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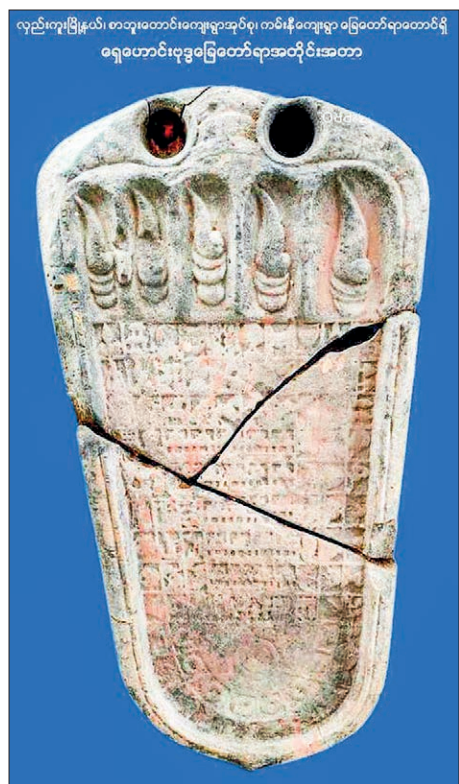
THE ancient Buddha's footprint in Hlegu Township, Yangon Region, has become famous this year, and many pilgrims have visited there, according to an official from the Hlegu Township News Group.

There are currently some pilgrims visiting the ancient Buddha's footprint on a mountain near Kanni village, Sarbutaung village-tract in Hlegu Township, through the pilgrimage packages offered by some travel companies, as well as those who visit on their own.

"It's more popular, and it's quite famous now. It's crowded. We heard that wishes made with resolution have been fulfilled. People from around Yangon and the surrounding areas come to visit," he said.



Ancient Buddha's footprint estimated to date back over 1,200-2,000 years ago.



The image depicts the Buddha footprint on a mountain near Kanni village, Sarbutaung village-tract in Hlegu, Yangon Region.

After visiting the site on Myanmar's New Year in April, writer and historian U Bone Tint Kyaw commented that spirals on the toes looked like delicate conch shells made in the Pyu era because the sizes of the toes were not the same as the big toe to the little toe. In contrast, they were usually the same in the later

Bagan era.

The Buddha's marks made with sandstone were abraded, and a similar footprint was found in the ancient Pyu City of Ingapu Township, Ayeyawady Region. Therefore, U Bone Tint Kyaw suggested that this sculpture was a Pyu-era work, dating back over 1,200-2,000 years ago, he added.

Some scholars remarked it could be a work in the Nyaungyan or Inwa era. Nevertheless, they unanimously say that it is an ancient Buddha's footprint sculpture, so it should be preserved. He also noted that the location of the footprint, which is a valuable ancient work, is easily accessible by road. — MT/ZN

NATIONAL

MoH Announcement on Severe Diarrhoea Outbreak Control in Yangon Region

10 July 2024 at 8 pm

ON-GROUND teams have been actively working to control the outbreak of severe diarrhoea in several townships in Yangon Region, under the close supervision of the Ministry of Health and with the assistance of the Yangon Region government. From 6 pm on 9 July to 6 pm on 10 July 2024, 115 new diarrhoea patients were admitted to hospitals in Yangon Region. Among them, 22 were confirmed to have severe diarrhoea, and all patients were reported to be in good condition. By 6 pm on 10 July 2024, a total of 217 diarrhoea patients had been discharged from hospitals. Efforts to control the disease are ongoing.

Ministry of Health

Flood Warning

(Issued at 13:30 hrs MST on 9-7-2024)

ACCORDING to the (12:30)hrs MST observation today, the water level of the Ayeyawady River at Pakokku is observed as about one foot (24 centimetres) below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next 12 hours.

According to the (12:30)hrs MST observation today, the water level of the Ayeyawady River at NyaungU is observed as about more than two inches (six centimetres) below its danger level.

It may reach its danger level during the next three hours. It is especially advised to the people who settle near the river banks and low lying areas at Pakokku and NyaungU Townships, to take precaution measure. — DMH



This photo showcases pilgrimage visits at Kyaiktiyo Pagoda.

Over 720,000 visit Kyaiktiyo for 2023 Buddha Pujaniya Festival

U Soe Hla, chairman of the board of trustees of the Kyaiktiyo Pagoda in Mon State, said that over 720,000 travellers visited the pagoda from October 2023 to May 2024 during the Buddha Pujaniya Festival. During this time, visitors from both local areas and abroad, particularly from neighbouring Thailand and Vietnam, come to the pagoda.

“The pagoda sees a significant influx of visitors starting from the full moon day of Thadingyut through to the full moon day of Kason,” U Soe Hla explained. “Even after the festival period ends, pilgrims continue to flock here. We host over 200 pilgrims on weekdays and up to 400 on weekends in the rainy season.” Since November, a large number of pilgrims from

across the country have been visiting Kyaiktiyo Pagoda. Hotels, guesthouses, restaurants, and stalls around the pagoda square remain open as usual. Approximately 250 mountain vehicles transport pilgrims daily to Kyaiktiyo Hill, with hotels, rest houses, and restaurants operating around the clock to accommodate them. — ASH/MKKS

Academy-awards-winning Myanmar film ‘Kan Kaung’ set to premiere in Bangkok

‘KAN Kaung’, a Myanmar film that won three Academy Awards in 2023, will premiere in 35 cinemas across Bangkok starting on 11 July, announced Win Lwin Htet, the film’s director.

Based on a novel by Kyal Su Thit, the film was scripted by Ni Moe Lwin and directed by Win Lwin Htet. It stars Paing Takhon, Academy Thu Htoo San, and Academy Khin Zarchi Kyaw.

“Thai and Myanmar audiences in Thailand can enjoy the film at Major Cineplex in Bangkok from 11 July. Actor Paing Takhon interviewed with Thai media and hosted a fan meeting for his Thai fans on 8 July,” Win Lwin Htet added.

The film not only por-



This photo shows actor Paing Takhon meeting Thai media.

trays the peaceful coexistence between humans and animals but also showcases Myanmar’s cultural beauty and natural landscapes exceptionally. It will be screened not only in Thai-

land but also in Cambodia.

At the 2023 Myanmar Film Excellence Award Ceremony, ‘Kan Kaung’ received awards for the best film, best cinematography, and best movie music. — ASH/TKO

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အချိန်မီ ဆေးကုသမှုခံယူခြင်း၊ အရေပြားအောက်တွင် နှစ်နှစ်အော့အန်ခြင်း၊ ဖျတ်တွင်း၊ ချိုင့်ဝင်ခြင်း၊ ခံတွင်း/လျှာနှင့်နှုတ်ခမ်းများခြောက်သွေ့ခြင်း၊ ကြွက်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းတို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

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NATIONAL

SAC Secretary underscores efforts to forge “win-win-win” scenario with government, people, bankers

STATE Administration Council Secretary Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dwe addressed a discussion on banking issues with patrons and presidents of State-owned and private banks in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the event, the SAC Secretary said the meeting was held to strengthen cooperation with banks, financial institutions, government, and central banks, as well as to ensure a stable monetary system and the nation's economic development and to establish mutual understanding. Banks are responsible for protecting the interests of their customers and carrying out measures for financial stability, safety, and solidity.

He continued that the government and the central bank support the needs of banks and that they should follow the rules and regulations in accordance with international standards.

People's interests must be protected from exploitation and price manipulation as businesses operate for their own sake rather than through positive



State Administration Council Secretary Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dwe chairs discussion with State-owned and private bank patrons and presidents yesterday.

competition systems. Similarly, effective actions will be taken if losses to the budget and properties of the government are found due to the breaking of existing laws, rules, regulations and procedures.

The country is adopting a market-oriented system so that the central bank and banks can operate freely. However, the gov-

ernment supervises occasionally as the breach of rules affects the country's economic policies. There is no need to worry about the rumours, and people should not withdraw large sums of money unnecessarily. The banks should supervise their banking services frequently despite the declining number of staff.

He also instructed the need

to make preparations to turn out human resources at the banks, to facilitate widespread use of cards and e-banking system, and establish qualified bank branches, and he called on the bankers to protect the interests of the public fully while the government is working hands in hands with the entire people to implement the five-point roadmap and nine

objectives successfully.

He also urged them to abide by the law, rules, and regulations and establish a “win-win-win” situation between the government, the people, and the banks.

Then, SAC Joint Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, SAC Member Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, SAC Member Foreign Exchange Supervisory Committee Chairman Lt-Gen Nyo Saw, Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein, and Central Bank of Myanmar Governor Daw Than Than Swe clarified the measures to be executed by the banks.

The SAC Secretary concluded the meeting after hearing the presentations of bankers and relevant officials regarding the emergence of the firm financial sector and investments in contract farmlands and agriculture and livestock breeding sectors and the production of value-added products by establishing factories and industries locally to substitute export products. — MNA/KTZH

SAC Chair Office Ministry 2 Union Minister receives Ethiopian Ambassador

STATE Administration Council Chairman's Office Ministry 2 Union Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing received Ethiopian Ambassador Mr Daba Debele Hunde, who is based in Tokyo, at the Ministry of the State Administration Council Chairman's Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Both sides cordially exchanged views on the current political developments of Myanmar and Ethiopia, further enhancement of existing bilateral relations between the two countries, trade promotion, investment opportunities and the experiences of response to natural disasters. — MNA/TS



The Ethiopian Ambassador calls on Union Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing yesterday.

DPM MoFA Union Minister-led delegation leaves for India to attend 2nd BIMSTEC Foreign Ministers' Retreat

AT the official invitation of Dr S Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of India, the Myanmar delegation led by U Than Swe, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, left for India yesterday to attend the Second BIMSTEC Foreign Ministers' Retreat in New Delhi. The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by India's Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Abhay Thakur and senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA



Deputy PM Union Minister U Than Swe (C) is seen before departing for India yesterday.

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NATIONAL

Myanmar and Russia explore future energy sector cooperation

THE first meeting of the Myanmar-Russia Energy Sector Cooperation between the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation was held yesterday afternoon through videoconferencing, attended by U Thant Sin, Deputy Minister for Energy, Deputy Minister for Energy Mr Sergey Mochalnikov of the Russian Federation, and members of the joint working group.

During the meeting, they discussed the current cooperation between Myanmar and Russia in the energy sector and future plans.

Both sides also focused on issues related to the purchase of LNG, including the development of the natural gas pipeline network, upgrading the existing refineries and construction of new refineries, and import and distribution of petroleum products.

The two sides had a friendly exchange of views on the opportunities for investment in Myanmar's energy sector and information on the energy sector between the two countries. They also discussed the possibility of holding the second meeting of the joint working group at the end of September 2024. — MNA/KZL



The first meeting of the Myanmar-Russia Energy Sector Cooperation between the Ministry of Energy of Myanmar and the Ministry of Energy of Russia in progress yesterday through videoconferencing.



Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw departs for China yesterday to attend the Second High-Level Conference of the Forum on Global Action for Shared Development.

MIFER Union Minister participates in Second High-Level Conference of Forum on Global Action for Shared Development

AT the invitation of the China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA), Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw left Yangon by flight yesterday morning to attend the Second High-Level Conference of the Forum on Global Action for Shared De-

velopment, which will be held from 11 to 13 July in Beijing, the People's Republic of China (PRC).

The Union minister and party were seen off by officials from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Yangon, the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic

Relations, and the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

The Union minister was accompanied by Director-General U Thant Sin Lwin of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA). — MIFER

MoFA Deputy Minister receives Indian Consul-General

U Lwin Oo, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mr Bibekananda Bhattamishra, Consul-General of the Consulate-General of the Republic of India in Sittway, Rakhine State, who has completed his tour of duty, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the call, the deputy minister commend-

ed the Indian consul-general's contributions towards further strengthening bilateral ties and cooperation during his tour of duty in Sittway. They cordially exchanged views on matters pertaining to the promotion of traditional bonds of friendship and continued collaboration in the implementation of the Kaladan Multi-modal Transit Transport Project as well as Rakhine State Development projects. — MNA



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Lwin Oo shakes hands with Indian Consul-General Mr Bibekananda Bhattamishra yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

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NATIONAL

Interview with Central Bank of Myanmar Deputy Governor Dr Lin Aung regarding rumours spreading on social media

The following is the transcript:-

Q: The news is spreading on social networks, such as the cash withdrawal at private banks increasing, a limit has been imposed on cash withdrawals from the banks, and private banks have also permitted cash withdrawals in a limited amount. Please explain about it.

A: The Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) emphasizes the digital payment system in implementing the digital economy of the government and creates digital platforms as per the cash management systems. The banks also create payment platforms, and the operation is running well.

Payments via the banks are prioritized in the international payment system. The CBM has already instructed the banks to allow cash withdrawals as per the rules and regulations. For example, the Special Account is permitted to withdraw as per the bank deposits. Moreover, transactions can be made via digital payment systems like electronic cards, mobile banking, mobile pay, Internet banking, and mobile wallets. Currently, arrangements are made to use them properly. Therefore, people do not need to worry about it as the payment and transactions can be made unlimitedly.

Q: Currently, people panic and withdraw their bank deposits due to the various propaganda of malicious media outlets. I would like to know the arrangements of the CBM.

A: The people now worry about their deposits and withdraw their deposits from the banks due to the rumours fuelled by the malicious media. It is found that the unscrupulous business people manipulate the dollar prices, gold, and 'hundi', and the people have anxiety and withdraw the cash. The commodity prices also become unstable due to the lack of financial stability.

In international countries, they reduce cash use and make payments via the safe digital payment system. The cash needs to be counted, and dangers such as water, fire, theft, and robbers can be encountered. Moreover, high withdrawals can cause unnecessary inflation, unstable trading conditions, and high commodity prices, and people face the impact of prices due to price manipulators. Therefore, officials and organizations take action against such unscrupulous people and price manipulators.



CBM Deputy Governor Dr Lin Aung.

Q: Although CBM's statement said there is no limit imposed on the amount of cash withdrawals from bank deposits, some private banks allow cash withdrawals at a limit in actual situations. Please explain it.

A: I replied to such a question earlier. Cash withdrawal can vary depending on the type of deposit. The Special Account withdrawals can be made as per the amount of cash deposits. The withdrawal for the savings account can be made once

a week. The withdrawal for Fix Deposit can be made only when it reaches the fixed target. In regard to bank deposits, including savings accounts, people can make cash withdrawals as per the stipulations of cash management of the CBM and can also enjoy banking services via digital methods such as mobile banking, internet banking and account transfer unlimitedly.

What I want to urge the people again is that they should use digital methods in transactions.

Q: Please mention the conditions for handling the banks by the CBM.

A: The CBM grants the needed cash to the banks. The banks also grant cash to the customers within the amount of money that can be stored at the bank. According to our previous experiences, the CBM handled large cash withdrawals from the banks properly, and banking services were provided well. The CBM supervises deposits and withdrawals of the banks daily, and the people do not need to worry about the rumours. They should work with us for the sake of the people.

Translated / KTZH

Pyay property market attracts Yangon residents

IN Pyay, which is one of the commercial cities in Myanmar, property transactions have increased recently, according to some local estate agents.

"There are more and more buyers in Pyay's property market. In Pyay, land prices are lower, nearly half compared to Yangon's. Land plot prices in Pyay's suburban wards are lower, nearly half than that of Yangon. There are buyers from Yangon," said an official from Lawon Ein real estate agency.

With a dense population, Pyay is a big and commercial city, making its property market develop, and there are a lot of enquiries from Yangon residents, he said.

"Pyay has a highway bus terminal, railway station, airport, university and college, and it houses government departments. Property transactions are happening in Shwedaung, Inma, Thoneze and Pyay," he said.

Being cheaper than Yangon, it is a big city that draws Yangon dwellers to buy land to relocate or for their second homes. — Thit Taw/ZS



Signage of entrance to Pyay.

MRF launches cash-on-delivery sales for Pawsan rice in Yangon

THE Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) declared on 9 July that cash-on-delivery sales for Shwebo and Ayeyawady Pawsan started in Yangon Region on 10 July, according to its notification 10/2024.

This move is to prevent unscrupulous persons from impersonating MRF with fake Facebook pages to deceive buyers for money, to entice retailers to cooperate in rice distribution at fair prices, and to provide better service for them.

MRF arranged this cash-on-delivery sale through retail shops across 33 townships in Yangon rather than pre-paid sales on 10 July. Shwebo and Ayeyawady Pawsan rice will be distributed according to set prices starting from 10 July.

MRF notified consumers to contact the nearest shops across 33 townships to purchase rice. This scheme is planned to proceed to Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and other cities. The list of rice shops will be issued soon. If consumers have any difficulties in buying rice or experience overpricing and sale mistakes with incorrect measurement and quality, they can contact MRF through 09 400067240, 09 400067250, 09 400067260, and 01 218266-68, MRF notified. — NN/KK

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

NATIONAL

Kawthoung border aims to reach trade value of US\$20M in July

THE Kawthoung border for Myanmar-Thailand trade is set to achieve a trade target of US\$20 million for July, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Fisheries exports at Kawthoung operate with a freight-on-board system. There is always a trade surplus at the Kawthoung border. The main export items are fish, shrimp, squid, crab, anchovy, and oil palms fruit.

Myanmar shipped 196.59 tonnes of fisheries worth \$0.195 million, 4,035.48 tonnes of agricultural produce worth \$0.979 million and 5.2 tonnes of other goods worth \$0.007 million to Thailand in the first week of July, totalling \$1.181 million.

Meanwhile, the country



File photo shows vessels being loaded with fisheries products at the Kawthoung border.

imports 19 tonnes of capital goods worth \$0.012 million, 599 tonnes of intermediate goods worth \$0.461 million and 11,606 tonnes of consumer goods worth \$0.014 million. The Ministry of Commerce has been prioritizing trade promotion. Thailand grants zero tariffs for maize imports between 1 February and 31 August yearly. Myanmar exports maize directly from Yangon Port to Ranong Port. Some are exported through the Kawthoung border as well.

The Kawthoung border performed the fourth-largest trade among other Myanmar-Thailand border posts, the Ministry of Commerce's statistics showed. — NN/KK

Agri Dept calls for EOI for rice export registration with China

THE Agriculture Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation called for an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the companies that want to seek rice and broken rice export registration with China.

The Sanitary and Phytosanitary Protocol (SPS Protocol) measures for biosecurity are required to send rice to China. According to an agreement between Myanmar and China, SPS protocol inspection is conducted every year.

Therefore, new companies that want to seek export registration are asked to submit EOI (hard copy



This photo shows packages of rice at a warehouse in Yangon.

and soft copy in a Microsoft Word file format) to the Agriculture Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Technical Working Group of MRF

by 31 July.

The application form can be received from the Crop Protection Division of the Agriculture Department located at West Gyogon Ward on Bayintnaung Road, Insein, through contact number 01 644214 and email directorppdoa@gmail.com and the Technical Working Group of MRF located in Lanmadaw Township through 01 218266-68 and 01 2301128-29 (9th floor) and email admin@mrf.com.mm. Applications can also be downloaded from <https://www.doa.gov.mm>, <https://ppd.doa.gov.mm> and www.umfeci.com.mm. — NN/KK

Over 50 deaths on Yangon-Mandalay expressway in 6 months

ACCORDING to the Highway Police Force, there have been over 50 fatalities from traffic accidents on the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway in the first six months of this year.

From January to June, a total of 99 accidents occurred on the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, resulting in 186 injuries and 52 deaths. The monthly breakdown of accidents is 18 accidents with 37 injuries and 15 deaths in January, 12 accidents with 28 injuries and eight deaths in February, 14 accidents with 27 injuries and three deaths in March, 15 accidents with 34 injuries and seven deaths in April, 21 accidents with 30 injuries and ten deaths in May, and 19 accidents with 30 injuries and nine deaths in June, according to the Highway Police Force.

Speed limits vary depending on the vehicle type on the highway: 100 kilometres per hour for private vehicles, 90 kilometres per hour for passenger express vehicles and 60 kilometres per hour for light trucks, Hijet and trucks.

In 2023, more than 1,3019 cases of vehicles exceeding the speed limit were recorded on the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, according to the Nay Pyi Taw Expressway Highway Police Force. — TWA/TKO



Accident occurred on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway.

8 missing after boat capsized in Yangon River

EIGHT people are missing after a passenger boat capsized following a collision with an anchored barge in the Yangon River, according to the Myanmar Fire Services Department.

An investigation reveals that a boat carrying 17 passengers capsized in the Yangon River, approximately five nautical furlongs away from Bargaya port in Kyimyindine Township while crossing to the op-

posite side of the river at around 8:10 am on 10 July. That prompted relevant fire services, in collaboration with social welfare associations, to initiate search and rescue operations using their rescue vessels. A total of nine out of the 17 passengers, including students and company staff, were rescued, and search and rescue operations are ongoing to find the remaining eight passengers.

"I heard that some of the rescued individuals have been taken to Yangon General Hospital for medical treatment by social welfare associations, and the search operation continues," U Win Oo, who lives near the port, told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM). — TWA/TH



This photo shows officials conducting rescue operations in Yangon River after a ferry capsized in the Yangon River.

India to import 500,000 tonnes of Myanmar maize duty-free

INDIA has been importing Myanmar maize with zero tariffs. The import volume is estimated at 500,000 tonnes.

To reduce commodity prices in India, India will give a go-ahead to imports of sunflower oil and buckwheat oil and powder under the Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) system beyond maize. Importers will enjoy a low or zero rate of duty. India's government permits imports of 500,000 tonnes of maize, 150,000 tonnes of sunflower oil, 150,000 tonnes of buckwheat oil and 10,000 tonnes of milk powder; The Economic Times stated.

India imports two-thirds of vegetable oil from foreign countries to meet domestic demand. India brings in palm oil from Indonesia and Malaysia, sunflower oil and soybean oil from Russia,

Ukraine, Argentina, and Brazil, and maize from Myanmar at a zero tariff rate. India is the world's largest importer of palm oil, soybean oil, and vegetable oil, and it is the world's largest producer of milk. Crops were damaged due to erratic weather, hindering the supply chain. Food demand has increased by eight per cent from November 2023. Consequently, the Economic Times mentioned that the government's plan to cut commodity prices was not achieved.

State-owned agencies, such as the National Dairy Development Board, the National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India, and the National Agricultural Cooperative Management Federation (NAFED), are allowed to import oil. — NN/KK



Farm workers are seen sorting out the harvested corn.

MRF urges retailers to sell rice at reference prices



Rice selling takes place at the Wahdan rice wholesale centre. PHOTO: KANU

MYANMAR Rice Federation (MRF) has encouraged retailers to sell rice at reference prices and cooperate to stabilize rice prices, according to its notification dated 8 July.

Retailers play a vital role in the rice market, and they have a direct connection with consumers. They are located across towns and cities. At present, rice millers, depot owners, and wholesalers are found to follow the instructions and sell rice at the set reference prices. Retailers still need to comply with this. Therefore, MRF urged retailers to sell rice (Shwebo

Pawsan, Ayeyawady Pawsan, Pawsan rice varieties, 90-day short matured rice, Pakhan, Manaw Thukha, Ayeyamin, Ayeyapadetha, Magyantaw rice varieties) at the right price, right sales and good quality, MRF reiterated.

Inspections and prosecutions against those who sell the rice at overprice will face action under the Essential Supplies and Service Law and Consumer Protection Law. Concerted efforts of all stakeholders concerned in the distribution chains are required for rice market stability, MRF notified.

Furthermore, consumers can complain through the contact numbers of MRF (09 400067240, 09 400067250, 09400067260, and 01 218266-68) by tipping off if wholesalers, rice millers and depot owners fail to comply with instructions to sell rice at reference prices if they do not sell the goods and only if the rice of inferior quality can buy. If retailers need to get access to supply to sell rice at reference price, MRF will directly send them to retail shops. MRF invited retailers to join in this effort to stabilize rice prices. — NN/KK

Kampaiti border trade value exceeds US\$21M in June

THE trade value at the Kampaiti border between Myanmar and China hit US\$21 million in June 2024, according to the news released by the Ministry of Commerce.

The trade value at the Kampaiti border between Myanmar and China is expected to meet a target of US\$5 million in June in the 2024-2025 financial year, including exports worth \$4 million and imports worth one million dollars, according to the Ministry of Commerce.



Lorries loaded with export and import cargo are seen crossing the Myanmar-China border.

The actual trade value surpassed the trade target, with exports worth \$9.847 million and imports worth \$11.789 million, totalling \$21.636 million.

The main export items at the Kampaiti border were tissue-culture banana, pumpkin, dried chilli, onion, dried mango slice, fresh areca nut, black cardamom, various pulses, tamarind with seeds and aluminium scrap. Meanwhile, capital goods, intermediate goods, construction ma-

terials, consumer goods, fruits and fuel oil were imported.

A combined team, including one-stop service agencies and departments concerned, is making efforts to ensure smooth trade flow and bolster exports. Myanmar conducted border trade with neighbouring country China via the Kampaiti border and performed the third largest trade amount in Q1 (April-June) this financial year 2024-2025. — NN/KK

OPINION

Uphold empathy in trading rice and paddy for all

MYANMAR is an agrarian country, with paddy and other staple crops forming the backbone of its agriculture. Farmers dedicate significant effort to growing paddy, with some cultivating it two to three times annually, ensuring a continuous supply. Paddy and rice, being staple foods, are crucial for the entire population.

Recently, however, some traders have exploited this necessity by selling rice at excessively high prices, disregarding the impact on daily life. In response, authorities have taken action against those selling rice at profit margins exceeding the reference prices

set monthly by the Myanmar Rice Federation. Offenders who increased prices by 11-30 per cent will be fined, while those inflating prices by 31-70 per cent face prosecution under Section 5 of the Important Commodity and Service Law 2012. These reference prices are designed to be fair to both consumers and sellers, typically varying by only five to ten per cent in the market. At shopping malls and supermarkets, prices might differ by 10-20 per cent. However, since early 2024, rice prices have risen sharply, creating challenges for low-income families.

Several factors contribute to the rising prices, including climate changes affecting harvests, high costs of pesticides, fertilizers, and other inputs, increased labour charges, and instability in paddy-growing areas. Additionally, some traders hoard paddy to manipulate market prices.

Myanmar cultivates paddy on approximately 17 million acres annually, representing 34 per cent of all crops. About 80 per cent of this paddy is consumed domestically, with the remaining 20 per cent exported. This extensive market emphasizes the need for ethical trading practices. Manipulating rice prices not only burdens consumers but also destabilizes the market.

Empathy is essential in this context. Both sellers and consumers are fellow citizens, and considering each other's circumstances can prevent unnecessary hardships. Upholding empathy in trading practices ensures that rice remains accessible to all, fostering a stable and equitable market. By acting with compassion and fairness, traders can support the well-being of the entire nation.

In Myanmar, all businesses have to consider the interests of consumers and traders reasonably. All businesspeople have to uphold the concept that consumers are their benefactors. Hence, taking a wider margin of profit in trading will not bring good results to all. Only when all are embracing the consideration in all measures will the society be prosperous. Consequently, both consumers and traders will be peaceful in their minds.

IDIOMS are colourful expressions that can add depth and nuance to everyday communication. Here are some common Myanmar idioms and their meanings that can be helpful in daily conversations:

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ဒါက ဇာတ်သဘင်စကားပေါ့။ ဇာတ်ကတုအခါ ကတုသူက သူဘာလုပ်ပါတော့မယ်။ ဒါကြောင့် ဆိုင်းဆရာက ဘယ်လိုတီးလုံးတီးကွက်မျိုးတီးပေးပါလို့ စာသံပေးသံနဲ့ ပြောရတယ်။ အဲဒါကို ဆိုင်းဆင့်တယ် လို့ ခေါ်တာပေါ့။

ရေသည်ပြဇာတ်မှာ ရေသည်မိန်းမက ဆိုင်းဆရာကို 'အိုးပင့်တော်မူလိုက်စမ်းပါဦး မောင်ကြီးရှင့်' လို့ ဆိုင်းဆင့်တယ်မဟုတ်လား။ အဲဒါတော့မှ ဆိုင်းဆရာက ဆီ လျော်ရာ တီးလုံးတီးပေးလိုက်တော့ ရေသည်မက ရေအိုးရှက်ပြီးဝင်သွားတာလေ။ ဒီတော့ ကပြသူတစ်ခုခု လုပ်တော့မယ်ဆိုရင် ကြိုတင်ဆိုင်းဆင့်ရမှာကို ဆိုင်းမဆင့်ဘဲ ရုတ်တရက်ထွက်တာမျိုး ပြော တာပေါ့။

“ကြိုအသိမပေးဘဲ ရောက်လာ” တဲ့အဖြစ်မျိုးအတွက် တင်စားပြောဆိုတဲ့ ဥပစာစကားတစ်ခုပါ။

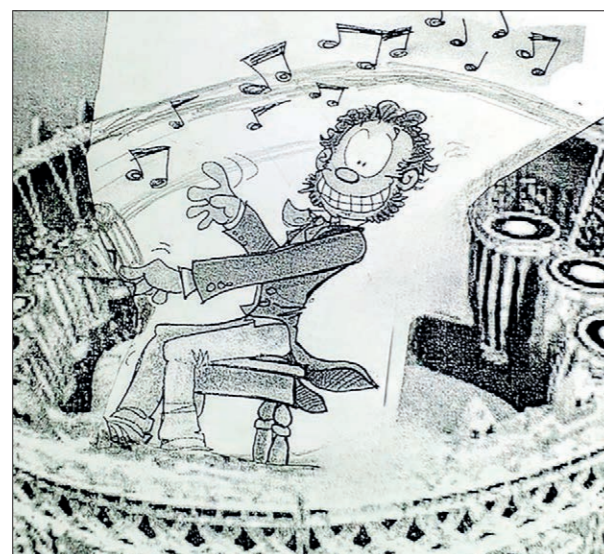
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- Not signalling one's actions or intentions. \
- Failing to indicate one's actions or intentions.

The Myanmar idiom draws from the cultural context of classical stage dramas. In these performances, a ministerial character traditionally recites a brief composition just before leaving the stage. This recitation serves as a signal to the orchestra, preparing them for his imminent exit. The idiom metaphorically extends this practice to everyday behaviour: when someone enters or exits abruptly without any indication, it's likened to not giving a hint to the orchestra.

Essentially, the idiom reflects a cultural expectation of signalling one's actions or intentions, much like how the minister alerts the orchestra in the play. It emphasizes the importance of providing clear indications or warnings before making a move or a decision, ensuring that others are not caught off guard or left unaware. This concept goes beyond mere courtesy; it's about maintaining harmony and smooth transitions in interactions and situations.

In summary, the idiom captures a cultural value of communication and consideration, encouraging individuals to give notice or hints before making abrupt entrances or exits, much like the minister does for the orchestra in Myanmar classical stage dramas.



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Connecting on the Universal Dance of Words

By Augustin

USAGES:
“Give a Cue to the Orchestra”

Definition: To provide a clear signal or indication before taking action or leaving, ensuring others are prepared.

Example: Sarah always gives a cue to the orchestra before leaving work by notifying her colleagues of her departure time.

“Sound the Departure Bell”

Definition: To give a clear warning or indication before leaving a place or ending an activity.

Example: Before ending the meeting, the manager sounded the departure bell by summarizing the key points.

“Raise the Curtain Before the Play”

Definition: To prepare others by providing a preliminary indication or warning before starting something.

Example: The professor raised the curtain before the play by discussing the agenda for the lecture.

“Strike the Opening Chord”

Definition: To initiate something by giving a clear signal or indication of the beginning.

Example: The CEO struck the opening chord of the project by outlining the goals and timeline during the kickoff meeting.

“Call the Stage Hands”

Definition: To give notice or warning before making a significant move or decision.

Example: Before making any major changes to the company policy, the management always calls the stagehands to inform employees.

“Set the Scene for Departure”

Definition: To create a preparatory atmosphere by providing hints or signals before leaving.

Example: John set the scene for departure by finishing his tasks early and informing his team of his upcoming vacation.

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- တစ်ဖက်သား သတိလစ်ဟင်းချိန်ကို စောင့်၍ပြုလုပ်သည်။
- သူ့ကို အင့်ကဲဖမ်းပြီး မေးလိုက်တော့ မဖြေနိုင်တော့ဘူး.....
- Clever cheaters evade, but catching them off guard exposes misdeeds.
- To catch someone off guard when they are feeling drowsy, i.e., to take them by surprise.
- To surprise someone who is feeling sleepy, catching them unprepared.

A clever cheater cannot be easily detected as he will always be on the alert. Any questions that may expose his wrongdoing will be cleverly avoided. However, when he is not alert and is in a state similar to falling asleep, he may unintentionally reveal the crime he has committed. Therefore, waiting for an opportunity when the person is negligent or unaware is known as trying to catch someone when they feel drowsy.

The Myanmar idiom describes the strategy of catching someone off guard when they are feeling drowsy or sleepy. It highlights how a cunning cheater is always alert and cautious to avoid getting caught but might slip up when their guard is down, such as when they are on the brink of falling asleep. At these moments of inattention or unawareness, they may inadvertently reveal their misdeeds.

Overall, the idiom emphasizes the importance of timing and observation in catching someone off guard

and taking advantage of their moments of weakness when they least expect it.

USAGES:
“Strike While the Iron is Hot”

Definition: To take action at the most opportune moment when conditions are favourable.

Example: The negotiator advised his team to strike while the iron was hot and finalize the deal before the competition.

“Catch Someone Napping”

Definition: To take advantage of someone's moment of inattention or unpreparedness.

Example: The opposing team caught our defence napping and scored a goal during the final minutes of the game.

“Seize the Moment”

Definition: To take advantage of an opportunity promptly and decisively.

Example: She knew she had to seize the moment and ask for a promotion while her boss was in a good mood.

“Take Advantage of Someone's Weak Spot”

Definition: To exploit someone's vulnerability or area of weakness.

Example: The con artist took advantage of his target's generosity by appealing to her weak spot for charitable causes.

“Pounce on an Opportunity”

Definition: To act quickly and decisively when a favourable opportunity presents itself.

Example: The startup pounced on the opportunity to expand into new markets when its competitor faced financial troubles.

“Catch Someone Off Guard”

Definition: To surprise someone by doing something unexpected, often taking advantage of their unprepared state.

Example: The journalist caught the politician off guard with a tough question during the press conference.

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- To unpack the bundle
- To expose a disgraceful or uncomfortable truth or secret in a public setting
- ကိုယ့်အထုပ် ကိုယ်ဖြေဖြေ
- မိမိ၏အစုတ်ထုပ်ကို လူပုဂံအလယ်တွင် ဖြေပြသကဲ့သို့ မိမိနှင့်ပတ်သက်သော အဖြစ်အနာဆာများကို မိမိပင် ဖွင့်ဖော်ပြသည့်။
- “ဖေးဖေးအုပ်အုပ် လူမသိအောင် ဇာတ်မြှုပ်ထားသင့်ပါလျက် ဖိတ်စာကိုပေး အကျွေးအမွေးတွေနှင့် ဧည့်ခံကာ ကိုယ့်အထုပ် ညစ်မည်းကို လူပုဂံထဲ ဖြေဖြေသလို...”

The Myanmar idiom “To unpack the bundle” refers to revealing a shameful act or unpleasant matter in public. In Myanmar, people often wrap up small pieces

of clothing and odds and ends of old and new cloth in a bundle for later use.

However, if this bundle is opened in front of others, it can be embarrassing because only valueless items are revealed, which may be looked down upon. Therefore, exposing something disgraceful or distasteful in a public setting is metaphorically compared to unpacking a bundle of rags.

“The Myanmar idiom “To unpack the bundle” is a metaphorical expression that means to reveal a shameful or unpleasant truth or secret in public. In Myanmar, people often carry a bundle of old and new cloth scraps wrapped up together for later use. When this bundle is opened in public, it is embarrassing because it reveals only worthless items, which can lead to ridicule or scorn. Similarly, when someone “unpacks the bundle” in a public setting, they are exposing something shameful or distasteful, which can lead to social shame or embarrassment. The idiom is used to convey the idea of revealing something that is best kept private and the consequences of doing so. It serves as a reminder to think carefully before sharing sensitive or embarrassing information in public.”

USAGES:
“Air Dirty Laundry”

- o Meaning: Discuss private or embarrassing matters in public, causing discomfort or shame.
- o Example: She shouldn't talk about their family problems at the office; it's not professional to air dirty laundry.

“Wash One's Dirty Linen in Public”

- o Meaning: Publicly reveal personal or private issues that should remain confidential.
- o Example: The politician's decision to reveal personal issues backfired, losing public trust.

“Open a Can of Worms”

- o Meaning: Start a complex or unpleasant situation that causes further problems.
- o Example: Bringing up past grievances at the family reunion opened a can of worms and caused tension.

“Let the Cat out of the Bag”

- o Meaning: Accidentally or intentionally reveal a secret or confidential information.
- o Example: Jane accidentally let the cat out of the bag about the surprise party, disappointing her sister.

“Spill the Beans”

- o Meaning: Disclose or reveal something confidential or secretive.
- o Example: Tom unintentionally spilt the beans about the upcoming merger, which was supposed to be confidential.

“Hang Out One's Dirty Laundry”

- o Meaning: Expose personal or embarrassing information publicly, inviting criticism or shame.
- o Example: The celebrity's decision to share personal details on social media led to public scrutiny.

“Expose Skeletons in the Closet”

- o Meaning: Reveal hidden or embarrassing truths about someone's past or private life.
- o Example: The journalist's report exposed several scandals from the politician's past, damaging his reputation.

NATIONAL

MoHT Union Minister attends 60th ASEAN Tourism Authority meeting

TO promote and collaborate in the tourism industry across the ASEAN region, including China, Japan, Korea, and India, ASEAN member countries host the ASEAN Tourism Authority meeting and related gatherings alternately twice a year. Representatives from these member countries attend the meetings.

Myanmar is hosting the 60th ASEAN Tourism Authority Meeting, the 45th ASEAN+ China, Japan, Korea Tourism Authority Meeting, and the 32nd ASEAN+ India Tourism Authority Meeting from 10 to 11 July at the Jade Hall of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism via videoconferencing. Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr Thet Thet Khine attended and gave the opening speech.

U Phyto Zaw Soe, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism, and other officials from the Ministry also attended the meetings.

In her opening remarks, the Union minister expressed pride and joy in the efforts of ASEAN and its partner organizations for the recovery of the tourism industry during the COVID-19 pandemic and the development of tourism in the ASEAN region. According to



The 60th ASEAN Tourism Authority Meeting, the 45th ASEAN+ China, Japan, Korea Tourism Authority Meeting, and the 32nd ASEAN+ India Tourism Authority Meeting hosted by Myanmar in progress through videoconferencing yesterday.

Myanmar tourism development data, between 2023 and 2024, 1.28 million international tourists visited in 2023, a four-and-a-half times increase compared to 2022. Additionally, the countries with the highest number of tourist arrivals are ASEAN member countries and partner countries such as China, Japan, and Korea. As of June 2024, 0.6 million international tourists have arrived,

a 63 per cent increase compared to the same period in 2023, mainly from China and Thailand.

Following the ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan 2016-2025, Myanmar aims to enhance human resource development, sustainable tourism, and joint market promotion in ASEAN tourism. The Union minister thanked the Philippines for leading the 2025 ASE-

AN Tourism Strategic Planning Project with the help of the Asian Development Bank and stated that Myanmar would cooperate with it. She also thanked all stakeholders for their experience and expertise that contributed to the development of ASEAN tourism. The Union minister expressed confidence that these meetings would lead to transformational results that would contribute

to sustainable development among member countries.

Following the opening remarks, the meetings continued with the leader of Malaysia's Tourism Authority acting as the chairman of the 60th ASEAN Tourism Authority meeting and U Maung Maung Kyaw, Director-General of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism under the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, acting as the vice-chairman. Leaders of tourism authorities from ASEAN member countries, representatives from regional and international organizations related to tourism, and representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat also participated.

On 11 July 2024, the 45th ASEAN+3 (China, Japan, Korea) Tourism Authority Meeting will be held with Malaysia and Korea as joint chairpersons, along with the 32nd ASEAN+ India Tourism Group Meeting with Malaysia and India as joint chairpersons. Representatives from tourism authorities of China, Japan, Korea, and India will attend these meetings. Representatives from the ASEAN-China Centre, ASEAN-Japan Centre, and ASEAN-Korea Centre will also participate. — MNA/TKO

Myanmar filmmakers invited to participate in Mekong-ROK Documentary Film Festival 2024

FILM enthusiasts from Myanmar have been invited to participate in the Mekong-ROK Documentary Film Festival 2024, according to the National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon).

Filmmakers and producers from Mekong region countries – Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia – as well as the Republic of

Korea, have been invited to enter the competition.

The documentary submissions must be between 15 and 20 minutes long, in full HD quality, and should depict traditional foods and sports of the relevant contestant countries.

Additionally, the documentary entries must be submitted online to the festival organizing committee with English

subtitles. Submissions will be accepted from 16 June until the end of July, and the selected documentaries will be announced on 31 August.

The Mekong-ROK Documentary Film Festival 2024 is organized by the Mekong-ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF) and the National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon). — ASH/TMT

Mekong - ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF)

Documentary Film Festival 2024
(Traditional Games & Foods)

20.11.2024 - 24.11.2024

Yangon, Myanmar

Invitation to a contest at the festival.

NATIONAL

Falcon enthusiasm rises in Myanmar

THE number of falcon enthusiasts has been growing in Myanmar, and falcon breeding has begun widespread over the last ten years.

Neighbouring Thailand has a modern technique in falcon breeding, and Myanmar still needs a similar one.

“Falcon enthusiasts have been widespread in Myanmar in recent years. The number of breeders has become enormous in the last ten years. Generally, those who sell birds at pagodas kill falcons to eat when they are caught in a trap. They don't like that falcon is caught in the trap because it eats meat and needs



Falcons are recently famous among bird enthusiasts.

to be kept in a cage alone, but hundreds of sparrows can be kept in a single cage. In the past, when a falcon was caught in a bird seller's trap, we could buy it at a cheap price. Now, it is costly to buy from poachers. The falcon trading market already existed among enthusiasts. The number of falcon breeders has gradually developed from this habit,” said a falcon enthusiast from Kyaukse Township.

In Myanmar, falcons are also being bred for hunting, and some species are very expensive, said falcon enthusiasts.

“Falcons are used as hunters in Thailand. Here, tamed ones are being used for hunting other birds or rats in crop fields, but this habit has yet to develop. Falcons become tamed now, and they can be taught to come back to their owners,” said Ko Eden Oo, a falcon enthusiast from Shwepyitha Township.

There is a hunting competition for endangered bird species in Myanmar, and breeders of birds listed as endangered species, including falcons, around the country participate in it. — Thit Taw/ZS

MNHRC inspects Shwegondine Child Care Centre



Members of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission inspect the Shwegondine Child Care Centre in Bahan Township, Yangon Region yesterday.

THE inspection team, led by U Kyaw Soe and Dr Than Myint, members of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC), inspected the Shwegondine Child Care

Centre in Bahan Township, Yangon Region, in accordance with Sections 43 and 44 of the Commission Law.

The team inspected healthcare services and nutritional supplements for the residential nursery in the Child Care Centre and also examined the provision of fundamental human rights such as basic education and preschool education.

The MNHRC inspection team will inform the relevant department of its findings and recommendations for necessary actions under the MNHRC Law. — MNA

Philippines, Indonesia, and Myanmar lead seafarer sources in Southeast Asia

AMONG the countries with the highest number of sailors in Asia, the Philippines, Indonesia and Myanmar from Southeast Asia are included, said Captain Soe Min Aung, president of the Myanmar Seafarers Federation (MSF).

“In the past, people from Japan, Korea, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, China, and Malaysia used to go on ships. However, over the past two decades, there have been fewer people on ships from these countries. Myanmar is one of the countries where more people come on board ships with low wages. If you look at Asia, the Filipinos are the top, followed by Indonesians and Myanmar,” he said.

It is necessary to improve the skills of the seafarers in order to get more Myanmar nationals to work as sailors, he said.

“They work on ships to get wages. It is to exchange labour for money. If you look around the world, the employer will hire those with cheaper wages. In the last two decades, Chinese and Vietnamese have also worked on ships. However, when their wages are high because of their



Some Myanmar seafarers.

better economies, the employer doesn't want to hire them. When they don't want to hire, there are vacancies. To fill these gaps, you must have a decent quality and be able to compete with others. As for the salary, if it is cheaper compared to others, the employer will hire,” he explained.

Currently, the MSF has launched free basic English courses at the worksite and free practical deck training for sailors who will serve on cruise ships. — MT/ZN

Daily newspapers available online

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Counter-argument to false information

Misinformation: Trainees forced to sign for 5 years of military service

THE malicious news media are writing false reports that the people's military servants who have completed the course were initially called to serve for two years. But, in reality, they were forced to sign to serve for five years.

An official said that the news is not correct. In relation to the

People's Military Service Law, social networks, including the State-owned media, are making announcements to the public and sending SMS notifications to mobile phones to ensure that they can serve only in accordance with the provisions of the law.

However, subversive media

and terrorist groups are circulating timely incitement propaganda to misguide young people. In order to prevent the public from worrying about the news of military service, State media and military service education news and broadcasts are continuously posted at <https://mod.gov.mm/node/74>.

Regarding unclear topics, people can contact the numbers of the People's Military Service at the central level, state and regional levels and the phone numbers of the relevant summoning groups during office hours. — MNA/KZL



Screenshot of Khit Thit media validates fake news.

NATIONAL

ME assists nationals affected by Bangkok fire, negotiates for those with damaged IDs

OFFICIALS from the Labour Attaché Office met Myanmar nationals who were affected by a fire that broke out in Yaowarat, Bangkok, Thailand and helped those who lost their identifications through negotiation with respective Thai officials, said the Myanmar Embassy.

The fire broke out in Bangkok's Chinatown or Yaowarat on 6 July at about 8 pm, and houses and shops were destroyed in the fire, leaving about 120 people homeless, it said.

Among the victims, some Myanmar nationals were included. Labour Attaché (director) U Myo Min Aung from the Myanmar Labour Attaché Office and a consular officer

from the Myanmar Embassy, Daw San Thit Yi, went to the Thai monastery Wat Samphanthawong Saram Worawihan which provided shelter for victims of the fire on the morning of 8 July and met Myanmar nationals.

Myanmar nationals totalling 12 – six males, five females and one child – have taken temporary shelter at the monastery. Of them, the passports and ID cards of the three were damaged in the fire. Myanmar officials negotiated with respective Thai officials for their damaged documentation in order to help them to be able to continue to work and live. Myanmar officials also provided food and other needs.



Officials from Myanmar Labour Attaché Office met Myanmar nationals who were affected in the Bangkok fire.

Other Myanmar nationals who missed the meeting can contact the embassy for registration if their documentation are lost or damaged in the fire, said the embassy. — MT/ZS

603 kilogrammes of Ice seized in Kengtung

A total of 603 kilogrammes of Ice (methamphetamine) worth over K4.8 billion was seized in Kengtung, Shan State (East), as stated by the Myanmar Police Force.

A joint team consisting of the anti-narcotics police stopped and searched a Nissan 12-wheel vehicle on Mongpyin-Kengtung Road near Kyinephaung Village, Kengtung Township, at 6:30 pm on 8 July

and seized 603 kilogrammes of Ice (methamphetamine) worth over K4.824 billion, covered with corn sacks on the vehicle. According to further investigation, the drugs were to be carried from Mongpyin to Tachilek for trafficking.

Legal action was taken against Sai Lin Oo, the driver, and those who are involved in the case are being investigated. — MNA/KZL



Offender seen alongside confiscated Ice (methamphetamine) and vehicle.

Effective seizure of illegal goods in various states and regions

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to prevent and prosecute the illicit trade continue effectively in accordance with the law.

On 8 July, a combined team managed by the Magway Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force conducted inspections at the checkpoint of Magway Township. They seized one Toyota Mark II and one Hijet valued at K12 million. Legal action was taken under the Import and Export Law.

On 9 July, a combined team managed by the Kachin State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force conducted inspections at the 21-mile combined checkpoint in Myitkyina. They seized 60,000 kilogrammes of nitric acid and 30,000 kilogrammes of sulphuric acid valued at K9.36 million, and one CAMC tractor head and one Volvo tractor head valued at approximately K28 million. Legal action was carried out in accordance with the Prevention of Hazard from Chemicals and Related Substances Rules. The team also seized 55 gallons of gasoline and seven gallons of diesel in Moekaung Township, which was

valued at K1.5 million.

On the same day, a combined team under the Kayin State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force inspected near Htepoekalon Village on the Myaingyingu-Shwegun-Hpa-an Road and seized a total of 1,396 containers of 18-litre palm oil worth K100.512 million and one Nissan Diesel truck with an estimated value of K35 million. The action was taken in line with Customs procedures. On the same day, another team under the Shan State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force inspected and seized four commodity items, including two China-made car front windcreens with an approximate value of K1.81 million near the

Sinphyu checkpoint in Muse. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

Additionally, another combined team under the Yangon Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force inspected and seized two unregistered Honda Click-160 motorbikes valued at K14 million at Laytaisn checkpoint on Taikkyi-Phaungyi Road located in Taikkyi Township. The action was taken under the Import and Export Law.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported that 12 arrests were made on 8 and 9 July, resulting in the seizure of illegal goods worth approximately K538 million. — MNA/TMT



Confiscated motorcycle without registration licence in Yangon Region.

Japan producer prices rise 2.9% in June

The depreciation of the yen contributed to higher prices of raw materials and resources. A weaker yen makes imports more expensive, which in turn increases costs for producers relying on imported materials.

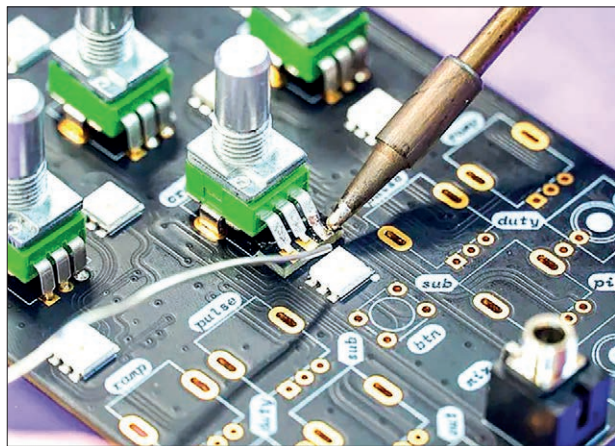


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PRODUCER prices in Japan rose 2.9 per cent in June from a year earlier, marking a record high for the seventh straight month, buoyed by a weaker yen and reduced energy subsidies, central bank data showed Wednesday.

The producer price index, which measures the prices companies charge each other for goods and services, increased for the 40th month in a row to reach 122.7 against the 2020 base of 100, the Bank of Japan (BOJ) said in a preliminary

report.

The index was lifted by higher prices of raw materials and resources reflecting the yen's depreciation, as well as a reduction in government subsidies designed to cushion the impact of higher electricity and gas prices, according to the BOJ. In June, producer prices grew for 389 of the 515 items surveyed and fell for 110.

By category, prices for nonferrous metals jumped 19.4 per cent, led by copper and aluminum, while those for food and beverages increased 2.8 percent as higher costs for wrapping materials and fuels were passed on to product prices — Xinhua

Condo prices in Vietnam's capital catch up with southern market

PRICES of condominiums in Vietnam's capital Hanoi are catching up with prices in Ho Chi Minh City in both primary and secondary markets, Vietnam News cited CBRE Vietnam's report on the capital's real estate market in the first half of this year.

In Hanoi's primary market, the average sell-

ing price was about 60 million Vietnamese dong (US\$2,360) per square metre, excluding value added tax and maintenance fees. That price was only three million dong (\$118) lower than the average price in Ho Chi Minh City.

Nguyen Hoai An, senior director for the research and consulting division at

CBRE Vietnam, said the supply of new apartments in Hanoi increased four-fold in the second quarter of 2024 from the previous quarter. Over 10,840 apartments were offered to the Hanoi's market in the first half of this year, the highest supply recorded since 2020, according to CBRE. — Xinhua



Prices of condominiums in Vietnam's capital Hanoi are catching up with prices in Ho Chi Minh City in both primary and secondary markets. PHOTO: PIXABAY

Coffee exports bring Ethiopia US\$1.43 bln past financial year

COFFEE exports brought Ethiopia US\$1.43 billion in revenue during the just-concluded Ethiopian financial year, the government has said.

Ethiopia exported 298,500 tonnes of coffee during the Ethiopian 2023/24 financial year that ended on 7 July, the Ethiopian Coffee and Tea Authority (ECTA) said in a statement on Tuesday.

In June, the East African country exported 46,000 tonnes of coffee, generating a record \$218 million in revenue, the ECTA said.

In the previous financial year, Ethiopia earned \$1.3 billion in revenue from the export of about

240,000 tonnes of coffee.

ECTA data show that the volume of coffee exported in the 2023/24 financial year rose about 20 per cent when compared to the previous financial year.

Ethiopia, regarded as the origin of Arabica coffee, is one of Africa's largest producers and exporters of the commodity. Coffee production is seen as the backbone of the country's agriculture-led economy.

Widely recognized for its quality and rich flavours, ranging from winy to fruity and chocolatey, Ethiopian coffee has been in great demand across the globe. — Xinhua

Hawaii airport evacuated over Japanese man's grenades: police

A Hawaii airport was briefly evacuated after a Japanese man was found with two inert grenades in his hand luggage, police said following his arrest.

Officers cleared the

terminal on Tuesday while a bomb squad moved in to investigate the suspicious items, which were picked up on an X-ray machine.

"The Hilo International Airport experienced a

brief halt in operations" for little over an hour, Hawaii police said in a statement.

The bomb squad "determined the items to be inert grenades," police reported, meaning they were

not dangerous.

A 41-year-old Japanese man was arrested on a "terroristic threatening" charge and remains in custody, the force said. — AFP

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ROLLING UPDATES: WORLD



The distance from the Chennai Port to Russia's Vladivostok Port, via the Eastern Maritime Corridor, is only 5,647 nautical miles, or 10,458 kilometres, Port of Vladivostok. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

India, Russia to expand logistics links, cooperate in civil aviation security

INDIA and Russia on Tuesday expressed readiness to actively work to expand logistics links with an emphasis on increasing the capacity of infrastructure, including for implementation of the Chennai-Vladivostok Eastern Maritime Corridor and the International North-South Transport Corridor, as well as using the potential of the Northern Sea Route.

The joint Statement following the 22nd India-Russia Annual

Following the 22nd India-Russia Annual Summit, a joint statement highlighted their shared vision of developing robust transport corridors and fostering efficient production and distribution networks across Eurasia.

Summit said the two sides share approaches on building a new architecture of stable and efficient transport corridors, and

pay close attention to the development of promising production and marketing chains in Eurasia, including for the purpose

of implementing the idea of a Greater Eurasian space.

The statement was issued following talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

It said the two sides will continue joint efforts to intensify the use of INSTC route in order to reduce the time and cost of cargo transport and to promote connectivity in the Eurasian space. — ANI

Hollywood divided over Biden's candidacy

IN the wake of President Joe Biden's shaky performance during a recent presidential debate, a rift has emerged among Hollywood's elite regarding his continued candidacy.

While many of Biden's celebrity backers continue their support, some previously fervent supporters, like Damon Lindelof and Barry Diller, have ceased donations to Biden's re-election efforts, signalling a potential shift in Hollywood's political landscape.

Hollywood is a major source

of campaign funding for many candidates. The entertainment industry comprises numerous wealthy individuals who can make substantial donations. These funds are critical for campaign activities such as advertising, organizing events, and mobilizing voters.

Jessica Levinson, an election law professor at Loyola Marymount University, emphasized to the press the critical role that Hollywood's financial support plays in political campaigns.

"Deciding whether Biden



US President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden walk to the White House in Washington, DC, on 7 July 2024, returning from campaign events in Pennsylvania. **PHOTO: CHRIS KLEPONIS / AFP**

can stay in the presidential race will come down to three factors – Democratic Party leadership, the president's polling performance and sentiment

among big donors," Levinson, who teaches election law at the university, was quoted by the official website of the university. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Canada sued over harsh migrant detentions

THE Canadian government is being sued for allegedly violating migrants' rights by detaining them alongside criminal suspects while awaiting processing of their status, lawyers for the migrants said Tuesday.

One of the migrants described his time in detention as a "living hell". Another described a traumatic atmosphere in prison, with drug use and fights among inmates.

Migrants were at times shackled and subjected to strip searches, the lawyers said.

"Immigration detention is administrative detention and should not be punitive in nature," said the plaintiffs' lawyers, who are seeking C\$100 million (\$73.4 million) in damages.

These allegations of harsh treatment are contained in a ruling handed down Friday by the Superior Court of Ontario province, which authorized a class action suit by 8,360 people detained by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) between 2016 and 2023 in 87 prisons. — AFP

Chemical explosion shocks Melbourne factory

AUTHORITIES provided an update on Wednesday about a major blast and subsequent fire at a factory in Melbourne's west, saying that the blaze was brought under control but left a nearby creek contaminated with chemicals. At around 11:20 am local time on Wednesday, emergency services rushed to Swann Drive in Derrimut in response to a significant factory fire sparked by a chemical explosion.

"Specialist appliances are on scene, including aerial appliances. A community advice warning has been issued for Albion, Braybrook, Brooklyn, Derrimut, Laverton North, Sunshine, Sunshine West, Tottenham, Truganina," Fire Rescue Victoria said. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Ahead of Euro final, "La Furia Roja" left its marks as tournament's most advanced side

The team's ability to seamlessly integrate new players, such as Dani Olmo filling in for injured stars like Pedri, highlights their strength in adapting to various game situations.

SPAIN'S genius Youngster, 16-year-old Lamine Yamal might rule the headlines after his record-setting goal at the 2024 UEFA Euro pushing his side into the final this upcoming Sunday.

Turning into the youngest scorer in the competition's history might secure the Barca striker an unprecedented chapter in football's books, but the 2010 FIFA World Champions' six wins in as many gives proof that

there is more behind the success of the team of coach Luis de la Fuente.

Yamal's 17th birthday one day ahead of the final this Sunday might turn into an additional motivation booster.

At the age of 16 Years and 362 days, the genius outpaced Brazilian legend Pele having scored at the age of 17 at a World Cup or continental Championship.

Like no other competitor "La

Furia Roja" managed a well-oiled generation change by combining experienced forces and youthful upstarts to a powerful squad that always seems to find an answer when facing various game situations.

The man placed behind Yamal on the pitch is Jesus Navas, a 38-year-old veteran; not to speak of City midfielder and conductor, 28-year-old Rodri. Injuries like the one of Pedri are made up



Spain's joy at reaching the Euro 2024 final knew no bounds after successfully traversing the hardest route. PHOTO: AFP

with other performers smoothly fitting in like Dani Olmo.

Spain's tactical variety came to light in every of the 2008 and 2012 European Champions encounters. Beating Croatia, Italy,

Germany, and France is a statement of a team, celebrating football as an inspiring event. Having a plan in every possible situation turns Spain into the 2024 tournament's leading team. — Xinhua



ManUtd post £71.4m loss in latest financial results

The financial setback marks a stark contrast from the £5.6 million losses recorded during the same period last year.

Manchester United have announced their latest financial results. PHOTO: AFP

MANCHESTER United recorded a net loss of £71.4 million (\$91.4 million) between January and March this year; the club's latest financial results revealed on Wednesday.

United's losses includes £30.3 million in exceptional costs related to the sale of 27.7 per cent of the club to Jim Ratcliffe, including consultancy fees owed to the American firm Raine.

The significant deficit compares unfavourably to losses of £5.6 million for the same three-month period last year.

United's failure to progress from the Champions League group stage will have played a part in the increased losses last season.

The club are reportedly confident improved ownership and management structures are now in place to deliver better recruitment in the future, while

maintaining their commercial resilience.

Dan Ashworth recently joined United from Newcastle as their new sporting director, while Omar Berrada begins work as the club's new chief executive this week.

While Ratcliffe's arrival came at a financial cost to United, the British billionaire is committed to investing over £200 million in developing the club's infrastructure, including upgrades for the Carrington training complex.

United are believed to be confident of complying with the Premier League's profitability and sustainability rules (PSR) for the assessment period ending with the 2023-24 season.

The PSR allow for losses of up to £105 million over a three-season assessment period. — AFP

Nay Pyi Taw hosts U-21 Equestrian Championship Qualifiers on 19-20 July

THE Under 21 Equestrian Championship Qualifiers will be conducted in Nay Pyi Taw, as stated by the Myanmar Equestrian Federation.

The qualifiers will run from 19 to 20 July at the Nay Pyi Taw Equestrian Ground.

Those who want to compete in the qualifiers must fill out the submission form two days in advance and submit it to the Secretary General

of the Myanmar Equestrian Federation.

For the accommodation arrangement for horse handlers and horses, the contestants should go to the person in charge of the Nay Pyi Taw equestrian playground one day in advance and must be notified.

The total number of people who registered to compete in these qualifiers until 1 July

is nine. Interested persons can submit their name, age and date of birth, CSC number, education level, father's name, address, club name, tournament category and tournament experiences to the Myanmar Equestrian Federation.

All the horse riders must arrive at the Nay Pyi Taw Equestrian Ground by 17 July, the federation stated. — TWA/KZL



This photo depicts the Equestrian Championship being held last year.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi received a ceremonial Guard of Honour at the Federal Chancellery in Vienna during his State visit to Austria. **PHOTO: ANI**

This visit marked a significant bilateral engagement, as confirmed by Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, underscoring the shared values and mutual commitment to global welfare between India and Austria.

PM Modi receives Guard of Honour in Vienna

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi, who is on a State visit to Austria, received a ceremonial Guard of Honour at the Federal Chancellery in Vienna on Wednesday. Austria's Chancellor Karl Nehammer accompanied PM Modi who also signed the Guestbook at the Federal Chancellery.

PM Modi arrived in Austria on Wednesday (local time) from Moscow after concluding a two-day visit to Russia.

Upon his arrival here, the Indian Prime Minister was welcomed by Austrian Foreign Minister Alexander Schallenberg. Indian Ambassador to Austria,

Shambhu Kumaran was also present at the airport.

Taking to X, PM Modi stated, "Landed in Vienna. This visit to Austria is a special one. Our nations are connected by shared values and a commitment to a better planet. Looking forward to the various programmes in Austria including talks with Chancellor Karl Nehammer, interactions with the Indian community and more."

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that it was the first bilateral visit of Prime Minister Modi to Austria. — ANI

LAKE DEFENCE RESTORED

China's all-out efforts in emergency response to floods

CHINA has completed an embankment stretching about 12 kilometres, which is located approximately 40 kilometres west of the city of Yueyang, central China's Hunan Province, strengthening flood prevention work at Dongting Lake, the Ministry of Water Resources said on Wednesday.

The embankment, serving as a third line of defence, was completed at 6 pm. Tuesday after a process which started on Monday. The embankment forms part of efforts in response to a dike breach which occurred on Friday at China's second-largest freshwater lake. The breach was sealed late on Monday.

The construction of a third line of defence is aimed at resolutely preventing secondary disasters, and at ensuring the flood control safety of areas beyond this defensive line, according to the ministry.

This is one of the latest efforts made by authorities in emergency response to floods that have recently hit some of China's central, eastern, southern, southwestern and north-eastern regions.

As of Tuesday, the National Fire and Rescue Administration had dispatched 219 rescue workers and 72 fire-fighting trucks and flood drainage rescue vehicles to Hunan to assist local authorities with rescue operations. — Xinhua

Denmark to introduce world's first livestock carbon tax

DENMARK will introduce the world's first carbon tax on livestock, a unique measure designed to bring the Scandinavian country closer to its goal of carbon neutrality by 2045.

From 2030, methane emissions caused by flatulence from cattle and pigs will be taxed at a rate of 300 kroner (\$43) per tonne of CO2 equivalent.

This amount will rise to 750 kroner in 2035 under the terms of an agreement reached at the end of June between the government, part of the opposition and representatives of livestock farmers, industry and trade unions. The text still has to be approved by parliament which will

examine it after the summer.

For Christian Fromberg, a campaign leader at Greenpeace Nordic, the text "offers hope... in a situation where a lot of countries are backpedalling on climate action". "While the carbon tax should have been both higher and implemented sooner, it does mark a significant milestone," he told AFP.

At the same time, Fromberg deplored the "missed opportunity" to bring about "a new direction for Danish agriculture".

This is despite the fact that its practices remain highly intensive and discharge a lot of nitrogen, which is responsible for deoxygenating the water. — AFP



The agreement, which still requires parliamentary approval, aims to balance environmental goals with the concerns of livestock farmers, industry, and unions. **PHOTO: IMAGE USED FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSE / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**