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## Russian Security Council Secretary presents Order of Alexander Nevsky to SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, discussing enhanced bilateral cooperation

**S**ECRETARY of the Security Council of the Russian Federation Mr Nikolai Patrushev presented the Order of Alexander Nevsky conferred by Russian Federation President Mr Vladimir Putin on Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the Credentials Hall of the SAC Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw this afternoon. They discussed the promotion of bilateral cooperation.

At the meeting, the Senior General first said that he warmly welcomed the delegates led by the Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation.

The Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation expressed thanks to the Senior General for welcoming his delegation warmly. Moreover, he said that President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir

Putin conferred the Order of Alexander Nevsky on SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing for his valuable endeavours to develop multi-sectoral cooperation with the Russian Federation and the Order of Friendship on SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win.

Then, the Secretary presented the Order of Alexander Nevsky conferred by President Mr Vladimir Putin of the Russian Federation to the Senior General.

Next, the Secretary also presented the Order of Friendship to the Vice-Senior General.

The Senior General expressed his thanks for the Order conferred by Russian President Mr Vladimir Putin and cordially exchanged views with the Secretary on international issues and ASEAN issues, lesser prospects to

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State Administration Council Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives the Order of Alexander Nevsky from Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation Mr Nikolai Patrushev yesterday.



The decoration of the Order of Alexander Nevsky – one of the highest honours in Russia.

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Meeting identifies losses from crime-related money laundering



# NATIONAL

**Theme of 103<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of National Victory Day 2023**  
From peace of the Union towards development of the State

**Objectives of 103<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of National Victory Day 2023**

10<sup>th</sup> Waning of Tazaungmone 1385 ME  
7 December 2023

- To build the Union based on the democratic and federal system through united strengths of all National people
- To implement a comprehensive education system accessible to all
- To nurture youths endowed with five physical and mental strengths and a patriotic spirit
- To encourage MSME businesses by emphasizing the economic drive



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**UNCAC AT 20 : UNITING THE WORLD AGAINST CORRUPTION**

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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 increasing of death rate based on the disease.



A serene pilgrimage scene featuring traditional bullock carts in the Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone.

## Continued renovation of three ancient lakes in UNESCO-listed Bagan

RENOVATION work is in progress on three ancient lakes in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bagan, NyaungU township, Mandalay region, according to the Archaeology and National Museum Department of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture.

These lakes to be renovated are reported to be Ahlan Bagan Lake, Maroe Lake, which is locally known as Ahl-elkan, and Nwun Lettaphet Lake.

"We are surveying ancient Bagan-era lakes. Recorded data shows over 100 lakes, and we have confirmed over 70 of them so far. We won't be

dredging these three lakes, but we will raise the barrier using sediment from other lakes rather than easily accessible nearby earth dug by bulldozers. This is accordingly to the guidelines set by the Archaeology Department," said director U Kyaw Swa Win from the Archaeology and National Museum Department.

Recognizing not individual pagodas but the whole pagoda-filled area, the Bagan Ancient Cultural Zone was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List on 6 July 2019, following the unanimous approval by all 21 member states of the UNESCO World

Heritage Committee.

Repairs to the damaged pagodas affected by the 2016 Bagan earthquake have been completed. After reviewing the management activities during the interim period between the 2021 flood and the 2023 Mocha Cyclone, the department said three drains have been dug to prevent flooding and water encroachment into moats.

"A total of 3,837 pagodas are being carefully maintained. We are also repairing Buddha images. We have finished repairing four, including table images and sitting statues," he said. — Thit Taw/ZN

## Renewal of MoU between Yangon University of Medicine 2 and Japan's Niigata University signed



THE University of Medicine 2 (Yangon) of the Ministry of Health and Niigata University of Japan inked a five-year memorandum of understanding (agreement for cooperation) extension yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

The signing ceremony

The renewal of MoU signing event in progress yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

was attended by Professor Dr Tin Tun, Director-General of the Human Resources Department for Health, the rector of Yangon University of Medicine 2, heads of departments from the Department of Human Resources for Health and Professor Reiko Saito from Niigata University, Division of International Health, and officials.

The director-general of the Department of Human Resources for Health gave an opening speech expressing his happiness over the

previous cooperation between the two universities and the continued collaboration, and representatives of the two universities signed the agreement.

According to the memorandum of understanding, Yangon University of Medicine 2 and Niigata University will mainly cooperate in research activities, sending teaching staff and students to each other and continuing cooperation in educational discussions and other academic fields.

— MNA/TS



# NATIONAL

## SAC Chairman PM Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing honours Secretary of Security Council of Russian Federation Mr Nikolai Patrushev with title of performance



(L&R): Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing presents the Thray Sithu title to Russian Security Council Secretary Mr Nikolai Patrushev, and the documentary group picture taken at the event yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

**C**HAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing conferred the honorary title of Thray Sithu on Mr Nikolai Patrushev, Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, for his excellent performance in strengthening

relations and establishing close cooperation between Myanmar and the Russian Federation at the State Administration Council Chairman Office yesterday afternoon.

Also present at the ceremony were SAC Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Thiri Pyanchi Maha Thray Sithu Soe Win, SAC Joint Secretary Lt-Gen Zeya Kyaw Htin Sithu

Ye Win Oo, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Thiri Pyanchi Sithu Yar Pyae, Union Minister for Union Government Office 2 Thiri Pyanchi U Ko Ko Hlaing, Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, Russian Federation Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Iskander Azizov and officials.

First, U Khin Latt, Deputy Minister of the State Admin-

istration Council Office, read the order of conferring the title. Next, Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing himself conferred Thray Sithu title and insignia on Mr Nikolai Patrushev, Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, for

his excellent performance in strengthening relations and establishing close cooperation between Myanmar and the Russian Federation.

Afterwards, the Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister and the Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation had a photo taken together with the attendees. — MNA/TH

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control the world by a single powerful country due to the change from the unipolar to the multipolar in the international arena, prospects of various countries in cooperation, the plan of Russian Federation to stand for Myanmar in the international arena, Myanmar's continued stand for Russian over the ef-

forts for ensuring perpetuation of sovereignty of Russia, promotion of cooperation in defence and security measures between the two countries, bilateral cooperation in counter-terrorism, exchange of information between the two countries to combat terrorism, direct payment between Myanmar and neighbouring countries in trade, successful holding the

naval exercise between two armed forces of Myanmar and the Russian Federation, direct flight and promotion of the tourism sector, promotion of cooperation in health, energy, electric power, oil and natural gas, manufacturing of fertilizers to be used in the agricultural sector, trade and steel production, cooperation in the health and

medical sectors between the two countries, more sending of scholarship students from Myanmar to Russia, and further promotion of friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries.

The ceremony was also attended by SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Joint Secretary of the Council

Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Union Minister at the Union Government Office 2 U Ko Ko Hlaing and officials. The Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation was accompanied by Russian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Iskander Azizov, and officials. — MNA/TTA



# NATIONAL

## MoH, Russian Security Council consult on law enforcement, security cooperation

THE Consultations between the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Security Council of the Russian Federation on Cooperation in Law Enforcement and Security were held at MICC II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Myanmar delegation led by State Administration Council Member National Security Advisor Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and Russian delegation led by Security Council Secretary Mr Nilolai Patrushev attended the event.

At the meeting, the two parties discussed the bilateral relations in the international arena, military cooperation, military-technical cooperation, international information security, interaction between law enforcement organizations, sector-wise cooperation and strategic cooperative partnership.



The Consultations between the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Security Council of the Russian Federation in progress yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

Then, the event continued with talks on the topics of “Trade and Economic Cooperation”, “Food Security”, “Energy

Cooperation” and “Financial Security”.

After the discussions, SAC Member National Security

Advisor Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and Russian Security Council Secretary Mr Nilolai

Patrushev signed an MoU on Myanmar-Russia cooperation and exchanged gifts.

Moreover, SAC Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo and the Russian Security Council Secretary signed an MoU on cooperation in international information security and exchanged gifts.

They then had a documentary photo taken.

The Russian delegates attended the dinner hosted by the SAC Member National Security Advisor Union Minister for Home Affairs in the evening.

The Russian delegation arrived in Myanmar at 10 pm on 4 December and was welcomed by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Chief of Myanmar Police Force Lt-Gen Ni Lin Aung and relevant officials. — MNA/KTZH

### CBM allows authorized banks to trade foreign currencies freely

CENTRAL Bank of Myanmar announced yesterday that banks with authorized dealer licences (AD banks) can freely trade foreign currencies at market rates.

The announcement also said that the Central Bank of Myanmar will no longer set the exchange rates for foreign currencies, but the buyers and sellers can set exchange rates by themselves depending on the market trends.

The Central Bank of Myanmar also stated in the announcement that the Foreign Exchange Supervisory Committee procedures are to be adhered to in transferring foreign currencies from local to abroad. — Htet Oo Maung/TH

### Counter-argument to false information

#### False information surrounding resignation of non-CDM employees in Kawlin, Indaw

FAKE news was spread on social networking sites, saying that non-CDM employees, including education employees, had quit their jobs in Kawlin and Indaw in Sagaing Region.

Officials said that the

information is not trustworthy, the employees are working normally in the departments they are assigned to, and it is just false information. The State employees are being forced to join CDM.

Malicious media are spreading misinformation in order to threaten the civil servants who are fulfilling their national duties and the local people who want to live in peace. — MNA/KZL



Screenshot validates false claims.

#### Officials debunk false claims of drone attack on copters, dismissing malicious media misinformation



IT was found that malicious media spread false claims on social networking sites, claiming that helicopters at

Screenshot validates misinformation.

the South-East Command HQ in Mawlamyine were damaged due to drone bombings.

According to officials, at 1:55 pm on 4 December, terrorists attacked indiscriminately with a drone and quickly fled.

Fortunately, the drone fell far away from the buildings and people, resulting in no damage to structures or

vehicles.

As terrorists engage in acts of terrorism, launching attacks on villages and towns during unguarded moments, certain malicious media outlets opposing peace and stability are allegedly sharing misinformation without adhering to proper media ethics. — MNA/KZL



# NATIONAL

## DPM MoPF Union Minister attends Thailand's Father's Day event in Yangon



The documentary group photograph of the Thailand's National Day and Father's Day event yesterday in Yangon.

DEPUTY Prime Minister Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein and his wife attended the celebration of Thailand's National Day and Thailand's Father's Day, which is the birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, held in the compound of the Thai ambassador's residence at No 94, Pyay Road, Dagon Township in Yangon yesterday evening.

The ceremony was first opened with the National Anthems of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Thailand.

Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mongkol Visitstump, and Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein then gave words of greetings.

The Union minister, his wife, the ambassador and his wife also had a documentary photo taken with those who attended the ceremony.

The ambassador and his wife served the attendees dinner, and the Thai cultural troupe performed traditional Thai dances. — MNA/KZL

## DPM MoFA UM leaves for China to attend 8<sup>th</sup> Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Foreign Ministers' Meeting

THE Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe left for China yesterday to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

The delegation was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Mr Chen Hai, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA



## Union Ministers receive Russian Delegation led by Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw and Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than received the delegation led by Mr Albert Karimov, Deputy Minister for Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Both sides cordially discussed and exchanged views on

trade and economic cooperation, information and technological cooperation, and financial and industrial cooperation between the two countries.

The meeting was also attended by the deputy minister for Industry and senior officials from the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and the Ministry of Industry. — MNA



The discussions between the Union ministers and the Russian delegation underway yesterday.

## Illegal immigrants handed over to relevant authorities

THE government focuses on national stability and law and order in all regions and states, including the border areas. As some foreign nationals illegally enter and reside in Myanmar through land borders, administrative bodies conduct necessary checks and repatriate

them to relevant countries under the law.

A total of 104 illegal immigrants, comprising 92 males and 12 females, were repatriated to China through Chinese officials yesterday. Therefore, a total of 11,183 illegal immigrants, including 9,962 males

and 1,221 females, were repatriated to China from 31 October to 5 December.

The government will continue the process of screening and repatriation for foreign nationals who have illegally entered and resided in the border areas. — MNA/KZW

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# NATIONAL



Pilgrims seen at the Shwezigon Pagoda in Bagan.

## Shwezigon Pagoda to receive full gold plates in K4.7 bln offering

THE pagoda board of trustees has announced its plan to apply gold foil to the entire Shwezigon Pagoda in the Bagan Ancient Culture Area, NyaungU Township, at a cost of approximately K4.7 billion.

Individuals interested in donating gold foil can contribute at a rate of K15,000

for ten gold leaves. Gold foil is applied to the pagoda every seven years, as stated by a member of the pagoda board of trustees.

King Anawrahta initiated the pagoda's construction in 1031 ME, and King Kyansittha completed the structure in 1089 ME. — TWA/MKKS

## Yangon faces traffic woes due to prolonged delays at petrol stations

VEHICLE owners reported heavy traffic jams due to prolonged waiting times for fuels at most petrol stations. Starting from the morning of 5 December, vehicles in the Yangon Region have experienced extended waiting periods to purchase fuels.

U Nay Lin Tun, an employee at the Bayintnaung warehouse, told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM) that he observed placards stating, "The bowsers have not arrived yet," with numerous vehicles waiting for fuels in front of the stations. A resident also mentioned traffic jams along Bayintnaung Road and Thantuma Road, where petrol stations are located.

U Aung Ko, a taxi driver from South Okkalapa Township, shared with the GNLM, "Cars have to wait from ear-



Cars waiting for refuelling at one of the petrol stations in Yangon.

ly morning until 6 pm. Drivers are also consulting each other on social media about where to find fuels for their vehicles."

Due to delays in oil delivery from Thilawa Port to filling stations, there is an in-

sufficient supply of fuels. This shortage is causing difficulties for highway trucks needing to return to their respective towns and obtain diesel. If this situation persists, it could negatively impact highway cargo transport. — TWA/TRKM

## New cooking oil distribution system implemented amidst import challenges

DURING December 2023, edible oil imported from abroad is being distributed and sold in major states and regions. Yangon, Mandalay, and Ayeyawady regions can purchase the highest quantity of palm oil.

For this month (December 2023), 42,000 tonnes of oil are expected for distribution and sale, with 16,000 tonnes allocated for Yangon Region, 7,000 tonnes for Mandalay Region, and 4,000 tonnes for Ayeyawady Region, according to information from the Myanmar Edible Oil Association.

On 4 December 2023, the targeted 42,000 tonnes of palm oil for one month allowed the three densely populated regions to purchase more than half of the targeted tonnes, distributed domestically through the new system. Patheingyi District in the delta region also has the highest rights to purchase and distribute palm oil.

According to the targeted



A shop sells cooking oil in retail and wholesale.

distribution amount for eight districts in Ayeyawady, districts like Patheingyi, Pyaw, and Maubin received about 500 drums for the day, where the daily number of drums is 950.

U Aung, a seller of edible oil in Mawgyun, told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM) that previously, the 18-litre can oil price was K80,000 and K76,000

without the value of the can.

As per reports, the wholesale reference price of palm oil was only K4,920 per viss from 4 to 10 December, a decrease of K80 per viss compared to the previous week.

From 28 November to 6 December of this year (2023), 22,000 tonnes of oil will be imported from abroad, according

to reports from the oil market in Yangon. Oil sellers from areas, including towns around Yangon, bought and sold oil from the Bayintnaung warehouse and Nyaungpinlay markets.

Districts can pick up directly from the Yangon oil tanks starting 4 December. Consequently, there will be fewer transactions to buy and sell oil from the oil

sellers in Yangon's Bayintnaung and Nyaungpinlay markets.

The demand will decrease in the 18-litre oil market, where the price is higher than the reference price by around K2,000 per litre if direct deliveries increase.

Tank oil can be stocked in the market more than in the previous period. There are also reviews in the oil market that if the oil storage in the oil market is legally accepted, the oil trade will return to normal, and there will be a possibility that oil production will exceed demand.

Only the oil market in Yangon has changed oil prices in the external oil market. According to a Yangon oil trader, the oil will be delivered directly from the Yangon oil storage tanks to the villages; therefore, the external oil market in Yangon will be less dependent on buyers of cooking oil from the villages, according to the new cooking oil distribution system. — TWA/TKO



# Scrutiny committee on formation of Myanmar GDE Consortium constructed

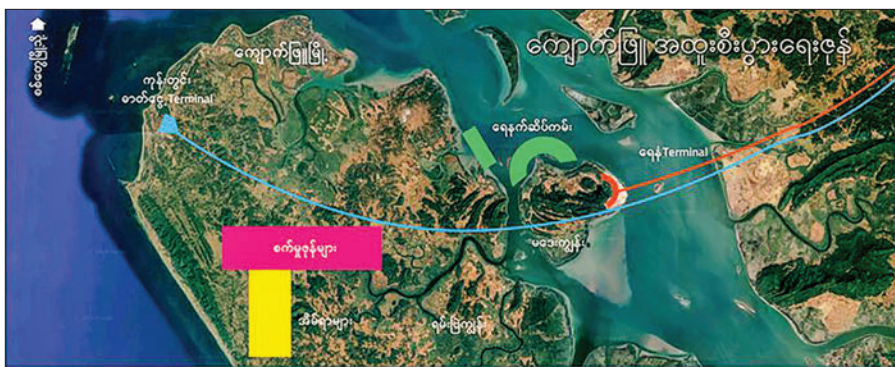
SCRUTINY Committee on the formation of Myanmar Government Designated Entity Consortium was set up on 14 November under Chapter 4 Section 8 (G) of Myanmar Special Economic Zone Law, as per the Central Committee for Myanmar Special Economic Zone under the Ministry of Commerce.

Deputy Minister U Min Min of the Ministry of Commerce led the Scrutiny Committee as a chairman, accompanied by the vice-chair 2 U Win Myint of Kyaukphyu SEZ management committee, U Maung Maung Thein as legal expert, and directors-general, managing directors and officials of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration, the Internal Revenue Department under the Ministry of Planning and Finance and Office of the Auditor-General as members. The director-general of Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization is appointed as secretary and the deputy director-general as joint secretary.

The Central Committee for Myanmar Special Economic Zone under the Ministry of Commerce stated that the deadline was extended for submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) by 30 December to set up the Myanmar GDE Consortium with a view to collaborate in a deep-sea port project at Kyaukphyu SEZ.

The submission of EOI was earlier set before 18 November. In order to draw the attention of those interested companies, the deadline was extended to 30 December.

Those companies owned by Myan-



An aerial and contour view of the Kyaukphyu Special Economic Zone project.

mar citizens will be scrutinized to join the consortium, in accordance with rules and regulations.

Those companies must be domestically owned private companies or public companies registered under Myanmar Companies Law 2017. They must run continuous operations from the incorporation and must hold Company Extract Form and company registration certificate issued by the Directorate of Investment and Company Registration, and must not be suspended on the DICA's online registry system MyCO.

The company must be incorporated more than 10 years or must have five-year experience in successful infrastructure development processes. If the entity is incorporated in the presence of Rakhine ethnic residents, the set period of incorporation will be eased to a certain extent.

Furthermore, the Average Minimum Annual Turnover must be US\$20 million or equivalent amount of foreign currency or local currency in the past three years. Those entities must not be blacklisted or

disqualified by the ministry, Nay Pyi Taw Council, region and state governments.

Those companies must employ adequate numbers of skilled staff and professionals who could provide technical support to the project. Each entity must present a document affirming that they can put an investment of at least \$5 million in the proposal. The financial report during the past three years together with the audit report must be submitted.

Tax clearance certificate by the respective tax offices must be provided as well. Those interested companies can take out EOI form with K10,000 payment at SEZ division of office No.3, Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization under the Ministry of Commerce in Nay Pyi Taw or MTPO located at No 622/626 in the corner of Merchant Road and Bo Sun Pet Street in Pabedan Township, Yangon by 18 November.

The EOI and other necessary documents must be submitted to the respective office by 15 December. For further details, please contact 067-408648, 067-408619, 01-8371203. — NN/EM

## Myanmar's rice exports bag US\$361M in 8 months

THE value of Myanmar's rice and broken rice exports amounted to US\$361 million from around 759,673 tonnes in the past eight months of the current financial year 2023-2024 beginning 1 April, comprising 695,415 tonnes by sea-borne trade and 64,258 tonnes at border, as per Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

The export volumes were registered at 87,648 tonnes worth \$36 million in April, 110,706 tonnes worth \$48 million in May, 62,725 tonnes worth \$28 million in June, 58,334 tonnes worth \$26 million in July, 59,971 tonnes worth \$28 million in August, 84,773 tonnes worth \$42 million in September, 119,526 tonnes worth \$63 million in October and 175,990 tonnes worth \$90 million in November.

Thus, the rice export volume recorded the highest in November, followed by October and May. The figures showed a drop in June, July and August.

The federation aims to achieve 2.5 million tonnes of rice export in the current FY, expecting to earn \$1 billion.

Myanmar exported 2,261,203 tonnes of rice and broken rice to foreign trade partners in the 2022-2023 FY (April- March), estimated at \$853.472 million.

Last FY, China was the leading buyer of Myanmar's rice and broken rice with over 775,000 tonnes, followed by Belgium with 323,000 tonnes, Bangladesh with over 239,000 tonnes and the Philippines with over 202,000 tonnes.

Myanmar has been endeavouring to attain a 10 per cent growth in rice exports. To increase foreign income, MRF has prioritized exporting high-grade rice and bolstering export volume.

Myanmar generated income of over \$809.135 million from approximately 2.164 million tonnes of rice export in the 2021-2022 FY (Apr-Mar). — NN/EM

## Myanmar-Thailand border trade value exceeds US\$3.25 bln as of 24 Nov

MYANMAR'S border trade with the neighbouring country Thailand totalled US\$3.257 billion as of 24 November in the current financial year 2023-2024 beginning 1 April, the Commerce Ministry's statistics indicated.

The figures shrank from \$3.47 billion recorded in the year-ago period, showing a sharp drop of \$93 million.

Myanmar conducts cross-border trade with Thailand via Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Htikhee and Mawtaung border. Of them, Htikhee border performed the largest trade worth over \$2 billion in the nearly past eight months. The trade values stood

at \$956.4 million at Myawady border post, \$99.97 million at Tachilek, \$75.24 million at Myeik, \$108.57 million at Kawthoung and \$11.95 million at Mawtaung.

Myanmar's border trade with Thailand via Maungtau border was estimated at \$0.237 million during a week from 29 November to 3 December, including exports worth \$0.23 million and imports valued at \$0.005 million. Main export items were various fish, live clam, live crab, shrimp paste, frozen crab, salted jellyfish, live crayfish, banana, fresh chili pepper, palm kernel cake and broom, while fruit, construction used glass and ceramic

tiles were imported. At present, Myeik-Taninthayi-Mawtaung trade channel is running smoothly. The freight cost is K700,000 per truck.

Similarly, Kawthoung border saw trade worth \$2.52 million that week, comprising exports worth \$2.259 million and imports valued at \$0.263 million. Exports surpassed imports at Kawthoung border. Various fish, shrimp, octopus, crab, fresh and dried squid and palm oil were mainly exported through Kawthoung, while diesel, iodine, chemicals and tapioca starch were brought in the country from Thailand. — TWA/KK



# OPINION

## Promote sustainable management of e-waste: A global imperative

**I**N THE era of technological advancement, electronic waste (e-waste) poses a grave threat to the global population. Despite the strides made in various technologies, the adverse effects of improper disposal of electronic products are hazardous to both human health and environmental well-being.

Contact with or inhaling vapours containing acids in refining metals from electronic products can adversely affect respiratory and internal organs. Recognizing the potential dangers posed by unsystematic disposal, some countries classify it as a criminal offence, emphasizing the need to protect the natural environment.

In the course of daily routines, people worldwide generate various types of waste, including kitchen waste, industrial waste, agricultural waste, and hazardous waste. Among these,

electronic waste, commonly known as e-waste, emerges as a significant threat to daily life. The rapid development of technology, coupled with high demand for electronic equipment globally, has led to a surge in e-waste production. E-waste encompasses fluorescence, small-scale information technology and telecom accessories, monitors, thermo steps, heavy machinery, and small-scale machinery.

Surveys conducted by various organizations reveal that the world discards over 50 tonnes of e-waste annually. On average, individuals dispose of approximately seven kilograms of e-waste each year, with only 17 per cent of it being systematically recycled and reused.

The importance of safely recycling and reusing e-waste extends beyond environmental preservation; it directly impacts human health. In 2019,

78 countries, constituting 71 per cent of the global community, implemented e-waste laws, policies, and rules. Some environmentally responsible companies have taken the initiative to develop plans for the proper reuse and recycling of e-waste, demonstrating a commitment to safeguarding both the environment and living beings.

However, many developing countries face challenges in adopting and implementing effective e-waste management policies. As a developing nation, Myanmar must proactively formulate e-waste prevention plans to secure the well-being of its people in the future. Public awareness campaigns on systematic disposal, reuse, and recycling of e-waste are crucial not only for environmental conservation but also for cost savings and society's overall well-being.

As everybody needs to mark one year since the inception of efforts to address this critical issue, they have to collectively commit to a sustainable and responsible approach to managing electronic waste for the benefit of current and future generations to be free from possible dangers as well as the health of the world.

By Dr Than Lwin Tun,  
Ministry of Health

**A**CCORDING to one of the objectives of the Social Affairs of State Administration Council (SAC), "To elevate the Health and Sports sectors inclusive of all the people, improving the longevity and health of the nation", the Ministry of Health (MOH), Myanmar, laid down the two objectives, to enable every citizen to attain total life expectancy and enjoy longevity of life, and to ensure that every citizen is free from diseases.

SAC Chairman, Prime Minister mentioned that in the opening ceremony of the Myanmar Health Sciences Conference in Naypyitaw on 11 March 2023, "Not only the Ministry of Health and health experts but relevant departments, organizations and entire people are to join hands in ensuring the longevity of all the people and improving basic healthcare services. They all should strive to raise health awareness of the people and for them to have healthy lifestyles."

To do that, the Ministry of Health is organizing the Myanmar Public Health Conference (MPHC) 2023, one of the leading community-based events of its kind bringing together professionals in the various public health fields around the nation and internationally. The MPHC 2023 organizing committee is delighted to welcome all public health professionals to this confer-

ence dated 6 to 7 December 2023 at Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory under the central theme; "Public Health: Improving the Longevity and Health of the Nation" for public health of entire nation.

MPHC (2023) will be held with the following objectives:

1. To share the local, regional and global best practices and lessons learnt in public health
2. To explore innovative solutions and technologies to improve service coverage, quality and equity
3. To identify better solutions and future action plans for mitigating the key public health challenges in order to achieve targets in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP) 2018-2030
4. To create interactive networking at national and international levels to strengthen partnerships
5. To support and nurture the future public health leaders.

Before conducting the MPHC 2023, the health staff are doing pre-conference activities such as immunization, health education, elderly health care, screening and treatment of Communicable and

## Appreciation for Myanmar Public Health Conference 2023



Health education session in Pynmataw village, Yamethin Township.

non-communicable diseases, etc., all over the country.

MPHC 2023 offers a wide range of benefits to individuals and organizations involved in the field of public health. The following points are appreciation and acknowledgement of MPHC (2023);

- **Knowledge Sharing:** provides a platform for researchers, professionals, and experts to share their knowledge, research findings, and best practices. Attendees can gain insights into the latest developments and trends in the field.
- **Networking Opportunities:**

offer a valuable opportunity to network with peers, mentors, and experts in the public health community. Building professional relationships can lead to collaborations, job opportunities, and access to valuable resources.

- **Skill Development:** offer workshops, seminars, and training sessions that help attendees develop and enhance their skills. These may include sessions on data analysis, epidemiology, program planning, and other essential public health skills.

- **Collaboration and Partnerships:** facilitate cooperation between different organizations, agencies and sectors. Attendees can explore potential partnerships and collaborations to address complex public health challenges.
- **Exposure to Diverse Perspectives:** bring together individuals from various backgrounds, including academia, government, non-profit organizations and the private sector. This diversity of perspectives can lead to more comprehensive and in-

novative solutions to public health issues.

- **Inspiration and Motivation:** Attending the Myanmar Public Health Conference-MPHC 2023 can be inspiring. Hearing about successful public health initiatives and breakthroughs can motivate attendees to work towards positive change in their own communities.

- **Access to Resources:** Attendees can learn about new tools, technologies, and resources supporting their work.

- **Continuing Education:** Offer continuing education credits for professionals, which can be essential for maintaining licenses and certifications in the field.

- **Awareness and Advocacy:** Can raise awareness about critical health issues and provide a platform for advocating for policy changes and public health funding.

- **Dissemination of Research:** Researchers can present their findings to a broader audience, increasing the impact of their work and potentially leading to collaborations and further



research opportunities.

- **Professional Growth:** Attending or presenting at MPHC 2023 can enhance an individual's professional reputation and provide opportunities for career advancement.
- **Stay Informed:** Help attendees stay updated with the latest research, policies, and

trends in the field, ensuring that they remain well-informed and knowledgeable in their areas of expertise.

- **International Collaboration:** Attract attendees and presenters from around the world, fostering international collaboration and the exchange of ideas and solutions to global health challenges.

Additionally, this MPHC 2023 will support as a hub for knowledge exchange, networking, and collaboration, ultimately contributing to the improvement of public health practices as well as the well-being of communities and efforts will be taken to build a significant milestone of the Ministry of Health.



Immunization session in Sagaing Township Public Health Department.

## What's worth knowing about World Media Summit

**I**N THE dynamic landscape of global media, the World Media Summit stands as a pivotal forum for fostering collaboration and addressing challenges, bringing together leaders and influencers from diverse corners of the world to engage in meaningful dialogue.

Here is some essential information worth knowing about the World Media Summit.

### WHAT IS WORLD MEDIA SUMMIT?

The notion of holding the summit was first proposed by

Xinhua in 2008 with the aim of facilitating exchanges among leading media groups worldwide on the challenges posed by the emergence of the "New Media" and enhancing their win-win cooperation.

Co-initiated by a collection of media organizations with global influence — including Xinhua News Agency, the Associated Press, Reuters, TASS Russian News Agency, the first summit, organized by Xinhua, was held in Beijing in 2009.

With Moscow hosting the second in 2012, followed by the third

in Doha, Qatar, in 2016, and Beijing in 2021 for the fourth summit via video link, the World Media Summit has demonstrated its commitment to inclusivity and a diverse representation of global media perspectives.

From top executives and editors-in-chief to seasoned journalists and media scholars, as well as press officials, the summit seeks to foster dialogue, share insights and collectively address the multifaceted challenges confronting contemporary media.

### WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED

#### BY THE SUMMIT?

Since its inception, the summit has achieved remarkable progress in its effort to promote international people-to-people exchanges as well as exchanges and mutual learning among civilizations.

A series of documents have been issued to strengthen media connections and promote cooperation, including the World Media Summit Joint Statement, the World Media Summit Convention on the Protection of Intellectual Property Related to Media Results, the World Media Summit

Doha Statement, the Fourth World Media Summit Presidium Meeting Shanghai Consensus, and the joint statement of the 4<sup>th</sup> World Media Summit.

Multiple activities have been successfully held to enhance practical cooperation.

For instance, the World Media Summit Global Awards for Excellence were organized in 2014 and 2021. Training programmes for media professionals from Asia, Africa and Latin America were set up, and several large-scale international public welfare projects were initiated, like the Glob-

al News Day for Children with a global live broadcast around the clock, the Zoom-in on Poverty Global Photo Contest, as well as media campaigns focused on Africa.

Through establishing the presidium, the supreme decision-making body of the summit, and the Secretariat as part of the daily administrative structure, the summit has made significant strides in institutional building, which ensures the long-term stability and development of the summit.

SOURCE: Xinhua



Staff members provide service for guests at the venue of the 5<sup>th</sup> World Media Summit in Nansha Bay Marina Convention Centre in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong Province, 2 December 2023. The fifth summit hosted by Xinhua News Agency has started from 2 December in China's Guangzhou city of Guangdong Province and Kunming city of Yunnan Province. PHOTO: JIN LIWANG/XINHUA



# NATIONAL

## MoI UM discusses development of film, theatrical, music industries



Union Information Minister U Maung Maung Ohn presides over the meeting on film and video censorship yesterday in Yangon.

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn attended a meeting regarding film and video censorship at the Film Development Centre in Yangon yesterday.

Speaking at the event, the Union minister highlighted the purpose of meeting with the censorship board to gather advice on managing the film industry in the future.

He also urged the artists to protect the country as citizens since the clashes occurred in Shan State (North), and the government made ef-

forts not to affect the country's sovereignty. He talked about the Global Terrorism Index 2022, which mentioned Myanmar.

He continued that all should cooperate more as the literary, film, theatrical and music industries almost return to normal. Action was taken against the publishers since they failed to follow the ethics even though the publishing processes were eased to a certain extent.

Moreover, appropriate censorship rules and regula-

tions are set, and they need to be supervised not to harm the country and people in film production processes.

He then urged the attendees to work without affecting the national interests and openly discuss their difficulties.

After hearing the film industry development activities briefed by Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization Chairman U Kyi Soe Tun, directors, broadcasters and Daw Swe Zin Htike, the Union minister concluded the meeting. — MNA/KTZH

## DPM MoFA UM receives Bangladeshi Ambassador

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe received Dr Md Monwar Hossain, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Yangon yesterday.

They cordially exchanged views on further consolidation

of bilateral relations between the two countries, expansion of mutually beneficial cooperation in various areas, including bilateral trade, investment and connectivity, successful commencement of repatriation of verified displaced persons from Rakhine State, and regional and international matters of common interest. — MNA



The Bangladeshi ambassador calls for Deputy Premier MoFA Union Minister U Than Swe yesterday in Yangon.

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## Meeting identifies losses from crime-related money laundering

A meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw to determine the risk of money laundering associated with high-risk crimes.

U Kyaw Win Thein, member of the Anti-Corruption Commission and Vice-Chair of the Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Task Force, gave an opening speech during the meeting.

U Kyaw Win Thein said that concerning immediate result 1, there is a need to show evidence and improve understanding of the risk of loss related to money laundering and terrorism financing.

Identifying high-risk drug crimes, corruption, cross-border smuggling, and money launder-



The meeting to identify the risk of money laundering associated with high-risk crimes in progress yesterday.

ing related to vulnerable border areas and corporate entities is essential, he said.

He added that there is a need to continue to report chang-

es and progress in understanding by the authorities and the private sector and to show the participation of the private sector in efforts to improve awareness

and the cooperation of relevant authorities and reporting organizations.

CBM Vice-Governor Dr Lin Aung then said that in imple-

menting the remaining points related to immediate result-1, law enforcement organizations and supervisory authorities, as well as financial investigation and intelligence groups and reporting organizations, must be involved and issue the necessary reports according to the sectors related to their departments.

He added that all organizations involved in AML/CFT activities in the country must participate and that implementing immediate result 1 will contribute to other immediate outcomes.

Officials also discussed providing information and departmental actions necessary to identify money laundering losses associated with high-risk crimes. — MNA/KZL



# NATIONAL

## Public rallies against terrorism held in Yangon, NPT, and other cities



Counter-terrorism campaign in action yesterday in Yangon.

A protest took place yesterday in Yangon, the commercial capital of Myanmar, to denounce the acts of terrorist groups aiming for total destruction.

The Myanmar National Network organized the event in the car park before Yangon City Hall, next to the Maha Bandoola Park, at 9:30 am yesterday.

Participants began by saluting the National Flag, singing the national anthem together, and observing a one-minute silence in honour of the fallen Tatmadaw members, police, civil servants and those killed in action.

Afterwards, they shouted slogans such as “Oppose the

countries that interfere in Myanmar’s internal affairs behind the scenes”, “Stop the covert acts of supporting terrorists immediately”, and “We don’t want the countries that encourage saboteurs”.

Similarly, yesterday evening, another counter-terrorism rally was held on Pyinmana-Taungnyo Road in front of the City Hall, Thabyaygon ward, Zabuthiri township, Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory.

Peace-seeking people from other parts of the nation launched similar campaigns to express public opinion by denouncing the terrorists. — Thit Taw/ZN

## Terrorist attack at Sagaing wedding leaves two dead, several hurt

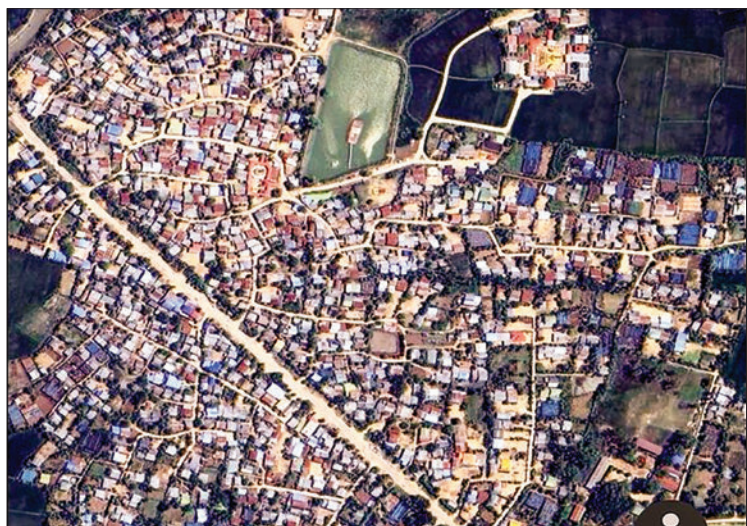
PDF terrorists reportedly attacked a wedding in Sagaing Region with explosive devices on 4 December, resulting in the deaths of two women and injuries to 13 individuals, including two seven-year-olds.

The report further indicates that the terrorists used controlled drones to drop bombs on the home of U Lin Maung, a resident of Payan Village in Shwebo Township. The attack was apparently staged from Kyaukmyint Village, situated 3,000 metres south of Payan Village.

The injured victims are

currently receiving treatment at Shwebo General Hospital. It has been reported that residents strongly condemn the perpetrations of PDF terrorists, and security forces have implemented necessary measures to ensure the safety of the area.

Recent reports reveal that PDF terrorists have been targeting non-military entities in townships that do not support them. Their activities include mining roads and bridges, shelling and dropping bombs on settlements, as well as setting residences on fire. — MNA/NT



A location map of terrorists’ attack in Sagaing Region.

## Tatmadaw wipes out KNLA, PDFs in Mone, Kyaukkyi township



Tatmadaw members stand proudly in victorious combat uniforms outside the officers’ mess following successful counterattacks on KNLA and PDF terrorists.

MALICIOUS media outlets spread false information on social media that 1,500 members of KNLA and PDF terrorists attacked the regional bases and exploded the bridge in Mone, Kyaukkyi Township, Bago Region. They conquered Mone on 3 December.

The confirmed case is that the KNLA and PDFs attacked one regional base in Mone with the use of excessive force on the morning of 3 December, and officers and other ranks launched counterattacks until 4 December noon.

On the morning of 5 De-

ember, terrorists retreated when Tatmadaw attacked them with air support and heavy weapons, and Tatmadaw controlled the regional base in which terrorists temporarily sheltered and conducted security measures in Mone.

In the clash, insurgents arrested some military officers, other ranks and families, and the Tatmadaw convoy was still conducting operations for the release of arrestees.

Moreover, insurgents attacked another regional base at the same time on 3 December morning – the Thantada secu-

rity outpost and Myoma Police Station. There were also armed engagements with the Tatmadaw convoy, and they retreated.

However, the malicious media released false information that insurgents occupied military bases, entrance gates and Mone with 1,500 members, aiming to impose fear on the public and affect regional stability.

People should notice fake news from such media outlets, and Tatmadaw pledges to continue counter-terrorism attacks for regional stability. — MNA/KTZH



# ECONOMY WORLD

## Africa fashion week opens in Kenya to showcase indigenous costumes

THE second edition of Africa Fashion Week opened in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital, Monday, with designers from different countries in the continent showcasing indigenous outfits.

The event that runs from 4 to 9 December blends fashion, culture and creativity and aims to raise the visibility of the continent's rich collection of costumes.

Saitoti Meitamei, the chief executive officer of the Africa Fashion Week, said its main objective is to foster the growth of creative talent, entrepreneurship, and innovation and ex-

pand the market for indigenous clothes.

"The Africa fashion week is about taking our pride back, making sure that Africans are proud of clothes that are made in Africa," Meitamei said, adding that corporate partners have supported the premier fashion week. More than 30 African fashion designers are exhibiting at the event while over 60 models will be showcasing locally-made outfits, Meitamei said, adding that fashion design students at the Nairobi-based Delight Technical College, the convener of Africa Fashion Week, will also

be showcasing their outfits to potential buyers.

Meitamei said the designers who will be showcasing their indigenous wear at the fashion week to be held under the theme of "celebration of cultures, creativity and colours" are drawn from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Burundi and Kenya.

Wairimu Wangu, the event coordinator of Africa Fashion Week, said Africa's indigenous fashion has evolved, providing sustainable revenue streams to young designers. — Xinhua



Designers work during Africa Fashion Week in Nairobi, Kenya, on 4 December 2023. The second edition of Africa Fashion Week opened in Nairobi Monday with designers from different countries in the continent showcasing indigenous outfits. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

## Indonesia sets up tourism fund to boost tourist arrivals in 2024



Tourists board a ferry at a pier in Denpasar on the Indonesian resort island of Bali on 2 December 2023.

**PHOTO: AFP**

THE Indonesian government is currently establishing a tourism fund to support the country in developing sustainable tourism and attract more visitors, a minister has said.

Indonesian Minister for Tourism and Creative Economy Sandiaga Uno said on Monday that the tourism fund, set to be launched in early 2024, would manage an initial fund at two trillion rupiahs (129.3 million US dollars) to support the promotion of tourism events and improve the nation branding

of Indonesia's tourism in the global market.

"We will use the fund to support both national and international events, such as sports, music, and cultural arts, which will be held here in Indonesia. This also includes high-level summits that may not directly be related to tourism, because international conferences also bring economic impacts," Uno told reporters.

There will be at least three international-scale events to be hosted by Indonesia in 2024,

namely BWF Badminton World Tour-Indonesia Masters, the 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum and Indonesia MotoGP in Mandalika.

That agenda, Uno said, was expected to help the post-COVID recovery in Indonesia's tourism sector.

According to the Indonesia Statistics (BPS), from January to October, Indonesia recorded 9.49 million tourist arrivals, higher than the government's target of 7.4 million at the beginning of this year. — Xinhua

## Cambodia makes US\$3.9 bln from export of agri-products in 11 months

CAMBODIA earned a gross revenue of 3.9 billion US dollars from the export of agricultural products in the first 11 months of 2023, said a Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) report on Tuesday.

The Southeast Asian country shipped 7.31 million tonnes of agricultural products to 75 countries and regions during the January-November period this year, a year-on-year drop of 4.6 per cent, the report said.

Key agricultural items for exports included rice, rubber, cassava, mangoes, fresh bananas, pepper, cashew nuts, longan, and corn, palm oil, among others.

"Despite a slight drop in the commodity export in the first 11 months of this year, we're optimistic that the growth will rebound soon because our export in November had seen a significant increase," Ngin Chhay, director-general of the MAFF's General Directorate of Agriculture, said in the report.

He added that the kingdom exported 1.03 million tonnes of agricultural products in November this year, up almost 50 per cent from 0.69 million tonne in the same month last year.

China, Viet Nam and Thailand are the major importers of Cambodia's agricultural items. — Xinhua

## Singapore retail sales turn negative in October

THE retail sales in Singapore fell 0.1 per cent in October on a year-on-year basis, reversing the 0.8 per cent growth in September, according to data released by the Department of Statistics on Tuesday.

The estimated total value of retail sales in October reached four billion Singapore dollars (2.98

billion US dollars), including 13.1 per cent from online retail sales, data showed. Sales of recreational goods, furniture and household equipment, as well as department stores dropped in October, while food and alcohol sales recorded a year-on-year growth of 22 per cent, according to the data. — Xinhua



# China-Europe Railway Express freight volume jumps 19% in first 11 months

THE China-Europe Railway Express operated a total of 16,145 trains that transported nearly 1.75 million twenty-foot equivalent unit containers of goods in the first 11 months of this year, up seven per cent and 19 per cent year on year, respectively, data from the China State Railway Group Co Ltd showed Tuesday.

The nation's railway services provider said that the total volume of goods transported during this period already exceeded the total volume recorded in the whole of 2022.

At present, the China-Europe Railway Express service reaches 217 cities across 25 European nations, according to the company.

The company said in a statement that it will work to improve the transport capacity and services of China-Europe freight trains in its efforts to build an international logistics brand, promote international economic and trade exchanges, and support the high-quality development of Belt and Road cooperation among nations. — Xinhua



A cargo train marking the 10,000<sup>th</sup> trip made by China-Europe freight trains operated by the China-Europe Railway Express (Chongqing), departs from Tuanjie Village Central Railway Station in Chongqing, southwest China, 23 June 2022. PHOTO: XINHUA

# Report suggests New Zealand protein exporters adapt to China's accelerating eco shift



This picture taken on 27 September 2023 shows cattle grazing on the farm of Kate Wyeth, a sheep and beef farmer, near Wellington. PHOTO: AFP

A new report advised New Zealand dairy, meat and seafood exporters to keep up with rapidly evolving agri-food sustainability policies in

China to ensure future market success.

China's policies to reduce food packaging and waste are those most likely to impact New Zealand producers in the near term, according to the report released on Monday.

"New Zealand exporters will need to develop products and packaging that keep up with China's moves to minimize spoilage and waste," said New Zealand China Council Chair John McKinnon. — Xinhua

# Asian, European markets drop as traders temper rate cut bets

STOCKS fell Tuesday, extending the sell-off seen on Wall Street, with analysts warning November's rally fuelled by bets on interest rate cuts may have gone too far, forcing traders to take a step back.

Markets surged last

month as data pointing to slowing inflation and softer job markets combined with a dovish turn by Federal Reserve officials to stoke expectations they will next year begin loosening monetary policy. Those hopes were boosted Friday when

Fed chief Jerome Powell said rates were "well into restrictive territory".

More than one percentage point of reductions through to next December have been priced in by futures traders, according to Bloomberg News. — AFP

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# ROLLING UPDATES

## WORLD

## Technical cooperation between China, Southeast Asia embraces vocational training



A Thai student (2<sup>nd</sup> L) discusses the use of mining machinery with his colleagues at the Guangxi Liugong Machinery Co Ltd in Liuzhou, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, 26 October 2023. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

FOLLOWING teaching videos, groups of Indonesian students have been collaborating to assemble torque converters as part of their coursework at a vocational school in the city of Liuzhou, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

They began to study mechanics at the Liuzhou Vocational & Technical College in September and will further their training at Guangxi Liugong Machinery Co Ltd. They are looking forward to prospective employment opportunities within Liugong's Indonesian subsidiary after graduation.

Industrial cooperation between China and Southeast Asia has deepened in recent years. China's advancing research and technology have brought increasing demand for a diverse pool of multinational professionals, and many people from Southeast Asia seek technical training that aligns with global standards. This syn-

ergy has created a mutually beneficial scenario, breaking down national, cultural and language barriers. In 2022, Guangxi Liugong Machinery Co Ltd and the Liuzhou Vocational & Technical College began to collaborate with some overseas institutes to train technical talent in engineering machinery. This cooperation not only addresses the demand for skilled overseas talent among enterprises, but also contributes employment opportunities for young people in ASEAN member countries.

A college-enterprise cooperation project in Thailand, for example, has successfully trained over 20 highly skilled professionals, seven of whom have completed internships at Liugong and will work at its overseas subsidiaries. Over 70 per cent of the staff currently working at Liugong's overseas subsidiaries are local employees. — Xinhua

## Hollywood braces for actors' vote on strike deal

HOLLYWOOD on Tuesday anxiously waited to learn if actors have approved their union's hard-fought deal with studios, or if an entertainment industry still reeling from months-long strikes could be plunged back into turmoil.

While the Screen Actors Guild (SAG-AFTRA) deal is widely expected to pass, criticism — mainly over its perceived lack of protection against artificial intel-

ligence — has swelled in recent weeks, raising jitters about a potential, if unlikely, return to picket lines. Members have until 5:00 pm Pacific Time (0100 Wednesday GMT) to cast their votes, with a simple majority required to finally seal the agreement.

Jonathan Handel, an entertainment lawyer and analyst, said an approval figure between 75 per cent and 85 per cent is "a realistic expectation." — AFP

## Police arrest Japan taxi driver after running over pigeon

A Tokyo taxi driver was arrested for deliberately driving into a flock of pigeons and killing one, police said Tuesday, reportedly because he was angry that the birds were on the road.

Atsushi Ozawa, 50, "used his car to kill a common pigeon, which is not a game animal", in the Japanese capital last month,

and was arrested on Sunday for violating wildlife protection laws, a Tokyo police spokesman told AFP.

Ozawa sped off from a traffic light when it turned green, ploughing his taxi into the bevy of birds at a speed of 60 kilometres (37 miles) per hour, local media said. — AFP

## Eight dead as cyclone batters India's southeast coast

CHEST-HIGH waters surged down the streets of India's southern city Chennai on Tuesday with eight people killed in intense floods as Cyclone Michaung was set to make landfall on the southeast coast.

The cyclone was forecast to hit the coast of Andhra Pradesh state later Tuesday as a "severe cyclonic storm", packing winds up to 100 kilometres (62 miles) per hour, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) said.

In Chennai, cars were seen floating on raging torrents, homes were flooded, and a crocodile was spotted swimming the streets in the city.

In some parts of the flooded city, people used boats to get out of their flooded neighbourhoods to the safety of government relief shelters.

The IMD warned of "exceptionally heavy rainfall" in some areas. "We are facing the worst storm in recent memory," Tamil Nadu state chief minister

MK Stalin said, in a statement late Monday.

Police said on Tuesday that eight people had been killed in the state capital of Chennai.

They included some who drowned, as well as one person hit by a falling tree, another electrocuted by live wires in the water, and one crushed by a fall-

ing wall. Trees were uprooted and vehicles swept away due to the heavy rains, according to images posted on social media.

Apple iPhone manufacturers Foxconn and Pegatron and automaker Hyundai suspended their operations in Tamil Nadu due to the storm, local media reported. — AFP



A resident wades through a flooded street after heavy rains in Chennai on 4 December 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**



# SPORTS

## Premier League announces record \$8.45 bln domestic TV deal

THE Premier League announced on Monday it had agreed a record £6.7 billion (\$8.45 billion) domestic television rights deal for a four-year period starting from the 2025/26 season.

The current deal is reported to be worth around £5 billion over a three-year cycle and covers 200 matches per season.

The English top flight hailed the agreements shared between different broadcasters as the “largest sports media rights deals ever concluded in the UK”.

Sky Sports and TNT Sports have retained their rights to show live matches, with Amazon, currently showing 20 matches per season, not part of the next cycle.

Sky will screen a minimum of 215 live matches per season while TNT will broadcast 52. BBC Sport will continue to broadcast highlights via its Match of the Day programme.



Manchester City's players celebrate on stage with their trophies following an open-top bus victory parade for their European Cup, FA Cup and Premier League victories, in Manchester, northern England on 12 June 2023. PHOTO: AFP

A Saturday afternoon blackout, designed to protect attendances in the lower leagues, will remain but for the first time all matches outside of those scheduled for 3:00 pm on Saturday will be screened live.

The Premier League boasted of a four per cent increase in live rights value compared with the previous process but the broadcasters will be paying significantly less per game because they will be showing more

matches each season.

“The outcome of this process underlines the strength of the Premier League,” said the Premier League’s chief executive, Richard Masters.

“It is testament to our clubs,

players and managers who continue to deliver the world’s most competitive football in full stadiums, and to supporters, who create an unrivalled atmosphere every week”.

He added: “As longstanding and valued partners, Sky Sports and TNT Sports are renowned for consistently delivering world-class coverage and programming. “We have enjoyed record audiences and attendances in recent seasons, and we know that their continued innovation will drive more people to watch and follow the Premier League”.

The Premier League said the new deal would provide financial certainty for clubs throughout professional football until at least 2029. It is the first Premier League tender process since 2018 as the current deal was rolled over in 2021 for an extra three years due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. — AFP

## Nadal plays down expectations before Brisbane return



(FILES) Spain's Rafael Nadal celebrates after winning against Britain's Jack Draper during their men's singles match on day one of the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on 16 January 2023. PHOTO: AFP

FORMER world number one Rafael Nadal said on Monday he expects “nothing” from himself before his return to the courts next month. Nadal, 37, has been out with a hip injury since last January but is set to feature at Brisbane in the near year.

The Spaniard will use the tournament as a warm-up to the Australian Open in Melbourne having slumped to 663<sup>rd</sup> in the world before starting his final year before his expected retirement.

“I think I’m ready and I trust

and hope that all goes well and it gives me the opportunity to enjoy myself on the court,” Nadal said in a video on social media. “I expect from myself to expect nothing. “To have the ability not to demand myself what I have demanded myself throughout my career,” the 22-time Grand Slam winner added.

Since being sidelined Nadal has been overtaken in the number of Grand Slam tournaments won by Serbian world number one Novak Djokovic, who now has 24 major titles. — AFP

## MFF Futsal League I & II to be launched with colourful teams

THE 2023 MFF Futsal League I and League II competition teams to be organized by the Myanmar Football Federation-MFF Futsal and Beach Football Committee have come out perfectly.

According to the Myanmar Football Federation, ten teams will compete in League I and 12 in League II.

Current champion VUC

team, MIU team, Dream Team FC, Generations team, Winner Soccer team, Futsal Lover team, M2K team, Futsal 19 team, Linn Latt FC and Letwel Thonara FC are falling in the MFF Futsal League I, which will be held on 6 December.

Dream Team Legends

FC, the Shwepyitha team, M-Million FC, Yoma FC, Black Cross FC, YRG FC, Sun Far FC, KKY FC, Seven FC, Noka United FC and Maya FC will join the MFF Futsal League II, which will be launched on 7 January 2024.

The fixtures for both leagues will be released in the coming days. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

The Myanmar Futsal League is a popular domestic championship.





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## COP28 draft agreement includes option to do nothing on fossil fuels



Environmental activists display placards during a demonstration at the venue of the COP28 United Nations climate summit in Dubai on 5 December 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

THE UN released the latest draft of a global climate agreement on Tuesday presenting all options on fossil fuels — from phasing them out to not discussing them at all.

The fate of oil, gas and coal is the thorniest issue being thrashed out at the COP28 UN climate talks in Dubai and divisions around their future have dominated the conference.

The second version of the negotiating text puts three options on the table, setting the stage for a gruelling showdown as representatives from nearly 200 nations try to reach a final agreement.

The first proposes “an orderly and just phase out of fossil fuels” — the toughest stance and one seen as essential by low-lying island nations at threat from rising seas. The second calls for faster efforts to phase out projects that lack the means to capture and store emissions, and to “rapidly” reduce fossil fuel use to achieve carbon neutrality in global energy production by 2050.

The third option contained in the 24-page draft is “no text” at all, a position supported by oil giant Saudi Arabia and China. — AFP

### Iran rejects US accusations of involvement in attacks on vessels in Red Sea

IRANIAN Foreign Ministry Spokesman Nasser Kanaani on Monday rejected US accusations that Iran “has been behind a series of attacks by the Yemen-based Houthis” on several vessels in the Red Sea.

He made the remarks in an address to a weekly press conference in the Iranian capital Tehran, while reacting to the claims made in a statement by the US Central Command (CENTCOM) on Sunday, in which it said Iran had “fully enabled four attacks launched by the Houthis on three commercial vessels in international waters in the southern Red Sea” on the same day. — Xinhua

### Israeli troops battle Hamas militants in southern Gaza

ISRAELI troops battled Hamas militants in the southern Gaza Strip on Tuesday after expanding their offensive deeper into the besieged territory, with warnings that an “even more hellish scenario” was unfolding for trapped civilians.

Israel had initially focused its offensive on the north of the territory, but the army has now also dropped leaflets on parts of the south, telling Palestinian civilians there to flee to other areas. Israeli tanks, armoured personnel carriers and bulldozers were seen on Monday near the southern Gaza city of Khan Yunis, which is packed with civilians who fled their homes further north in the territory earlier in the war, witnesses told AFP.

An AFP journalist in Rafah near Gaza’s border with Egypt saw smoke rising late Monday from buildings in southern Gaza

after Israeli bombardment.

The army said Monday it was taking “aggressive” action against “Hamas and other terrorist organizations” in Khan Yunis, warning that the main

road in the north and east of the city “constitutes a battlefield”.

Hamas claimed via Telegram its militants had targeted two personnel carriers and a tank near Khan Yunis.

Its military branch also said it had fired rockets towards Beersheba in southern Israel on Tuesday, while the Israeli military said rocket warning sirens sounded there. — AFP



Israeli military tanks roll near the border with the Gaza Strip on 3 December 2023 amid continuing battles between Israel and the militant group Hamas. **PHOTO: AFP**