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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views round the activities in the 2024 monsoon tree-planting event yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

Myanmar achieves remarkable 0.9% deforestation rate in 2010-2020

A plan is underway to grow more than 22M saplings nationwide, including state-owned forests, during this monsoon season.

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing spotlighted the 2020 report of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization and mentioned that the forest coverage in Myanmar accounted for 42.19 per cent of the total area.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing spoke on the occasion of holding the first monsoon tree-growing ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw in 2024 held on the campus of Naypyitaw State Academy

in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

In his address, the Senior General said it is necessary to grow two-year-old saplings with more than two feet in height to thrive successfully.

The Senior General stressed the need to conserve forests and grow saplings along the banks of rivers and creeks as well as along ASEAN Highways, the expressway and railways and establish mangrove forests.

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Salient points from the speech made by the Senior General at the first monsoon tree-growing ceremony

- The forest coverage in Myanmar accounted for 42.19 per cent of the total area.
- A total of 775,192 saplings have been planted at 1,147 tree-growing ceremonies in pre-monsoon and monsoon tree-growing ceremonies nationwide since 2021.
- Myanmar stood second in possessing the largest forest areas among ASEAN countries, accounting for 42.19 per cent of forest coverage in 2020.
- More than 560,000 acres of 41 protected public forests have been established within three years, and there are more than 590,000 acres of 14 natural environmental conservation areas in Myanmar.

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Heads of Service Organizations confirmed and appointed

1. The State Administration Council has confirmed the appointment of U Htet Aung as Director-General of the Department of Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs on the expiry of the one-year probationary period.
2. The State Administration Council has appointed U Kyaw Soe Moe, Deputy Director-General of the Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, as Director-General of the Minister's Office of the same ministry on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.



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“ Land restoration, desertification and drought resilience ”

Rice, cash donated to 1,111 nuns in Yangon



The presentation of donations to nuns in progress on 3 June.

A ceremony for Vietnamese well-wishers to donate cash and rice to 1,111 nuns took place at the Tooth Relic Pagoda in Yangon on the evening of 3 June. Presiding Sayadaw of Tipitaka Gandawin Monastery Tipitakadhara Dhamma

Bhandagarika Bhaddanta Varameinda Bhivamsa first administered the Five Precepts.

Yangon Region Social Affairs Minister U Htay Aung then donated K120 million to 45 Sayadaws and 1,111 nuns, and the Vietnamese well-wishers donated offertories to Sayadaws.

Vietnamese monk Bhaddanta Samadhahti expressed words of thanks, and U Win Maung Maung, a member of Rakkhita Swanarr Social Welfare Organization, expressed gratitude.

After the ceremonial procedures, they shared merits altogether.

Afterwards, the regional Social Affairs minister, members of the pagoda board of trustees, donors and Vietnamese well-wishers offered cash and rice to 1,111 nuns from 123 nunneries in Yangon Region. — Aung Myint (IPRD)/KTZH

U Tin Yu presents Credentials to Sultanate of Oman

U Tin Yu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Sultanate of Oman, presented his Credentials to His Majesty Haitham Bin Tarik, Sultanate of Oman, on 3 June 2024, at the Al Alam Palace in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman. — MNA



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Myanmar handicraft exporters invited to Vietnam exhibition

THE Vietnam Handicraft Exporter Association (VIETCRAFT) has extended an invitation to Myanmar handicraft exporters to participate in the Vietnam Handicraft Exhibition, set to take place at the Sky Expo Centre in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, as announced by the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

The event is slated to run from 18 to 21 October, offering Myanmar handicraft businesspeople valuable market opportunities through their participation.

The exhibition will feature over 1,600 booths showcasing various handicrafts, furniture, household decorative items, fabrics and embroidery, leather

bags, sculptures, and ethnic traditional artefacts.

The Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization has reported that more than 3,000 businesspeople from the traditional handicraft industry, including those from the US, EU countries, Japan, and Vietnam, are expected to attend the exhibition. — TWA/TRKM



A Vietnamese woman is seen with traditional rattan handicrafts.

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He recounted that after taking office, the State Administration Council has been holding tree-growing ceremonies to grow 12,455 saplings eight times in Nay Pyi Taw since 2021, whereas families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) grew 30,154 saplings eight times.

Moreover, he added that a total of 775,192 saplings have been planted at 1,147 tree-growing ceremonies in pre-monsoon and monsoon tree-growing ceremonies nationwide since 2021.

He unveiled that a total of 1,030 saplings of six species will be grown on the campus of Naypyitaw State Academy.

The Senior General continued to say that, according to the UN FAO, the global forest coverage is 10.03 billion acres of land, which is one-third of the total global land. However, such coverage declined by 19.27 million acres per year from 1990 to 2000, 12.85 million acres per year from 2000 to 2010 and 11.61 million acres per year from 2010 to



The Senior General plants a star-flower sapling yesterday.

2020, he noted.

He explained that ASEAN forest coverage reached 528.79 million acres, but it faced 92.91

million acres of deforestation within 30 years from 1990 to 2020.

He quoted the 2020 report of the UN FAO, saying that Myanmar

stood second in possessing the most significant forest areas among ASEAN countries, accounting for 42.19 per cent of forest coverage in 2020. But, he continued that the country encountered a deforestation rate of 1.7 per cent from 2010 to 2015. The country witnessed a 0.9 per cent deforestation rate from 2010 to 2020.

He retold that Myanmar possesses 1.13 million acres of mangrove forests, which is 0.67 per cent of the country's area in 2020.

Currently, he mentioned that more than 560,000 acres of 41 protected public forests have been established within three years and more than 590,000 acres of 14 natural environmental conservation areas in Myanmar.

The Senior General explained the future plans to grow 3,551.20 acres of multi-purpose plantations and village firewood plantations with the use of more than two million saplings in 809 villages this monsoon, according to a plan of growing a two-acre

forest plantation at each village.

He called for increasing forest acreage across the nation to improve climate conditions with greening societies so as to prevent natural disasters.

The Senior General planted a star-flower sapling at the designated place.

SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, the Council Secretary, the Joint Secretary, union-level dignitaries, union ministers and guests grew saplings on the campus of Naypyitaw State Academy.

The Senior General viewed round the participation of all in the 2024 monsoon tree-growing ceremony. At today's ceremony, they planted 1,030 saplings of Gangaw (*Mesua ferrea*), star-flower, gold mahur and gum-kino.

The Senior General inspected the proposed plans for the convocation hall of Naypyitaw State Academy and viewed a collection of student sentiments for the plan. — MNA/TTA

ISR Judo Championship stars to boost national team

THE Inter-State/Region Judo Championship 2024 was launched at Wunna Theikdi Gymnasium A in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, attended by members of the State Administration Council.

On the occasion, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Min Thein Zan delivered a speech, saying that athletes have to show off their brilliant sports skills to be able to bring victories to their relevant regions and states.

He stressed the need to systematically nurture new generation athletes who will come out from this championship to secure victory in the XXXIII SEA Games to be held in Thailand in 2025, adding that it is necessary to draw the projects to select selected players.

The Union minister kicked



SAC members, the Union ministers and dignitaries watch the matches at yesterday's opening event in Nay Pyi Taw.



off the championship after his opening speech.

The SAC members, the Union ministers and officials

watched competitions of athletes in the under-42 kilos men's single event, the under-57 kilos women's single event and the

under-38 kilos men's single on the first day.

The championship lasts for four days, from 4 to 7 June, with

the participation of 269 athletes from 15 men's and women's teams from regions and states.

— MNA/TTA

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Over 6 million students attend basic education schools in 2024-2025



A total of 6,414,799 students, including novices and nuns (pictured), are currently attending schools across the country.

BASIC education schools and monastic education schools across various regions and states, including Nay Pyi Taw, have reopened their doors since 3 June. Students are reportedly attending classes peacefully and happily.

The Ministry of Education, along with relevant organizations, has taken steps

to ensure a smooth reopening. This includes providing free textbooks and stationery for middle and high school students, as well as uniforms for kindergarten and primary schoolchildren. Additionally, classrooms have been arranged, transport facilitated, and efforts have been made to improve the overall clean-

liness and aesthetics of the schools.

Late enrolment remains open for students who were unable to register earlier for various reasons. As of now, reports indicate a total enrolment of 6,672,329 students, with 6,414,799 currently attending classes. — MNA/MKKS



Counter-argument to false information



The screenshot validates untruths by malicious media.

Subversive media's false claim: Security forces killed citizens in Minhla, Kyauktaga

CERTAIN media outlets are deliberately spreading misinformation, claiming that security forces in Minhla and Kyauktaga Townships, Bago Region, killed over ten civilians during security operations.

The truth is, on 29 and 31 May, PDF terrorists launched attacks on security forces in both townships us-

ing heavy weapons and small arms. This resulted in an exchange of fire. Following the clashes, security forces recovered two bodies of PDF, two improvised firearms, and explosive materials.

A local security official has categorically denied the allegations that security forces killed civilians.

These media outlets are acting shamefully by fabricating news stories that contradict what actually happened on the ground. They aim to deflect attention from the violence perpetrated by terrorists and sow mistrust towards the security forces. — MNA/ TRKM

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Currently, malicious media outlets and unscrupulous people who do not want State economic growth intentionally spread fake news on Facebook pages, including Yan Paing Soe and Dean Kyne, to affect the State's economy and financial state.

The Central Bank of Myanmar urges the people not to believe and not to worry about the news spreading on social networks that intend to affect the government and the interests of the people.

Therefore, it is not necessary for the public to be concerned about the instigation of insurgents, and people can get banking services as expected.

*Central Bank of Myanmar
4 June 2024*



Export cargo seen being loaded onto the vessel.

Myanmar aims to surpass national export targets amid economic growth

OFFICIALS concerned are helping solve the problems of companies that can export aquatic products in cooperation with relevant associations and departments so as to meet and exceed the national export target, including the main exports such as rice, beans, corn and rubber, as stated by the Ministry of Commerce.

In order to export according to the target specifications, officials are also helping to solve the difficulties encountered in exporting in coordination with associations like the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association, Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association, Myanmar Industries Association, Myanmar Rubber Planters and

Producers Association and Myanmar Fishery Products Processors and Exporters Association.

Among foreign exports, 2.5 million tonnes of rice are destined to be exported in the financial year 2024-2025. According to statistics of 4 June 2024, eight rice ships are docked at eight international ports to export rice.

A total of 135,920 tonnes of rice, including 12,500 tonnes of rice from Alone International Port Terminal, 12,500 tonnes from Yangon International Gateway Terminal, 10,000 tonnes from the Myanmar Terminal (formerly known as Bo Aung Kyaw Port Terminal), 9,800 tonnes from Wilmar International Port Terminal and 91,120 tonnes from Sule Pagoda Wharves will be exported. In addition, four more ships will arrive at Yangon International Port to export 74,000 tonnes of rice. — MNA/KZL

Press Release

1. The Central Bank of Myanmar released a notice on 24 May saying that CBM will take action against the unlicensed illegal digital currency trading and hundi activities and those who manipulate foreign currency, according to the provisions stated in the Money Laundering Law and Financial Institutions Law. Currently, it freezes bank accounts and opens files against those who fail to follow the notice.
2. Between 24 May to date, CBM temporarily froze 39 bank accounts and pay accounts, and authorities keep investigating those involved in the cases.

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(3)	Phyo Min Aung	8/TaTaKa (N) 183930
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(25)	Zin Ko Latt	14/WaKhaMa (N) 342336
(26)	Shoon Lae Nadi Zaw	7/YaTaYa (N) 270069
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(28)	Yi Yi Cho	7/ThaWaTa (N) 181720
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(30)	Daw San Win	8/PaKhaKa (N) 076098
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(36)	Daw Shauk Chi	13/TaKaNa (N) 123191
(37)	Khin Lwin Lwin Theint	7/PaKhaNa (N) 181332
(38)	Kyaw Ko Ko Khaing	7/KaWaNa (N) 107041
(39)	Thar Htet Zan	12/YaPaTha (N) 102551

3. Therefore, people are urged not to engage in illegal digital currency trading and hundi transactions and not to face losses.

*Central Bank of Myanmar
4 June 2024*

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Myanmar ships 19,000+ tonnes of rubber to foreign markets in May



Pulse bags are seen to be loaded onto an overseas-going cargo ship at Yangon Port

MYANMAR shipped over 19,400 tonnes of rubber worth US\$26.8 million to foreign trade partners in May through maritime and border trade channels, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar exported 8,270 tonnes of rubber to China, over

6,670 to Malaysia, 2,190 to Vietnam, 500 to Indonesia, 360 to Japan, 315 to India, 200 to rubber, over 100 to South Korea and small volumes to Sri Lanka and Bangladesh last month, totalling over 17,300 tonnes worth \$23.88 million.

Between 1 and 24 May,

Myanmar delivered over 1,610 tonnes of rubber to Thailand and 516 to China, totalling over 2,120 tonnes worth \$2.93 million to neighbouring countries through border posts.

Additionally, Myanmar exported 147,170 tonnes of black gram, pigeon pea and green gram with an estimated value of \$131.29 million in May, comprising 66,036 tonnes of black gram valued at \$64.48 million, 53,630 tonnes of green gram worth \$34.787 million and over 27,500 tonnes worth \$32.26 million, the Ministry of Commerce's statistics showed.

More than 50,000 tonnes of black gram were sent to India, while green gram and pigeon peas were exported to India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Pakistan, China and Thailand. — TWA/KK

Labour Ministry seeks local garment factories for EPS worker uniforms

THE Ministry of Labour has announced that uniforms for workers being sent to the Republic of Korea under the Employment Permit System will be procured from local garment factories through a tender competition.

The uniforms will include 10,000 white caps with dark

blue peaks, 10,000 white long-sleeve shirts, 10,000 dark blue trousers, and 10,000 dark blue jerkins.

Local garment manufacturers can purchase application forms at the Department of Labour in Nay Pyi Taw from 10-14 June and must submit them between 17-21 June. The

ministry will announce the tender opening date in due course.

The Public Overseas Employment Agency (POEA) sent 10,611 workers to South Korea in 2023 for the production, agriculture, livestock, and construction sectors and expects to send 11,000 workers in 2024. — TWA/TMT

New diploma courses in nursing and midwifery announced

THREE-YEAR courses for nursing for the midwifery diploma and two-year courses for the comprehensive midwifery diploma will be opened, as stated by the Department of Human Resources for Health.

These courses will be opened at the Department of Human Resources for Health and Nursing and midwifery training schools for the 2025 academic year, and those who want to attend the course must meet the requirements and must take the entrance exam covering Myanmar, English and Math.



The photo shows the graduation event of the three-year courses for nursing for midwifery diploma course No 2 in 2022. PHOTO:

Applications can be obtained on the website the Ministry of Health and the Department of Human Resources for Health. After filling out the information completely, interested persons

Alms donated to mark 264th anniversary of late King Alaungphaya

THE descendants of the Konbaung Dynasty donated alms in celebration of the 264th anniversary of the death of King Alaungphaya U Aung Zeya and in remembrance of those who have passed away due to various causes, marking the eighth time such an event has taken place in Mandalay on 3 June.

The meritorious deeds per-

formed at Myaynikyin Monastery in Mandalay aim to share merits with 11 kings, including King Alaungphaya, as well as queens, their family members, relatives, and royal servants who served during the Konbaung Dynasty.

The first charity event was held in 2017, marking the 257th anniversary of the king's death.

— TWA/TH



The image depicts a statue of the late King Alaungphaya U Aung Zeya, founder of the Third Myanmar Kingdom.

must attach the necessary documents and apply to the Department of Public Health in the various states and regions where the university matriculation examination centre is located, no later than 16 August.

If the trainees miss class time, do not go up to the end, or violate the course rules, they will have to pay a fine of eight hundred thousand kyats for nursing and midwifery diploma courses and K300,000 (or as fixed from time to time) compensation for comprehensive midwifery diploma course.

The list of candidates for the course will be announced on 29 November at the Department of Human Resources for Health and the Department of Public Health in Nay Pyi Taw, as well as the relevant states and regions and the relevant training institutes.

Those who are allowed to attend must report within two weeks after the opening of the course, and if they miss, they will be cancelled from the list, as stated by the Department of Human Resources for Health. — TWA/KZL

1,565 food companies, factories apply for GACC over 2.5 years

A total of 1,565 Myanmar food processing companies and factories submitted over 3,100 applications to the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) over the past two and half years, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

According to GACC Decree 248 and 249, GACC registration is mandatory for food exporters starting from 1 January 2022.

Those individuals executing edible oil, oilseeds, stuffed pastry products, edible bird's nest and related products, edible grains, grains milling industrial products and malt, fresh and dehydrated vegetables, dried beans, plant species, nuts and seeds, dried fruits, unroasted coffee and cocoa bean, special dietary food excluding milk-based formula, functional foods, bee products, aquatic products including farm products, animal products and animal feed and livestock animal businesses need to apply for GACC license in order to place their goods in China's market.

The relevant authorities for the registration with GACC are the Agriculture Department, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, the Fisheries Department and the Food and Drug Administration.

Between 1 December 2021 and 24 May 2024, 3,137 applications by 1,565 fac-



Lorries laden with export cargo ready to cross the Myanmar-China border.

tories have been forwarded to the GACC through the Agriculture Department (2,980 applications), the Fisheries Department (134), the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (14) and the Food and Drug Administration Department (nine).

Exporters can directly access China International Trade Single Window through <https://cifer.singlewindow.cn> by creating accounts for those food groups that are not listed in the 18 groups mentioned above. As of 3 May 2024, a total of 1,029 applications have been successful in registering with the GACC with the approval of the competent authority.

Regarding the registration of the importing companies, the Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine under the GACC will check quarantine access for the imported grains (raw coffee beans, cocoa beans, vegetables, spices, edible grains, pulses, oil crops and herbal animal products and plant for their origins).

Companies cannot directly proceed with registration, and they need to carry out this step through competent authorities and departments concerned by sending an email to dapq@customs.gov.cn or submitting a letter to the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar or the Myanmar Embassy in China. — NN/EM

Food and Beverage Myanmar/HoReCa Myanmar 2024 to showcase dairy products at YCC



An event poster.

FOOD and Beverage Myanmar/HoReCa Myanmar 2024, which will take place at the Yangon Convention Centre on 28-30 June 2024, will display milk and dairy products, according to the Myanmar Livestock Federation.

Myanmar Dairy Association under the Myanmar Livestock Federation will hold this exhibition to promote markets for dairy cattle farmers and share knowledge of dairy products with consumers.

Myanmar Dairy Association will hold talk shows for food safety in dairy chains from farm to distribution.

Myanmar Dairy Association has discussed with organizers to offer special rates for exhibitions, conduct product launches and market surveying for its members. — NN/KK

Social Welfare Dept to offer 2nd batch domestic vocational training in 10 cities



Trainees are seen at the practical session.

THE Department of Social Welfare will open domestic vocational training courses (second batch) in ten big cities, including Yangon, from 10 June to 18 July.

The training courses aim to give great opportunities to those who have not completed high school education to be equipped with practical experiences in their chosen career. The training will take place in Yangon, Mandalay, Mawlamyine,

Patheingyi, Toungoo, Myittha, Pyaw, Sittway, Ywangan, and Dawei.

The first batch for the 2024-2025 Academic Year has finished. The department announced that the second batch will start on 10 June.

The training will provide sewing courses (women, children and men clothing, coats), domestic handicraft training (crochet, embroidery, sewing), baking,

cooking and floral design training with domestic and foreign experts through technical and practical approaches.

The training schools open eight batches every academic year, with each batch taking six weeks.

Furthermore, schools in Yangon, Mandalay, Mawlamyine, and Patheingyi offer specialized courses on weekends. Those interested individuals can contact the respective domestic vocational schools in regions and states.

For further detail, individuals can enquire Yangon school in Bahan through contact numbers 09 427900046, Mandalay schools through 02 436798, Mawlamyine through 057 2027166, Toungoo through 054 2823571, Myittha through 074 2522558, Pyaw through 09 262757899, Patheingyi through 042 25373, 042 21037, Sittway through 043 22067, Ywangan through 081 4768015 and Dawei through 059 2024009. — NN/KK

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OPINION

Develop an environment to save lives of biodiversity

WORLD Environment Day 2024 focuses on land restoration, desertification, and drought resilience. In accord with the 2024 theme "Our Land. Our Future. We are Generation Restoration," the goal is to rehabilitate the world's ecosystems, making them free from environmental degradation and desertification, ensuring the preservation of lands and lives for future generations.

Globally, ecosystems are under threat from various human activities. Extreme timber extraction, urban and industrial expansion, loss of cattle pasturelands, illegal wildlife poaching, unregulated mining, outbreak of natural disasters such as forest fires and excessive water resource exploitation contribute to widespread environmental degradation. From forests and dry lands to farmlands

and lakes, the natural spaces vital for human survival are nearing a critical tipping point.

The UN Convention to Combat Desertification reports that up to 40 per cent of the world's land is degraded, directly affecting half of the global population. Since 2000, the frequency and duration of droughts have increased by 29 per cent. Without urgent intervention, droughts could impact over three-quarters of the world's population by 2050. Addressing these issues requires collective global action to prevent droughts and desertification, ensuring future generations are spared from their devastating effects.

The emphasis on land restoration for World Environment Day 2024 highlights the importance of reversing environmental damage. While individuals cannot reverse time, they can contribute to

ecological recovery by planting forests, improving water sources, and enriching soil fertility. These restoration efforts can significantly improve environmental health and sustainability. Although the initial stages of these efforts may be challenging, the long-term benefits will transform current hardships into future gains.

The year 2024 also marks the 30th anniversary of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification. The sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 16) to the UNCCD will be held in the city of Riyadh, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 2 to 13 December 2024. This significant event will bring together global leaders to discuss and address the pressing issues of land degradation and desertification.

People worldwide, including those from Myanmar, must take responsibility for the environment to avoid future regret. The present is the ideal time to plant trees and work towards ecosystem recovery. Raising public awareness about environmental improvement is crucial for safeguarding lives. Therefore, it is essential for everyone to educate others on how to enhance the environment, ultimately leading to a healthier planet for all.

INGRADE-9 English, on the old curriculum, we all learned that anyone can be a better scholar if he or she wants to. That is absolutely right. In my experience, many students will never become outstanding inside or outside class, not because they study very slowly but because they have no desire to be really outstanding at all. Even if they have high intelligence, they will have little chance of turning out to be excellent, especially if they do not have systematic study routines. How on earth are those routines? Please see below.

Attendance and study regularity: Almost all outstanding students like to attend school and pay extra tuition without fail. They also take good care of their health so that they will be able to go to classes on time; they have no rationalization of being absent from study. Seldom are they late for

their studies. Because they have taken regular classes, they will probably have had enough study on each subject. Of course, regular attendance should automatically have finished half of their studies that must be conducted at home. However, for outstanding students in every sense of the word, their study does not end there only. Having studied, they tend to carry out their studies regularly within 24 hours after they have done them somewhere, whether they are morning persons or night persons.

Unique study styles: In fact, every outstanding student has a unique study style that is quite different from that of average students. Even though they may be auditory, visual, logically-thinking, or bodily-kinesthetic learners, they are given to show their cognitive, effective and psychomotor readiness with great attention to all their studies. And they make use

of both classroom timetables and their private schedule. According to the classroom timetable, outstanding students make one day's study and will then continue another day's study if they get ample time from the former study. According to their personal schedule, they put the most difficult subjects to study first. After that, they ought to go on studying other subjects in order of their difficulty. They are sure to give most of their study time to the hardest subject for them.

Strong intrinsic motivation:

Top-secret Information on an Outstanding Student

By Hu Wo
(Cuckoo's Song)

There are two types of motivation that arouse students' interest in their studies: intrinsic motivation and extrinsic motivation. Outstanding students mostly have stronger intrinsic motivation than extrinsic motivation. They will not follow or do their studies only if they are aware that other students are taking up studying. Moreover, outstanding students are the most active learners and do not usually imitate others' learning styles. There is no need for them to get motivated by their parents or elders or even teachers, so they will

have to study on a regular basis. No sooner is it time for study than they should willingly go to their study table without any hesitation.

Extensive reading and practice: Not content with studying their textbooks, outstanding students are inclined to do extra-curricular reading or external reading, particularly in relation to school lessons. Of course, the students who do such an additional reading are distinctively different from those who do not. After having read a lot, their reading comprehension often doubles in

subject matter. Not only that, but mass reading also provides students with essay and letter-writing practice. According to my information, some outstanding students study everyday lessons on weekdays but practise writing essays and letters instead of school studies at weekends.

Good use of leisure time: Some students have too much leisure time while others do not spend their leisure time well. Even worse, some slow learners think it is highly likely that leisure time is just a waste of time and the more

time they have for study, the more studies they will have completed. Actually, the brain is never a blank; that is, it is constantly working on full of any thoughts or feelings till dreams turn up there at night occasionally. Outstanding students make good use of their leisure time in such a way that they are staying away from their studies for a moment or having quite a long chat with their friends. In this way, they will be able to overcome with ease that doing the same thing every day looks boring. Intelligently enough, outstanding students do not like to take a break for relaxation in short intervals of their leisure time by drawing, painting, reading, playing video games, or even running and watching TV, just for nothing but eye health.

Dogged life determination: At last, outstanding students have had a kind of life determination while walking on the road to

education. Their determination will never be stopped by anyone or anything for any reason. Only that determination blazes a rail in the brightly shining future of their lives. Not only low-achieved students but also high-achieved students sometimes get bored with their studies that are yet to come. There is also some time that they have been fed up with their daily lessons. On this occasion, outstanding students with distinctive life determination almost always regain more physical energy and mind power from it than average. As usual, this drives the students to arrive at the end of an educational route. Whether their life determination is to become a doctor, an engineer, or a writer, this determination must be established in the heart of outstanding students for their whole lives.

1 in 3 urban Indians battle metabolic syndrome: reveals study

Highlights:

- A groundbreaking study reveals that one-third of urban Indians suffer from metabolic syndrome, a health condition primarily affecting women.
- Dr Ashok Kumar Jhingan, a renowned endocrinologist and Senior Director at BLK Max Super Speciality Hospital in New Delhi, underscores the importance of personalized care and the transformative potential of digital twins in managing metabolic disruptions and related diseases.
- Traditional doctor-patient relationships often fail to provide the necessary level of personalized care for complex chronic conditions like metabolic syndrome.
- Dr Jhingan emphasizes the importance of regular counseling on monitoring, dietary habits, and daily routines for better diabetes management.

A GROUNDBREAKING study sheds light on a silent health crisis gripping our cities. One-third of urban Indians grapple with metabolic syndrome, a condition disproportionately affecting women. This complex web of high blood sugar, unhealthy cholesterol, high blood pressure, and excess belly fat significantly increases the risk of both type-2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Emphasizing the impor-

tance of personalized care and the transformative impact of digital twins, Dr Ashok Kumar Jhingan, eminent endocrinologist and Senior Director of the Department of Endocrinology at BLK Max Super Speciality Hospital, New Delhi, explains, "Metabolic disruptions lead to various diseases, including type-2 diabetes, hypertension, and other medical conditions.

The traditional doctor-patient relationship often falls

short in providing the level of personalized care required for complex chronic conditions. Patients generally avoid regular monitoring of blood sugar, blood pressure, and lipid profiles, which leads to increased HbA1c and high blood pressure, resulting in complications of diabetes.

Regular counselling about monitoring, dietary habits, and daily routines can lead to better management of diabetes. How-



Regular counselling about monitoring, dietary habits, and daily routines can lead to better management of diabetes. **ILLUSTRATION: IMAGE USED FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSE / PIXABAY**

ever, all of this must be affordable and patient-friendly to benefit a large number of patients."

The Whole Body Digital Twin is a dynamic digital representation of an individual's unique metabolism, constructed from over 3,000 data points gathered from non-invasive wearable sensors, blood parameters, and self-reported preferences.

Combined with Machine Learning models, it identifies cause-and-effect relationships,

predicts future metabolic states, and recommends personalised actions to enhance health.

Dr Ashok Kumar Jhingan further adds, "Digital twins address this gap by offering patients continuous access to data and insights about their bodies. User-centric personalisation enables tailored health learning and tracking.

This empowerment enables patients to actively engage in their healthcare journey and

work collaboratively with their doctors to attain optimal health."

Dr Shambo Samrat Samajdar, Clinical Pharmacology, FIPS Fellow Diabetes India, PG Dip Endocrinology & Diabetes, Dip Allergy Asthma and Immunology, says, "The alarming prevalence of metabolic syndrome in urban India, particularly among women, highlights the need for preventative measures.

SOURCE: ANI

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 4 June 2024)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 5 June 2024: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway Regions and Chin State, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin, Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Magway, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Mon State. Degree of certainty is 100%.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The Cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar Waters. Wave height will be about 6-8 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

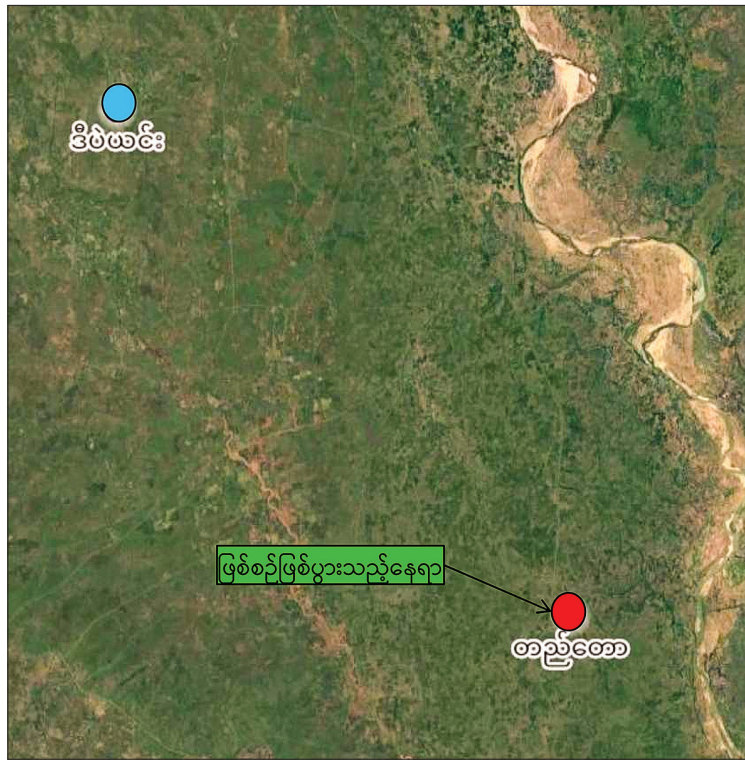
OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Continuations of increase of rain in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kayin, Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5 June 2024: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100%.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5 June 2024: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100%.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5 June 2024: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100%.

NATIONAL



Deadly clashes erupt between rival PDF groups in Sagaing

REPORTS indicate a fatal shooting incident on 28 May in Dabayin Township, Sagaing Region, involving two rival factions of the so-called People's Defence Force (PDF).

According to the reports, two PDF members from Shwebo District visited their parents in Tetaw Village, Dabayin Township, on 28 May. An altercation ensued between them

The location map of the incident.

and other local PDF members from Dabayin Township, escalating into gunfire. The exchange of fire resulted in the deaths of one PDF member and four family members from Shwebo District. One other PDF member was injured and managed to escape.

The escaped PDF member reportedly contacted their leader, who subsequently arrived at Tetaw Village for investigation. This sparked a further firefight between the local Dabayin PDF and the

incoming PDF group, leading to three additional fatalities.

The report further alleges that the PDF has been engaged in a pattern of civilian abuse, including extortion, torture, and killings of those who do not support them. Internal conflict within the PDF is also reported, with disputes arising over control of land and territory, power struggles, misuse of extortion funds, and harassment leading to further violence and extrajudicial killings. — MNA/TMT

Security forces deactivate bombs on Yangon-Mawlamyine railroad



A homemade bomb, a plastic box and accessories are seen after deactivation.



a total of 206 bombings targeting railways and stations, 165 incidents of sabotage on railway tracks, and 42 arson attacks on railway infrastructure and staff housing.

These repeated terrorist attacks have caused significant damage to trains, tracks, and stations. They have also disrupted passenger and freight transport, causing inconvenience and safety concerns for the public. Furthermore, these acts of violence have hampered the government's efforts to upgrade the Yangon-Mandalay railway. — MNA/TMT

MYANMA Railways' services were disrupted on 4 June after a bomb discovery on the Yangon-Mawlamyine line. A railway worker found a homemade bomb hidden inside a plastic box near Mile-122/14 between Theinseik and Donwun stations.

Authorities were alerted, and regional security forces

successfully deactivated the device in the afternoon. The closure caused delays for several trains, including the No 81 Up passenger express, which was halted for over three hours.

This incident highlights a worrying trend of attacks on Myanmar's railways. Since February 2021, there have been

Terrorists attack students, civilians

LAUNGLON PDF terrorists attacked a vehicle that carried students near Pyinsathimaw village in Launglon Township, Taninthayi Region, using small arms at 7:15 am yesterday, and a student was injured.

Moreover, one student died, and 25 students and people were injured when a bomb planted by terrorists exploded at 12:40 pm at the basic education school in Aeinshaepyin Ward of Dawei Township.

The injured were taken to No 12 Military Hospital (100-bed) and Dawei General Hospital for medical treatment.

Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko, Chief Justice of Region High Court Daw Pike Pike Aye, regional ministers, Deputy-Commander of Coastal Region Command Colonel Aung Myo Tun and relevant officials comforted the victims and provided them with cash assistance. — Region IPRD/KTZH



Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko and officials encourage the patients suffering from terrorists' attacks.

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NATIONAL

June auto market sees surge in deals

THE automobile market sees some deals from the end of April to June, and it is more active in June, according to U Kyaw Swa Tun Myint, secretary general of the Myanmar Automobile Manufacturers and Distributors Association.

There were more sales with moderate prices from April to May for commercial vehicles at K30-40 million, private cars at K50 million, and luxury cars at K200 million.

“At present, the car market sees frequent deals from April and May. Some sold, some bought, and deals are good. Some think the price is up, but it

is not related. Deals were made more in May than in April. It was more in June than May. As this is school opening season, some buy small vehicles and some ride school buses. Some sell their cars to start a business. Now, vehicles at K30-40 million commercial cars sell better. Private cars at K50 million sell well. Luxury cars at K 200 million also sell well. Deals are not very infrequent, but they are not very active for cars worth hundreds or thousands of millions,” he said.

At present, according to the dollar exchange rate, prices go up a little, but it is a reasonable

rise, he said.

“Despite the change in dollar rate, car prices do not go up very much. Although the price of gold has changed, car prices have not changed much. People try to raise the price, but it cannot reach as much as they expect. The price goes up just to a reasonable level, I think. As the price of new cars goes up, so do the prices of old cars. As a whole, not all car prices go up. They go up to a certain level,” he said.

If there is no significant policy change, according to the car market nature, the sales resume from May and June till



Some cars are displayed for sales in the auto market on Facebook.

the end of the year. So, the car market is expected to be good

as long as there is no change in the policy, he said. — MT/ZN

CRIME NEWS

K2.75B worth of heroin seized in Kalay township



Offenders are seen alongside confiscated drugs and a vehicle.

MYANMAR Police Force announced the seizure of 55 kilograms of heroin in Kalay Township, Sagaing Region. The seized drugs have an estimated street value of K2.75 billion.

Upon tip-off, a combined Anti-Drug Police Force unit stopped a six-wheeled Mitsubishi Fuso container truck on the Kalay-Kalewa road in Kalay Township at 5 pm on 31 May. The car was driven by Win Aung Htun and accompanied by Tin Maung Hla. A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of

55 kilograms of heroin concealed within 5,500 plastic soup boxes.

Two further arrests were made. Thaut Nay Lwal (aka) Pal Lwal and his wife, Ma Aye Aye Myint, were believed to transport the heroin.

The suspects admitted that the drugs were to be transported from Shan State to Kalay Township, Sagaing Region. Police charged those arrested and continued to investigate others suspected of involvement in this case. — MNA/MKKS

Special task forces net nearly K137 mln in illegal trade crackdown

MYANMAR authorities are cracking down on illegal trade activities across the country, led by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee.

In Sagaing Region, officials at the Shwebo University checkpoint seized an unregistered Honda Fit on 2 June. The vehicle, valued at approximately K8 million, was confiscated for violating the Export and Import Law.

Magway Region saw similar action on 3 June when a combined team intercepted an unregistered Toyota Mark II (valued at around K8 million) at the Ayeyawady Bridge checkpoint.

Additionally, near the

Ywathagyi Dry Port, authorities stopped two vehicles travelling from Mandalay to Yangon. These vehicles were carrying a combined value of K30.8 million in undeclared goods, including electrical equipment and car parts. All actions in Magway Region were taken under the Export and Import Law and Customs procedures.

Bago Region witnessed a series of successful operations between 3 and 4 June. Combined teams led by the Bago Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force seized illegal teak, hardwood, and other timbers with a combined value exceeding K2.5 million. These operations took place

in Bago, Toungoo, and Nattalin districts according to the Forest Law.

Another operation in Bago Region, near the Shwethanlwin tollgate in Phayagyi, resulted in the seizure of a Toyota Hilux. The vehicle, estimated to be worth K20 million, was carrying a large quantity of undeclared palm oil. The total value of the palm oil is estimated at K11 million. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported nine arrests and approximately K137 million worth of seized goods across these operations conducted between 2 and 4 June. — MNA/MKKS



Photos show seized illegal items in Yangon Region.

ECONOMY WORLD



People communicate during the China (Sichuan) - Türkiye Economic and Trade Exchange Conference in Istanbul, Türkiye, on 3 June 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Türkiye, China's Sichuan eye stronger trade ties at Istanbul conference

A senior delegation from China's Sichuan hosted a conference here on Monday to strengthen the province's economic and trade ties with Türkiye.

The China (Sichuan) - Türkiye Economic and Trade Exchange Conference lured over

100 distinguished Turkish and Chinese guests, including business leaders and government officials.

Addressing the conference, Wang Xiaohui, secretary of the Sichuan Provincial Committee of the Communist Party of China, said the event

enabled Turkish businessmen to know better about the Sichuan market and to explore chances to enter. He noted that fostering cooperation across various fields, particularly in green energy, will allow the two business communities to grow on a win-win base. — Xinhua

Lufthansa made to pay \$775 mln in US flight refunds

THE US Department of Transportation said Monday that three airlines including German carrier Lufthansa have been made to pay over \$900 million in passenger refunds due to pandemic-related flight cancellations or changes.

The department is also looking into \$2.5 million in civil penalties against the airlines — Lufthansa, KLM and South African Airways — for “extreme delays” in providing reimbursements.

“When a flight is cancelled or significantly changed, you shouldn't have to fight with the airline to get their money back,” said US Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg in a statement.

“We are using all of our



A Lufthansa airlines Airbus-A320-271N comes in to land at Heathrow Airport in west London on 29 April 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

tools to improve air travel for everyone,” he added.

Lufthansa was ordered to pay \$775 million in refunds, while KLM was made to pay \$113.3 million and South African Airways \$15.2 million.

The assessed civil penal-

ties amounted to \$1.1 million each for Lufthansa and KLM, and \$300,000 for South African Airways, the Transportation Department said.

It added that the airlines have paid back the refunds exceeding \$900 million. — AFP

Italy experiences over decade of growth marred by growing inequality

WHILE wealth in Italy grew over the last 15 years, the economic gap between high-income and medium-income families has also widened, a national report recently showed.

Italy is the third largest economy in the European Union (EU) after Germany and France, and its total net wealth increased by about 14 per cent between 2010 and 2023, according to the latest Bank of Italy's annual report.

However, the distribution of wealth was increasingly uneven and mostly benefitted the wealthiest 10 per cent of households, while middle-class families saw their relative share of wealth decrease.

In terms of wealth distribution, Italy's population can be divided into three groups (top,

medium, and bottom group), the central bank said.

The top 10 per cent of households accounted for 60 per cent of overall wealth in 2023, while the bottom 50 per cent (the poorest families) accounted for only seven per cent.

“Compared to 2010, the share of wealth held by the most affluent decile of households has increased by some 7 percentage points, mainly at the expense of the middle group of households,” the Bank of Italy reported.

The overall 14 per cent increase in net wealth at current prices between 2010 and 2023 “was driven by very strong growth (an overall 29 per cent) observed in the wealthiest tenth of households,” the central bank explained. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sri Lanka's All Share Price Index grew by over 25% in 2023

SRI Lanka's All Share Price Index (ASPI) grew by over 25 per cent in 2023 in comparison to the year 2022, Director-General of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Chinthaka Mendis said on Monday evening presenting their 2023 annual report.

He said that the 2023 growth erased much of the losses that were recorded in 2022.

Mendis said the S&P SL20 index also grew by over 16 per cent in 2023 compared to 2022.

The total net foreign inflow to the stock market surpassed the six billion rupee (about US\$20 million) mark in 2023, he said.

The ASPI measures the movements of the overall market, while the S&P SL20 follows the performance of 20 leading publicly traded companies listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange. — Xinhua

China hopes EU will stay committed to free trade, oppose protectionism: spokesperson

CHINA hopes that the European Union (EU) will honour its commitment to upholding free trade and opposing protectionism, and work together with China to maintain the overall interest of China-EU economic and trade cooperation, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said on Tuesday.

Spokesperson Mao Ning made the remarks at a regular press briefing when responding to a question on relevant remarks by an EU official.

Mao said that China will continue to promote high-level opening-up and provide an open, inclusive and transparent business environment for enterprises from all countries. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Vietnam's stock market face non-traditional security risks

VIETNAM'S stock market might face risks from non-traditional security issues such as transnational crimes and cybercrimes which can have a significant impact on the market operations, Vietnam News reported Tuesday, citing experts.

Pham Hong Son, vice-chairman of the State Securities Commission, said non-traditional security challenges like transnational or high-tech crimes could have a widespread impact on Vietnam's stock market operations.

The commission recently issued alerts to securities companies and fund management firms regarding the security of online trading systems. These communications emphasized the need to strengthen reviews and ensure information security in stock trading activities, he said. — Xinhua

New passenger air route links China's Shenzhen, Saudi Arabia's Riyadh

A direct passenger air route linking the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen and Riyadh, capital of Saudi Arabia, was launched on Monday.

This marks the fifth direct passenger air route from Shenzhen to the Middle East. The flight carried more than 200 passengers mainly for business, service and travel, with a load factor of over 80 per cent. Operated by China Southern Airlines, the air service runs twice a week using an Airbus A330 aircraft every Monday and Friday, with a flight time of about nine hours and 30 minutes. Apart from Riyadh, Shenzhen has also opened direct passenger flights to Cairo, Dubai, Tel Aviv and Tehran in the Middle East.

Following the progress of the Belt and Road Initiative, China and Saudi Arabia are fostering closer exchanges and cooperation in the fields of economics, trade, culture and tourism. — Xinhua

Stock markets retreat as US data sparks economy worries

STOCK markets retreated Tuesday on signs of weakness in the US economy, even as the data boosted hopes for an interest rate cut.

Mumbai tumbled as it appeared India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi would not win as big an election victory as expected.

Shares in global energy firms were weighed by a further drop in oil prices as OPEC members and other major crude producers look to lift output before the year's end.

Investors have shifted nervously in recent weeks on concerns that



People walk past a large screen displaying advertisements for investing in shares of the Indonesia Stock Exchange in Jakarta on 14 March 2024. PHOTO: AFP

the Federal Reserve will not cut US interest rates until 2025 as inflation remains stubbornly above target and decision-makers

warned against moving too early, insisting on seeing more evidence that price rises are under control.

The Institute for Supply Management (ISM) released its manufacturing index on Monday, showing US activity contracted for a second successive month in May.

The figures indicated that businesses were struggling with elevated interest rates and weak consumer spending, among other things.

"The manufacturing ISM data reaffirmed several prevailing economic trends: decelerating inflation, slowing growth, and a tight labour market," said Gary Pzegeo of CIBC Private Wealth US. — AFP

Global chip market estimated to expand to record \$687 bln in 2025

THE global semiconductor market is expected to grow 12.5 per cent in 2025 from a year earlier to a record \$687.38 billion, heading for the second straight year of increase, as demand for chips used

for artificial intelligence continues to expand, an industry organization forecast showed Tuesday. The World Semiconductor Trade Statistics, an organization formed by major chip manufac-

turers, also revised its growth forecast for 2024 higher to 16.0 per cent, or \$611.23 billion, from the previous estimate made in November of 13.1 per cent.

The upbeat forecasts

reflect a recent surge in demand for memory chips and some logic chips as a growing number of firms worldwide are ramping up investment in AI, the organization said.

— Kyodo

Toyota HQ inspected over improper vehicle quality certification

THE transport ministry inspected Toyota Motor Corp's headquarters in Aichi Prefecture on Tuesday, a day after the company admitted to improperly obtaining vehicle quality certifications in a setback for the carmaker that has risen to the world's No 1 spot on its reputation for product reliability.

Government inspectors are expected to examine whether the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism should instruct the carmaker to issue recalls through the probe.



Officials from the transport ministry head to Toyota Motor Corp's headquarters in Toyota, Aichi Prefecture, to conduct an inspection on 4 June 2024. PHOTO: KYODO

Toyota said Monday that seven models were given improper "type designation" for mass

production, affecting 1.7 million vehicles produced from 2014 to April this year.

The Japanese auto sector has been plagued by instances of misconduct, with similar incidents reported by Honda Motor Co, Mazda Motor Corp, Suzuki Motor Corp and Yamaha Motor Co. For the Toyota group, the latest revelation follows data fraud cases found within the past year at its small-car manufacturing unit Daihatsu Motor Co and affiliate Toyota Industries Corp, tarnishing its reputation for quality. — Kyodo

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ROLLING UPDATES: WORLD

Lok Sabha elections results: PM Modi leads by over 1 lakh votes in Varanasi

AS the counting of votes is underway for the 18th Lok Sabha elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is contesting from Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi is leading with 139139 votes.

On the other hand, Congress' Ajay Rai has garnered 403,382 votes.

Uttar Pradesh Congress chief and candidate from Varanasi, Ajay Rai asserted that the exit polls released after the conclusion of the seventh and last phase of Lok Sabha elections were fabricated.

He said, "I had said yesterday too that the exit poll was concocted, to mislead people and create mental pressure. We are connected to the ground reality, I had said that the INDIA alliance will give results and the outcome is before everyone."

Expressing confidence in the victory, Rai said, "INDIA alliance is going to form the government in the country and



Supporters of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) watch live vote counting figures for India's general election, displayed on a large screen in Varanasi on 4 June 2024 **PHOTO: AFP**

the alliance is winning with a huge majority. We will also win Varanasi."

Taking a jibe at the BJP, the Congress candidate claimed

that the party considers itself above the people. "BJP ordered crackers and prepared sweets beforehand. All their crackers and sweets will re-

main untouched. It means that they consider themselves above the public... This is overconfidence... We will win and give a good government...". — ANI

Climate change made historic Brazil floods twice as likely: scientists

CLIMATE change doubled the likelihood of the historic floods in southern Brazil and amplified intense rains caused by the El Nino weather phenomenon, scientists said Monday.

Three months' worth of rain was dumped on the southern state of Rio Grande do Sul over two weeks in an "extremely rare event, expected to occur only once every 100-250 years", according to a study published by the World Weather Attribution (WWA) group.

The flooding in late April and early May submerged cities, farms and an international airport, affecting more than 90 per cent of the vast state, an area equivalent to that of the United Kingdom.

The disaster left 172 people dead and displaced around 600,000.

"The researchers estimated that climate change made the event more than twice as



People walk on a flooded street around the Arena do Gremio stadium in Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul state, Brazil, on 29 May 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

likely and around six to nine per cent more intense," the WWA said in a statement.

On top of that, the El Nino phenomenon made rainfall between three and 10 per cent more intense, said the global network of scientists that assesses the link between extreme weather events and

climate change.

"The scary thing about these floods is that they show us that the world needs to be prepared for events so extreme, they are unlike anything we've seen before," said Maja Vahlberg, climate risk consultant at Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre.

Regina Rodrigues, a researcher at the Federal University of Santa Catarina, said the disaster showed that even when El Nino was in a weakening phase, as it currently is, it could be extremely dangerous

"Climate change is amplifying the impact of El Nino in southern Brazil by making an extremely rare event more frequent and intense," she said.

Of the four biggest floods ever seen in the regional capital Porto Alegre, "three occurred in the last nine months", Rodrigues told a press conference.

Rio Grande do Sul is particularly vulnerable to flooding, with a vein-like network of river systems covering the region.

Porto Alegre lies on the banks of the Guaiba Lake where five rivers converge before emptying into South America's largest freshwater lagoon, the Lagoa dos Patos. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Japan completes 6th round of Fukushima treated water discharge

THE operator of the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant finished releasing its sixth batch of treated radioactive water from the facility into the sea on Tuesday, with the next round possibly starting later this month.

Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings Inc. released about 7,800 tonnes of processed water as planned in its latest round which began on 17 May. No abnormal tritium levels were detected in nearby waters during the period, TEPCO said. — Kyodo

Floods affect over 600,000 in India's Assam, death toll rises to 18

THE ongoing floods in India's northeastern state of Assam have affected over 600,000 people and killed 18, officials said Tuesday.

The floods have hit 10 districts — Hojai, Karimganj, Morigaon, Nagaon, Dima-Hasao, Cachar, Dibrugarh, Hailakandi, Golaghat and Karbi Anglong West — and the situation remains grim. — Xinhua

S Korea hosts 1st summit with African countries

SOUTH KOREA hosted its first-ever summit with African countries here on Tuesday in a bid to enhance cooperation in various fields, according to the South Korean presidential office.

The summit, which began with a welcome banquet on Monday night, was scheduled to end with a business summit on Wednesday, attended by heads of state and government and heads of delegation from 48 African nations along with representatives of the African Union and its institutions and representative of the African Development Bank. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Myanmar club allowed to compete in AFC Challenge League tourney

THE Asian Football Confederation will increase the number of club competitions starting from the 2024-2025 football season, and the names of the competitions have also changed. Shan United Football Club, defending champions of the Myanmar National League, will be allowed to compete in the AFC Challenge League Tournament.

The Asian Football Confederation has held only two club competitions in recent years, the AFC Champions League and the AFC Cup, but start-

ing next season, it will hold three club competitions. The AFC Champion League Elite tournament will be held at the first level, the AFC Champion League Two at the second level, and the AFC Challenge League at the third level.

The Asian Football Confederation determines the countries that will be allowed to compete in each competition depending on the ranking of the member countries and the success of the clubs, and Myanmar will only be allowed

to compete in the AFC Challenge League. Only one team from Myanmar will be allowed to compete, and it will have to start from the play-off stage of the AFC Challenge League tournament.

The AFC Challenge League, which Myanmar clubs will contest, will be held from July 2024 to May 2025 and will be divided into the East Asia zone and the West Asia zone.

The Myanmar club will compete in the East Asian zone, and the play-off stage



The photo shows Myanmar's Shan United FC, which will compete in the AFC Challenge League tournament. **PHOTO: THAW GYL**

sees Myanmar, North Korea, Indonesia, Cambodia, Macau, China Taipei, Laos, Mongolia,

Brunei, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and Timor-Leste. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Team Japan arrives in Myanmar for World Cup qualifiers



Japan star footballers are seen taking their training in Yangon ahead of the 2026 World Cup qualifiers. **PHOTO: MFF**

THE Japanese national team arrived in Yangon on the morning of 4 June to play against the Myanmar team as a group match for the second stage of the 2026 World Cup qualifiers.

The Japanese squad sees 26 players, including Tomiyasu

from Arsenal FC, Endo from Liverpool FC, Kamada from Lazio FC, Minamino from Monaco FC, Kubo from Real Sociedad, and Ueda from Feyenoord FC will join the Japanese squad. After arriving in Myanmar on the morning of 4 June,

they held their first practice at the Thuwunna Training Ground in the evening.

Team Myanmar will play World Cup qualifiers against the Japanese squad at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon at 6:40 pm on 6 June. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Vinicius Jr deserves Ballon d'Or: Neymar

NEYMAR has backed Vinicius Junior to win this year's Ballon d'Or after the Real Madrid forward played a leading role in his club's UEFA Champions League and La Liga triumphs.

Vinicius was named the Champions League's player of the season after scoring six

goals and assisting five in 10 matches. The 23-year-old also netted 15 times and provided six assists in 26 La Liga appearances in 2023-2024.

"We have a wonderful relationship, I love Vini," Neymar said during a fundraising event for his Neymar Institute in Sao

Paulo on Monday.

"He's a great friend that football has given me and he had a great season, he played so well. I'll definitely be rooting for him to win the Ballon d'Or; I don't think there's any other player that has matched him." — Xinhua

NOVAK Djokovic battled through a gruelling five-set match to defeat Argentina's Francisco Cerundolo 6-1, 5-7, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3 in the fourth round of the 2024 French Open on Monday, advancing to the quarter-finals for the 18th time at Roland Garros.

For the second time in three days, the Serbian fought back from a two-sets-to-one deficit and claimed the victory after an over four-and-a-half hours marathon.

Novak Djokovic celebrates the victory after the men's singles fourth round match between Novak Djokovic of Serbia and Francisco Cerundolo of Argentina at the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros, Paris, France, 3 June 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**



Djokovic survives another thriller at French Open, breaking multiple records

It was Djokovic's 370th victory at a Grand Slam tournament, putting him clear of his great rival Roger Federer. The 37-year-old veteran proved once again that he excels like no other player when his back is against the wall as he improved to 40-11 in five-set matches, and 11-3 in five-setter at Roland Garros.

The 24-time Grand Slam champion also breaks the record for most Grand Slam quarterfinals appearances, passing Federer on that list as well, with 59.

"At one point I didn't know if I should continue," said Djokovic, who suffered a leg injury during the second set of the match.

The world No 1 rolled through the opening set but a slip in the third game of the second led to him taking a medical timeout, and he repeatedly received treatment at subsequent changeovers.

"I started feeling the pain and asked for the physio treatment and the medical timeout and tried to take care of it. It did disrupt me definitely in play," Djokovic told the press conference.

The three-time Roland Garros winner then cast doubt over his bidding for another title on the clay major by admitting he needed anti-inflammatory medication to treat a knee injury on Tuesday. — Xinhua



THE ascender of China's Chang'e-6 probe lifted off from lunar surface on Tuesday morning, carrying samples collected from the moon's far side, an unprecedented feat in human lunar exploration history.

The ascender has entered a preset orbit around the moon, said the China National Space Administration (CNSA).

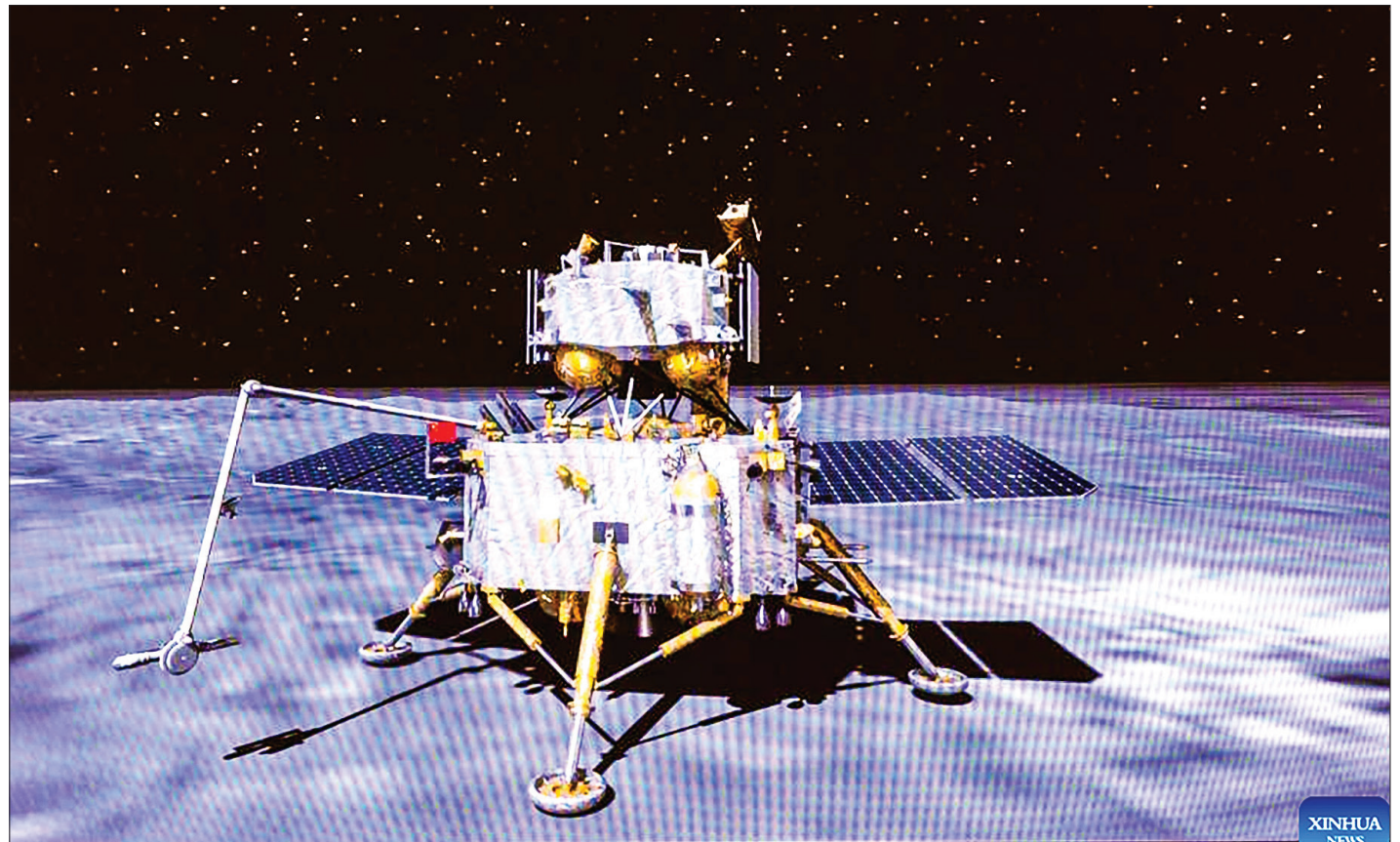
The ascender took off at 7:38 am (Beijing Time) from the moon's far side. A 3,000-newton engine, after working for about six minutes, pushed the ascender to the preset lunar orbit, according to the CNSA.

The Chang'e-6 probe, comprising an orbiter, a lander, an ascender and a returner -- like its predecessor Chang'e-5 -- was launched on 3 May. The lander-ascender combination, separated from the orbiter-returner combination on 30 May, touched down at the designated landing area in the South Pole-Aitken (SPA) Basin on 2 June.

The spacecraft finished its intelligent and rapid sampling work, and the samples were stowed in a container inside the ascender of the probe as planned, the CNSA said.

During sampling and packaging, researchers conducted simulated sampling in a ground lab, based on the detection data sent back by the Queqiao-2 relay satellite, providing important support for decision-making and operations in every link. — Xinhua

China's spacecraft takes off from moon with first samples from lunar far side



This image taken from video animation at Beijing Aerospace Control Centre (BACC) on 4 June 2024 shows the lander-ascender combination of Chang'e-6 probe waiting to lift off from lunar surface. A Chinese national flag carried by the lander is seen unfurled at the moon's far side. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

UK's Sunak prepares for first TV debate amid 'election crisis'

CONSERVATIVE Prime Minister Rishi Sunak hunkered down Tuesday as he prepared to go head-to-head with Labour opposition leader Keir Starmer in the first televised debate of the UK general election campaign on the back foot.

It comes with Sunak under intense pressure to reset the Tories' faltering campaign following the release of two polls Monday showing they face defeat in a historic landslide on 4 July.

The embattled leader also faces the perilous prospect of the right-wing vote splitting between the Conservatives and Nigel Farage's Reform party, after the Brexit figurehead U-turned Monday and announced he will stand as a candidate.

Farage's announcement grabbed headlines and he was set to officially launch his campaign in the seaside resort of Clacton, east of London.

His arrival into the fray diverted attention away from the hour-long debate between Sunak and Starmer, which is



(FILES) Britain's Prime Minister and leader of the Conservative party, Rishi Sunak speaks during a general election campaign event at the ExCeL in east London, on 22 May 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

due to start at 2000 GMT, and see both quizzed by the audience.

Sunak will reportedly spend the entire day off the campaign trail preparing for the clash, with his performance seen as critical to his party's fortunes -- and

the threat posed by Farage.

The Tory-backing Daily Mail called the situation "Rishi's darkest hour", while the left-leaning Mirror said he was facing an "election crisis".

Poll woes

Sunak announced the election on 22 May, calling it six months earlier than required and making an inauspicious start in a widely-mocked rain-sodden speech outside 10 Downing Street.

Labour has enjoyed double-digit poll leads for 18 months and that has held firm nearly two weeks into the campaign, with Britons appearing weary of the Conservatives after 14 years in power.

A YouGov survey Monday -- using the same nationwide modelling that correctly predicted the 2017 and 2019 general elections -- showed Labour on track to win 422 of the 650 seats in parliament. — AFP

G7 says endorses Gaza peace deal, calls on Hamas to accept

THE G7 group of developed countries on Monday said it stood behind a Gaza peace deal endorsed by US President Joe Biden, and called on Hamas to accept it.

"We, the Leaders of the Group of Seven (G7), fully endorse" the truce plan "that would lead to an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, the release of all hostages, a significant and sustained increase in humanitarian assistance for distribution throughout Gaza, and an enduring end to the crisis, with Israel's security interests and Gazan civilian safety assured," read the statement. "We call on Hamas to accept this deal, that Israel is ready to move forward with, and we urge countries with influence over Hamas to help ensure that it does so," it continued.

The three-phase proposal -- which Biden presented Friday as an Israeli initiative -- is intended to end the conflict, free all hostages and lead to the reconstruction of the Palestinian territory without Hamas in power. — AFP