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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds videoconference talks with Cambodian Senate President Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen.

Myanmar reaffirms commitment to implementing Five-Point Roadmap

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and President of Senate of Cambodia Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen held a videoconference yesterday.

THE State Administration Council has adopted a firm pledge to continue implementing the Five-Point Roadmap, said Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General

Min Aung Hlaing held talks with Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, President of the Senate of Cambodia, through videoconferencing yesterday morning.

Before the talks, the Senior General and the President of the Senate of Cam-

bodia extended greetings.

At the talks, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen cordially discussed preparation to successfully hold an election in Myanmar in accord with the Constitution (2008).

They highlighted Cambodia's efforts in taking Myanmar measures in ASEAN and its willingness to share experiences of Cambodia's election.

Moreover, they recounted the fostering of good relations between Myanmar and Cambodia, the aid of Cambodia to Myanmar, which faced the outbreak of COVID-19 and the impacts of severe cyclonic storm Mocha. Both sides frankly talked about the participation of Myanmar in ASEAN with a constructive attitude and necessary preparations, including the plan to enumerate the population and housing census in order to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election.

Also present at the virtual talks were SAC Joint Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe and officials. — MNA/TTA

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CBM sells 2.5M yuan for exporters, importers on 7 May

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold 2.5 million yuan for exporters and importers on 7 May through online trading platforms.

CBM also sold five million yuan and 30 million Thai baht for them on 2 May.

CBM injected US\$3 million, two million yuan and 54 million Thai baht into the financial market in April. It also sold \$18 million, 12 million yuan and 312 million Thai baht in March, \$77.38 million and 850 million Thai baht in February and \$68.33 million, 313.5 million Thai baht and 4.2 million yuan in January 2024, with a view to controlling the volatile exchange rate and stopping the currency devaluation.

According to CBM's notification on 15 March, it has been joining hands with law enforcement agen-

cies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. The reference exchange rate set by CBM is K2,100 against a US dollar, while it peaked at some K3,960 at the over-the-counter market at present. The exchange rates currently stand at K107 for a Thai baht and K540 for a yuan.

CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023.

Additionally, the outward remittance procedures must adhere to the rules and regulations stipulated by the Foreign Exchange Supervisory Committee. — NN/EM

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Transfer and appointment of Head of Service Organization

THE State Administration Council has transferred and appointed U Aung Kyaw Moe, Ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, as Director-General of the office of the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs from the date he assumes charge of his duties.



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World Red Cross Day

"လူသားချင်းစာနာမှု အစဉ်ရှင်သန်ရေး
ဝိုင်းဝန်းကြိုးပမ်းဆောင်ရွက်ပေး"
"Keeping Humanity Alive"

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Myanmar youths invited to ASEAN-ROK Film Workshop in Laos

THE international relations committee of the Myanmar Motion Picture Organization has announced that Myanmar youths are invited to participate in a shooting course and workshop organized by the Korea-Busan Film Commission and the Asian Film Commission Network.

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.

Eligibility for participation is restricted to youths born between 2000 and 2005. Each country will have the opportunity to send two young participants, with representation not only from the ASEAN ten countries but also from Korea.

Myanmar youths interested in attending the course and workshop can apply by contacting the Motion Picture Development Division under the Ministry of Information directly or through the international relations committee of the Myanmar Motion Picture Organization by 20 May. — ASH/TRKM



The photo shows training workshop for the FLY project from the previous year.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Statement

7 May 2024

1. Those wishing to establish political parties submit applications with the title of their parties to the Union Election Commission and, so far, 15 groups have submitted applications for the establishment of political parties. The commission allowed 12 political parties among applicants, but one of them was rejected.
2. According to the verification and replies of relevant ministries over the applications of the two remaining applicants, it was found that the application of the Democracy Party is not in conformity with provisions of Section 4 of the Political Parties Registration Law. Hence, the UEC hereby announced that the commission turned down its application in accordance with Form (C) of the Rules of Political Parties Registration and continues verification of the application of the remaining group for the establishment of a political party.

Union Election Commission

Rehabilitation materials despatched to Rakhine State



Rehabilitation items are arranged onboard the vessel to transport them to Sittway.

UNDER the guidance of the National Disaster Management Committee and the Transport and Communication Committee, various rehabilitation materials have been despatched to support recovery efforts in Rakhine State. A total of 1,504.43 tonnes of

food, goods, oil, health aids, construction materials, furniture, and wood-alternative fuels were transported to Sittway by cargo ships from The Myanmar Terminal (TMT).

Additionally, 67,741.92 tonnes of rehabilitation materials, along with 249,762

gallons of diesel and 199,886 gallons of octane, have been sent to Sittway Township in Rakhine State using 46 cargo ships, including vessels from Tatmadaw. This despatch began on 16 May 2023 and continues to date. — MNA/TRKM

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

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Anti-corruption awareness seminar held in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Anti-Corruption Commission and the Ministry of Home Affairs jointly organized an awareness seminar on anti-corruption in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

State Administration Council Member Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae first said that corruption hinders the all-round development of the country and it should conduct awareness campaigns to create a truthful community that is against corruption.

He then appreciated the efforts of the Anti-Corruption Commission in conducting awareness campaigns for gov-

ernment employees. He called on the staff to avoid corruption in serving duties for the interests of the public.

Commission Chair U Sitt Aye said the commission is taking the anti-corruption measures as national tasks with three main sectors: education, prevention, and investigation.

He also highlighted the excellent points of holding such an awareness seminar for the staff.

Attendees then coordinated the discussion, and commission member U Kyaw Soe Lin led the talks with the Corruption Prevention Unit (CPU). — MNA/KTZH



SAC Member MoHA Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae poses for the group documentary photo at yesterday's seminar in Nay Pyi Taw.

2024 ISR Volleyball Tournament commences



SAC members and dignitaries greet the athletes at the opening of the 2024 Inter-State/Region Volleyball Tourney yesterday.

MEMBERS of the State Administration Council, together with the Chairman of the Union Election Commission and union ministers, attended the ceremony to open the 2024 Inter-State/Region Volleyball Tournament at Wunna Theikdi Gymnasium C in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

On the occasion, Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Min Thein Zan delivered a speech, saying that the tournament aims to create a new generation of athletes to

improve the standard of volleyball sports.

He urged all athletes to have sports talent and contribute to the improvement of qualification of their partner athletes. All athletes have to play the tournament with fairness based on esprit de corps, he noted.

Moreover, the Union minister stressed the need for referees and umpires to handle the matches in accord with the rules of competition and disciplines. He urged all athletes to try hard to be able to bring prestige to

the State.

The Union minister launched the competition and cordially greeted athletes from relevant teams and officials.

THE SAC members and spectators watched the competition between the Nay Pyi Taw team and the Yangon Region team.

The 2024 ISR Volleyball Tournament will take place from 7 to 16 May, with the participation of 399 athletes from 13 men's and 12 women's teams. — MNA/TTA

DPM MoFA Union Minister receives Chinese Ambassador

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe received Mr Chen Hai, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar, yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they cordially exchanged views on

further enhancement of the existing Pauk-Phaw relations, the maintenance of peace and stability along the border between Myanmar and China, and Myanmar-China bilateral relations, accelerating the mutually beneficial cooperation and closer collaboration in both regional and international arena. — MNA



Chinese Ambassador Mr Chen Hai calls on Deputy Prime Minister Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Than Swe yesterday.

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SAC member inspects rehabilitation processes in Hsihseng

STATE Administration Council Member Khun San Lwin inspected the rehabilitation processes in Hsihseng, Pa-O Self-Administered Zone yesterday.

During the inspection tour of the staff housing of Urban and Housing Development, he instructed the staff to choose the proper locations to reopen the school temporarily, cooperate with relevant departments, and conduct awareness to send the children to school and security-related matters.

He then inspected the water tank in the Aung San Pyae Lwal Mway pagoda compound, Hsihseng Myoma Market cleaning activities, electricity wires



SAC Member Khun San Lwin and officials are pictured during their inspection tours in Hsihseng yesterday.

maintenance, Hsihseng Zawana Yama monastery, water distribution with solar system and cleaning activities at the basic high school.

He also proceeded to the township general hospital and paid homage to Zawana Yama Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kovida.

He then met township departmental officials at Jotika Yama monastery in Parlaw-parkal village-tract of Saing-khaung town and made proper instructions.

Then, he met PNO Patron Aung Kham Hti in Htilone ward of Kyauktaloneygi township. — Maung Maung Than (Taunggyi)/KTZH

MoFA Deputy Minister receives ICRC Resident Representative



ICRC Resident Representative Ms Elena Ajmone Sessera calls on Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Lwin Oo yesterday.

DEPUTY Minister for Foreign Affairs U Lwin Oo received Ms Elena Ajmone Sessera, Resident Representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on ICRC's

activities and measures to provide humanitarian assistance more effectively in Myanmar.

Also present at the meeting were senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mr Christophe Ami Leon Taramarcaz, Deputy Resident Representative of ICRC. — MNA

Counter-argument to false information

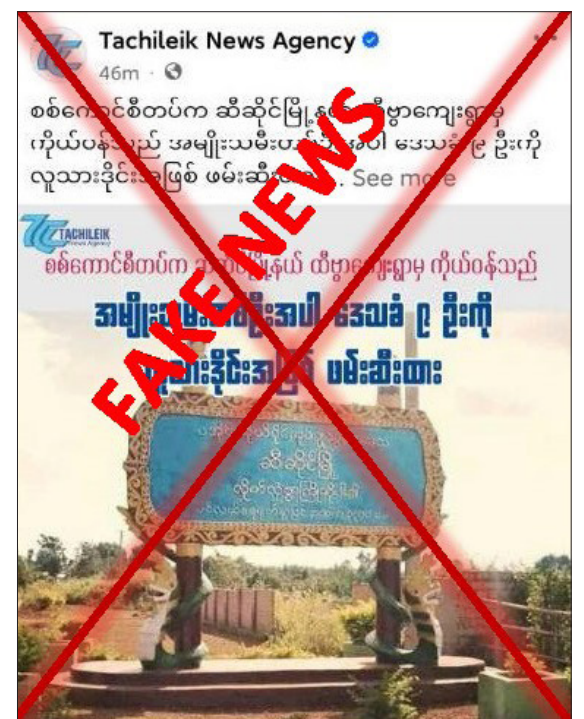
Malicious media alleges security forces use 9 locals as human shields in Hsihseng

MALICIOUS media outlets fabricated misinformation, claiming that the security forces detain nine locals including one pregnant woman as human shields in Htivwa village, Hsihseng Township of Shan State (South) on 6 April, and they have not been released to date.

According to the security official, the media just spread such false information to mislead people about the security forces and discredit them.

Similarly, the media also spread fake news about the gathering of three people per village to serve in the military in Jalae village-tract of Taunggyi, and K8 million must be paid if it fails to gather.

The PNLO, KNDF, and PDF terrorists commit destructive elements aiming at destroying the state stability and socioeconomic status of residents in Hopong and Hsihseng townships. The people strongly condemn them as they circulate misinformation via malicious media outlets. — MNA/KTZH



The screenshot validates misinformation.

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59th Myanmar Gems Emporium: 546 jade lots sold on Day 5

THE fifth day of the 59th Myanmar Gems Emporium continued at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw, bustling with local and foreign merchants.

Throughout the day, merchants freely inspected the displayed gem lots at designated locations.

A total of 4,550 jade lots are being sold through the open tender system, with 950 jade lots already sold to local and foreign merchants. Of these, 546 were sold out yesterday.

Officials of the emporium will announce the sold jade lots at 8 am on 8 May after inspecting the proposed prices of the 950 jade lots

to be sold on the sixth day.

Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi, who is also the patron of the Myanmar Gems Emporium, attended the event to support tender inspections.

The 59th Myanmar Gems Emporium will continue until 12 May, featuring the remaining jade lots. — MNA/TRKM

Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi supports the tender inspection process at the emporium yesterday.



Information Work Committee discusses resettlement of IDPs



Deputy Minister U Ye Tint chairs the coordination meeting of the IDP resettlement information work committee yesterday.

A coordinating meeting of the Information Work Committee on the resettlement of the internally displaced persons (IDPs) and eradication of the temporary camps 1/2024 was conducted yesterday morning in the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw.

Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Tint, departmental personnel, and members of the Information Work Committee on resettlement of the IDPs attended the meeting.

During the meeting, Deputy Minister U Ye Tint addressed the issue of temporary displacement due to terrorist acts, highlighting the difficulties faced by internally displaced persons (IDPs) in education, healthcare,

social services, economy, and access to food and shelter. He mentioned that the state government is actively working to restore normalcy and peace in affected areas, providing necessary assistance for the livelihoods of IDPs.

However, he stressed that this assistance is temporary and IDPs should return home when conditions permit. The state government is also facilitating resettlement efforts and urging IDPs to return home at the appropriate time.

Following this, the secretary of the information work committee presented the committee's activities, plans, and proposals to the national-level committee.

Representatives from various departments, including Myanma Radio and Television, Information and Public Relations Department, the Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Border Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Ministry of Immigration and Population, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, and Ministry of Ethnic Affairs, discussed pertinent issues in their respective sectors. Deputy Minister U Ye Tint made the concluding remark. — MNA/TMT

Myanmar ambassador, Kuwait Fund Director meet to discuss bilateral cooperation

MYANMAR'S ambassador to Kuwait, U Chan Aye, and the acting director-general of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED), Mr Waleed Sh Al-Bahar, held discussions on the prospects of bilateral cooperation at the KFAED head office on 5 May, as reported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The KFAED is an organization that offers technical assistance and aid to alleviate poverty in developing countries. — ASH/NT



Myanmar's Ambassador to Kuwait U Chan Aye and KFAED acting director-general Mr Waleed Sh Al-Bahar meet to enhance bilateral cooperation on 5 May 2024.

Statement

MYANMA Post, under the Ministry of Transport and Communications, makes efforts to develop libraries across the nation and raise the reading rate of the public. Therefore, it is announced that those who want to donate books to community centres (libraries) established by the Ministry of Information can send books to the libraries free of charge by Myanma Post.

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Road safety, solar systems on traffic lights, CCTV and telematics on YBS buses prioritized



The photo shows some YBS buses in downtown Yangon.

AT the coordinating meeting of the Road Safety Council and Sub-Committees on 3 May, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, who also serves as the Chairman of the Road Safety Council, emphasized several key measures.

Priority will be given to install-

ing solar systems on traffic lights across Yangon Region. Additionally, all YBS bus lines must be equipped with CCTV and telematics systems.

The chief minister also stressed the importance of testing the road-worthiness of YBS vehicles, erecting signposts, ensuring that the Road

Transport Administration Department issues driving licences only to skilled drivers, enforcing traffic rules for motorbikes and tricycles now that the education period has ended, and educating pedestrians on the use of pedestrian overpasses. — TWA/MKKS



The previous edition of the donation ceremony for Sanghas is seen on Full Moon Day of Kason in 1384 ME.

10,272 monks to receive offerings in Mandalay

A total of 10,272 monks will receive alms donations, including rice, foodstuffs and utensils at Laypyin Quarter, Mandalay, on Kason Full Moon Day (22 May), as stated by the Mandalay Region government.

To commemorate the arrival of the Buddhist year 2567 to 2568, the Mandalay Region government and well-wishers are holding this kind of donation ceremony with the aim of keeping the citizens safe.

They will donate various offerings to 10,272 monks in total, including 2,568 monks along 66th Street (east of the Mandalay Moat), another 2,568 monks along 26th Street (south of the Mandalay Moat), further 2,568 monks along 80th Street (west of the Mandalay Moat), 2,568 monks along 12th Street (north of the Mandalay Moat).

Devotees can donate in person, and if they want to participate in the donation, they can contact officials in advance by the end of May. — TWA/KZL

Lightning strikes claim 73 lives in 2023

REPORTS indicate that 73 people lost their lives and 27 sustained injuries across 67 lightning incidents nationwide last year.

In April and the first week of May alone, 32 lightning incidents resulted in 34 fatalities and nine injuries. The most recent tragedy occurred on 5 May in Taikkyi Township, Yangon Region, where two men were fatally struck by lightning while seeking shelter under a tree.

The nation has experienced a surge in lightning incidents over the past decade. Bago Region stands out as the most affected, with more than 150 fatalities recorded from 2011 to 2015.

According to experts, the majority of incidents occurred during the early monsoon months of April and May and the late monsoon period in October and November. Additionally, the hours between 12 pm and 6 pm experience the highest levels of lightning activity.

People are advised to seek shelter immediately upon spotting thunderstorms, avoid open plains and crowded areas, and, if caught in the open, crouch down on their knees and bend forward to minimize exposure to lightning strikes. — TWA/NT

MoCRD to subsidize cotton cultivation with over K19 bln

THE Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development has announced plans to subsidize over K19 billion for the cultivation of more than 96,000 acres of cotton during this financial year.

The subsidy, totalling K200,000 per acre, will be sourced from the National Economic Promotion Fund

and provided in the form of inputs such as seeds and fertilizers rather than as cash.

This assistance aims to support the expansion of cotton plantations across Nay Pyi Taw, Bago, Magway, and Mandalay regions. Currently, Myanmar has 500,000 acres of cotton under cultivation, yielding about 700

visses per acre.

The private sector operates 191 cotton ginning mills, while the Ministry of Industry oversees 16 such mills. Additionally, the Ministry owns 12 textile factories, two of which are leased to the private sector, alongside nine other privately-owned textile factories. — TWA/MKKS



The photo shows some cotton fields in Myanmar.

The photo shows a grower cultivating cotton in the cotton field.

MFVP ensures organic integrity through inspection



MFVP's activities are seen from their web page.

MYANMAR Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producers and Exporters Association (MFVP) grants organic certification to successful farm owners who adhere to organic regulations.

MFVP assures the produce from those three farms is certified organic after the inspection of the MFVP Organic Affair Committee, according to the handover ceremony of the organic certificate held on 2 May 2024.

Those farms are Yatawmyaing farm in PyinOoLwin for macadamia, papaya, strawberry

and vegetable cultivation, betel leaf farm owned by U Win Nyunt from the Nyaungdon area and Orchard farm from Maubin area for paddy cultivation.

The organic certificate is valid for one year, and it can be extended after the yearly inspection. Therefore, MFVP ensures organic integrity and food safety for the consumers that produce from those farms can be trusted and certified organic.

Consumers can also check the lists of MFVP's recognized organic farms on its website. — NN/EM

Myanmar's manufacturing sector attracts whole FDI of US\$40M in April

FOREIGN direct investments of more than US\$39.6 million were pumped into Myanmar's manufacturing sector from eight enterprises in the first month of the current financial year 2024-2025 (April-March), as per the statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

The manufacturing sector drew 100 per cent of foreign investments flowing into the country in April. Chinese companies primarily made investments in the manufacturing sector with four projects, followed by Indonesia, India, Chinese Taipei and Singapore with each project.

The manufacturing enterprises that need a large labour force are prioritized to create job opportunities for the locals.

Myanmar's manufactur-

ing sector is concentrated mainly in garment and textiles produced on a Cutting, Making, and Packaging basis, and it contributes to the country's GDP to a certain extent.

Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) is committed to accelerating its effort to keep improving Myanmar's garment sector, joining hands with international brands and partners, as per the MGMA's statement on its commitment released on 25 August 2023.

The MGMA launched the Grievance Mechanism online at c.mgma-vlca.com, where workers from MGMA member factories can directly report their grievances, ensuring the confidentiality of the names and personal information of those who file complaints.

The MGMA has imple-

mented a Voluntary Labour Compliance Assessment (VLCA) since February 2020 to evaluate the compliance of the factories with national labour laws and international labour standards. In order to beef up the assessments and expand enrolment, the online version was launched in November 2022. More than 220 factories have accomplished the assessment so far, and over 100 are still under scrutiny.

There are 539 active factories operated under the MGMA as of April 2024, comprising 315 from China, 55 from South Korea, 18 from Japan, 16 from other countries, 62 domestic factories and 27 joint ventures. Fifty factories are temporarily closed for now, according to the MGMA's monthly Newsletter. — KK

Yangon Port Customs Dept to extend hours for container inspections



Asia World Port Terminal is seen with import and export containers.

THE Customs Department has announced that due to a large influx of containers at the ports in Yangon Region, they will be working overtime to ensure timely inspections.

In April, the relevant port authorities sent letters to the Customs Department highlighting the abundance of import containers from international vessels during

the long Thingyan Festival holiday.

Consequently, the department proposed assigning duties to its staff from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturdays to expedite the inspection of import containers.

According to the report, a total of 50 container vessels from 15 shipping lines arrived in April at the ports in Yangon Region. — ASH/TMT

Black cardamom required to seek GACC pact to penetrate China's market

IT is necessary to seek an agreement with the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China for common seed black cardamom to get a market share in China, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

The common seed black cardamom (HS Code 090832 0000), which is cultivated on about 700 acres in Nawgu village near Kampaiti town, Waingmaw Township, Kachin State, under the poppy substitution programme, is experiencing hurdles to be exported to China through the Kampaiti border. The Myanmar Embassy in Beijing, China, is connecting with the Animal and Plant Quarantine, Kunming Customs and Paung San provincial government office to sign a protocol.

The black cardamom might be considered herbal in China. Myanmar utilizes it as a spice. As it is cultivated under the poppy substitution programme, it is designated as a special

good and allowed to be exported to China via the Kampaiti border.

China's central government allowed the herbs and traditional medicine to be brought in only through the Shweli (Ruili) checkpoint. The terms and conditions regarding herbal import can be observed on http://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/byfEgj_tSagoJ_kiwIGCPA.

China's Customs responded to the Myanmar Embassy in Beijing that black cardamom is not included in the list of permitted goods for Myanmar, such as Chinese traditional medicine and spices. Therefore, Myanmar needs to proceed to protocol procedures to sign with the GACC.

Regarding trade development and import promotion, negotiations with the National Development and Reform Commission of China, the Ministry of Commerce, and the GACC must be undertaken. The official website of the GACC can be surfed for further information. — NN/EM

OPINION

Encourage the emergence of youths in Red Cross societies

THE Myanmar Red Cross Society has been a steadfast force in the country, providing protection and aid to all people, regardless of their religion or social status, in times of disaster such as floods, fires, storms, and earthquakes throughout its history.

The members of the Myanmar Red Cross Society are volunteers dedicated to serving the interests of all communities without discrimination. Their primary focus is on providing first aid and responding to emergencies such as earthquakes, conflicts, migration crises, and health epidemics to mitigate the impact of disasters, armed conflicts, and life-threatening situations. In its noble history, varieties of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies have sacrificed lives and limbs to rescue and save the lives of many people from natural disasters and manmade disasters.

In Myanmar society, the youth are always eager and ready to

lend a helping hand to those in need, showing high moral values and generosity. The Myanmar Red Cross Society actively participates in national-level disaster response and provides assistance during emergencies. It also conducts disease prevention measures, contributes to the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, raises health awareness through campaigns, and collaborates with international Red Cross societies and the ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance-AHA Centre.

This year's World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2024 carries the theme: "Keeping Humanity Alive". Today, it is important to encourage youth to participate more actively in Red Cross movements, aligning with international Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. Efforts should be made to instil the basic Red Cross spirit in primary education schools, fostering patriotism and a sense of national pride in honouring the State and its people.

In commemoration of World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2024, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement are providing a wide range of services to the most vulnerable people in various contexts. These services range from responding to needs in disaster and conflict situations to providing assistance in urban centres and hard-to-reach areas, as well as advocating on behalf of those in need.

In fact, the activities of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies are meritorious in easing tension and mitigating the burden of plights of the people suffering from a variety of disasters, armed conflicts, and unexpected catastrophes. As such, everybody needs to encourage those from Red Cross societies to accelerate their valuable activities as well as to give training to youths for the emergence of more volunteer Red Cross members across the nation.

INTRODUCTION

1. No educative process is ever the end. It is always the beginning of more education, more learning and more living. In other words, it is a life-long process. Knowledge is power. Ignorance of law or any other thing is no excuse. So, guided by these words of wisdom, I am still learning, in spite of my old age, which is only four years away from being at age ninety. In fact, I am an oldie with a step to the grave. But, believe me, I am still learning.

2. In this article, I would like to, once again, make a positive critical assessment, not from an academian's point of view but from a layman's point of view. This is my third humble and honest article in alphabetical order.

B. (Commencement)

Believe in, not to.
Don't say: We believe to God.
Say: We believe in God.
Note: To believe in means to have faith in. To believe (without the in) means to regard something as true: I believe everything he says.

Boast of or about, not for;
Don't say: James boasted for his strength.
Say: James boasted of (or

Common Mistakes in English

U Khin Maung (A retired diplomat)

about) his strength.

Careful of, with or about, not for.

Don't say: Elke's very careful for her health.
Say: Elke's very careful of/about her health.
Or You should be more careful with your money.
Note: Take care of it. He takes care of his money.

Travel by train, etc., not with the train, etc.

Don't say: He travelled with the train yesterday.

Say: He travelled by train yesterday.

Note: We say by train, by boat, by plane, by bike; also, by land, by sea, by air, by bus or on a bus; by car or in a car, by taxi or in a taxi, on horse-back, on a donkey, on a bicycle; on foot

Complain about, not for.

Don't say: Annette complained for the weather.
Say: Annette complained about the weather.
Note: When talking about illness, we complain. We say: She complained of a sore throat.

Composed of, not from.

Don't say: Our class is composed from thirty students.
Say: Our class is composed of thirty students.

Confidence in, not to.

Don't say: I have great confidence to you.
Say: I have great confidence in you.
Note: In confidence: Let me tell you something in confidence (= as a secret).

Conform to, not with.

Don't say: We must conform with the rules.

Say: We must conform to the rules.

Note: comply takes with: We'll comply with your request.

Congratulate on, not for.

Don't say: I congratulate you for your success.

Say: I congratulate you on your success.

Consist of, not from.

Don't say: A year consists from twelve months.

Say: A year consists of twelve months.

Note: Take great care never to use consists in the passive form.

Covered with, not by.

Don't say: The Mountains are covered by snow.

Say: The Mountains are covered with/in snow.

Cure of, not from.

Don't say: The man was cured from his illness.

Say: The man was cured of his illness.

Note: The noun cure takes for: There is no cure for that disease.

Depend on or upon, not from.

Don't say: It depends from her.

Say: It depends on (or upon)

her.

Note: Rely on or upon: I can't rely on (or upon) him.

Deprive of, not from.

Don't say: Nelson Mandela was deprived from his freedom.

Say: Nelson Mandela was deprived of his freedom.

Die of an illness, not from an illness.

Don't say: Many people have died from malaria.

Say: Many people have died of malaria.

Note: people die of illness, of hunger, of thirst, of or from wounds; from overwork; by violence, by the sword, by pestilence; in battle, for their country, for a cause; through neglect; on the scaffold; at the stake.

Different from, not than.

Don't say: My book is different than yours.

Say: My book is different from yours.

Reference:

(1) A book of essential quotations.

(2) Common mistakes in English (new edition)

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Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 7 May 2024)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the South Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 8 May 2024: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Region, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin, Southern and Eastern Shan and Chin states, scattered Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions and Northern Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin states and isolated in the remaining regions and states. Degree of certainty is 80%.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The Cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states. The area along the Cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 5-7 feet in off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of scattered to fairly widespread rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Shan, Chin, Kayah, Kayin and Mon states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 May 2024: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 May 2024: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 May 2024: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

China-EU green energy partnership drives sustainable development across borders

In the global drive towards a greener future, China assumes a pivotal role in facilitating the transition for both developed and developing nations, experts said.

AMID lush greenery, fragrant flowers, and the gentle murmur of grazing flocks of sheep lies an endless array of photovoltaic panels, creating a mesmerizing scene of sustainable energy production at the Francisco Pizarro photovoltaic (PV) plant in southwest Spain.

The Iberdrola group, a leading Spanish multinational electric utility company, inaugurated the

plant, Europe's largest, in 2022. With around 1.5 million solar panels imported from China, the plant's clean energy output is substantial, catering to the needs of 334,000 households and creating over 1,500 jobs.

As exemplified by the Spanish PV plant, China's rapid progress in the renewable energy sector has played a pivotal role in advancing the European Union's

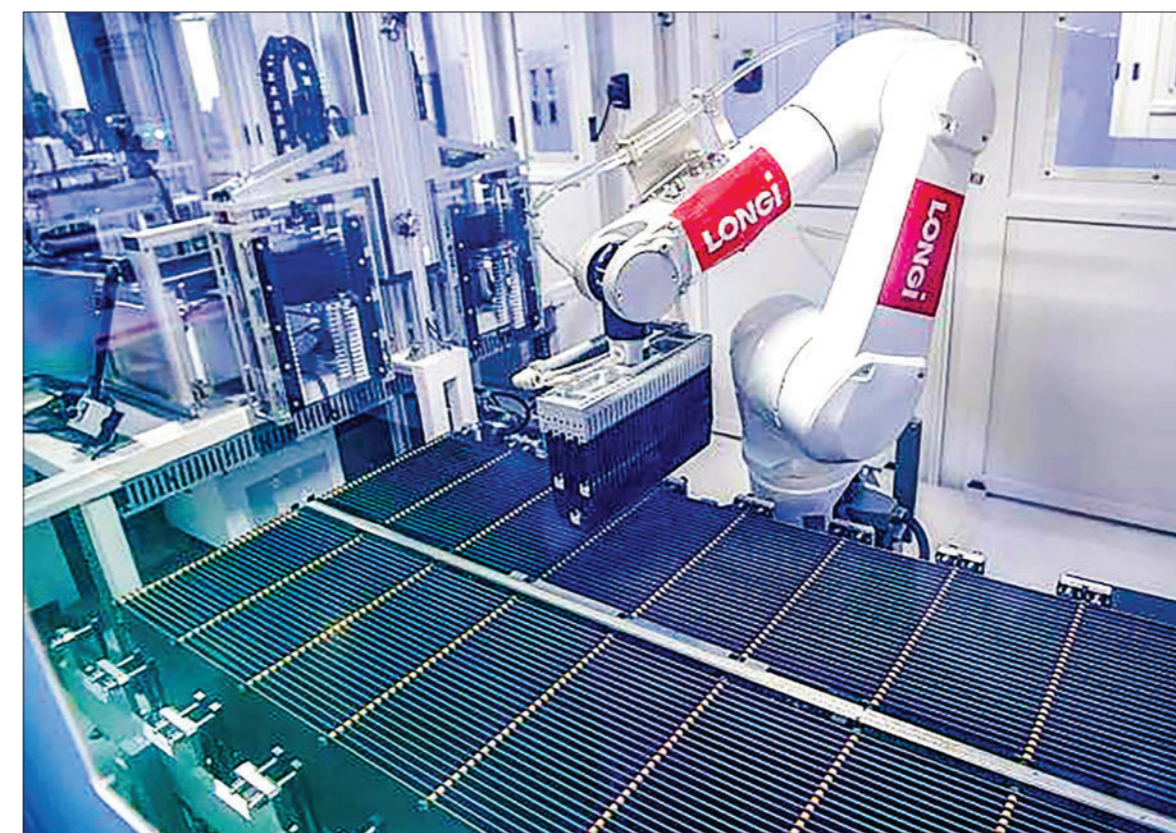
(EU) green transition.

Win-Win Green Cooperation

The European Green Deal, launched by the European Commission in 2019, targets net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. To achieve this, the EU has pledged to increase the binding renewable energy share to at least 42.5 per cent by 2030. How-

ever, with the current renewable energy share at approximately 23 per cent, innovation is urgently needed.

Walburga Hemetsberger, CEO of SolarPower Europe, an association for the European solar PV sector, has warned that Europe must ramp up its solar deployment to meet the necessary targets, while WindEurope, a major wind energy association,



This photo taken on 25 March 2022 shows silicon wafers at a monocrystalline silicon solar cell factory of LONGi Green Energy Technology Co, Ltd in Xi'an, northwest China's Shaanxi Province. PHOTO: SHAO RUI/XINHUA

also stressed the need for immediate action.

China's green energy equipment manufacturing industry is well-established and competitive. Chinese solar products and wind turbines would be indispensable for EU to achieve its 2030 emission reduction targets, said Qin Yan, a lead analyst at Refinitiv and researcher at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies.

In fact, many European countries have reaped the benefits of green energy collaboration with China in recent years.

Pedro Amaral Jorge, president of the Portuguese Renewable Energy Association, highlighted the growing cooperation between China and Portugal in the solar energy sector, as Portugal aims to install approximately 8 gigawatts (GW) of solar power by 2026 or 2027 and reach 22 GW by 2030.

SOURCE: Xinhua

NATIONAL

MoH Union Minister receives ICRC Resident Representative



ICRC Resident Representative Ms Elena Ajmone Sessera and the delegation call on Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win yesterday.

UNION Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win met Ms Elena Ajmone Sessera, Resident Representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), at the minister's office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, they frankly exchanged views on cooperation between the Ministry of

Health and the ICRC in healthcare activities, upgrading prosthetics manufacturing and assembly workshops, knowledge exchange and training to produce professionals and greater cooperation in humanitarian assistance operations carried out by the ICRC in Myanmar. — MNA/TS

K750M worth of stimulant tablets seized in Nawngkhio

THE Myanmar Police Force seized 1.5 million stimulant tablets valued at K750 million in Nawngkhio township of Shan State (North).

Following a tip-off, a combined team including members of the Anti-Drug Police Force attempted to stop and search a light truck driven by Nyi Nyi Aung, travelling from Yatsauk to Nawngkhio, near Dohtawadi Bridge in Nawngkhio township at 5:30 pm on 3 May.

The driver failed to stop and accelerated. Consequently, the

truck overturned and fell into a ravine near Milepost 117/3 on the Nawngkhio-Yatsauk road in Nawngkhio township. The police arrested Nyi Nyi Aung along with stimulant tablets worth K750 million. The offender admitted that the confiscated drugs were purchased in Shan State for sale in the Mandalay Region.

Legal proceedings have commenced against the offender, and an ongoing investigation is underway to apprehend other individuals implicated in the case. — MNA/MKKS



An offender seen alongside confiscated drugs and a vehicle.

Confiscation of illegal items: Foodstuffs, consumer goods, auto parts and vehicles

ON 3 May, during inspections at seven warehouses in the No 7 compound of ward 14 in Hline Township, goods worth K116,238,000 were discovered. These included 100 jerrycans of One Shrimp brand palm oil (18 litres each) without official documents. This enforcement action was carried out under Customs procedures.

From 3 to 5 May, combined teams supervised by the Bago Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force impounded five vehicles valued at an estimated K190 million. These vehicles were travelling to Yangon from Thamanya, Hpa-an, and Mawlamyine, carrying 15 types of goods worth K36.601 million. Among the seized goods were 600 bottles of Golden Mountain brand soy sauce from Thailand, lacking official documents, at the Nyaungkhashay x-ray station.

Additionally, a Toyota Hilux, estimated at K20 million, travelling from Thaton to Bago, was found carrying four types of goods worth K6.195 million, including 276 bottles of Two Shrimps brand palm oil (two litres each) from Thailand without official documents near the Shwethanlwin Tollgate in Phayagyi. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

On 5 May, the combined teams apprehended two vehicles valued at approximately K70 million, travelling from Myawady to Yangon. These vehicles were carrying seven types of goods worth K51.038 million, including 1,080 bags of Wai Wai instant vermicelli without official documents at the Thanlwin bridge combined checkpoint (Tayothla side). Additionally, two vehicles with an estimated value of K65 million, heading to Yangon from

Myawady, were discovered carrying two types of goods valued at K21.784 million, including 12,000 kilogrammes of bed sheet rolls without official documents on the Hlaingbwe-Hpa-an road. The action was taken under Customs procedures.



Seized illegal commodities and a vehicle from different states and regions.

On the same day, the on-duty teams seized six types of goods worth K6.71 million, including 1,250 bottles of M-150 energy drink without official documents from a house in Thaton Township. The action was taken under Customs pro-

cedures.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported that 35 arrests were made over three consecutive days from 3 to 5 May, with an estimated value of K583 million. — MNA/MKKS



NATIONAL

Myanmar sends 170 new workers again to ROK under EPS

ALTOGETHER, 170 Myanmar workers were sent through the government's Public Overseas Employment Agency (POEA) under the EPS system to the Republic of Korea on 7 May, according to the Myanmar Embassy in the Republic of Korea.

Myanmar workers totalling 170 – 146 new manufacturing workers and 24 new agriculture and livestock breeding workers – arrived at Incheon International Airport on 7 May by Myanmar National Airlines UB 8301 (charter flight) and Thai Airways TG 656 from Yangon. The labour attaché from the Myanmar Embassy in Seoul welcomed workers upon their arrival at Incheon, instructed them on what they needed to know and follow, and pro-

vided them with necessary assistance.

According to the embassy, 1,333 EPS workers, 862 EPS workers and 421 EPS workers on E-9 visas were sent to the Republic of Korea in February, March and April, respectively, including new workers for agriculture, livestock breeding, construction and manufacturing sectors.

The recruitment of Myanmar workers in the Republic of Korea's service sector will be extended to both men and women in the 16th TOPIK Test, the 7th marking employment system which will be held in 2024, and this first-time recruitment of women who have passed matriculation has attracted a lot of interest, according to the training schools. — MT/ZN

Dala realty market active again in post-Thingyan

THE Dala real estate market, which attracted investors as a result of the Yangon-Dala Bridge construction project, has been active again after there was a little sluggish sale before Thingyan, according to local estate service agencies.

The bridge construction project has led to a change in the township property market and there is a perspective that property prices will be better when the project ends.

"The bridge construction is still underway. The property market at Dala has received attention again after Thingyan. Both sellers and buyers have expressed their interest again in April and May. When the bridge project is complete, the township estate prices



The photo shows a signage directing the entrance to Dala.

will get higher onwards. Prices have changed depending on the completion of the bridge," said Ko Tharlon Kaung Pyae from Tharlon Kaung Pyae Estate Service Agency.

At present, roads in the township have im-

proved, and Kawhmu Road and Twantay Road connecting with Dala have ultimately improved.

"There is just a river between Dala and Yangon's downtown townships — Lanmadaw, Latha and Kyauktada. Unlike Thanlyin, Dala is

closely situated to Yangon," said Ko Tharlon Kaung Pyae.

When the bridge is completed, Dala will be developed more than before, which will benefit both Yangon Region and Dala residents, he said. — MT/ZS

Pangolin population decline linked to hunting, killing, and trade

THE population of pangolins, abundant previously in Myanmar, has declined due to hunting, killing and selling of their meat, said an official from NSCI Group Native Species Conservation and Identification in Myanmar.

Some eat pangolin meat after hunting and killing it, and they are also exported to foreign countries.

"Since there are illicit trade routes, pangolins are traded in illegal markets. Some keep them as pets. Some kill them and sell their meat. There were many pangolins in lower Myanmar. But they became rare because they were being traded. Most pangolins give birth to a single offspring. As people are found selling both mother and baby pangolins, their reproduction stops, and the offspring also dies, so there is no increase in



Photos show glimpses of pangolins found in Myanmar and their unique features – endangered species.

their numbers. So, pangolins are classified as endangered species by the IUCN. Their number has even decreased due to capturing and killing in Myanmar," he said.

There are Chinese pangolins and Malayan pangolins in Myanmar. Chinese pangolins

can be found mainly in upper Myanmar, China and Laos, and sometimes in lower Myanmar. Malayan pangolins can be found primarily in lower Myanmar, Malaysia and Thailand, he said.

Pangolin is a scaly mammal. The scales that cover its body

are in close contact with each other, forming an armour to protect it from different dangers. It is classified as an endangered species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). With a dwindling population, it is in urgent need

of protection. Recently, Ko Kyaw Thura from Save The Trees, a member of NSCI Group Native Species Conservation and Identification in Myanmar (NSCI), reportedly bought back a pangolin from a person who was going to kill and release it. — MT/ZN



ECONOMY WORLD

12% of Japan convenience stores not open 24 hours amid labour shortage



Supplied photo taken in 2023 shows the first Seven-Eleven convenience store in Japan opened in Tokyo in 1974. **PHOTO: KYODO**

NEARLY 12 per cent of convenience stores run by major operators have opted against around-the-clock operations, citing a worker shortage and declining late-night demand, a Kyodo News survey showed Monday.

The survey, conducted in April and replied to by all seven major convenience chain operators except Yamazaki Baking Co, showed that around 6,400 of the 55,000 convenience stores in the country were operating with shortened business hours between February and April.

Some stores have accelerated the introduction of unmanned cash registers to cope with the intensifying labour shortage.

Industry leader Seven-Eleven Japan Co has shortened busi-

ness hours at over 200 additional stores since fiscal 2020 at the request of franchise owners, while Lawson Inc has implemented similar measures at about 100 more stores.

Among the top three Japanese convenience chains — Seven-Eleven Japan, Lawson and FamilyMart Co — the proportion of stores with shortened business hours was relatively low at around eight to ten per cent, compared with other smaller operators. Seicomart, the largest convenience chain in Hokkaido, northern Japan, logged the highest rate of stores cutting business hours at 87 per cent, followed by Poplar Co, headquartered in Hiroshima, western Japan, at 79 per cent. — Kyodo

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cambodia attracts US\$309 mln investment in April

CAMBODIA attracted fixed-asset investment of 309 million US dollars in April, the Council for the Development of Cambodia (CDC) said in a news release on Tuesday.

Authorities approved 22 investment projects in April, which could create approximately 23,000 jobs, the CDC said.

It added that the new projects were focused on garment, footwear and travel goods sectors, car tire manufacturing, and automotive parts, among others. "Some 98.02 per cent of the investment capital in April 2024 was from China, 1.03 per cent from domestic source, and 0.95 per cent from India," the CDC said.

According to the CDC, during the January-April period, the Southeast Asian country received a total fixed-asset investment of about 2.5 billion US dollars. — Xinhua

S Korea's imported car sale rises for 2nd month in April

SOUTH Korea's imported car sale rose for the second straight month in April due to strong demand for foreign luxury vehicles, industry data showed Tuesday.

The number of imported vehicles sold here was 21,560 in April, up 3.1 per cent from a year earlier, according to the Korea Automobile Importers and Distributors Association (KAIDA).

It continued to go up after growing 6.0 per cent in March. For the first four months of this year, the imported vehicle sale declined 7.8 per cent to 76,143 units compared to the same period of last year.

German carmaker Mercedes-Benz ranked first in terms of automotive sales here among foreign companies by selling 6,683 units last month. Another German automaker BMW came next with the domestic sale of 5,750 units, followed by US carmaker Tesla with 1,722 units, Volvo with 1,210 units, Lexus with 920 units and Toyota with 893 units. — Xinhua

Tianjin's cross-border e-commerce trade reaches US\$1.1 bln in Q1

NORTH China's port city of Tianjin reported a total cross-border e-commerce foreign trade volume of 7.9 billion yuan (about 1.1 billion US dollars) in the first quarter of 2024, up by 12 per cent year on year, accounting for 4.1 per cent of the city's foreign trade, according to the Tianjin municipal bureau of commerce.

During the period, nearly 1.8 billion yuan of imports and over 6.1 billion yuan of exports were registered via the cross-border e-commerce



A staff member works at JD's warehouse in the pilot free trade zone in north China's Tianjin Municipality, 28 April 2017. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

trade, up by 23.7 per cent and 9.1 per cent year on year, respectively, said the bureau. — Xinhua

BOJ on watch for impact of weak yen on inflation, policy: chief

BANK of Japan chief Kazuo Ueda said Tuesday after meeting with Prime Minister Fumio Kishida that the central bank will keep close tabs on the impact of the yen's recent sharp drop on inflation and its conduct of monetary policy.

Ueda reiterated that the weak yen has had no big impact on underlying inflation so far, but he expressed caution that

currency moves could potentially affect the economy "to a great extent".

His comments came after he was perceived to have played down the significance of the yen's rapid depreciation last month, accelerating its fall against the US dollar.

"While the situation surrounding prices and wages was a major point, we did talk about

foreign exchange rates," Ueda told reporters at the prime minister's office.

"We will carefully watch how (the weak yen) will impact trend inflation," he said.

The meeting between Kishida and Ueda was the first since March, when the BOJ made a landmark shift from unorthodox monetary easing. — Kyodo

Daihatsu restarts all Japan plants 4 months after safety scandal

TOYOTA Motor Corp's small-car unit, Daihatsu Motor Co, resumed operations at all of its assembly plants in Japan on Tuesday, more than four months after it halted domestic production due to safety test rigging.

The automaker restarted production of Copen minivehicles at its main factory in Ikeda, Osaka Prefecture, earlier in the day, the last of its four assembly plants in Japan

to resume output.

Daihatsu has gradually restarted domestic production since February following a reexamination of its safety standards by the transport ministry, with a shipment ban covering all of its 27 models lifted in April.

The other three factories are located in Kyoto, Oita, and Shiga prefectures.

The suspension of the plants, which came after

Daihatsu admitted in December to rigging safety data for most of its models, led to a plunge in the country's industrial output in January and cast doubt over the safety of the Toyota group's vehicles.

"We will make efforts to produce cars more carefully than before so we can ensure good product quality," the automaker said in a statement on Tuesday.

A third-party panel appointed by Daihatsu found



Daihatsu Motor Co's head office in Ikeda, Osaka Prefecture, is pictured on 7 May 2024. PHOTO: KYODO

the safety test rigging dated back to 1989 and blamed "an extremely tight and rigid development sched-

ule" for the misconduct. Toyota said in April it will tighten its grip on Daihatsu, vowing to take

charge of development and safety approval for some of the models the unit has been handling. — Kyodo

Boeing probed in US over possible falsified records on 787

US air safety authorities are investigating whether embattled aviation giant Boeing completed required inspections on its 787 aircraft and whether employees falsified records, officials said Monday.

The issue centres on whether Boeing undertook required inspections to "confirm adequate bonding and grounding where the wings join the fuselage on certain 787 Dreamliner airplanes," the Federal Aviation Administration said in an email.

The FAA said it

opened the investigation after Boeing notified it that the company may not have completed required inspections, which are needed to ensure a safe and functional electrical flow between aircraft components.

"The FAA is investigating whether Boeing completed the inspections and whether company employees may have falsified aircraft records," the agency said. "At the same time, Boeing is re-inspecting all 787 airplanes still within the production system and must also cre-

ate a plan to address the in-service fleet."

The issue surfaced after a Boeing employee observed an "irregularity" and raised the issue with a supervisor who elevated it further.

"We quickly reviewed the matter and learned that several people had been violating company policies by not performing a required test, but recording the work as having been completed," Scott Stocker, head of the Boeing 787 programme, said in an email to staff. — AFP



(FILES) The exterior of a 787 Dreamliner at the Boeing manufacturing facility in North Charleston, on 13 December 2022. PHOTO: AFP

BRIEFS : BIZ

Afghan, Turkmen companies ink contracts worth US\$200 mln

AFGHAN and Turkmen companies signed memorandums of understanding (MoUs) and contracts worth over 200 million US dollars, state-run Bakhtar News Agency reported Monday.

The signing of two MoUs and over 10 contracts was overseen by the Acting

Minister of Commerce and Industry of Afghanistan, the governor of the western Afghan Province of Herat, and chairman of the union of tradesmen and industrialists of Turkmenistan in Herat, Bakhtar stated. — Xinhua

Nintendo says announcement on Switch successor 'this fiscal year'

NINTENDO said Tuesday it will make an announcement about a highly anticipated new console by the end of March 2025 as sales decline of the hugely popular Switch, which is now in its eighth year.

Despite logging a record net profit in the year to March, helped by the weak yen, the game giant expects net profit to drop nearly 40 per cent in the current financial year. — AFP

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ROLLING UPDATES: WORLD

Hamas accepts Gaza truce proposal, Israel urges Rafah evacuation

HAMAS on Monday said it accepts a proposal for a truce in the seven-month-old war in Gaza, as Israel renewed an order for Palestinians in Rafah to evacuate ahead of a long-threatened invasion of the city.

The Hamas announcement brought cheering crowds onto the street amid tears of happiness, chants of "Allahu Akbar" ("God is greatest") and celebratory shooting in the air.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said the proposal "is far from Israel's essential demands", but the government will send negotiators for talks "to exhaust the potential for arriving at an agreement".

Close Israel ally the United States said it was "reviewing" the Hamas response.

Hamas member Khalil al-Hayya told the Qatar-based Al Jazeera channel the proposal agreed to by Hamas includes a three-phased truce. He said it includes a complete Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, the return of Palestinians displaced



Displaced Palestinians flee Rafah with their belongings to safer areas in the southern Gaza Strip on 7 May 2024 following an evacuation order by the Israeli army the previous day, amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Hamas movement. **PHOTO: AFP**

by the war and a hostage-prisoner exchange, with the goal of a "permanent ceasefire".

Israel's military meanwhile reiterated an earlier call for residents of east Rafah to evacuate as it prepares for a "ground operation" in the southern Gaza city.

Renewing the call for people to leave, military spokesman Daniel Hagari said Israeli "aircraft targeted more than

50 terror targets in the Rafah area" on Monday.

In response, the armed wing of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad said its militants launched rockets from Gaza towards southern Israel.

Hamas in a statement said its leader Ismail Haniyeh had informed mediators Qatar and Egypt "of Hamas's approval of their proposal regarding a ceasefire agreement". — AFP

East Africa floods affecting 750,000 people kill more than 235, displace 234,000: UN

UN humanitarian aid workers said on Monday nearly 750,000 people were affected by flooding in eastern Africa, with 234,000

displaced and more than 236 killed - more than 229 in Kenya alone.

The UN Office for the Co-

ordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) also said local authorities in Kenya reported more than 285,000 people were affected nationwide.

"The United Nations and our partners are supporting the government-led response and have reached more than 126,000 people with water and sanitation assistance, 31,000 people with food and cash assistance, more than 5,000 people with health services, and nearly 26,000 people with emergency shelter support," OCHA said. The office said that in Somalia, more than 160,000 people were affected by flooding, with more than 37,000 displaced or relocated. — Xinhua



A Kenyan firefighter gives directions to commuters as residents inspect a road heavily affected by floods following torrential rains in Kitengela, on 1 May 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

Chinese envoy urges intl community to firmly maintain peaceful nature of outer space

CHINA'S permanent representative to the UN Fu Cong on Monday called on the international community to steadfastly protect the peaceful nature of outer space.

Speaking during a UN General Assembly open debate on a draft resolution concerning outer space security vetoed in the Security Council on 24 April, Fu emphasized the urgent need for enhanced cooperation and improved governance in outer space to ensure its peaceful use benefits all nations.

"Outer space is the global commons and holds the shared dreams of all humanity," stated Fu.

He highlighted the increased risks of weaponization of outer space and the restrictions placed on developing countries in accessing space science and technology, describing these as "unprecedented challenges" that must be addressed promptly to safeguard peace and security

in outer space and ensure all countries share the dividends of outer space.

Fu criticized a major superpower, without naming any country specifically, for defining outer space as a "war-fighting domain" and for accelerating its militarization. "These actions have severely undermined the peaceful nature of outer space and increased the risk of military miscalculations and conflicts," he said.

Fu urged the international community to adopt a "common, comprehensive, cooperative, and sustainable security concept" to resist the weaponization and arms race in outer space.

Regarding the legal framework governing outer space, Fu pointed out the limitations of the 1967 Outer Space Treaty, noting its inability to address contemporary challenges as it only prohibits the deployment of weapons of mass destruction but not other weapons. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Japan completes 5th round of Fukushima treated water discharge

THE release of the fifth batch of treated radioactive water from the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant into the sea concluded Tuesday, its operator said.

In the latest discharge, the first of fiscal 2024 from April, Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings Inc released around 7,800 tonnes of processed water, with a total of about 54,600 tonnes planned for release over the year.

Abnormal tritium levels have not been detected in nearby waters, TEPCO said. Prior to discharge, water used to cool melted fuel at the plant is passed through an advanced liquid processing system that removes most radionuclides apart from tritium. — Kyodo

Natural disasters leave 6 dead, 11 injured in Viet Nam so far this month

TORRENTIAL rain, hail with thunderstorms and lightning killed six people and injured 11 others in Vietnamese localities from 1 to 7 May, according to the National Steering Committee on Natural Disaster Prevention and Control and Vietnam News Agency.

On Monday afternoon, a landslide at a construction site in the central province of Ha Tinh left three workers dead and four others injured. Three other deaths from natural disasters over the last few days were reported in Quang Ninh, Yen Bai and Long An provinces.

Hundreds of houses were damaged in the northern and central regions due to hailstorms and heavy rain, Vietnam News Agency reported. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Crystal Palace thrash Man Utd 4-0 to leave Ten Hag's future in doubt

MANCHESTER United are at risk of failing to qualify for Europe next season after a dismal 4-0 thrashing at Crystal Palace left the Red Devils eighth in the Premier League.

Michael Olise scored twice, either side of goals from the inform Jean-Philippe Mateta and Tyrick Mitchell, as the Eagles' resurgence since the appointment of Oliver Glasner as manager continues.

The time for a change of boss at Old Trafford could be coming soon as Erik ten Hag fails to arrest a slide in his second season in charge.

"I will keep fighting and I prepared the team in the best way I could do. It was not good enough, by far not good enough, so I have to take the responsibility for that," said Ten Hag.

United have only been ab-

sent from European competition once since the 1989-90 season.

That came after finishing seventh in David Moyes' sole campaign 10 years ago and the Scot was sacked with four games of the season to go.

United have never come lower than seventh in the Premier League era but are staring that possibility in the face with title-chasing Arsenal to come at Old Trafford on Sunday.

Ten Hag has routinely cited injury problems as mitigation for his side's struggles.

The Dutchman was forced to cobble together a makeshift backline as Casemiro deputised out of position at centre-back, alongside 36-year-old Jonny Evans.

Lack of fight

Captain Bruno Fernandes was also absent as his proud record of never missing a club game



Manchester United's Dutch manager Erik ten Hag (R) leaves after the English Premier League football match between Crystal Palace and Manchester United at Selhurst Park in south London on 6 May 2024. PHOTO: AFP

in his career due to injury came to an end.

"All season, we have huge (injury) problems," added Ten Hag. "This is the fourth defeat in 2024, so that's not a lot and every time we had huge problems. Many times, we sort it out, today, we didn't."

But there was little excuse for the lack of fight or quality on show from a United side, whose sole Premier League win in their last seven games came against relegated Sheffield United.

Palace are unbeaten in their last five as former Eintracht Frankfurt boss Glasner's project

takes shape.

"First half we didn't play as well as we could but we were very efficient," said Glasner.

"At half-time we made adaptations and second half was much better. Much better control of the game, created more chances and scored nice goals." — AFP

Malaysia acid-attack footballer in 'critical but stable' condition

A Malaysian national team footballer who was the victim of an acid attack is in a "critical but stable" condition Tuesday with fourth-degree burns that will require more surgery, a football official told AFP.

Faisal Halim suffered burns on the neck, shoulder, hands and chest in Petaling Jaya district outside the capital Kuala Lumpur over the weekend.

Nicknamed "Mickey", the 26-year-old plays on the right wing for Selangor Football Club and Malaysia.

"I am at the hospital. Faisal's condition is a bit critical but stable," Football Association of Selangor deputy president Shahril Mokhtar told AFP via a text message. He said Faisal was initially diagnosed as having suffered second-degree burns, "but after he was moved to another hospital, a plastic surgeon classified the injuries as fourth-degree burns." — AFP



Malaysia's forward (7) Faisal Halim runs with the ball during the Qatar 2023 AFC Asian Cup Group E football match between Bahrain and Malaysia at the Jassim bin Hamad Stadium in Doha on 20 January 2024. PHOTO: AFP

Real favourites but Bayern a big threat in Champions League return leg

REAL Madrid entertain Bayern Munich in the second leg of their Champions League semifinal on Wednesday night with the tie finely balanced.

Two goals from Vinicius Jr helped Madrid take a 2-2 draw in Germany a week ago, while Leroy Sane and Harry Kane scored for the Germans, who controlled much of the game but were undone by Real Madrid's pace in the counter-attack.

Former Bayern midfielder Toni Kroos was vital last week in the Allianz Arena and his vision and control in midfield were key factors in Madrid holding on under pressure and then finding the space for launch their breaks.

Jude Bellingham disappointed, however, with Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti explaining the England international had been suffering with a stomach problem.

Bellingham scored against Cadiz at the weekend as Real Madrid as-

sured the 36th La Liga title of their history and they are now aiming to lift the Champions League for the 15th time.

Ancelotti has only one issue to solve in his starting 11: whether Aurelian Tchouameni plays in central midfield or alongside Anthony Rudiger in the heart of the Real Madrid defence. If the coach opts to play Tchouameni in midfield, he will partner Kroos and Fede Valverde, with Eduardo Camavinga dropping to the bench, while Camavinga will start if he plays in defence. Bayern showed last week they can hurt Real Madrid with their aggression and energy, and they now have Serge Gnabry fully fit after he was substitute last week. Kane is a guarantee of goals, while Thomas Muller has a wealth of experience and Sane will inject pace in attack. — Xinhua

Real Madrid's Brazilian forward (07) Vinicius Junior attends a training session on the eve of their UEFA Champions League semi final second leg football match against Bayern Munich at the Ciudad Real Madrid training ground in Valdebebas, outskirts of Madrid, on 7 May 2024. PHOTO: AFP



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Chinese President Xi Jinping and his French counterpart, Emmanuel Macron, jointly meet the press in Paris, France, 6 May 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

Xi elaborates on China's position on Palestinian-Israeli conflict, Ukraine crisis

CHINESE President Xi Jinping outlined China's principled position on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and the Ukraine crisis when he jointly met the press with his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron here on Monday.

The prolonged tragedy of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict is a test for human conscience, and the international community must act, Xi said.

China calls on all parties to work for an immediate, comprehensive and sustainable ceasefire in Gaza, he said,

adding China supports the full membership of Palestine in the United Nations, and supports restoring to Palestine its legitimate national rights and restarting the two-State solution, so as to achieve lasting peace in the Middle East.

Xi stressed that China has stated its position on the Ukraine crisis on many occasions.

China did not start the Ukraine crisis, nor is it a party to or a participant in it, Xi said, noting that instead of being an onlooker, China has been playing an important role for peace.

The special representative of the Chinese government on Eurasian affairs is on his third round of shuttle diplomacy, he added.

At the same time, China opposes attempts to use the Ukraine crisis to scapegoat or smear a third country or to stoke a "new Cold War", he said.

Noting that history has proven time and again that at the end of the day, conflicts can only be resolved through negotiation, Xi said that China calls on all parties to resume engagement and dialogue to build mutual trust. — Xinhua

Iran says committed to IAEA cooperation based on safeguards, NPT

IRAN'S atomic chief said Monday that the country will continue cooperation with the United Nations nuclear watchdog within the frameworks of the safeguards agreement and Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

President of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Mohammad Eslami made the remarks at the opening ceremony of the first International Conference on Nuclear Science and Technology and the 30th National Nuclear Conference in the central Iranian province of Isfahan, according to the semi-official Fars news agency.

He expressed hope that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) would play an independent role in Tehran's nuclear programme.

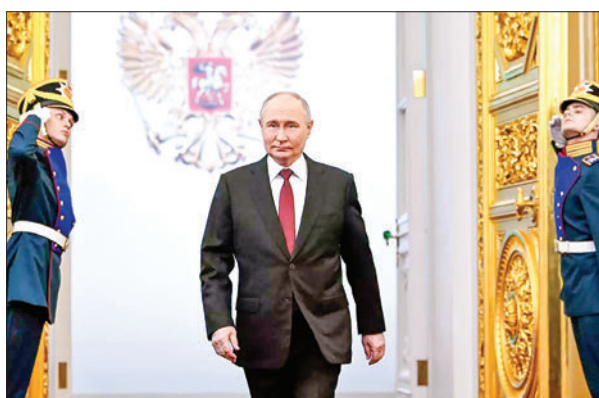
Earlier in the day, IAEA Director-General Rafael Grossi arrived in Iran to attend the conference as well as meetings with Iranian officials.

The AEOI chief hoped the IAEA would remain unaffected by external "political influence and pressures" against Iran's nuclear programme,

as testified in the IAEA's constant reports, inspections of Iran's nuclear facilities last year accounted for 22 per cent of the agency's global inspections while the country's installed capacity stood at three per cent of the world's, which had been "unprecedented" in history.

He slammed the media propaganda campaign and psychological warfare against Iran's nuclear programme and provided global access to its facilities as stipulated in its statute, enabling all countries to use nuclear science and technology in a just manner.

Eslami said, like many other countries, Iran would also develop its nuclear technology determinedly, adding the AEOI was making quick efforts to that end to generate clean and sustainable energy. — Xinhua



Russian President Vladimir Putin walks before his inauguration ceremony at the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia. PHOTO: SPUTNIK

Putin takes office as President of Russia

THE Grand Kremlin Palace in Moscow is hosting a solemn ceremony where Vladimir Putin is being sworn in as Russia's incumbent leader.

Vladimir Putin has been sworn in as President of the Russian Federation.

The tradition of holding the official inauguration ceremony on 7 May at the Kremlin dates back to 2000. In 2024, the tradition continued, with the

presence of numerous prominent Russian officials, judges, and parliament members in attendance.

The procedure of inaugurating Russia's new elected president is held in strict accordance with the law "On the election of the President of the Russian Federation", and is carried out at the close of six years after the national leader's predecessor assumed office.

The ceremony started with the ceremonial introduction of the Russian national flag, the standard of the president, the Russian Constitution and the insignia of the Russian president into the St. Andrew's Hall of the Grand Kremlin Palace.

In total, about 2,600 people have been invited to the ceremony, according to Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov. — Sputnik