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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Mr Imran Haider, Pakistani Ambassador to Myanmar, yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accepts Credentials of Ambassador of Pakistan to Myanmar

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accepted the Credentials of Pakistani Ambassador

to Myanmar Mr Imran Haider at the Credential Hall of the Office of SAC Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the meeting, they cordially dis-

cussed diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Pakistan, governmental cooperation in culture, education, defence, agriculture, industrial and tourism sectors,

the potential for collaboration in textile industries and manufacturing of pharmaceuticals, promotion of bilateral trade, and plans to promote friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries.

Also present at the ceremony were SAC Joint Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe and Director-General U Wunna Han of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA/TTA

Myanmar's agri-produce exports swell to US\$350 mln in April

Myanmar's agricultural exports amounted to US\$349.6 million in April of the current financial year 2024-2025, the Ministry of Commerce's statistics showed.

The figures reflected an increase of \$136.89 million compared with that (\$212.76 million) of the corresponding period last FY 2023-2024.

Myanmar exports agricultural products, animal products, minerals, forest products, and finished industrial goods through maritime and border trade channels. At the same time, it imports capital

goods, intermediate goods, raw materials imported by the CMP enterprises and consumer goods.

Myanmar has been implementing the National Export Strategy (NES) 2020-2025 in order to boost exports. The priority sectors of the NES include agricultural production, garment and apparel, industrial and electronic device, fishery business, forest product, digital manufacturing and service, logistic service, quality management, trade information service, innovation and entrepreneurship sectors. — NN/KK

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Appointment of Head of Service Organization

THE State Administration Council has appointed U Naing Myo Han, General Manager (Production) of the No 2 Mining Enterprise under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, as Managing Director of the same department on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

Public Notice

1. The Anti-Corruption Commission has established corruption prevention units within ministries to curb corruption effectively.
2. The ACC used SMS on mobile phones to ask the public who sought services at an office of the department of the relevant ministries via Short Code No "1111" for feedback, including the public feedback programme (PFP).
3. According to the PFP, the proper replies of the citizens via Short Code No "1111" will provide the quality of services of each department and the requirements for corruption prevention to be fixed.
4. Therefore, the public should reply to the questions of the ACC and corruption prevention units of the ministries via SMS at short code "1111". Such doing is a supportive measure for PFP, and the people are urged to cooperate in the operations.

Anti-Corruption Commission

Answer "1111" to fight against corruption
Answer "1111" to improve services



The photo shows Mon's traditional Kason water-pouring festival.

Chaungzon to host traditional Kason water-pouring festival

ACCORDING to Naing Aye Oo, secretary of the organizing committee for the Kason water-pouring festival, the traditional event, including competitions, will proceed as usual.

The festival, which involves pouring water on banyan trees, will feature teams from all wards of Ywalut village in Chaungzon township, Mon

State. Scheduled for 22 May (full moon day of Kason), prizes will be awarded to participating teams based on their attire and cooperation. Prizes will be distributed accordingly.

"We have already provided funding for the uniforms of teams competing in this year's district competition, which will be part of the water-pouring

festival. Prizes will be presented for attire, cooperation, and the natural beauty of the teams' activities. The top three teams will receive awards, with recognition for others as well," stated Naing Aye Oo.

Additionally, the festival typically draws tens of thousands of attendees from neighbouring villages. — ASH/MKKS

Durian Satuditha Festival: 1,000 daily pilgrims expected at Taung Pula Mountain Pagoda



Arrival of durians in advance to Taung Pula, and they are to be offered at a free public feast.

DURIAN Satuditha food offering and plant growing festival will be held at Taung Pula mountain pagoda in Watwun village-tract, PyinOoLwin township, near Peik Chin Myaung, which attracts about 1000 pilgrims every day, Ashin Pyinnya Bawga (Taung Pula) told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

The durian feast was held last year for the first time, with only about 1,000 pieces donated,

but this year's event will be held on 25 May starting from 9:30 am and will offer 3,000 to 5,000 durians together with a tree-growing activity.

"Last year, durian Satuditha was held for the first time. It wasn't awe-inspiring. As we regularly held a daily Satuditha with meals, some durian farm owners called me to sell at an affordable price to donate. Then, a durian feast was held unexpectedly. But

last year's event was quite successful. It attracted many more pilgrims. So, we plan to continue to hold durian Satuditha this year as a tradition. This year, we will also hold a tree-growing event," he said.

The day on which durian Satuditha was held last year broke the record by surpassing the number of pilgrims on full moon days of Thadingyut, Waso and Tazaungdine. The inclusion of the

tree growing event this year aims to promote love for trees, high regard for trees and voluntary participation in it, the Sayadaw said.

In addition, the entertainment programme with performers also attracts attention, and many Yangon-based travel operators are now arranging pilgrimage tours.

"Some Yangon-based operators said they were planning a

timely pilgrimage during our durian feast. Some will stay overnight. We will remind ourselves of the habit of taking the cleanliness and clear tidiness around the mountain seriously with paintings and posters before the festival. We also remind the people to grow trees. A dhamma discourse was given together with the festival last year. We will hold a separate Dhamma discourse this year," the Sayadaw told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

Taung Pula is accessible 24 hours a day and receives around 1000 guests daily, while free meals are provided from morning till evening to the pilgrims on week-ends, full moon days and new-moon days.

Taung Pula mountain is a famous tourist attraction site in PyinOoLwin, with many resort areas where you can enjoy natural landscapes and a sea of clouds. — MT/ZN

NATIONAL

Myanmar celebrates 2024 World Red Cross Day

THE 2024 World Red Cross Day Commemoration Ceremony took place in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

In his address, State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo said there are 191 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies around the world working to save lives. The Myanmar Red Cross Society also provides humanitarian assistance based on the fundamental principles.

He then called on the Myanmar Red Cross Society to keep carrying out the work plans for humanitarian assistance in line with the fundamental principles and policies of the country.

Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win and Chairman of Myanmar Red Cross Society

Dr Myo Nyunt made speeches, respectively.

General Mya Tun Oo and SAC members Dr Hmu Thang, Dr Ba Shwe and U Yan Kyaw gave prizes to the winners in the competitions of essays and poems marking the 2024 World Red Cross Day.

The members of regional and state Red Cross societies who served the duties until they reached the age of 65 for the Myanmar Red Cross Society were also honoured at the event.

General Mya Tun Oo and the party had a documentary photo taken together with the attendees and viewed around the booths.

The World Red Cross Day has been celebrated annually since 8 May 1948, and the theme of this year is "Keeping Humanity Alive". — MNA/KTZH



State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo views round the booths displayed at the event yesterday.

DPM Union MoFA Minister receives Pakistani Ambassador



Pakistani Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Imran Haider calls on Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Than Swe received Mr Imran Haider, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs extended congratulations to the Ambassador for the latter's appointment as Ambassador of Pakistan to Myanmar. They cordially exchanged views on matters pertaining to the further ad-

vancement of the existing bilateral relations between the two countries and the expansion of mutually beneficial cooperation in various areas, including bilateral trade and investment, tourism, agriculture and industry between Myanmar and Pakistan. — MNA



Department of Consumer Affairs
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Notice

6 May 2024

1. It has already been announced that the paddy storage facilities in local need to be registered on the online registration platform – Myanmar Rice Online (MyRO) www.myro.com.mm, starting 3 November 2023, to ensure rice sufficiency, systematic export, price stability and systematic registration of grain storage and implementing warehouse receipt financing system.
2. A total of 606 warehouses, 197 facilities of 94 companies and 409 facilities of 221 individuals have been registered on Myanmar Rice Online (MyRO) www.myro.com.mm as of 6 May 2024.
3. Those who store 50 tonnes of rice or 5,000 baskets of rice and above for commercial purposes are required register their storage facilities on Myanmar Rice Online (MyRO) www.myro.com.mm.

Ministry of Commerce

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.

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.

NATIONAL



The coordination meeting on rehabilitation processes of Hsihseng Township, Pa-O Self-Administered Zone in progress yesterday in Taunggyi, Shan State. **PHOTO: MAUNG MAUNG THAN (TAUNGGYI)**

Coordination meeting on rehabilitation processes in Hsihseng held

STATE Administration Council Member Khun San Lwin, accompanied by state Chief Minister U Aung Aung, relevant ministers and officials, attended the coordination meeting on rehabilitation processes in Hsihseng Township, Pa-O Self-Administered Zone yesterday.

At the meeting, the SAC member highlighted the cooperation work of the government, Sayadaws and locals in conducting the rehabilitation activities in some villages of Hopong Township, the need for psychological

support and the need to electrify Pan Hlan and Nan Huu villages.

He also stressed the need to reopen offices in Hsihseng, take measures for stability and law enforcement, duties of ministries to fully provide access to water, electricity, health and education and rebuild Hsihseng to be a model for other areas.

The state chief minister and other participants discussed their respective matters, and the SAC member fulfilled their requirements. — Maung Maung Than (Taunggyi)/KTZH

Counter-argument to false information

Subversive media accuses security forces of looting in conflict zones



SUBVERSIVE media outlets have been circulating false information on social media, accusing security forces of looting valuable items from abandoned houses in Dhammathat village and nearby areas in Kyaikmaraw Township, Mon State, amidst conflict-induced evacuations.

A member of the security forces refuted these claims, explaining that their activities

involved clearing mines in collaboration with residents.

Terrorist groups, including KNU, NMSP AD (Mon splinter group), and PDF terrorists, launched attacks on government buildings and police stations in Dhammathat and neighbouring villages on 24 March, prompting residents to flee.

Following counter-terrorism operations that restored control over the villages on 25 April, security forces have been engaged in rehabilitation efforts alongside the residents.

Malicious media outlets are spreading false narratives to obscure the actions of terrorists and create misconceptions about the conduct of security forces. — MNA/NT

Myanmar engages in talks with OACPS for potential collaborations

THE Ministry of Foreign Affairs has reported that Myanmar has held discussions with the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) regarding potential collaborations.

The meeting took place in Brussels on 3 May, attended by Mr Long Trang, Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the Secretary-General of OACPS, and U Soe Lynn Han, Ambassador of Myanmar to Belgium. Both sides exchanged views on potential collaborations between Myanmar and OACPS that would bring mutual benefits and could be expanded further.

Established in 1975, OACPS comprises 79 countries, including the African, Caribbean, and Pacific States. Its Secretary-General office is located

in Brussels. The organization is dedicated to the sustainable development of its member states

and aims to strengthen ties with Pacific nations in international trade. — ASH/ TMT



Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the Secretary-General of OACPS Mr Long Trang and Ambassador of Myanmar to Belgium U Soe Lynn Han shake hands at the meeting on seeking collaboration possibilities in Brussels on 3 May 2024.

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569 jade lots sold at 59th Gem Emporium Exhibition

THE sixth day of the 59th Myanmar Gems Exhibition took place on 8 May at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw, attracting a large crowd of local and foreign jewellers.

Starting in the morning, both local and foreign jewellers began to inspect the collections of jade stones exhibited in the Maniyadana Jade Hall and those displayed outside the hall, based on their preferences.

During the exhibition, jade lots numbered from 951 to 1,900 were vended to both domestic and foreign jewellers through an open tender system, with an announcement that 569 jade lots had been sold.

In the afternoon, officials will review and inspect the import price lists of jade lots numbered from 1901 to 2750, and the sold-out jade lots will be an-

nounced on the seventh day of the exhibition.

Moreover, gem and jewellery shops are operating inside the Maniyadana Jade Hall, which is bustling with buyers and jewellers.

The 59th Myanmar Gems Emporium Exhibition is scheduled from 3 to 12 May at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay



Gems merchants evaluate the quality of jade stones on display during the sixth day of Myanmar Gems Emporium in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Pyi Taw. Throughout the exhibition, 182 lots of pearls were sold on the second day, followed by 197 lots on the third day, 88 lots of gems on the fourth day, 546 lots of

jade on the fifth day, and 569 lots of jade on the sixth day. The remaining jade lots will continue to be marketed through an open tender system. — MNA/TKO

Myanmar's export activities surge in public-private collaboration

AS a partnership between the Ministry of Commerce and the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), plans and activities for promoting exports are underway to boost the country's economy. Today, 6,000 tonnes of corn were shipped from Wilmar International Port Terminal and 9,400 tonnes of beans from Yangon International Gateway Terminal (YIGT). Additionally, a cargo ship departed from Asia

World Port Terminal (AWPT 3) carrying aquatic products, rice, beans, forest products, sugar, sesame, consumer goods, box shells, corn, and rubber.

Similarly, three ships from Myanmar Industrial Port (MIP 4) and Asia World Port Terminal (AWPT 3) are loading aquatic products, rice, and beans for export. On 10 May, 71,900 tonnes of maize and 6,000 tonnes of rice were shipped from Sule Port Wharves (SPW), 27,500 tonnes of maize from Myanmar In-

ternational Terminal Thilawa (MITT 5), 27,500 tonnes of maize from Myanmar Industrial Port (MIP 2), 55,600 tonnes of maize from Alon International Port Terminal (AIPT), 29,500 tonnes of maize from Myanmar Terminal (TMT), 5,400 tonnes of maize from Min Htet Min Port (MHM), four tonnes of rice from Wilmar International Port Terminal, and an additional 2,700 tonnes of maize will continue to be exported from Shweme Jetty (SMJ). — MNA/TKO



A container vessel is seen berthing at one of container terminals in Yangon on 8 May 2024.

Surprise inspections conducted at fuel stations by Petroleum Products Regulatory Department



An inspection team of the Petroleum Products Regulatory Department conducts surprise inspections at a fuel station yesterday.

THE Petroleum Products Regulatory Department (head office) inspection teams conducted surprise inspections at fuel stations in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, Yangon Region, and Mandalay Region.

Officials aimed to verify if the fuel stations received the authorized fuel type and quantity as per regulations, ensured the specified quality and measurement, sold fuel at the reference price, adhered to prescribed instructions for sales, and addressed fire safety concerns in advance. — MNA/MKKS

NATIONAL

Shwedagon holds handover ceremony of donated funds



Shwedagon's 586th ceremony of donations.

THE 586th ceremony for handing over donated funds took place at the Shwedagon Pagoda on 7 May, with the total amount exceeding two billion kyats.

During the period from 1 March to 30 April, 47 individuals donated seven 3-tical gold

plates and 53 one-tical gold plates, while 116 donated over K2.3 billion.

The pagoda board of trustees awarded certificates of appreciation to donors who contributed K100,000 or more. — TWA/TKO

Dengue fever patients count up to 20 at Kyaikto Hospital

EVEN before the monsoon season arrives, there are up to 20 patients with dengue fever at Kyaikto Hospital.

So far, 21 children have had medical treatment for dengue fever at the hospital, which is why parents need to be cautious about this disease if their children have a fever and thoroughly take a record of the date and time the child started having fever, the hospital warned.

"Monsoon hasn't come yet. But, so far, 21 children have dengue fever, not counting others who have received treatment at other hospitals. Dengue fever is a life-threatening disease. There is a saying that anxiety about one's own child is the most intense," said the hospital on 7 May.

A virus carried by mosquitoes causes dengue fever, and it breaks out during the rainy



Health staff members are carrying out precautionary measures against dengue fever before monsoon season comes.

season as the reproduction of larvae is the highest during this period. Dengue fever can happen at any age, and both genders, and the fatal rate is high for adults above 15 years old.

Therefore, people need

to pay careful attention to the health department's guidelines and disinfect water pots and barrels in advance in order to prevent mosquitoes from reproducing in the surrounding area, the hospital urged. — MT/ZS

MoTC issues navigation warning for Ayeyawady River vessels

THE Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, under the Ministry of Transport and Communications, has issued a notification advising vessels to exercise particular caution, especially at night, due to the potential for riverbank collapses along the Ayeyawady River, which may dislodge large trees and submerged stumps, posing hazards to navigation.

The Ayeyawady River is expected to enter a period of high water soon. Due to the gradual rise in the river's water level, areas upstream, such as Bhamo, Shwegu, and Htigyaingt townships, are experiencing bank collapses when the river rises, leading to damage to old trees near the riverbank.

Such collapses may result in the floating of trees or tree fragments in the river, prompting the Directorate



Large trees are seen floating in the Ayeyawady River due to landslides.

of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems Region 5 to issue a warning to vessels from Mandalay Port to exercise special care.

Similarly, the department has issued a notification to

vessels departing Mandalay Port for Bhamo Township, advising them to exercise particular caution when navigating through unfamiliar waterways instead of their usual routes. — TWA/TH

Myanmar earns US\$9 mln from exporting mining products in April

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar earned over US\$9 million from exporting mining products in April. In the same period of the 2023-24 financial year, there were no mining product exports from the public sector. The report indicates that the total revenue of over \$9 million was solely from the private export sector.

Myanmar's exports of gems, stones, and mining products abroad include jade, diamond, gold, pearl, lead, tin, tungsten, copper, silver, coal, and zinc.

The 59th Gems Emporium commenced in Nay Pyi Taw at the Maniyadana Jade Hall on 3 May. During the emporium, a total of 4,550 jade lots were vended through an open tender system on a daily basis. On 7 May, the fifth day of the gem emporium, 950 jade lots were made available for sale to both domestic and international gem traders through the open tender system. Of these, 564 jade lots were sold, and the remaining lots will continue to be marketed until 12 May at the event. — TWA/TMT



The 59th Gem Emporium.

Myanmar entrepreneurs invited to join China-South Asia Expo, Kunming Trade Fair

THE 8th China-South Asia Expo and the 28th China Kunming Export & Import Fair (Kunming Trade Fair) welcome the participation of Myanmar entrepreneurs, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

The expo will be held from 23 to 28 July 2024 in Kunming, Yunnan Province, with an aim to serve as a platform to bridge and deepen practical cooperation between China and countries in South Asia and Southeast Asia, regional and other global trade partners.

Booths specialize in manufacturing, construction materials, healthcare services, smart farming with advanced agriculture technologies, and ready-made food businesses. The cost of the booth remained unchanged compared to previous years.

Those interested companies need to arrange for booth transportation and set-up. The commodities to display at the expo can be stored at the designated warehouses of the expo organizing committee in Kunming.

To make further enquiries about the expo, the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization can be contacted through email at event.td.myantrade@gmail.com and contact numbers 067 408622 and 067 408623. — NN/EM

Potato demand surges: Aungban sees daily sales of 500 tonnes

AT present, the potato market has rebounded and daily average sales amount to about 300-400 tonnes in southern Shan State, Aungban. However, the total volume will be about 400-500 tonnes if other exports are added, said an official from the Naungtaya Potato Association.

The temperature began rising in April this year, resulting in a decline in potato prices; however, the crop has now regained its regular price as a result of some activities to handle the market.

“Quality decline caused the price to drop, and farmers dug potatoes in daylight

and let them dry without picking at once, so potatoes got damaged. Now it’s over, and the market has returned to normal. In fact, the potato price didn’t fall, but its quality so the market collapsed. At that time, the price was just several hundred kyats, but there was no buyer because everyone who bought encountered losses. Potatoes went rotten and were thrown away shortly after they were bought. It is not because there were no consumers, but potatoes went rotten,” he said.

Based on last year’s market situation, potato prices are likely to get high as their yield is low in June, July and August.



“Apparently, the demand has been good. The regular sale is about 300-400 tonnes a day at the Aungban market, and roughly, the daily sale is about 400- 500 tonnes if we add other exports. However, the price will decrease if farmers attempt to sell their crops rampant-

ly in the market. The price has stayed at the regular price this May. And the price will get higher in June and July and reach highest in August because the yield will be low at the time,” he said.

According to the current market price, the market has been now promising for farmers, he said.

— MT/ZS



The photo shows potato sacks arriving at a warehouse.

Mandalay market sees bustling trade of new green gram from central Myanmar

WITH a supply of new green gram from central Myanmar, traders are making a roaring trade in the Mandalay market.

Myanmar exports green gram to China, India, the Netherlands, Ireland, the UK and Germany through maritime and border channels. More than 503,970 tonnes of green

gram worth US\$336.89 million were shipped worldwide in the past financial year 2023-2024 (April-March).

There is a wide range of foreign markets for Myanmar’s green gram. More than 8,000 tonnes of green gram are sent to the European Union member countries.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and the Ministry of Commerce have agreed to export green grams to European countries starting in 2015. — NN/EM

Green gram plants are seen in the crop land.



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OPINION

Let's enumerate census with public participation

THE population and household census will be enumerated nationwide from 1 to 15 October 2024. The enumeration of the census is an essential project for the State to obtain socioeconomic data to be applied in adopting the country's development plans and policies.

As such, all walks of life must join the population and household census enumeration process to complete all processes successfully. Reportedly, educational staff will play a vital role in the collection of data and auditing process of the project in cooperation with departmental personnel, members of social organizations, university students and enthusiasts.

Plans are underway to conduct census enumeration technique courses at different levels in August and September to ensure the smooth accomplishment of the project.

At present, relevant ministries have coordinated with each other on technological assistance, cyber security, and regional security measures to collect the census successfully. As an ultimatum aim, the census can be used in compiling the voter lists for successfully holding a free and fair multiparty democratic general election.

The 2024 census project will apply computer-assisted personal interviews (CAPI) techniques through mobile tablets. Crew members of the squads will ask people from households about 68 questions and those from organizations about 18 questions. In this regard, demographic, social and economic data from the census will be protected in accordance with the Population and Housing Census Law enacted in July 2023. Action will be taken against those who violate any census secret.

Myanmar is conducting the national-level census enumeration on a self-reliant basis without any foreign assistance. As such, all citizens have to harmoniously participate in the enumeration of the census project so as to post a significant milestone for the State as a national duty. On the other hand, people have to correctly answer the questions on the census to help the enumeration teams.

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IDIOMS are figurative expressions enriching everyday language, often rooted in cultural or historical contexts.

They transcend literal meanings, aiding in conveying complex ideas succinctly. While enhancing communication, idioms can be perplexing for non-native speakers.

They reflect the diversity of languages, sometimes lacking equivalents across cultures. Despite challenges, idioms remain vital in expressing emotions and ideas vividly, adding depth and colour to conversations.

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- bustle about, swarm around.

DEFINITION:

- The bees sucking the juice of flowers.

Bees are highly active when gathering nectar from flowers, constantly buzzing from one flower to another without rest. Even during moments of rest, they continuously flap their tiny wings.

Therefore, the phrase “moving like busy bees gathering nectar from flowers” describes the incessant activity and movement reminiscent of bees collecting nectar.

Idiomatic expressions inspired by insect behaviour offer vivid descriptions of human actions and behaviours.

They range from highlighting diligence, as seen in “busy as a bee collecting pollen,” to depicting frenetic activity, such as “buzzing around like bees in a flower garden”.

Phrases like “working like bees in a hive” underscore collaboration, while “flitting from task to task like butterflies in a garden” captures a lack of focus.

“Bustling about like ants in an anthill” conveys energetic activity. These expressions, rooted in nature, enrich language and provide insights into human endeavours.

USAGES:

Busy as a bee
Definition: Very active and industrious.

Example: Sarah has been busy as a bee preparing for her exams.

Like a beehive
Definition: Full of activity and noise, similar to the buzzing energy of a beehive.

Example: The market was like a beehive, with people rushing around and vendors shouting their prices.

Buzzing like bees
Definition: Refers to a place or situation filled with lively activity and excitement.

Example: The nightclub was buzzing like bees with music, laughter, and dancing.

As busy as a swarm of bees
Definition: Extremely busy and bustling with activity.

Example: During the holiday season, the shopping mall is as busy as a swarm of bees.

A hive of activity

IDIOM EXPLORATIONS EDITION 7

Connecting on the Universal Dance of Words

BY AUGUSTIN

Definition: Refers to a place or situation that is bustling with activity, much like a hive full of bees.

Example: The office was a hive of activity as everyone prepared for the upcoming deadline.

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- Lack of clarity about the goals: If we're unsure of what we're aiming to achieve, it's impossible
- to plan for it effectively.

DEFINITION:

To fasten a bamboo to the air. It's impossible to attach a bamboo to the air because there's no solid object to anchor it to. So, speaking absurdly or replying to a question with an unsound argument is likened to trying to attach a bamboo to the air.

EXPLANATION

The Myanmar idiom “to fasten a bamboo to the air” illustrates the folly of trying to connect incompatible entities, using bamboo and air as symbols of solidity and intangibility, respectively. This impossibility serves as a metaphor for irrational behaviour, particularly in speech and discourse.

Engaging in absurd speech, akin to fastening bamboo to air, lacks logic and coherence, leading to confusion.

The idiom underscores the importance of rationality in communication and warns against futile pursuits. Ultimately, it highlights the need for clarity and purpose in both speech and actions.

USAGES:

“Flying blind”: This idiom refers

to proceeding without clear direction or guidance. Without a clear understanding of where one is headed, it's challenging to make informed decisions or take appropriate actions.

Example sentence: “Without a proper roadmap, the team felt like they were flying blind as they attempted to navigate the project.”

“Lost in the woods”: When someone is lost in the woods, they lack clarity or direction in a particular situation. It implies confusion or uncertainty about what steps to take next.

Example sentence: “After the sudden change in management, the employees felt like they were lost in the woods, unsure of how to proceed with their tasks.”

“Shooting in the dark”: This

idiom suggests taking random or untargeted actions without a clear objective or plan. It reflects a lack of precision or strategy in achieving a goal.

Example sentence: “Without market research, launching the new product felt like shooting in the dark, unsure if it would meet customer needs.”

“Wandering aimlessly”: When someone is wandering aimlessly, they are moving without purpose or direction. It highlights a lack of clarity about what one is trying to achieve.

Example sentence: “After graduating, she spent a year travelling, feeling like she was wandering aimlessly before deciding on her career path.”

ရေတိမ်နှစ် /Yay dain nit/

- To drown in shallow water

If someone drowns in deep water, it may be considered a typical incident. However, if someone drowns in shallow water, it's seen as an unexpected and unusual event, leading to pity or blame for the victim. Therefore, experiencing unnecessary or undeserved hardship is metaphorically described as “drowning in shallow water.”

Deep water is commonly associated with swimming or activities where drowning is a known risk, whereas shallow water is often perceived as safer. So, when someone drowns in shallow water, it can challenge our assumptions and evoke different reactions. It's a reminder that danger can lurk where we least expect it.

USAGES:

That Myanmar idiom translates to “danger can be hidden in unexpected places.”

A wolf in sheep's clothing

Definition: Someone or something that appears harmless but is actually dangerous.

Example: The friendly stranger turned out to be a wolf in sheep's clothing when he tried to scam us.

Don't judge a book by its cover:

Definition: Don't form an opinion about someone or something based solely on appearance.

Example: I thought the old house would be run down, but inside, it was beautiful. It just shows, don't judge a book by its cover.

The devil is in the details.

Definition: Problems or difficulties are often found in the small details of a plan or situation.

Example: We thought the project was smoothly going until we started examining the details. The devil is definitely in the details with this one.

All that glitters is not gold.
Definition: Not everything that looks valuable or desirable is actually so.

Example: The flashy car seemed like a good deal, but after a month, it started breaking down. All that glitters is not gold, indeed.

Walking on thin ice

Definition: Being in a risky or precarious situation.

Example: Sarah felt like she was walking on thin ice when she forgot her anniversary.

Tip of the iceberg

Definition: A small, visible part of a much larger problem or issue.

Example: The accounting discrepancies we found are just the tip of the iceberg. There's likely more to uncover.

Hidden dangers

Definition: Risks or threats that are not immediately obvious.

Example: When hiking in the forest, be aware of hidden dangers like uneven terrain and poisonous plants.

Pandora's box

Definition: A source of many unforeseen problems or troubles.

Example: Opening up that old investigation could be like opening Pandora's box. We might discover things we're not prepared for.

Snake in the grass

Definition: Someone who seems harmless but is actually treacherous or deceitful.

Example: Watch out for Bill. He's a snake in the grass, always looking for an opportunity to betray someone.

Ticking time bomb

Definition: A situation or issue that is likely to become dangerous that appears harmless but is actually dangerous.

Example: The company's outdated infrastructure is a ticking time bomb. Sooner or later, it's going to cause a major problem.

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ရေတိမ်နှစ် /Yay dain nit/

NATIONAL

Border trade resumes after friendship bridges reopen

MYAWADY is now normal again, and its border trade resumed as usual after two friendship bridges reopened, according to traders and residents.

No 1 Thailand-Myanmar Friendship Bridge connecting Thailand and Myawady reopened on 27 April after a close on 23 April, and No 2 Bridge reopened on 30 April after a close on 11 April.

“At present, No 2 Bridge has reopened, and the border

trade has operated again as usual. Thailand goods enter Myanmar, and Myanmar goods enter Thailand. The supply of goods has now returned to normal. Myawady has returned to its original state and has been stable at present,” said an official from the Alinthat social welfare association.

A Myawady resident also confirmed that the town’s border trade has resumed as usual after the bridges reopened.

“Currently, the trade is regular again after the bridges have reopened. Asian Highway has still been blocked, so an alternative road has been used for border trade, and it has been about five months, he said.

Despite the fact that there are some transport delays and costs more as traders have to use an alternative approach for trading, it is expected that everything will be fine soon, said the association’s official. — MT/ZS



Some trucks are still using the old road to transport import and export goods.

Myanmar conducts trial export of Seintalone mangoes to China via Mongla border



Myanmar’s Seintalone on their way to China.

THE trial phase for exporting Myanmar’s Seintalone mangoes to China via the Mongla border is currently underway. Merchants on both sides of the border are also exploring the possibility of air exports, as reported by the Myanmar Mango Market Technology Development Association.

U Kyaw Soe Naing, the association’s general secretary, stated, “Seintalone mangoes are in high demand in China, as are Shwe Hintha and Padamy Ngamauk varieties. Since this trade route is new, we are still in the process of conducting trial exports.”

Currently, five 24-tonne trucks loaded with mangoes traverse the Mongla route daily, with this number doubling on the old road. China remains the primary destination for Myanmar’s mangoes, with early exports of Seintalone observed this year.

Discussions on bilateral air exports are ongoing, prompted by the interest of some Chinese merchants in personally purchasing mangoes.

The mango season typically commences towards the end of April and the beginning of May. — ASH/NT

Confiscation of illegal items: Timbers, fuel oil, consumer goods, foodstuffs, motorbikes and vehicles

DURING inspections on 5 and 6 May, a total of 14.878 tonnes of illegal teak and 7.193 tonnes of hardwood worth K12,070,674 were captured in Toungoo district, and an unregistered Nissan AD Van (approximately worth K3 million) was seized in Pyay township. This enforcement was carried out under the Forest Law and the Export and Import Law.

On 6 May, the combined teams supervised by the Shan State Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force impounded a Mitsubishi Canter truck (estimated value of K30 million) heading to Lashio from Tangyan, carrying 2,500 pairs of short-lace travel canvas shoes worth K10 million from China without official documents at the Nambawda bridge in Lashio township. The action was conducted under Customs procedures.

On the same day, the combined teams captured two vehicles (approximately worth K100 million) travelling from Hpa-an to Thaton, carrying nine kinds of goods worth K8.01 million, including 1,800 boxes of Lactasoy without official documents near the Milepost 2/7 on the outskirts of Thaton township. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

On the same day, the on-duty teams seized seven vehicles (approximately worth K250 million) that were parked on Yangon-Mandalay Road, carrying 4,750 bags of garlic (20 kilogrammes each) valued at K190 million), without official documents and two Canda 110 motorbikes (approximately worth K1.1 million) carrying 44 gallons of smuggled fuel oil worth K563,200 in Mindon township. The action was taken under Customs procedures

and the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law.

On 6 and 7 May, the on-duty teams seized two vehicles and a Hino Tractor head with a trailer (approximately worth K102 million), heading to Yangon from Myawady, six kinds of goods worth K33,941,200, including 2,060 kilogrammes of plastic boxes (empty) without official documents at the Ywathagyi Dry Port and an unregistered Toyota Corolla (approximately worth K2.5 million) in North Okkalapa township. The action was taken under the Customs procedures and the Export and Import Law.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported that 32 arrests were made on three consecutive days from 5 to 7 May, with an estimated value of K743 million. — MNA/MKKS



Officials check and seize illegal timbers in Bago Region.

NEWS DIGEST: LIFESTYLE

Tourism craze doesn't melt in China's "ice city" Harbin

HARBIN, known as China's "ice city" in northeastern Heilongjiang Province, reported a 35 percent year-on-year increase in the number of tourists and a 71.7 per cent increase in tourism revenue during the May Day holiday, demonstrating the sustained growth and development vitality of the city's tourism market.

During the five-day holiday, Harbin welcomed more than 6.2 million tourists, generating tourism revenue of nearly 7.3 billion yuan (about 1.03 billion US dollars), according to the city's tourism department.

Data released by Ctrip, a leading travel platform in China, shows an 85 per cent year-on-year increase in inbound tourism orders to Harbin as a destination.

The city has witnessed a tourism boom since gaining popularity on social media platforms last winter. Harbin's abundant ice-and-snow resources, attentive services for tourists and favourable government policies have transformed it into a bustling holiday destination. — Xinhua

Drake's Toronto mansion targeted in drive-by shooting, security guard injured

DRAKE'S Toronto mansion became the focal point of a drive-by shooting incident in the early hours of Tuesday morning, leaving a security guard seriously injured.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, Toronto police swiftly responded to the scene at Bayview Avenue and Lawrence Avenue in the city's Bridle Path district, where a security guard, stationed outside Drake's residence, fell victim to the attack.

The wounded guard was rushed to Sunnybrook Hospital for treatment of his injuries.

Inspector Paul Krawczyk, speaking at a press conference held outside Drake's residence, provided preliminary details of the incident.

As per The Hollywood Reporter he said, "That person was working apparently as a security guard at the residence. He was standing outside the gates in front of the residence when the shooting occurred,"

Authorities have secured video footage from security cameras positioned outside Drake's home, capturing the sequence of events. — ANI

Here's why these A-listers skipped Met Gala 2024

The 2024 Met Gala, a highlight in the fashion world, had several notable absences this year including Rihanna, Selena Gomez, Jared Leto, Billy Porter, and Ben Affleck.



The Met Gala returned on the first Monday in May with the annual celebration of the Costume Institute's upcoming exhibition, which, for 2024, is entitled 'Sleeping Beauty: Reawakening Fashion'. PHOTO: ANI

FASHION'S most glamorous night, the 2024 Met Gala held on Monday at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, saw a surprising number of empty spots on the red carpet, as some of Hollywood's brightest stars opted to skip the prestigious event.

Among the notable absences were Rihanna, Selena Gomez, Jared Leto, Billy Porter, and Ben Affleck. Each had their own reason for missing out on the gala, which had the

theme 'Garden of Time'.

Selena Gomez, a regular attendee in previous years, was deeply missed by fans. However, the multi-talented star had a valid excuse for her absence. Sources confirmed to People magazine, that Gomez's hectic schedule, filled with music commitments, managing her Rare Beauty brand, and filming for 'Only Murders in the Building', left her with no time to grace the

Met Gala's red carpet.

Additionally, Gomez is gearing up for a major red-carpet appearance at the Emilia Perez Cannes premiere later in the month.

Jared Leto, known for his extravagant Met Gala appearances, was also absent this year. The actor and musician cited his ongoing tour with his band, 30 Seconds to Mars, as the reason for his no-show, as per E! news. — ANI



French dog coach Laura Martin poses with Messi, the dog in the film 'Anatomie d'une chute' (Anatomy of a fall) during a photo session in Menucourt, Paris suburb on 2 May 2024.

PHOTO: ALAIN JOCARD / AFP

Star dog Messi will interview stars on Cannes red carpet

Using special technology, he will chat with stars while an actor provides his voice behind the scenes. Clips of these interviews will be shared on French channels and TikTok.

MESSI, star of Oscar-winning movie "Anatomy of a Fall", which won the top prize at Cannes last year, will return to the festival next week as a red-carpet interviewer to the stars.

Using a special 360-degree microphone and camera attached to his back, the Border Collie will chat with stars thanks

to an actor behind the scenes.

"He's the star... I'm just lending him my voice," said comedian Raphael Mezrahi.

The resulting short clips will be available on French channels and TikTok.

Messi earned global attention for his role in "Anatomy of a Fall", winning the Palm Dog

prize for best canine performance at Cannes. He then lit up social media when he was snapped with the likes of Ryan Gosling, Bradley Cooper and Billie Eilish during the Oscar campaign. He has proved his acting chops: in one scene in the film, he had to feign intoxication and vomiting. — AFP

ECONOMY WORLD



The smuggling of fake medicines is the most perilous aspect of trafficking. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/SAMAA TV/YOUTUBE**

Illicit trade costs Pakistan over PKR 700 bln annually: Report

The report indicates that approximately 40% of Pakistan's economy is impacted by illicit activities like smuggling and the circulation of counterfeit goods.

A report released by a prominent international research organization reveals that Pakistan faces an enormous annual loss exceeding PKR 700 billion due to illicit trade activities, as reported by ARY News.

Director General of Trace It, Geoffrey Hardy, unveiled the report's findings in collaboration with economic research firm Prime, shedding light on the profound impact of undocumented and illegal trade practices on Pakistan's economy.

According to the report,

a staggering 40 per cent of Pakistan's economy is influenced by illicit activities, such as smuggling and counterfeit goods, resulting in an annual loss amounting to PKR 700 billion, according to ARY News.

Hardy emphasised Pakistan's high inflation rate, currently at 25 per cent, as a significant incentive for smuggling operations, particularly in counterfeit agricultural and food products, posing threats to public health and economic stability.

Among the alarming revelations, the report highlights

the smuggling of fake medicines as the most perilous aspect of trafficking, along with tyre smuggling, which alone accounts for an annual loss of PKR 40 billion to the economy.

Cigarette smuggling and counterfeit manufacturing contribute to an annual loss of Rs 240 billion, while tea smuggling alone accounts for PKR 45 billion in losses.

Furthermore, an alarming statistic indicates that 60 per cent of Mobil oil sold in Pakistan is smuggled and counterfeit. — ANI

ECON NEWS IN BRIEF

Argentina introduces 10,000-peso banknote

INFLATION-battered Argentina on Tuesday introduced a 10,000-peso banknote, worth the equivalent of about \$11 — five times the face value of the previous biggest 2,000-peso bill.

The new note, which will allow people to carry around fewer bills, will be available at banks and ATMs from Tuesday, the South American country's central bank said in a statement.

Argentina is in the grips of an economic crisis that has seen annual inflation nearing 290 per cent as poverty affects about half the population. With no end in sight, the central bank said a 20,000-peso note will be issued later this year.

The 2,000-peso bill was launched just a year ago, double the then biggest note of 1,000 pesos — of which one would need about 15 to pay for an average restaurant dinner for one today. — AFP

27% increase in number of tourists to Egypt in 4 months

THE total number of tourists visiting Egypt during the first four months of 2024 increased by 27 per cent, supported by inbound tourism from Arab countries, which witnessed a 54 per cent growth compared to the same period in 2023, according to Ghada Shalaby, Vice-Minister for Tourism of Egypt.

In statements to the Emirates News Agency (WAM), Shalaby said during her participation in the Arabian Travel Market (ATM) in Dubai today that Egypt's participation in the global event comes within the framework of the measures taken by the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism to encourage more Arab tourist movement, especially from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries. She expressed optimism about the tourism season in 2024, coinciding with Egyptian measures to support promotional programmes, facilitate tourist visas, and target new markets such as India, Australia, and Türkiye.

She noted the presence of nearly 70 Egyptian companies, as well as Egyptian investors and stakeholders in the tourism, aviation, hotel, and hospitality sectors, aiming to engage and explore future partnerships with their counterparts from the GCC countries and the Middle East while attracting more foreign investments from new markets worldwide. — ANI

Major German companies warn against vote for extremism

Germany's far-right AfD party is tied for second place in opinion polls ahead of EU Parliament elections.

GERMANY'S biggest companies said Tuesday they have formed an alliance to campaign against extremism ahead of key EU Parliament elections, when the far right is projected to make strong gains.

The alliance of 30 companies includes blue-chip groups like BMW, BASF and Deutsche Bank, as well as family-owned

businesses and start-ups.

"Exclusion, extremism and populism pose threats to Germany as a business location and to our prosperity," said the alliance in a statement.

"In their first joint campaign, the companies are calling on their combined 1.7 million employees to take part in the upcoming European elections and engaging in

numerous activities to highlight the importance of European unity for prosperity, growth and jobs," it added. The unusual action by the industrial giants came as latest opinion polls show the far-right AfD obtaining about 15 per cent of the EU vote next month in Germany, tied in second place with the Greens after the conservative CDU-CSU alliance. — AFP



Germany's largest companies have joined together in an alliance to combat extremism leading up to the upcoming EU Parliament elections, with 30 companies participating including industry leaders like BMW, BASF, and Deutsche Bank, as well as family-owned businesses and start-ups. **PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

Over 800,000 tourists arrive in Maldives so far this year

THE Maldives have hosted more than 800,000 tourists so far this year, local media reported, quoting the latest statistics from the Maldives' Ministry of Tourism on Tuesday.

This is a 12-per cent increase from last year during the same period, according to local media.

Official figures show that the biggest tourist source for the country is China, as 87,566 Chinese tourists have visited the Maldives till 5 May this year.

The Maldives is currently working on reaching a target tourist arrival of two million by the end of this year, local media said. — Xinhua



This photo taken on 28 April 2024 shows the seaplane docking facility at Velana International Airport in Male, the Maldives. **PHOTO: WU YUE/XINHUA**

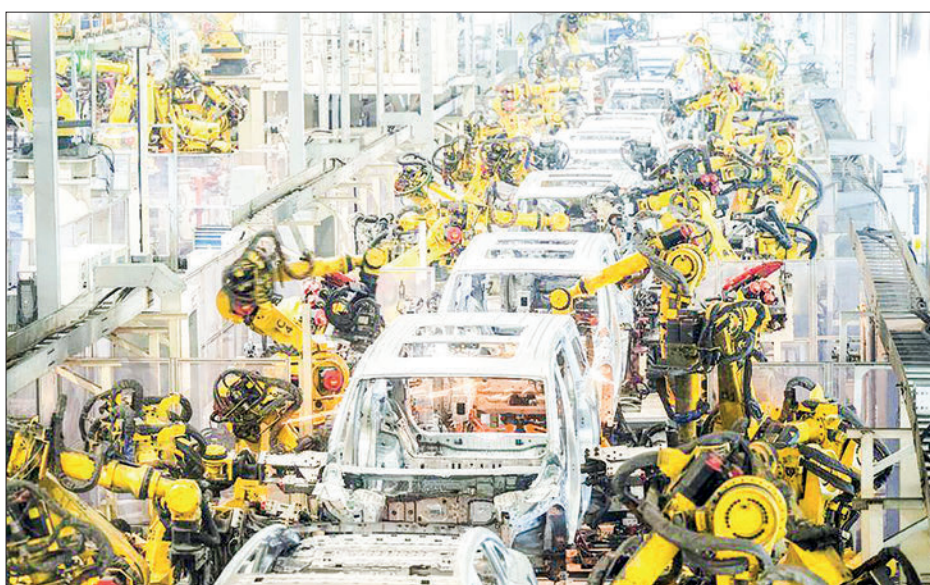
China's passenger vehicle sales up 9% in Jan-April

In April alone, NEV retail sales stood at 706,000 units, marking a significant 34 per cent increase compared to the previous year, as reported by the association.

CHINA'S retail sales of passenger cars reached nearly 6.42 million units in the first four months of this year, marking an increase of nine per cent year on year, according to data from an industry association.

In April alone, sales of passenger cars decreased two per cent year on year to nearly 1.59 million units, data from the China Passenger Car Association showed.

During the January-April period, nearly 2.48 million units of new energy vehicles (NEVs) were sold through retail channels, surging 35 per



Robots are seen at an assembly line of Voyah, a Chinese luxury electric auto brand, in Wuhan, central China's Hubei Province, 1 April 2024. **PHOTO: XIAO YIJU/XINHUA**

cent year on year. Retail sales of NEVs stood at 706,000 units in April, up 34 per cent from a year ago, the association said. — Xinhua

BIZ NEWS IN BRIEF

Ras Al Khaimah to elevate tourism with electric air mobility across Emirate

RAS Al Khaimah Transport Authority (RAKTA) and Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority (RAK-TDA) have signed a future-forward Memorandum of Understanding with Skyports Infrastructure (Skyports), the company leading the development of vertiport infrastructure for electric air taxi services.

Marking the beginning of a partnership that will pioneer sustainable tourism through electric air mobility, this MoU will see Skyports develop a network of vertiports to connect key attractions across Ras Al Khaimah, propelling the Emirate as a destination of the future and aligning with RAKTA's Strategic Plan 2030. — ANI

Pak wheat crop devastated: 29 dealers face legal action in Narowal fertilizer scam

THE agricultural landscape of Narowal district in Pakistan has been marred by a counterfeit fertilizer and pesticide scandal, with devastating consequences for farmers. Following laboratory tests on samples from 46 companies, authorities have taken legal action against 29 dealers accused of distributing fake agricultural inputs, Dawn reported. — ANI

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Notice is hereby given that the official trade name has been changed of **Gold & Super Co., Ltd** for the following product manufactured by Zhejiang Zhongshan Chemical Industry Group Co., Ltd.

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

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M.V LUDWIG SCHULTE VOY.NO. (416W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V LUDWIG SCHULTE VOY.NO. (416W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **9-5-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S MAERSK A/S.

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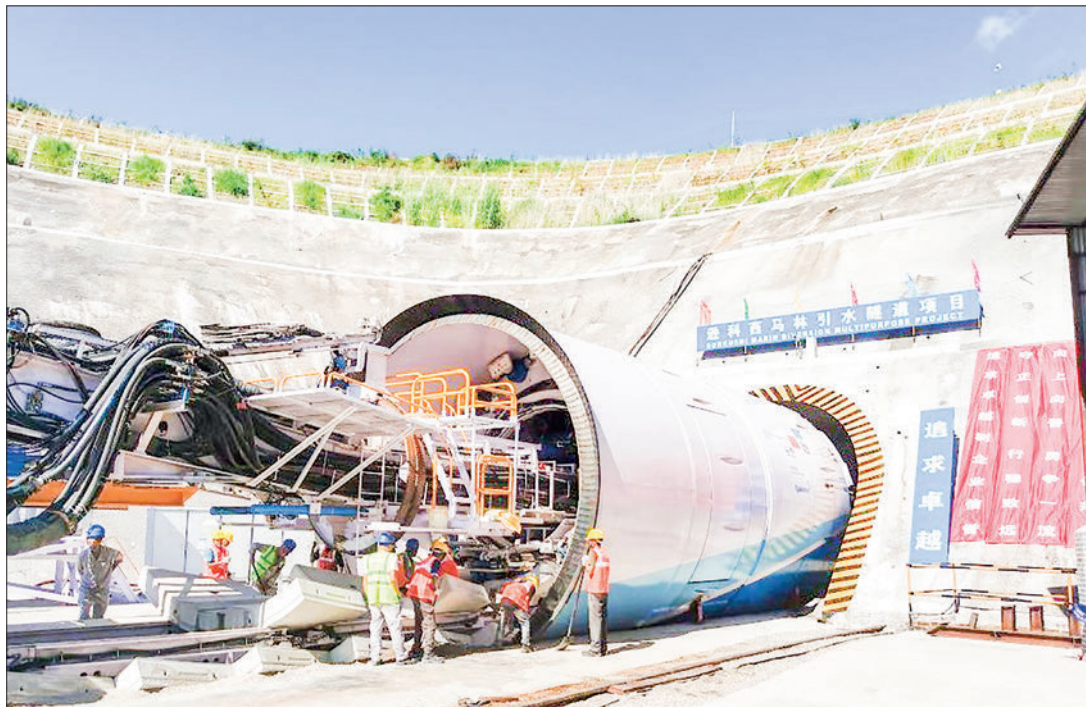
Tunnel under Nepal's Sunkoshi Marin diversion multipurpose project completed

A significant milestone was reached in Nepal as the completion of a 13.3-kilometre-long tunnel under the Sunkoshi Marin diversion multipurpose project was celebrated.

A 13.3-kilometre-long tunnel under Nepal's Sunkoshi Marin diversion multipurpose project was completed on Wednesday, 12 months ahead of schedule.

Nepali Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal hailed it as a "transformative national pride project" contributing to the country's national economy, productivity and prosperity.

After the prime minister pushed the button, a double-shield tunnel boring machine broke through the last section of the tunnel within minutes, to the applause from the audience. The tunnel is the main part of the Sunkoshi Marin diversion multipurpose project, which is aimed at diverting water from the Sunkoshi River to the Marin River through the tunnel to irrigate 122,000 hectares of farmland in the districts of Dhanusha, Mahottari, Sarlahi, Rautahat and Bara in the Terai Plains. In addition, a powerhouse is being built to generate 28.62 megawatts of electricity to alleviate the shortage of power supply in the area.



A double-shield tunnel boring machine (TBM) works at a construction site of the Sunkoshi Marin Diversion Multipurpose Project in Sindhuli, Nepal, 14 October 2022. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**

"This is a transformative national pride project," Dahal said at the breakthrough ceremony held in Sindhuli district, where the project is situated. "The completion of such projects contributes to the coun-

try's national economy, productivity and prosperity."

He noted that while agriculture contributes to one third of Nepal's gross domestic product, there is not enough water flow in winter and spring in the Terai

region which boasts the country's 60 per cent of arable land.

He voiced his belief that the project will not just support the country's economy, but also help reduce trade imbalance contributed by food imports. — Xinhua

South Korea records hottest April in half a century



Tourists play in Hantan river in Pocheon-si, South Korea. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ WANG JINGQIANG/ XINHUA/FILE**

SOUTH Korea experienced its hottest April since comprehensive records began in 1973,

the state weather agency said Tuesday, with average daily temperatures more than 2.5

degrees higher than in previous years.

"The highest average national temperature for April (is) 14.9 degrees Celsius (58.8 degrees Fahrenheit) in 2024", the Korea Meteorological Administration said, adding it was the highest recorded in April since the national weather observation network was established in 1973.

The previous record was 14.7 degrees Celsius, set in April 1998, KMA said.

Average nationwide temperatures in April surpassed the 1991-2020 April average of 12.1 degrees Celsius, it added.

The average daily high also reached a record-breaking 21.1

degrees — which is an increase of 2.5 degrees from the average from 1991 to 2020.

April 14 saw especially high temperatures, as the daytime mercury in the greater Seoul region and areas of Gangwon province soared to approximately 30 degrees.

High pressure flows "developed over the Philippine Sea and east of Chinese Taipei, resulting in warm southerly winds flowing into our country along the edge of the high pressure", KMA said in a statement.

Asia is warming faster than the global average, according to the UN's World Meteorological Organization. — AFP

NEWS ROUNDUP: WORLD

Russia will target French forces if they enter Ukraine

FRENCH troops will become targets for the Russian armed forces if they appear in the special military operation zone, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Wednesday.

"Macron himself explains this rhetoric with a desire to create some kind of 'strategic uncertainty' for Russia. We have to disappoint him. For us the situation looks more than certain. We also decided a long time ago. If the French appear in the conflict zone, they will inevitably become targets for the Russian armed forces. It seems to me that Paris already has evidence of this," Zakharova told reporters.

French President Emmanuel Macron said in an interview with *The Economist* last week that he did not rule out sending troops to Ukraine, should Kyiv send a request. This belligerent statement prompted a major backlash not only in France, but across Europe, as numerous politicians warned Macron against such a move. — SPUTNIK

Israel announces reopening of Kerem Shalom crossing with Gaza

ISRAEL announced on Wednesday the reopening of the Kerem Shalom crossing, a key entry point for humanitarian aid into Gaza.

Aid trucks from Egypt, carrying humanitarian aid, were already arriving at the crossing, the office of the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories, Israel's military liaison to the Palestinians, said in a statement. The trucks are loaded with food, water, shelter equipment, medicine, and medical equipment donated by the international community, the office noted.

On Sunday, Israel closed the Kerem Shalom crossing after a Palestinian armed group launched rockets at a nearby military base in southern Israel, which resulted in the deaths of at least three Israeli soldiers. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Dortmund defeat PSG to reach Champions League final

BORUSSIA Dortmund reached their first Champions League final since 2013, outplaying Paris Saint-Germain in a 1-0 victory on Tuesday, despite a lackluster domestic season.

Dortmund secured their spot with an aggregate score of 2-0, having won the first leg by the same margin.

The crucial goal came in the second half when Mats Hummels headed in from a Julian Brandt corner. Moments earlier, PSG's Warren Zaire-Emery narrowly missed a golden opportunity, volleying against the post from close range.

Despite the French giants dominating possession and amassing 30 shots to Dortmund's seven, they were thwarted repeatedly, hitting the woodwork four times in the second half alone.

Kylian Mbappe expressed his disappointment post-match, stating, "We always want to win at PSG, we feel sad."



Mats Hummels of Borussia Dortmund celebrates after scoring during the UEFA Champions League semifinal second leg against Paris Saint-Germain in Paris, France, 7 May 2024. PHOTO: HENRI SZWARC/XINHUA

"We should have scored. We had the chances to score (and when you don't, when you're not efficient at both ends, it's difficult to go through," Mbappe said after Tuesday's defeat.

At the start of the season, no one could have expected Dortmund to be in the final of the Champions League after they were drawn in a tough group alongside PSG, AC Milan and Newcastle.

But Edin Terzic's side finished top before they got past PSV Eindhoven in the round of 16 and then knocked out Atletico Madrid in the quarterfinals.

"The belief was there. We spoke about the game against Eindhoven (Dortmund's last-16 tie) how short the road to London is. It'll take us a bit of time to realize that, but we're looking forward to it very much." — Xinhua

Football referee course to be opened this month

WITH the supervision of the Myanmar Football Federation and the Myanmar Referee Committee, Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) Basic Referee Course 2/2024 will be launched on 24 May, as stated by the Myanmar Football Federation.

Those who want to attend the course must at least 18 years old, not more than 30 years old and must have at least a high school level of education. They must be fit and able to run and move fast, and they must not wear glasses. They must be able to attend the course without fail until the end of the training period, the MFF stated.

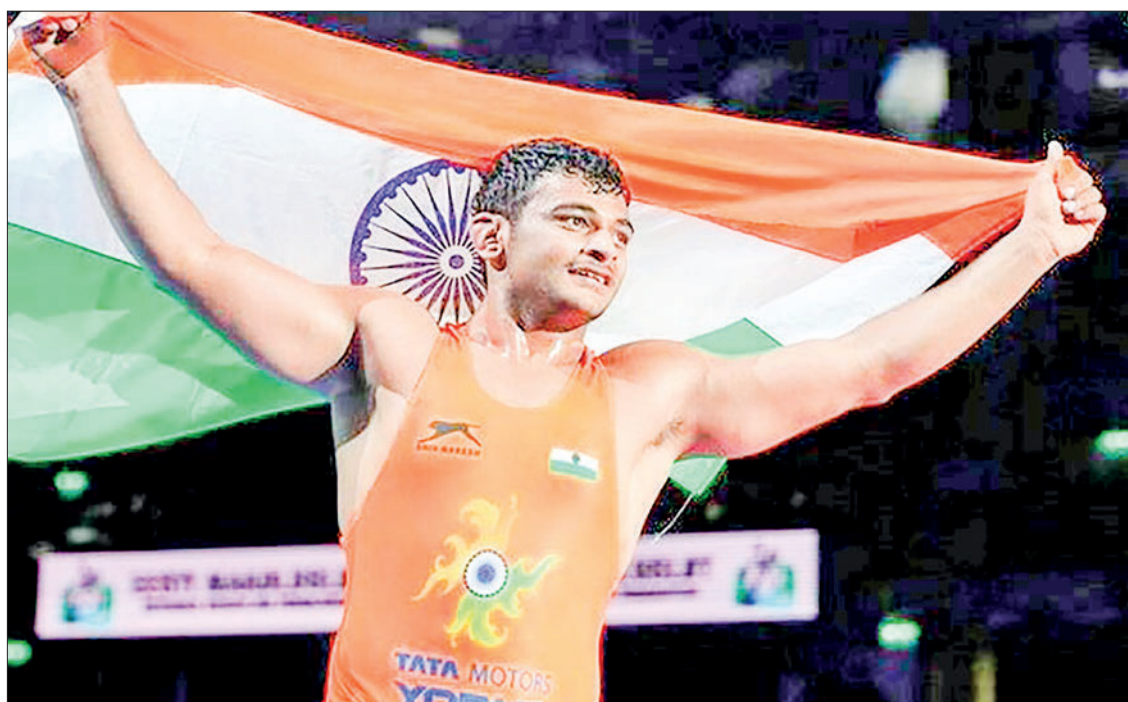
Those who meet the requirements can contact the Myanmar Football Federation Referee Committee Referee Department (09 402302640) during office hours and apply by 20 May. A total of 30 trainees, both males and females, are invited to join the course. The course is seven days long and will conclude on 30 May, as stated by the football federation. — KZL

Nadal welcomes unusual role of underdog

SPANISH tennis legend Rafael Nadal said on Wednesday he was "excited to be playing in Rome" despite entering the Italian Open unseeded and ranked 305.

"All the matches are tough for me today, difficult and more unpredictable than what they used to be for me, especially on clay," the 37-year-old, 10-time Italian Open winner said. "I accept that role. I accept that challenge. I'm excited about the way that I can be able to play if I keep working the proper way and my body allows me". — AFP

India fields 14-man contingent at World Wrestling Olympic Qualifiers, final chance to get Paris 2024 quotas



India is sending a 14-member squad to the World Wrestling Olympic Qualifiers in Istanbul, starting Thursday, the last opportunity for wrestlers to secure quotas for the Paris 2024 Olympics. PHOTO: ANI

INDIA is fielding a 14-man squad for the World Wrestling Olympic Qualifiers scheduled in Istanbul from Thursday, the last chance

for wrestlers to obtain their quotas for the Paris 2024 Olympics. The 14 wrestlers include Aman Sehrawat and Deepak

Punia, as per Olympics.com. The event will conclude on 12 May.

The two finalists in each weight divisions will earn the

“India has secured four wrestling quotas for the Olympics so far, all achieved by women wrestlers.”

Olympic quotas for their respective nations, with three quotas on offer in each weight class. The third quota will go to the winner of the playoff match between two bronze medalists of a particular weight class.

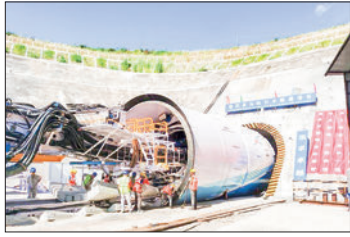
So far, India has secured only four quotas in wrestling for the multi-sporting extravaganza, with all of them achieved by women's wrestlers. Antim Panghal (53 kilogrammes) helped India secure its first quota at the 2023 World Wrestling Championships while during the Asian Olympic Qualifiers held last month,

Vinesh Phogat (50kg), Anshu Malik (57kg) and Reetika Hooda (76kg) added three more quotas to the list. In women's wrestling, Mansi Ahlawat and Nisha, in 62 kg and 68 kg respectively, will be India's only representatives at Istanbul. Mansi had fallen short of one win during the Asian Olympic Qualifiers in Bishkek but will be aiming to go one step better and secure the quota.

India has won five medals in freestyle wrestling during the previous four editions of the Summer Olympics, with two of them coming at Tokyo 2020. — ANI

Tunnel under Nepal's
Sunkoshi Marin diversion
multipurpose project
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WORLD

Xi arrives in Belgrade for state visit to Serbia

CHINESE President Xi Jinping arrived in Belgrade on Tuesday to pay a state visit to Serbia.

Serbian Air Force sent two fighter jets to escort Xi's plane after it entered the country's airspace.

The Chinese president was warmly welcomed by Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic and his wife, Tamara Vucic, at Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport.

Serbian children presented flowers to Xi and his wife, Peng Liyuan, and waved the national flags of China and Serbia. Serbian people dressed in national costumes sang and danced to welcome them.

"China and Serbia enjoy profound traditional friendship. Our bilateral relationship has stood the test of changing international environment and become a fine example of state-to-state relations," Xi said in a written statement upon arrival.

Xi said he looks forward to taking this visit as an opportunity to have in-depth exchange of views with Vucic on bilateral relationship and other issues of mutual interest, renew friendship, plan for cooperation, explore development, and draw up a new blueprint for the development of bilateral relations.

"I am confident that this visit will be a fruitful one and will open up a new chapter in China-Serbia relations," he said. — Xinhua

Xi expressed the robust friendship between China and Serbia, focusing on cooperation and development plans for their bilateral relations.



Chinese President Xi Jinping arrives in Belgrade for a state visit to Serbia at the invitation of Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic, 7 May 2024. **PHOTO: HUANG JINGWEN/XINHUA**

India becomes world's third largest solar power generator, overtakes Japan: Report



This significant growth has elevated India from being ranked ninth in 2015 to the third-largest solar power producer globally. India One Solar Thermal Power Plant in Rajasthan, India. **PHOTO: IMAGE USED FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSE/BKWCREATOR/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

INDIA overtook Japan to become the world's third-largest solar power generator in 2023, according to a report by global

energy think tank Ember. India has climbed from ranking ninth in 2015.

The Global Electricity Review 2024 published on Wednesday provides a comprehensive overview of the global power system in 2023 based on country-level data. It was published alongside the world's first open dataset on electricity generation in 2023 covering 80 countries representing 92 per cent of global electricity demand, as well as historic data for 215 countries. "India's growth in solar generation in 2023 pushed the country past Japan to become the world's third-largest solar power generator. It has climbed from ranking ninth in 2015," the report said. — ANI

A UNIQUE ONLINE COMMUNITY

TikTok sues US government to block potential ban

TikTok, an online video entertainment platform, and its Chinese parent company ByteDance on Tuesday filed a legal challenge against the US government over a law forcing ByteDance to sell off the ultra-popular app or face a nationwide ban in the country.

US President Joe Biden signed a TikTok ban bill into law last month after it was passed by both houses of US Congress.

"Congress has taken the unprecedented step of expressly singling out and banning TikTok: a vibrant online forum for protected speech and expression used by 170 million Americans to create, share, and view videos over the Internet," said TikTok in the petition filed in the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, adding that "For the first time in history, Congress has enacted a law that subjects a single, named speech platform to a permanent, nationwide ban, and bars every American from participating in a unique online community with more than one billion people worldwide." — Xinhua