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## State Administration Council Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing sent congratulatory message on BIMSTEC Day

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Senior General Min Aung Hlaing has conveyed the Congratulatory Message to commemorate the 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), which fell on 6 June 2024.

The Congratulatory Message by the Chairman of the State Administration Council was uploaded on the official website of the BIMSTEC Secretariat together with the Messages of the Leaders of the BIMSTEC Member States – Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand. — MNA

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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the SAC meeting 3/2024 yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing unveiled that national race groups, Tatmadaw members, and Myanmar Police Force members assaulted terrorists and seized arms and ammunition to be sent to terrorists in some regions.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered an address as mentioned above at the SAC Meeting

## Foreign countries aid organizations committing terror acts

As citizens prioritize national development, terrorism undermines progress, requiring opposition to saboteurs.

### Salient points from the speech made by the Senior General at the SAC meeting 3/2024

1. Terrorists set fire to towns and villages they lost, destroying the property of innocent people with vulgar activities.
2. Some foreign countries, directly and indirectly, help organizations that commit terror acts in various ways and means.
3. Unscrupulous businesspersons committed a financial problem based on the inflation rate with unprecedented changes in gold and currency prices in April. Still, the government conducted necessary investigations to turn these prices into normal gradually.
4. Although some armed ethnic organizations violate agreements of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, Tatmadaw controls its activities for the sake of the Union without attacking their camps except for self-defence activities.

3/2024 at the SAC Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said that Tatmadaw and MPF are serving security measures across the nation as part of discharging duties to ensure the perpetuity of the sovereignty of the State.

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# NATIONAL

## Message on BIMSTEC's 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



I am pleased to praise that BIMSTEC provides not only a platform for cooperation among regional countries but also promotes traditional friendship, mutual understanding, mutual respect, and enhanced people-to-people contacts among Member States. Moreover, the BIMSTEC Charter manifests our resolute commitment to regional economic growth and social progress in a way that provides mutual assistance while maintaining regional peace and stability.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all Member States for the collective efforts exerted under the BIMSTEC framework in addressing various challenges. I believe that our solidarity and systematic cooperation, guided by the BIMSTEC Charter, will continue to be the strategic elements to overcome future challenges.

On this special occasion of the 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BIMSTEC, I would like to reaffirm Myanmar's commitment to active cooperation with fellow Member States in line with the principles enshrined in the BIMSTEC Charter. I wish BIMSTEC to be a stronger and more effective organization and to have every success in future endeavours of promoting the socioeconomic livelihoods of the peoples in the Bay of Bengal Region.

*Signed by,*

*Senior General Min Aung Hlaing  
Chairman  
State Administration Council*

ON the auspicious occasion of the 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), it is my honour to extend, on behalf of the Peoples and the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, my warm wishes to the Peoples and Governments of BIMSTEC Member States as well as to the BIMSTEC Secretariat.

Over the past 27 years, BIMSTEC has made remarkable progress in fostering socioeconomic development of the region and strengthening its institutional mechanisms through close collaboration based on the principles enshrined in the 1997 Bangkok Declaration.

## Foreign countries aid organizations committing terror acts

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He disclosed that terrorists set fire to towns and villages they lost, destroying the property of innocent people with vulgar activities.

The Senior General spotlighted that although the State Administration Council is implementing the genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system, terrorists are solving political issues with terror acts.

Security forces are serving duties of hampering trafficking of narcotic drugs and arms and ammunition of terrorists while sustaining peace and stability of relevant regions, he added.

The Senior General said that some foreign countries, directly and indirectly, help the organizations committing terror acts in various ways and means.

**As citizens emphasize the development of a country and other citizens with terrorism doctrine undermine development undertakings, people have to oppose saboteurs, he added.**

He unveiled that the government will accelerate security measures as terrorists attack some security posts.

The Senior General stressed the need for the socioeconomic development of the State, em-

phasizing operations in agriculture, livestock breeding, and trade sectors and urging businesspersons to invest in agriculture and livestock sectors.

He noted that some four million acres of vacant land should be planted under sunflowers to contribute to local cooking oil sufficiency.

With regard to the economic sector, the Senior General

recounted those unscrupulous businesspersons committed a financial problem based on the inflation rate with unprecedented changes in gold and currency prices in April. However, the government conducted necessary investigations to turn these prices into normality gradually.

He stated that although

some armed ethnic organizations violate agreements of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, Tatmadaw controls its activities for the sake of the Union without attacking their camps except for self-defence activities.

The Senior General disclosed that plans are underway to hold talks with political parties and NCA signatory EAOs in the

near future to forge peace in the Union.

He noted that the KG+9 compulsory education scheme is being implemented for all school-age children with provisions of stationeries free of charge.

He counted that some seven million students attended the basic education schools till yesterday, but some schools in Chin State, Kayah State, Rakhine State and northern Shan State, as well as upper Sagaing Region, cannot open for students.

He instructed officials to open all schools, including closed schools, to enable students to peacefully learn education, whereas officials need to take security measures for education staff.

The Senior General disclosed that no action other than destroying the education sector is vulgar. It is necessary to nurture citizens to be educated and turn out many educated people for the development of the nation.

The Senior General recounted that during the six-year period from 2012 to 2018, he at the capacity of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, had implemented the literacy campaign for Tatmadaw members who were weak in educa-

tional knowledge.

The Senior General underscored that holding the election in accord with the 2008 Constitution is the ultimatum vision of the State.

He emphasized that the enumeration of the population and household census will be conducted in the coming October, adding that only when the census can be enumerated fully will the correct voter lists come out so as to hold the election successfully.

The SAC Joint Secretary and council members reported on the registration of political parties for their establishment, action taken against those who committed economic instability, rising inflation and instability of gold and monetary markets, and seizures of arms and ammunition in addition to the opening of schools this year.

The Vice-Senior General presented preparations for possible natural disasters in monsoon and collaborative efforts of ministries and officials for providing quality strains of crops, inputs and agricultural techniques to farmers to meet the target production.

The meeting was also attended by SAC Secretary Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dwe, council members and officials. — MNA/TTA

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# NATIONAL

## Congratulatory messages exchanged for Diamond Jubilee of diplomatic ties between Myanmar and Sri Lanka

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing exchanged congratulatory messages with President of Sri Lanka Mr Ranil Wickremesinghe and Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Mr Dinesh Gunawardena respectively, on the occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Diamond Jubilee) of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 7 June 2024. — MNA

## Myanmar Gazette

### Appointment of Head of Service Organization

THE State Administration Council has appointed Dr Than Zaw Oo, Pro-Rector of West Yangon University of the Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education, as Rector of the same university on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

Families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) have planted trees at 38 monsoon tree-growing ceremonies from 2011 to 2023 in vicinities of Yezin Dam, said Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

A ceremony to grow trees by families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and relevant military commands aims to contribute to the conservation of the natural environment and climatic conditions, give shade to all and support the State economy, starting from 2011.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing planted a teak sapling at the first monsoon tree-growing ceremony of families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief for 2024 near Yezin Dam in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

In his speech, the Senior General said that Tatmadaw families and regiments and units have planted 21,753,477 saplings from 2011 to 2023, 14,317,784 trees of which have been thriving, accounting for 65 per cent.

He stressed that everybody



State Administration Council Chair Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views round the tree-growing ceremony 2024 of Tatmadaw families yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

## Tatmadaw sustains 65% thriving of over 14M saplings planted from 2011 to 2023

Although dry regions of Myanmar have emphasized cultivation of trees for 20 years, it is necessary to strictly supervise tree growing and conservation measures till today.

saplings at the designated places with the participation of Tatmadaw members and families in the ceremony.

The Senior General, his wife and party viewed round the growing of saplings by Tatmadaw members and families.

At the ceremony, they planted 909 teak saplings, 303 gum-kino saplings, 606 Mahogany saplings and 606 Manjasha plants, totalling 2,424.

Families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) have cultivated 196,425 saplings of 39 times from 2011 to 2024 to conserve the ecosystem around Yezin Dam.

At the same time, all military commands held tree-growing ceremonies yesterday. So, families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air), those from military commands and regiments and units planted 166,189 saplings yesterday. — MNA/TTA

### Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the first monsoon tree-growing ceremony 2024 of Tatmadaw families

1. Tatmadaw families and regiments and units have planted 21,753,477 saplings from 2011 to 2023, 14,317,784 trees of which have been thriving, accounting for 65 per cent.
2. Everybody needs to take care of the declining forest coverage in Myanmar, with 42.19 per cent mentioned in the 2020 press release.
3. Individuals can enjoy the fruits of their endeavours to grow trees, which started in 2011.

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As such, he continued that the government emphasizes the implementation of dry zone greening projects to conservation of natural environments by

growing trees.

The Senior General highlighted that individuals can enjoy the fruits of their endeavours to grow trees, which started in 2011.

He urged all to systematically grow saplings in order to create an excellent lush and

green environment with favourable weather in the future.

The ceremony was also attended by Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Senior General, SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General

Soe Win and his wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Maung Maung Aye and his wife, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and his wife, the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, union-level dignitaries and their wives, senior officer trainees of the National Defence College, Tatmadaw members and families.

The Senior General and his wife planted a teak sapling, whereas the Vice-Senior General and his wife, senior military officers and their wives grew



# NATIONAL

## 2024 Inter-State & Region Judo Championship concludes

THE final game plus awarding event for the 2024 Inter-State & Region Judo Championship was conducted at Wunna Theikdi Gymnasium A in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

State Administration Council members and officials enjoyed the final match played between the Kachin State team and the Ayeyawady Region team. Next, an awarding ceremony was held, and Union Ministers U Min Thein Zan, U Aung Kyaw Hoe and U Ko Ko Hlaing presented awards to first, second and third-prize winners of the 42 and 45-kilogramme women's individual Judo events and 50-kilo



The awarding ceremony of the 2024 Inter-State and Region Judo championship in progress yesterday.

men's individual Judo events.

Afterwards, State Administration Council Member U Yan Kyaw presented awards to the first, second and third-prize winners in the 55-kilo men's individual event.

State Administration Council Member U Shwe Kyein then presented medals to the first-placed Ayeyawady team, second-placed Kachin State team and joint third-placed Mandalay and Yangon Region teams.

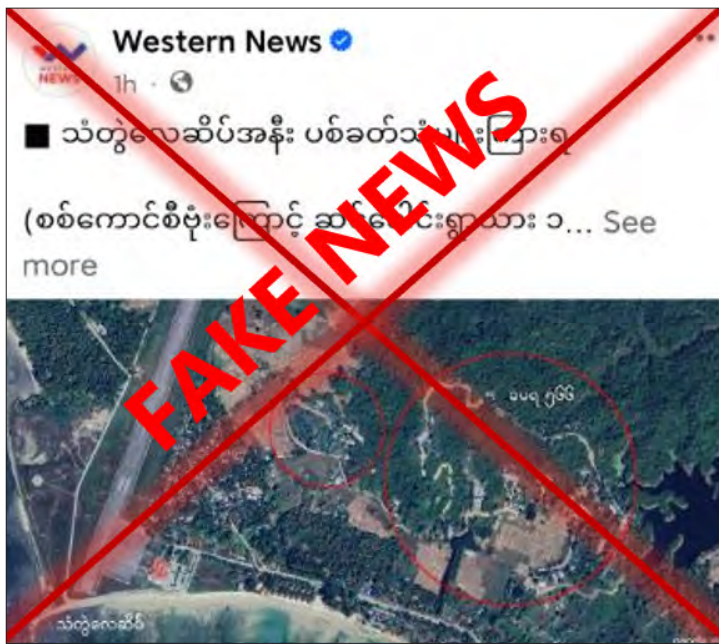
Likewise, State Administration Council Member Dr Ba Shwe presented medals and cash awards to the best male and female athletes. Similarly,

State Administration Council Members Dr Hmu Thang and Porel Aung Thein presented trophies to the winners of the Kachin State team for the women's event and the Yangon Region team for the men's event. State Administration Council Member Daw Dwe Bu also gave the championship trophy to the overall event winner, the Kachin State team.

A total of 269 athletes from 30 teams — 15 men's teams and 15 women's teams — competed in the tourney, which is aimed to promote the Judo sports across the nations and was held from 4 to 7 June. — MNA/KZL

### Counter-argument to false information

## Misinformation: Security forces open fire on Singaung Village



The screenshot validates false claims.

MALICIOUS news media are spreading false news that Singaung Village, Thandwe Township, Rakhine State, was

attacked by security forces from 4 to 6 June with heavy weapons and aerial bombardment, resulting in casualties

of about 100 villagers and the destruction of many homes.

The actual incident is that AA terrorists attacked the security forces and security camps that were working to secure the area so as to disrupt the peace and tranquillity in Thandwe Township and fired heavy weapons into the villages where the people live. Due to the incident, people from Singaung Village died on 5 and 6 June.

Malicious news media are working to misrepresent the security forces and cover up the terrorist activities of AA terrorists. The actions of the AA terrorists, such as arresting and killing innocent people and burning down villages, are also widely opposed by the international community. — MNA/KZL

## MoRAC Union Minister receives Russian Ambassador



The Russian ambassador calls on Union Minister U Tin Oo Lwin yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

UNION Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Tin Oo Lwin received Russian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Iskander Azizov yesterday.

During the meeting, the two parties exchanged views on the attendance of Myanmar monks and people at the second Traditional Buddhism and Modern Challenges to be held in Buryatia of Russian Federation, signing agreement to launch the construction of the Russian Orthodox Church in Yangon, agreement on cooperation between the Russian

Federation National Library and Myanmar National Library, technical assistance for the conservation of archaeological research materials, arts programmes, cooperation in library maintenance techniques and enhancement of cooperation in religious affairs and cultural sectors in future based on the existing bilateral relations.

Deputy Ministers U Aye Tun and Daw Nu Mra Zan, the permanent secretary and relevant officials also attended the event. — MNA/KTZH

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## Russian Ambassador calls on Union Information Minister

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn received Mr Iskander Azizov, Russian Ambassador to Myanmar, at the reception hall of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they frankly and cordially exchanged views on media sector cooperation, collaboration between The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper and Russia's Sputnik Information Agency, the MoU signing of Russia-Myanmar television sectors, exchange of visits by media personnel from the two countries, further promotion of the tourism sector between Myanmar and Russia, and other cross-sectoral collaborative efforts.

Deputy Minister U Ye Tint, Permanent Secretary U Win Kyaw Aung, heads of departments and diplomats from the Russian Federation Embassy attended the meeting. — MNA/TS



Union Information Minister U Maung Maung Ohn receives Russian Ambassador Mr Iskander Azizov yesterday.



Myanmar delegates join the group documentary photo session at the 20th AMMSTI-20 in Cambodia.

## Myanmar participates in 20th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science, Technology, and Innovation

MYANMAR delegation led by Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw on 5 June left for Cambodia to attend the 20th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science, Technology, and Innovation (AMMSTI-20) to be held on 6 and 7 June in Siem Reap of Cambodia.

On 6 June, the Union Minister met with Dr Hem Vandy, Minister of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation of Cambodia, and discussed cooperation in the science, technology and innovation sectors of the two countries.

In the evening, Union

Minister Dr Myo Thein Kyaw attended the dinner hosted by the Minister of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation of Cambodia.

On 7 June, the Union minister attended the meeting with Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Hun Manet at Sofitel Angkor Resort together with the ASEAN Ministers and openly discussed the regional cooperation in science, technology and innovation sectors.

Cambodian Minister for Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation Dr Hem Vandy delivered a greeting speech at the 20th AMMSTI

and ASEAN-Secretary General Dr Kao Kim Hourn remarked. Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Hun Manet then made an opening speech.

During the meeting, the Union minister participated in the discussion under the "AI Application Navigating the Future" theme, as well as ongoing and future cooperation.

During the visit, the Union minister and delegation visited Angkor Wat Temple. Director-General Dr Phyu Phyu Win attended the BAC-16 and COSTI-85 and other related meetings. — MNA/KTZH

## Myanmar attends CIRDAP's 24th Governing Council Meeting

MYANMAR delegation led by Deputy Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Myint Soe attended the 24th Governing Council Meeting of the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) in Bangkok, Thailand, on 6 June.

Speaking at the event, the deputy minister said suitable comprehensive approaches should be applied to overcome the challenges and chances for rural development measures in Asia and the Pacific regions. It is essential to draft strategies to ensure rural development activities, and the rural area should be transformed through the development of basic infrastructures such as good transport, clean water, education and healthcare.

Moreover, the firm leadership, commitments and participation of member countries and intellectual exchange among CIRDAP countries should be strengthened.

Then, representatives of member countries discussed agriculture, health, education and rural development activities, new challenges, technologies and funds for the promising projects, rural development policies and strategies, capacity building programmes, workshops, opportunities to cooperate for the required resources and skills among the partner organizations, governments and international agencies.

The Myanmar delegation arrived back in Myanmar on 7 June evening. — MNA/KTZH



Myanmar delegates alongside with other attendees pose for the group documentary photo at the CIRDAP 24th Governing Council Meeting in Thailand.



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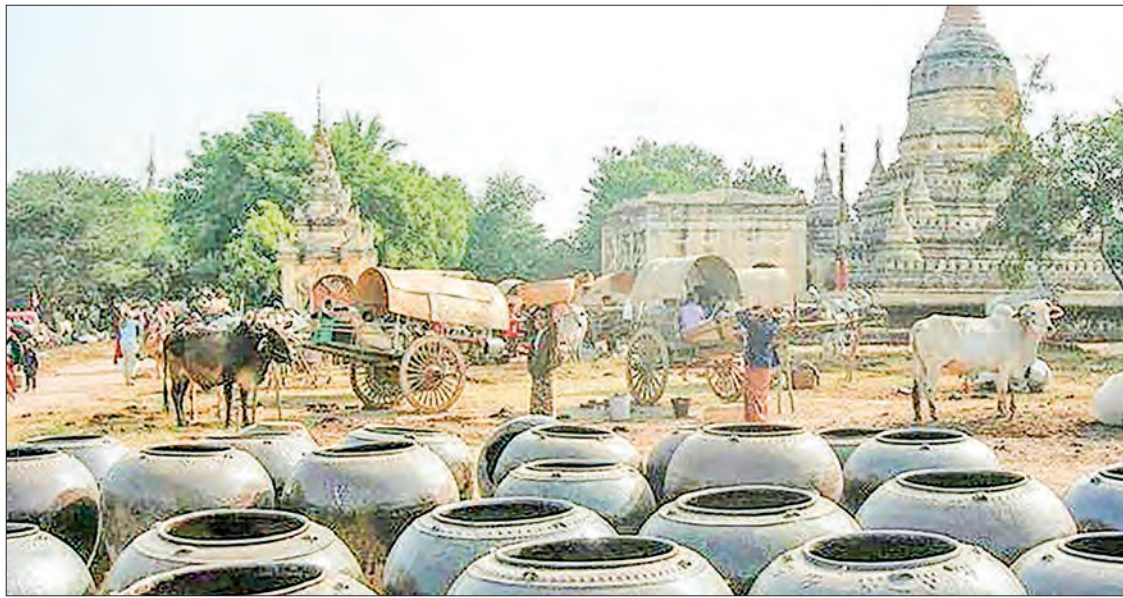
## Seinpangon community-based tourism draws many domestic tourists

AMONG the villages that have developed community-based tourism in Madaya Township, Mandalay Region, Seinpangon Village experiences a large influx of domestic tourists.

Many tourists visit the village due to their interest in Myanmar handicrafts, including weaving, pottery, bamboo hats, cheroot, and shoes.

In order to develop community-based tourism, the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), the Department of Fisheries, and the Irrawaddy Dolphin Conservation Society have cooperated since 2024.

The villages that are developing community-based



The photo depicts the Buddha Pujaniya festival at Seinpangon Village in Madaya Township.

tourism are Sinkyun, Ayekyun, Myayson, Seinpangon in Madaya Township, Myitkangyi in Singu Township, and Ywathitgyi Village, Tagaung Village and Shanemakar in Wetlet Township in Sagaing Region.

In the coordination meeting on the possibility of joint implementation held in Nay Pyi Taw on 5 June, the Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism stressed the selection of potential villages in various regions and states, including Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, to implement the One Tourist One Tree programme, as well as Community-Based Tourism (CBT), in coordination with relevant ministries. — TWA/TKO

## World Robot Olympiad Myanmar 2024 set on 22 June-27 July



The World Robot Olympiad poster.

THE World Robot Olympiad Myanmar organization announced that the World Robot Olympiad Myanmar 2024 will take place in Mawlamyine, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, and Yangon from 22 June to 27 July.

The competition is for Myanmar youths who are interested in IT as well as innovation, and youths aged 8 to 19 can participate. Participants will receive necessary technical support from the World Robot Olympiad Myanmar, inviting any young people who love technology to take part in the competition.

The winners of this competition may become the representatives of the country to compete at the World Robot Olympiad. — ASH/TRKM

## Izana Art Gallery invites young artists for “Breathing Space” Art Exhibition

THE Izana Art Gallery invites young artists to participate in the “Breathing Space” Art Exhibition, scheduled from 15 to 19 June, at their gallery located in Pazundaung Township.

Artists interested in participating in the exhibition must submit a minimum of three self-created artworks, along with their background, Artist Bio, and Statement, to the Izana Gallery by 8 June 2024, with the understanding that the organizing team will

select the paintings for the exhibition.

A representative of the gallery said, “This is a great opportunity for artists to connect with art lovers and collectors, showcasing their own creations. The selected paintings will be displayed at the monthly exhibition.”

The gallery warmly invites artworks for the exhibition without any limitations on the theme, medium, design, or size of the paintings. — ASH/TRKM

## ME to Thailand issues banking guidelines for Myanmar workers

MYANMAR Embassy to Thailand in Bangkok notified dos and don'ts before opening bank accounts and protecting information for Myanmar workers on 6 June.

Myanmar MoU workers in Thailand holding Passport Job types need to open bank accounts at the designated banks of their MoU companies. Those who are not familiar with banking follow representatives of the companies, in which some representatives

hold their bank savings books instead.

Additionally, some of them are involved in online gambling and money laundering cases with the use of the bank accounts of the workers. The suspicious frequent banking transactions and saving of large amounts made the Thailand authorities tail the bank account owners and seize, arrest and warrant Myanmar workers. Some are on their run from them.

Myanmar Embassy notified that individuals can ask for help from the embassy and labour attaché office by providing a passport copy, contact number, bank name and branch of their bank and photo of a person who gave service to open the account for them if possible and other documents.

Myanmar workers are notified to keep their bank accounts, save books, and protect their confidential information PIN. — TWA/KK



The photo showcases some paintings at the Izana Art Gallery.



# NATIONAL BUSINESS

## GMBPF 2024 welcomes Myanmar businesspeople

THE Guangdong and Macao Branded Products Fair 2024 (GMBPF 2024), which will take place from 25 to 28 July 2024 at Venetian Macao-Cotai Expo Hall, invites the participation of Myanmar entrepreneurs, organized by the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) and the Department of Commerce of Guangdong Province, China, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar gem companies and business entities engaged in making souvenirs, handicrafts and other food, gifts and household products

are entitled to exhibit their products at the Fair.

The organizing committee assigned Myanmar Tourism Resources Co Ltd as Myanmar's representative to connect with the businesspersons with common interests.

Myanmar businesspeople can register through <https://mitc.myantrade.gov.mm/> to participate in the Guangdong and Macao Branded Products Fair 2024 (GMBPF 2024). Individuals can dial contact numbers 067 408622 and 09 5182598 for further information. — KK



## Myanmar exports over 480MT of honey in two months

MYANMAR conveyed 488.21 metric tonnes of honey valued at US\$0.732 million between 1 April and 31 May of the current financial year 2024-2025, according to the Apiculture Division under the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department.

The seaborne honey export reached 461.21 tonnes, while the border saw 27 tonnes of honey exports in the past two months.

Myanmar's honey export to Japan hit 279.21 tonnes worth \$418,815, while 0.5 tonne worth \$750 were exported to South Korea, 181.5 tonnes worth \$272,250 to Thailand, and 27 tonnes worth \$40,500 to China.

Myanmar primarily exports honey to China, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, the US and Singapore. Myanmar delivered over 2,200 metric tonnes of honey

to foreign trade partners in the last FY 2023-2024 (April-March), the Apiculture Division's data showed. Sagaing and Mandalay regions are the leading producers of Myanmar's honey. Myanmar's beekeeping businesses are also found in the Yangon, Bago, and Magway regions, as well as the Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, and Shan states. Myanmar produces sesame honey, jujube honey, Niger honey, sunflower honey, lychee honey and flower honey.

Myanmar's honey production is estimated at over 4,000 metric tonnes annually. Sixty per cent went to foreign markets,

while the remaining was designated for domestic consumption. Honey is utilized as a traditional medicine in the country. There are some state-owned beekeeping stations with 6,200 beehives in 31 townships and over 950 private beekeeping businesses operating with nearly 200,000 beehives.

Moreover, bee pollination conducts in two million acres of crops to contribute to apiculture industry yearly. The beekeeping businesses near the crop fields contribute to the successful yield of the crop as well as quality bee production. — NN/EM

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## Kampaiti border trade surpasses target for May



A panoramic view of the Kampaiti crossing on the Myanmar-China border.

THE value of border trade at Kampaiti exceeded its trade target for May, the Ministry of Commerce's statistics showed.

The Kampaiti border aims to achieve a trade target of US\$37 million for May 2024, comprising exports worth \$35 million and imports worth \$2 million. The actual trade value hit \$40.34 million in

May, including exports worth \$28.6 million and imports worth \$11.7 million, performing 109 per cent of the trade target.

The main export items as of 31 May in the 2024-2025 financial year beginning 1 April were tissue-culture banana, sesame, rice beans, lablab beans, lima beans, butter beans, green gram, red

kidney beans, white kidney beans, small red bean, watermelon, chilli pepper, dried chilli, dried mango slice, tamarind with seed, fresh areca nut, black cardamom, coffee bean, onion, petrified wood and aluminium scrap. Meanwhile, capital goods, intermediate goods, construction materials, consumer goods, fruits and CMP

raw materials were imported.

The export volumes between 28 May and 1 June 2024 were 2,318 tonnes of tissue culture banana worth \$0.806 million, 459 tonnes of rice beans worth \$0.311 million, 366.2 tonnes of lablab beans worth \$0.332 million, 136 of lima beans worth \$0.092 million, 101 tonnes of small white kidney bean worth

\$0.077 million, 613.6 tonnes of butter bean worth \$0.607 million, 33.04 tonnes of red kidney bean worth \$0.031 million, 135.8 tonnes of green gram worth \$0.106 million, 39.99 tonnes of peanut worth \$0.050 million, 34 tonnes of black-eyed peas worth \$0.025 million, 70.9 tonnes of black cardamom worth \$0.142 million, 177 tonnes of dried chilli pepper worth \$0.262 million, 342 tonnes of onion worth \$0.125 million, 102 tonnes of dried mango slice worth \$0.016 million and 83.5 tonnes of tamarind with seeds worth \$0.019 million.

The main import items are hollow pipe, iron pipe, ceramic tiles, tyres, tangerine, apples, pears, clothing, fuel oil and CMP raw materials. The import volumes stood at 106.49 tonnes of capital goods worth \$0.183 million, 61 tonnes of intermediate goods worth \$1.689 million and 511.5 tonnes of consumer goods worth \$0.294 million. A combined team, including one-stop service agencies and departments concerned, is making efforts to ensure smooth trade flow and bolster exports. — NN/KK



# OPINION

## Follow important factors to overcome disaster challenges

FOR the past century, Earth has faced substantial losses from a variety of natural disasters. Among these, climatic events have been particularly devastating, accounting for 44 per cent of damage over the past 20 years, followed by floods and storms, which contributed to 28 per cent of the destruction. While most natural disasters, except earthquakes, can be predicted, humans have struggled to mitigate their impacts effectively.

Natural disasters possess immense power, significantly affecting the environments inhabited by all living beings, including humans. Given their high intelligence, humans strive to prepare as best as possible against such catastrophes. The improvement of early warning systems worldwide has led to a reduction in casualties from natural disasters. However, economic impacts remain severe. For

instance, the severe cyclonic storm Nargis, which struck the Ayeyawady and Yangon regions in Myanmar in May 2008, ranks as the eighth most damaging natural disaster in global history and the most damaging one in Myanmar's history.

While nature triggers disasters, their occurrence is independent of human efforts. Meteorological and hydrological disasters can often be forecasted, but predicting geographically based dangers like earthquakes remains challenging. Nevertheless, scientists are working diligently to forecast all types of natural disasters to save lives.

Today, countries worldwide employ early warning systems to reduce the risks and potential losses from natural disasters. These systems encompass public awareness campaigns, monitoring potential disaster developments, providing warnings, ensuring

effective communication, and outlining responsibilities. However, even with efficient early warning systems, if people do not heed disaster awareness messages, the resulting losses can be catastrophic.

Natural disasters are inherently more powerful than living beings, making complete evasion impossible. Yet, humans possess the intelligence to minimize damage and mitigate casualties. Effective disaster management and public participation are crucial in overcoming these challenges. In Myanmar, particularly during the monsoon season, it is imperative for people to listen to timely weather forecasts and adhere to preparedness guidelines issued by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology in Myanmar.

To effectively manage and mitigate the impacts of natural disasters, proper preparation of local authorities and public cooperation are essential. Embracing early warning systems and maintaining high levels of disaster awareness can significantly reduce the adverse effects of such events on society. By understanding and acting on the information provided by meteorological authorities, communities can enhance their resilience against the inevitable forces of nature.

CLIMATE change is a global phenomenon with widespread impacts on health. It exacerbates existing health inequities and presents new challenges to global health systems. The following are key areas where climate change affects global health: -

### (1) Direct Health Impacts

#### (a) Heat-Related Illnesses

- i. Increased Mortality: Rising temperatures contribute to higher mortality rates, especially among vulnerable populations such as the elderly, children, and those with pre-existing health conditions.
- ii. Heat Stress: Higher temperatures increase the risk of heat-related illnesses, including heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

#### (b) Extreme Weather Events

- i. Natural Disaster: More frequent and severe hurricanes, floods, and wildfires result in physical injuries, deaths, and displacement.
- ii. Mental Health: The trauma and stress from experiencing and surviving natural disasters can lead to long-term mental health issues, including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), anxiety, and depression.

### (2) Indirect Health Impacts

#### (a) Air Quality Deterioration

increased air pollution and allergens due to climate change can worsen asthma, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), and other respiratory diseases.

- ii. Cardiovascular diseases: Poor air quality is also linked to an increased risk of heart attacks and strokes.

#### (b) Vector-Borne Diseases

- i. Expanded Range of Vectors: Warmer temperatures and changing precipitation patterns expand the habitats of disease-carrying vectors like mosquitoes and ticks. This leads to a higher incidence of diseases such as malaria, dengue fever, and Zika virus disease.
- ii. New Disease Outbreak: Areas Changing climates can

- introduce new vector-borne diseases to previously unaffected.
- (c) **Food and Water Security**
- i. Malnutrition: Climate change affects crop yields and food production, leading to food insecurity and malnutrition, particularly in low-income countries.
  - ii. Waterborne Diseases: Changes in water temper-

Climate change presents a multifaceted threat to global health, exacerbating existing health disparities and introducing new challenges to healthcare systems worldwide. **ILLUSTRATION: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/FREEPIK**



## Key Notes on Climate Change and Global Health

By Dr Than Lwin Tun

- ii. Economic Impact: Climate change can delay economic development, reduce the resources available for health care, and increase poverty, which exacerbates health disparities.

### Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies

#### (1) Strengthening Health System

- a) Resilient Infrastructure: Building healthcare facilities that can withstand extreme weather events and ensuring continuous operation during disasters.
- b) Surveillance System: Developing a robust system to monitor and respond to climate-sensitive health risks.

#### (2) Reducing Emission

- a) Clear Energy Transition: Moving towards renewable energy sources to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality.
- b) Sustainable Practices: Encouraging sustainable agriculture, transport, and industrial practices to reduce environmental impact.

#### (3) Community Engagement and Education

- a) Awareness Campaigns: Educating communities about the health impacts of climate change and promoting behaviours that reduce health risks.
- b) Local Resilience Building: Empowering communities to implement local solutions

tailored to their specific climate-related health risks.

### Global Health Initiatives

#### ❖ International Collaboration

Global Health Organizations: International Organizations like the WHO, UNICEF, and the UN are working on initiatives to combat the health impacts of climate change through research, funding, and policy advocacy.

➤ Cross-Border Co-operation: Countries must work together to address transboundary health issues exacerbated by climate change, such as pandemics and pollution.

➤ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

➤ SDG-3 (Good health and Well-being): Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages.

➤ SDG-13 (Climate Action): Taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

In addition, climate change is a critical global health issue that requires coordinated action on multiple aspects. By addressing both the direct and indirect health impacts of climate change through mitigation and adaptation strategies, global health can be protected and improved for current and future generations.

## Law, the rule of law, and law and order

U Khin Maung (A retired diplomat)

### Introduction

1. First of all, please permit me to assert that law is everybody's concern. Nobody is above the law. Equality before the Law is a universally accepted doctrine. As a well-known principle, we unanimously accept that man is a social animal. Men have to

communicate, cooperate and coordinate with each other. In this law of nature, some may have done wrongful acts to others. Then, criminal law comes into play to take action against wrongdoing or offence. Though not a crime, if a man has done something wrong to others, or if there is a dispute between members of a family, or between a

man and woman in their marital relationship, then relevant civil law has to be taken up. In terms of relationships between sovereign states, we have a universally accepted charter known as the United Nations Charter or Constitution.

2. Then what is law? In essence, 'law' is the regime that orders human activities and relations through social pressure backed by force in such a society. It is the legal system. The Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary defines the term law as follows.

"Law is the whole system of rules that everyone in a country or society must obey". Generally speaking, there are two kinds

of laws – local law or domestic law and international law. In essence, domestic law means the law of or the law relating to a country. It is also known as the law of the land. International law is the legal principles governing the relationships between nations; more modernly, the law of international relations embraces not only nations but also such participants as international organizations, multinational corporations, non-governmental organizations and even individuals such as those who invoke human rights and commit war crimes.

### 3. The Rule of Law

The rule of law. This phrase means equality before the law,

fair play, and uniformity of laws for all citizens and public servants alike. It also means that disputes and differences will be brought to the courts of law and justice and peacefully settled in accordance with law. The rule of law is often equated with law and order. So, I would like to assert that "law is a necessity for the citizens, for the organizations, for the states, etc., so as to enjoy peace, progress, prosperity, harmony and development, such as economic development, technological developments etc. Law, in this regard, means both the law of the land or municipal law and international law. As regards the rule of law, Dr Maung Maung,

the world-famous and renowned legal giant, had stated that, "the first essential condition for making democracy secure in our lives is to base all our activities firmly on the rule of law."

### Law and Order

4. Well, dear reader, as a retiree with some sort of legal background, I would like to present to you that law and order and the rule of law are two principles quite similar to each other. Where there is no law and order, there will be no rule of law. Instead, there will be anarchy, political unrest, social unrest, chaos and confusion. So, the rule of law, or law and order, is a necessity for a nation to enjoy peace, progress,

prosperity, and development. Needless to say, where there is no rule of law, there will be no peace, no prosperity, no progress, no development. Where there is no rule of law, I don't think there would be one iota of peace, progress, and prosperity in this world of ours.

### Conflict of laws

5. Conflict of laws is a difference between the laws of a state or a difference between states or countries. If there is a conflict of laws or if there is a difference between the laws of the same state, then the later law shall prevail over the earlier one. Just for example, if there is a conflict between the Opium Act enacted since colonial days of Burma and the Suppression of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, then the later one, recently passed in our union,

will prevail. If there is a conflict between local law or municipal law and international law, then international law shall prevail. Moreover, when there is a conflict between an executive order and a provision of the constitution, then the guardian of the constitution, the supreme court of a state, will make a verdict, and the court's ruling will prevail. In this regard, we could take a lesson or an example from the executive order of former President Donald Trump of the United States of America and the court's verdict. Former President Donald Trump issued an immigration ban to the United States from some Muslim countries. Still, the US court of law temporarily blocked the president's immigration ban, judging that the immigration ban was not in accord with the legal phrases of the US Constitution.

We have an old saying in our Myanmar language. If translated

into English, I think it may read: a man may not live a hundred years long, but he may be faced with over a hundred cases or problems. Another old saying that depicts our national Myanmar character is the character of forgiveness. If that old saying, I think it may read, "Let amity be everlasting and enmity be ephemeral". In English, I believe, we may say "Let bygones be bygones" significant legal terms (foreign terms used in law).

6. Well, the law is so vast a subject to explain only in one single article. So, may I present to you some significant legal terms and their definitions as follows:

- (1) Apriori (Latin) is based on deduction rather than experience.
- (2) Ab initio (Latin) from the beginning — for example, this agreement avoids "ab initio".

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# NATIONAL

## Luxembourg entrepreneurs encouraged to invest in Myanmar

AMBASSADOR U Soe Lynn Han, Head of the Mission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and the European Union (European Commission), invited foreign investments from Luxembourg, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The fourth ASEAN Day 2024 was held under the theme of “Connecting the dots for a sustainable future” at the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce on 3 June.

Myanmar Ambassador U Soe Lynn Han attended and elaborated on investment opportunities and challenges. Then, he invited foreign investments from Luxembourg.

Myanmar has enjoyed unilateral trade preference from the EU’s Generalized Scheme of Preference (GSP) and Everything but Arms (EBA Programme).

The Myanmar Ambassador attracted Luxembourg investors to produce import-du-



Attendees of the ASEAN Day 2024 seen posing for the group documentary photo in Luxembourg on 3 June 2024.

ty-free goods in Myanmar under the GSP and EBA that can create jobs for locals. Fol-

lowing the presentation of the respective ambassadors from ASEAN regarding investment

opportunities in the region, ASEAN representatives met with business delegates from

Luxembourg separately and further discussed business and investment opportunities.

Prince Guillaume of Luxembourg attended the 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Day 2024 as honorary chairperson of the Board of Economic Development of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, an agency for economic promotion and development.

Mr Xavier Bettel, Deputy Prime Minister of Luxembourg and the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Mr Lex Delles, Minister for Economy, SME, Energy and Tourism, also attended the event and joined a business lunch with ASEAN ambassadors.

ASEAN Day 2024 is a bi-annual event organized by the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce and ASEAN-Brussels Committee to provide a platform for Luxembourgish companies to exchange information between Luxembourg and ASEAN and explore business opportunities in the ASEAN region. — ASH/KK

## Landowners await Dala Bridge completion for improved transactions



The Dala Bridge under construction at the backdrop of Dala Township.

LANDOWNERS have been waiting to sell their land plots until the Dala Bridge is completed, and there is a prospect that transactions will be better.

Dala Township, which is close to Yangon downtown, will be more developed along with economic growth, drawing buyers.

“Prices in Kyansittha and Tabin Shwehtee wards are likely to increase again because the bridge project is nearing completion. Owners have still held their lands because they have been waiting to see what will happen when the bridge con-

struction finishes. There is the likelihood of a surge in prices when the bridge ends. I’m not sure what will happen when the bridge construction is completed. There are projects in Dala. Land plots in residential wards have regular transactions. Dala will be finer than Yangon when the bridge is completed,” said an official from the Dala-based real estate agency.

Interests in the township property market have risen due to the bridge, which is going to be finished soon, and prices will increase about one and a half times after the bridge con-

struction ends, according to the township-based property service agencies.

Roads in the township have improved now, and the construction of Dala-Danoke road and Dala-Kawhmu-Twamtay road has been completed. No noticeable development has been seen in Dala’s real estate prices in the past, but they have improved significantly after the bridge project was initiated. The Dala Bridge connects Yangon’s Lanmadaw Township and Bo Min Yang Road in Dala’s Kamarkasit ward, crossing the Yangon River. — Thit Taw/ZS

## Small-scale catfish farming boosts income generation

DURING this period, a small-scale business of farming freshwater catfish will help improve income generation in Myanmar, according to fish seed traders.

In addition to freshwater catfish, climbing perch and frogs can be a choice for farming to enable early monetization in a short time as it takes only three months of breeding them until marketing, they suggested.

“If they wish to do small-scale farming, they can choose them. Some use tarpaulin to farm. With tarpaulin, they cannot farm rohu and mackerel fish, but they can farm frogs, catfish and perch. They normally farm fish such as rohu and mackerel in acres. For small-scale farming, they choose frogs and catfish. Climbing fish can be farmed in a spacious brick lake. Frogs, catfish and climbing perch, can be mature and big enough within two to three months. So, if people farm them, they can make earnings within a short time. They need to feed enough to the number of fish they are farming,” said



A glimpse of a fish farmer showing freshwater catfishes.

an official from Ko Zaw Moe fish seed trading, which farms over 100 acres in Kayan Township.

This is the fish-spawning season, and the period from April to June is classified as a “no fishing period” in the 2023-2024 financial year, and the fishing season will start in July.

In previous years, the closed season for fishing was classified according to the type of fishing boat, and the suspension period varied from two to three months. A no-fishing period is designated for April, May, and June, and it is reportedly planned to advance by one month every year to establish the closed season. — Thit Taw/ZN



# NATIONAL

## Extinct Myanmar marriage ritual of tying hands revived in modern design

AN ancient Myanmar tradition of the wedding ceremony in which the hands of the would-be-couple are tied with a cloth is extinct, and plans are underway to revive it with a suitable arrangement in modern times, Ko Hteik Tin Sithu Hein, founder of Myat Taw Win Royal Ceremonial Costume Service told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM)

Such a full-fledged traditional wedding ritual can no longer be seen today, while the ancient marriage ceremony takes a very long time, so its duration is shortened to be in harmony with modern times, he said.

His royal costume service made a documentary photo of the Myanmar traditional wedding with a hand-tying programme from the period between the late Yadanapon era



Ancient Myanmar traditional hand-tying wedding ceremony reimaged in modern times with an innovative idea.

and the early colonial time, and it will be released to the public with detailed information.

“In a Myanmar traditional wedding among Mandalay’s

Bamar people, the couple feed each other Mingalar rice. In the hand-tying ceremony, the right hands of the bride and groom are placed on top of each other, tied

with a pure cloth and sprinkled with clean water. Then, a puja is performed by the founder king of the prehistoric world to the current king, including good devas

or spirits,” he explained. His ambition is to revive this ancient tradition in all its authenticity, and his business plans to provide the necessary services. “At present, what we are doing is on a small scale. We cannot make full efforts yet. Right now, we have to negotiate the availability of hotels and focus only on the wedding ceremony. In a true Myanmar tradition, only the consecration programme can take the whole day. During the consecration, the Myanmar orchestra will perform, and entertainment will run in parallel. The Brahmins are invited to recite Mingala Gadas. We are trying to provide complete services. We will try to provide these services in two to three hours, not the whole day as in ancient times,” he said. — Htet Oo Maung/ZN

## Agri produce and pulse exports exceed target in May

AGRICULTURAL produce such as rice, beans, pulses, maize, and sesame are the main products that earn the most foreign income. In the 2024-2025 financial year, it is estimated to export 1.89 million tonnes of beans and pulses, and it has already exported 0.438 million tonnes in the first quarter of this financial year.

Over 0.466 million tonnes of beans and pulses were exported in April and May of this financial year, so the figures show an increase exceeding the target.

Exporters, the Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Mer-

chants Association and departmental officials work together to meet the target in June.

Black gram is mainly grown in Yangon, Ayeyawady, Bago (East and West) regions and Mon state, whereas Sagaing and Mandalay regions produce only small amounts.

Pigeon peas (red) are grown in Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay regions, whereas pigeon peas (white) are grown in the southern Shan State and Shwebo district of Sagaing.

Black gram is grown in Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago regions,

according to the Bayintnaung Wholesale Centre.

The local consumption rate is only 20 per cent of total bean production, and the remaining 80 per cent is exported. Black grams and pigeon peas are shipped to India, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, Pakistan, the Philippines, China, Japan and EU countries. Indian government eased bean imports and exercised a duty-free import policy on pigeon peas, black grams and lentils until March 2024 and extended the policy until March 2025. — MNA/KTZH

## Thieves secretly return stolen antique Nat statues

TWO ancient Nat (spirit) statues, which had gone lost from Yadana Gu Nat Chamber located in Mandalay Region’s Amarapura Township, were returned stealthily by thieves more than ten days later, in-charge of the Nat house, Ko Min told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

Two ancient masterpieces of Nat statues were the Popa Medaw statue and the Thakin Matha statue. They were stolen from the central section of Yadana Gu Nat Chamber on 24 May. Thieves left them stealthily in a cardboard box in front of Ko Min’s house at 3 am on 7 June.

“I found statues in a cardboard box left on the bench under the tree in front of my house at three o’clock this morning. They are gilded wooden statues. They are antique statues from Popa Medaw Nat Chamber. We worship these statues from generation to generation,” said Ko Min.

At present, Nat statues will be worshipped at his house and will be brought back to the Nat Chamber on 18 June with a ceremony after being gold plated. The Medaw welcome celebration, which is held every year, will continue to take place.

Yadana Gu festival is one of the well-known festivals in Myanmar, and the stolen Nat statues are prestigious. — Thit Taw/ZS

## Conservation efforts launched for Popa bent-toed gecko, endemic to Mt Popa

ORGANIZING activities have been launched to conserve the Popa bent-toed gecko (*Popa cyrtodactylus*), called Mwaypway Tettu in Myanmar, which is known to be found only at Mount Popa, according to the Maha Giri group.

Slightly larger than a house lizard, Mwaypway Tettu has been found in three locations, including Popa village, which is west of the mountain, and in the jungle near the entrance of Popa village.

“As far as we know, it can be found only in Mount Popa in the world. It is one of the species found on Mount Popa. Whether its population is small or large is not yet known. When we learned that it was not poisonous, we told the villagers not to kill it. They used to kill it because they thought it was poisonous. There is no history of hospitalization due to its venom. No one has ever been bitten. Since we have

been running an awareness campaign for mountaineers, children at the library and villagers, including Facebook posts, they have stopped killing. They have realized that this Popa species is found only on Mount Popa,” said Ko Tin Ko Min of the Maha Giri group.

Thanks to the group’s campaign, villagers now inform them when a Mwaypway Tettu is found, he said. It is usually found at night among rocks, stones and piles of stones, he added. The group is carrying out campaigns to conserve the Popa gliding gecko, the Popa bent-toed gecko, and the Popa langur, which are only found on Mount Popa, he said.

A study tour to promote the conservation of Popa langur, a species found only in Myanmar with a population of just about 300, was launched on 4 June, which attracted a lot of interest from the people. — MT/ZN



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- (3) Ad hoc (Latin) made or done for a purpose. For example, “an ad hoc tribunal was set up to deal with the claims”.
- (4) Bona fide (Latin) genuine, real, for example, a bona fide reason.
- (5) Defacto (Latin), in fact, whether by right or not. For example, “She has acquired de facto control of the company.
- (6) Dejure (Latin) rightful by

- right, for example, a de jure claim to the territory.
- (7) Ex parte (Latin) is on the part of one side only; for example, the lawyer made an ex parte application to the court to obtain an emergency injunction.
- (8) In absentia (Latin), while not present. For example, as the defendant was abroad at the date of the hearing, the case was continued in absentia.

### Conclusion

As regards “the rule of law”, Dr Maung Maung, a world-renowned legal giant, mentioned in his book “Law and Custom in Burma and the Burmese Family” as follows: -

“The first essential condition for making democracy secure in our lives is to base all our activities firmly on the rule of law”.

“In the afore-mentioned book, Dr Maung Maung also mentioned,” “Laws are rules

of civil conduct enforced by the state.” “Law is founded on morality, and morality finds its foundation in the moral integrity of the individual. Destroy morality; we destroy law”.

“Living laws are necessary for a living society, and the bloodstream of law needs to be constantly renewed and nourished so that it may accommodate change in its continuity, youth in its age.”

So, let us learn and grow as the days go by. In this article,

learn, I mean, to please learn anything worthwhile, including law, of course. Why? Because law is everybody’s business and everybody’s concern. “Ignorance of law is no excuse”.

### Reference:

- (1) Law and custom in Burma and the Burmese Family.
- (2) Legal English - Rupert High.
- (3) အသက်တစ်ရာ မနေရ၊ အမှု တစ်ရာ တွေ့ရတတ်သည်။
- (4) ချစ်စကို ရှည်ပါစေ၊ မုန့်စကို တိုပါစေ။

## Colombian underwater ‘art gallery’ serves as coral home

Orrego initiated the project upon noticing the deterioration of natural reefs, aiming to protect and bolster coral life through art. Another 25 sculptures are planned to join the gallery in the future.

ON the Caribbean seafloor, an unusual sculpture gallery is taking shape with an equally unusual purpose: to provide homes for corals under threat from tourism and climate change.

Created by potters Hugo Osorio and Pedro Fuentes, 25 figures so far form a sort of artificial reef in the blue waters around the paradisiacal Isla Fuerte, off the coast of Colombia.

They stand 1.5 metres (almost five feet) tall, scattered at a depth of about six metres around

the seafloor, attracting visitors — mostly fish, but also divers.

The statues have been placed there since 2018 under an initiative named MUSZIF, started by Tatiana Orrego, a fashion designer and island resident.

The plan is for another 25 to follow.

“When I discovered the deterioration of the island’s natural reefs, I saw in the art project a possibility to protect and enhance the life of corals,” Orrego told AFP. — AFP



Since the beginning of the year, the world has witnessed a massive coral bleaching episode in both the northern and southern hemispheres. PHOTO: AFP

## Shadowy exotic pet trade thrives in Pacific island nation

The Solomon Islands has emerged as a significant player in the global live animal trade, attracting foreign collectors who source exotic species, including some that are subject to trade bans.



Faded sign at Honiara’s seaside market warns against the live wildlife trade, singling out dolphins as a ‘no sell’ species. PHOTO: AFP

THE Pacific’s Solomon Islands has become a key player in the global live animal trade, with foreign collectors sourcing exotic species including some subject to trade bans, an AFP investigation has found.

Conservationist testimony, official documents and UN data show native Solomon Islands lizards being shipped to the United States, wild birds plucked from verdant rainfor-

ests and sent to the Middle East, and dolphins destined for Chinese aquariums.

Some wild animals can be captured and sold legally, but the trade in vulnerable species is governed by strict rules or even bans.

That has not stopped traders keen to cash in on the lucrative market for exotic pets.

They are targeting species that are already considered at

risk, and are actively threatening the future of others, said Solomons ecologist Patrick Pikacha.

“There’s no studies. No monitoring. It’s just every man for himself,” Pikacha told AFP.

Solomon Islands has stunning ecological diversity, and is teeming with vibrantly coloured parrots, tree-dwelling lizards, swooping mega bats and more. — AFP



## Suzuki to close auto plant in Thailand by end of 2025

*Suzuki Motor Corp announced plans to shutter its auto plant in Thailand by the end of 2025 due to struggling sales amid tough competition.*

SUZUKI Motor Corp said Friday it will close its auto plant in Thailand by the end of 2025, pulling out of local production as it is struggling with weak sales amid fierce competition with Chinese rivals.

About 800 workers at

the plant run by Suzuki Motor (Thailand) Co will be transferred to other operations of the local unit, such as motorcycle production, a Suzuki spokesman said.

The small-size vehicle specialist started output

at the plant in Pluakdaeng, Rayong Province in 2012 and has manufactured models such as the Swift compact hatchback, the Ciaz sedan and the Celerio minicar.

The Thai auto



The Ciaz sedan is manufactured by Suzuki. It's a popular model known for its fuel efficiency, spacious interiors, and comfortable ride. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/SUZUKI**

market has been growing rapidly, becoming an automotive manufacturing hub known as the "Detroit of Asia". However,

demand for compact vehicles did not meet initial expectations, with local consumers showing a

stronger preference for sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks, according to Suzuki. — Kyodo

## Samsung workers in South Korea stage first strike: union

*Despite being the foremost producer of memory chips globally, negotiations between management and the union regarding wages and benefits have stagnated since January.*

WORKERS at tech giant Samsung Electronics in South Korea staged the first strike at the company on Friday, the head of a major union representing tens of thousands of people said.

Samsung Electronics is one of the world's largest smartphone makers and also one of the only companies globally to produce high-end memory chips used for generative AI, including top-of-the-line artificial intelligence hardware from industry leaders such as Nvidia.

Management at the firm, the world's biggest producer of memory chips, has been locked in negotiations with the union over wages and benefits since January but the two sides have failed to narrow their differences.

Lee Hyun-kuk, vice-president of the National Samsung Electronics Union, said Friday's collec-

tive action was "largely symbolic, but it's a beginning".

"We have plans for follow-up strikes if the management is not willing to communicate with us openly," Lee told AFP.

"The union is not ruling out an all-out general strike."

Union head Son Woo-mok added that the "first strike at Samsung Electronics" was taking place through "the use of paid leave, and it is understood that many

employees are participating".

"It's difficult to provide an exact number, but from what I've seen of the workplace attendance in the morning, there is a significant difference from the usual," he said.

Samsung Electronics said it has been "diligently engaging in negotiations with the union and will continue to do so", and that there is "no impact on production and business activities". — AFP



Samsung Electronics' union members hold placards during a rally outside the company building in Seoul. **PHOTO: AFP**

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### China's interbank treasury bond index opens lower Friday

CHINA'S interbank treasury bond index in net price opened at 1,024.59 points Friday, lower than the previous close of 1,024.7 points,

according to the China Foreign Exchange Trade System. The index reflects real-time trading of treasury bonds in China's interbank

bond market. The index opens at 9 am on every workday and is updated every five minutes until closing at 5 pm. — Xinhua

#### Apple faces pressure to deliver on AI at developer conference

APPLE is expected to make the case next week that it is not being left behind as tech world rivals blaze ahead with artificial intelligence.

AI and perhaps even a partnership with ChatGPT-maker OpenAI will

likely be a driving theme at the Monday kickoff of Apple's annual WWDC developers' conference in Silicon Valley, according to analysts.

The conference is an annual jamboree for developers who create apps and

software for Apple's ecosystem, and CEO Tim Cook will work hard to persuade them that the company is a key AI player as rivals Microsoft and Google roll out innovations in rapid-fire succession. — AFP

#### PanAust Services (Myanmar) Co., Ltd. (Company Registration No. 102126297)

##### Notification under rule 15 of Insolvency Rules 2020 of appointment of liquidator for members voluntary winding up under section 152 of Insolvency Law 2020

1. The sole shareholder of PanAust Services (Myanmar) Co., Ltd. has resolved under a written resolution, dated 4 June 2024, to approve the liquidation of the company by way of a members voluntary winding up under the Insolvency Law 2020.
2. The sole shareholder has further resolved to appoint U Kyawt Mg (Insolvency Practitioner registration no. 00090) of U Kyawt Mg & Associates Accountancy and Audit Firm, No.3, 105th Street, Mingalar Taung Nyunt Township, Yangon (email: khin.tz.htay@gmail.com; phone: 095176165) as the liquidator of the company.
3. Therefore, any person claiming to be a creditor of PanAust Services (Myanmar) Co., Ltd. is requested to submit relevant evidence of such claim(s) to the liquidator at the above address within one month from the date of this notification.

**U Kyawt Mg**  
Liquidator  
Certified Public Accountant & Auditor



# ROLLING UPDATES: WORLD



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being greeted by NDA alliance Samastipur candidate, Shambhavi Choudhary on 5 June. **PHOTO: ANI**

## India's Modi to present coalition deal to president

*The National Democratic Alliance (NDA), supporting Modi's third term ambitions, unanimously chose him as leader on Wednesday. The NDA holds 293 seats in parliament, giving it control of the 543-seat body.*

INDIAN Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to present a coalition agreement to the president on Friday, after an unexpectedly close election forced his party to rely on allies to keep him in power.

Modi's Hindu-nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ruled outright for the past decade but failed to repeat its prior two landslide wins, defying analyst expectations and exit polls.

It was instead forced into quick-fire talks with a 15-member coalition that agreed to give it the parliamentary numbers to govern.

Modi was expected to visit President Droupadi Murmu with allied party leaders on Friday to seek her formal approval to form the next government, news agency Press Trust of India reported.

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) supporting

Modi's third term ambitions "unanimously" chose the 73-year-old premier as leader on Wednesday.

The alliance holds 293 seats in parliament, giving it control of the 543-seat body.

Modi's party has not revealed what concessions alliance members were given to secure their support, but several larger parties were seeking plum ministerial portfolios. — AFP

### NEWS SUMMARIES

#### WWII veterans shine on D-Day

AROUND 180 veterans in their late 90s or even over 100 were guests of honour at D-Day commemorations in France on Thursday, many attending in wheelchairs for possibly the last time.

At British, US and Canadian ceremonies, they recounted their memories of the Allied landings on 6 June 1944, that would help expel German forces from France and end World War II.

British former combatant Joe Mines, 99, said he had returned to the Normandy seaside town of Ver-sur-Mer for the first time in 80 years because it was likely his "last and only opportunity".

During a British ceremony, Mines, a wheelchair-bound veteran, expressed his desire to pay respects. He recalled his youth clearing mines before D-Day, emphasizing the brutality of war. Another veteran, Hendry, described the overwhelming sight of ships and aircraft, expressing shared terror among soldiers as they approached the shore, wondering if it was their last day alive. — AFP

#### Irish, Czechs hold EU vote

IRISH voters picked up the baton on day two of marathon EU elections Friday, after the Netherlands kicked off the ballot with a strong showing by the far right.

Ireland's 37-year-old prime minister Simon Harris voted near his home in the village of Delgany south of Dublin just after polls opened at 7:00 am (0600 GMT), before a whistlestop tour to canvass for both local and European Parliament elections.

"I admire his energy, although I don't vote for his party," said Keith O'Reilly, a 41 year-old IT worker, on his way out of the polling station. "They're getting so many things wrong, the migration issue for one thing," he told AFP. — AFP

#### Four dead in Czech train crash

FOUR people were killed and more than 20 injured when an express train crashed head-on with a freight train in the central Czech city of Pardubice, officials said on Thursday. The express train from Prague with more than 300 passengers on board was due to travel overnight from Wednesday to Thursday to the Ukrainian town of Chop when it collided with the freight train, which was carrying calcium carbide, a caustic and flammable chemical. Images from the scene on Czech TV showed a mangled and derailed carriage with disoriented passengers, some wrapped in blankets, being ushered into buses. — AFP

## Bolivia has good chance of joining BRICS in 2024 after Argentina's refusal: President

*Arce discussed Bolivia's potential membership with Russian President Vladimir Putin during the St Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF).*

BOLIVIA has a good chance of joining BRICS in 2024 after Argentina's refusal, but the decision is up to the group members, Bolivian President Luis Arce said in an interview with Sputnik.

"Last year Argentina joined ... However, we saw statements by the current president about refusing to join the group, for

Bolivia this turns into an opportunity, because we were one of the first to ask for membership. And if we talk about who is next in line, then I think that Bolivia could join, but this, of course, depends on the founders and current members of BRICS," Arce said on the sidelines of the St Petersburg International Eco-

nomics Forum (SPIEF).

Arce added that he had discussed Bolivia's possible membership during a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin on the SPIEF sidelines.

The leader also noted that he is ready to come to the BRICS forum in Russia if he receives an invitation. — SPUTNIK



Leaders of participating countries speak at the 27th St Petersburg International Economic Forum in Russia. **PHOTO: TASS**



# SPORTS

## Permanent grants announced for former football stars



Former team Myanmar's selected footballers in the golden era seen in the ceremony to honour them on 5 June.

FORMER national football star players will be given permanent grants, according to the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF).

The awarding ceremony of the permanent grant, sponsored by the Ayeyawady Foundation, was held on 5 June at the meeting hall of the Myanmar Football Federation. A total of 11 former Asian champions will receive K300,000 per month each, and 12 former Southeast Asian champions will get K100,000 per month. Former football stars and officials from the Myanmar Football Federation and Ayeyawady Foundation attended the event. — TWA/KZL



Khunsuek lands the high kick on Thway Thit during the ONE Friday Fights 66 held in Bangkok, Thailand, on 7 June 2024. PHOTO: ONE CHAMPIONSHIP

## Lethwei star Thway Thit Win Hlaing faces loss at ONE Friday Fights 66

MYANMAR Lethwei star Thway Thit Win Hlaing lost at ONE Friday Fights 66 held in Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday.

Thway Thit Win Hlaing fought against Thailand's Khunsuek and was defeated by points. Thway Thit Win Hlaing, a famous fighter in the current Myanmar traditional boxing world (Lethwei), faced a loss in his first ONE match, which did not go as expected. Thway Thit struggled to get in shape and was hurt when he met a different Muay Thai fighter.

Khunsuek was undefeated until the end of three rounds and won by points. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

THE Olympic rings are seen on the Eiffel Tower, in Paris, France, on 7 June 2024. The Olympics rings are unveiled on the Eiffel Tower early in the morning of Friday as the French capital marks 50 days until the start of the upcoming Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

The iconic five Olympic rings, adorning the exterior of the world-renowned Eiffel Tower, were unveiled on Thursday, marking the 50-day countdown to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

The five Olympic rings, manufactured by ArcelorMittal, were installed on the iconic Eiffel Tower during the night of 6-7 June, standing across the Seine River from the Trocadero Square.

"At the Games, we call these giant rings the "Spectaculars" and we could hardly do more spectacular than the Eiffel Tower. The Eiffel Tower is Paris, it is France. We wanted to create an image that everyone will remember," said Tony Estanguet, President of Paris 2024.

Each ring has a diameter of about 9 metres, and the entire structure is 29 metres wide and 13 metres high. The installation required four cranes and a

## Olympic Rings on Eiffel Tower unveiled 50 days ahead of Paris 2024



The Olympic rings are seen on the Eiffel Tower, in Paris, France, on 7 June 2024. PHOTO: GAO JING/XINHUA

team of about 30 engineers.

"As an iconic monument of Paris and France, the Eiffel Tower is honoured to be adorned with the emblem of the Olympic Games," commented Jean-Francois Martins, president of

the Societe d'Exploitation de la Tour Eiffel (SETE). By once again taking on an ambitious technical challenge, the Eiffel Tower, faithful to its history, brings its mark and its audacity to these Paris 2024 Olympic Games. — Xinhua

## Hong Kong's visually impaired dragon boat team builds community

SLICING their oars through the dark-green waters of a Hong Kong river, a dragon boat team of visually impaired rowers paddled in unison as their coach yelled out instructions.

The Darkness Fighters are Hong Kong's only team that pairs visually impaired people with sighted volunteers to compete in the annual Dragon Boat Festival, which will take place on Monday. Samrid Wongchan, a 62-year-old team member who is blind, said the team trains like many rowers on the Shing Mun river, which cuts through the city's

New Territories.

"We have to be united and we have to be attentive," she told AFP. "Everyone's oar movements must be in sync." But while sighted rowers rely on both visual and sound cues while training, the Darkness Fighters' sense of hearing plays a larger role.

"We must listen carefully to the environment," Wongchan said. Safety is also a key concern and small things that people with sight may take for granted, like getting in and out of boats that sit low in the water, must be handled with care. — AFP



A team of visually impaired rowers in Hong Kong are building community through dragon boat racing. PHOTO: AFP



India's Modi to present coalition deal to president

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# WORLD

## Potential US tactical nuke deployment in Asia-Pacific could bring catastrophic fallout: Expert

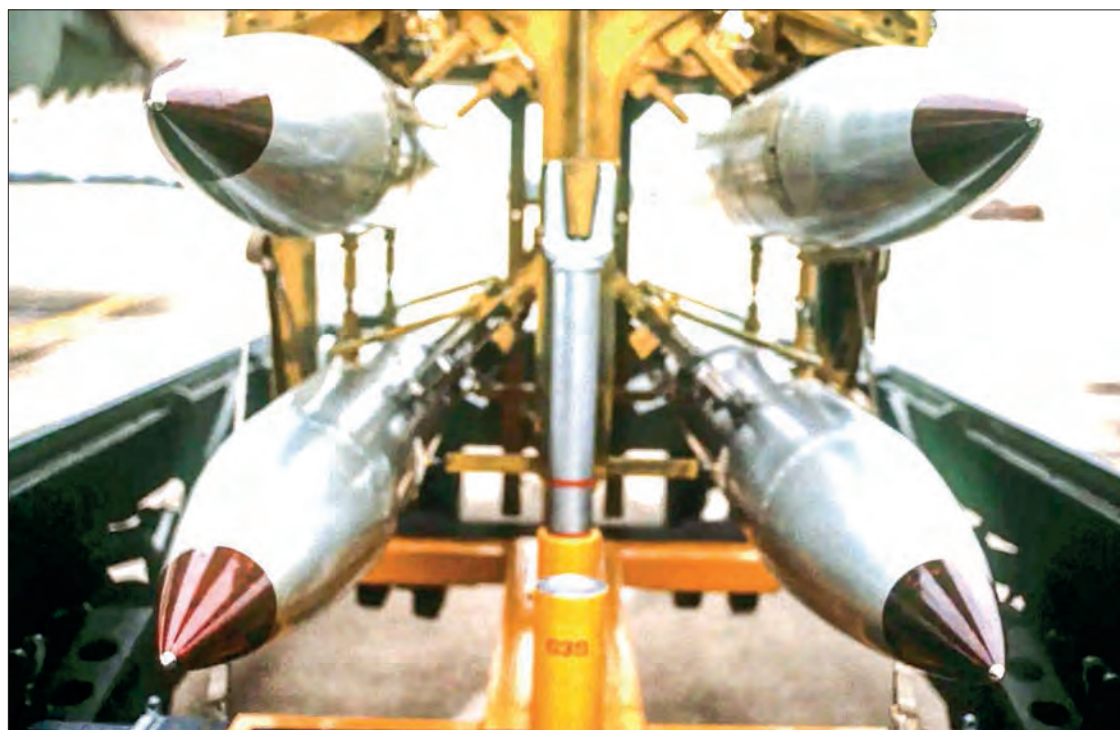
*Jian cautioned that deploying these weapons in South Korea could escalate tensions and serve as a strategic containment measure against Russia's Far East, Northern China, and North Korea.*

**T**HE director of the Knowfar Institute for Strategic and Defense Studies, Li Jian, provided insight regarding the potential deployment of US tactical nuclear weapons in the western Pacific Ocean in an interview with Sputnik.

"The question of US nuclear weapon deployment has a long history," Jian told Sputnik, highlighting advancements in US tactical nuclear capabilities, such as the B61-12 bomb, and the completion of testing for various aircraft models.

"Since the US Department of Defense purchased 400 B61-12 tactical nuclear bombs, there needs to be somewhere to deploy them," Jian emphasized.

The expert outlined potential deployment sites in the western



A front view of four nuclear free-fall bombs on a bomb cart. PHOTO: VIA WIKIPEDIA COMMONS

Pacific, including military bases in South Korea, Japan, Okinawa, the Philippines, and Diego Garcia island.

"If tactical nuclear weapons are deployed directly in South Korea, this would become a direct factor of strategic containment against Russia's Far East, Northern China, and North Korea," the expert warned.

Addressing concerns in Northeast Asia, Jian questions the likelihood of deployment in South Korea over Okinawa due to prevalent anti-war and anti-nuclear sentiments among the Japanese, particularly island locals. He cautioned that such actions could disrupt the regional strategic balance, exacerbate arms races, and impede nuclear non-proliferation efforts.

US Senator Roger Wicker, the highest-ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, released a report on May 29 urging a significant increase in US military preparedness. — SPUTNIK

## Air India announces launch of non-stop services between Bengaluru and London Gatwick from August

WITH Bengaluru becoming the fifth Indian city to be connected to the UK's second-largest airport, Air India has announced that it will start non-stop services between Bengaluru's Kem-

pegowda International Airport and London Gatwick (LGW), starting August 18 this year.

The service, in return, will further bolster Air India's presence in the UK, reinforcing the

strong economic and cultural links between India and the UK.

"Air India will operate 5x weekly between Bengaluru and London Gatwick, thus taking the total count of its flights to and from London Gatwick to 17x weekly," an official Air India press release said.

The airline will use its Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft on the route, featuring 18 flat beds in Business class and 238 spacious seats in Economy.

"We are delighted to offer our guests convenient, non-stop flights between Bengaluru and London Gatwick. This new route caters to the growing demand for travel between these two important — ANI



Air India will commence non-stop services between Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport and London Gatwick starting August 18 this year. PHOTO: ANI

### ELIMINATING BARRIERS

## China holds open attitude towards space cooperation with U.S.: spokesperson

CHINA always holds an open attitude towards space cooperation with the United States, a foreign ministry spokesperson said Thursday, urging the U.S. side to take practical measures to remove obstacles hindering cooperation in this field.

Spokesperson Mao Ning made the remarks at a daily press briefing after NASA Administrator Bill Nelson on Wednesday congratulated the success of China's Chang'e-6 mission. Nelson expressed the willingness to increase space dialogue and cooperation with China.

"Chang'e-6 completed the world's first sampling and takeoff on the far side of the moon, taking a historic step in the peaceful use of outer space by mankind," Mao said, noting that many countries have made positive comments about the mission, and China is grateful for the accomplishments.

The spokesperson said that China always holds an open attitude towards space exchanges and cooperation with the United States. — Xinhua