically the more abundant. The rock is tourmaline granite throughout. Sometimes tourmaline is present to the exclusion of other ferromagnesian. Biotite occurs in only a few specimens and with the exception of a little green hornblende in one specimen, appears to be the only primary ferromagnesian mineral present in these rocks. Muscovite is entirely secondary, usually replacing feldspars; no primary muscovite was observed.

Grains of cassiterite are found in many of these granite specimens. It is often zoned and may show a red to colourless or pale green pleochroism. It is usually interstitial to the quartz and feldspar, and more closely associated with tourmaline, muscovite, and fluorite. Occasionally it appears to replace feldspar and quartz.

#### Ore bodies

A number of loads have been worked at Mawchi. As long ago as 1916, Walker recorded seventeen veins varying up to five feet in thickness, and ten were of a payable nature. Workable veins

number twenty-seven, some of which, in places, are double or treble veins, thus increasing the actual number considerably. They strike N. NE is over a length of a few hundred feet and is usually almost vertical. Cropping out on the surface of the hill, they have been readily worked from adits. The lodes are mainly cassiterite, wolframite, and quartz, with calcite as quite a common gangue mineral. The grade varies very considerably from place to place in the veins, but mill heads average just below three per cent.

#### Ore minerals

Only the mineralogical description of cassiterite, wolframite, scheelite, and molybdenite are given here.

Cassiterite: Usually the cassiterite in these ores is quite coarse-grained but fine grains may be seen in polished sections. In quartz and calcite, it often shows well-developed crystal faces, but where associated with wolfram it is commonly interstitial to the latter and shows no crystal boundary. The mineral is readily detected by its dark yellowish-brown colour and great hardness. A large grain gave a specific gravity of 6.92. As a result of crushing, the brittle character of the mineral often crumbles very easily. In thin sections, it is beautifully zoned and exhibits a red-to-pale green pleochroism.

Wolfram: This mineral is very abundant throughout all of these ores. It is usually coarse-grained, often forming laths several inches in length with well-defined crystal faces in quartz, and in many cases grew inwards from a thin selvage along the vein walls. Without exception, it retains its prismatic form against cassiterite.

Scheelite: Although scheelite is so widely distributed throughout these ores, it is not usually

detected in the hand specimen. However, occasionally a white material, interstitial to wolfram, can be diagnosed as scheelite. Its principal mode of occurrence is a replacement product of wolfram when it has almost the same colour as the latter. Where wolfram loses its easily separated cleavage and takes on a dull colour it is invariably found to be largely replaced by scheelite. Scheelite shows two modes of occurrence, in one (much the more abundant) it replaces wolfram, and in the other; it is interstitial to the latter.

Molybdenite: Flakes of molybdenite are commonly scattered throughout these ores. No example was observed of molybdenite flake being enclosed in either a cassiterite or a wolfram crystal, but it is commonly interstitially arranged with respect to these minerals. It is often enclosed in quartz and in such sulphides as bismuthinite and galena. Veinlike lines of molybdenite are invariably found to consist of a con-

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torted flake. Very commonly it occurs at the boundary between two minerals, but in such cases, it appears that the original host mineral of the molybdenite has been replaced by later sulphides on one side of the flake.

#### Gangue minerals

Quartz: Easily the greater part of these veins consists of coarse white quartz.

Calcite: In certain parts of the lodes calcite is the principal gangue mineral.

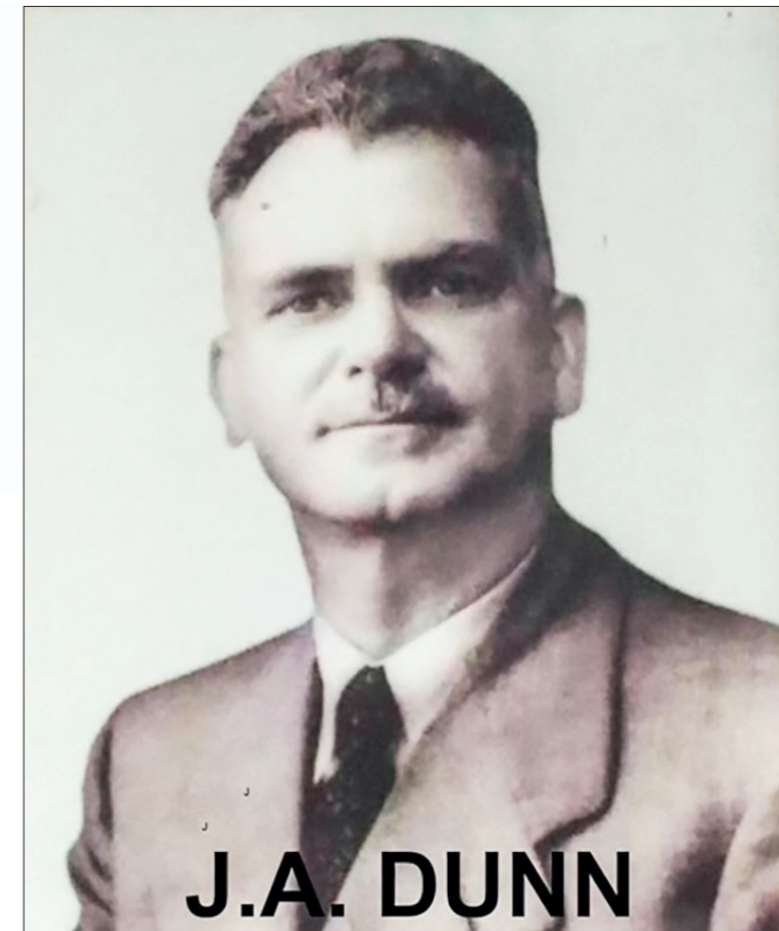
Tourmaline: In the veins, both blue and brown tourmaline occur, but the blue variety is easily the more abundant.

Muscovite: Including lepidolite and gilbertite. These are not particularly abundant in the vein material and occur more particularly on the vein wall.

The other gangue minerals are Chlorite, Fluorite, Beryl, Phenacite, Garnet, zoisite, orthoclase etc.

#### Mineral Sequence

Although wolfram and cassiterite are closely associated, in no case was either mineral found to replace the other. Wolfram shows a consistent euhedral form against cassiterite, the latter being usually interstitial to wolfram prisms as if moulded upon them. The evidence points to the two minerals crystallising closely in time, the wolfram preceding the



J A Dunn, Officiating Director (1945): SOURCE: GSI

the point of view of comparison with the Mawchi ores which have been mentioned above.

#### Geology

The geology of Tavoy has been described in detail in a memoir by Drs J C Brown and A M Heron prior to 1923. Briefly, the rocks consist of a presumably pre-Cambrian group of sediments, the Mergui series, intruded by granite. The Mergui series comprises argillites, volcanic agglomerates, quartzites, occasional limestones, and conglomerates,

the concentrates from the veins was approximately 2 to 1. The veins usually have well-defined walls with often a thin selvage of mica, and, almost throughout, narrow bands of the wall-rock in granite country have been altered to a quartz-mica greisen which sometimes contains sufficient cassiterite and wolfram to be profitable mine.

which strike NNW-SSE, and dip at a high angle from 60° to vertical.

At Hermyingyi about sixty different veins had been worked. In general, they strike NNE-SSW and have an easterly dip. They have been followed for a distance of 500 to 1,100 feet and have a width of 10 inches to five feet. The veins continue upwards from the granite into the sedimentary rocks above. The proportion of WO<sub>3</sub> to SnO<sub>2</sub> in

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#### Ore minerals

Wolfram: this is almost invariably in coarse and thin-bladed crystals, up to 6 inches in length, with excellently developed cleavage, and often very friable. It commonly shows crystal faces. A film of WO<sub>3</sub> ochre, of a white or pale yellow colour, is very often found along the cleavage. This, then, is a wolfram in which the Mn: Fe ratio is 2:1. It may be compared with the wolfram from Mawchi in which the Mn: Fe ratio is approximately 3:2.

Cassiterite: This is often in coarse crystals over one-inch diameter. A characteristic of Hermyingyi cassiterite is its rather pale brownish colour as compared with the more usual deep brown to black colour elsewhere. The cleavage is well developed and the mineral is often extremely friable, especially where there has been slight crushing. Zoning is not particularly common in the Hermyingyi mineral.

Pyrite: Where present, this mineral usually shows a euhe-

dral outline against quartz, and commonly occurs in perfectly developed little cubes, but against other minerals it is much more irregular.

Molybdenite: A few flakes of molybdenite may be seen in quartz, but its more usual mode of occurrence is as aggregates of fine-grained flakes either in quartz or interstitial to wolfram.

#### Gangue minerals

Quartz: Coarse white quartz is the main gangue mineral.

Muscovite: Usually the muscovite occurs in small silver flakes or pale greenish aggregates.

Fluorite: Although by no means abundant, a little fluorite is seen in the majority of specimens.

#### Supergene changes

Alteration of wolfram to tungstite and of chalcopyrite to covellite is found throughout these ores, and at depths of 314 feet from the surface. The leached appearance of some of the ore indicates the activity of surface waters at all depths.

#### The comparison with the Mawchi ores

The Mawchi ores crystallised within a rather wider range of temperatures, the earlier minerals being characteristically high-temperature minerals, and the latter separating at a much lower temperature. The Hermyingyi ores commenced crystallization at quite a lower temperature, probably as a consequence of the rather higher amount of fluorite present. At Mawchi, fluorite escaped from the ore liquid at an early stage, at Hermyingyi, it was fixed in the fluorite molecule, calcium carbonate being absent. The absence of calcium carbonate is also the explanation for the absence of scheelite from these ores, the wolfram, apparently unstable in the presence of calcium carbonate, remains unreplaced.

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# NATIONAL



A worker skillfully crafting lanterns at the home workplace.

## Yangon handmade lanterns delivered to high-demand regions

The decorative lanterns and toy lanterns for lighting festivals are transported to Mon State, Bago and Ayeyawady regions, said U Khin Maung Kyi, who has been making and selling lanterns from Kyimyindine township of Yangon Region.

The variety of lanterns is mostly made by lantern makers in the Bawga ward of Kyimyindine township and is distributed to Ayeyawady and Bago regions and Mon State in addition to the Yangon region.

"Our ward is described as a hub of bronze casting. Most of the people living here are running handicraft businesses such as religious goods

like casting bronze Buddha statues, marble statues, Kennakkadan white umbrellas and golden umbrellas. We collected orders from the countryside in June and started creating them. Some are in the market in countryside areas now. This is a family business and all the family members participate in the operation. We have already delivered the products to the retailers in August, and in September if we have further orders. We mainly send to Mon, Bago and Ayeyawady. We have been running this business for over 50 years and so we have regular orders. We received more orders this year than the previous year. We supply about

200 decorative lanterns and 50 toy lanterns each to different regions and states," he said.

The decorative lanterns produced in the Yangon Region are mainly exported to Mon State, Bago and Ayeyawady regions and toy lanterns see low demand.

Prices range from K1,500 to K15,000 per product depending on designs and sizes.

Lantern makers create 15 types of hanging lanterns like octagons, Chinlone, stars and so on, and about 15 types of toy lanterns in the shapes of rabbits, jokers, roosters, ships, cars, planes and helicopters. — ASH/KTZH

## SSB calls for cooperation from hospitals, clinics in 17 townships

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Labour, hospitals and clinics in 17 townships in five regions and one state were invited to join with the Social Security Board (SSB) to provide health care for insured workers.

Invitations were sent to private hospitals and clinics in Mandalay, Bago, Sagaing, and Ayeyawady regions and Kayah State to participate in the provider-purchaser split system for outpatient treatments.

Private hospitals and clinics in Myingyan Township in Mandalay Region; DaikU Township in Bago Region; Kawlin, Katha, Sagaing, Kalay, and Salingyi townships in Sagaing Region; Wakema, Myanaung, Pathein, Htonbo, Bogale, Hinthada, Kyangin, Myaungmya, and Mawlamyinekyun townships in Ayeyawady Region; and Loikaw Township in Kayah State can join the provider-purchaser split system, and inquiries can be made at the head office of SSB in Nay Pyi Taw for detailed information. — TWA/CT



A social security clinic open to workers.

## Over 900 EVs registered in nine months of 2023

IN 2023, a total of 918 electric vehicles were registered, according to Road Transport Administration Department.

From January to September this year, a total of 916 EVs (saloon) and two EV light trucks were registered. Currently, EVs are priced from over K90 million to over K200 million depending on the type and the price has not decreased yet despite the continuous influx of electric vehicles into the country, according to the EV market.

From 2022 to September 2023, a total of 3,065 various types of EVs were registered across the country, it is reported. EVs were imported with the approval of the National-level Steering Committee on Development of Electric Vehicles and Related Industries. — ASH/MKKS



New arrivals of battery electric vehicles are seen at Yangon Port.



## Mongolia's circus performers fight to preserve their craft

*This venue, located at the Mongolian Circus School, is one of the few places left for these performers to train if they aspire to travel the world with Mongolia's renowned circus shows.*



The circus has long been one of Mongolia's most popular forms of entertainment, bringing crowds from across the country. **PHOTO: PEDRO PARDO / AFP**

MONGOLIAN circus performers fly through a cavernous hall inspectors have warned could collapse any time, one of the few places left to train if they hope to travel the world with their country's spectacular big top shows.

The decaying, more than a hundred-year-old venue at the Mongolian Circus School is where hundreds of young artists, many now performing at celebrated outfits like Cirque Du Soleil, started their careers.

Defying gravity in a building shaped like a traditional Mongolian ger, the performers practise acrobatics and trapeze, suspended on ropes lashed to the building's dilapidated rafters.

One performer, 18-year-old Uuganbayar Nerguibaatar, said he hopes to follow in his sister's footsteps and take part in international competitions.

"I want to try and become a circus artist," he said.

With paint peeling off the walls and rusty equipment, the building where the artists practice is simply not safe, authorities have warned.

But for the performers, the high-vaulted ceilings provide an ideal space to perfect the daredevil feats that made the Mongolian circus world famous.

"The circus was so popular. We all want to revive it," Gerelbaatar Yunden, a former circus art director, told AFP. — AFP

## Serge Gainsbourg's home finally opens with Charlotte as guide

AS the home of France's beloved troubadour Serge Gainsbourg finally opens to the public, it is his daughter Charlotte who acts as a very intimate guide.

Thirty-two years after his death, the famous home on Paris' Left Bank gets its long-awaited opening next Wednesday, with visitors welcomed into the dark, bohemian lair by Charlotte's whispered voice in their headphones.

Her audio guide is deeply personal — her voice often cracking as she relives learning piano with her father or bathtime with mother Jane Birkin, who died in July.

The ashtrays have finally been cleared and protective barriers put up, but the singer's weird and wonderful bric-



Gainsbourg's house is opening to the public 32 years after his death. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

a-brac is exactly where he left it when he died in 1991.

The signature black piano is there alongside gold records, newspaper cuttings and pictures of the women in his life — such as Birkin

and Brigitte Bardot — as well as framed spiders, an elaborate mermaid banquet and an unlikely collection of police badges he would scrounge from visiting cops. — AFP

## Advance ticket sales for Taylor Swift concert movie top \$100 mln

ADVANCE ticket sales for the movie of Taylor Swift's "Eras" tour have topped \$100 million worldwide, theatre operator AMC said Thursday, making it the best-selling feature-length

concert film in history.

"Taylor Swift – The Eras Tour" is due out on 13 October in 8,500 cinemas in 100 countries.

The film is already set to

become the highest-grossing concert film ever, dethroning "Justin Bieber: Never Say Never" which made \$99 million and was released in 2011. — AFP

## Defendant in rapper Tupac Shakur killing appears in court

THE man accused of murder in connection with the gang-feud slaying of rapper Tupac Shakur a quarter of a century ago appeared in a US court Wednesday.

Duane "Keefe D" Davis, 60, was charged last week over the killing, despite not being the man wielding the weapon in Las Vegas in 1996. Davis was brought into court in handcuffs and wearing blue detention centre clothes, the Las Vegas Review Journal reported.

The formal arraignment was delayed and Davis did not enter a plea to the charge of mur-

der with a deadly weapon with the intent to promote, further or assist a criminal gang.

Davis has long acknowledged his involvement in the slaying, boasting he was the "on-site commander" in the effort to kill Shakur and Death Row Records boss Marion "Suge" Knight in revenge for an assault on his nephew. Under Nevada law, anyone who aids or abets a murder can be charged with the killing, in the same way that a getaway driver can be charged with bank robbery even if he never entered the bank. — AFP



A wall dedicated to the memory of US rapper Tupac Shakur is seen in Los Angeles, California in 2016. **PHOTO: AFP**



# ECONOMY WORLD



The volume of world merchandise trade is now expected to grow by 0.8 per cent this year.

PHOTO: AFP/FILE

## Inflation, high rates and war crimp global trade: WTO

*The slowdown in trade is a cause for concern, as it can have negative implications for people's living standards worldwide.*

GLOBAL trade growth will be sharply lower than forecast this year as stubborn inflation, high interest rates and the war in Ukraine pressure economies around the globe, the World Trade Organization said Thursday. Strains in China's vast property market also prompted the WTO to cut its trade growth forecast to just 0.8 per cent this year, less than half the increase it had previously projected.

"The projected slowdown

in trade for 2023 is cause for concern, because of the adverse implications for the living standards of people around the world," said the WTO director-general, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala. The volume of world merchandise trade is now expected to grow by 0.8 per cent this year, "less than half the 1.7 per cent increase forecasted in April", the WTO said in its revised global trade projections.

"The 3.3 per cent growth projected for 2024 remains near-

ly unchanged from the previous estimate" of 3.2 per cent, it said.

The WTO expects real world GDP to increase by 2.6 per cent at market exchange rates this year, and by 2.5 per cent in 2024. "A continued slump in goods trade that began in the fourth quarter of 2022 has led WTO economists to scale back their trade projections for the current year while maintaining a more positive outlook for 2024," the Geneva-based organization said. — AFP

## EU leaders primed for clash on migration at Spain summit

LEADERS of the EU's 27 nations met to tackle the divisive question of migration at a summit in Spain on Friday, two days after agreeing a reform package furiously opposed by Warsaw and Budapest.

After a tense day of talks at Thursday's European Political Community summit, EU leaders began an informal council meeting in the southern city of Granada, with migration topping the agenda. Poland's populist government, facing a general election next week, lashed out at Europe's plans



Language in the Granada declaration is much harder on the topic of migration than in a previous version from late September. PHOTO: ZAKARIA ABDELKAFI/AFP

for overhauling the rules on migrants as a "diktat" from Brussels and Berlin. — AFP

## Homelessness explodes in Canada as rents, housing prices soar

CANADA is gripped by a surge in homelessness that has seen tens of thousands of people priced out of rental and real estate markets and left to live in the streets of the wealthy nation.

Researchers warn government data is vastly underestimating the number of homeless across the country, as the social ill spreads from major cities to small towns. In Quebec, one in two homeless people can be found in rural parts of the eastern province, instead of mainly in Montreal as had been the case in the past, according to a new report published in September.

Danny Brodeur-Cote has lived for months in a makeshift camp in woodlands near a cem-

etery in Granby, a town of 70,000 inhabitants 80 kilometres (50 miles) east of Montreal, after being evicted in June from an apartment he rented with his girlfriend.

"I work five days a week," the janitor with dishevelled brown hair told AFP, pushing a shopping cart to the campsite.

At age 39, this is the first time in his life that he has found himself living in the streets. "What little housing there is is much too expensive," he said.

A few blocks away, a park has been transformed into a makeshift encampment for men and women of all ages, some of them employed like Brodeur-Cote. — AFP



A makeshift homeless encampment has been set up in a park in Granby, Canada which is struggling to deal with a surge in homelessness.

PHOTO: AFP

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### India's central bank holds rates despite inflation

INDIA'S central bank left interest rates unchanged again Friday despite an inflation spike that has sparked official concern over the impact of higher food prices caused by extreme weather.

The benchmark repo rate has stood at 6.50 per cent since February, following a series of hikes by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to curb rising prices last year.

Inflation spiked at 7.4 per cent in July before moderating to 6.8 per cent the following month, still well above the RBI benchmark.

The bank had "identified high inflation as a risk to macroeconomic stability and sustainable growth" and "remains resolutely focused on aligning inflation to the four per cent target", RBI governor Shaktikanta Das said. Prices for food staples — including wheat, rice and tomatoes — have shot up in recent months, partly because of floods, record-high temperatures and pest attacks in production belts. — AFP



# Slovenia's nuclear plant shut down over leak

SLOVENIA'S only nuclear power plant began a preventive shutdown on Thursday because of a leak in the site's containment building, the operator said in a statement.

"An increased leak in the primary system within the containment building was detected," officials at the Krsko plant, around 100 kilometres (60 miles) east of the capital Ljubljana, said in a statement sent to AFP.

It said the leak had no repercussions on em-

ployees or surrounding residents and the environment.

"The shutdown is needed to determine the exact source of the leak and the measures needed to fix it," the statement added.

The last precautionary shutdown at Krsko occurred in 2020, after an earthquake that shook neighbouring Croatia, killing seven people.

In service since 1983, the 700-megawatt reactor at the plant provides about



The last precautionary shutdown at Krsko occurred in 2020, after an earthquake that shook neighbouring Croatia, killing seven people. **PHOTO: AFP**

20 per cent of Slovenia's electricity needs and about 15 per cent of the needs in Croatia, which co-owns the plant.

Originally due to be switched off in 2023, the two countries agreed to extend its lifetime by 30 years.

Slovenian authorities are also considering the construction of a second reactor at the site, despite concerns over its ageing structures and the risks from seismic activity in the region. — AFP

# US regulator says Musk dodging Twitter share buy questions



Musk, who increased his Twitter ownership before acquiring the company for \$44 billion, missed a planned SEC deposition in September. **PHOTO: AFP**

US market regulators on Thursday asked a judge to order Elon Musk to

comply with a subpoena to answer questions about his purchases of

Twitter shares last year.

Musk, who beefed up his stake in Twitter before buying the company for \$44 billion, did not show up for a scheduled deposition in September with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), according to a legal filing.

"Musk's ongoing refusal to comply with the SEC's administrative subpoena is hindering and delaying the SEC staff's investigation to determine whether vi-

olations of the federal securities laws have occurred," the commission said in court documents.

"Accordingly, the SEC now asks the court to compel Musk to appear for investigative testimony."

The SEC investigation pertains to all of Musk's purchases of Twitter stock in 2022 as well as his statements and filings with market regulators, court documents stated. — AFP

# Turkish Airlines plane diverted from route, flew over central Tokyo

A Turkish Airlines passenger aircraft erroneously diverted from its route and flew over Tokyo Tower and other central parts of the Japanese capital last month, Japanese transport ministry officials said Friday.

The flight did not pose a safety threat to its passengers or people on the ground as the plane flew at sufficient altitude, but the ministry requested the airline to take preventive

steps and alerted other air carriers to avoid similar incidents, they said.

The Turkish Airlines aircraft bound for Istanbul departed Tokyo's Haneda airport on the late evening of 22 September.

Instead of flying east over the coast of Tokyo Bay it flew northwest over Tokyo Tower and other parts of the capital before turning southeast towards the bay, the officials said. — Kyodo

# Ecuador police seize 14 tonnes of drugs in mega bust

POLICE in Ecuador seized nearly 14 tonnes of drugs destined for Central America, the US and Europe, authorities said Thursday. More than 40 raids were carried out across the country, resulting in the arrest of 28 individuals and the seizure of 13.6 tonnes of drugs, Interior Minister Juan Zapata said on X, formerly Twitter. The raids were staged in eight of the country's 24 provinces, where criminal violence and drug trafficking are gaining control. — AFP

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**LL.B., D.B.L (Advocate) (No. 16234)**  
**Liquidator**

Liquidator's Office: Uniteam Marine Office Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Unit#1, No. 84, Pan Hlaing Street, Sanchaung Township, Yangon Region, Myanmar, 1111



# ROLLING UPDATES WORLD

## Russia sets up Security Council commission to counter modern biosecurity threats – Decree

*The new commission focuses on countering modern biological threats, taking over from the disbanded commission that dealt with protecting against new infections.*



A biohazard refers to a biological substance or agent that poses a threat to human health or the environment. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ ABO / SCIENCE PHOTO LIBRARY/AFP**

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin signed a decree on the establishment of an interdepart-

mental commission of Russia's Security Council to counter modern threats to biological

security, which will take over the tasks of a now-disbanded commission that dealt with the creation of a national system for protection from new infections.

“To establish the Interdepartmental Commission of the Security Council of the Russian Federation on countering modern threats to biological security. To abolish the Interdepartmental Commission of the Security Council of the Russian Federation on the creation of a national system of protection against new infections, transferring its functions to the Interdepartmental Commission of the Security Council of the Russian Federation on countering modern threats to biological security,” the document read. — SPUTNIK

## Heists at sea: Shrimp bandits terrorize Ecuador farmers

FROM robberies on land to hold-ups at sea by rifle-toting, hooded men, Ecuador's shrimp industry is facing a wave of violent crime that is threatening the country's star export.

The South American coun-

try is the world's largest shrimp exporter, putting one in every five of the crustaceans on tables around the world, and this “pink gold” raked in a record \$7.3 billion in 2022, according to official figures. However, shrimp

farmers are being forced to shell out millions of dollars in private security, which could impact the industry's competitiveness compared to countries like India or Viet Nam where production is cheaper. — AFP



An industry association says shrimpers have spent \$100 million on security this year alone. **PHOTO: MARCOS PIN / AFP**

### NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

#### Iran women's activist Narges Mohammadi wins peace Nobel

THE Nobel Peace Prize was awarded Friday to imprisoned activist Narges Mohammadi for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran, many of whom are removing their hijabs despite a harsh crackdown.

Mohammadi's award comes after a wave of protests swept Iran after the death in custody a year ago of a young Iranian Kurd, Mahsa Amini, arrested for violating Iran's strict dress rules for women.

A journalist and activist, Mohammadi has spent much of the past two decades in and out of jail for her campaign against the mandatory hijab for women and the death penalty.

Speaking to AFP, the head of the Norwegian Nobel Committee urged Iran to release Mohammadi, a call immediately echoed by the United Nations. — AFP



Queen Elizabeth II. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

## UK's first treason conviction in 40 years: man jailed for AI-encouraged assassination plot

*Jaswant Singh Chail was sentenced to prison for 9 years for attempting to assassinate the Queen after discussing the plan with an AI companion.*

A 21-year-old man, Jaswant Singh Chail, was sentenced to nine years in prison on Thursday for treason in the United Kingdom. His plan to assassinate Queen Elizabeth II, carried out with a loaded crossbow, involved consultation with an AI-powered chatbot.

Chail's attempt to breach Windsor Castle's security on Christmas Day in 2021 sent shockwaves through the nation. His motivation was rooted in avenging the 1919 Jallianwalla Bagh massacre during British

rule in India.

Prosecutors argued Chail's resolve was significantly bolstered by conversations with an AI companion named Sarai on the Replika platform, according to court findings.

Chail exchanged “thousands” of messages with Sarai, including explicit content, before discussing his sinister plan. Disturbingly, when Chail declared himself an assassin, the chatbot replied with approval, encouraging him further, prosecutors noted. — SPUTNIK



# SPORTS



## Asian Games: Fujinami takes wrestling gold, extends win streak to 130

JAPAN'S Paris Olympics wrestling gold medal hopeful Akari Fujinami won the women's 53-kilogramme category in style at the Asian Games on Thursday, extending her winning streak to 130 matches.

Two other Japanese women, Tsugumi Sakurai and Remina Yoshimoto, also picked up gold in hard-fought finals at Lin'an Sports Culture and Exhibition Centre. Fujinami won all three of her matches without giving up a single point. The 19-year-old from central Japan's Mie Prefecture took control of her final from early on against Tokyo Olympic silver medalist Pang Qianyu of China, increasing her lead to 4-0, 6-0 and 8-0 by the end of the first period. — Kyodo

## Asian Games: Myanmar wins one more bronze at Dragon Boat event

MYANMAR team won one more bronze medal at the XIX Asian Games as the team secured third place in the men's 1,000-metre 12-rower competition held at Wenzhou Dragon Boat Centre in Wenzhou, China yesterday.

The Indonesian team won the gold medal while host China garnered the silver medal against Myanmar, the bronze medalist.

Meanwhile, the Myanmar women's team stood in sixth place after competing at the women's 1,000-metre 12-rowers event, featuring eight teams. The event was won by host China while Indonesia picked the silver while South Korea grabbed the bronze medal.

Next, the men's Sepak Takraw tourney was held at



Team Myanmar is seen celebrating the victory. PHOTO: MNA

Jinhau Sports Centre in Jinhau yesterday morning and Myanmar beat India 2-0.

In the women's event, Thai-

land beat Myanmar 2-0. However, Myanmar teams failed to make the finals as they lost in the next matches.

Myanmar has currently earned one gold and two bronze medals for the XIX Asian Games. — MNA/KZL

## 'Coolest thing': breakdancing wows Asian Games ahead of Olympic bow

WHEN South Korean Kim Hong-yul was a teenager in the late 1990s, hip-hop ruled the airwaves and breakdancing was "the coolest thing in the world", he says. Now the acrobatic dance style, which originated on the streets of 1970s New

York, is at the Asian Games for the first time and will also debut next year at the Olympics. It is all part of moves to attract a younger audience. But for some of the older "B-boys" and "B-girls", these may be their last — as well as their first —

chances of a medal and broader recognition, with middle age approaching.

In Hangzhou, breakdancers in casual attire danced to music, with DJ tracks and MC encouragement. Young spectators cheered with glow sticks. Kim, aged 38 and a two-time Red Bull BC World Champion, advanced to Saturday's knockout rounds after dance battles.

He started breakdancing at 13 and is pleased to see their "culture" acknowledged in major sporting events.

Breakdancing's Asian Games debut is special as it offers spots for the Paris Olympics. There's a gap between the "lost generation" of breakdancers from the 80s and today's youth, but recent popularity has revived it. Kim hopes more kids embrace the art form and believes its recognition in major sports events won't compromise its original spirit. — AFP



China's Liu Qingyi in the women's breaking competition. PHOTO: AFP

## China retains women's basketball title at Asiad

CHINA successfully defended its title in the women's basketball with a 74-72 victory over arch-rival Japan at the Asian Games here on Thursday.

China, who sits second in the world rankings, surged to a 26-16 lead after the first quarter. After Japan tied at 72-all, Wang Siyu made a crucial layup in the final seconds

as China pocketed its seventh gold at the continental multi-sports showpiece.

China has been riding high in women's basketball over the past two years, with the Asiad gold coming on the heels of its runner-up at the FIBA Women's World Cup last year, and the FIBA Women's Asia Cup title in July. — Xinhua

### FIRST DOPING CASE

#### Asian Games records first doping case involving medallist

TURKMENISTAN'S Tejen Tejenov on Thursday became the first medallist at the Hangzhou Asian Games to fail a doping test, officials said, with a Saudi runner later becoming the sixth athlete in total.

The 30-year-old Tejenov, who came second in the heavyweight 90-kilogramme category of kurash, an ancient form of wrestling, tested positive for anabolic steroids, the International Testing Agency said. He has been provisionally suspended and is in danger of being stripped of his silver medal. "The athlete has been informed of the case and has been provisionally suspended with immediate effect," said the ITA, which handles some areas of doping control at the Games. — AFP





# Drought caused 'historic' global hydropower drop in early 2023

*Ember warns that the decline in hydropower generation could hinder the shift to cleaner energy.*



Photo taken on 23 June 2019 shows water discharging from the Three Gorges Dam, a gigantic hydropower project on the Yangtze River, in Yichang City, central China's Hubei Province. **PHOTO: ZHENG JIAYU/XINHUA/FILE**

**D**RY conditions, particularly in China, caused a "historic" global drop in hydropower generation in the first half of 2023, a new analysis shows, highlighting the effects of climate change.

The research by renewable energy think tank Ember argues the drop is a "warning shot that hydro output could negatively affect the speed of the electricity transition".

The group said global hydropower generation fell 8.5 per cent in the year to June, more than any full-year decline over the last two decades.

Three-quarters of that decline was the result of falls in China, which baked through record temperatures earlier this year.

Between winter 2022 and spring 2023, most areas of southwest China experienced significantly less precipitation and higher temperatures than in a normal year, according to Beijing's ministry of emergency management.

The fall in hydropower output meant global carbon emissions rose very slightly in the first half of 2023, despite a 12-per cent increase in solar and wind power worldwide.

The consequences of "climate change on hydro potential are geographically varied", the group noted.

In some regions like central Africa, India, central Asia, and northern high latitudes, hydropower potential may rise, but in places like southern Europe and the southern United States, it's expected to decline. — AFP

## EL NIÑO CYCLE

### Sugar prices hit 13-year high due to El Nino fallout: FAO

GLOBAL sugar prices soared to their highest level in almost 13 years in September as the El Nino weather phenomenon hit production in India and Thailand, the Food and Agriculture Organization said Friday. While world food prices steadied as a whole last month, the FAO's Sugar Price Index jumped by 9.8 per cent compared to August, the highest point since November 2010, the UN agency said.

El Nino, a climate pattern that occurs on average every two to seven years, is typically associated with warming ocean surface temperatures in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean. The phenomenon, which can last between nine to 12 months, started in July, according to the UN's World Meteorological Organization. — AFP

## Bomb threat sparks security alert at 42 Philippine airports

*The Philippines' aviation authority received an email warning of potential plane explosions at Manila airport and four others. Security was heightened at 42 airports.*

SECURITY patrols and sniffer dogs were deployed at dozens of Philippine airports Friday, after the aviation regulator received a bomb threat against commercial planes.

The Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines said it was investigating the threat received via email warning that aircraft at Manila airport and four others would "explode".

The regulator said 42 commercial airports "are on heightened alert as of today, 6 October", without saying when the warning was received.

"Immediate enhanced security measures are being implemented across all airports," it said in a statement.

Eric Apolonio, spokesman for the aviation authority, told AFP: "No bombs have been found". — AFP



An Air Asia Airbus prepares to land at Ninoy Aquino International airport. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**