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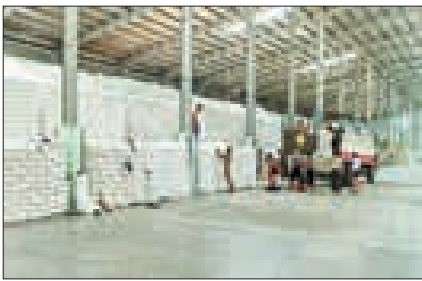
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Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and Lt-Gen Prasan Saengsirirak of the Royal Thai Armed Forces exchange gifts at yesterday's event.

The Royal Thai Armed Forces delegation led by Lt-Gen Prasan Saengsirirak paid a courtesy call to Vice-Senior General Soe Win yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

Vice-Senior General Soe Win and Lt-Gen Prasan Saengsirirak of the Royal Thai Armed Forces emphasized the need to enhance cooperation between Myanmar and Thailand on various issues, including combatting terrorism and illegal trade.

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MoH Union Minister arrives back after attending Traditional Medicine Forum in China



Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win observes the workplace of traditional medicine production during his trip in China.

UNION Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win arrived at Yangon International Airport yesterday after attending the 2024 Shanghai Cooperation Organization Forum on Traditional Medicine in Nanchang, Jiangxi Province, China.

On 27 June, a Myanmar

delegation led by Dr Thet Khaing Win visited a medicinal herb garden, a traditional medicine manufacturing plant, and Jiangxi University of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Nanchang, Jiangxi Province. The delegation also toured the Nanchang Hospital

of Traditional Chinese Medicine, where they observed the treatments involving Chinese traditional medicine using modern medical equipment.

On 28 June, the Union minister and his delegation met with the chairperson of the traditional medicine administration body of Jiangxi Province to discuss collaboration for the development of traditional medicines in both countries. They also discussed arrangements for signing a memorandum of understanding between Myanmar's Department of Traditional Medicine and Jiangxi University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, as well as the establishment of a traditional medicine museum. — MNA/TH

Myanmar joins ASEAN Committee Heads of Missions Meeting in Canberra

THE Ministry of Foreign Affairs has reported that Myanmar Chargé d'affaires U Thet Tun attended the heads of missions meeting of the ASEAN Committee in Canberra (ACC), which was held at the Commonwealth Club on 26 June.

The meeting was organized by Malaysia, which is the alternate chairmanship of the ACC and chaired by the High Commissioner of Malaysia to Australia Ms Sharrina Binti Abdullah. During the meeting, the minutes of the heads of missions meeting, which was held in Feb-

ruary 2024, were approved. The meeting also reviewed the ACC activities successfully implemented from January to June 2024 during the ACC Chairmanship of the High Commission of Malaysia, discussed the ACC Notional Calendar for 2024, and exchanged views on the matters related to the engagement between Australian officials and the ACC.

After the meeting, the ACC Chairmanship was handed over to Mrs Ma Hellen Barber De La Vega, Filipino Ambassador to Australia. — ASH/TMT

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.

Statement of UMFCCI

28 June 2024

THE UN Special Rapporteur's report on 26 June 2024 accused international banks, State-owned banks and some local private banks of facilitating some transactions that violate human rights in Myanmar and called for action.

In response to the UN report, the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) has issued this statement that the report can have a significant impact on the economy.

1. UMFCCI is an organization that leads to the sustainable development of Myanmar's economy and represents the private sector. UMFCCI makes continuous efforts to ensure local and foreign investments in Myanmar and streamline the international network.
2. The attempt of the UN report to take action against international banks, State-owned banks, and some local private banks has had a considerable effect on the domestic business sector, as well as the staff and their families who rely on these businesses. The financial system is a central pillar that dynamizes those industries, and so the ban on that system can affect the resources of Myanmar's economy.
3. International corresponding banks have also undertaken the Enhanced Due Diligence (EDD) measures on all business relationships and transactions by scrutinizing required documents when providing banking services to Myanmar banks.
4. UMFCCI wants to urge international organizations not to affect the people and their socioeconomic status through the enormous impacts on businesses.
5. The UN Special Rapporteur's report, which accused international banks, state-owned banks, and local private banks of being involved in some transactions that were going against human rights in Myanmar and called for immediate action, not only tends to batter the interests of the people of Myanmar but also hamper economic relations between Myanmar and foreign nations. Thus, UMFCCI is concerned so much so that it will continue to develop the State economy and socioeconomic lives of the people.

Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry

Statement of Myanmar Rice Federation

29 June 2024

1. Myanmar mainly operates agriculture and farming-based manufacturing, farming produce exports, and agricultural produce-based MSMEs that benefit both domestic and global food security to a certain extent. All farmers and private farming businesspeople rely on and receive banking services, including agricultural loans, loans for livestock breeding, rural development loans, and small short-term loans.
2. They also adhere to the standards and systems of international banks in their business transactions, such as payments and money transfers, with global development partners and business partners. It was also found that the banks set adequate inspections, actions, and procedures under the lead of the Central Bank of Myanmar in anti-money laundering, countering terrorism, and financing services that break the law and procedures. Global banks associated with international buyers of agricultural produce also cooperate with banks in Myanmar, keeping in line with the guidelines of the international banking system.
3. Thus, propositions and attempts to take action against international banks that work with banks in Myanmar tend to affect the farming sector that most citizens rely on, as well as the food security and food production industries. International organizations should consider accurate on-ground situations, factual data, and practical undertakings and promote collaboration in constructive ways that aim to stabilize banking services.

Myanmar Rice Federation

NATIONAL

Myanmar and Thailand collaborate against terrorism, smuggling

FROM PAGE 1

Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win received a Thai delegation led by Lt-Gen Prasan Saeng-sirak, which attended the 36th meeting

of Thai-Myanmar Border Committee hosted by Myanmar, at the parlour of Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, both sides exchanged views on the promotion of existing friendly ties and cooperation between the two armed forces, as well

as cooperation in ensuring peace and stability in border regions, enforcing the rule of law, eradicating narcotic drugs, and combatting terrorism and illicit trade.

Also present at the meeting were Lt-Gen Nyunt Win Swe from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), sen-

ior Tatmadaw officers, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Chit Swe, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mongkol Visitstump, and senior military officers from the Royal Thai Armed Forces.

After the meeting, both sides exchanged gifts and had a commemorative photo taken. — MNA/TH

Former President U Thein Sein attends 70th Anniversary of Five Principle of Peaceful Coexistence in Beijing

U THEIN SEIN, former president of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Myanmar Delegation, attended the opening ceremony of the 70th Anniversary of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence held at 10 am on 28 June 2024 at Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China. President of the People's Republic of China Mr Xi Jinping delivered a speech at the opening ceremony and highlighted the core principles and the essence of peaceful coexistence and critical changes, an indication to establish a community with peace and tranquillity and a shared future for humankind during the previous 70 years.

Also present at the opening ceremony were 20 former Heads of State and Heads of Govern-

ment and representatives from 100 countries, international organizations, diplomats, Media and Business communities. The former President was accompanied by Chairman of the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS) U Thant Kyaw, Chairman of the Myanmar-China Friendship Association U Tin Oo, Chairperson of the U Nu-Daw Mya Yi Foundation Daw Than Nu and other officials.

Former President U Thein Sein attended a luncheon hosted by Mr Wang Yi, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, Director of the Office of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs, and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, at



U Thein Sein, former president of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, shakes hands with President of the People's Republic of China Mr Xi Jinping at the ceremony of the 70th Anniversary of Five Principle of Peaceful Coexistence in Beijing yesterday.

11:30 am at Liuhe-Diao Yutai and gave a remark on the vital essence of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence for world peace, peaceful settlement of international disputes, mutual respects, equality and tranquillity among countries in adhering the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence.

Mr Nong Due Manh, former Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV) Central Committee, Ms Dilma Rousseff, former President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Mr Mulatu Teshome Wirtu, former President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Mr Dominique Marle Francois

Galouzeau de Villepin, former Prime Minister of French Republic also attended the luncheon.

In the evening, former President U Thein Sein attended the dinner hosted by Mr Wang Chao, Chairman of the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs at St Regis Hotel. — MNA

Myanmar businesspeople to join Pakistan's 16th Agri & Livestock Asia Expo in August

THE 16th Food, Agri & Livestock Asia International Trade Fair and Conference, which will take place on 9-11 August 2024 at Lahore Expo Centre in Pakistan, invites Myanmar businesspeople to join a marketplace where businesses can explore trade opportunities, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) and E-commerce Gateway Pakistan Pvt Ltd (ECG) joint-

ly organize this exhibition with a view to showcasing the latest machinery and equipment, food ingredients and technology, livestock and machinery, paper and tissue, hospitality, catering and bakery, plastic, packing, print corrugated equipment service and products.

Ecommerce Gateway Pakistan Pvt Ltd (ECG) will provide accommodation, domestic travel costs and security measures for 100 early birds.

Interested individuals can enquire about detailed information about the 16th Food, Agri & Livestock Asia International Trade Fair and Conference through web portals: www.foodasia.net, www.agriasia.net, www.livestockexhibition.com and contact via email info@foodasia.net and phone number +92 3211000202 and email saad@ecgateway.info, and phone number +92 3002025974. — NN/KK

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MoTC adds carp fingerlings into Ngaliteyarbar dam



THE Ministry of Transport and Communications held a ceremony to add carp fingerlings into the Ngaliteyarbar dam, located west of the Nay Pyi Taw City Development Committee office, at 8 am yesterday.

State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo and wife, deputy ministers, the permanent secretary, departmental officials and their wives, staff and families attended the ceremony.

Led by the Deputy Prime

Minister and his wife, deputy ministers and their wives first added golden carp fingerlings into the dam. Participating members and their families then released fingerlings into the dam.

The Ministry of Transport and Communications conducted the ceremony with the aim of recognizing the rich natural water resources and the potential for growth in the fisheries sector. The ministry released 100,000 golden carp fish into the dam, demonstrating their commitment to promoting a thriving fish population. — MNA/TRKM

The Ministry of Transport and Communications' carp fingerlings releasing ceremony in progress at Ngaliteyarbar dam, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

YCC hosts International Agriculture, Energy, Food, and Hospitality Expo

THE International Agriculture and Livestock, Energy, Food, Restaurant and Hotel Exhibition is being held at the Yangon Convention Centre (YCC) in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, from 10 am to 5 pm on 28-30 June, according to Silver Sea Company Managing Director U Zarni Tin Myint.

At the exhibition, 68 companies and associations from Myanmar, Thailand, China, Japan, and Israel occupy 101 booths, along with 27 booths from 24 local small and medium enterprises (SMEs), bringing the total number of booths to 128.

"We can say that our country is a major agricultural nation. We aim to introduce new

technologies, products, businesses, and services to those involved in crop cultivation.

Displaying existing services and goods will contribute to further development," said U Zarni Tin Myint.

The exhibition also features discussions on milk and dairy products, the use of solar electricity in agriculture, and organic agriculture and marketing.

In addition, visitors can observe cooking demonstrations by national chefs, as well as bed-making contests for young hotel housekeepers, and purchase fruits and food products directly from producers at fair prices. — ASH/TKO

Myanmar hosts 36th meeting of Myanmar-Thai Border Committee



The delegations of the 36th Myanmar-Thai Border Committee meeting pose for documentary photograph.

MYANMAR hosted the 36th Myanmar-Thai Border Committee meeting in Myeik on 28 June with the attendance of Lt-Gen Nyunt Win Swe from the office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Maj-Gen Naing Naing Oo, senior Tatmadaw officers, departmental officials and Lt-

Gen Prasan Saengsirirak of Thailand.

Myanmar delegation leader Lt-Gen Nyunt Win Swe and Thai delegation leader Lt-Gen Prasan Saengsirirak made opening remarks.

The two leaders then had a documentary photo taken together with attendees, cor-

dially greeted them and concluded the opening.

The meeting discussed the establishment of mutual trust, cooperation in border areas, anti-drug measures, and border demarcation, among others.

On the same evening, the Myanmar delegation leader hosted a dinner for the Thai delegation and representatives from the two countries to the meeting at the Pale Thander Hotel and exchanged gifts.

The second-day meeting was held yesterday at Pale Thander Hotel, and the two parties approved and signed the agreements drafted at the meeting and made remarks.

The Thai delegation visited the Maravijaya Buddha Image in Nay Pyi Taw and famous pagodas and sites in Myeik. — MNA/KTZH

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MRIC endorses 2 domestic enterprises in June

MANDALAY Region Investment Committee (MRIC) gave the green light to two domestic enterprises invested by Myanmar citizens, creating 83 jobs for locals.

Those businesses will pump K112.44 million of capital into the manufacturing and service sectors, according to an MRIC meeting held in mid-June.

Additionally, MRIC also allowed some enterprises to extend construction periods,

increase capital, and change business types.

Furthermore, there is a capital expansion and an increase in the labour force of the existing enterprises in June. The regional investment committee has been endorsing investment projects in accordance with rules and regulations under the Myanmar Investment Law to spur investments and create more job opportunities. — ASH/KK



On-site visit of officials of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (Mandalay)

MRF: Affordable rice sales reach whole country

BEYOND Nay Pyi Taw and large cities like Yangon, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady, rice millers, shops, and depots across Myanmar have been selling rice (Shwebo Pawsan, Ayeyawady

Pawsan and Aemahta rice varieties) at affordable prices, Myanmar Rice Federation released a statement on 28 June.

Additionally, shopping centres, supermarkets, and mi-

ni-marts have resumed sales with consumer packs in line with the set reference prices, which are much cheaper than the previous rates.

Moreover, rice will be distributed through door-to-door service (direct delivery to home) in Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw at affordable rates. — NN/KK



Bags of rice are stored in the warehouse.

MPA: 50 container vessels scheduled to call in Yangon Port next month

A total of 50 container vessels are slated to arrive at the Yangon Port in July, the Myanmar Port Authority announced.

In July, eight container vessels operated by SITC Shipping Line, six each by Cosco Shipping Line and Samudera Shipping Line, five by Maersk A/S Line, four each by CMA CGM Line and MSC Line, three each by Evergreen Line, ONE Line and RCL Line, two each by BLPL Shipping Line and PIL. Line and one by BAY Line Land and Sea, Maersk A/S Line and Ti2 Container Line are slated to enter the Yangon Port.

Myanmar Port Authority has arranged maritime trade channels to handle increasing imports to meet domestic demand, bolster exports, and improve port capacity for significant arrivals in ships. Myanmar Port Authority will inform exporters and importers of ship arrival schedules in a timely manner.

Myanmar Port Authority stated that 49 vessels in January, 53 in February, 55 in March, 50 in April, 52 in May and 50 in June arrived at the Yangon Port.

Yangon Port handled 629 container vessels in 2023. Thanks to the draft extension, the international ocean liners can access the inner port for now, according to the Myanmar Port Authority's statement on 22 June 2022.

Draft extension work accelerated after the new navigation channel (Kings Bank Channel) accessing the inner Yangon River had been found. Afterwards, the port can now handle larger ships. Container vessel MV SITC Zhaoming (185.99 metres LOA, 35.25 metres Beam, 29,232 GRT and 2,698 TEU) of Hong Kong-based SITC Shipping Line docked at Asia World Port Terminal for the first time on 22 June, which is the largest ship that AWPT Port handled.

Since May 2021, the arrival of ships at terminals in Yangon has increased again. To fulfil the seaborne trade requirements, three new container vessels by Maersk Line Myanmar (SeaLand Maersk) started to run in 2021.

Earlier, larger ships had draft problems preventing their sailing on the Yangon River. With the draft being extended up to 10 metres, more giant ocean liners can enter Thilawa Port. — NN/EM

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Various organizations welcome and support CBM's objection to UN Special Rapporteur's report

ON 26 June 2024, the UN Special Rapporteur's report accused international banks, State-owned banks, and several local private banks of facilitating transactions that violate human rights in Myanmar, urging immediate action.

The Central Bank of Myanmar, Myanmar Banks Association, State-owned banks, and private banks released a statement on 28 June 2024, strongly objecting

to the report as it had a considerable impact on the interests of Myanmar citizens and the relations between Myanmar and global countries.

The Myanmar Press Council, Young Men's Buddhist Association-YMBA (Central), Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group (Central), Thananta Dhamma Palaka (Hindu) Association, Union of Myanmar Methodist Church (Lower Myanmar), Is-

lamic Religious Affairs Council Myanmar, Pinnaygon Yakhine Jaame Mosque, Buthidaung-Maungtau Regional Development Association, Myanmar Evangelical Christian Alliance, Deliverance Church (Yangon), All Myanmar Hindu Central Council, Faith Evangelical Church (Bago), All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (HQ), Myanmar Music Association, Myanmar Theatrical Association, Myanmar Motion

Pictures Organization, Myanmar Comedians Association, Myanmar Writers' Association, Myanmar Artists Organization (Central) and Myanmar Sports Media Federation respectively issued statements supporting the objection to the UN Special Rapporteur's report stated by the Central Bank of Myanmar, Myanmar Banks Association, State-owned banks and private banks. — MNA/KTZH

Statement of Young Men's Buddhist Association-YMBA (Central)

29 June 2024

THE report published by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 26 June 2024 stated that international banks, some local State-owned banks and private banks are involved in Myanmar's human rights violations and requested action be taken against them.

The Young Men's Buddhist Association-YMBA (Central) supports the statement released by the Central Bank of Myanmar, Myanmar Banks Association, State-owned banks and private banks on 28 June 2024, strongly objecting to the UNHRC report, as it could harm the interests of the Myanmar people and the country's economic relations with foreign nations.

Young Men's Buddhist Association-YMBA (Central)

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Statement of Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group (Central)

29 June 2024

THE report released by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 26 June 2024 stated that international banks, State-owned banks, and some private banks in the nation are involved in Myanmar's human rights violations. It also mentioned requests for action against these banks, which could harm the interests of the people of Myanmar as well as relations between Myanmar and global countries.

Therefore, Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group (Central) strongly objects to the report of the United Nations Human Rights Council dated 26 June 2024.

Executive Committee of the Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group (Central)

Statement of All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (HQ)

29 June 2024

1. The report published by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 26 June 2024 accused international banks, some local State-owned banks and private banks of being involved in Myanmar's human rights violations and called for immediate action against these banks.
2. The All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (HQ) supports the 28 June 2024 statement of the Central Bank of Myanmar, Myanmar Banks Association, State-owned banks and private banks, strongly objecting to the report, as it could affect the interests of the people of Myanmar as well as the relations between Myanmar and foreign countries.

All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (HQ)

Statement of the Myanmar Evangelical Christian Alliance

29 June 2024

THE report released by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 26 June 2024 stated that international banks, domestic State-owned banks, and certain private banks are implicated in human rights violations in Myanmar. The report also mentioned the calls for action against these institutions, which could hamper the interests of the Myanmar people and the country's international relations.

Therefore, the Myanmar Evangelical Christian Alliance strongly objects to the report of the United Nations Human Rights Council dated 26 June 2024.

Myanmar Evangelical Christian Alliance

Statement of Myanmar Comedians' Association

29 June 2024

THE report published by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 26 June 2024 highlighted that international banks, domestic State-owned banks, and some private banks in Myanmar are implicated in human rights violations.

The call for action against them is perceived to harm the interests of the people of Myanmar and strain Myanmar's relations with global countries.

Therefore, the Myanmar Comedians' Association strongly condemn the report of the United Nations Human Rights Council dated 26 June 2024.

Myanmar Comedians' Association

Statement of Pinnaygone Yakhine Jaame Mosque

29 June 2024

1. A report published by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 26 June 2024 stated that international banks, some local State-owned banks and private banks are involved in Myanmar's human rights violations, and the report called for immediate action against them.
2. The Pinnaygone Yakhine Jaame Mosque issued this statement condemning the UNHRC report as it could batter the interests of the people of Myanmar and the relations between Myanmar and global countries.

Pinnaygone Yakhine Jaame Mosque

Statement of Myanmar Sports Media Federation

29 June 2024

THE United Nations Human Rights Council issued a report on 26 June 2024 calling for action against international banks, some local State-owned banks, and private banks for their involvement in Myanmar's human rights violations.

The Myanmar Sports Media Federation welcomes and supports the statement released by the Central Bank of Myanmar, Myanmar Banks Association, State-owned banks and private banks, strongly opposing the UNHRC report.

Myanmar Sports Media Federation

Statement of Myanmar Artists Organization (Central)

29 June 2024

A report published by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 26 June 2024 stated that international banks, some local State-owned banks and private banks are involved in Myanmar's human rights violations, and the report called for immediate action against them. The Myanmar Artists Organization (Central) supports the statement released by the Central Bank of Myanmar on 28 June 2024, strongly objecting to the UNHRC report as it could hamper the interests of the people of Myanmar as well as the relations between Myanmar and foreign countries.

Myanmar Artists Organization (Central)

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Myanmar Press Council Statement 5/2024

29 June 2024

The report released by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 26 June 2024 asserted that international banks, domestic State-owned banks, and some private banks are implicated in Myanmar's human rights violations, and immediate action was called for. The Central Bank of Myanmar issued a statement strongly objecting to the UNHRC report and the action call against these banks by citing considerable impacts on the interests of Myanmar's people and its international relations.

The Myanmar Press Council fully supports the Central Bank of Myanmar's strong condemnation of the United Nations Human Rights Council report, which does not accurately reflect the current situation in Myanmar and includes points that could jeopardize public interests.

Myanmar Press Council

Statement of Buthidaung-Maungtau Regional Development Association

29 June 2024

THE report released by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 26 June 2024 stated that international banks, domestic State-owned banks, and some private banks are involved in Myanmar's human rights violations.

The report called for immediate action against these banks, which could hamper the interests of the people of Myanmar as well as the relations between Myanmar and global nations.

Therefore, the Buthidaung-Maungtau Regional Development Association supports the statement issued by the Central Bank of Myanmar, Myanmar Banks Association, State-owned banks and private banks on 28 June 2024, strongly objecting to the UNHRC report dated 26 June 2024.

Buthidaung-Maungtau Regional Development Association

Statement of Islamic Religious Affairs Council Myanmar

29 June 2024

1. The report published by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 26 June 2024 stated that international banks, some local State-owned banks, and private banks are involved in Myanmar's human rights violations, and it called for action to be taken against them.
2. The Islamic Religious Affairs Council Myanmar supports the statement released by the Central Bank of Myanmar, Myanmar Banks Association, State-owned banks and private banks on 28 June 2024, strongly objecting to the report, as the UNHRC report could harm the interests of the people of Myanmar and the relations between Myanmar and global nations.

Islamic Religious Affairs Council Myanmar

Statement of Thananta Dhamma Palaka (Hindu) Association

29 June 2024

THE report released by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 26 June 2024 stated that international banks, domestic State-owned banks, and some private banks are involved in Myanmar's human rights violations, and it called for action against them.

The UNHRC report and its action call could harm the interests of the people of Myanmar as well as the relations between Myanmar and global countries.

Therefore, the Thananta Dhamma Palaka (Hindu) Association strongly objects to the report of the United Nations Human Rights Council dated 26 June 2024.

Thananta Dhamma Palaka (Hindu) Association

Statement of Faith Evangelical Church (Bago)

29 June 2024

THE report released by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 26 June 2024 stated that international banks, domestic State-owned banks, and some private banks are involved in Myanmar's human rights violations. It also mentioned the request for action against these banks, which could harm the interests of the Myanmar people and the country's relations with global nations.

Therefore, the Faith Evangelical Church (Bago) supports the statement issued by the Central Bank of Myanmar, Myanmar Banks Association, State-owned banks and private banks on 28 June 2024, strongly objecting to the UNHRC report.

Faith Evangelical Church (Bago)

Statement of All Myanmar Hindu Central Council

29 June 2024

1. In a report published by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 26 June 2024, international banks, some local State-owned banks, and private banks are accused of being involved in Myanmar's human rights violations, and the report called for action to be taken against them.
2. The report and action call could harm the interests of the people of Myanmar, as well as the relations between Myanmar and global countries. Therefore, the All Myanmar Hindu Central Council supports the statement released by the Central Bank of Myanmar, Myanmar Banks Association, State-owned banks and private banks on 28 June 2024, strongly objecting to the UNHRC report.

All Myanmar Hindu Central Council

Statement of Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization

29 June 2024

THE United Nations Human Rights Council released a report on 26 June 2024, calling for action against international banks, local State-owned banks, and some private banks implicated in human rights violations in Myanmar. The report and its demand are seen as harmful to the interests of Myanmar's people and could impact relations between Myanmar and foreign countries. Therefore, on 28 June 2024, the Central Bank of Myanmar, along with the Myanmar Banks Association, State-owned banks and private banks, voiced strong objections to the UNHRC report and its action call.

These objections were raised to safeguard Myanmar's relations with global nations and its people's interests. Consequently, the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization announces its support for these objections.

Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization

Statement of Union of Myanmar Methodist Church (Lower Myanmar)

29 June 2024

1. In a report published by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 26 June 2024, international banks, certain local State-owned banks, and private banks are accused of being involved in Myanmar's human rights violations, and a request was called for action against them.
2. The Central Bank of Myanmar, along with the Myanmar Banks Association, State-owned banks and private banks, issued a statement denouncing the report, arguing that it could harm the interests of the Myanmar people and the country's relations with global nations. Therefore, the Union of Myanmar Methodist Church (Lower Myanmar) supports the statement made by the Central Bank of Myanmar, the Myanmar Banks Association, State-owned banks, and private banks.

Union of Myanmar Methodist Church (Lower Myanmar)

Statement of Myanmar Writers' Association

29 June 2024

1. The report published by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 26 June 2024 stated that international banks, some local State-owned banks, and private banks are involved in Myanmar's human rights violations, and the report called for action against them.
2. The Myanmar Writers' Association opposes and condemns the UNHRC report as it could batter the interests of the people of Myanmar and strain Myanmar's relations with global countries.

Myanmar Writers' Association

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OPINION

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Fight diarrhoea during monsoon season

DIARRHOEA is a significant health concern that can affect people of all ages, but it poses a particularly dangerous threat to children. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), diarrhoea can lead to severe complications and even death in young children. The symptoms of diarrhoea include belly cramps or pain, bloating, nausea, vomiting, fever, blood in the stool, mucus in the stool, and an urgent need to have a bowel movement.

The outbreak of diarrhoea is often linked to the consumption of unhealthy foods and fruits that are prevalent during the rainy season. Over-ripened fruits can also be a source of diarrhoea. Children under one year of age are particularly vulnerable, with severe diarrhoea often caused by rotavirus, which accounts for 35-60% of cases.

Health officials report that a rotavirus infection typically begins within two days of exposure to the virus. Initial symptoms include fever and vomiting, followed by three to seven days of watery diarrhoea, which can also cause abdominal pain. In healthy adults, rotavirus infection may result in mild symptoms or none at all.

A statement from the WHO highlights that diarrhoea is the third leading cause of death among children under one year of age. Annually, 1.7 billion children suffer from diarrhoea worldwide, resulting in the deaths of more than 400,000 children under five years old and over 50,000 children between the ages of five and nine.

Myanmar is one of the countries in Southeast Asia significantly affected by severe diarrhoea due to rotavirus infection. The Department of Public Health under the Ministry of Health reported that from 2014 to 2019, 38-56% of children under five years old who were hospitalized suffered from severe diarrhoea. Additionally, between 2014 and 2018, about 6-12% of children experienced diarrhoea annually.

Raising public health awareness about the causes, symptoms, and prevention of diarrhoea, particularly during the monsoon season, is essential. Efforts should focus on promoting good hygiene practices, safe food consumption, and timely medical intervention to reduce the incidence and severity of diarrhoea. Public health campaigns and education can play a vital role in preventing the spread of diarrhoea and protecting the health of vulnerable populations, especially young children.

People need to wash hands before eating and after washing waste of children with the use of soap. Adults need to wash hands before and after holding something, especially foods. If so, they can easily prevent outbreak of diarrhoea disease. And, local authorities need to organize residents to fight diarrhoea disease with cleaning the environment and to avoid unhealthy foods and over-ripening fruits.



Book Title	—	Eightmetlunkarlamyar
Writer	—	Douglas Kennedy
Translator	—	Tin Maung Myint
Publishing House	—	Lin Lun Khin
Publication Date	—	September 2023 (2 nd Edition)
Price	—	K7,500

Eightmetlunkarlamyar

THIS book was printed by a well-known publishing house called Lin Lun Khin in commemoration of the birthday of the National Literary Awards Winner Sayagyi U Tin Maung Myint, which fell on 19 September 2023. The title of the book under review this week is 'Eightmetlunkarlamyar.' The title of the original is 'The Big Picture', written by Douglas Kennedy, who is the son of Robert Kennedy and the nephew of John F Kennedy, an ex-American president. The Big Picture is Douglas's most successful novel. The translator gives the name to his translated work, 'Eightmetlunkarlamyar', which would, upon a rough transla-

tion, mean the periods beyond the dream. This book is a thriller involving love, romance, aims in life, natural events in this world, choices and consequences, among others.

In the first place, the plot is very thin. Ben Bradford is a Wall Street lawyer and amateur photographer who has a beautiful wife and two healthy sons, a big house in an affluent Connecticut suburb, and a partnership at a prestigious Manhattan law firm. Nevertheless, if you scratch the surface, you will find a profoundly unhappy man. Not only are Ben's dreams of life as a professional photographer slipping away, but his wife is also in the arms of another

man, who, Ben discovers, happens to be a photographer.

I want to ask the readers, what if you have no choice? When a confrontation with the lover turns ugly, a split second is all it takes to change Ben's life forever. Quickly realizing that there is only one way out, he sets into motion a meticulously detailed plan that ultimately lands him out West with a shot at the proverbial second chance. Nonetheless, the price tag is high: Ben must give up his friends, his home, his children, his name — his whole life.

In his novel, the writer lays emphasis on how dreams are important and what happens when the dreams fail. He says

that everyone has a dream and that they will naturally suffer when they cannot fulfil their dreams. This being so, when Ben Bradford loses everything he is possessed with, he has gone astray. And when he meets a strange, mysterious woman, he has turned in a new direction.

The Big Picture is about a Wall Street Banker with a seemingly perfect life. However, he hates his job, and then he finds out his wife is having an extramarital affair with a neighbour, who happens to be a photographer.

That hurts him dramatically because he has had to relinquish his career as a professional photographer to be able to earn a better living for his beloved wife and two sons. Matter-of-factly, he is never motivated by prosperity, social status and political power. What counts is for him to be able to lead a peaceful life, spending his leisure hours, travelling, taking photographs and watching beautiful scenes.

This book deserves reading and thus is strongly recommended if you want to have a glance at the events that naturally happen.



Book Title	—	Kyanotethe Kyaung Dagaung Pyhitthe
Writer	—	Natsume Soseki
Translator	—	Ye Mya Lwin
Publishing House	—	Paris Publishing House
Publication Date	—	June 2024 (2 nd Edition)
Price	—	K8,000

Kyanotethe Kyaung Dagaung Pyhitthe

THE title of this book is 'I Am a Cat' and was written by a Japanese novelist known as Natsume Soseki. That is not the first edition, and this time again, the publisher of this edition is Dagaung, which is noted for not being money-oriented. Instead of publishing books that can bring maximized profits, Dagaung has focused on publishing books that will benefit the readers. The publishers prefer publishing the biographies of the great politicians or the noble, self-sacrificing statesmen. The publisher has been determined to widen the scope of knowledge of the readers. This book was first published in 2001 when censorship was rather strict,

resulting in some parts being deleted. This edition, however, incorporates the deleted parts. The Japanese people highly appreciate Natsume Soseki, and this book is a Japanese classical novel. The translator is Saya Ye Mya Lwin. It is also interesting to learn that this book has turned the life of a school teacher into a writer who has won international appraisals with this book. Saya Ye Mya Lwin has won the National Literary Award in the translation genre with another book by Natsume Soseki.

I Am a Cat is a satirical novel written in 1905-1906. This book is about the Japanese Society during the Meiji Era. Natsume Soseki was born on 9 February

1867 in Ushigome, and he died at 49 in Tokyo City. He is best known for his novels Kokoro, Botchan, I Am a Cat, Kusamakura and his unfinished work Light and Darkness. The original book for the translation of which Saya Ye Mya Lwin has won the National Literary Award is Botchan.

The story is narrated by a cat about his owner, Mr Sneaze, an English teacher, as well as his acquaintances. Mr Sneaze and his cronies: his irritating friend Waverhouse and the young scholar Coldmoon, from the basis of Sasoke's satire of the middle-class Meiji Era society.

He concludes early on that "humans are selfish and immor-

al" but gradually augments his understanding: The important thing in life, whether we speak of animals or humankind, is knowing the self. If humans would only learn to understand themselves, they would deserve more respect than any cat.

"Cat Person" was, among other things, a story about our inability, our unwillingness to heed red flags — humans are, after all, creatures who want to believe in love. But Cat Person takes the easy way out. It means whatever you think it means, which is approximately the same as nothing at all. The cat's presence tells you that you are spiritually intuitive and are being watched over by guardian angels. They represent movement through the healing process and an awakening or enlightenment of your spirit. Take it as encouragement from the heavens, letting you know that you are not alone in the world. Spiritually, cats are often associated with mystery, intuition and independence. They are seen as spiritual guides, capable of seeing beyond the physical realm. Cats are also believed to possess magic and witchcraft.

ဥယျာဉ်သာမာ

In the pleasant garden

By Thu Ya Zaw Translated by Maung Swe Nga

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သူရဇော်

THIS BRIGHT WICK

By Ngwe Tar Yi, Translated by Myint Zan

in front of the Buddha image resplendent fumes tinged with a perfume-like smell: a single wick burns radiantly

from the flame of this wick you and I and others can transfer the flames thither the wick does not diminish its brightness continues to give beauteous light

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ငွေတာရီ

Gloom

By Chit Ko Pe

Ripped off and gone are the times dwelling in the past left behind.

When the memories loom over, a gloomy emotion runs higher brimming the eyes with tears.

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Min Thein Kha

THE family of late Sayagyi Min Thein Kha organized an alms food donation to mark his 85th birthday on 25 June. Moreover, the family served his friends at Yoon restaurant in Tintkagon. At the event, the younger brother of Sayagyi, Saya Win Zaw (Thittaw), journalist Aung Shan Wine and grandson Hein Htike Zaw made

remarks, respectively. Saya Hmaw Wun Kyi Myat, guitarist Min Min Oo, artist Kaung San, Saya Shwe Min Thar, Sayama Mya Kyar Ngone, Sayama Wah Wah Htin Lin, Saya Saw Naing Oo and other singers entertained with Gita Gaba band.



Free show honours renowned Myanmar singers and composers

A free show titled 'Hnaung Shwe Tay Than' will be held at Café Pentagon in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Region, from 6 pm to 9 pm on 29 June. The event is to honour nationally famous Myanmar singers and composers, said D Yar Mo, an Academy Award recipient musician and organizer of the show. At the event, new-generation singers will perform classic songs initially sung by renowned singers. The songs were composed by legendary composers such as Hledan U Lu Kalay, Ashae Paing Saya Chit, Nandawshay Saya Tin, YMB Saya Tin, Myanmar Nyunt Saya Tin, Thahaya Saya Tin, and Shwe Taing Nyunt. Music lovers can register in advance if they would like to attend the show. — ASH/TRKM

Celebrity Brief



Moe Hay Ko

The actress Moe Hay Ko donated flowers, water and candlelight to Shwedagon Pagoda on her birthday on 27 June. The actress also shared about her donation with her fans and thanked those who gave her birthday wishes.



Khin Wint Wah

Academy Khin Wint Wah and her mother Daw Kyi Kyi Swe organized a ceremony to honour the monasticism of Ashin Sari Sanda Suriya' Pathana Nunnery' dedicated to her late father U Hla Han on 25 June. The actress donated K1 million to the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization for the 46th obeisance-paying ceremony to senior film artistes last month. She also met Falcon Esports, which will compete in MSC 2024, representing Myanmar, on 27 June.

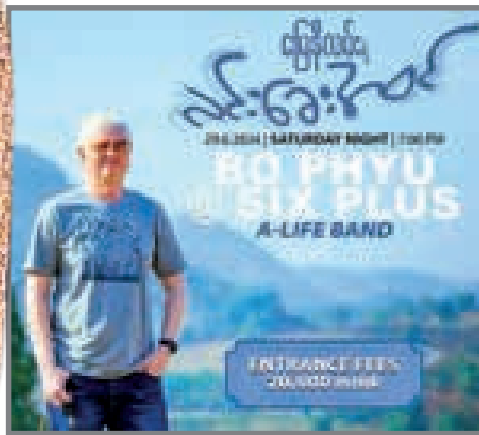
Aung Yin

THE Studio Café broadcast 'Remembrance Talks about Htoo Eain Thin and Aung Yin' Part I on its Facebook page on 28 June, marking the 60th birthday of singer Aung Yin. It featured the first meeting with Ko Nget and Ko Nyi Nyi Thwin, the second album of Aung Yin 'Min Ma Shi Tae Naut' in which Htoo Eain Thin and May Sweet sang and 'Mother's Home'.



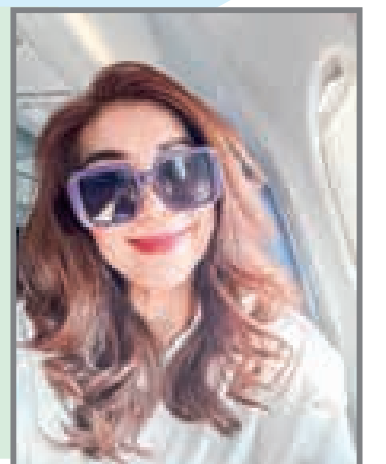
Bo Phyu

THE show of singer Bo Phyu was organized at 6 Plus Music Bar on the rooftop of Pleasure View Hotel in Bahan Township on 29 June. The entrance fee is K20,000 per head, and all the seats are occupied. Fans were satisfied with the show as he sang his unique songs, including the 'Langkho Awin' song.



May Kha Lar

ACTOR Yan Kyaw, actress May Kha Lar and their daughter donated food boxes for 500 people at Insein General Hospital on 21 June (full moon day of Nayon). The singer also expressed gratitude for the successful holding of her donation event. —Htun Htun/KTZH



NATIONAL/WORLD

Statement of Myanmar Music Association (Central)

29 June 2024

THE report issued by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 26 June 2024 significantly affected the interests of Myanmar citizens and the country's relations with global countries. Consequently, the Myanmar Music Association (Central) supports the statement released by the Central Bank of Myanmar, Myanmar Banks Association, State-owned banks, and private banks, strongly opposing the UNHRC report.

Myanmar Music Association (Central)

Statement of Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central)

29 June 2024

THE United Nations Human Rights Council report stated on 26 June 2024 that international banks, some local State-owned banks, and private banks in Myanmar are involved in human rights violations, and they called for immediate action against these banks.

The Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central) supports the statement released by the Central Bank of Myanmar on 28 June 2024, strongly objecting to the report as it could affect the interests of the people of Myanmar.

Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central)

Statement of Deliverance Church (Yangon)

29 June 2024

THE report released by the United Nations Human Rights Council on 26 June 2024 stated that international banks, domestic State-owned banks, and some private banks are involved in Myanmar's human rights violations. The request for action could harm the interests of the Myanmar people as well as the country's relations with foreign nations. Therefore, Deliverance Church (Yangon) strongly objects to the United Nations Human Rights Council report dated 26 June 2024.

Deliverance Church (Yangon)



Chinese President Xi Jinping attends the Conference Marking the 70th Anniversary of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence and delivers an important speech titled "Carrying Forward the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence and Jointly Building a Community with a Shared Future for Mankind" at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, 28 June 2024. **PHOTO: LI TAO/XINHUA**

Xi calls for carrying forward Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence

The event drew approximately 600 participants, including former foreign political figures, representatives from international and regional organizations, envoys from over 100 countries, as well as experts, scholars, media, and business representatives. The day featured a luncheon and four sub-forums as part of its agenda.

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Friday called on the international community to carry forward the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence under the new circumstances and jointly build a community with a shared future for humanity.

Xi made the remarks when addressing the Conference Marking the 70th Anniversary of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence in Beijing.

Chinese Premier Li Qiang presided over the conference. Senior Chinese officials including Cai Qi attended the

conference.

Around 600 people, including former foreign political figures, representatives of international and regional organizations, envoys from more than 100 countries, experts and scholars, and media and business representatives, attended the conference. A luncheon and four sub-forums were held on the same day. **BECOMING BASIC NORMS FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

Noting that the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence have transcended

time and space and overcome estrangement over the past 70 years, Xi said they have become open, inclusive, and universally applicable basic norms for international relations and fundamental principles of international law.

SUSTAINING, UPGRADING THE FIVE PRINCIPLES

Noting that the world today faced the historic question of "what kind of world to build and how to build it," Xi said China has answered the call of the times by proposing a community with a shared future for humanity, and the vision is the most effective move to sustain, promote and upgrade the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence in the new circumstances.

CONTRIBUTING MORE TO GLOBAL PEACE, DEVELOPMENT

"We will continue to champion the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, work with all countries to build a community with a shared future for mankind, and make new and greater contributions to safeguarding world peace and promoting common development," Xi said. — Xinhua

Mongolian PM declares victory in polls dominated by corruption, economy

MONGOLIAN Prime Minister Luvsan-namsrain Oyun-Erdene declared victory early Saturday in parliamentary elections, after a contest dominated by deepening public anger over corruption and the state of the economy.

People across the vast, sparsely populated nation of 3.4 million, sandwiched between China and Russia, voted Friday to elect 126 members of the State Great Khural.

With 100 per cent of votes counted by machine, the prime minister told a press conference in the capital Ulaanbaatar a few hours after polls closed that his ruling Mongolian People's Party had won a majority of seats. "According to the pre-results, the Mongolian People's Party has 68 to 70 seats," he said.

The vote, he said, represented a "new page" in "democratic debate".

"This is the peoples' voice heard in the parliament," he said. The votes are also being counted by hand to ensure accuracy, and an official result was expected on Saturday. If the preliminary results hold, the MPP will see its overall share of parliamentary seats fall, from a supermajority of 79 per cent in 2020 to around 54 percent in the new one. —AFP



Mongolia's Prime Minister Luvsannamsrain Oyun-Erdene (3rd R) waits to cast his vote in the Mongolian parliamentary elections outside a polling station in Ulaanbaatar. **PHOTO: AFP**

ECONOMY WORLD

ASEAN Express boosts Malaysia's freight carriage by rail to China, Southeast Asia

It is anticipated to expedite goods transit times, significantly reducing them compared to traditional sea routes.



A drone photo taken on 7 June 2024 shows a new ETS3 train for Malaysia at CRRCL Zhuzhou Locomotive Co Ltd in Zhuzhou, central China's Hunan Province. **PHOTO: CHEN ZEGUO/XINHUA**

MALAYSIA'S trade connectivity with China and South-east Asia received a boost on Thursday with the launch of the ASEAN Express, an international freight train connecting Malaysia to Thailand, Laos and China.

The service connecting new trade routes and multiple inland ports across the region is expected to reduce the transit time of goods within the region significantly, for example taking just nine days from Kontena Nasional Inland

Clearance Depot (KNICD) in Selangor state to southwest China's Chongqing Municipality against the 14 to 21 days normally required by sea, Transport Minister Loke Siew Fook said in his speech at the flag-off ceremony. — Xinhua

EU leaders agree on top EU posts after complex political bargaining, but suspense remains

The summit involved complex political negotiations to finalize leadership roles and prioritize strategic objectives for the EU's future direction.

EU leaders agreed on top EU posts after complex political bargaining and discussed issues such as military support to Ukraine, Middle East developments, security, defence, competitiveness, and the EU strategic agenda for the next five years during the European Council summit.

EU leaders reached agreements on Thursday regarding key leadership positions during the European Council summit.

The leaders agreed on nominating Germany's Ursula von der Leyen for the second term as president of the European Commission. They

also agreed to elect former Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa as president of the European Council, while

nominating Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas as the EU's foreign policy chief. — Xinhua



This photo taken on 28 June 2024 shows a press conference after a European Council summit in Brussels, Belgium. **PHOTO: ZHAO DINGZHE/XINHUA**

NEWS ROUNDUP: ECON

Russia-India trade hit record high of \$23 bln

BILATERAL Russian-Indian trade soared by 10 per cent, hitting record high of \$23 billion.

Trade between Russia and India in the first four months of the year increased by 10 per cent to a record \$23.1 bln, according to Indian customs.

Exports of Russian goods to India grew by 9 per cent to \$21.6 bln from January to April, making the country the second largest (after China) supplier of goods to India during the period.

This marked a significant increase in Russian and Indian trade from \$21 bln to \$23.1 bln between January and April. Thus, Russia remains the country's fourth-biggest trading partner.

On the other hand, Russian imports of Indian commodities rose by 21 per cent to \$1.6 bln. This growth enabled Russia to rise from 33rd to 29th place, among the recipients of products from India. — SPUTNIK

India renews currency swap pact with SAARC nations to boost rupee

THE new currency swap window is purportedly in line with New Delhi's policy to globalise the use of its national currency.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revised the 'Currency Swap Arrangement' for the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), which also includes Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, for the period 2024-27, according to an official statement on Thursday.

The currency swap facility would enable the receiving country to avail concessionary credit from the central bank of India at predetermined rates, which would help them manage their forex reserves better and boost financial stability.

At the same time, it would also expand the use of the rupee on the subcontinent.

The RBI said that the decision was approved by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government.

It likewise commented that it would enter into "bilateral swap agreements" with SAARC central banks that want to avail the facility. — SPUTNIK

Global economic trends behind keywords at 2024 Summer Davos

CHINA'S northeastern coastal city of Dalian currently finds itself at the nexus of world attention, as the host of the 15th Annual Meeting of the New Champions.

Running from 25 to 27 June, the ongoing event, also known as Summer Davos, has drawn over 1,700 representatives of the political, business, academic and media communities in more than 100 countries and regions to explore new frontiers in revitalizing the sluggish global economy.

Amid discussions among the leading figures, several keywords have emerged, shedding light on the economic trends commanding the world's attention.

The global economy is facing challenges such as complex and volatile geopolitical landscapes and increased economic uncertainty.

According to the World Bank, global economic growth is projected to slow for the third consecutive year, declining from 2.6 per cent in 2023 to 2.4 per cent in 2024. The period from 2020 to 2024 is set to become the slowest five-year span for global economic growth in the past 30 years. — Xinhua

Sony Group to cut 250 jobs from recordable media business' key hub

This decision comes amid declining demand for traditional storage formats like Blu-ray discs, as streaming services have become the norm.



Sony Group Corp plans to cut around 250 jobs at its key manufacturing hub for recordable media in northeastern Japan and offer early retirement packages to employees, sources said. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ KYODO/FILE**

SONY Group Corp will cut around 250 jobs from its recordable media business' key manufacturing hub in northeastern Japan and offer early retirement packages to its employees, sources close to the matter said Saturday.

The planned job cuts come amid a decline in demand for traditional storage formats such as Blu-ray discs, with streaming services now the norm.

The manufacturing base in Tagajo, Miyagi Prefecture, currently has a workforce of around 670 people.

The electronics and entertainment conglomerate will also gradually cease production of optical disc storage media products, including Blu-ray discs, according to the sources. — Kyodo

Nike shares tumble on tepid outlook as CEO eyes Olympics marketing win

NIKE reported higher profits due to cost-cutting efforts Thursday, but shares fell sharply on the company's tepid outlook despite a hoped-for boost from the upcoming Olympic Games.

The sports giant, which has been criticized in recent times over a lack of innovation and strategic stumbles, reported a dip in quarterly revenues as executives cited a number of headwinds.

These included a drop in Nike's lifestyle business, a decline in digital sales and weakness in some key markets, said Chief Financial Officer Matthew Friend, adding that these factors influenced Nike's dampened fiscal 2025 projections.

"We are managing a product cycle transition with complexity amplified by shifting channel mix dynamics," Friend told analysts on a conference call. "A comeback at this scale takes time." — AFP



Nike reported profits of \$1.5 billion in the fiscal fourth quarter of 2024, a 45 per cent increase from the previous year due to price increases and lower ocean freight costs. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/NIKE**

US investigative agency sanctions Boeing for discussing probe

A US investigative authority sharply rebuked Boeing for sharing details about an ongoing probe of a near-catastrophic aviation incident that were not supposed to be discussed publicly.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said that as a result, it will block Boeing from reviewing information gathered in its investigation.

Boeing "blatantly violated" investigative regulations under a signed agreement as a party to the probe, NTSB said in a statement late Wednesday.

The agency is also barring Boeing from asking questions of other participants at a two-day investigative hearing on the case which the NTSB

will hold in early August in Washington.

The investigation concerns a 5 January Alaska Airlines flight on a Boeing 737 MAX that made an emergency landing after a fuselage panel blew out mid-flight.

Earlier this week, Boeing invited news media to a tour and briefings on its efforts to improve quality control. An AFP reporter attended the gathering, which was held on Tuesday under an agreement to embargo information until Thursday morning.

But NTSB said Boeing flouted the agreement "by providing non-public investigative information to the media and speculating about possible causes of the 5 January door-plug blowout." — AFP

'Stress test': Olive oil producers adapt to climate change

OLIVE oil producers are improving irrigation and seeking new varieties of olives to safeguard production as climate change upends harvests, causing prices of the staple of the Mediterranean diet to soar.

"Climate change is already a reality and we need to adapt to it," according to the executive director of the International Olive Council (IOC) Jaime Lillo.

He spoke at the opening of the three-day olive oil congress in Madrid which brings together 300 participants from around the globe.

The gathering came as the world's top olive oil producers, including Spain, Italy and Greece,

have recorded an unprecedented drop in production over the past two years due to extreme drought and repeated heatwaves.

Global production of olive oil fell from 3.42 million tonnes in the 2021-2022 season to 2.57 million tonnes in 2022-2023, IOC figures show.

And according to data supplied by the organization's 37 member states, it is set to fall again in 2023-2024 to 2.41 million tonnes.

Olive oil has been an essential part of the Mediterranean diet for thousands of years. Spaniards for instance use it to cook and to season fish, salads, vegetables and other dishes. — AFP

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



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Forging a trade partnership

29 JUNE

AD Ports Group and the International Trade Centre (ITC) signed on 29 June a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance trade facilitation, digital trade, logistics, and transport through policy dialogue, digital trade solutions, capacity building, and technical assistance.

The agreement, signed by Captain Mohamed Juma Al Shamisi of AD Ports Group and Pamela

Coke-Hamilton of ITC, aims to simplify trade and improve transport, maritime, ports, and logistics sectors in the UAE, GCC, and developing countries.

The entities will review policies, develop border services, and provide technical assistance for implementing the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement in developing and least developed countries. – ANI

28 JUNE

Forming a tourism coalition

THE International Tourism Alliance of Silk Road Cities convened on 28 June a meeting in Türkiye's Istanbul to discuss tourism cooperation between alliance members.

Established in 2023, the alliance partners with renowned tourism cities worldwide to promote sustainable tourism development along the Silk Road. To date, 63 cities from 28 countries, including Istanbul, have joined the alliance.

Wei Xiaodong, the Chinese consul general in Istanbul, highlighted the significance of enhancing cultural exchanges and fostering harmonious coexistence and mutual accomplishments among civilizations.

He expressed optimism that Istanbul and other alliance members would embrace the Silk Road spirit, characterized by peace, cooperation, openness, inclusiveness, mutual learning, and mutual benefit. – Xinhua

27 JUNE

Cosying up to kingpins

HONDURAS faces significant challenges in dismantling the "narco-state" entrenched during ex-president Juan Orlando Hernandez's tenure, recently sentenced to 45 years in US prison for drug trafficking.

Hernandez's close ties with notorious cartels allowed them to infiltrate state institutions, fostering widespread corruption and violence while enriching himself.

His extradition in 2022 marked a turning point, yet experts warn of the formidable task ahead for Honduras under

President Xiomara Castro.

She aims to combat drug trafficking, corruption, and poverty, aiming to stabilize a nation where many flee in search of better opportunities in the US. Undoing years of narco-state influence remains daunting, requiring sustained efforts beyond mere political change.

The country's narco woes unfold against a backdrop of poverty levels and one of the highest murder rates in Latin America. – AFP

26 JUNE

NHS woes

JUNIOR hospital doctors in England have commenced a five-day strike, just a week before a critical general election, intensifying the spotlight on the struggling National Health Service and escalating tensions over pay and working conditions.

Junior hospital doctors in England on Thursday began a five-day strike, a week before a general election in which the state of the publicly funded National Health Service is a major issue.

It follows nearly a dozen similar actions by doctors below specialist, consultant level over the last 18 months.

The NHS is grappling with a massive backlog caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and exacerbated

by the repeated doctors' strikes.

As well as delays to operations and starting cancer treatment, an increasingly dissatisfied public also face long waits to see a doctor at their local surgery.

A recent survey suggested that less than a quarter of Britons were satisfied with the NHS, an unprecedented level.

The doctors have been asking for 35 per cent "pay restoration" as a starting position.

They have said they will call off the action if Conservative Prime Minister Rishi Sunak comes to the table with a credible commitment to increase their pay. – AFP

25 JUNE

Assange Returns

JULIAN Assange, the founder of WikiLeaks, on Wednesday landed in Australia after pleading guilty to violating the U.S. espionage act in a federal court in Saipan, the capital of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Julian Assange was released from custody on Tuesday, ending a 14-year legal saga with his plea deal with the United States.

This is part of a deal with the US Justice Department to avoid further prison time for Assange and end the years-long legal saga.

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese welcomed the news.

Julian Assange became entangled in a prolonged legal struggle stemming from his involvement in obtaining and publishing classified military and diplomatic files from 2009 to 2011. These documents encompassed confidential US military records concerning the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. – Xinhua

24 JUNE

Against tax hikes

KENYAN President William Ruto vowed to take a tough line against "violence and anarchy" on Tuesday, after protests against his government's proposed tax hikes turned deadly and demonstrators ransacked parliament.

Mainly youth-led demonstrations had been largely peaceful as they grew over the past week but chaos erupted in Nairobi on Tuesday, with crowds throwing stones at police, pushing past barricades and entering the grounds of parliament.

The military has been deployed to support police who fired tear gas, water cannon, rubber bullets and -- according to a rights group -- live ammunition against protesters.

Five people were shot dead and 31 wounded, several NGOs including Amnesty Kenya reported in a joint statement.

"I hereby put on notice the planners, financiers, orchestrators, abettors of violence and anarchy." – AFP

23 JUNE

Fatal methanol poisoning

IN Tamil Nadu's Kallakurichi district, tragedy struck as 56 people died and over 100 were hospitalized due to consuming illicit alcohol laced with methanol.

Funeral pyres cast plumes of smoke into the sky as grieving families laid wreaths on coffins.

The community mourned, shocked by the scale of the tragedy. Kokila, 16, orphaned by the toxic brew, vows to honour her parents' dreams by pursuing an engineering career.

Such incidents, fueled by illegally brewed alcohol spiked with methanol for increased potency, highlight a recurring hazard in India, where such tragedies claim numerous lives annually. – AFP

SPORTS



The Myanmar rowing team (centre with flag) is seen celebrating the victory.

Myanmar wins gold at Altai Regatta Dragon Festival

MYANMAR rowers bagged a gold medal at the Altai Regatta Dragon Festival held on 29 June in Barnaul, Russia.

Team Myanmar won the gold medal for the 200-metre 10 men rowers event while

Indonesia secured silver and Cambodia bronze, the Philippines fourth and fifth place and Russia sixth.

Host Russia, Malaysia, India, Vietnam, the Philippines, Indonesia, Cambodia, Uzbeki-

stan, and Myanmar competed in the game.

Myanmar teams, made up of 12 rowers, will also compete in 200-metre, 500-metre and 2,000-metre events till 1 July. — Arkar Linn/KZL

Sabalenka 'not 100%' certain for Wimbledon due to 'rare' injury

AUSTRALIAN Open champion Aryna Sabalenka said Saturday she is "not 100 per cent" certain of playing her first round Wimbledon match due to a "really rare" shoulder injury.

Sabalenka, a two-time semifinalist at the All England Club, had to quit her quarterfinal match against Anna Kalinskaya in Berlin last week due to the problem.

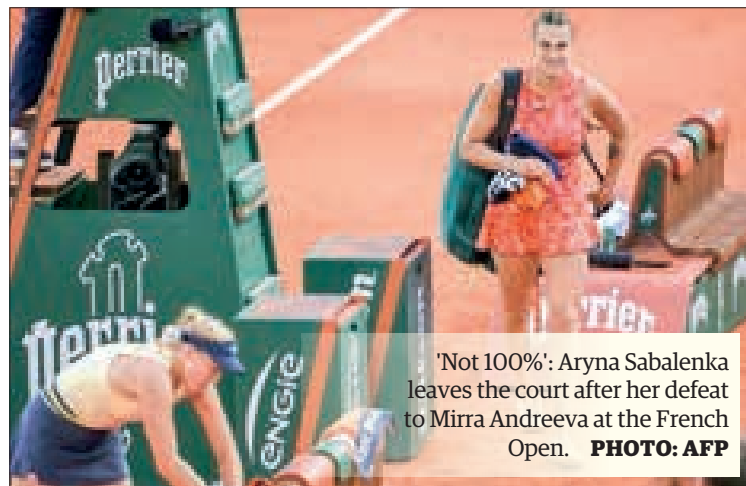
"I'm not 100 per cent fit now," admitted the 26-year-old Belarusian who is due to face 106th-ranked Emina Bektas of

the United States in the first round on Monday.

"We're doing everything we can with my team to make sure I'll be able to play my first match here. But, no, I'm not 100 per cent ready."

When asked if there was a chance she may withdraw on Monday, she said: "There is always a chance, yeah."

Sabalenka said her doctors had told her that she was "just the second or the third tennis player who injured the (shoulder) muscle". — AFP



'Not 100%': Aryna Sabalenka leaves the court after her defeat to Mirra Andreeva at the French Open. PHOTO: AFP

Brazil trounce Paraguay to eye Copa America last eight

VINICIUS Junior scored twice as Brazil all but secured a spot into the Copa America quarterfinals on Friday with a 4-1 victory over Paraguay.

Real Madrid forward Vinicius netted either side of a Savinho strike before Omar Alderete reduced the deficit with a long-range effort.

Lucas Paqueta made up for an earlier penalty miss by converting from the spot just after

the hour as Brazil clinched its first win of the tournament. The result leaves the five-time World Cup winner second in Group D with four points, two points behind Colombia and three ahead of third-placed Costa Rica. The Selecao also has a plus-three goal difference - six ahead of Costa Rica - with one group-stage match remaining. — Xinhua

River Seine unfit for swimming one month from Paris Olympics: tests

One month before the Paris Olympics, the river Seine is failing water quality tests, revealing EColi levels far above the acceptable limits set by sports federations.

THE river Seine is still failing water quality tests one month before the Paris Olympics when it is scheduled to host the open-water swimming competition and the swimming leg of the triathlon, results showed Friday.

The latest tests, completed last week and released by the Paris mayor's office, showed levels of the EColi bacteria — an indicator of faecal matter — are far above the upper limits imposed by sports federations.

On 18 June the level of E.Coli was 10 times accept-



Tests completed last week showed EColi at ten times the acceptable level on 18 June with readings never below the upper limit of 1,000 cfu/ml. Enterococci bacteria levels were also unsafe for three out of seven days last week. PHOTO: PEXELS

able levels and at no point did it fall below the upper limit of 1,000 colony-forming units per 100 millilitres (cfu/ml) used by the World Triathlon Federation.

The readings for enterococci bacteria were better, but they were still at unsafe levels for three of the seven

days of last week.

"Water quality remains degraded because of unfavourable hydrological conditions, little sunshine, below-average seasonal temperatures and upstream pollution," the mayor's office said in a statement. — AFP

Largest Paris 2024 official store opens on Champs-Élysées



Customers purchase goods at the Paris 2024 official store on the Champs-Elysees Avenue in Paris, France, 27 June 2024. **PHOTO: HE CHANGSHAN/XINHUA**

The store, open daily from 10 am to 10 pm, will be staffed by 250 members serving up to 10,000 customers daily.

Paris 2024 announced the opening of its megastore at the Champs-Élysées, the largest flagship store for the Olympic and Paralympic Games on Thursday. The flagship store will operate every day from 27 June to 15 September, from 10 am to 10 pm. A team of 250 staff members will assist up to 10,000 customers daily.

The store, covering around 1,000 square metres, offers approximately 1,000 official products, including T-shirts, mascots, caps, and toys. Merchandise ranges from classic Paris 2024 emblems, mascot to exclusive Look of the Games collections and items from the French Olympic and Paralympic Team. According to the official of Paris 2024, the store caters to all budgets, with prices from €5 for pens, bracelets, and notebooks, to €800 for giant plush toys made in France. “It is the largest and most beautiful official store, which offers a price range to suit all budgets, with items ranging from €5 to €800. From now on, they will be distributed throughout our entire distribution network throughout the summer,said Tony Estanguet, President of Paris 2024. — Xinhua

Vienna ‘most liveable’ city, Tel Aviv’s rating falls

Vienna topped the Economist’s annual ranking, followed by Copenhagen and Zurich in second and third places, respectively.

VIENNA is still the world’s most liveable city for a third year in a row, while the rating of Tel Aviv in Israel slumped, according to a new survey published Thursday. In the Economist’s annual ranking, the Austrian capital again came first, followed by the Danish capital Copenhagen and Zurich in Switzerland.

Melbourne in Australia and Calgary in Canada completed the top five in the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) Global Liveability Index.

“Western Europe remains the most liveable region, but has seen a decline in stability scores amid increasing instances of protests.... on a variety of issues,” said a statement from the EIU. Those issues included the rise of far-right extremism, EU agricultural policy and anti-immigration, EIU said in a press release. Vienna got full scores in terms of its stability, healthcare, education and infrastructure. — AFP



Vienna was named the world’s most liveable city between 2018-20 and again since 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

Russian Seasons festival amazes Brazil

The Russian Seasons festival in Sao Paulo at the Sao Pedro Theatre showcased Russian culture with the participation of the Vaganova Ballet Academy.

AS part of an ongoing series of shows bringing the Russian culture to stages all over Brazil, it is now Sao Paulo’s turn to host the Russian Seasons festival.

On Monday, the Sao Pedro Theatre in Sao Paulo was chosen to host vibrant displays of the Russian culture.

With local authorities and dance enthusiasts in attendance, the event welcomed the world-renowned Vaganova Ballet Academy to the country. Among those present at the festival was Russian Ambassador to Brazil Alexey

Labetskiy.

The ambassador told Sputnik Brazil that he was “absolutely convinced that Brazil has a lot of interest in Russian culture”.

“It is worth remembering that it was in (Brazil) where all the classical works were translated from Russian to Portuguese,” Labetskiy said. “Until recently, Dostoevsky was translated either from French or English. This occurred (for the first time) in Brazil. The Russian ballet is

well represented here too.”

“No doubt, it was (Russian art critic and Ballets Russes founder Sergei) Diaghilev, who first brought the classics to Rio de Janeiro a century ago,” he added. “And now we are bringing back the heirs of the Russian classical ballet, who raised the culture to unimaginable heights.”

At a press conference with Labetskiy, Vaganova Academy of Russian Ballet rector Nikolay Tsiskaridze highlighted the importance of promoting Russian culture in Brazil. — SPUTNIK

Ambassador to Brazil Alexey Labetskiy emphasized Brazil’s strong interest in Russian culture during the event, which drew local authorities and dance enthusiasts. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

