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State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing looks into the display produced by the Tatmadaw Textile Factory (Meiktila) yesterday.

## China top importer of Myanmar's rice in April-May

CHINA is the top importing country of Myanmar's rice, with over 52,500 tonnes in the past two months (April-May) of the current financial year 2024-2025, followed by Belgium with over 26,700 tonnes and Indonesia with over 26,600 tonnes, Myanmar Rice Federation's statistics showed.

Additionally, over 10,600 tonnes to Spain and 10,000 tonnes to Cameroon were also exported.

Myanmar has shipped over 183,141.5 tonnes of rice to external markets in the past two months, bagging \$91.26 million.

The federation aims to achieve over 2.5 million tonnes of rice exports in the 2024-2025 financial year (April-March), bagging one million US dollars.

The Ministry of Commerce is working together with the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association, Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association, Myanmar Industries Association, Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association, Myanmar Fisheries Products Processors and Exporters Association to meet monthly export targets and facilitate exports.

The federation aims to achieve 2.5 million tonnes of rice export in the FY 2023-2024, generating earnings of one billion dollars. However, rice exports fell short of the target with 1.6 million tonnes worth \$845 million.

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## Home production of textile products essential to cut imports

Quality thread production should meet local demand instead of exporting cotton wool to international markets.

**S**ENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing gave guidance that continuous efforts must be made to produce high-quality textiles with the use of domestic cotton wool.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min

Aung Hlaing yesterday morning gave guidance as mentioned above in inspecting the Tatmadaw Textile Factory (Meiktila) in Meiktila of Mandalay Region.

At the meeting hall of the factory, factory manager U Naing Lin reported to the Senior General on the implementation of guidance given by

the Senior General on his inspection tour in September 2022, the brief history of the factory, production of threads, undertaking of agriculture and livestock farming tasks for welfare of staff, and production of 2/80 threads with the use of local cotton wool.

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## MoNREC designates 'Kyun Natha Marine National Park'

THE Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation announced that 781 acres of land and 22,219 acres of water area in Gwa township, Thandwe District, Rakhine State, have been designated as 'Kyun Nantha Marine National Park', as of 12 June 2024, under Notification 50/2024 by exercising the authority conferred under Sub-section (a) of Section 9 of the Conservation of Biodiversity and Protected Areas Law promulgated in May

2018.

Kyun Nantha is an island with unusual geological features and a Rakhine coastal region located about 24 nautical miles from Kyeintali town of Gwa township. The marine species under the protection of IUCN, such as green sea turtles, olive ridleys, bigheaded turtles, leatherback sea turtles, loggerhead turtles, whales, whale sharks, dugongs, sharks, rays, Egretta sacra inhabit there, and there are also submarine mud volca-

noes and coral reefs. Therefore, the ministry recognizes the marine national park to conserve the aquatic species and unusual geological features.

Additionally, it will conserve the submarine mud volcanoes, coral reefs, endangered marine species, and coastal ecosystems. It will also ensure the systematic administrative system for locals' traditional fishing areas from 10 villages and protect those areas under the law. — MoNREC/KTZH



## New postage 'Common Rose' stamp set for release



The photo shows the new postage "Common Rose" stamp.

MYANMA Post, under the Ministry of Transport and Communications, will issue a new postage stamp worth K200 featuring the 'Common Rose' butterfly, as recorded by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Conservation. The stamp will be released at 9:30 am on 20 June 2024.

The new stamp will be available for purchase at the

Central Post Office in Nay Pyi Taw, the General Post Offices in Yangon and Mandalay, and other post offices across each region and state.

Postage stamps purchased at the Central Post Office in Nay Pyi Taw and the General Post Offices in Yangon and Mandalay on 20 June 2024 will feature a particular date marking to commemorate the event. — MNA/TRKM

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## Champions crowned in Ooredoo Myanmar's Gameverse-Mission 2024

THE final matches of Gameverse-Mission 2024 by Ooredoo Myanmar took place at National Indoor Stadium 1, Thuwunna, on 16 June.

The NET Angles faced

Falcon Daisies in the final match of Gameverse-Mission 2024 Female, and the NET Angles won the title 3-0 against Falcon Daisies. Meanwhile, the AI Esports beat Falcon

Esports 3-1 to claim the title after the final match of the male category.

The female team was awarded K20 million, and the male team was awarded K50 million.

"The competition is proof of our commitment. The unbelievable participation energized us. Ooredoo Myanmar also appreciated the winners. We also thank individuals who supported this event. Ooredoo Myanmar will keep supporting the eSports of Myanmar, and we are also excited to bring amazing opportunities to local eSports players," said Ooredoo Myanmar's Chief Commercial Officer, Mr Eduardo Quiroga.

A total of 321 male teams and 10 female teams participated in the event. — Arkar Lin/KTZH



Male AI Esports seen after receiving awards.

### COVID-19 report, 17 JUNE 2024

#### NEW TESTS

33,878

#### NEW CASES

73

#### CASUALTIES

Nil

# NATIONAL

## SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla inspect peaceful learning of students at Shande BEHS No 5

**C**HAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, together with his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and officials, visited No 5 Basic Education High School (Shande) in Meiktila yesterday morning and the students learning peacefully.

The Senior General and his wife cordially viewed the happy and peaceful learning of students in classrooms and fulfilled the needs of teachers.

After inspecting the school hall, library, and compound, the Senior General instructed officials to encourage peaceful and happy learning for students, beautify the school vicinity, provide the school furniture and teaching aids, and improve the reading habits of students.

The Senior General and his wife presented copies of Ludu Theikpan (public science) books to the school library and food supplies to students through the headmaster.

The Senior General cordially greeted teachers and fulfilled the school's requirements. — MNA/TTA



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views round the No 5 BEHS (Shande) in Meiktila yesterday.

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In his response, the Senior General stressed that as various

textiles, including mosquito nets, blankets, and bed sheets, are produced at home, it is neces-

sary to meet the local demand for products in order to reduce import volumes.

He noted that if threads and textiles for MSME industries meet the demands at home, the

import volume of textiles can be reduced.

The Senior General inspected the quality of textiles for uniforms and the quality produced by the factory and gave guidance on sustaining the quality of textiles, and increasing products depending on the market demand.

At the construction site of the Yarn Spinning Factory and Dyeing Factory, which will produce high-quality threads, the Senior General inspected the progress of factories and installation of machinery and coordinated reports of the factory manager and foreign experts from the factory construction project. — MNA/TTA



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing hears the report on the brief history of the factory and production progress yesterday.

# NATIONAL

## Myanmar, India to promote bilateral cooperation of two armed forces

VICE-SENIOR General Soe Win and Indian Ambassador Mr Abhay Thakur discussed the enhancement of cooperation in peace and stability at the Myanmar-India border region.

Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win received Ambassador of the Republic of India to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Abhay Thakur, at the Credentials Hall of the Office of the State Administration Council Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Both sides discussed bilateral trade, an increase in investments, development undertakings being conducted by both countries and cooperation in systematically turning out skilled workers and human resources for the development of

the industrial sector.

Also present at the meeting were the officials and the

deputy minister for foreign affairs, U Lwin Oo.

The Indian Ambassador

was accompanied by Deputy Head of Mission of the Indian Embassy Mr Ashish Sharma,

the Defence Attaché of India to Myanmar and officials. — MNA/TTA



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win receives Indian Ambassador Mr Abhay Thakur and delegation yesterday.

## SAC members attend 2024 Inter-State/Region Taekwondo Competition opening

THE opening ceremony of the 2024 Inter-State/Region Taekwondo Competition was held at Wunna Theikdi Gymnasium A yesterday morning in Nay Pyi Taw.

The opening ceremony was attended by Members of the State Administration Council Daw Dwe Bu, Porel Aung Thein, Dr Hmu Thang, Dr Ba Shwe, Khun San Lwin, U Shwe Kyein and U Yan Kyaw, Union ministers, the Union auditor-general, deputy ministers, Nay Pyi Taw Council members,



The opening event of the 2024 ISR Taekwondo Competition in progress yesterday.

departmental officials, officials from the Myanmar Taekwondo Federation, administrators, coaches, athletes, and departmental staff.

Myanmar Olympic Committee Secretary Deputy Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Htein Lin explained the objectives of the competition.

Athletes who will compete in the inter-state/regional Taekwondo competitions then recited the four oaths of sports.

Afterwards, the SAC members and officials cordially

greeted the team administrators, coaches and athletes and watched the first day of the Taekwondo Individual (Men/Women) matches.

A total of 263 athletes from 15 men's teams and 15 women's teams are competing in the 2024 inter-state/region Taekwondo competition at Wunna Theikdi Gymnasium A from 17 to 21 June in Nay Pyi Taw and anyone interested in Taekwondo may come and watch the events free of charge. — MNA/KTZH

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## DPM MoFA Union Minister joins Indian Embassy-organized Yoga Session

U Than Swe, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, participated in the Yoga Session organized by the Embassy of the Republic of India stationed in Yangon in collaboration with the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture of Myanmar to observe the 10<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga yesterday at the Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw.

U Than Tun Oo, Chairman of the Nay Pyi Taw Council, U Lwin Oo, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar, government officials

from various ministries, Indian Ambassador Mr Abhay Thakur and diplomats from the Embassy of India as well as other invitees also participated in the Yoga session and celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga altogether.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs then planted a sapling of *Mesua ferrea* along with the chairman of the Nay Pyi Taw Council, the deputy minister and the ambassador of India in commemoration of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga at Marlini Lake Garden in Uppatasanti Pagoda. — MNA



Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister U Than Swe participates in yesterday's event in Nay Pyi Taw.

## Myanmar delegation attends 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of High-Level Task Force on ASEAN Community's Post-2025 Vision (HLTF-ACV) held in Jakarta, Indonesia

THE Myanmar delegation led by Dr Wah Wah Maung, Eminent Person (EP) of Myanmar and Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations of the Republic of the Union Myanmar attended the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of High-Level Task Force on ASEAN Community's Post-2025 Vision (HLTF-ACV) which was held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 13-15 June 2024, accompanied by an official from the Department of ASEAN Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. High-Level Representative drafting session of the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the High-Level Task Force on ASEAN Community's Post-2025 Vision (HLTF-ACV) was held prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of HLTF-ACV.

The meeting was co-chaired by Mr Chatoulong Bouasisavath, Eminent Person (EP) of Lao PDR as the ASEAN Chair and Mr Dato' Zainuddin Yahya, Eminent Person (EP) of Malaysia and Former Malaysian Ambassador, as the permanent shepherd Member State and it was attended by Eminent Persons, High-Level Representatives and officials from ASEAN Member States and Timor-Leste as an Observer, as well as officials from the ASEAN Secretariat.

At the meeting, Dr Wah Wah



MIFER Deputy Minister Dr Wah Wah Maung joins the group photo session in Jakarta, Indonesia during the HLTF-ACV meeting.

Maung noted with satisfaction the progress achieved in the second reading of the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) Strategic Plan of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and highlighted the need to set the timeline towards the final submission of the Strategic Plans and inform other pillars to ensure that all Community Pillars and Connectivity are accelerating their works in crafting the Strategic Plans of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045. She suggested having another interface with the Chairs of the HLTF-EI, SOCA, and ACCC at the end of the year and further refining

the draft of the strategic plans as the number of issues that cut across pillars and sectors appear in several action lines. She underscored the importance of strengthening ASEAN Centrality by enhancing the effectiveness of ASEAN-led mechanisms and the implementation of the ASEAN Outlook for Indo-Pacific (AOIP) in evolving regional architecture amidst geopolitical tensions and rivalries. The deputy minister also highlighted the need to sustain a good legacy of ASEAN that internationally recognized "ASEAN Way of Consensus" and "ASEAN Solidarity" while considering reforming some of

the existing mechanisms. She encouraged ASEAN Member States to adhere to the ASEAN shared principles of equality, mutual respect, non-interference, the ASEAN Way of Consensus in the decision-making process, ASEAN's spirit of "sharing and caring", and unity and solidarity of ASEAN that has steadfastly stood as the main driving force behind the success of ASEAN today. She also stressed the need to maintain ASEAN norms and culture values while integrating the principles of human rights in some areas of cooperation in our region.

The meeting noted the progress made in the second reading of the APSC Strategic Plan of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and tasked the ASEAN Secretariat to develop the progress report on the development of ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and its Strategic Plans. The meeting discussed the ideas to set the timeline for review and update on the implementation of the APSC Strategic Plan and agreed to share the narrative format of the APSC Strategic Plan with the other pillars for reference. The meeting also agreed to decide the placement of the elements of Institutional Strengthening-related Strategic Measures at a later

stage. The meeting adopted the Summary Decisions and Summary Reports of the 14<sup>th</sup> HLTF-ACV.

At the sideline of the Meeting, HLTF-ACV had an Interface meeting with the Secretary-General of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) and the Executive Director of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and the respective stakeholders have updated their works and contributions to the implementation of the APSC Blueprint and shared the priorities and challenges to be addressed in the future ahead and provide their recommendations. The meeting exchanged views on the emerging challenges and recommendations made by the respective stakeholders on the development of the APSC Strategic Plan in a friendly, cordial and candid manner.

HLTF-ACV was established in 2022 to develop the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and attendant document(s) in close consultation with the three ASEAN Community Pillars and ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee in accordance with the Ha Noi Declaration on the ASEAN Community's Post-2025 Vision and the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community's Post-2025 Vision. — MNA

# NATIONAL

## 5<sup>th</sup> Lancang-Mekong Audiovisual Week kicks off in Yunnan

THE opening ceremony of the fifth Lancang-Mekong Audiovisual Week took place at Yunnan Radio and TV Station in Kunming, Yunnan Province in China, on 17 June.

The event was attended by Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, Vice-Minister of the National Radio and Television Administration (NRTA) Mr Yang Guorui, CPC Yunnan Provincial Committee member and Information Minister Mrs Zeng Yan, Deputy Governor of Yunnan Province People's Government Mrs Yang Yang, senior officials from China, Myanmar, Cambodia and others Mekong countries. Officials from Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka were also present at the launching ceremony.

Speaking at the event, the Union Information Minister said Myanmar maintains its relations with regional and neighbouring countries and actively participates in regional cooperation processes based on friendship, mutual respect, peaceful coexistence, mutual



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn speaks on the opening occasion of the fifth Lancang-Mekong Audiovisual Week in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China, on 17 June 2024.

trust and equality. The country also enacts media law and allows motion picture development activities to be freely done in order to achieve Media Pluralism.

He continued that the state-owned MRTV signed MoUs with PRD of Thai, NRTA of China,

China Media Group (CMG), GX-RTV and Voice of Vietnam (VOV) and conducted staff exchange programmes, high-level representatives' exchanges and movie broadcasting programmes.

He then called on the attendees to ensure full participation and cooperation in the fu-

ture with mutual respect, trust, equality and understanding, as the Lancang-Mekong countries are as close as one family living in a community and drinking the same water from the same land.

The officials of Lancang-Mekong countries and South Asian countries pressed the electric

button to inaugurate the fifth Lancang-Mekong Audiovisual Week.

Then, the traditional dances, performances, living styles and regional products of Lancang-Mekong regions, Yunnan province, South East Asia and South Asia were explained via video clips, and the event was concluded.

The fifth Lancang-Mekong Audiovisual Week was jointly hosted by the National Radio and Television Administration of China, the Ministry of Information and Communications of Vietnam, and the People's Government of Yunnan Province, aiming to enhance mutual understanding and trust among the peoples of China and South and Southeast Asian countries by showcasing their unique intangible cultural heritages. It also seeks to preserve, innovate, and develop the civilizations of these countries through cooperation.

The event will take place from 17 to 20 June in Kunming, Yuxi City, and other areas of China. — MNA/KTZH

## Naval, private vessels transport relief supplies to people in Rakhine State



Workers seen loading relief supplies to transport them to Rakhine State.

UNDER the guidance of the National Disaster Management Committee and the supervision of the Transport and Communication Work Committee, 39,898 sacks of rice provided by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief

and Resettlement, along with construction materials and charcoal briquettes requested by the Rakhine State government, were transported from Yangon to Sittway yesterday morning.

Since 16 May 2023, relief

supplies, including consumer goods and foodstuffs weighing 69,825.36 tonnes, 249,762 gallons of diesel, and 199,886 gallons of Octane 92, have been transported to Rakhine State. — MNA/MKKS

## Miss Myanmar to compete at Miss Supranational 2024 in Poland

MISS Dee, representing Myanmar, will compete at the Miss Supranational 2024 pageant on 7 July in Poland. She is the first runner-up of Miss Supranational Myanmar 2024.

At the 15<sup>th</sup> Miss Supranational 2024, representatives from over 60 countries, including Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, Cambodia, India, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Nigeria, Haiti, Mexico, South Africa, Laos, Australia, and Canada, as well as Myanmar, will participate in the competition.

"I feel encouraged when I see my fans cheering for me all the way to the airport. I gain a lot of strength from their support. I've worked on addressing my weaknesses for this challenging contest. I'll try my best," said Miss Myanmar



The photo showcases Miss Myanmar Dee for Miss Supranational 2024.

Dee.

Miss Ecuador Andrea Aguilera, the winner of Miss Supranational 2023, will crown the winner of this year's pageant. — ASH/TRKM

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The Myanmar Rice Federation President affirmed that the Central Bank of Myanmar's monetary policy to control export earnings impeded rice exports, hurting exporters financially, and the El Nino weather conditions also hampered rice exports.

Myanmar exported 2,261,203 tonnes of rice and broken rice to foreign trade partners in the past 2022-2023 FY (April-March), with an estimated value of \$853.472 million. — NN/EM

## Aemahta rice now available at fair prices in Yangon

MYANMAR Rice Federation (MRF) has been offering a rice subsidy scheme together with affiliated associations, depots and rice companies since 31 May. The consumers can buy Aemahta rice at an affordable rate.

The rice subsidy scheme will continue until October. It currently covers 58 retail shops in 18 townships: Hline-thaya, Shwepyitha, South Dagon, North Okkalapa, North Dagon, Dagon Seikkan, East Dagon, Hmawby, Thingangyun, Thakayta, Pazundaung, Dawbon, Dala, Kyimyindine, Ahlon, Seikkyi Khanaungto, Mingaladon and Insein in Yangon Region.

Under the guidance of the MRF, Myanmar Rice and Pad-

dy Traders Association, export companies and depots worked together to stabilize the price and initiated the rice subsidy scheme in order for the low-income people and civil servants to buy the rice at fairer prices at 58 retail shops in 18 townships, Yangon Region. The consumers can purchase reasonably well-milled (15 per cent broken) white rice. An individual is entitled to buy two pyi at a time.

For further information, individuals can enquire about the MRF and depots through email: admin@mrf.com.mm and contact numbers (MRF: 09 40067260 and 09 400067270, Wahdan rice depot: 01 8221448, 01 8220131 and 01 8210287, and Bayintnaung rice depot: 09 76029428. — NN/KK

## YGN palm oil wholesale rate set at K5,370 per viss for week ending 23 June



Cooking oil is displayed for sale at the shopping centre.

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil for the Yangon market rose slightly to K5,370 per viss this week ending 23 June from K5,365 recorded last week ending 16 June, according to the Supervisory Committee on edible oil import and distribution.

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

Despite the reference price, the market price is way

too high.

To control overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed the consumers of lodging the complaints for overcharging through the call centre's hotline in late August. The department urged consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices. The Committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market manipulation will face legal action under the Essential Goods and Services Law.

The department is working together with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the

cooking oil importing companies to offer affordable rates of imported palm oil for consumers.

The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over Hot Line: 1535 of the Call Centre of the Consumers Affairs Department or sent to the Facebook Page of the Department and the region and state departments concerned.

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

## Kayin State coffee plantation expansion to boost foreign currency income

DURING his address at the collective planting festival of coffee trees in Byaing-taung Village, Ohntabin Village-tract, Hpa-an Township on 15 June, the Kayin State Chief Minister announced plans to expand coffee plantations by an additional 1,000 acres.

Currently, Kayin State hosts a total of 10,029 acres dedicated to coffee crops, yielding 21,229 tonnes of coffee beans. The report

highlighted that Robusta, known as lowland coffee, is predominantly cultivated in Thandaunggyi Township.

The expansion of coffee cultivation is essential due to the significant foreign currency income generated by coffee products. — TWA/TMT

Two Kayin girls plucking coffee beans in the plantation located in Thandaunggyi, Kayin State.



# OPINION

## Efficiently use water in consumption and agricultural measures

EFFICIENT water usage is critical for environmental conservation and societal health, as water is essential for both consumption and agriculture. Individuals must adopt water-saving practices to help protect the planet.

Myanmar is working towards national development by ensuring the provision of basic needs — food, clothing, and shelter — for its people. A key component of this effort is the efficient use of safe water, especially in central Myanmar, where water shortages persist throughout the year except during the rainy season. Systematic water use and storage can greatly benefit the residents of these dry regions.

The government has initiated various projects to supply water for both consumption and agricultural purposes. Over successive eras, dams, reservoirs, canals, and tributaries have been constructed to irrigate croplands and paddy fields. Additionally, efforts are underway to maintain existing water infrastructure and explore new water resources to ensure a year-round supply.

In this context, the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development plans to implement over 480 water supply projects in more than 420 villages across the nation during the 2024-25 financial year. These initiatives are part of the Safe Water Supply Project for People, aiming for completion by 2030. The Department of Rural Development is executing these rural water supply projects using state-allocated funds, maintenance funds, contributions from UNICEF, the dry zone water supply project fund, and funds from regional and state governments.

In the 2022-23 financial year, the department completed 1,202 rural water supply projects nationwide, followed by 1,302 projects in 2023-24 FY. These included 561 projects funded by ordinary allocations, 115 by maintenance funds, 255 by state funds, and 371 with contributions from UNICEF.

For the 2024-25 fiscal year, plans are in place to implement 481 water supply projects across 427 villages in various regions, states, and self-administered division and zones. Recognizing the government's efforts and the dedication of relevant staff, it is crucial for residents to cooperate by using water efficiently, minimizing waste, and supporting environmental conservation initiatives.

That is why people need to cooperate with government departments and staff in the exploration of new water sources, maintenance of existing water sources and efficient use of water in consumption and agricultural tasks. People have to share knowledge about the systematic use of water to save the world and shape a healthy society for the people to be free from contamination of waterborne diseases.



In an apparent move to boost tourism and bring tourist dollars into the country, the Thai Cabinet agreed to waive visa measures for a total of 93 countries. **ILLUSTRATION: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/PXHERE**

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# A Glimpse of the International Law

By U Khin Maung (A retired diplomat)

1. Please let me be honest. I am not an international law expert. International law is so wide, delicate, and demanding a subject that I believe only the highly qualified jurists and eminent scholars shall have all the credentials and the capabilities to write it comprehensively, competently and convincingly. It is quite a task. Nevertheless, I hope you'll be good enough to let me present just a glimpse of international law from a law student's point of view. In saying "a law student's point of view", believe me, I really mean it in the literal sense of the phrase. And on this point, I think you may wish to ask me: why do you, an oldie, a retired civil servant, consider yourself a law student? My answer is simply because I am still spending my time studying a few subjects I am interested in. And of course, international law is a subject that I like to study for my own academic interest. Still, I think you might wish to shoot me another question. Why, despite your age, do you keep on learning? Again, my answer is that I believe that there is no end to the learning process; in other words, I think "no educative process is ever the end; it is always the beginning of more education, more learning, more living". Well, on the question of the process

of learning, may I ask you, my dear reader, to have your opinion? What do you say? I wonder. Now, let's say something about the topic.

### What is the international law?

2. International law is the "law of nations" or a body of rules that govern inter-state relations. International law treats all states the same, no matter what they are - big or small, rich or poor, strong or weak. Hence, the principle of equality before the law. States are subjects of the international law. States are to follow and abide by international law, and international law is not for the states to take into their own hands and abuse to their advantage. As subjects of international law, states have international personalities. By virtue of this, states have rights to enjoy and duties to fulfil under international law. On the other hand, there is also a growing concept that under international law, individuals and corporations have rights and responsibilities in certain situations. Yet, there is another widely accepted view that states have to represent individuals and corporations in their relations with their counterparts.

### The Role of International Law in today's world

3. In the broadest possible sense, the international law may be classified into two kinds: the customary international law and the conventional international law. Customary international law is that type of law which is based upon the well-established age-old customs, traditions and certain rules of conduct, which the modern states have accepted to be binding on them and which they have also agreed as to their enforce-ability by appropriate means in case of their violations. Conventional international law is that branch of law that takes as its source the agreements, decisions, and resolutions reached upon and adopted by the international conventions and/or the multilateral treaties: For example, the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, etc.



Your emphasis on mutual respect and the elimination of inequalities and power imbalances resonates deeply with the ideals of fairness and justice in international relations. **ILLUSTRATION: PIXABAY**

As such, each state has obviously become "a member in the family of nations". So, in this ICT age, I think international law has come to have a more active and important role to play as it becomes central to the global community concerns. In this connection, I think "the doctrine of incorporation" should be explained briefly. "The doctrine of incorporation" is the principle recognized by many states that international law is part of, i.e., incorporated into the laws of the land. Consequently, the courts take judicial notice of it. The constitutions of a number

of states expressly provide for the adoption of the generally accepted principles of international law as part of the law of the land.

4. With the increasing popularity and worldwide application of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) - the world is being regarded as a single community or a global village. And in this global village of ours, we have swifter, easier, and more convenient contacts and communications with each other, states with states, and peoples with peoples. Thus, states become more and more interdependent and interactive.

5. Well, now, the sovereign equality of states: I firmly believe it is the cardinal principle of international law. With a view to reinvigorating the principles of international law concerning friendly relations and cooperation among states in accordance with the UN charter, the 25th session of the United Nations General Assembly solemnly proclaimed them under its resolutions, GA 2625 (XXV).

It was simply called the General Assembly Declaration. The principles thus proclaimed include, among other things, the following:

- The principle concerning the duty not to intervene in matters which fall within the domestic jurisdiction of any state.
- The duty of states to cooperate with one another.
- The principle of equal rights and self-determination of the peoples.
- The principle of sovereign equality of states.

On the principle of sovereign equality, they have equal rights

## Resident Neighbour: Retribution

By U AC

THE announcement by the Foreign Ministry of Thailand at the end of May, if anything, reflected how welcoming the Thais have become towards Myanmar citizens entering their land. The Ministry released a list of 93 nations whose citizens can enter Thailand without a visa or obtain a visa on arrival and can stay for up to 60 days. You would have caught the drift that the list excluded citizens of Myanmar.

In an apparent move to boost tourism and bring tourist dollars into the country, the Thai Cabinet agreed to waive

visa measures for a total of 93 countries. This list includes the 57 nations whose citizens were allowed to stay in Thailand for 30 days without a visa, 13 nations for whom the visa requirement was recently waived, an additional six nations whose citizens will be allowed to stay here without a visa for 60 days and 17 new nations that are now eligible for 60 days VOA (Visa on Arrival).

The 57 nations who were already enjoying a visa waiver and can now get a 60-day stamp (an upgrade from the previous

30 days) on arrival included all first-world countries and some ASEAN counterparts such as Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Vietnam.

The 13 nations whose citizens were already getting a 30-day VOA and will now be getting a 60-day stamp included populous countries such as India, as well as smaller nations such as Fiji, Malta and Bhutan.

The six newcomers' countries, whose citizens are getting 60-day Visas, would be the hardest for Myanmar to take. They in-

cluded nations whose citizens would only get 14 days of VOA, just like Myanmar citizens prior to this announcement. They would now enjoy a visa waiver and a 60-day stay. The gang of six comprises China, Laos, Macau, Mongolia, Russia and Cambodia. The two ASEAN neighbours are, in fact, poorer than Myanmar until 2017, based on GDP per capita.

To rub salt further into the wound, 17 new nations are added to the list that are eligible for 60 days of VOA. These nations included those countries

whose citizens do not usually visit Southeast Asia: Guatemala, Kosovo, Panama, Cuba, Colombia, Dominica, Ecuador, etc., to name a few.

The resident neighbour has furtively put its long-standing next-door acquaintance the second fiddle by shutting it out of the list of welcoming visitors onto its land. As the saying goes, 'poverty is the worst form of discrimination'. Hopefully, it would become a wake-up call to the government not to be complacent, being the king frog in a small well.

and duties, and they are equal members of the international community, notwithstanding differences of an economic, political or other nature. In particular, sovereign equality includes the following elements.

(1) All states are juridically equal.

(2) Each state enjoys the rights inherent in full sovereignty.

(3) Each state has the duty to respect the personality of other states.

(4) The territorial integrity and political independence of the state are inviolable.

(5) Each state has the right to freely choose and develop its political, social, economic and cultural systems.

(6) Each state has the duty to comply fully and in good faith with its international obligations and to live in peace with other states.

6. The General Assembly Declaration also proclaimed that the principles of the UN Charter should constitute the basic principles of international law. It further appealed to all states to be guided by these principles in their international conduct and to develop their mutual relations on the basis of their strict observance.

7. Well, the aforementioned are just a gist of the principles of international law proclaimed by

the General Assembly Declaration GA2625(XXV). However, all these principles, if I may have to express my own opinion, should not remain mere solemn proclamations in the UN resolution nor mere splendid words recorded in UN documents. Each and every principle should be strictly and unreservedly followed and observed by all states in good faith. Moreover, I would also like to say if a law or a principle is to be followed, it must be followed "not only to the letter of the law but also to the spirit as well". Then, states shall treat each other with mutual respect, and the rule of law will prevail in interstate relations. And then and only then, I think, the undesirable tendencies of "some countries to sit in judgement over others, and the big to bully the small, the rich to oppress the poor, and the strong to lord it over the weak" shall disappear from this earth once. For all, I hope you'll agree with me. What do you say, my dear reader?

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# NATIONAL

## Traffic accidents on Yangon-Mandalay expressway claim 46 lives in first six months of 2024



ACCORDING to Police Captain Myo Lin Than of the Highway Police Force, a total of 87 traffic accidents occurred on the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway between 1 January and 14 June, resulting in 161 injuries and 46 deaths.

“During the six months, there were 18 traffic accidents in January, 12 in February, 14 in March, 15 in April, 21 in May, and 7 in

the first two weeks of June along the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway. Drivers should be particularly cautious as it is currently raining daily along the expressway. Water does not immediately recede when it rains, leaving standing water on the main road,” said Police Captain Myo Lin Than.

To ensure the safety of drivers using the highway, the Expressway Police Commander’s office is conducting inspections and educating drivers, especially as the rainy season has already begun. — ASH/MKKS

The image shows some accidents found on the Yangon-Mandalay expressway.

## Illegal goods seized in various states/regions

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

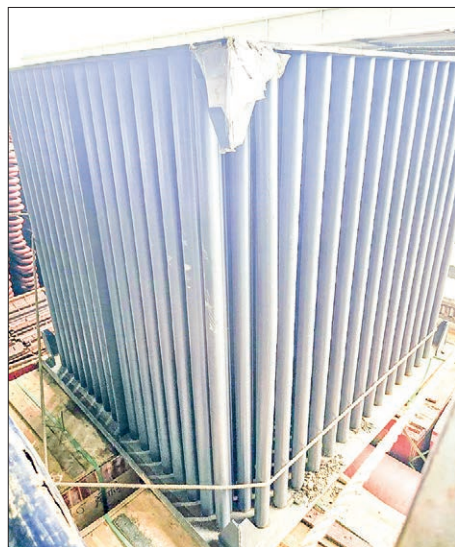
The combined on-duty team managed by the Kachin State Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force seized an unregistered Toyota crown (worth approximately K8 million) at the Rampu-Kyepoungchan junction in Myitkyina township on 14 June. The action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

On the same day, the combined team supervised by the Yangon Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force captured two Mitsubishi Fuso trucks (worth approximately K65 million), heading to Yangon from Mandalay and to Yangon from Mongla, carrying six kinds of goods valued at K37.14 million, including 1,500 kilogrammes of

single-use bed sheet without official documents, at the Ywathagyi Dry Port. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

During inspections on 16 and 17 June, the combined teams impounded illegal teak weighing 1.617 tonnes and illegal hardwood weighing 1.809 tonnes in Bago and Toungoo districts, an unregistered Toyota Caldina (estimated value of K3 million) in Indakaw town and illegal teak weighing 3.393 tonnes, illegal hardwood weighing 3.225 tonnes and other illegal timbers weighing 0.479 tonne worth K1.658 million in Toungoo district. The action was taken under the Forest Law and the Export and Import Law.

Therefore, nine arrests (estimated value of K117.452 million) were made on 14, 16 and 17 June, according to the committee. — MNA/MKKS



Confiscated illegal items in states and regions.

## Counter-argument to false information

### False claims by Tachilek News Agency regarding Mandalay Obo Prison dismissed

THE subversive media outlet Tachilek News Agency’s Facebook page deliberately circulated false news on 7 June, claiming that prisoners in Mandalay Central Prison were facing hardships due to overcrowding beyond designated capacity. This misinformation aimed to mislead the public.

Mandalay Central Prison consists of two buildings – a main building and a new building. Each inmate is housed in an 18-square-foot room, and there have been no reports of overcrowding beyond the designated capacity.

The prison ensures an adequate supply of clothing for both

male and female inmates. Clothing racks are available in the shared cells, making it easy for prisoners to dry their clothes.

Moreover, inmates receive proper medical care from prison doctors and health workers at the Obo Prison. Upon arrival, new prisoners undergo thorough inspections for skin infections and diseases, with daily ointment applications if needed. Each inmate is provided with sufficient water for morning and evening showers, with an allowance of about 48 gallons of drinking and utility water per day. There have been no reports of inmates suffering from rashes, hives, or other issues due to

inadequate clothing.

There are no political prisoners at the facility, nor incidents of inmate-on-inmate violence. Pregnant women, female prisoners, and mothers with children are housed separately. They receive supplemental food and undergo daily medical checks. Vulnerable prisoners receive monthly provisions of food and clothing, while children are vaccinated with assistance from the township health department.

Therefore, the Tachilek News Agency is intentionally spreading misinformation to deceive the public. — Min Thu/TMT

### Misinformation spread by subversive media regarding raid on gambling venue in Thanetpin Township, Bago Region

SUBVERSIVE media are circulating news that PDF terrorists raided a gambling venue in Thanatan Village, Thanetpin Township, Bago Region. They alleged a clash ensued with security forces providing security at the gambling place, resulting in a civilian being shot in the leg.

In reality, on the morning of 16 June, six terrorists armed with small weapons robbed local fishermen at Thanatan Village of K1 million, gold ornaments

valued at about K6.8 million, and three motorcycles. A man attempting to flee was shot and wounded in the left thigh, according to a resident’s account.

Security forces are currently investigating the incident to apprehend terrorists and will pursue legal action. The subversive media are spreading fake news to obscure terrorists’ actions and mislead the public about the role of security forces. — MNA/TKO



The screenshot validates misinformation.

# NATIONAL

## Myanmar Tourism Federation to launch pilgrimage to 19 Pada pagodas

**T**HE Myanmar Tourism Federation (MTF) has announced a new pilgrimage programme that involves visiting and paying homage to 19 Pada pagodas featuring the Buddha's footprint in the Bagan Heritage

site. This programme is scheduled to commence in July.

An official from the MTF stated, "Although many domestic pilgrims have visited Bagan numerous times due to its status as a world heritage site, only a

few people are aware that there are 19 Pada footprint pagodas in Bagan. Therefore, we developed this new programme to encourage pilgrims to pay homage to each of these pagodas."

These Pada pagodas feature

mural paintings maintained by the Department of Archaeology and the National Museum. The programme will allow groups of ten pilgrims to visit and pay homage to each pagoda.

The new tour programme

is slated to take place over four days, from 18 to 21 July.

Activities will also include donating Waso robes and reciting Pathana treatises.

— ASH/TMT



Some footprint pagodas of the Buddha are seen in the Bagan heritage site.

## Photo body announces Women's Day colour photo contest

**T**HE Myanmar Photographic Association has announced a colour photo competition to commemorate Myanmar Women's Day under the theme "Women's Endeavours Contribute to Society."

The competition will be held on 3 July, with prizes for the best entries. The first prize will be K1 million, the second prize K800,000, the third prize K600,000, and there will be five special prizes of K400,000 each.

All citizens of Myanmar are eligible to participate. Entries should focus on educational,

health and sports, social, and religious activities in Myanmar, highlighting the contributions of Myanmar women.

Photos must be 12 inches by 18 inches in size. Contestants can submit an unlimited number of photos, and each entry must include a soft copy on a CD. Photos created with digital technology, those that have previously won awards in local or international contests, those that have been printed, and those used on websites are not eligible.

Winners must grant permission for their photos to be used

in public benefit exhibitions, publications, lecture sessions, and videos. Non-winning images may also be used, with appropriate fees awarded. Each photo must include a self-declaration by the photographer on the back, along with the photographer's name, registration number, address, a description of the photo, and the location where it was taken, attached on a separate paper.

Entries must be submitted to the Myanmar Photographic Association by 28 June 2024. Late submissions will not be accepted. — TWA/TKO

## China-made battery tricycle gains popularity in Patheingyi for private use

**T**HE new design of battery tricycles imported from China has been marketable in Ayeyawady Region's Patheingyi Township, and people buy them for private rides.

The new battery tricycle is light and small, and it is perfect for family use.

"The sale has been good. We can drive it to Myaungmya from

Patheingyi if it is fully charged. The battery lasts all day long when driving in town. Both generator and solar power can recharge it. It takes about seven to eight hours to recharge if you use the battery flat. It is also battery saving if it drives subtly, meaning the driver needs to adjust the accelerator," said the owner of

Ko Win Naung of Three-wheeled Motorcycle Trading.

It can carry three people, including the driver, and can withstand a few loads.

"It is China-made tricycles, and the price is from minimum up to K2 million to over K4 million to the maximum," he said. — Thit Taw/ZS

## Veteran singer Cho Wai Lwin laid to rest at Yayway Cemetery



Singer Cho Wai Lwin.

**T**HE funeral of veteran singer Cho Wai Lwin, who remained successful until her passing, was held at Yayway Cemetery on 17 June.

U Lwin Myint, Chairman of the Myanmar Music Association (Central), stated that Daw Cho Wai Lwin passed away at her home in Yangon Region at 11 pm on 15 June due to old age. He noted that her death was a significant loss to the Myanmar music world.

Daw Cho Wai Lwin was the wife of prominent pianist

Hla Htut and the mother of famous music conductor Myat Min. She began her music career while still in middle school, initially performing in the school band. Later, her songs were recorded on gramophone records.

Her song 'Khayeephaw' (travelling companion), composed by her husband, was released 58 years ago and remains popular to this day.

She was 85 years old at the time of her death, according to her family. — ASH/TWA/MKKS

# NATIONAL

## Japanese university admission exam training to begin in Myanmar in July

A special training course for students who want to take the Examination for Japanese University (EJU Exam) to study engineering, IT and science subjects in higher education will open on 8 July, according to the Myanmar Association of Japan Alumni (MAJA).

For the second batch, an additional ten students will be accepted, and eligibility criteria include completion of grade 12 or the first year of university after passing the matriculation, distinctions in mathematics, physics and chemistry, preparation for further study in Japanese universities, or completion of

GCE, IGCSE A Level and GED, it said.

The course will cover Japanese (A), Japanese (B), Japan and the World, Maths-2, Physics and Chemistry. Those who have no basic knowledge of Japanese need to join the class starting from N5, and those who have passed N4 will have to study in the class starting from N3 (Japanese B).

The course fee is K 1 million per subject (for one year) plus material fees, which can be paid in two instalments for each semester. Those wishing to attend the “Japanese University Entrance 1 Year Course”

can register at <https://forms.gle/DN9AjnngNK1fN39a8> Link from 16 to 25 June.

Only ten students will be admitted to this second batch, while a selection system will be used for the students exceeding the limited number. Successful candidates will be notified by 28 June at the latest.

The enrolment period is from 1 to 5 July, and the venue is Campus – No 440 (B), Balika 14<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Quarter, near Thitsa Road OMG Restaurant, South Okkalapa Township, Yangon. For further details, candidates can contact phone number 09 428 613 848. — MT/ZN



MAJA Education Centre.

## Free course on flood prevention, rescue, and evacuation offered



A training on flood prevention, rescue and evacuation in progress.

A free training course on how to prevent, rescue and evacuate in the event of a flood will be provided, trainer U Maung (rescue) told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

Protection, prevention, and rescue in the event of a flood or sudden flooding, as well as post-flood safety guidelines, will be featured in the training course, which is intended for volunteers from philanthropic groups.

“Volunteers from Parahita groups go to help people when a flood happens. Some know dos

and don'ts for flood hazards, but some don't have such knowledge. So, I want to share these tips as far as I know,” said U Maung.

This is free, and training organizers will incur all costs, including fees for pool and meals, he said.

The training programme, which was launched in 2017 in Kayin State, Magway Region, and Yangon Region, has gained attention, and he said that offers have been received to conduct it. — Thit Taw/ZS

## Local entrepreneur invents weather-compatible carbon cement panels for home walls, ceilings

WEATHER-COMPATIBLE carbon cement prefabricated sheets that can be used as walls, floors, and roofs in homes were invented by a local entrepreneur, U Ko Oo.

The concrete can be used in summer, rainy, and cold seasons, and it regulates a balanced indoor temperature without the need for air conditioners or heaters. A model house with these panels is under construction, said inventor

U Ko Oo.

“Existing buildings are hotter in summer and cooler in the cold season. The building with the panels I made will be as cool as a mud house without air conditioning in summer. It will be hot outside but cool inside. When it is cold outside, it is warm inside. I make concrete slabs for walls and roofs. A model house is being constructed for observation. My invention aims to produce slabs to build

a prefabricated house. It is not a normal cement, but a ready-made sheet for construction,” he said.

He came up with the idea during last summer's extreme heat and will continue to produce various thicknesses and designs suitable for both houses and warehouses, he added.

“I got the idea to invent this when it was very hot in summer. Extreme heat made us unable to sit, walk, work or think. Then, I decided to invent such a material. There was not much thinking like that. People readily think about air conditioners, fans and heaters to regulate the temperature. This method doesn't need power. It can absorb moisture in the rainy season, reduce heat in summer, and provide warmth in the cold season. Thinking of a weather-compatible building for people, I got this idea. I make various sheets in different sizes, designs and thickness grades for houses and warehouses,” he said. — MT/ZN



Weather-adjustable roof and wall panels invented by a Myanmar entrepreneur.

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.

## Tokyo stocks plunge on fears over European political turmoil

TOKYO stocks plunged Monday morning, with the Nikkei index briefly losing over two per cent, weighed down by concern over European political turmoil and a sell-off of Toyota Motor as the impact of a vehicle test scandal lingers.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average dropped 708.15 points, or 1.82 per cent, from Friday to 38,106.41. The broader Topix index was down 40.90 points, or 1.49 per cent, at 2,705.71.

The US dollar was largely flat in the mid-157 yen range in Tokyo amid few fresh trading cues.

At noon, the dollar

fetched 157.44-45 yen compared with 157.40-50 yen in New York and 157.66-68 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm Friday.

The euro was quoted at \$1.0704-0705 and 168.52-55 yen against \$1.0701-0711 and 168.52-62 yen in New York and \$1.0707-0708 and 168.81-85 yen in Tokyo late Friday afternoon.

Stocks fell across the board, as sentiment was hit by declines in US and European markets on fears of political turmoil in Europe, as French President Emmanuel Macron's position could be threatened by the far right in upcoming parliamentary elections, brokers said. — Kyodo

## Stock markets diverge tracking US, Europe outlooks

STOCK markets diverged Monday with traders assessing the Federal Reserve's plans for interest-rate cuts and Europe's political landscape before looming general elections.

As US inflation takes longer to cool than expected, the Fed has signalled one rate cut this year, while analyst opinion varies from zero to three.

Traders are this week awaiting a US retail sales report, inflation figures and central bank rate decisions.

The Bank of England is expected to sit tight on Thursday, as is customary ahead of UK elections. Britons vote for a new government on 4 July. Across the English Channel, there are concerns about the upcoming polls in France, which President Emmanuel Ma-



A customer shops at a Safeway store on 11 June 2024 in San Francisco, California. May inflation numbers are set to be reported on Wednesday ahead of the fed rates announcement. PHOTO: JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES/AFP

cron called after his party lost out to the far-right National Rally (RN) in EU-wide elections a week ago.

The move has fanned fears about instability in Europe's second-biggest economy, and observers

said France could be on course for a standoff with the EU if extremists win. — AFP



A monitor in Tokyo shows the 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average on the morning of 17 June 2024, down more than 800 points from the previous trading day's close. PHOTO: KYODO

## Pakistan earns over US\$15 bln from textile exports in first 11 months of FY 2023-24

PAKISTAN has earned 15.241 billion US dollars through textile products exports in the first 11 months of the ongoing fiscal year starting from July 2023 to June 2024, officials from the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) said on Sunday.

The exports of textile products increased by 1.41 per cent during July-May of the current fiscal year as against the exports of 15.029 billion dollars during the same period of the last fiscal year 2022-23, the PBS officials told Xinhua.

On a year-on-year basis, textile exports increased by 18 per cent, going up from 1,320.548 million dollars in May 2023 to 1,558.230 million dollars in May 2024.

On a month-on-month basis, the textile exports also rose 25.94 per cent when compared to the exports of 1,237.313 million dollars in April 2024. — Xinhua

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# ROLLING UPDATES WORLD

## Human error leads to trains collision in India: Official

PRELIMINARY inquiry into Monday's trains collision has suggested that it occurred due to a "human error", as the driver of the goods train failed to follow the signal and rammed into the passenger train from behind, said Chairperson of the country's Railway Board Jaya Varma.

According to her, rescue work had almost completed, and every effort was being done to ensure the best medical treatment for the injured.

As many as eight persons died and around 50 were injured in the trains' collision. The injured were admitted to a local hospital, she added.

According to the chairperson, three Indian Railways' personnel, including the driver of the goods train and two security guards onboard the passengers train, died in Monday's accident,



People look on at the site of a collision between an express passenger train and a goods train in Nirmaljote, near Rangapani station in India's West Bengal state on 17 June 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

besides the five passengers who succumbed to fatal injuries.

The accident occurred near the Rangapani railway station in Phansidewa area of West Bengal's Darjeeling district at

around 9 am local time when the goods train crashed into the "Kanchanjunga Express" passenger train.

Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw announced a monetary compensation of 1 million Indian Rupees (around US\$11,969) for each of the deceased, 250,000 Indian Rupees (\$2,992) for those who received grievous injuries, and 50,000 Indian Rupees (\$598) for the injured.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and the minister of railways were on their way to the spot of the accident to take stock of the situation.

Expressing condolences at the loss of human lives, Prime Minister Narendra Modi posted on X (erstwhile Twitter) his sadness about the railway accident in West Bengal and ordered officials to follow up the situation. — Xinhua

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Samsung Electronics to launch joint AI research centre with university

SOUTH Korean tech company Samsung Electronics said Monday that it will launch a joint artificial intelligence (AI) research centre with Seoul National University (SNU).

The research centre will carry out joint projects on advanced AI technologies, such as on-device AI and multi-modal AI, for the next three years, the company said.

Samsung integrated AI technologies, including real-time interpretation, into its flagship Galaxy S24 smartphone that was rolled out earlier this year, while expanding AI integration into other products.

Samsung said it will foster and secure young AI talents through joint projects, which the company expected to help secure core AI technologies and strengthen competitiveness in the rapidly changing AI world. — Xinhua

## Pentagon runs secret anti-vax campaign to undermine China during COVID-19 pandemic — Reuters investigation

AT the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the US military launched a secret misinformation campaign to discredit Chinese vaccines in the Philippines, a nation severely impacted by the deadly virus, drawing widespread condemnation from public health experts, a Reuters investigation has found.

This is the first time a media outlet has exposed this clandestine operation. "It aimed to sow doubt about the safety and efficacy of vaccines and other life-saving aid that was being supplied by China," said Reuters in the investigation released Friday.

Through phony internet accounts meant to imperson-

ate Filipinos, the military's propaganda efforts morphed into an anti-vax campaign, it said, adding that social media posts decried the quality of face masks, test kits and the first vaccine that would become available in the Philippines — China's Sinovac inoculation.

Reuters identified at least

300 accounts on X, formerly Twitter, that matched descriptions shared by former US military officials familiar with the Philippines operation. Almost all were created in the summer of 2020 and centred on the slogan Chinaangvirus, meaning China is the virus in Tagalog, a major language of the Philippines. — Xinhua

## Wildfire forces 1,200 people to evacuate in US Southern California



Firefighters operate at a site of the Post Fire in Gorman, about 100 kilometres north of Los Angeles, California, the United States on 16 June 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

A fast-moving wildfire has burned over 12,200 acres (about 49.4 square kilometres) overnight in Southern California, forcing at least 1,200 people to evacuate from a popular recreation area, authorities said Sunday.

The wind-driven wildfire, dubbed the Post Fire, started Saturday afternoon in Gorman, about 100 km north of Los Angeles, according to the California Department of Forestry

and Fire Protection (Cal Fire).

The blaze was two per cent contained as of Sunday afternoon and has damaged two structures.

Cal Fire warned in a Sunday update that "slightly higher temperatures and lower humidity are expected to continue through the weekend, residents are reminded to remain vigilant and be prepared to evacuate if fire activity changes." — Xinhua

# SPORTS

## Yangon, Mandalay football academies launch new academic year

THE 2024-2025 academic year of Myanmar Football Academy (Mandalay) and National Football Academy (Yangon), which provides free fundamental skills of football and school education, has started, the Myanmar Football Federation stated.

At the beginning of the academic year, Myanmar Football Federation President U Zaw Zaw warmly met and greeted the young students and their parents. Along with the ceremony to welcome the academic year, student-parent meetings were also held at the football academies of Yangon and Mandalay.

A total of 84 students will study football education at the National Football Academy (Yangon) during the 2024-2025 academic year.

The Ayeyawady Foundation has contributed to the daily nutrition of the students and will nurture them through various levels to ensure that they are fit and excellent at football. Upon completion of the academy education, the students may be given the opportunity to play as professional players in domestic and international clubs, depending on individual talent and skills. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



U Zaw Zaw (Centre) cordially meets young students from Myanmar football academies. **PHOTO: MFF**

## Portugal's record collector Ronaldo 'thinking big' at Euro 2024

SUPERSTAR Portugal striker Cristiano Ronaldo is determined to make more European Championship history this summer.

The veteran forward, 39, says his team "deserve" to win another major international trophy to add to their singular triumph, at Euro 2016.

Portugal kick off their tournament against Czech Republic in Leipzig on Tuesday with Ronaldo set to start and appear at a record-extending sixth Euros.

Roberto Martinez's side qualified with a 100 per cent record and should progress with ease from Group F, which also contains Türkiye and Georgia.

"I believe this generation deserves to win a competition of this magnitude," Ronaldo told reporters upon arrival in Germany, setting his sights on the Henri Delaunay trophy.

The former Real Madrid hitman triumphed with Portugal in 2016 but limped off injured against France in the final, with Eder firing the team to glory in extra-time.

Now plying his trade for immense wealth in Saudi Arabia with Al-Nassr, Ronaldo netted twice against the Republic of Ireland in a tune-up friendly last week to extend his international goals record to 130.

Thus far 14 of those have come at European Championships, making him the competition's all-time top scorer ahead of France great Michel Platini on nine.

Ronaldo first appeared at the tournament in 2004 on home soil, scoring against eventual winners Greece on his Euros debut, and he has also struck in every edition since. — AFP

## Shan United versus Yangon United in MNL League Cup Final



The photo shows Shan United and Yangon United in the previous season.

THE Shan United and Yangon United meeting in the 2024 MNL League Cup final is set at 5:30 pm on 19 June at Thuwunna Youth Training Centre.

The two top MNL clubs will stun their rivals to win the first Champion title of the new season.

Shan United FC was in Group B with Rakhine United, Kachin United, Glory Goal and Rainbow and reached the semifinal with 21 points, having won seven and lost one in previous matches. In the semifinal, it beat Dagon Star United 2-1 to reach the final. Yangon United won all the matches and reached the final. It was in Group A with Maha United, GFA, University and Shwepyitha United, and won the matches, receiving 24 marks. In the semifinal, it bested Yadanabon Club 3-1, ensuring the final.

In regard to the final, U Khun Naung Myint Wai, chairman of Shan United FC, said, "We are getting closer to becoming champion, and so the squad is making efforts to gain achievement, and we also fully support them mentally and physically. This season, we had to compete with two foreign clubs, and we picked out the coaches and signed new players. The current MNL League Cup competitions

support the preparation of our club, and we are able to consider its condition. We checked out the new players, and even though the club has not reached the best part, it gradually becomes better and better. We will try our best in the final. I fully trust our administrative team, coaches and players. I hope our team will be the champion."

Head coach of Shan United U Myo Hlaing Win said, "We have enough time for the final after the semifinal. Although there are injured players and ones excluded from the play, the substitute players are ready. We make the best preparations to grab the champion. We fully trust our players."

German Head Coach of Yangon United Frank Bernhardt said, "We gain good results after friendlies as preparation for the final. We are ready for the final and try hard to be champions. Defender Hein Zeyar Lin cannot play in the final because of his injuries, but there is no problem for the team. We already make preparations."

Yangon United and Shan United faced in the previous MNL scoring season twice and had a no-score draw. — Ko Nyi Lay/KTZH



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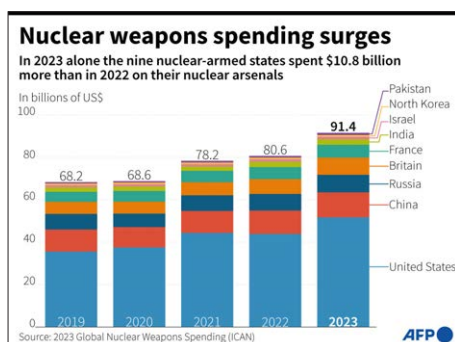
## Nuclear arms spending soars as global tensions swell: studies

NUCLEAR-ARMED countries hiked spending on atomic weapons arsenals by a third in the past five years as they modernized their stockpiles amid growing geopolitical tensions, two reports showed on Monday.

The world's nine nuclear-armed states jointly spent \$91 billion on their arsenals last year, according to a new report from the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). That report, and a separate one from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), indicated that nuclear weapons states are dramatically scaling up spending as they modernize and even deploy new nuclear-armed weapons.

"I think it is fair to say there is a nuclear arms race under way," ICAN chief Melissa Parke told AFP.

Wilfred Wan, head of SIPRI's weapons of mass destruction programme, meanwhile warned in a statement that "we



Graphic showing nuclear weapons spending by the nine nuclear-armed states from 2019 to 2023, in billions of US dollars. PHOTO: AFP

have not seen nuclear weapons playing such a prominent role in international relations since the Cold War". SIPRI's report showed that the total estimated number of nuclear warheads in the world actually declined somewhat to 12,121 at the start of this year, from 12,512 a year earlier.

But while some of that included older warheads scheduled to be dismantled, it said 9,585 were in stockpiles for potential use — nine more than a year earlier. And 2,100 were kept in a state of "high operational alert" on ballistic missiles.

Nearly all of those were held by the United States and Russia, but China was for the first time believed to also have some warheads on high operational alert, SIPRI said. — AFP

## Low snow on the Himalayas threatens water security: study

MILLIONS of people dependent on Himalayan snowmelt for water face a "very serious" risk of shortages this year after one of the lowest rates of snowfall, scientists warned Monday.

Snowmelt is the source of about a quarter of the total water flow of 12 major river basins that originate high in the region, the report said.

"This is a wake-up call for researchers, policymakers, and downstream communities," said report author Sher

Muhammad, from the Nepal-based International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD).

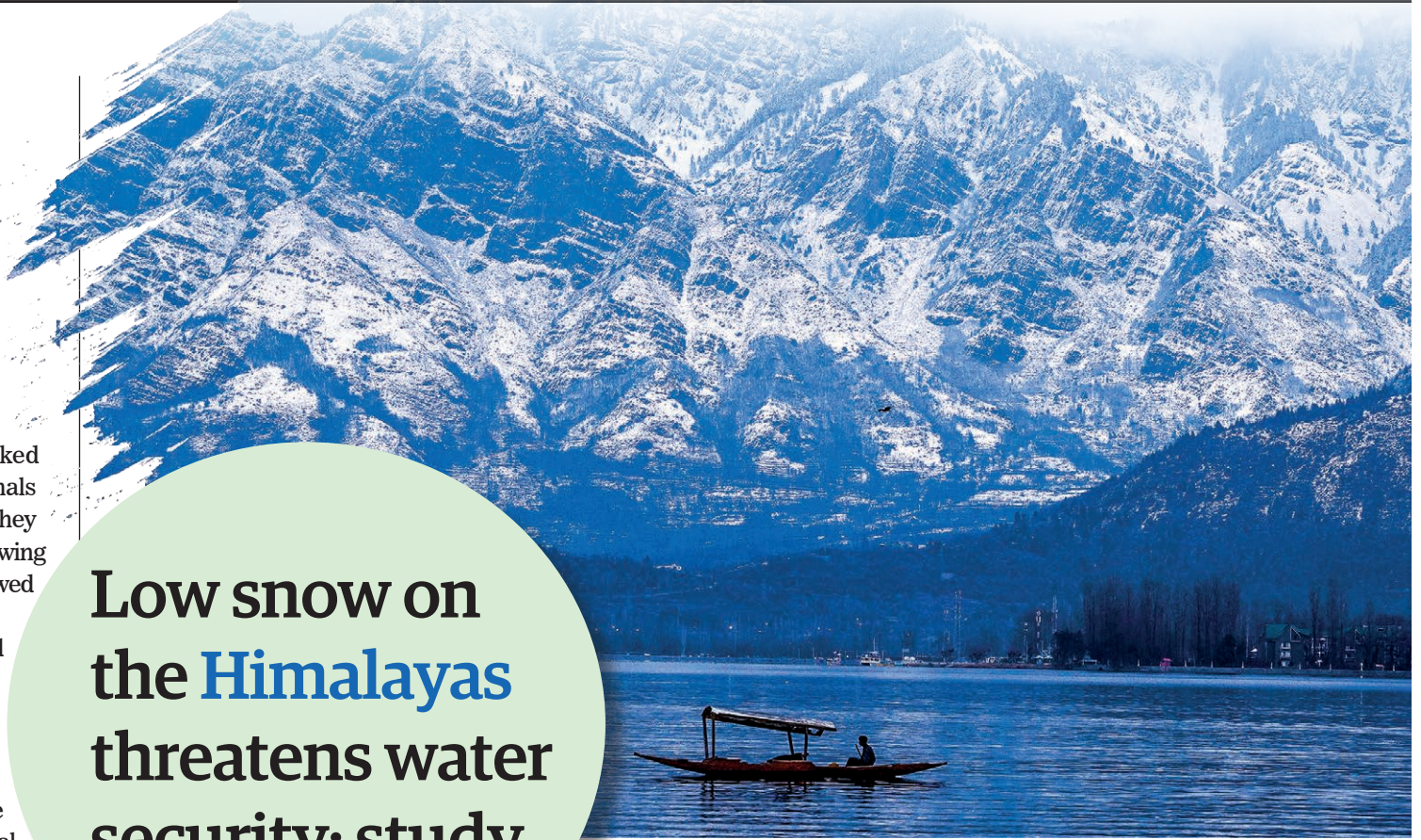
"Lower accumulation of snow and fluctuating levels of snow pose a very serious increased risk of water shortages, particularly this year."

Snow and ice on the Himalayas are a crucial water source for around 240 million people in the mountainous regions, as well as for another 1.65 billion people in the river valleys below, according to ICIMOD.

While snow levels fluctuate each

year, scientists say climate change is driving erratic rainfall and shifting weather patterns. The report measured "snow persistence" — the time snow remains on the ground — with levels dropping almost a fifth below normal this year across the wider Hindu Kush and Himalaya region.

"This year's snow persistence (18.5 per cent below normal) is the second-lowest in the past 22 years, narrowly trailing the record low of 19 per cent set in 2018," Muhammad told AFP. — AFP



A man rows a boat at Dal Lake against the snow laden mountains in Srinagar on 2 February 2024. PHOTO: AFP

## Putin to visit DPRK, Vietnam: Kremlin

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin will pay a friendly state visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) from Tuesday to Wednesday, the Kremlin press service said Monday.

After the DPRK, Putin will visit Vi-

etnam from Wednesday to Thursday, it said. The DPRK's top leader Kim Jong Un paid an official visit to Russia at the invitation of Putin in September 2023 and then invited Putin to pay a return visit.

Russia was the first country visited

by Kim since the COVID-19 pandemic, during which the borders of the DPRK were closed.

Putin's only previous visit to Pyongyang was in July 2000, two months after his presidential inauguration. — Xinhua

## Over 1,000 S Korean doctors to face probe over kickbacks from drugmaker

MORE than 1,000 doctors in South Korea will face probe over kickbacks from a drugmaker, Yonhap news agency said Monday citing the Seoul metropolitan police agency.

The doctors were sus-

pected of receiving kickbacks in cash and other valuables, which ranged from millions of won to tens of millions of won per individual, from Korean Drug Co.

The Seoul police had

allegedly investigated the drugmaker for giving bribes to doctors, who prescribed its medicine in return for the kickbacks.

Eight officials of the drugmaker and 14 doctors

had been booked after the investigation.

The police opened a possibility to expand the investigation to other drugmakers. (1 US dollar equals 1,380.50 won). — Xinhua