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State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win addresses the second meeting of the Leading Committee on Organizing the Fifth National Sports Festival 2024 yesterday.

Vice-Senior General stresses sporting triumphs elevate national pride

The Leading Committee on Organizing the Fifth National Sports Festival 2024 held its second meeting in Nay Pyi Taw.

VICE-CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, who is also a Patron of the Leading Committee on Organizing the Fifth National Sports Festival 2024, delivered a speech at the second meeting of the leading committee at the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

In his speech, the Vice-Senior General said that the word sport is defined in

international dictionaries as an athletic activity requiring skill or physical powers, and from individual sports to competitions that comprise thousands of people, and the countryside level to Olympic competitions are held today. Achievements in sports can uplift the dignity of a country and its people in the world, so sports are described as war without shooting.

Therefore, the SAC is focusing on the development of sports quality, providing the needs. The SAC Chairman and Prime

Minister also instructed all to place a special emphasis on sports as they can uplift patriotism, national spirit, and national characteristics to ensure the fitness of the entire people. The fifth festival will be held with five objectives as per the directives of the Head of the State.

He continued that during the term of SAC, the Diamond Jubilee Union Day, which depicts the unity of ethnic people and national spirit, and the 75th Anniversary of Independence Day, which

proves patriotism and political affairs, were successfully held at the State level on a more magnificent scale, as well as the glorious scale ceremony for religious affairs such as world's tallest Maravijaya Buddha Image. Similarly, the Head of State said that the national sports festival should be held in a more splendid manner than the previous festivals, aiming at the full participation of new generations in the future country.

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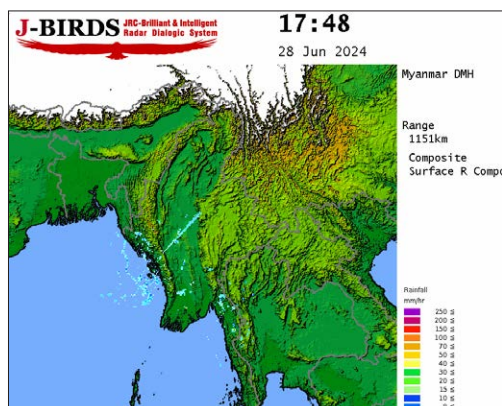
THE State Administration Council has appointed the following persons as Heads of Service Organizations, as shown against each of their names on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(1) U Zaw Tun Oo Deputy Director-General Protocol Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Director-General Protocol Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(2) U Kyaw Nyunt Oo Deputy Director-General Political Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Director-General International Organizations and Economic Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(3) U Ko Ko Naing Deputy Director-General Printing and Publishing Department Ministry of Information	Director-General Printing and Publishing Department Ministry of Information

Low-Pressure Area Condition

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ACCORDING to the observations at 18:30 hrs MST today, the low-pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal (Off North Odisha Coast) still persists. It is forecast to move Northwestwards.



Nat-Test certificates, score reports to be issued from 27 June

FOR all levels of Nat-Test, a Japanese language proficiency test, sat on 9 June, certificates and score reports can be taken out as of 27 June in six months, from 10 am to 4:30 pm, announced by Nat-Test Centre, Yangon.

Those who are in no hurry to take out their certificate or score report can come in six months, including weekends, except for government holidays, during office hours, it said. An original or copy of an ID card is required to bring if the candidate comes in person.

For taking out through the represented person, an ID copy of the candidate and ID copy

of the represented person is required, and the represented person can do for not more than two candidates and needs to ensure the correct registration number. Training schools will need to submit their student list a day ahead on letterhead with correct registration numbers.

There is no grounds for issuing certificates and score reports if necessary, and the information is not adequate. The Nat-Test Centre is located at B 11, Ground Floor of Anawrahta Housing in Hledan, Kamayut Township (on Insein Road near Hledan bus stop) in Yangon. — MT/ZS



Statement of Objection to UN Special Rapporteur's Report



THE UN Special Rapporteur's report on 26 June 2024 accused international banks, state-owned banks, and some local private banks of being involved in some transactions that are going against human rights in Myanmar and called on the financial institutions to take action.

In response to the UN report, Myanmar would like to clarify that all local banks, including state-owned banks, fully adhere to customer due diligence procedures stipulated by the Central Bank of Myanmar. The international correspondent banks have also undertaken the Enhanced Due Diligence (EDD) measures on all business relationships and transactions by scrutinizing the required documents when providing banking services to Myanmar banks.

On 9 June 2024, the Central Bank of Myanmar announced in a press release which highlighted that the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and Asia Pacific Joint Group (APJG) have recently recognized the progress in the implementation of the Action Plan and upgraded the ratings as a result of addressing the deficiency of action items in accordance with the quality of progress reports and the discussion of APJG face to face meetings.

The financial transactions are only for the importation of essential goods and basic necessities for Myanmar civilians, such as medicines and medical supplies, agricultural and livestock supplies, fertilizers, edible oil and fuels. Banks have constantly scrutinized the required documents and evidence in the case of facilitating payment transactions for importing the above-mentioned essential goods.

Against this backdrop, we expressed our strong objection to the UN Special Rapporteur's report, which accused international banks, state-owned banks, and some local private banks of being involved in some transactions that are going against human rights in Myanmar and called on the financial institutions to take action. The UN report severely harms the interests of Myanmar civilians and the relationship between Myanmar and other countries.

Central Bank of Myanmar
Myanmar Banks Association
State-owned Banks
Private Banks
28 June 2024

10,746 domestic and foreign travellers visit Shwenandaw Monastery

DURING the first two months of the current financial year, 10,746 domestic and foreign travellers visited the Shwenandaw Monastery in Aungmyaythazan Township of Mandalay Region, according to Staff Officer Daw San San Pyone from the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Mandalay).

The Shwenandaw Monastery was originally a private chamber of King Mindon, located within the Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden Palace. After King Mindon died in 1878, his son King Thibaw systematically dismantled it and rebuilt it in the Donabwee Ward of Aungmyaythazan Township.

Successive generations of monks resided in the Shwenandaw Monastery from 1883 to 1995. Since 1995, it has been maintained by the



The image depicts the Mandalay Yadanabon Shwenandaw Monastery with thronged visitors.

Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Mandalay).

“The Shwenandaw Monastery is open every day for the public, both domestic and international, to visit. During April and May of this financial year, a total of 10,746 visitors,

including 886 foreign visitors and 9,860 domestic visitors, came to the monastery. Last financial year, 2023-2024, saw 8,553 foreign visitors and 61,828 domestic visitors, totalling 70,381,” said Daw San San Pyone. — ASH/MKKS

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He then stressed the need to discuss the expenditure, opening and closing programmes, formation, sports, and festival-themed mascots at the meeting. Moreover, it also needs to present mascots, which are conferred at international sports festivals, at

the awarding ceremony for the gold, silver and bronze winners of para games and other competitions in the National Sports Festival, as the principal stage is completed.

The Vice-Senior General pointed out that officials from the teams representing ministries,

regions and states, working committees and relevant subcommittees have to successfully take responsibility for organizing the festival as part of grasping an opportunity to turn out new young athletes and to be free from bias.

He added that arrangements should be made for the tribunal

members to make the right decision if some controversial cases occur and mentioned the need to have security awareness and security conscience during the festival period.

Moreover, he urged officials to organize experts from relevant arenas, NGOs, and the media sector to participate actively in holding the festival.

Leading Committee Chairman Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Min Thein Zan reported on preparations to host the Fifth National Sports

Festival, categorizing sports events and awarding plans.

Union ministers, the auditor-general of the Union, the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, deputy ministers and officials presented plans to hold the opening and closing ceremonies of the festival on an impressive scale.

Moreover, relevant subcommittees put forward reports on preparations for the festival.

Later, the Vice-Senior General coordinated measures related to discussions and reports.

— MNA/KTZH

MIC's 6/2024 meeting greenlights 3 new investment projects



SAC Member Deputy Prime Minister MoTC Union Minister General Mya Tun Oo presides over the 6/2024 meeting of the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) yesterday.

THE 6/2024 meeting of the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) was held yesterday afternoon in Nay Pyi Taw. State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister and Myanmar Investment Commission Chairperson General Mya Tun Oo and members of the commission attended the meeting.

The commission approved three new local investment projects in the industrial, elec-

tricity, and mining sectors, including the capital increase of ongoing foreign investment activities. The investment amount of these businesses is US\$89.146 million and K27.5 billion, which can create 206 local employment opportunities. Among 53 countries and territories that invested in Myanmar until the end of May 2024, the most investments were from Singapore, China and Thailand. Among the 12 economic sectors, the sectors most invested

in are the energy sector, with 28.47 per cent of the total investment, the oil and natural gas sector, with 24.43 per cent, and the manufacturing sector, with 14.48 per cent.

MIC is responsible for verifying and approving investment proposals submitted by domestic and foreign investors. It is also currently providing investment services for investors under the Myanmar Investment Law. — MNA/TS

ASEAN Committee in Islamabad holds monthly meeting, rotating chairpersonship

THE monthly meeting of the ASEAN Committee in Islamabad (ACI) was held on 26 June, led by ACI rotating chairperson, Ambassador of the Philippines Mrs Maria Agnes M Cervantes and attended by U Aung Kyaw Thura, charge d'affaires ad interim of the Myanmar Embassy in Islamabad.

At the meeting, the heads of embassies of the ASEAN member countries based in Islamabad approved the minutes of the ACI 4/2024 meeting held on 5 May. They reviewed the work

plans implemented during the tenure of the rotating chairperson from the Philippines and discussed future initiatives.

After the meeting, the heads of embassies presented commemorative gifts to Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Nguyen Tien Phong, who is departing Islamabad at the end of his tenure. The role of ACI rotating chairperson was then handed over to Col (Rtd) Pengiran Haji Kamal Bashah bin Pengiran Haji Ahmed, Ambassador of Brunei to Pakistan. — ASH/TKO



The photo shows heads of embassies of the ASEAN member countries based in Islamabad presenting memorial gifts to Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Nguyen Tien Phong.

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Myanmar delegation attends 12th St Petersburg International Legal Forum

THE Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Legal Affairs Union Attorney-General Dr Thida Oo participated in the 12th St Petersburg International Legal Forum held in the Russian Federation at the invitation of Russian Minister of Justice Mr Konstantin A Chuychenko.

The Plenary Session of the 12th St Petersburg International Legal Forum was held under the theme 'Law as the Basis for Global Balance'.

During the opening meeting of Justice Ministers, the Union minister said the ministry is working on the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan with four objectives under the name 'Towards Justice' and the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan with five objectives under the title 'Legal Services for Justice'. Of these objectives, establishing sustainable

cooperation with international organizations and partner countries is included.

She also mentioned the enhancement of bilateral relations between the Ministry of Legal Affairs and the Ministry of Justice via the dialogue exchange on legal systems, legal experiences, workshops and plenary sessions.

The Myanmar delegation also participated in the talks held on different topics related to legal affairs during the 12th St Petersburg International Legal Forum.

The Ministry of Legal Affairs signed a memorandum of cooperation on legal affairs with the Russian Ministry of Justice on 12 May 2023 and a memorandum of cooperation on legal affairs with the Russian Prosecutor-General Office on



Union Minister Dr Thida Oo (C) speaks on the opening meeting of Justice Ministers at the 12th St Petersburg International Legal Forum yesterday.

22 March 2023.

The delegation will attend the meeting on the implemen-

tation of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Ministry of Legal Affairs and the

Russian Prosecutor-General Office, which will be held in Moscow. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar participates in 2024 SCO Forum on Traditional Medicine



Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win addresses the opening session of the 2024 Shanghai Cooperation Organization Forum on Traditional Medicine on 27 June 2024.

THE Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win attended the Health Minister-level meeting of the 2024 Shanghai Cooperation Organization on the evening of 26 June in Nanchang of Jiangxi, China. The delegation also participated in the dinner reception in honour of the 2024 Shanghai Cooperation Organization Forum on Traditional Medicine.

On 27 June, the delegation attended the opening ceremony of the 2024 Shanghai Cooperation Organization Forum on Traditional Medicine.

At the event, the Union minister stressed that the Shanghai Cooperation Or-

ganization member states, observers, physicians of partner countries, experts, and businesspeople are considering the sector-wise activities related to traditional medicines. Moreover, the use of modern technologies and investments in scientific research can promote the quality, effectiveness, safety and use of traditional drugs.

The copyrights for traditional medicine play a key role, and further cooperation between the organization's member states, observers and partner countries can ensure the comprehensive development of the traditional medicine sector. — MNA/KTZH

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People's Military Servants Training 1 holds passing out parade



Photos (clockwise) show the passing out parade of the People's Military Servants Training 1 and graduates expressing their voices.

THE passing out parades for Military the People's Military Servants Training 1 were held on the morning of 28 June at the relevant local training schools, as per the respective military commands.

The Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, relevant regional and state chief ministers, commanders of regional commands, and other officials attended the meeting. School principals presented awards for outstanding training, including the model soldier awards, military training excellence awards, sniper soldier awards, soldier's ethics awards, and mine expert awards, and gave speeches to conclude the ceremonies.

After the ceremonies, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, regional and state chief ministers, division commanders, and officials met and greeted the graduates of People's Military Servants Training 1 in the training school halls.

People's Military Servants Training 1 commenced on 8 April 2024. The course covered various training modules such as physical fitness, military display, light infantry small arms training, individual battlefield skills, team-specific training, marching, special military tactics, mil-

itary affairs security, assault exercises, battlefield engineering, and battlefield administration.

Graduates of People's Military Servants Training 1 have been trained to become good citizens of the country. They have developed organizational spirit, teamwork habits, esprit de corps, and the soldier's commitment to serving the nation. They will now join various battalions and units where they are assigned and will undertake their national defence and security duties with respect and pride.

These soldiers have shared their experiences from the People's Military Servants Training 1, the positive habits they developed, their beliefs and convictions, and their plans to continue serving in their assigned battalions and forces after graduation.

"Military training has concluded. I have completed all advanced basic military training for militia personnel. During our two years of service, we will give our best and continue to serve. At the end of my two-year duty, should the Tatmadaw require it, I am prepared to sacrifice my life for the nation and protect it at any time. Compared to before,



I now have a deeper love for the country and its people. I am thrilled and proud to have received such advanced basic military skills. To all the young people who will follow, I encourage you to be courageous and serve our country with honour".

"During our course, we learned many principles to strengthen and unify our institution. Building a strong team spirit was emphasized, whether shooting with friends or facing challenges alone, highlighting the importance of unity in every battle. I believe that with determination and coordinated efforts, success is assured. We also encourage recruits to join us in striving to become dedicated citizen soldiers committed to giving our best."

"I participated in People's Military Servants Training 1. Following the government approval of the People's Mili-

tary Service Law, I enrolled in the course and had the opportunity to acquire fundamental military skills."

"Throughout the course, living and dining arrangements were satisfactory. During training, we practised with the conviction that safeguarding the State and its citizens is our duty. The military training was rigorous and demanding, but I successfully completed it. Moving forward, I am ready to fulfil any responsibility entrusted to me by the country".

Later in the evening, dinners were served to celebrate the graduation of the country's soldiers from the People's Military Servants Training 1 at the relevant training schools. The MWD band and mobile public relations troupes under the Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare performed songs to commemorate the ceremony. — MNA/TKO

Closing ceremony of people's military servants training 1 held

THE reciting oath of enlistment and closing ceremony of the People's Military Servants Training 1 was held at the parade ground of the Tatmadaw Computer and Technological Institute (MCTI) in Hopong of Shan State on 28 June.

Shan State Chief Minister U Aung Aung, MCTI Commandant Brig-Gen

Thein Naing, senior Tatmadaw officers, the Shan State Economic Affairs minister, the chairman of the Pa-O Self-Administered Zone administration body, departmental officials, invitees, residents and trainees attended the event.

Trainees first saluted the MCTI commandant and saluted the State Flag. The commandant then observed the

trainee company.

The trainee company recited the oath of enlistment, and the commandant awarded outstanding trainees individually.

After making the speech, the trainee company saluted him with a march past.

Afterwards, the Shan State chief minister delivered appreciation words to

trainees at the dining hall, and the commandant, senior Tatmadaw officers, the Shan State Economic Affairs minister and the Pa-O Self-Administered Zone administration body chairperson had tea together with trainees. The commandant also received cash assistance for trainees. — Maung Maung Than (Taunggyi)/KTZH

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Workers urged to visit agencies directly to avoid job scams

AMID scams using fake Facebook pages of well-known overseas job agencies, job seekers should go directly to agency offices to observe and communicate, according to an official from the Myanmar Overseas Employment Agencies Federation (MOEAF).

After finding the list of officially licensed agencies on Safe Migration's website, jobseekers should go directly to the agency's local office as indicated by the address rather than contacting them online, he said.

"The most important thing is to go directly to the agency's office. Safe Migration has published the list and names of licensed agencies. After checking the list, they should go directly to the offices, whether they are real or not. If the company exists, they should also verify phone numbers. Sometimes, the name of a licensed company found online is correct, but



The image shows the office of the Myanmar Overseas Employment Agencies Federation.

there are some fake sites. Agencies face this problem because the official ones provide their information. However, there are many cases where those of famous agencies are copied and faked in order to deceive young people. The best way is to check the list of agencies on Safe Migration and

MOEAF and then physically go to the office as per the address," he said.

According to the data released by Safe Migration on 9 June 2024, there are 565 licensed overseas employment agencies, most of which send workers to Thailand, Singapore and Japan. — MT/ZN



Poet Tet Lu passes away at 84

PEOPLE'S favourite poet, U Tint Lwin (aka) Tet Lu, a recipient of the Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award, died Friday at the age of 84.

Tet Lu is a native of Salin, and about his death, friends from the literary community, including Wai Moe (Kyun Hla) and Shwe Myint Oo (Yangon), together with the Myanmar Writers Association, wrote on social networking sites that they will never forget the friendship they had with Tet Lu.

The peculiarity of the poet Tet Lu is that he wrote poems only throughout his life. His father is U Tha Oo, and his mother is Daw Ohn Kyi, residing in Kantha Village, Magway.

In 1982, he won the National Literary Award for the first time with a poetry book named 'Htanaung Yeika Joe Kuthan' (Sound of Dove in the Shade of a Reed Tree).

Again, he secured the National Literary Award for the second time with a poetry book named 'Lann Hnint Pann Hnint Sakhantit' (Road, Flower, and New Camp) in 1989.

He also bagged the 30th Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award for Lifetime Achievement this year.

At the time of his death, he was living at his youngest daughter's home in Ward 16, Shwepyitha Township, and his relatives said the cause of death was his old age.

According to the literary community and close friends of Tet Lu, they will take care for his funeral. — TWA/KZL



The photo showcases visitors at Satse Beach in Mon State.

Mon State tourist arrivals surge 61% in H1 2024

ACCORDING to the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, over 900,000 visitors came to Mon State from January to May this year. That represents a 61 per cent increase in tourist arrivals compared to the same period

last year.

Tourists from Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, and China were particularly notable among the visitors. They visited famous sites such as the Kyaiktiyo Pagoda, the Kyaikthanlan

Pagoda, the Kyaikkhami Mid-water Pagoda, and Setse Beach.

Mon State hosted over 800,000 visitors, both local and foreign, last year. — TWA/TRKM

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File photo shows the rice bags stored in a warehouse.

MRF extends affordable rice scheme to other regions/states

MYANMAR Rice Federation's affordable rice scheme will reach out to more regions and states, according to the MRF's notification on 27 June.

At present, MRF is selling Shwebo Pawsan, Ayeyawady Pawsan and Aemahta rice varieties at affordable rates in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady regions by coordinating with rice millers, rice shops and depots. The cheap price scheme covers 58

shops in Yangon, 120 in Mandalay and 96 in Nay Pyi Taw.

Moreover, direct delivery to home service will also commence on 1 July in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay.

Additionally, the federation will arrange for social and religious institutions, government organizations, factories, and restaurants to buy rice at an affordable and reasonable rate.

Supermarkets, mini-marts

and shopping centres resumed Shwebo Pawsan, Ayeyawady Pawsan and Aemahta rice sales with consumer packs (small bags, boxes, containers) starting from 27 June, and the price is lower than the previous rates.

Consumers can buy rice, submit suggestions and enquire through the contact numbers of the MRF: 09 400067240, 09 400067250 and 09 400067260. — NN/KK

Japan to recruit over 1,300 Myanmar workers

IN a statement issued on 28 June, the Myanmar Embassy in Japan said more than 380 Japan companies will provide jobs for over 1,300 Myanmar workers.

It is the statement about 387 demand letters that the embassy submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs until 19 May 2024 after verification.

According to it, Japanese companies will recruit up to 560 Myanmar male workers and up to 760 Myanmar female workers, totalling up to 1300.

The embassy has carried out timely verifications of demand letters received from the Ministry of Labour via the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said the statement.

It verifies whether labour supervisory company and factories or companies which offered jobs in Japan are officially established or not, and re-submits its findings and remarks to the Ministry of Labour through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MT/ZS



Some Myanmar workers who officially migrate to work in Japan.

Businesses bound to comply with export/import regulations

ALL business entities must sign a letter of commitment that they are aware of export-import news bulletins and will comply with export and import rules and regulations, the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry notified on 25 June.

The Trade Department declared that certain types of goods are allowed to be stored in customs warehousing according to the export and import news bulletin of 2/2024.

The Trade Department warned the exporters and importers of penalties for non-compliance with the Export and Import Law, directives and guidelines starting from 1 July 2024. It informed them to seek licences first as pre-arrival documentation for

all types of shipment by air and sea, according to the export and import news bulletin 3/2024 of the Trade Department.

Regarding those statements, companies engaged in export and import activities are called to meet and sign the commitment letter that they are bound to comply with rules and regulations.

Only the signees will be considered in import licensing. Therefore, the directors and representatives of the companies that have not signed it yet are asked to proceed to signing at the Trade Department in Nay Pyi Taw and the nearest export and import offices (Yangon, Mandalay) and MIC (One Stop Services).

Director-level representatives of the companies must

sign in the designated form that they are aware of news bulletins and will comply with them, and send it to the Ex-

port-Import Division of the Trade Department through contact number 09 765595406 and email dottradepolicy1@

gmail.com and to the UMFC-CI via 01 2314344-49 Ext (464) and email ma@umfcci.com.mm. — NN/KK



File photo shows the container yard and its terminals at Yangon Port.

OPINION

Show Myanmar's cultural heritage to the world

MYANMAR, blessed with natural beauty and both tangible and intangible cultural treasures, boasts a rich tapestry of uncovered ancient cultural heritages and UNESCO-recognized world heritage sites. These attractions draw in both local and international travellers.

In 2023, Myanmar welcomed 1.28 million foreign visitors, a significant increase from the 230,000 recorded in 2022. This trend continued in the first five months of 2024, with 520,000 foreign tourists visiting Myanmar, marking a 63% increase compared to the same period the previous year.

Despite these encouraging numbers, Myanmar still lags behind its eastern neighbours in terms of tourist arrivals. The tourism sector in Myanmar must, therefore, maintain its momentum and continue to work diligently to attract even more visitors. Local authorities are

prioritizing the improvement of tourism services and addressing the challenges faced by travellers on their journeys.

A press release from the UN Tourism Board highlighted that 1.3 billion tourists travelled globally in 2023, generating \$1.5 trillion in revenue for the tourism sector. The report also projected a positive outlook for the tourism industry in 2024, anticipating a recovery to pre-COVID-19 levels due to the easing of travel restrictions, improved aviation services, and streamlined visa processes.

To capitalize on this potential, Myanmar's tourism authorities must collaborate with local communities to find effective market promotion strategies, implement digital payment systems, relax restrictions on tourism services and related businesses, and offer domestic and health-conscious food options to travellers.

Currently, the Myanmar government is upgrading the Kengtung, Tachilek, and

Patheingyi airports to provide better aviation services for both domestic and international travellers. These upgrades aim to facilitate the landing of more international flights, thereby increasing the number of foreign tourists. Private tourism agencies are also working hard to attract international visitors, and efforts are underway to streamline the visa process for travellers from key tourism markets.

By focusing on these initiatives, Myanmar can enhance its tourism infrastructure and services, making it an even more appealing destination for travellers worldwide. That will not only boost the local economy but also help preserve and showcase Myanmar's rich cultural heritage to the world.

Hence, it is necessary to effectively resurge Myanmar's tourism sector in 2024, similar to neighbouring countries, under the leadership of the National Tourism Development Central Committee. The initiatives to develop the tourism industry in Myanmar will contribute to the development of the socioeconomic life of the people as well as give the chance to show off the remarkable cultural heritage of the country to the world.

Geology and Ore Deposits of the Bawdwin Mines

This episode is the continuation of the previous Episode 36 and provides a summary of the mineralogy of the ore deposits of Bawdwin Mines reported by J Coggin Brown in 1917.

Mineralogy of the Ore Deposits

Only those minerals that are of interest in connection with the ore deposits are described.

Silver: Native silver, in its characteristic moss-like aggregates and plates, has been reported by the Goldhole gossan.

Copper: On the waste heaps of the Goldhole adit, I found native copper in thin films and dendritic growths associated with brecciated white quartz. Occasionally, the quartz is held together by the copper, which has been deposited in the network of irregular cracks that traverse it. The metal is either dark and tarnished or else stained blue from its basic hydration products. Dendritic native copper has also been found at the edge of the Chinaman ore body in the zero level (south drive 207 feet east at 1,500 feet south), associated with a very kaolinized tuff.

Galena: The isometric sulphide of lead is except zinc blende, the most important mineral of the Bawdwin area. The long series of assays now available show that it carries all the silver present in the mixed ore, which is highly argentiferous. There is practically no gangue associated with the high-grade lead-zinc ore of the Chinaman lode. In the lower-grade ores, the sulphide occurs as irregular grains disseminated through kaolinized and sericitized tuffs. Chalcopyrite and pyrite also occur as grains disseminated through the lead and zinc sulphides. The rich ore very often exhibits cleavage, slipping planes, banding, schistosity, and curved cleavage of the individual grains, conditions probably due to pressure. The galena oxidizes to cerussite and anglesite.

Chalcocite: Copper glance, or cuprous sulphide, has been found associated with covellite, both in the Goldhole level and in the upper parts of the Chinaman lode.

Corellite: Cupric sulphide forms a thin film of flexible plates of dark indigo-blue colour on pieces of zinc ore from the ancient workings of the Chinaman lode. Both chalcocite and covellite were

found in grains surrounded by galena, the converse arrangement not having been observed. In the case of lead and zinc sulphides, the relationships are somewhat ambiguous. Galena has been found surrounded by a zinc blend. The latter is by far the commoner case, and it may be assumed that, as a general rule, the zinc blende was deposited before the lead sulphide. In most of the sections examined, the two sulphides of lead and zinc occur in small grains scattered indiscriminately through the rock. It is remarkable, however, that in some instances, the sulphides are seen to be growing more or less separately, giving the ore a banded appearance under the microscope." These were incomplete observations based on outcrop material or pieces of ore from the Chinese slag dumps. Later research on the Chinaman ore body in situ has forced me to slightly different conclusions, but even yet, it cannot be confidently asserted that the various minerals have always been deposited in the same way in different places or that the replacement by one particular sulphide went on for a certain period over a large area and was then followed by the deposition of another. Important as the study of the paragenesis of the minerals is, too much reliance must not be placed upon it as a record of a succession of simple events, among others.

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first recognized by Mr H C Jones, Curator of the Geological Survey of India, on specimens submitted to him for examination. They both occur in minute quantities and are of no economic importance.

Melaconite: Cupric oxide, CuO A black pulverulent mineral from the face of the Goldhole working has proved on examination to be melaconite.

Zinc Blende: This is always associated with the galena and often with small amounts of pyrite and chalcopyrite. In the ribbon-ore, it occurs in thin regular bands of a brownish-black colour. At the bottom of the internal shaft in April 1915, a massive fine-grained zinc blende with a pitchy lustre was met with. Pieces of resin blende of light brown colour were picked up on the vertical shaft dumps; they showed numerous minute cracks filled with pyrite.

Calamine: Small quantities of zinc carbonate have been detected with other oxidation products in the upper at Bawdwin.

Chalcopyrite: Copper pyrites are distributed sparingly through much of the high-grade ore and occur in some quantity in the Shan lode in the massive condition often associated with calcite.

Pyrites: Iron disulphide FeS₂ is common in small grains throughout the Chinaman ore body and abundant towards its peripheries, also filling cracks and hollows left by solution. Occasionally, it forms bunches, especially in the Goldhole.

Malachite: The green carbonate of copper is noticed in small quantities in the surface rocks of the ore channel. It usually occurs in thin lamellae along the shear planes of the country rock and is of no economic importance. It is especially common in the neighbourhood of the Dormouse

Ravine and the Amphitheatre. It is invariably associated with azurite.

Azurite: The blue copper carbonate is found in thin films impregnating the decomposed rhyolite tuffs and in small groups of tabular crystals. Both carbonates are produced by the oxidation of the chalcopyrite.

Anglesite, Lead Sulphate: This is a common mineral in the zone of oxidation, though both anglesite and cerussite are found as crystals implanted on unaltered sulphide ore by solution percolating down from the zone of oxidation. The usual form assumed by anglesite crystals is that of a simple orthorhombic prism, elongated somewhat along the vertical axis and generally terminated by pyramidal faces. The Chinese probably mined anglesite; it is certainly of economic importance at Bawdwin today.

Cerussite: The carbonate of lead is found in association with malachite and azurite. It was one of the oxidized ores, though it does not now attain commercial importance. I have seen a few massive specimens made up of lustrous white crystals. Still, it is common in crevices and cavities in the sulphide zone forming tabular penetration twins or, again, in minute fragile sparkling druses. The twins are often tinged blue or green by copper carbonates.

Massicot: Lead monoxide occurs as an impure earthy yellow powder in the oxidized zone in small quantities.

Pyromorphite: The phosphate and chloride of lead occur with anglesite on galena in the Dead Chinaman Tunnel as small prismatic crystals of a fawn colour that show a slight tendency to become barrel-shaped or to taper down to a point.

Goslarite: Zinc sulphate

forms white crystals and incrustations on the walls of the upper levels in the Chinaman lode.

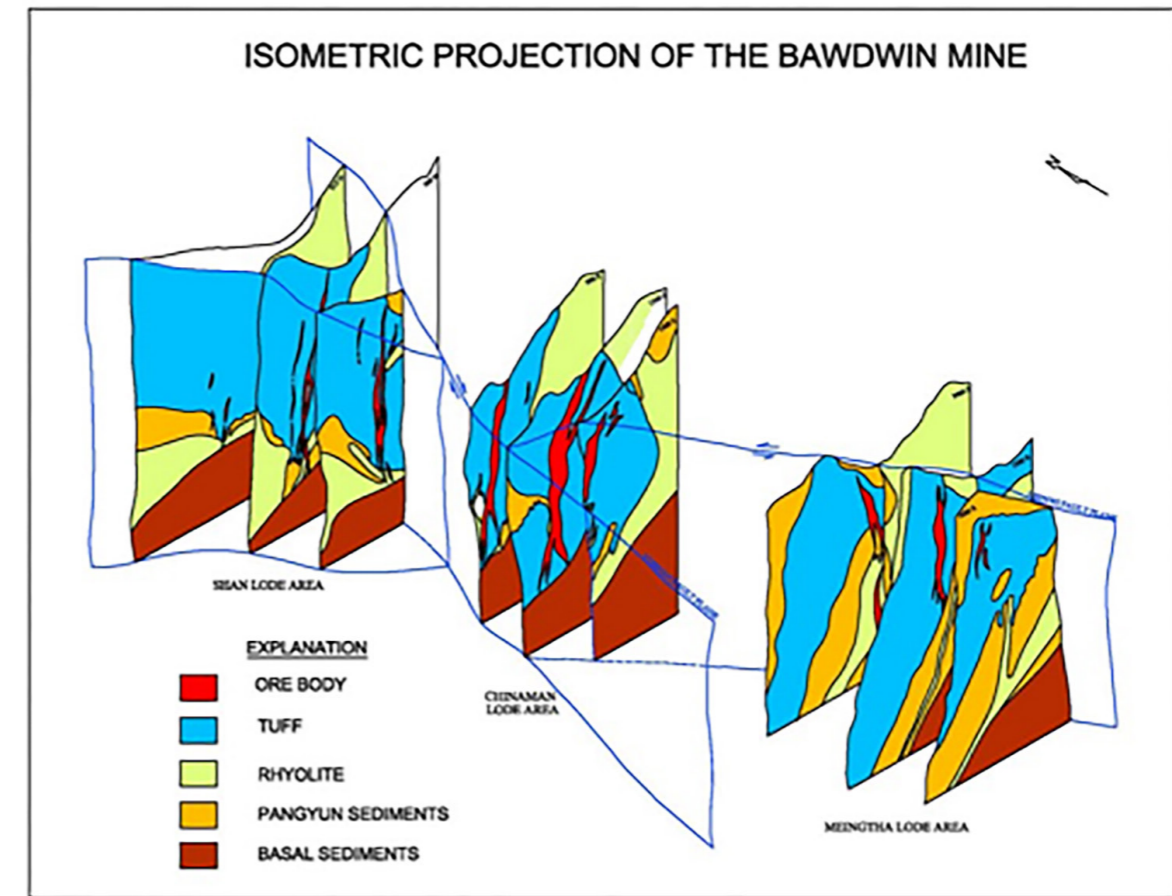
Brochantite: Basic copper sulphate forms blue crystals and incrustations in similar situations.

Barytes. Barium sulphate: Though not associated with the ore bodies themselves, this mineral is abundant in veins in the immediate neighbourhood of Bawdwin. It occurs in massive coarse-grained aggregates, which are often full of small cavities. The broken surfaces of these show a platy structure with curved surfaces and a vitreous lustre. It is found on the lip of the Amphitheatre and in large masses in that great excavation, which was originally an open-cut working but has been enlarged by landslips.

The Ores

The essential constituents of the Bawdwin ores, except the copper ores of the Shan lode, are galena and zinc blende, intimately intergrown and of a fine to medium grain. The sulphides, pyrite, and chalcopyrite are sparingly distributed through the zinc-lead ore, the latter being, for the most part, exceptional in the great mass of the ore rather than characteristic, though there is sometimes a concentration of this mineral on the hanging-wall side of the ore-body. For example, it occurs on the third level of the winze in this position, the winze itself being 300 feet north of the internal shaft. The galena-zinc blende ore is always argentiferous, and the richer the mixture is in galena, the higher the silver content is. A summation of the assays of the crude high sulphide ore of the 171 feet level shows 19.2 ounces of silver to the tonne of ore, 24 per cent of lead, and 20.7 per cent of zinc.

The high-grade ore is pure enough to be selectively won,



Isometric sections through the Bawdwin mine ore bodies (after Brinkman & Hinze 1976)

handpicked, and shipped. The lower grades consisting of galena and zinc blend mixed with gangue will have to be crushed and concentrated locally to fit them for the market, which will add an increased charge to the working costs but decrease those due to transportation. The high-grade copper ores of the Shan lode can be handpicked and shipped or else smelted locally.

The gangue of the Chinaman ore body consists of metamorphosed country rock and little quartz. Every gradation can be found in pure mixed sulphides to tuffs, which show no signs of mineralization. In the second-grade ores, the galena is seen metasomatically replacing the altered felspars of the rock or even its groundmass, while both it and the blende from numerous ramifying veinlets crossing the rock in all directions and leaving little except quartz, which in the massive ore

are replaced too. There can be no question that the greater part of the galena is of metasomatic origin, for the veinlets possess no regular fissure walls when seen under the microscope but are irregular in width, branching, and reticulating in all directions. It would appear, therefore, that the metallic sulphides attacked first of all the altered felspars of the tuffs and replaced them, among others.

At Bawdwin, the honeycombing of the upper parts of the ore channel for some hundreds of years by a perfect labyrinth of Chinese levels, crosscuts, winzes, rises, and stopes, and the slow decomposition of the timber introduced into them by the ancient miners, have not been without a potent effect in this direction. This can be seen at the zero level, in which the walls and roof are coated with thick growths of the sulphates of copper and zinc, and the heat produced by the oxidation of the sulphides in the old fill

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Order of deposition of the sulphides

In my earlier report on the Bawdwin Mines, I wrote, "The microscopic examination of various specimens shows that iron and copper sulphides, when present with the others, were the first to be formed, for they have been

NATIONAL



Myanmar Ambassador to Malaysia U Aung Soe Win presents the gift to Captain Abdul Samad bin Shaik Osman, Deputy Director-General of the Maritime Department of Malaysia.

Myanmar delegation attends Maritime Labour Rights Forum in Malaysia

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Myanmar delegation attended the Maritime Labour Rights Forum: “Charting a Course for Seafarers and Industry Empowerment”, held at the Ascott Gurney Hotel in Penang, Malaysia, on 27 and 28 May.

The forum was attended by Myanmar Ambassador to Malaysia U Aung Soe Win and Director

U Chan Myae from the Seafarers Division of the Department of Marine Administration under the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

Myanmar Ambassador U Aung Soe Win met Captain Abdul Samad bin Shaik Osman, Deputy Director-General of the Maritime Department of Malaysia, and presented a souvenir to him. — ASH/MKKS

Illegal goods, vehicles seized in various states/regions

UNDER the supervision of the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee, illegal trade is effectively prevented and prosecuted in accordance with the law.

Combined task forces conducted inspections under the management of the Customs Department on 26 June and seized illegal porcelain tile and other products worth K50,126,958 from four containers at Myanmar Industrial

Port. They confiscated illegal goods, including 200 sets of split-type air conditioners and clear float glasses worth K226,453,005, from four containers at the Asia World Port Terminal cargo inspection station.

Likewise, officials seized 1,704 boxes of cylinder liner kit sets and auto spare parts worth K42,600,000, not mentioned in Import Declaration form. So, illegal goods worth totalling K319,179,963 were confiscated from the Myanmar Industrial

Port area.

On the same day, combined task forces conducted surprise checks at Ywathagyi Dry Port. They found illegal items, including 400 sets of squatting pan toilets, 200 shower sets worth K33,409,424, one Isuzu Giga truck and one KIA van worth K75,000,000. Therefore, officials seized illegal goods plus vehicles worth totalling K108,409,424 at the same time.

Similarly, combined task forces carried out inspections under the management of the Kachin State Anti-Illegal Trade Special Task Force on 27 June. They seized illegal 13,440 gallons of diesel oil and three Nissan trucks worth totalling K319,824,000 at the Nantseeaung checkpoint in Mohnyin Township.

Thus, the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee reported 13 arrests on 26 and 27 June with an estimated value of K747,413,387. — MNA/KZL



Confiscated illegal items in different regions and states.

Drugs seized in Hpa-an and Mahaangmyay Township



Offenders are seen alongside seized drugs.

A combined team of anti-narcotics police officers raided the home of Than Oo (aka) Maung Kyaw Paing at Hlaka Village, Hlaka Village-Tract, Hpa-an Township, at 12:30 pm on 26 June and seized 55 pills of ecstasy.

Following further investigations, officials raided the home of Saw Myint Aye (aka) Youk Cho at 1 pm and seized 3,194 stimulant tablets.

Similarly, officials raided Ma Nan Myint Myint Khin's home at 2 pm, and 100,000 stimulant pills were seized. They also searched Ma Nann

Win Khin's home in Kawthamalein Village, Kawthamalein Village-Tract, Hpa-an Township and found 680,000 ecstasy pills.

In addition, the anti-narcotics team searched a suspicious person named Mei Nyi Thein San at the corner of 40th Street and 69 (B) Street, Mahanwesin Ward, Mahaangmyay Township. They seized 0.6 kilogrammes of Happy Water.

Offenders were prosecuted under the Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances Act. — MNA/KZL

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

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Inwa City prepares for UNESCO World Heritage nomination

THE ancient city of Inwa, located in Tada-U Township of Mandalay Region, is preparing for nomination to the World Heritage List, according to a representative from the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Mandalay Branch).

Efforts are intensifying to nominate Inwa, which thrived during the Inwa period around 400 years ago, for inclusion on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Researchers are currently gathering and compiling essential information to support the city's bid for recognition.

"We are researching the numbers of ancient pagodas and buildings within Inwa's buffer zone, along with their histories, in accordance with UNESCO guidelines," the representative



A glimpse of the ancient Inwa City.

stated.

Inwa, covering an area of 7 square miles, boasts a rich

history with 961 buildings and pagodas spread across the Property Area and Buffer Area. To

bolster its nomination, officials are cataloguing these structures, with nearly 300 buildings already

documented and ongoing efforts to complete the inventory.

The representative also mentioned, "Research guidelines used by countries like China or Italy on Inwa's historical sites could be incorporated into our nomination dossier, enhancing our application through international cooperation".

In preparation for World Heritage Site status, Inwa is undergoing improvements, including informative guide maps featuring photos and detailed historical information for each temple and building. There are also plans to collaborate with the Ministry of Tourism to develop a tourism network road and enhance tourism infrastructure in the future. — Maung Aye Chan/TRKM

180 Myanmar workers arrive in South Korea on EPS recruitment day

ON the day that South Korea recruited a million foreign workers under the EPS system, up to 180 Myanmar workers arrived there, according to a statement issued by the Myanmar Embassy.

Through the Public Overseas Employment Agency (POEA), 188 new EPS manufacturing workers arrived at Incheon International Airport from Yangon on 25 June on Myanmar National Airlines UB 8301 (charter flight) and Singapore Airlines flight.

The labour attaché from



Myanmar EPS workers seen arriving at Incheon International Airport on 25 June. PHOTO - MYANMAR EMBASSY IN SEOUL

the Myanmar Embassy in Seoul welcomed the workers, advised them on what they should do,

and provided assistance.

"The migration of Myanmar workers today marks

South Korea's EPS foreign worker recruitment from 16 countries reaching one million," the embassy said.

In May, a total of 170 EPS workers were sent to the Republic of Korea via POEA – 152 new manufacturing workers on 21 May, 146 new manufacturing workers and 24 agriculture and livestock workers on 7 May.

According to the embassy, the monthly despatch of EPS Myanmar workers totalled 421 under E-9 visas in April, 862 in March, and 1,333 under E-9 visas in February. — MT/ZS

Yangonites visit Palin Kanthaya Elephant Camp on weekends

ON weekends, there are loads of visitors from Yangon Region at a famous elephant camp, Palin Kanthaya.

The Ayeyawady River locates the elephant camp near West Palin village beside Myingyan-Pakokku Road in NyaungU Township, Mandalay Region, and elephant lovers from all regions and states can feed elephant buffets.

"Generally, most visitors are locals on weekdays. However, on weekends, the majority of visitors are from Yangon. We have made connections with travel companies, and through those, visitors from Yangon

come here on weekends. They headed from Yangon on Friday and arrived back on Sunday. We have guests almost every day, and the majority are from Yangon," said U Myo Min, the person in charge of the elephant camp.

Annual vaccination and healthcare are provided for all elephants at the camp, and elephant camps are welcoming visitors.

"We have provided vaccination for elephants on a regular basis and fed them necessary supplements. We have provided healthcare services for them. Elephant camps are open in Nay Pyi Taw, Taunggyi,



An elephant from the Palin Kanthaya Elephant Camp.

Patheingyi and other regions and states, and they have also provided regular services for visitors. I want to say that not only our Palin Kanthaya but all elephant camps across the country welcome visitors," he said. — Thit Taw/ZS

MSF provides health support to senior seafarers

THE Myanmar Seafarers Federation (MSF) has been providing health support to senior seafarers with chronic conditions, contributing K68.1 million to 681 retired seafarers so far.

There is a fund of K127.194 million from 836 donors at present. MSF is committed to five objectives and forms ten subcommittees to achieve the objectives. A working subcommittee for senior seafarers' health assistance was formed in September 2021, with eight committee members without an executive.

The subcommittee opened a fixed deposit account with a K51 million fund in mid-October 2021. The subcommittee manages funding and contributions from the interests of the fixed deposit account without approval from MSF's executive board. The subcommittee's report is forwarded to the MSF's executive board and patrons every three months.

Individuals can contact the subcommittee through members (Captain Pwint Thit at 09 5112325, Captain Zaw Myint at 09 5060748 and U Lat Ko Ko at 09 5089498. — NN/KK

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Autonomous car rules advancing faster than the vehicles themselves: UN

There is a noticeable shift towards prioritizing the resolution of regulatory challenges amid the dynamic evolution of autonomous vehicle technology.



Safety concerns and the cost of developing next-level systems have slowed down progress on autonomous vehicles: **PHOTO: AFP**

FULLY autonomous cars are still years away from hitting the streets, but internationally-agreed rules on their use could be ready by mid-2026, the United Nations has said.

Safety concerns and the cost of developing next-level systems have slowed down progress on autonomous vehicles, but work on regulations is motoring ahead, said the UN.

“While the hype may be slowly disappearing, the actu-

al serious work on regulation is advancing,” UNECE agency’s deputy executive secretary Dmitry Mariyasin told reporters. Established in 1952, the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations meets three times a year, bringing together countries, carmakers and technology giants. This week’s gathering in Geneva is the main annual session.

The forum takes place under UNECE, the UN Economic

Commission for Europe, which shapes the legal framework for inland transport.

Rules of the road

Richard Damm, chair of the Working Party on Automated/Autonomous and Connected Vehicles (GRVA), said new UN regulations for driver control assistance systems were adopted in February and would come into force in September.

Furthermore, “we are planning to have a globally harmonized regulation on Automated Driving Systems (ADS) ready for mid-2026”, he said.

Unlike some fields where regulation comes long after the roll-out of new technology, GRVA secretary Francois Guichard said getting the rules settled first was in line with previous advances in motoring.

He said regulations for electric vehicles was ready before they hit the market, and the framework is also now in place for hydrogen vehicles, should the industry move towards mass production. — AFP

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Origin of the ores

The general conditions at Bawdwin, both in the ore channel and surrounding area, point to the fact that the ores are deposits from hot ascending solutions probably under pressure rising from considerable depths. We have seen that the ores were deposited in a faulted zone, which rendered the tuffs themselves permeable to the mineralizing solutions. What was the origin of the latter? In seeking an explanation of this question, I have derived much help from the hypothesis advanced to account for the source of the ores of the Coeur d’Alene district in Idaho by F L Ransome. In some ways, there is a distinct parallel between the two areas, though, of course, it is on a much smaller scale than in the case of Bawdwin. The prevailing country rock in the American field is a fine-grained sericitic quartzite of the pre-Cambrian age, and, though traversed by numerous faults of large displacement, the mineral veins follow subordinate fractures of no great throw. The ore deposits are composite veins or lodes, often of considerable thickness, formed partly by filling but largely by replacement along shear planes in sericitic quartzite. The ore shoots are large but irregular, and the shear zones

are nearly vertical; galena, with some pyrite and zinc blende and in places, a little argentite, are the principal ore minerals.

I cannot believe that the Bawdwin ore deposits are unassociated with the presence of igneous rock, neither do I think it possible that the ores emanated from the same source as the rhyolites themselves in pre-Cambrian or early Cambrian times. This has led me to suppose that they are connected in some way with the Tawnpeng granite, among others.

As a working hypothesis, therefore, I conclude that the ore bodies at Bawdwin were formed by hot solutions from an underlying granitic magma, rising along shattered fault planes previously produced and replacing conglacial rocks, such as the rhyolitic tuffs whenever they happened to lie in their lines of circulation. They were probably formed under considerable thickness of sedimentary strata, which have been eroded away, for it is a region of intense denudation, and they have been crushed and faulted in movements that have taken place since their formation.

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Nigerians strive to bring mangrove forests back to life

These forests, crucial for protecting against tides and providing sanctuary to wildlife, have suffered extensive damage due to human activities in recent years.

ON a riverbank in the Niger Delta, a group of residents in rubber boots has been working to restore one of Nigeria’s most precious and damaged ecosystems – its mangrove forests.

The team members plunge their shovels into the mud and slot in saplings at the site in Bundu, a shanty town on the outskirts of the southern oil city Port Harcourt.

In recent years, human activity has destroyed swathes of the world’s mangrove forests, which form a vital barrier against the tides and a sanctuary for wildlife.

But in this part of the Delta – plagued by leaks from multinational oil company pipelines and a host of other threats – a local community leader is pushing ahead with a project to restore

the spoiled forests.

“We’re going to bring our mangroves back to life,” said fisherman David Oba, 53, who represents around 10,000 people in the town.

Mangrove forests are a biodiversity paradise. The specialist saltwater trees’ huge root networks provide nurseries for juvenile fish, which are crucial to supporting stocks. — AFP



Nigeria’s government has promised to help local authorities protect mangroves. **PHOTO: AFP**

Indian core industries grows by 6.3% in May; Power, coal, steel, natural gas and refinery show positive growth

THE combined Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) increased by 6.3 per cent in May, 2024, as compared to last year, said the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Friday.

The ministry said that the production of electricity, coal, Steel, natural gas and refinery products recorded positive growth in May 2024.

The index of core industries measures the combined and individual performance of production of eight core industries which include cement, coal, crude oil, electricity, fertilizers, natural gas, refinery products and Steel.

The Eight Core Industries comprise 40.27 per cent of the weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

The ministry also stated that the final growth rate of the Index of Eight Core Industries for February 2024 stands at 7.1 per cent. The cumulative growth rate of core industries during April to May 2024-25 was 6.5 per cent as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

The cement production which weight: 5.37 per cent, declined by 0.8 per cent in May, over May last year. Its cumulative index



JSW Steel Limited is an Indian multinational steel producer based in Mumbai. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ANI**

declined by 0.6 per cent from April to May 2024-25 over the corresponding period of the previous year.

However, the coal production (weight: 10.33 per cent) increased by 10.2 per cent in May, 2024 over May, 2023. Its cumulative index increased by 8.9 per cent during April to May, 2024-25 over corresponding period of the previous year.

The crude oil production also (weight: 8.98 per cent) declined by 1.1 per cent in May, 2024 over May, 2023. Its cumulative index increased by 0.2 per cent during April-May, 2024-25 over corresponding period of the previous year. — ANI

Lufthansa to add environmental charge to fares



The extra cost will be added to all flights sold and operated by the group departing from EU countries as well as Britain, Norway and Switzerland. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

GERMAN airline giant Lufthansa said Tuesday it would add an environmental charge of up to 72 euros (\$77) to fares in Europe to cover the cost of increasing EU climate regulations.

The extra cost will be added to all flights sold and operated by the group departing from EU countries as well as Britain, Norway and Switzerland, it said in a statement.

It will apply to flights from January next year and, depending on the route and fare, will vary from one to 72 euros.

“The airline group will not be able to bear the successively increasing additional costs resulting from regulatory requirements in the coming years on its own,” said Lufthansa. — AFP

South Korea, Israel to establish US\$ 80 million fund for DeepTech investments

IN a boost to bilateral ties, South Korea selected OurCrowd, Israel’s most active venture investor, to co-manage what will become a US\$ 80 million fund for DeepTech investments on Wednesday.

The fund, known as the NH-OC Global Open Innovation Fund, will focus on investing in approximately 25-30 start-

ups. These startups will be from core technology sectors including semiconductors, robotics, automotive, quantum computing, cybersecurity, digital health, and more.

This initiative aims to create a synergistic relationship between Israeli innovation and South Korean industrial prowess. — ANI

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INS Sunayana enters Port Victoria as part of long-range deployment in Indian Ocean Region

This deployment underscores India's longstanding military presence in Seychelles, dating back to 1976, and reinforces the strong bilateral relations between the two nations, according to the ministry's statement.

INDIAN Naval Ship (INS) Sunayna entered Port Victoria, Seychelles, as part of her long-range deployment in the South Western Indian Ocean Region, the Indian Ministry of Defence informed in a press release.

The ship's visit coincided with the celebration of the 48th National Day of the Seychelles on 29 June. An Indian Navy marching contingent along with a Naval band will participate in the military parade organized as part of the Seychelles National Day celebrations. The deployment of an Indian Naval ship marks the sustained participation of an Indian military contingent since 1976 reaffirming bonhomie between the two nations, according to the ministry's press release.

During the port call, social in-



Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sunayna recently arrived at Port Victoria, Seychelles, as part of its extended deployment in the South Western Indian Ocean Region. **PHOTO: ANI**

teractions, engagements with the Seychelles Defence Force, special yoga sessions, ships open to visitors, and community outreach programmes are scheduled. An aerial demonstration of the indigenously built Naval ALH is also planned during the port call.

Deployment of INS Sunayna is in consonance with the vision of Security & Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR) promoting collaborative efforts to ensure maritime security in the IOR.

This comes after INS Sunayna's two-day-long visit to Port Louis on 24 June. INS Sunayna last visited Port Victoria in Seychelles on 18 June, where the ship undertook joint Economic Exclusive Zone (EEZ) Surveillance with the Seychelles Coast Guard during the deployment. — ANI

Voting starts for Iran's 14th presidential election

Originally scheduled for 2025, the election date was moved up due to the unexpected passing of President Raisi.

VOTING for Iran's 14th presidential election started at 8 am (0430 GMT) on Friday, after President Ebrahim Raisi died in a helicopter crash last month.

"We start the elections" for the country's 14th presidential

elections, Interior Minister Ahmad Vahidi said in a televised address.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei cast the first ballot at a polling station, and made a brief speech calling for the unity of the Iranian people during

the election.

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Iran's 14th presidential election, initially set for 2025, was rescheduled following Raisi's unexpected death. Initially, six candidates — Amir-Hossein Ghazizadeh Hashemi, the current vice-president; Alireza Zakani, the mayor of Tehran; Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf, the parliamentary speaker; Saeed Jalili, the former top negotiator for nuclear talks; Mostafa Pourmohammadi, a former interior minister and justice minister; and Masoud Pezeshkian, a former health minister — were qualified to enter the race. — Xinhua



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Trump leads Biden ahead of US presidential debate: Poll

AMERICANS favour Donald Trump over Joe Biden as their next president across several measures, according to a Gallup poll released Thursday ahead of the presidential debate.

Trump received a 46 per cent overall favourable rating in the poll, taken 3-23 June after he was convicted by a New York court of 34 felony counts. It was also the highest rating for him since April 2020.

In comparison, Biden received a 37 per cent favourable rating. More Republicans favoured Trump as their party's nominee (91 per cent) than Democrats supporting Biden (81 per cent). — SPUTNIK

Outside forces may provoke coup attempt in Bolivia

THE coup attempt in Bolivia could have been provoked from the outside and caused by a desire to plunder the country's natural resources, Bolivian Defense Minister Edmundo Novillo told Sputnik.

On Wednesday, local media reported the presence of the military at Murillo Square, the central square of Bolivia's administrative capital La Paz, where government buildings are located. The military, led by former Commander-in-Chief Gen. Juan Jose Zuniga, then tried to break into the presidential palace. Bolivian President Luis Arce, who was in the palace at the time, made an address to the nation, describing the events as a coup attempt, and created a new army command, which called on the military to leave the square. The soldiers complied with the order. Zuniga was arrested later in the day. — SPUTNIK

SPORTS

Myanmar versus India Friendly: Ticket price revealed

THE Myanmar women's national team and the Indian women's squad will play two friendly matches in Yangon, and the entrance fees have been set, as stated by the Myanmar Football Federation.

Team Myanmar will take on India on 9 and 12 July, starting at 4 pm Myanmar Standard Time at Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon.

The Myanmar Football Federation will sell only grandstand tickets for both matches priced at K5,000. Team Myanmar, led by Japanese head coach Yuki, is made up of 30 preliminary players ahead of the friendlies. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

NBC brings AI version of legendary broadcaster to Olympic coverage

US media giant NBCUniversal on Wednesday announced that it will use the AI version of a legendary sports broadcaster to narrate personalized daily recaps of Olympic game events.

Narration by Hall of Fame announcer Al Michaels generated using artificial intelligence will voice the recaps that will be personalized to individual viewers of NBC's Peacock streaming service.

Well-known broadcaster Michaels has worked a combined nine Olympic Games for NBC Sports and ABC Sports during his career, according to NBCUniversal.

"When I was approached about this, I was skeptical but obviously curious," Michaels said in a release.

"Then I saw a demonstration detailing what they had in mind. I said, 'I'm in.'" The AI was trained on the voice of Michaels along with his past appearances on NBC broadcasts, according to the company. — AFP



Germany's Niclas Fullkrug (R) celebrates his equalizer against Switzerland. PHOTO: AFP

Germany counting on Dortmund atmosphere against Denmark

WITH Germany heading for their Euro 2024 last-16 duel against Denmark in Dortmund this Saturday after a final training session, the usual change of flags followed.

In the 2014 World Cup winners' base camp in Herzogenaurach, the gigantic white German jersey was replaced by the pink away shirt, indicating that Julian Nagelsmann's squad is travelling, and is set to play at Signal Iduna Park, Germany's biggest stadium, with the backing of up to 80,000 fans.

"I am sure we get that feeling as it is one of the most atmospheric arenas in Germany. That's an advantage," Germany and Borussia Dortmund striker Niclas Fullkrug stated.

Ahead of the game, the team underwent their final training session, marked by the customary switch from their traditional white jersey to the pink away shirt at their base camp in Herzogenaurach.

Dortmund striker Niclas Fullkrug stated.

The fans support might not

be the most pressing concern for Nagelsmann, who might be forced to change both his central defenders, with Antonio Rudiger suffering with a muscle injury, and Jonathan Tah facing a one-match ban for an accumulation of yellow cards.

While Dortmund's Nico Schlotterbeck looks to deputize for Tah, the man next to him is still to be identified.

Stuttgart's Waldemar Anton or Dortmund midfielder Emre Can might fill the gap, while Fullkrug's good form so far in the tournament, with two goals, might influence Nagelsmann to change the front-line as well. — AFP

Myanmar exits AFF U-16 Championship

VIETNAM eliminated Myanmar in a 5-1 win during the ASEAN U-16 Championship Group B match played in Indonesia yesterday.

Likewise, Cambodia also beat Brunei 6-0 in the same group. If the Myanmar team wins against Vietnam, they can hope to advance to the next round, but they lost and said goodbye to the tourney.

The Myanmar team competed with the best line-up, but in terms of performance, they could not overtake Vietnam in any way. Team Vietnam broke the deadlock with the goals of Nuyen at the 18 and 26-minute mark.

The tempo of the game went higher just before the end of the first half, with a score of Myanmar's Nyi Nyi Thant at 41 minutes.

But Team Vietnam destroyed all of

Myanmar's hope with three consecutive goals scored at 66, 71 and 81 minutes.

At the end of Group B matches, the Vietnam and Cambodia teams had seven points each, but

Team Vietnam won first place in the group and entered the semifinals with only goal difference, while Cambodia had hope for the best second place.

Both Myanmar and Brunei teams were eliminated from the group stage of the AFF U-16 Championship. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Myanmar and Vietnam players fight for the ball during the AFF U-16 Championship Group B match on 28 June 2024. PHOTO: MFF

INS Sunayana enters Port Victoria as part of long-range deployment in Indian Ocean Region

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This undated photo shows the ruined stairs and floors at Neak Poan temple in Siem Reap province, Cambodia. **PHOTO: ANA/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA**

Restoration work underway around Neak Poan temple's shrines in Cambodia's Angkor complex

CAMBODIA'S APSARA National Authority (ANA) archaeologists have started to restore the stairs and floors around the eastern, northern, and western shrines of Neak Poan (the entwined serpents) temple in the Angkor Archaeological Park, said an ANA's news release on Thursday.

Chea Sarith, an archaeologist of the ANA's Department of Conservation of Monuments and Preventive Archaeology, said the project commenced in early May, aiming at addressing the deteriorating condition of the stairs and floors around

The restoration work primarily focuses on repairing damaged stairs and floors, which have suffered structural instability due to foundational erosion and water seepage.

the shrines.

"The restoration work focuses on repairing the damaged stairs and floors that have been affected by age, plant growth, erosion, and water damage," he said.

Sarith said the collapse of the stairs and the instability of the floors have been caused by various factors, including erosion of the foundation and water seepage. — Xinhua

DUE TO INTENSE RAINFALL

Delhi airport terminal roof collapse kills one, injures eight

THE roof of a newly refurbished terminal building at New Delhi's international airport partially collapsed in heavy rains early Friday, killing one person and injuring eight others, rescuers said.

Images posted online showed vehicles crushed under giant steel girders at the departure forecourt of the airport's Terminal 1, one of several projects inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in March ahead of the country's general election.

The terminal is used for domestic flights only and airport authorities said all flights departing from it had been cancelled until early afternoon.

"Due to heavy rain since early this morning, a portion of the canopy... collapsed around 5 am," they said in a statement posted online.

"Emergency personnel are working to provide all necessary assistance and medical aid to those affected."

Other terminals were operating as normal, as were arrivals at Terminal 1, it added.

"Eight people have been injured, one person is dead. Rescue operations have been completed," Atul Gard, director of Delhi Fire Services told AFP. — AFP

Energy-efficient carbon fibre metro train unveiled in China

CHINA has manufactured a carbon fibre metro train, which is significantly lighter and more energy-efficient than traditional trains, according to its developer, CRRC Qingdao Sifang Co., Ltd.

The train, dubbed Centrovo 1.0, was unveiled in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province. It features a carbon fibre composite body and frame, which reduces the weight of the car body and bogie frame by 25

per cent and 50 per cent, respectively, making the overall vehicle weight 11 per cent lighter compared with conventional trains.

Liu Jinzhu, the train's chief designer, highlighted that each train's operational energy consumption would be cut by seven per cent. This means a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions of about 130 tonnes a year, equivalent to planting 101 mu (about 6.7 hectares) of trees.

In addition, using carbon fibre materials bolsters the vehicle body's strength, enhancing impact resistance and prolonging structural longevity. It also improves the train's adaptability to various environmental conditions while reducing maintenance costs.

The metro train has completed in-factory testing and is slated to commence operations in Qingdao later this year. — Xinhua



The new Centrovo 1.0 metro train was unveiled in Qingdao, Shandong province on Wednesday. **PHOTO: XINHUA**