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## YR prepares with personnel, equipment for natural disaster response



Preparations are underway for immediate response to disasters in Yangon Region.

**A**CCORDING to Secretary U Nyi Nyi Min of the Yangon Region government, 3,056 rescue personnel and machines are on standby for immediate response to search and rescue operations in the event of natural disasters, including storms, in Yangon Region.

The standby machines include 210 tipper trucks, five 12-wheeled vehicles, 12 loaders, six excavators, two dozers, and 14 cranes. Additionally, there are 25 water bowsers from YCDC and 308 fire engines and fuel bowsers from the Fire Services Department of Yangon Region,

said U Nyi Nyi Min.

Furthermore, it is understood that in the event of a natural disaster, including a storm, the township-level and regional-level units are prepared to respond immediately for rescue operations in Bago and Ayeyawady regions. — ASH/TKO



The photo showcases stunning tourist destinations in Kalaw that captivate visitors.

## Kalaw tourism boost to uplift local economy

DEVELOPMENT of Kalaw and its tourism will help the socioeconomy of the local community improve, according to a tourism development forum.

The Destination Management Organization plays a crucial role in effectuating destination development and sustainable tourism. All the stakeholders, including related departments, organizations, and tourism agencies, must exert concerted efforts to achieve this, as quoted Dr Thet Thet Khine, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism, remarking at an event held on 24 May.

According to the UNWTO

World Tourism Barometer, international tourist arrivals in 2023 rose worldwide by 34 per cent compared to that of 2022. Myanmar also saw a rebound in tourist arrivals.

Additionally, a strategic plan included in a three-year project to promote Kalaw's destination (2022-2025) needs to be implemented. The DMO and locals must work together to bring about socio-economic development through tourism.

Kalaw attracts the second largest number of visitors among the cities in southern Shan State, and some also visit the Inlay Lake, Pindaya and

other surrounding areas.

The homegrown travellers from central and lower Myanmar mostly visit the following popular destinations in Kalaw hill station: Pine Forest, Kalaw Myoma Market, Kalaw Railway Station, Mahamuni Hnee Buddha Image, Kalaw Thein Mountain, Kalaw Clock Tower and Ozi Mountain, Kalaw View Point, Kalaw Hill Top Villa Hotel, Kalaw City View, Kalaw Italy Church, Yay Yaungma ViewPoint, Old railway between the valley, Myinmahti natural cave, Byike Mountain, Kalaw ShweUMin cave and elephant camp. — TWA/KK

# NATIONAL

## Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Order No 38/2024

5<sup>th</sup> Waning of Kason 1386 ME  
27 May 2024

### Retirement from duty allowed

THE State Administration Council has allowed U Aung Naing Oo to retire from the duties of the Union Minister of Ministry 3 of the State Administration Council Chairman's Office in accord with Section 419 of the Constitution.

By order,  
*Aung Lin Dwe*  
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Secretary

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## Deep Depression No-17/2024

Issued at (23:00) hours MST on 27-5-2024

### Deep Depression Condition

According to the observations at (22:30) hrs MST today, the Cyclonic Storm "REMAL" which has crossed to the Southwest of Dhaka (Bangladesh) and has moved North-North-eastwards and weekend into a Deep depression and reach to the Northwest of Dhaka (Bangladesh). It is continuously moved to North-Northeastwards and gradually weaken into a Depression during next (6) hours.

### General caution

Under the influence of Deep Depression, rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin, Chin, Rakhine States with likelihood of regionally heavyfalls in Chin, Rakhine States and isolated heavyfalls in Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin State along with strong winds during next (24) hours. Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced in Deltic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall

may reach 40 mph and wave height will be about 9-13 feet.

### Advisory

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

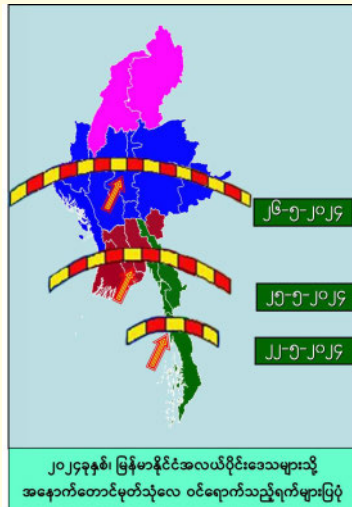
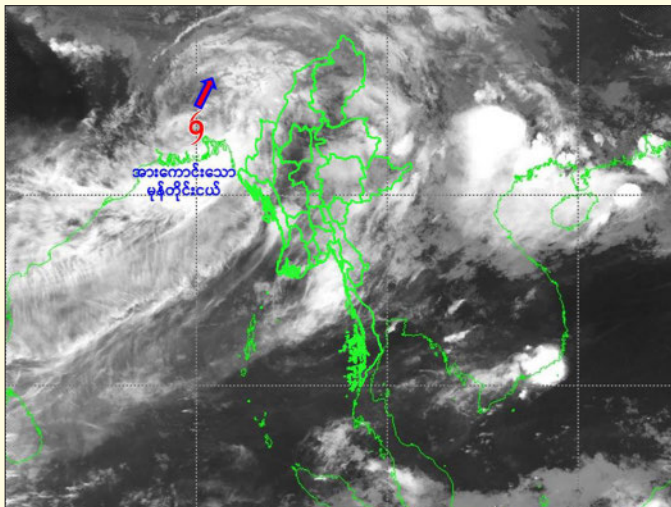
This is the last news for the Severe Cyclonic Storm "REMAL".

## Condition of Southwest Monsoon Onset

Issued at 27 May 2024

DURING the past (24) hours, Southwest Monsoon has advanced into the central Myanmar areas and Northwest Bay of Bengal.

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The photo shows the opening ceremony of the basic Vietnamese language course batch 1.

## BIDV Yangon donates K12M to YUFL's first Vietnamese language course

ON behalf of the Vietnam Business Club in Myanmar (VBCM), the BIDV Yangon branch's CEO Mr Nguyen Quang Ngoc provided financial aid worth K12 million for a basic Vietnamese language course batch at Yangon University of Foreign Languages (YUFL).

The opening ceremony of the basic Vietnamese language course batch 1 was held on 25 May at 9:30 am at the university and attended by Vietnamese businesspeople in Yangon, executive members of the Myanmar-Vietnam Friendship Association and Vietnam-Myanmar Friendship

Association, officials from the Vietnam Embassy, colleagues from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Education and trainees. Honourable guests observed YUFL classrooms and motivated Vietnamese language students.

This is a six-month basic-level course, and it has a total of 62 students who are interested in the Vietnamese language and who want to apply it at their workplace. Two Vietnamese teachers who can speak the Myanmar language fairly have taught as of 18 May. — MT/ZS

The people are urged to receive vaccination of Covid-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of Covid-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increase of death rate due to the disease.

## State Economic Promotion Fund Management Committee holds 2<sup>nd</sup> coord meeting

THE State Economic Promotion Fund Management Committee held its second coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, Committee Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein said the committee's report between 1 October 2023 and 31 March 2024 has been submitted to the State Administration Council.

He then urged the committee members to scrutinize and review the issuance of capital investment, loans and repayment, suspension of capital/interest payment for certain regional conditions and Mocha, systematic inventory for loans in

order to offer as per the financial procedures, work completions for 2022-2023 Financial Year of Union Auditor General Office and training courses in regions/states and self-administered regions/zones.

The secretary of the committee and other attendees coordinated the discussion, and the Union minister concluded the meeting after giving proper instructions. — MNA/KTZH

Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Planning & Finance U Win Shein chairs the second coordination meeting of the State Economic Promotion Fund Management Committee yesterday.



Alms rice and offerings were donated to members of the Sangha at Shwedagon Pagoda in the previous year.

## YR govt to host Vietnamese donors' ceremony at Shwedagon on 1 June

THE Yangon Region government office has announced that a ceremony for Vietnamese donors to present rice and offerings to 5,555 Sayadaws will be held on 1 June at the Shwedagon Pagoda.

Arrangements are being made to ensure that Vietnamese donors and guests can

make their donations conveniently on the platform of the Shwedagon Pagoda. The Sangha, including the chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, will be invited to the event.

The Yangon Region government is organizing the ceremony at the Shwedagon

Pagoda in collaboration with the Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees, the Department of Religious Affairs (Yangon Region), the Yangon Region Private Transport Committee, and the No 2 Traffic Police Division Commander's Office. — ASH/MKKS

## Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Statement No 4/2024

1. Children are the future bearers of the national responsibilities. The progress of a country heavily depends on the educational development of the children. Denying children's right to education affects both the children themselves and the nation's future.
2. The right to education is a fundamental right for children. Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states, "Everyone has the right to education." Additionally, Article 366 (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (2008) stipulates that "Every citizen, in accord with the educational policy laid down by the Union, has the right to education." A comprehensive education system that ensures access to education for all school-age children is being systematically promoted, beginning with basic education.
3. The current period marks the school enrollment week for the 2024-2025 academic year. Every school-age child, inclusive of those with disabilities and those who have lost their right to education for various reasons, should not be left behind. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission strongly urges parents, legal guardians, family members, and stakeholders to prioritize the best interests of the children and make every effort to ensure their enrollment on time.

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# NATIONAL

## CBM Governor meets Thai banks' officials



CBM Governor Daw Than Than Swe holds talks with CEOs and officials of Thai banks yesterday in Yangon.

GOVERNOR Daw Than Than Swe of the Central Bank of Myanmar and officials from Siam Commercial Bank, Bangkok Bank, Kasikorn Bank and Krung Thai Bank met yesterday morning at the meeting hall of the Yangon branch of the Central Bank of Myanmar.

They discussed further investment of Thailand in Myanmar, foreign currency banking services between Myanmar and Thailand, CBM's established policies to stabilize the foreign exchange rate, remittances of trade and Myanmar migrant workers to be diverted from legal channels instead of using illegal Hundi, facilitation of smooth delivery of the wages of expatriate Myan-

mar workers in Thailand to their families, more investments from Thailand in Myanmar, education and health-related matters on Hundai's actions to be cooperated by Thai banks, provision of financial support (pre-shipment export financing and post-shipment export financing) to further develop trade between Thailand and Myanmar, foreign exchange rates and the facilitation of foreign currency transfers between the two countries.

CBM Governor Daw Than Than Swe, deputy governors, directors-general, CEOs and officials of Siam Commercial Bank, Bangkok Bank, Kasikorn Bank, and Krung Thai Bank attended the meeting. — MNA/TS

## More unauthorized money changers face legal action for illegal transactions

1. THE Central Bank of Myanmar found that transactions of foreign currencies have been taking place using the following Facebook pages and internet websites without holding a foreign currency business licence issued by the Central Bank of Myanmar, and has taken action against those involved in such transactions. In addition, the Facebook pages and phone numbers of those conducting transactions from overseas locations have been reported to the relevant central banks, and negotiations are being carried out to take action against them.

- (a) Currency Prices and Remittance
- (b) Moe Latt
- (c) Si Thu & bro
- (d) Yangon currency prices
- (e) Direct USD Exchange
- (f) Dollar Transaction
- (g) December Snow
- (h) June Lin Htet Naing
- (i) Htet Yan Money Exchange
- (j) Global Value Services-GVS Money Exchange and Transfer
- (k) Boss Online Money Exchange Services (Family Money Exchange)
- (l) Lucky Sky Gold Smith (Facebook page)
- (m) Nay Myo Htet (Facebook page)
- (n) Gold Market Myanmar (Facebook page)
- (o) Ye Mon
- (p) Naing Lu

2. The Central Bank of Myanmar is working with law enforcement agencies to identify, arrest, and take action against such businesses, and further monitoring and action will be taken. The developments of the operation will be communicated to the public in real time.

3. Therefore, we further inform the public about exchanging foreign currencies only at licensed financial institutions to exchange foreign currencies.

4. We further inform the public that those who are illegally trading and speculating in foreign currencies on the above-mentioned Facebook pages and internet websites will be prosecuted under Sections 38 and 42 of the Foreign Exchange Management Law, as well as under sections of the Penal Code for harming the public interest.

*The Central Bank of Myanmar  
26 May 2024*

## Myanmar hosts 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Working Group on Social Forestry Meeting



The 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Working Group on Social Forestry Meeting in progress yesterday.

MYANMAR hosted the 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Working Group on Social Forestry (AWGSF) Meeting virtually yesterday.

The director-general of the Forest Department spoke on the occasion that the fundamental objective of ASEAN cooperation in the social forestry sector is to enhance sustainable forest management for the continuous production of forest products and services in a balanced way. Moreover, the meeting

will finalize the manual book for Free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) for customary land ownership, and present the ASEAN cooperation in the social forestry sector, progresses in member countries, policies, laws, good practices and challenges, and the attendees should participate in the discussion cordially, he added.

The deputy director-general (Policy and Planning) chaired the meeting. —MNA/ KTZH

# NATIONAL

## Myanmar Embassy repatriates one citizen from Saudi Arabia

THE government cares for its citizens residing abroad, assists them if they face hardships, and manages to bring its citizens back home by cooperating with Myanmar embassies and relevant embassies.

The Myanmar Embassy to Saudi Arabia communicated with the authorities of Riyadh to repatriate one Myanmar female citizen, Ma May Phyu Latt, who faced hardships in Riyadh, by flight on 26 May, and she arrived in Yangon yesterday evening.

Ma May Phyu Latt requested her employer to send her back the agent in Dubai for poor relations with her employ-

er in Riyadh. But she was not allowed, and so she ran away. Meanwhile, she met two Pakistanis, and she was employed at another house, where she worked for over two months. She requested her employer to send her back to Dubai, and she had to stay at the airport for 12 days. The official of King Khalid International Airport reported to the Myanmar Embassy, and the embassy took her on 10 May. After the negotiation with the relevant Saudi Arabia authority, she obtained her exit permit and arrived back in Yangon yesterday evening.

She said, "I live in Bago. I

have a child, and I went abroad for a well-paid job purpose. When I arrived there, I faced many hardships like food, sleep deprivation, language and salary. I can't work anymore at my new house, and so they sent me to the airport. After ten days at the airport, I thought I would never get back to my country, but the airport staff informed the Myanmar embassy, and the officials took me immediately. At the embassy, the staff comforted me. I thanked the Head of the State and embassy officials for the warm and helpful support for my return home." — Nyein Thu(MNA)/KTZH



Ma May Phyu Latt. PHOTO: KA NU

## Illegal trade crackdown yields significant seizures in Magway, Bago regions



Photos show confiscated illegal items in Bago Region.

SUPERVISED by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, legal action is being taken against illicit trading across the nation.

During inspections on 21, 22, and 24 May, combined inspection teams under the Magway Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force seized 300 gallons of crude oil worth K900,000 in the Chauk oil field, an unregistered Luojia 125 motorbike valued at K400,000 in Ngaphe township, 2.535 tonnes of illegal timber worth K1.019 million in Mindaon township, 1.161 tonnes of

illegal timber worth K305,021 in Kanma township, an unregistered Taryan Wave 110 motorbike worth K700,000 in Aunglan township, and an unregistered Honda Fit valued at K11 million at the Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway) checkpoint. This enforcement was carried out under the Public Property Protection Law, the Export and Import Law, and the Forest Law.

On 27 May, the on-duty teams under the Bago Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force captured illegal teak weighing 3.002 tonnes worth K1.395 million in

Toungoo district and a TT bus (estimated value of K30 million) heading to Yangon from Thanbyuzayat, carrying five kinds of goods worth K13.28 million, including 3,600 bottles of Deedo orange juice from Thailand without official documents, at the Naungkhashay X-ray station. The action was conducted under the Forest Law and Customs procedures.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported that nine arrests were made on 21, 22, 24, and 27 May, with an estimated value of K59 million. — MNA/MKKS

## CRIME NEWS

### Over K4B worth of heroin, stimulant tablets and opium oil extract confiscated in Nawnghkio township

ACCORDING to the Myanmar Police Force, heroin, stimulant tablets, and opium oil extract worth over K4.75 billion were seized in Nawnghkio township.

Acting on a tip-off, a combined team from the Anti-Drug Police Force stopped and searched a Dongfeng truck driven by Sai Phaung, accompanied by Min Paing Htoo, travelling from Yatsawk to Nawnghkio on the Yatsawk-Nawnghkio road at 10 pm on 19 May. The search revealed 123.2 kilogrammes of heroin, 5.65 million stimulant tablets, and 52 kilogrammes of opium oil extract, valued at over K4.75 billion, hidden in chaff bags.

Similarly, the police arrested Myo Min Htun, Kyaw Thet Oo, Aye Kyaw (aka) Kyaw Naing, and Hein Htet Aung, who were involved in the case, along with a Nissan AD van and a Toyota Probox.

Additionally, the police arrested Ko Pyae (aka) Pyae Phyo Thu (aka) Min Myat Naing and Ma Thwel Sam Eain, who were responsible for transporting the drugs from Shan State to Mandalay Region in Mahaaungmyay township at 7:30 pm on 22 May.

They are being prosecuted, and investigations into the perpetrators are ongoing, according to the Myanmar Police Force. — MNA/MKKS



Offenders are seen alongside seized drugs and vehicles.

### COVID-19 report, 27 MAY 2024

NEW TESTS	NEW CASES	CASUALTIES
25,590	74	Nil

# NATIONAL

## More opportunities for Myanmar youths in film industry training programme



The photo shows trainees from the ASEAN-ROK Film Leaders Incubator - FLY project 2023.

MORE Myanmar youths will have the chance to attend a shooting course and workshop organized by the Korea-Busan Film Commission and the Asian Film Commission Network.

Information officer U Chan Thar Kyi Soe of the international relations committee of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization shared this information.

The ASEAN-ROK Film Leaders Incubator-FLY project aims to nurture the next generation of young filmmakers from ASEAN countries and member countries of the Asian Film Commission Network. These courses and workshops are held annually, and young people from ASEAN countries are invited to apply for this year's events, scheduled to take place in

Laos from 30 October to 13 November.

Myanmar youths who are interested in attending the course and workshop can apply by contacting the Motion Pictures Development Division under the Ministry of Information directly or through the international relations committee of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization. — ASH/ TRKM

## MoE to sell 2M gallons of gasoline to private entrepreneurs

THE Ministry of Energy (MOE) has announced that two million gallons of gasoline from the Thanbayakan petrochemical plants will be available for sale to private entrepreneurs through a tender system in June and July.

The Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy will sell one million gallons on 4 June and another million gallons on 2 July, totalling two million gallons of gasoline.

Currently, the Ministry of Energy is exploring various methods to increase oil and natural gas production and to produce and utilise more



Petrochemical plant group (Thanbayakan).

value-added products such as Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG). Given the high

demand for CNG and LPG as alternatives to diesel and gasoline, efforts are being made to meet this demand. — TWA/TKO

## Myanmar Embassy participates in Asian Culinary Festival in Kuwait City

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Myanmar Embassy to Kuwait participated in the Asian Culinary Festival held at City Hypermarket in Kuwait City on 24 May.

The event was mainly sponsored by City Hypermarket, a prominent supermarket in Kuwait City, and co-sponsored by food industry companies such as Jollibee, Vinta Kuwait, Berry Blast, Moonalicious, Hangout Coffilia, and Kedai Indonesia.

The report states that the embassies of Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Nepal, the Philippines, and Thailand also took part in the festival.

During the event, the embassies displayed and sold their traditional foods and products and performed cultural acts. Tourism promotion video clips from the participating embassies were also shown throughout the festival.

The Embassy of Myanmar sold Myeik kat kyik (traditional fried vermicelli) and semolina cake and showcased Myanmar's tourism promotion video clips. Myanmar tourism promotion CDs and pamphlets were also distributed to visitors at the festival. — ASH/TMT



Display booth of Myanmar at the festival.

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“ Land restoration, desertification and drought resilience ”

## Life Style Vietnam 2024 welcomes Myanmar businesspeople

VIETNAM Handicraft Exporter Association (VIETCRAFT) has invited the participation of Myanmar businesspeople to the Vietnam Home Décor and Gifts Fair (Life Style Vietnam 2024) that will be held on 18-21 October 2024 at Sky Expo Centre in Ho Chi Minh City, according to Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization. The fair will showcase Vietnam's art and crafts, home décor, gifts, indoor and outdoor furniture, textiles, personal accessories, leather bags, toys, sta-

tionery and traditional products. The fair is expected to draw over 1,600 stands from domestic and international businesspeople engaged in the handicraft and furniture industry.

The living style of Vietnam attracted the attention of the exhibitors across over 30 countries. With the marketing team's continuous efforts, more than 3,000 buyers from Vietnam will join the fair in addition to traditional customers from the USA, EU and Japan. The participation fee

is set at \$1,700 (one side open) per (3 metres by 3 metres by 2.5 metres) booth, \$1,800 (two sides open) and \$1,950 (three sides open), \$2,100 (four sides open).

Interested business entities, the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and its delegates can enquire through the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization via email: event.td.myantrade@gmail.com and contact numbers 067 408622 and 067 408623 by 24 June. — NN/EM



A glimpse of the poster describing the Life Style Vietnam 2024.

## Magway Region sees brisk sales of cottonseed from gins



A thriving cotton plantation in Magway Region.

COTTONSEED, which is an industrial crop, is in high demand from the mills, according to the Magway Region Government Office.

Most townships in the region cultivate cotton, which is 172,793 acres. Gangaw Township possesses only a handful of cotton acres.

Products obtained from grinding cottonseed are exported. The businesses of fried crispy bean fritters mostly buy mill-processing cotton seed oil.

Next, the Cotton Producers Association organized a coordination meeting on cotton supply chain development in early May.

The meeting outcomes highlighted a loan plan jointly provided by the Ministry of Commerce, the Agriculture Department, the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, quality seed, agriculture methods and exemption of mandatory dollar conversion into local currency specified by the Central Bank of Myanmar upon exportation through Kawthoung-Ranong trade channel.

The Ministry of Industry will purchase three million visses of cotton in the current 2024-2025 financial year, including 2.9 million visses of A-grade cotton and 100,000 visses of C-grade cotton. — NN/KK

## YGN palm oil wholesale reference rate sees small rebound this week ending 2 June

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil for the Yangon market was set higher a bit to K5,270 per viss this week ending 2 June from K5,200 recorded last week ending 26 May, according to the Supervisory Committee on edible oil import and distribution.

The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs and banking services to decide the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil on a weekly basis.

Yet, the market price is higher than the reference price.

To control overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed the consumers of lodging the complaints for overcharging through the call centre's hotline in late August. The department urged consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices. The Committee notified that



The photo shows several kinds of edible oil at the shopping mall.

any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market manipulation will face legal action under the Essential Goods and Services Law.

The department is working together with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the cooking oil importing companies to offer affordable rates of imported palm oil for consumers.

Complaints for overcharging can be lodged over hotline

1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs Department or sent to the Facebook Page of the Department and the region and state departments concerned.

The domestic consumption of palm oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. About 700,000 tonnes of palm oil are yearly imported through Malaysia and Indonesia to meet domestic demands. — NN/EM

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# OPINION

## Prevent bullying acts in all forms for safety of society

**B**ULLYING, in all its forms, is a pervasive issue affecting societies worldwide, manifesting in workplaces, schools, and various associations. Discrimination and bullying based on race, skin colour, gender, language, and perception are prevalent, impacting people of all ages.

Bullying encompasses verbal assaults, physical intimidation, and threats, leading to both physical and mental harassment. It can be classified into physical bullying, verbal bullying, and cyberbullying. Physical bullying is common among children and teenagers, while verbal bullying can drive victims to depression and, in severe cases, suicide.

The rise of technology has amplified cyberbullying, with a significant percentage of children and young people experiencing it online. Surveys indicate that 45 per cent of young internet users

face cyberbullying, with girls being more frequent victims than boys. Many of these incidents occur via mobile phones. A World Health Organization (WHO) report from March highlighted that school-age children suffered severe cyberbullying impacts even before outbreaks of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The report further details that oral bullying accounts for 79 per cent of all cases, making it the most common form, followed by social bullying at 50 per cent, physical bullying at 29 per cent, and cyberbullying at 25 per cent. In schools, bullying often occurs among students, although it can also involve school staff. Surveys reveal that physical punishment is still practised in schools across 67 countries.

Bullying in schools can severely affect victims' learning, mental health, and overall

development. Educational reports indicate that bullied children are often demotivated to attend school, leading to poorer academic performance compared to their peers. This academic decline can result in a higher dropout rate, as these students are more likely to leave school after completing high school. Preventing bullying is crucial for the safety and well-being of society. Implementing anti-bullying policies, promoting awareness, and fostering a supportive environment are essential steps. Schools and workplaces must create safe spaces where individuals feel respected and valued, regardless of their background or characteristics. By addressing bullying comprehensively, everybody can protect vulnerable individuals and build a more inclusive and harmonious society.

Although action can be taken against acts of bullying in society and workplaces in accordance with relevant laws, rules, and regulations, handling bullying in schools among students is very subtle. However, teachers, parents, students and departmental officials have to make a quadruple effort to prevent bullying in schools and protect students and young people against bullying in all forms in order to enhance the morale of the people.

**A**S I have seen the news about brutal and inhumane terrorist murders of NUG and PDF groups, which are circulating on social media platforms these days, I wrote this open letter as a responsible citizen to inform those who are backing terrorists.

Since 8 May 2024, a video file of terrorists killing each other circulating on social media platforms is a heart-wrenching sight for anyone who sees it. This video recording is a true story that happened in Gangaw Township, Magway Region. At the scene, four people tied their hands back and were interrogated and mercilessly killed. The murderers were the terrorist leader Sanay and his followers, who detained, interrogated and killed some of their own members who were killed in the pretext of running away after they had stolen valuable belongings gained in robber from the civilians. In the video, everyone can see that the victims were cut ears as well as body parts and beheaded. The act of violence seen in the video is unacceptable for any reason, and it is believed that the people doing those killings are inhumane and on drugs. As everyone who had watched these scenes would be heartbroken, I



The NUG group and the PDF terrorist group under NUG are brutally killing people, and why are international organizations or communities turning a blind eye to them?

Video recording about mutual merciless killings among PDF members in Gangaw Township, Magway Region.

think nobody should abet such kind of cruel and brutal terrorists.

Another phenomenon is the mass killing of innocent people by terrorists. On 9 May 2024, PDF terrorists willfully launched shell attacks as well as fired small arms at Hsonywa village in Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region, under the pretext of opposition to them and a different mindset from theirs. Terrorists' shells landed on the residential houses in the village where only innocent civilians live, killing a total of 32 locals, 17 men and 15 other women, and injuring

a total of 14 residents: five men and nine other women. Moreover, 50 houses were destroyed by fire. It is learnt that such terrorist attacks aimed at unarmed civilians and children were among the deaths.

As per the manipulation of the NUG group, the PDF groups have evidently been committing violent war crimes such as merciless killings of people, wilful attacks over non-military targets (i.e. civilian targets) and destructive attacks against health as well as education sectors. Their crimes are frequently seen and heard, with evidence in their statements and on social media reports.

**If we view the current conflicts in Myanmar rationally, people can clearly witness that NUG and PDFs practise violent killings of people and extremism under the pretext of political gain. Some countries are informally engaging with NUG. Actually, they want to pressure Myanmar to topple the SAC government in Myanmar and try to support it in various forms, NUG and PDFs. Thus, they have ignored terrorists' attacks on non-military targets (i.e. civilian targets) and violent killings of civilians. Such kind of actions should not be done.**

## An Open Letter to Countries Backing NUG and PDF Groups' Acts of Terrorism

By An unnamed citizen

**Due to those countries' irresponsible behaviour and support for acts of terrorism, a series of mass murders occur again and again in Myanmar. Those countries' actions, such as supporting financial assistance, granting asylum to and making unofficial engagement with NUG and PDFs, amount to the recognition and support for terrorist acts of the NUG and PDFs.**

As the PDF group is a disorganized armed group which has been formed in a state of chaos, PDF members are later committing mutual murder crimes of their own members for various reasons in addition to killings targeted at unarmed people.

**It is impossible that the countries engaging the NUG and PDFs, including the United States, do not know about the murder crimes of the NUG and PDFs. Video recordings of PDF members' violent killings are widely spreading on social media platforms, and thus, countries will have received reports from**

**relevant embassies and offices of military attaches.**

Organizations working to fight against terrorism also sent news to the international community, highlighting the terrorist acts of NUG and PDF groups. It is amazing that the United States is so recklessly supporting those terrorist organizations.

It is found that the US government has announced it will provide non-lethal aid and humanitarian aid to NUG, PDF groups and armed insurgent groups in Myanmar from the aid fund in the fiscal year of 2024. Despite the title of nonlethal aid, we all know that, in reality, the US aid became transformed into subsidization of acts of terrorism and weapon procurement. In addition, the neglect of the United States and its partner countries on the terrorist acts committed by NUG and PDF groups and their support to them gives moral strength to the NUG and PDF groups. Thus, they continue to carry out such brutal acts boundlessly.

Therefore, I'd like to convey the message through the letter that the United States needs to thoroughly observe and verify the actual situation in Myanmar instead of being led astray by the misinformation

circulated by lobby news agencies who oppose the SAC government. This letter aims to point out a noteworthy fact that the precious funds of the American people should not be used for those who create terrorism and commit acts of violence. Likewise, this letter lets the countries which have made informal engagements with NUG know that their actions amount to incitement to PDF terrorists.

**I'd like to ask you not to support NUG and PDF terrorists in order to prevent the spread of the new form of terrorism in regional countries. The new form of terrorism has been created by NUG and PDF groups, who are making attempts to achieve their political goals through armed violence.**

Now, supporters at home and abroad no longer believe in NUG leaders and lobbyists because people have seen and heard about their financial scandals regarding the funds that the people have fraudulently raised. Again, top leaders of NUG and lobbyists are



Similarly, another video file shows that 32 innocent children and adults from Hsonywa village, Myingyan Township, were brutally killed by the terrorist PDF without any reason, human sympathy, or regard for their suffering.

Photo record describing PDFs' killing of innocent civilians in Hsonywa village, Myingyan Township.

living a life of luxury by buying houses and cars and having parties after they have brought their families abroad. Moreover, mutual accusations against each other are happening among them, and they gradually become disunited. Most of the people at home have figured out that NUG and PDFs are trying to achieve political goals through the wrong armed approach. Thus, a decline in support for NUG and PDFs can be seen at home. People are especially disgusted at and hateful of killings of innocent civilians who are not related to politics and the military.

**I, as a peaceable person, wrote this open letter to call on the international community to stop supporting NUG and PDFs, who are committing violent crimes, including inhumane murders, so that the aforementioned terrorist acts of NUG and PDFs will not happen again in Myanmar.**

## Tobacco and nicotine industry tactics addict youth for life

*Young people using e-cigarettes at rates higher than adults in many countries.*

THE World Health Organization (WHO) and STOP, a global tobacco industry watchdog, are launching on 23 May "Hooking the next generation", a report highlighting how the tobacco and nicotine industry designs products, implements marketing campaigns and works to shape policy environments to help them addict the world's youth.

This comes just ahead of World No Tobacco Day marked

on 31 May, where WHO is amplifying the voices of young people who are calling on governments to protect them from being targets of the tobacco and nicotine industry.

The report shows that globally an estimated 37 million children aged 13-15 years use tobacco, and in many countries, the rate of e-cigarette use among adolescents exceeds that of adults. In the WHO European Region, 20 per

cent of 15-year-olds surveyed reported using e-cigarettes in the past 30 days.

Despite significant progress in reducing tobacco use, the emergence of e-cigarettes and other new tobacco and nicotine products present a grave threat to youth and tobacco control. Studies demonstrate that e-cigarette use increases conventional cigarette use, particularly among non-smoking youth, by nearly three

times.

"History is repeating, as the tobacco industry tries to sell the same nicotine to our children in different packaging," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General.

"These industries are actively targeting schools, children and young people with new products that are essentially a candy-flavoured trap. How can they talk about harm reduction when they are marketing these dangerous, highly-addictive products to children?"

These industries continue to market their products to young people with enticing flavours like candy and fruit. Research in the United States of America found that more than 70 per cent of youth e-cigarette users would quit if the products were only available in tobacco flavour.

"These industries are intentionally designing products and utilizing marketing strategies that appeal directly to children," said Dr Ruediger Krech, Director, WHO Director of Health Promotion. "The use of child-friendly flavours like

cotton candy and bubblegum, combined with sleek and colourful designs that resemble toys, is a blatant attempt to addict young people to these harmful products."

These deceptive tactics highlight the urgent need for strong regulations to protect young people from a lifetime of harmful dependence.

WHO urges governments to protect young people from the uptake of tobacco, e-cigarettes and other nicotine products by banning or tightly regulating these products.

Source: WHO



The WHO highlights that in numerous countries, the prevalence of e-cigarette use among adolescents surpasses that of adults. PHOTO: PIXABAY



# NATIONAL

## Contact Bagan's Archaeological Department before buying land

IN order to avoid financial losses when purchasing land plots in the Bagan Cultural Heritage Zone, the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Bagan Branch) can be contacted prior to any purchase, according to the department.

A total of 56,689.21 acres with 12,342.29 acres of the property area and 44,346.29 acres of the buffer area includes two cities — NyaungU and Bagan — and 41 villages, it announced.

The department preserves the cultural heritage of 3,595 pagodas in the property area and 242 in the buffer area, a total of 3,837 ancient buildings for the sake of quality, value and integrity of each race in a country, which will enable

the love and honour with national spirit.

To maintain the landscape and farming along the ancient buildings, which are also a lovable heritage, the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Bagan National Coordinating Committee (BAGANCOM) held at the department on 8 October 2020 resolved to restrict the granting of industrial and commercial land leases and other uses of farms inside the Bagan Cultural Heritage Zone and to allow them only outside the zone.

Since land-use permits cannot be granted for vacant farmlands outside the urban areas within the Bagan Cultural Heritage Zone, those who want to buy these plots for various purposes,

as creating residential areas, shops or religious buildings, may face financial losses, the department warned.

The Integrated Management Framework (5.2) of Bagan also describes the need to fully protect the urban areas, restrict development activities, disallow any construction work in areas where there are no buildings yet, and follow the rules for landscaping in the cultural zone.

People are therefore advised to contact the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Bagan Branch), which is responsible for the preservation of the cultural heritage, before buying land in Bagan to avoid financial losses. — MT/ZN



Location map of the Bagan Cultural Heritage Zone and land plots adjacent to pagodas. PHOTO - BAGAN ARCH

## ME in Tokyo lists required documents, payments for passport renewals

THE Myanmar Embassy to Japan has announced the lists of people who still need to send the required documents for passport renewal and those who have renewed their passports but need to pay the booklet fees and income tax.

The embassy provides consular services for the interests of Myanmar nationals in Japan in accordance with the laws, rules, regulations, and procedures. The required documents and application procedures for the respective passport types are published on its website:

<http://www.myanmar-embassy-tokyo.net/2023/consular-revised/revised2023.htm>, it stated. However, there have been delays in the issuance of renewed passports due to incomplete documents in the postal applications, it added.

Therefore, the list of 378 nationals among the applicants up to 31 March who need to send complete documents has been announced, referring to the required documents described at <http://www.myanmar-embassy-tokyo.net/2024/Passport/7-1.htm>.

In addition, the list of 353



The Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo, Japan.

persons who have renewed their passports but still need to pay the booklet fees, fines, and income tax has also been published at <http://www.myanmar-embassy-tokyo.net/2024/Passport/7-2.htm>. They are advised to send the required documents to the embassy in person or by mail or to [consularsection@myan-](mailto:consularsection@myan-)

[myanmar-embassy-tokyo.net](http://www.myanmar-embassy-tokyo.net).

When they send the documents, it is necessary to describe the name, date of birth, passport number of the applicant, the first date of sending the documents to the embassy, and the serial numbers in the attached schedule, the embassy informed. — MT/ZN



An eel farming in operation.

## High domestic demand for eels boosts farming potential

DOMESTIC eel consumption has been high, and the market will expand if its farming develops, said eel farmers.

“In the Yangon market, eel price varies on a daily basis. Domestic eel consumption is high. We export it to other regions and states. Some don't have knowledge about the eel farming market, and they don't know the farming technique. Eel breeding hasn't yet been developed in the country. Some eat eels caught naturally. At present, eel breeding is operated in Thanlyin and Kayan townships. There is a plan to farm eel this year. The market has potential because eel consumption is high if eel farming expands in this monsoon season,” said Ko San Lin Kyi, an eel farmer from Thanlyin Township's Kalawe village.

The market has been positive, plus there is a sentiment that eating eel is good for health, which is why he urged to farm eel in this monsoon.

“I want eel farming to be developed because the market has been positive. From the aspect of health, it helps increase red blood cells and helps keep bones healthy. The sale is good every year,” said Ko San Lin Kyi.

Eel has many advantages, such as rapid growth, high reproduction, the ability to survive on little food, and resistance to contaminated water. From a two-month-old, it reproduces by laying eggs once every two months. It is weather-resistant and hard to die. Therefore, eel farming is cost-effective and more manageable than other fish and prawn farming if it is bred by making some modifications corresponding to its nature. — Thit Taw/ZS

## Turkish ceramist offers artistic solace to patients

*Kavukcu believes working with clay can be a healing experience, providing solace and emotional support.*

PEOPLE suffering from various health issues are finding therapeutic solace offered by a female Turkish ceramist willing to go the extra mile for those in need of inner well-being and emotional support.

In a small studio in the distant Batikent district of Türkiye's capital city Ankara, a cheerful group of mostly female participants engage in small talk as they work on different ceramic objects.

"Working with clay can be a therapeutic experience for many people, particularly those bothered by health issues," said ceramic artist Duygu Kavukcu.

Kavukcu is now offering sessions that appeal to the souls

of people with a range of conditions, including cancer and anxiety.

"We want people who participate in our courses to socialize, to find themselves, and forget their daily grievances through clay," she told Xinhua.

For several years, this ceramist, who left a ten-year-long career as an air traffic controller to pursue her dreams, has been dispensing regular classes for people affected by ailments of various seriousness.

"It's not only cancer patients, but we also have participants suffering from epilepsy or muscular diseases, and they all say that they find themselves in clay," she said. —Xinhua



Photo taken on 22 May 2024 shows a studio set up by Turkish ceramist Duygu Kavukcu offering ceramic sessions to people with health issues in Ankara, Türkiye. PHOTO: MUSTAFA KAYA/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA

## China's Jiangsu unveils plan to improve TCM services

*The strategy involves expanding TCM-focused institutions' capacity for outpatient and emergency services and forming multidisciplinary diagnosis and treatment teams to integrate TCM into the healthcare system.*



Pharmacists of the Jiangning traditional Chinese medicine hospital prepare ingredients to produce traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) decoctions in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, 27 July 2021. PHOTO: JI CHUNPENG/XINHUA

EAST China's Jiangsu Province has announced a comprehensive plan to improve traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) services, leveraging the unique strengths of TCM to elevate the overall quality of medical services.

As part of its strategy, Jiangsu will boost the capacity of TCM-focused institutions to handle outpatient and

emergency services. The plan includes the establishment of multidisciplinary diagnosis and treatment teams, aiming to strengthen the integration of TCM approaches within the healthcare system.

The economic powerhouse province will also enhance TCM services at the county level, encouraging community health services

centres and township hospitals to offer clinical services that combine Chinese and Western medicine.

Additionally, the province is dedicated to fostering a supportive environment for the development of TCM. Medical institutions will be encouraged to provide personalized TCM services for patients. — Xinhua

### NEWS DIGEST: LIFESTYLE

## Taylor Swift mesmerizes fans with first live performance of 'The Tortured Poets Department'

IN a dazzling two-night performance at Estadio da Luz in Lisbon, Portugal, on 25 May Taylor Swift delivered a concert experience to remember.

Fans eagerly awaited the iconic singer's choice of surprise songs, and Swift did not disappoint.

The 34-year-old pop sensation, known for her hit 'So High School,' performed a heartfelt acoustic mashup featuring the

title track from her latest record-breaking album, 'The Tortured Poets Department,' as confirmed by People magazine.

This marked the first time the song was performed live, creating a moment of sheer magic for the fans in attendance and those following online.

The acoustic set also included 'Now That We Don't Talk' from the 1989 (Taylor's

Version) vault, adding a nostalgic touch to the evening.

As the night progressed, Swift took to the piano, adorned with painted flowers, for another surprise mashup.

This time, she combined 'You're on Your Own Kid' from her recent album *Midnights* with 'Long Live,' a beloved track from her 2010 album *Speak Now*, according to People magazine. — ANI

## Dust storm affects 3<sup>rd</sup> stage of Taklimakan Rally

THE third special stage (SS3) of the Taklimakan Rally unfolded amidst a sandstorm on Thursday, causing several participants to lose their way during the race.

Due to the impact of the sandstorm, the committee decided to shorten the race distance from the originally planned 283 kilometres to 150 kilometres. The starting point of the stage remained the same as SS2, with

similar overall terrain features.

In the car category, Tao Yongming from Hebei Qian'an Jiuji-an Auto and Motorcycle Sports Club was the first to reach the finish line of the stage, followed by Han Wei.

The severe sandstorm posed great challenges to the participants, with visibility dropping to only about 20 metres at one point. — Xinhua

# ECONOMY WORLD

## China becoming important player in intl cruise industry

SINCE its maiden voyage at the beginning of year, China's first domestically built large cruise ship Adora Magic City has completed 34 journeys and received nearly 150,000 tourists so far.

In the meantime, China's second homegrown large cruise ship entered a shipyard in Shanghai for final assembly on 20 April, signifying that China has developed the capability to engage in bulk production of cruise ships.

The cruise industry, with a long industrial chain and high degree of internationalization, is often called "the golden industry that floats." Over 1,000 domestic and foreign manufacturers were involved in the building of Adora Magic City.

The cruise ship is 323.6 metres in length, has a gross

weight of 135,500 tonnes, and can accommodate up to 5,246 passengers across a total of 2,125 guest rooms. The number of parts is equivalent to five times that of the C919 large aircraft and 13 times that of the Fuxing high-speed train.

China has since become the fifth country in the world with the ability to design and build large cruise ships. The commercial success of Adora Magic City also demonstrates that China is capable of complete and independent operation of large cruise ships, according to Liu Hui, general manager of CSSC Cruise Technology Development Co, Ltd.

In comparison to Adora Magic City, the new ship boasts a larger size, with a tonnage of over 140,000 tonnes, a length of



This photo taken on 26 May 2024 shows the cruise ship Adora Magic City docking at the Shanghai Wusongkou International Cruise Terminal in east China's Shanghai. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

341 meters, a width of 37.2 metres, and features 2,144 cabins. Two sets of desulfurization systems and five sets of selective catalytic reduction equipment will be added, making the entire ship more environmentally friendly.

Also compared with Adora Magic City, the area of public spaces, and for outdoor activities and leisure has increased by 735 square metres and 1,913 square metres, respectively, to 25,599 square metres and 14,272 square metres, further improv-

ing the comfort and experience of passengers.

Although the ship is larger, the construction speed has been accelerated thanks to a series of scientific research achievements, management experience and methods. — Xinhua

### SUMMARIES: ECON

#### Vietnam earns US\$725 mln from exporting tra fish in 5 months

VIETNAM earned an estimated US\$725 million from shipping tra fish overseas during the first five months of 2024, up two per cent year-on-year, Vietnam News Agency reported Monday, citing the General Department of Vietnam Customs. The country's tra fish export has roared back to growth after a significant drop recorded earlier this year as countries have scaled up their imports, the agency cited insiders.

The United States remained the largest buyer, followed by China, Europe, and several South American markets, according to the Vietnam Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers. — Xinhua

#### Singapore records 10.5% service industry growth in Q1

SINGAPORE'S business receipts index for the service industries increased 10.5 per cent year-on-year in the first quarter this year, the Department of Statistics said Monday. The revenue of recreation and personal services grew 25.9 per cent year-on-year in the first three months, supported by higher earnings of firms in the gaming and attractions segments.

The information and communications industry reported a year-on-year increase of 24.9 per cent in revenue. Meanwhile, the administrative and support services saw a marginal decline of 0.1 per cent, with rental and leasing activities recording lower turnover. — Xinhua

## China-Japan-South Korea business summit pledges efforts to promote cooperation

MORE than 200 participants of the 8<sup>th</sup> China-Japan-South Korea Business Summit here on Monday hailed the resumption of trilateral economic and trade cooperation with fresh impetus injected after a hiatus of more than four years, pledging efforts to promote the cooperation between business communities.

The business figures from China, Japan and South Korea gathered on the sidelines of the 9<sup>th</sup> trilateral leaders' meeting held here on Sunday and Monday after a halt due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The last leaders' meeting was held in December 2019 in China's southwestern city of Chengdu.

Business communities in the three neighbouring countries hailed the convening of the trilateral leaders' meeting and its outcomes, voiced support for trilateral economic coop-

eration, and pledged efforts towards closer cooperation in facilitating digital transition, stimulating trade, stabilizing supply chains, green transition, responses to population ageing, and healthcare, among other areas. Guest speakers from China, Japan and South Korea at the summit shared their insight into economic revitalization and sustainable development amid the changes in regional and international situations, highlighting population ageing as a common socioeconomic challenge for the three nations demanding cooperation of the business communities in a proactive response.

As the three countries are all manufacturing powerhouses, some speakers called for collaboration in seeking solutions to the many common problems related to reducing

carbon emissions, expecting cooperation in various fields including developing low-carbon technology to yield greater result.

Noting growing uncertainties in the global economic environment, a joint statement signed at the summit announced the establishment of a working group for a joint trilateral response and preemptive coordination on trade issues, in hopes that the business summit and the working group will serve as both catalyst and platform for cooperation.

The business summit is jointly sponsored by Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCCI), China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) and Japan Business Federation, better known as Keidanren. — Xinhua

# European, Asian stocks rise as traders eye US inflation

ASIAN and European stock markets rose Monday in holiday-thinned trading, with investors awaiting fresh US and European inflation data for more clarity on the outlook for interest rates.

Sentiment took a blow last week after Federal Reserve officials warned they wanted more evidence that prices were being brought under control, fuelling worries they might not cut interest rates this year.

That was compounded by figures suggesting the world's number one economy remained strong, despite borrowing costs being kept at two-decade highs.

But Wall Street's

broad-based S&P 500 index and the tech-heavy Nasdaq both benefited Friday from figures showing one-year expectations for prices edged down slightly, while consumer sentiment picked up.

The positivity followed through to Asia on Monday, which was also boosted by news that profits at China's industrial companies rose in April, having dropped the month before.

Hong Kong, Tokyo, Shanghai, Sydney, Seoul, Mumbai, Singapore, Bangkok and Taipei all rose, though there were some losses in Jakarta, Manila and Wellington.

Paris, Frankfurt and Milan advanced at midday

despite a survey showing German business sentiment stagnated in May after months of improvement, denting hopes that Europe's biggest economy is on course for a strong recovery.

London was closed for a holiday. Wall Street is also closed on Monday.

"Markets continue to consolidate while global investors remain discerning on signs of US economic health and Fed's plausible monetary path," said Edward Ng, of Nikko Asset Management.

Focus is now turning to the release of the US personal consumption expenditures (PCE) index, which is the Fed's pre-



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange during morning trading on 24 May 2024 in New York City. PHOTO: MICHAEL M SANTIAGO/GETTY IMAGES/AFP

ferred gauge of inflation. "Investors will look to US PCE print this Friday as a potential signpost for

further market directions," Ng added. The reading comes after the consumer price

index edged down in April, having come in above forecasts for each of the previous three months. — AFP

## Cambodia calls on entrepreneurs to use e-commerce platform to meet global market

CAMBODIA on Monday called on entrepreneurs to use e-commerce platform like China's Alibaba to sell their products to the international market.

Speaking at a seminar on "Beyond borders: bringing Cambodian products to the global market through Alibaba.com," Cambodian Minister of Commerce Cham Nimul said his ministry and the Alibaba Group inked a Memorandum of Understanding to directly sell Cambodian products on the Alibaba e-commerce platform in October 2023.

"To date, about 10 Cambodian enterprises have put up their products such as peppercorns, mango jam and bird nest for sale on the e-commerce platform," she told some 320 participants. "I'd like to encourage small and medium-sized enterprises to market their products on the platform in order

to help boost the exports of Cambodian products to China and the global market," she added. Nimul said Cambodia will launch a national pavilion on the Alibaba.com in September on the sidelines of the 21<sup>st</sup> China-ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Expo. The minister highlighted that under the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement and the Cambodia-China Free Trade Agreement, Cambodia is able to export its products to the fellow RCEP members and China with preferential tariffs.

Cambodia exported products worth US\$8 billion in the first four months of 2024, up 15.2 per cent from 6.94 billion dollars over the same period last year, according to the General Department of Customs and Excise's report. — Xinhua

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Myanma Port Authority

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# ROLLING UPDATES: WORLD

## China, S Korea building up momentum to grow ties, bolster cooperation

IN fresh exchanges between their leaders, China and South Korea reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing mutual trust and expanding cooperation, a solid move to stabilize bilateral relations and ensure good neighbourliness after years of twists and turns in bilateral ties.

Chinese Premier Li Qiang on Sunday held separate meetings with South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol and Samsung Electronics Chairman Lee Jae-yong in Seoul prior to Monday's ninth Trilateral Summit Meeting among China, Japan and South Korea.

The widely-anticipated meeting is believed to be an effective gathering to strengthen trilateral cooperation after the mechanism witnessed a hiatus of about four and a half years.

China and South Korea have made substantial progress in growing their relations



South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol (3<sup>rd</sup>-L) speaks with Chinese Premier Li Qiang (2<sup>nd</sup>-R) during a meeting at the Presidential Office in Seoul on 26 May 2024. **PHOTO: AHN YOUNG-JOON / POOL / AFP**

over the past more than three decades, but shifts in South Korea's foreign policy and ge-

opolitical tensions, among other factors, have brought their relationship into headwinds.

"The bilateral meeting between leaders of the two countries on the occasion of the tri-

lateral meeting will help push China-South Korea relations back on track of stable development," said Dong Xiangrong, senior fellow at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

During Li's meetings with Yoon and Lee, both sides depicted economic and trade cooperation as the "ballast of China-South Korea relations".

Describing the industrial and supply chains of China and South Korea as deeply intertwined, Li warned against turning economic and trade issues into political or security issues.

Maintaining stable and smooth industrial and supply chains of the two countries serves their own interests. In the semiconductor sector, for instance, despite pressures from the United States, China's industrial chain continues to benefit South Korean companies including Samsung. — Xinhua

### ROUNDUPS : WORLD

#### PNG authorities confirm over 2,000 buried alive in landslide

THE Papua New Guinea (PNG) National Disaster Centre (NDC) has confirmed that more than 2,000 people were buried alive after a massive landslide disaster occurred on Friday in Enga Province.

Chief of Mission for the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in the Pacific island country Serhan Aktoprak told Xinhua that the United Nations (UN) migration agency received the statement on Monday.

According to the statement issued by the centre's acting director Lusete Laso Mana, the disaster also caused major destruction to buildings and food gardens, as well as led to a major impact on the economic lifeline of PNG. — Xinhua

#### 15 people killed as storms hit southern US states

AT least 15 people have died in the southern US states of Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Kentucky after powerful storms and tornados hit the region.

In Texas, the storm destroyed a roadside travel stop and a community of mobile homes in Cooke County. Texas Governor Greg Abbot said at a press briefing on Sunday that seven people were killed and more than 100 others injured.

Over 200 homes and other buildings were destroyed, and another 120 structures were damaged, he added. — Xinhua

## Gaza officials say 40 killed as Israeli strikes set tents ablaze

GAZA'S civil defence agency said Monday that the death toll had risen to 40 from overnight Israeli strikes that set ablaze tents of displaced Palestinians in Rafah, an attack that sparked condemnation across the Arab world.

Israel's army said the air strikes late Sunday, hours after a rocket attack had targeted Tel Aviv, had killed two senior Hamas operatives, and that it was investigating the reports of civilians killed in a fire.

The Israeli attack sparked strong protests from Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait and from Qatar which warned it could "hinder" budding steps to revive stalled truce and hostage release talks in the Israel-Hamas war raging since 7 October.

Gaza's civil defence agency said Monday that many bodies were "charred" after the strikes triggered a fire that ripped through a displacement centre

in northwest Rafah.

"The massacre committed by the Israeli occupation army in the refugee tents northwest of Rafah city in the southern Gaza Strip has left 40 martyrs and 65 wounded," said agency official Mohammad al-Mughayyir.

"We saw charred bodies and dismembered limbs ... We

also saw cases of amputations, wounded children, women and the elderly."

Footage released by the Palestinian Red Crescent Society showed chaotic night-time scenes of paramedics in ambulances racing to the fiery attack site and evacuating the wounded, including children. — AFP



Palestinians gather at the site of an Israeli strike on a camp for internally displaced people in Rafah on 27 May 2024, amid ongoing battles between Israel and the Palestinian Hamas militant group. **PHOTO: AFP**

# SPORTS

## Myanmar to play against Indonesia in ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup 2024 opener

MYANMAR will play against Indonesia at the opener of the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup 2024, as the ASEAN Football Federation has released the fixtures for group matches of the tournament.

The final stage of the cup will comprise two groups of five teams each. Group A consists of defending champions Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Cambodia and the qualified team from the play-off match. Group B comprises Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines, Myanmar and Laos.

According to the fixtures, Myanmar has to play with Indonesia and Laos at home and

the Philippines and Vietnam at away.

The matches of Cambodia versus Malaysia and the qualified team from the play-off match versus Thailand will be held on 23 November. Likewise, matches of Myanmar versus Indonesia and Laos versus Vietnam will take place on 24 November.

On 26 November, Malaysia will meet with the qualified team from the play-off match, whereas Singapore will face Cambodia. Indonesia will take on Laos, while Myanmar will fight against the Philippines on 27 November.

On 29 November, the qualified team from the play-off match



Myanmar players are trying to score a goal into the net of Laos in the 2022 football tournament.

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will compete with Singapore as well, and Thailand will play with Malaysia. Furthermore, a match between Laos and the Philippines and one more match between Vietnam and Indonesia will be held on 30 November.

Similarly, Singapore has to meet with Thailand, whereas Cambodia will take on the

qualified team from the play-off match on 2 December.

On 3 December, the Philippines will encounter Vietnam and Myanmar will play with Laos. On 6 December, Thailand will face Cambodia, while Malaysia will meet with Singapore. The last matches, Vietnam versus Myanmar and Indonesia

versus the Philippines, will take place on 7 December.

Semifinals and finals will be held in the home and away system. The first leg of the semifinals will take place on 10 and 11 December, and the second leg on 13 and 14 December. The finals will be held on 17 and 21 December. — Ko Nyi Lay/TTA

## Southampton beat Leeds in play-off final to return to Premier League

SOUTHAMPTON returned to the Premier League just a year after suffering relegation from the top flight with a 1-0 win over Leeds United in the Championship (second division) play-off final on Sunday.

Adam Armstrong's 24<sup>th</sup>-minute goal was enough to send the "Saints" back to the elite over Leeds, who also suffered relegation a year ago.

Southampton join Leicester City and Ipswich Town in returning to the Premier League after they finished first and second in the regular season,

The defeat was harsh on Leeds, who finished third in the Championship table

with 90 points to Southampton's 87, but Southampton fans will point to the fact that they won both of their league ties against Leeds, beating them 3-1 at home and winning 2-1 in Leeds' Elland Road ground on the last day of the regular campaign.

The task that now awaits Leicester, Ipswich and Southampton is establishing themselves back in the Premier League. This has become increasingly difficult in recent campaigns and the fact that the three promoted teams last season (Burnley, Sheffield United and Luton Town) have all gone straight back down, shows the difficulties that lie ahead. — Xinhua

Southampton's English striker (9) Adam Armstrong shoots to score the opening goal of the English Championship play-off final football match between Leeds United and Southampton at Wembley Stadium in London on 26 May 2024. PHOTO: ADRIAN DENNIS / AFP



## Para athletics icon Yamamoto aims to develop world-class talent

JAPANESE para athletics icon Atsushi Yamamoto said Monday he wants to develop world-class athletes after calling time on his 22-year competitive career.

Yamamoto, who has a prosthetic leg, earned a pair of silver medals in the long jump while making four Summer Paralympic appearances between 2008 and 2021. He also became a Winter Olympian in 2018 when he snowboarded in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

"I've wanted to show people how much I can do with this leg," the 42-year-old said during his retirement press conference in Kobe while sharing plans to coach young athletes.

"I want to develop athletes who can compete on the world stage."

Yamamoto lost his left leg in a traffic accident when he was in high school. He decided to call it a career after finishing fifth in the long jump at the World Para Athletics Championships that ended last week-

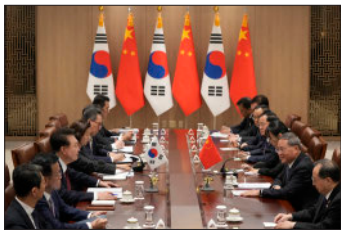


Japan's para long jumper Atsushi Yamamoto attends a press conference in Kobe, western Japan, on 27 May 2024, a day after announcing his retirement from competition. Yamamoto won silver at the 2008 Beijing and 2016 Rio Paralympics. PHOTO: KYODO

end. "Athletics has been my hobby to make my life enjoyable. I had a very good athletics career, supported by various people," Yamamoto said. — Kyodo

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(L-R) Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, South Korea's President Yoon Suk Yeol, and China's Premier Li Qiang attend a joint news conference following their trilateral summit meeting in Seoul on 27 May 2024. **PHOTO: KIM HONG-JI / POOL / AFP**

## Chinese premier urges China, Japan, S Korea to stick to original aspiration of cooperation

CHINESE Premier Li Qiang said here on Monday that China, Japan and South Korea should stay committed to the original aspiration for cooperation and make joint efforts to resume and accelerate China-Japan-South Korea cooperation so as to make

greater contributions to regional prosperity and stability.

Li made the remarks at the ninth Trilateral Summit Meeting among China, Japan and South Korea.

As this year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the China-Ja-

pan-South Korea trilateral cooperation mechanism, Li said that at this new starting point, China, Japan and South Korea should stay committed to the original aspiration for cooperation and uphold openness, inclusiveness, mutual respect and trust, mutu-

smoothness of the industrial chain and supply chain, and resume and complete the negotiations of the China-Japan-South Korea free trade agreement as soon as possible.

The third is to lead scientific and technological innova-

al benefit and mutual learning.

He said that the three sides should upgrade and speed up China-Japan-South Korea cooperation, embark on a new journey of comprehensive development, and contribute more to regional prosperity and stability.

Li put forward a five-point proposal on deepening China-Japan-South Korea cooperation. The first is to promote the comprehensive restart of cooperation, respect each other's core interests and major concerns, fully tap the potential for cooperation, steadily facilitate growth, and foster positive interplay between bilateral relations and trilateral cooperation.

The second is to deepen economic and trade connectivity, maintain the stability and

tion cooperation and strengthen collaborative innovation and cooperation in frontier fields. China will establish a China-Japan-South Korea Innovation Cooperation Centre in China to help the three countries accelerate the cultivation of new growth drivers.

The fourth is to boost cultural and people-to-people exchanges and take the opportunity of the China-Japan-South Korea 2025-2026 Year of Cultural Exchange to bring closer the hearts of the three neighbours.

The fifth is to strive to promote sustainable development, strengthen exchanges and cooperation in the fields of low-carbon transformation, climate change, aging population, and epidemic response, among others, and explore and carry out more "China-Japan-South Korea + X" cooperation projects.

Li pointed out that the current situation on the Korean Peninsula remains tense. All parties should play a constructive role by staying committed to easing tensions, restarting dialogue as soon as possible, and advancing the political settlement process of the Korean Peninsula issue, so as to safeguard peace and stability in the region. —Xinhua

## N Korea informs Japan it will launch satellite before

**N**ORTH Korea has notified Japan of a plan to launch a satellite-carrying rocket before 4 June, the Japanese government announced Monday, putting the region on high alert over the possible use of ballistic missile technology.

The notice, which came ahead of a trilateral summit between Japan, China and South Korea in Seoul on Monday, designated three maritime danger zones believed to be the areas where rocket debris may fall — two west of the Korean Peninsula and the other to the east of the Philippines' island of Luzon, the Japan Coast Guard said.

In reaction to the notification, officials from Japan, the United States and South Korea confirmed during phone talks that they will urge North Korea to cancel the plan as any launch of a projectile using ballistic missile technology con-

stitutes a violation of UN resolutions, according to the Japanese Foreign Ministry.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, who is currently in South Korea for the summit involving the East Asian leaders, told relevant ministries and agencies early Monday to make maximum efforts to gather and analyze information about the possible satellite launch.

On Sunday, Kishida and his South Korean counterpart President Yoon Suk Yeol agreed to work together in addressing Pyongyang's nuclear and missile threats during bilateral talks in the South Korean capital.

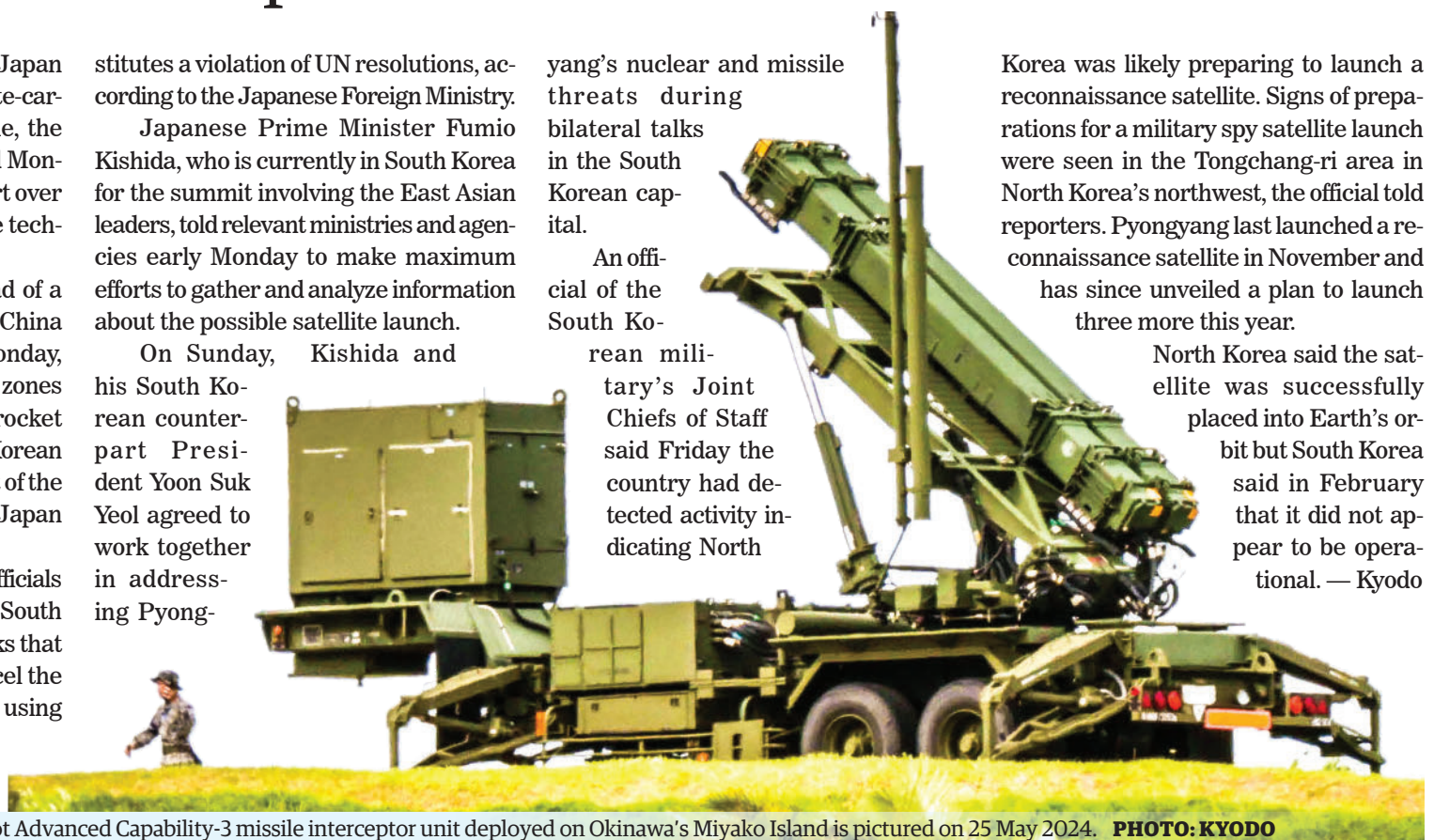
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itary's Joint Chiefs of Staff said Friday the country had detected activity indicating North

Korea was likely preparing to launch a reconnaissance satellite. Signs of preparations for a military spy satellite launch were seen in the Tongchang-ri area in North Korea's northwest, the official told reporters. Pyongyang last launched a reconnaissance satellite in November and has since unveiled a plan to launch three more this year.

North Korea said the satellite was successfully placed into Earth's orbit but South Korea said in February that it did not appear to be operational. — Kyodo



A Japan Air Self-Defence Force Patriot Advanced Capability-3 missile interceptor unit deployed on Okinawa's Miyako Island is pictured on 25 May 2024. **PHOTO: KYODO**