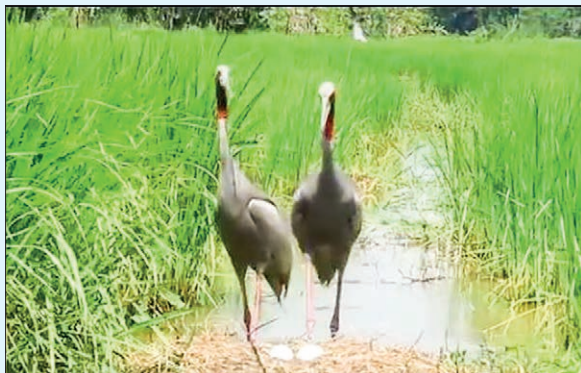


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First two Sarus crane eggs of 2024 recorded in Ayeyawady Region

TWO eggs laid for the first time by the Sarus crane in 2024 were recorded in Ayeyawady Region, according to the Kyonkapyin-Tatseik Wildlife Conservation Group (KTCG). Thanks to the coordination of the KTCG and eager reporting by the locals, the first record of a flock of Sarus cranes laying two eggs was made on 25 July.

“For the first time, it was recorded in Kyonkapyin-Tatseik, Wakema township, Ayeyawady region. Sarus cranes only lay two eggs a year. When they built a nest, some paddy plants were damaged, and the farmers didn’t like them. So, they destroyed these nests and ate the eggs. The KTCG urged locals not to eat the eggs and reported to us that if they saw a nest, we would support them,” said a KTCG official. These



Sarus crane and eggs (Photo-KTCG).

birds lay one or two eggs at a time, and only once during the rainy season per year, the KTCG said. The Sarus crane is a year-round resident in Myanmar and has been recorded in Kachin State, Shan State, Bago, Ayeyawady, Yangon Regions and Rakhine State. The largest habitat of these cranes is the Ayeyawady Delta, and they are widespread in 14 townships of Ayeyawady Region, the group said.

The KTCG has started yearly data collection on these cranes since 2018 during their nest-making time. There are also threats to them, and according to the collected data review, their population has grown year on year despite threats such as loss of habitats and nest destruction, which pose challenges to their sustainability. Therefore, KTCG also suggested that the cooperative participation of residents is a more effective and successful method for conservation. — MT/ZN



File photo shows freight handling process is seen at the port of Myanmar for exportation of rice to foreign countries.

Myanmar foreign trade exceeds US\$8.3B by 19 July this FY

THE value of Myanmar’s foreign trade totalled over US\$8.3 billion over the past three and a half months of the current financial year 2024-2025 beginning 1 April, comprising exports worth \$4.4 billion and imports valued at \$3.9 billion, the Ministry of Commerce’s data showed.

The seaborne trade exceeded \$6.7 billion, whereas border trade value hit \$1.6 billion. The total trade balance was valued at \$10.09 billion

in the year-ago period. Therefore, the figures indicated a drastic drop of \$1.7 billion over the past three and a half months compared with that of last FY.

Myanmar exports agricultural products, animal products, minerals, forest products, and finished industrial goods, while it imports capital goods, intermediate goods, raw materials imported by the CMP enterprises and consumer goods.

Myanmar has been implementing the National Export Strategy (NES) 2020-2025 in order to bolster exports. The priority sectors of the NES comprise agricultural production, garment and apparel, industrial and electronic device, fishery business, forest product, digital manufacturing and service, logistic service, quality management, trade information service, innovation and entrepreneurship sectors. — NN/KK

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RELEVANT organizations in Kayin State have conducted drills to give quick responses to floods and other natural disasters, and flood relief camps have been opened, according to an official from the Myanmar Social Relief Association — Hpa-an.

At 9 am on 24 July, a flood-like search and rescue drill was held at Kanthaya lake and Zwegapin Hall in Kayin State, with the aim of ensuring



Kayin State holds disaster drills, opening flood relief camps



Rehearsals in action by the Myanmar Social Relief Association (top & above pictures).

a quick response and assistance in the event of a flood or other natural disaster.

Together with disaster management teams, the Myanmar Fire Services Department, nursing teams from the Myanmar Red Cross, the Myanmar Social Relief Association, the Marga Social Aid Group, social rescue members and responsible personnel participated in the demonstration.

"Because of floods in Kayin State, organizations have been working together to carry out rescues harmoniously and in an appropriate manner.

Water has started to inundate the low-lying areas in Hpa-an. It is raining again. We are monitoring the situation," said the official. — MT/ZN

Worker deployment suspended, fines for agencies missing 26 July report deadline

IF agencies fail to submit reports on employment contracts before 26 July, the sending process will be suspended, and a fine will be introduced, Safe Migration warned.

Safe Migration released a list of 206 agencies that have yet to submit the personal information of workers who were sent abroad from April to December 2023. It stated that those who have not sent any worker abroad must also report before 26 July 2024 to dolmigrationsending@gmail.com. Those who were freshly granted licences in 2024 will have to send reports that they haven't sent any workers to the mail, too. According to a statement released on 9 June 2024, there are 565 licensed overseas employment agencies in Myanmar.

In an announcement on the list of agencies which haven't submitted monthly reports on sending workers for May, Safe Migration said these listings play an important role. Thus, the agencies should follow them with respect. It would be better to return the licence if the agency cannot work as per the licence's conditions, as it was a disturbance in their duty to work with them, it stated. — MT/ZS

Political parties' delegates return from China tour

A delegation from four political parties led by Union Election Commission member U Ko Ko Lwin, who visited the People's Republic of China at the invitation of the Communist Party of China, returned to Yangon yesterday afternoon by air. Representatives and officials from political parties welcomed them back at the Yangon International Airport.

During the study tour, the delegation observed the development of rural areas and poverty alleviation, as well as

the development of hotels and tourism.

They visited the China-South Asia Expo, China-Kunming Import and Export Expo, and the discussions on policy-making on ethnic groups and tribes, as well as the status of the construction of the Yunnan Grand Power Grid Network and the Museum of the Communist Party of China.

They also arrived at famous places, including the cultural customs of the People's Republic of China. — MNA/KZL

53 dogs vaccinated against rabies in Kyaikto after virus found in Thayetgon

FIFTY-THREE domestic dogs were vaccinated against rabies on 23 July in Kyaikto township, Mon state, after the rabies virus was found in Thayetgon village, according to the Township Public Health Department, the Ministry of Health.

When officials from township veterinary and public health departments inspected Thayetgon village on 19 July, where a rabies death had occurred, they found the symptoms of rabies, which were confirmed after laboratory testing in Yangon.

The Public Health Department of Kyaikto Township and the Township Livestock Breeding Veterinary Department jointly held a lecture on the prevention of rabies on 23 July at Kyuchaung Village Basic Education High School.



Rabies vaccination goes to home in Kyaikto.

Officials, including U Tun Nyi Nyi, health assistant 1, explained rabies disease, its causes and dangers in pets, and signs in infected people.

Afterwards, 53 domesticated dogs raised by the villagers were given rabies vaccinations at home and leaflets on rabies

prevention were distributed.

Thanks to these efforts, the authorities were able to prevent further rabies infections, and people who have pets are advised to consult with vets to get the necessary vaccinations for their animals. — MT/ZN

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Myanmar delegation returns after attending funeral service for late Gen Secy of CPV Central Committee

A delegation led by Admiral Tin Aung San, a member of the State Administration Council and Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Defence, attended the state funeral of General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong of the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV). They returned to Yangon on the evening of 26 July.

Upon their arrival at Yangon International Airport, they were welcomed back by the Yangon Region chief minister, the Yangon Command commander, the Defence Attaché of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to Myanmar, embassy officials, and senior Tatmadaw officers.

Admiral Tin Aung San laid a wreath and paid tributes to the late General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong, signing the



Member of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister Admiral Tin Aung San attends the memorial service at the National Funeral Hall in Hanoi on 26 July, lays a wreath and pays tributes to the late General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong.

condolence registration book. He also met Senior Lt-Gen Le Huy Vinh, Deputy Minister for

Defence.

Furthermore, Admiral Tin Aung San presented a message

of condolences from State Administration Council Chairman Senior General Min Aung

Hlaing to Vietnamese President Mr To Lam, expressing condolences for the passing of General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong.

Admiral Tin Aung San attended the memorial service at the National Funeral Hall in Hanoi on 26 July, where the President of Vietnam paid tribute to the deceased's contributions to the country.

Subsequently, the body was cremated. The event was attended by heads of state, foreign ministers, parliament speakers, and officials from 27 countries.

During his trip, Admiral Tin Aung San met the staff, military attaché, officers, and families of the Myanmar embassy to Vietnam, presenting them with gifts. — MNA/TMT



BIMSTEC Secretary-General who attended the Fourth BIMSTEC National Security Chiefs' Meeting is seen off at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport yesterday before departing for Yangon.

BIMSTEC Security Chiefs, Secretary-General and delegates depart Nay Pyi Taw

MYANMAR successfully hosted the Fourth BIMSTEC National Security Chiefs' Meeting in Nay Pyi Taw. National Security Chiefs from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, along with the BIMSTEC Secretary-General and their spouses, departed Nay Pyi Taw for Yangon by flight yesterday.

Deputy Minister Maj-Gen

Khun Thant Zaw Htoo for the Ministry 1 of the State Administration Council Chairman's Office, Nay Pyi Taw Council Member Colonel Ye Moe and the departmental officials saw off the BIMSTEC delegates at the Nay Pyi Taw International Airport. The BIMSTEC delegates proceeded to their respective countries via air travel from Yangon. — MNA/TRKM

MoPF honours 2023-2024 matric exam outstanding students, offering stipends for 2024-2025AY

THE Ministry of Planning and Finance held a ceremony to honour outstanding students from the 2023-2024 Matriculation Exam, recognize staff achievements in respective training and competitions, and announce stipends for the 2024-2025 academic year. The ceremony took place yesterday at 9 am at the ministry.

Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister U Win Shein, Deputy Minister Daw Than Than Lin, departmental officials, award recipients, outstanding students, and their parents attended the event.

The Deputy Prime Minister first delivered a speech commending the outstanding individuals, emphasizing their achievements through determination, intellect, and perseverance. He highlighted the role of youth as architects of the nation's future in building a modern and prosperous society. He encouraged the young attendees to dedicate their time effectively to learning and extended heartfelt gratitude to the parents for raising such exemplary children.

The Deputy Prime Minister, the deputy minister, and departmental officials presented awards to students who excelled in one to six subjects in the matriculation examination for the 2023-2024 academic year, as well as to staff members who distinguished themselves in training and sports

competitions. Additionally, the ministry awarded stipends to students for the 2024-2025 AY.

Following the award ceremony, the Deputy Premier and officials greeted outstanding students and their parents. The ministry then hosted a lunch for all attendees. — MNA/TRKM



Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister U Win Shein presents award to a student at the ceremony to honour outstanding students in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

NATIONAL

Weekly Roundup

23 July

Pro Tem Presidential duties transferred to SAC Chairman

The responsibilities of the Pro Tem President for the National Defence and Security Council's affairs were transferred to the State Administration Council Chairman through a signing occasion at 11:30 am on 22 July 2024 as Pro Tem President U Myint Swe is unable to serve the NDSC's duties while he is on medical leave.

Govt honours distinction-winning students in matric exam



The government awarded 507 students winning all distinctions in the matriculation examination 2024 with a 0.5 tical gold coin each. A plan is to arrange for 30 top-marked students in relevant combination subjects in the matriculation examination to join an excursion tour abroad this year.

UEC cancels party's application registration

UEC cancelled the application of the People's Force Party in accordance with the decision of the Union Election Commission Plenary Meeting 14/2024 under the Political Parties Registration Rules (g).

25 July

Distinction-winning students of Tatmadaw members in matric exams honoured

Tatmadaw education schools and Tatmadaw Basic Education High Schools turned out 197 distinction winners in the matriculation exam 2024. Outstanding students and officials of schools with high pass rates were awarded.

27 political parties release joint statement

The joint statement emphasized the armed organizations, some armed groups that break NCA, and the people residing in local and foreign countries and organizations, including NUG/CRPH/PDF/MNDAA/TNLA/AA that started attacks, expanded land areas and conducted operations aiming at deteriorating the stability of the county violated the Our Three Main National Causes and committed terror acts.

26 July

Myanmar reaffirms general election

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pledged to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election at a meeting with national security chiefs from BIMSTEC member states.

Book of condolences signed for demise of Vietnamese leader

Secretary of the State Administration Council Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dwe signed the book of condolences for the demise of Mr Nguyen Phu Trong, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, at the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on Thiri Mingala Street, Kamayut Township, Yangon.

27 July

Allowance for in-service, retired personnel

The Ministry of Planning and Finance stated that government employees will receive an additional allowance of K30,000 in addition to a monthly motivation of K30,000 beginning in August 2024. Moreover, the retired government staff are also allowed to receive an additional allowance of K30,000 per month. The allowance will be granted on 1 August 2024.

Govt emphasizes e-government process

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General revealed that the government strives to initiate the e-government process in order to grasp digital opportunities for the people. All departmental organizations have to implement the reform process of the government, which is implementing digital economy and digital government processes.

Security chiefs meet at BIMSTEC meeting



Myanmar called for collaboration to ensure food, energy, and security during the Fourth BIMSTEC National Security Chiefs' Meeting. — GNLM/TTA

Food donations for flood-affected families in Ayeyawady Region

OFFICIALS and staff from Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Co Ltd, Creative Dynasty Investment Co Ltd (CDI), Future Vest Star Group Co Ltd (FVS) and shop owners from the Danyingon Market donated foodstuffs to 645 families who suffered flood in villages of Ayeyawady Region's Nyaungdon Township and Zalun Township, where vendors from the market have been living, on the morning

of 26 July, according to MAEX.

Basic foodstuffs, purified drinking water and clothes were donated to 300 families at Ngwethaungyan village, 80 families at Kyaunggyisu village, 80 families at upper Shwehintha village, 120 families at middle Shwehintha village in Nyaungdon Township and 65 families at Seintalone village in Zalun Township.

Recently, floods have been

happening in some areas due to heavy rain and river floods. Departmental officials and social relief associations have carried out help and rescue works. — MT/ZS

Donation of basic foodstuffs, drinking water and clothes in progress in flooded areas. **PHOTO: MAEX**



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This picture captures Myanmar's gold and silver medallists who competed in the 10th ASEAN+3 Junior Science Odyssey Championship.

Myanmar's gold and silver medallists return from APT JSO-10

THE 10th ASEAN+3 Junior Science Odyssey (APTJSO-10) Championship was held in Siam Reap, Cambodia, from 22 to 26 July 2024. Team Myanmar, led by leader Dr Nay Chi Lei Lei Thein, Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Science and Technology, returned to Yangon International Airport yesterday.

The championship features video contests, quizzes,

and pitch competitions under the title of Racing Up Against Climate Change in the programme, and six Myanmar students competed.

Ma Nang Linn Linn Thwe won the gold medal for Myanmar in the Individual Quiz Competition. At the same time, Maung Ye Yint Aung secured the gold medal, and Ma Ekari Htun garnered the silver medal in the Team Pitching Project Competition.

Youth between the ages of 13 and 15 can participate in the 10th ASEAN+3 Junior Science Odyssey Championship.

The championship was held with the aim of increasing junior science cooperation between ASEAN countries, creating opportunities for science and technology for future development. — Nyein Hein/KZL

Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 14:00 hours MST on 27-7-2024

ACCORDING to the observations at 13:30 hours MST today, the low pressure area over the North Bay of Bengal and adjoining Coastal areas of Bangladesh and Gangetic West Bengal, India intensified into a Well Marked Low-Pressure Area. It is likely to move West-Northwestwards and cross Gangetic West Bengal and adjoining Jharkhand and North Odisha, India during next 12 hours. This is the last news for the Low-Pressure Area.

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 27 July 2024)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is strong to vigorous over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 28 July 2024: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay regions, scattered in Magway Region, fairly widespread in (Northern and Eastern) Shan and Kayah states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of regionally heavyfalls in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states and isolated heavyfalls in Taninthayi Region. Degree of certainty is 100%.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The Cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Taninthayi Region and Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states.

STATE OF THE SEA: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced in off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40 mph. Wave height will be about 9-12 feet in off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Increase of rain in Upper Sagaing, Bago and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 28 July 2024: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100%.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 28 July 2024: Some rain or thundershowers which may be heavy at times. Degree of certainty is 100%.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 28 July 2024: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100%.

Mannchaung Dam hoists green flag to alert emergency water level

THE Department of Irrigation and Water Utilization Management under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation has alerted residents of Ngaphe Township in Magway Region to be aware of the overflow of water from Mannchaung Dam by hoisting green flags, according to the department.

Green flags have been raised at village administration offices in the irrigated area of the dam, at the weirs, at the water discharge pipes, and at the

assembly building of the dam in order to ensure that residents of the township are aware of emergency pre-management level 1.

The dam, which has a height of 640 feet and a maximum allowable water level of 625 feet, was at 625.9 feet as of 10 am on 26 July. The excess water level of 0.9 foot is being discharged through the main weir.

In addition, officials will promptly inform the public if there is any alarming situation

regarding the dam.

Ngaphe Township's Mannchaung Dam received 0.90 inch of rain at the end of July. As a result, the dam is currently overflowing due to the continuous flow of rainwater from the streams. Additionally, the dam, water pipes, and related facilities are in good condition and are monitored around the clock by the Township Department of Irrigation and Water Utilization Management with assigned patrols. — TWA/TKO



Mannchaung Dam hoisting a green flag.

NATIONAL

Ecotourism sites to be identified in Kamawpaw protected public forest, Kayin State



This picture shows the 5/2024 coordination meeting of the Kayin State Regional Tourism Committee in progress.

ACCORDING to the state government, the Kamawpaw Protected Public Forest will be designated as an ecotourism attraction in Kayin State.

The Kayin State government is working to make the ecotourism destination in Kayin State sustainable. It will endeavour to designate the Kamawpaw Protected For-

est as a tourist destination, according to the May 2024 coordination meeting of the Kayin State Regional Tourism Committee.

Kayin State is a lush and picturesque destination with a strong emphasis on nature during the rainy season when tourism peaks. The main tourist areas, including caves

like Saddan, Rathaepyan, and Kawkathoung, as well as locations such as Lunnya Blue Lake, Mount Zwekabin, Kyaukkalatt, Taungwine, and Kyonhtaw Waterfall, will be developed for long-term sustainability to attract both local and international travellers. — ASH/MKKS

Myanmar-China Economic and Trade Matchmaking Conference held in Chongqing

THE Consulate-General of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Chongqing organized the Myanmar-China (Chongqing) Economic and Trade Matchmaking Conference in Chongqing, China, on 26 July, with the support of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) Chongqing Council, as reported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the conference, U Kyaw Zayar Lin, Consul General of the Myanmar Consulate-General in Chongqing, U Aye Win, president of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and Mr He Yi, Party Secretary of the CCPIT



China (Chongqing)-Myanmar Economic and Trade Exchange Fair is in progress on 26 July 2024 in Chongqing.

Chongqing Council, delivered speeches.

Representatives of Myanmar business-affiliated associations of UMFCC, representatives from CCPIT Chongqing Council, and over 80 business

leaders from Myanmar and China (Chongqing) attended the event. They discussed practical cooperation in the economic, trade, and investment sectors between Myanmar and China (Chongqing). — ASH/ TMT

Used timber sold well due to price difference

THE price difference between new and old timber from demolished houses has led to more old timber being bought in Yangon Region, according to used timber traders.

Interest has grown in recent market situations, and some buy used timber from demolished houses.

“People buy depending on the quality. They don’t buy bad quality ones. They choose good ones. There is a market for used timber. Prices are different. Some contact and buy old used ones from the demolition of whole houses. It is cheaper to buy the

whole house than pieces. They buy the whole house by giving a lump sum amount. It is cheaper. It is a market that attracts many people,” said an old timber shop owner in Dagon Myothit (South) township. In recent times, houses have been built of iron beams, but some who can’t afford it buy used timber to build homes.

“The price difference between old and new timbers is double. These days, there are more iron-beam buildings. Some people build houses using used timber,” said U Myint Naing, who is close to the market. — Thit Taw/ZN



Photo bears poster of “Mingalar Pwe Khinn 2”.

‘Mingala Pwe Khinn 2’ theatrical show to take place at Sedona Hotel

ACCORDING to Myanmar traditional dancer Tin Maung San Min Win, a theatrical show named ‘Mingala Pwe Khinn 2’, organized by Golden Key Spa, will be performed at the Sedona Hotel in Yangon on 4 August, starting at 4 pm.

The show will feature Myanmar traditional dancers, including San Min Aung, Aye Thandar Bo, Chan Chan Moe, San Shwe Sin, May Myat Noe Khin, Thiha Hlaing, Phue Chit, Aung Chit Paing, Wadi Tun, and Lin Lat Aung, all led by Tin Maung San

Min Win. Comedians Myitta Myint Myat Hein, Bhu Thee, and Phyo Phyo will also perform, with Ywasa (leader of the orchestra) Wakema Sein Mont Lone. The event will take place at Mindon Hall in the Sedona Hotel.

The ‘Mingala Pwe Khinn’ show was previously performed by Myanmar traditional dancers Tin Maung San Min Win, Bon, Thiha Hlaing, Phue Chit, Yay Kyi Chan Mya, Aye Thanda Bo, Chan Chan Moe, and Awba San on 6 July at the same venue. — ASH/ TRKM

Efforts underway to reopen India-Myanmar border

UNION Minister U Myint Kyaing for the Ministry of Immigration and Population and the Indian Ambassador to Myanmar discussed on 24 July resuming border posts, including the Tamu-Moreh border.

The discussion emphasized visas for people of the two nations, the resumption of border checkpoints to facilitate entry and exit processing between Myanmar and India and technical cooperation for e-ID systems for immigration.

Myanmar-India border trade uses three border crossings: Tamu-Kalewa-Taze-YeU-Monywa (Mahamyang Road)-Mandalay, Tamu-Kalewa-Monywa (Yagi Road)-Mandalay, and Tamu-Kalay-Gangaw-Pale-Monywa-Mandalay. Myanmar also carried out border trade through Sittway Port. — TWA/KK



This photo shows Sittway Port linking maritime trade with India.

MRF to support agri input to mitigate flooding impact on farmland



Workers meticulously organize rice bags in a warehouse.

MYANMAR Rice Federation (MRF) will contribute agri inputs (quality strains of rice crop, fertilizer and agricultural medicines) to prevent loss of yield in monsoon paddy farms affected by heavy rain, according to MRF's announcement released on 26 July.

Extreme rainfall flooded

some farmland areas. Some have managed to reduce flooding, and some cannot prevent flooding and damage.

MRF, affiliated associations, and member companies will help support agricultural inputs in farmlands affected by rain to prevent loss of yield.

MRF has been arranging

to reach the areas in need. Individuals can ask for help from MRF's regional committees and affiliated association branches and the respective township agriculture departments through contact numbers 01 218266-68 and 09 420773222 and via email sg@mrf.com.mm. — NN/KK

Pune International Business Summit invites Myanmar businesses

MAHRATTA Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA) organized a buyer-seller (B2B – Business-to-Business) meeting on 26-27 August 2024 and the Pune International Business Summit on 24-25 February 2025 in Pune, India, and cordially invited Myanmar businesspeople.

The summit focuses on manufacturing, agriculture, food processing, investment and IT. It will cover accommodation and transport to and from the airport. Participants must bear air tickets themselves. Individuals can enquire about details from Mr Nikhil Jain, director of MCCIA, through contact number +91 9021195528 or via email nikhilj@mcciapune.com or the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization via phone number 067 408622 or email event.td.myantrade@gmail.com. — NN/KK

BIMSTEC Business Summit invites Myanmar business delegates

THE three-day event "BIMSTEC Business Summit" from 6 to 8 August 2024 cordially invited Myanmar business delegates to explore strategic integration for better trade and economic prospects, organized by the Ministry of External Affairs and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi, India, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

The summit will discuss matters regarding trade and logistics, energy, service, operationalization of BIMSTEC FTA, synergies on Mountain and Blue Economy and gender mainstreaming, along with B2B meetings, dialogues, and seminars.

Officials concerned with the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) member states, business leaders and delegates, researchers, industry key players, and experts will participate in the summit.

Individuals can register through the official website of BIMSTEC Business Summit 2024 <https://cam.mycii.in/OR/EventDetailOR.html?id=E000066055> or the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization via phone number 067 408622 or email: event.td.myantrade@gmail.com. — NN/KK



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Combat Hepatitis disease for improvement of public health

IN line with the 2024 World Hepatitis Day theme, “It’s time for action”, the World Health Organization (WHO) stresses the urgency of accelerating efforts in prevention, diagnosis, and treatment to save lives and improve health outcomes. Every 30 seconds, someone dies from a Hepatitis-related illness. With five main strains of the Hepatitis virus — A, B, C, D, and E — Hepatitis B and C are the most prevalent, causing 1.3 million deaths and 2.2 million new infections annually.

World Hepatitis Day, observed every 28 July, serves as a pivotal moment to bolster national and international efforts against Hepatitis. It encourages actions and engagement from individuals, partners, and the public,

emphasizing the necessity for a robust global response as outlined in WHO’s 2017 Global Hepatitis Report.

The WHO reports that approximately 304 million people worldwide live with Hepatitis B or C. In several countries, Hepatitis B is the leading cause of cirrhosis and can also lead to liver cancer. However, access to testing and treatment remains limited for many. Viral Hepatitis is the second leading infectious cause of death globally, claiming 1.3 million lives annually, on par with tuberculosis. Hepatitis B accounts for 83 per cent of these deaths, while Hepatitis C is responsible for 17 per cent.

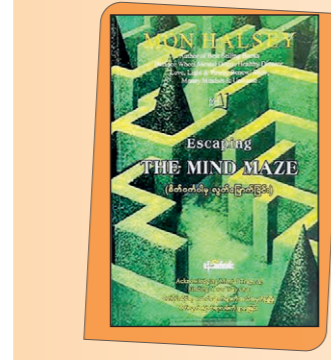
To combat this, the WHO has introduced new guidelines that focus on Hepatitis B. These guidelines prioritize simplified treatment criteria for adults and adolescents

and expand eligibility for antiviral prophylaxis for pregnant women to prevent mother-to-child transmission of the Hepatitis B virus. They also emphasize the importance of enhancing diagnostics through point-of-care viral load testing, addressing hepatitis D coinfection with appropriate testing protocols, and delivering high-quality services.

Myanmar is making significant efforts to ensure medical coverage for Hepatitis B patients by manufacturing essential drugs locally. The Hepatitis B Vaccine Factory in Ywathagy, Yangon Region, has been established to produce sufficient medication for local needs, with surplus production being exported to other countries. Moreover, traditional medicine practitioners are providing healthcare to people with Hepatitis using potent therapies based on ancient traditional medicine treatizes. Additionally, private pharmaceutical factories in Myanmar are producing reliable hepatitis vaccines for the people.

As World Hepatitis Day approaches, it is crucial to amplify efforts in raising public awareness, encouraging preventive measures, and ensuring access to diagnostic and treatment services. By taking decisive action now, we can save lives and significantly improve health outcomes for millions affected by Hepatitis worldwide.

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Seik Wingaba Hma Lyutmyaukchin

(Escaping The Mind Maze)

THIS book is written by a lady writer called Mon Halsey, whose writings are to the taste of the lady readers. That is her 24th production. She is ranked as one of the best sellers. The writer said that reading this book will mitigate your pains and sorrows. In my capacity as a book review writer, I see no reason not to agree with her warranty.

It is said that the mind matters most. The sociologists focus their studies on psychology. Lord Buddha has also expounded that the mind dictates the actions of all beings. He also says that Cittena Niyate Loko means if a person can have control of his mind, he can even conquer. In the Buddhist Pitaka Canon, there are four essential points – mind, mental

factors, matter and Nibbana. Obviously, you will see that the mind comes first. Mind and matter are correlated with the former dominating the latter, nevertheless. Again, there are four factors that help living beings survive – Kamma, Citta, Utu, and Ahara – namely, deed, mind, weather, and nutrition. Evidently, the mind also plays a significant role in sustaining the life of the living beings. The writer said that while she was writing this book, she had not only studied psychology but also done mental exercises like contemplation and/or meditation. She said that she had also met with friends and mentors from the field of psychology and conducted personal interviews with psychotherapists, energy healers

and spiritual workers. She has done shadow work, inner work and personal work on a daily basis. Additionally, she has participated in the healing sessions. She has admitted that she also has had to find an escape from the mind maze.

In addition to providing some theoretical knowledge, she has also offered some methods of healing used in the field of psychotherapy. She has strongly encouraged the readers to receive counselling from psychologists and/or psychotherapists. She said that she just shared her own experiences, admitting, “I am just sharing my own personal experiences. Should there be any fallacies and/or discrepancies in this book, put the blame just on

me.” In my view, this book is really worth reading because she has exerted strenuous effort to be able to write this book.

What appeals to me most is the chapter dealing with OCD, which stands for obsessive-compulsive disorder. OCD is a long-lasting disorder in which a person experiences uncontrollable and recurring thoughts (obsessions), engages in repetitive behaviours (compulsions), or both. People with OCD have time-consuming symptoms that can cause significant distress or interfere with daily life.

Another exciting concept is concerned with the inner child. That is a person’s supposed original or true self, especially when regarded as concealed in childhood. People may still be acting out of the pain suffered by their inner child. The term inner child is employed to describe the connection we have within ourselves to our childhood selves and our childhood memories. At times, we might find that certain behaviours or emotions mimic those we experienced as children, causing us distress as we try to navigate our adult world. In a nutshell, this book provides a way to escape the mind maze.

THE NOBLE MAN

Mya Thae (Research)

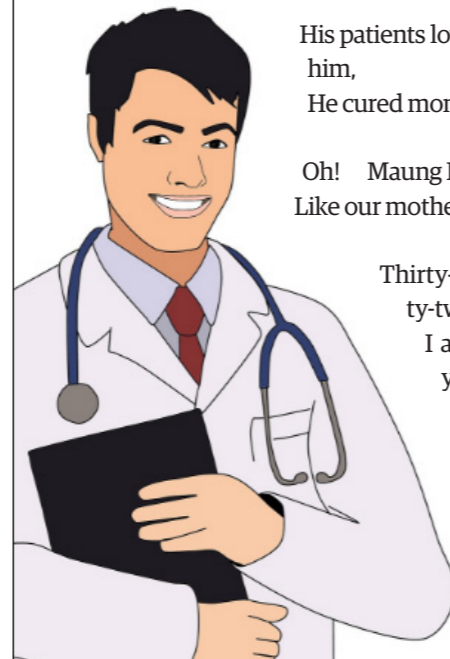
He was handsome and gracious,
everybody loved him for his mind softness.

His patients loved his greatness and esteemed him,
He cured monks, nuns, and yogis for free.

Oh! Maung Lay (brother) Dr Aung Chain,
Like our mother, you also disappear in the rain.

Thirty-first July two thousand twenty-two,
I always heartily evoke and miss you.

Ref. Mya Thae’s idea
Based on true events.



Biological Clock

By Dr Daw Khin Kyi OG
Translated by Myint Zan

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is the biological clock

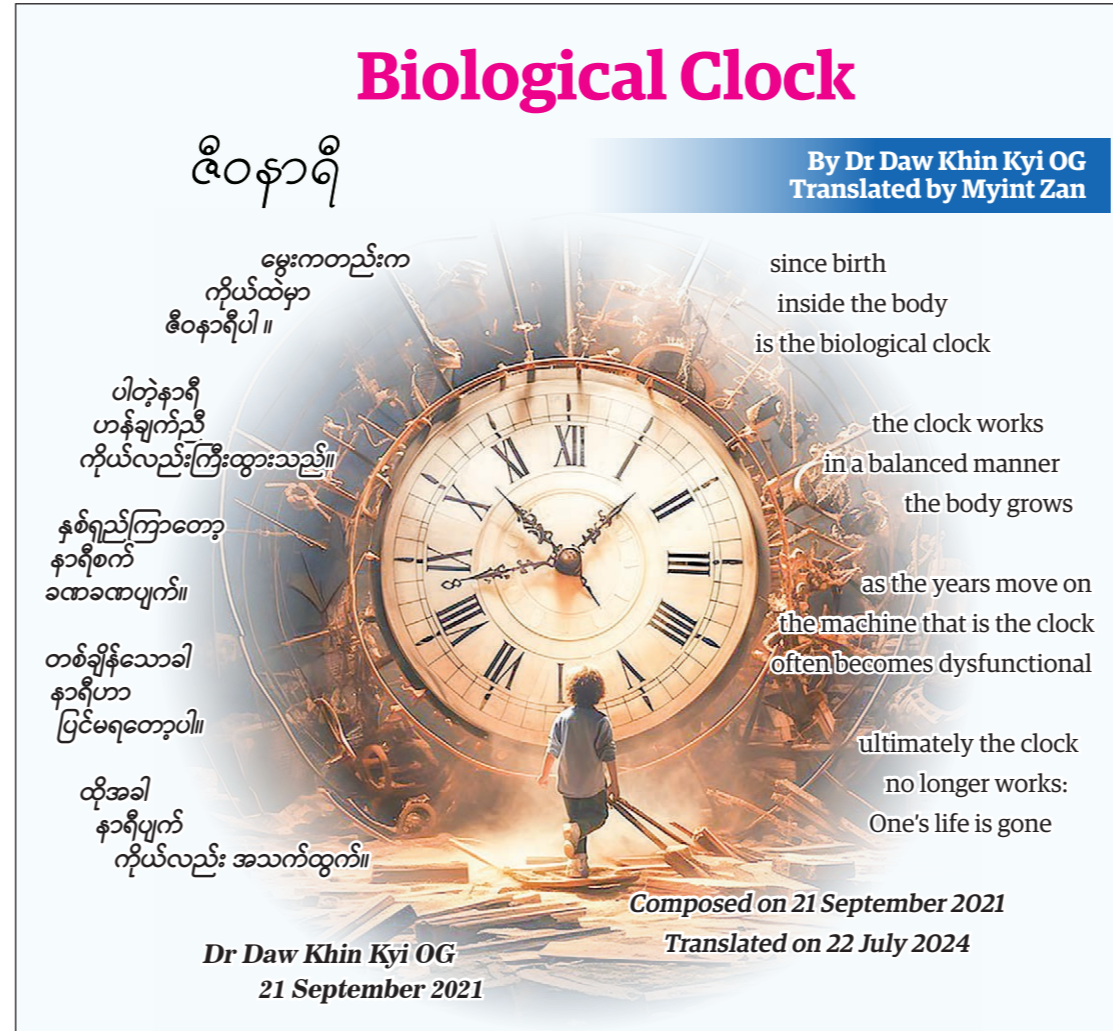
the clock works
in a balanced manner
the body grows

as the years move on
the machine that is the clock
often becomes dysfunctional

ultimately the clock
no longer works:
One’s life is gone

Dr Daw Khin Kyi OG
21 September 2021

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Seik Hloke Shar Mhu Nyan Yay

(Emotional Intelligence in a Week by Jill Dann)

THIS is a translation of the book titled, “Emotional Intelligence In a Week By Jill Dann”. The translator is Myo Lwin, who is an ex-editor of the Myanmar Times and has also worked with the Working People’s Daily, the state-owned English newspaper, which has changed its name to the New Light of Myanmar. Again, the name was changed to the Global New Light of Myanmar upon becoming a joint venture. The book has provided tips for the promotion of people’s emotional intelligence (EI).

Jill Dann is a one-to-one individual and organizational consultant. She has designed emotional intelligence training in a variety of business settings

throughout the world, most recently with the Chartered Management Institute and the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development. She has provided seven simple steps to raise your EQ.

You are merely seven steps away from experiencing the benefits of greater emotional intelligence. Emotional Intelligence in a Week is a simple and straightforward guide to raising your EI, giving you everything you really need to know in just seven short chapters.

Developing your emotional intelligence just got easier. Experts are beginning to agree that types of intelligence other than IQ (Intelligence Quotient) have

evolved as human capacities over the last two million years. Low Emotional Intelligence Quotient or EQ can be perceived as the absence of control over the outcome of a situation. Do you ever feel like this is the case? Do you keep getting poor luck, or cannot influence better results? When you have a high EQ, you are adept at interpreting the emotional roots of your thinking and behaviours and choosing your actions for beneficial outcomes. You may also be capable of making good insights into the behaviours and reactions of others through empathy and rapport.

These topics are explored step by step in Emotional Intelligence in a Week. You will gain an understanding of EI by finding out about Pessimism and optimism – Key milestones in the development of EI-related con-

cepts – Measurement of EQ – a list of assessments – Identifying the benefits of ‘emotional fitness’ – How EI is learnable – When you get emotionally hijacked – How it will change you – How and why to keep a journal. Over this week-long course, you will cover Sunday: Learn how emotional intelligence is relevant to you and how and why there are benefits to developing higher levels; Monday: Learn how heightened your self-awareness is and the implications on your life currently, for your personal life and as a leader of others; Tuesday: Learn about the mechanisms of self-control, emotional memory and consciousness to take control of behavioural patterns; Wednesday: Learn about stress identification and beneficial management strategies; Thursday: Diagnose and explore change in your organization to create change, manage uncertainty and gain momentum; Friday: Design and create a new emotionally literate culture, learning environment and a coaching ethos; and Saturday: Learn how to design and tailor successful personal development.

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By Chit Ko Pe

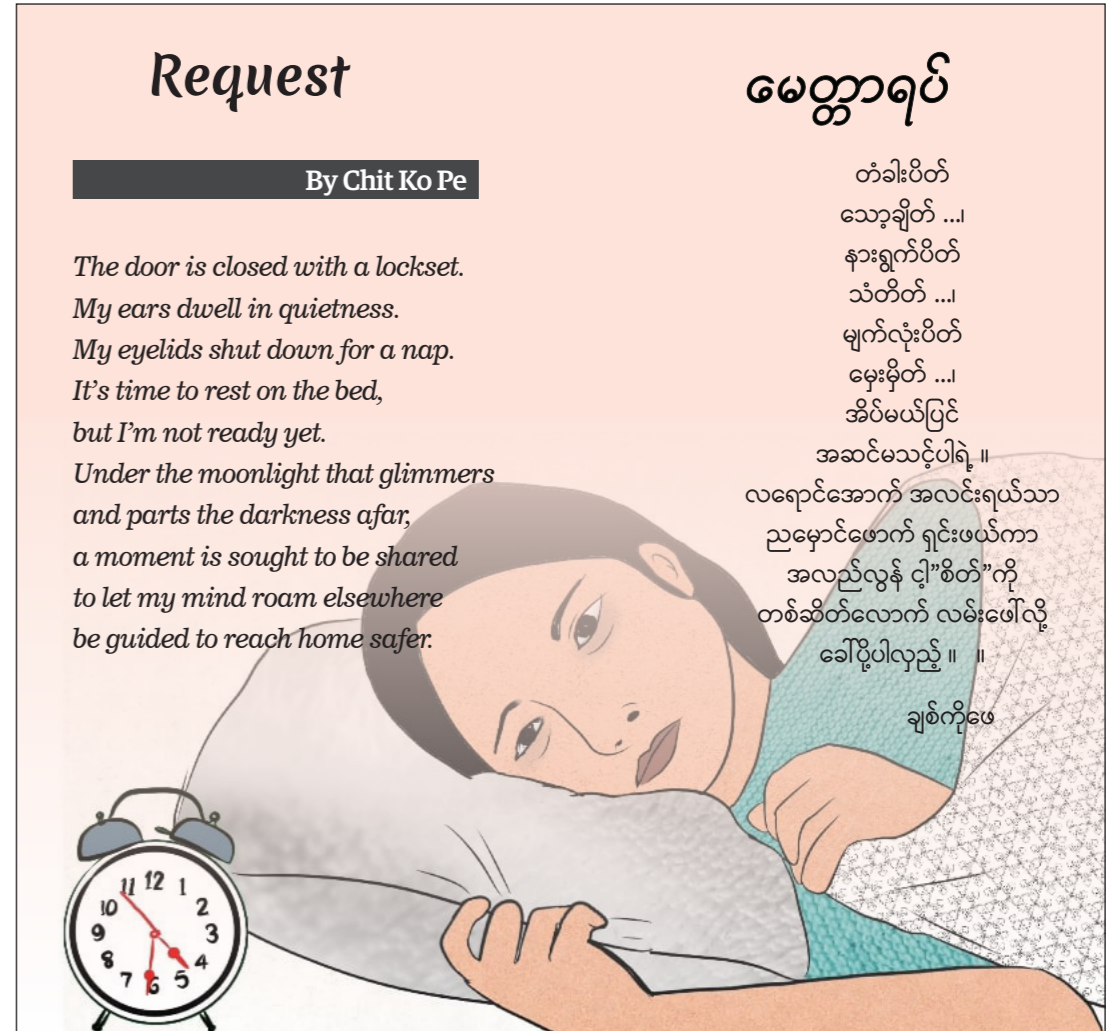
The door is closed with a lockset.
My ears dwell in quietness.
My eyelids shut down for a nap.
It’s time to rest on the bed,
but I’m not ready yet.
Under the moonlight that glimmers
and parts the darkness afar,
a moment is sought to be shared
to let my mind roam elsewhere
be guided to reach home safer.



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ချစ်ကိုဖေ



NATIONAL Entertainment

Banyar Han

VOCALIST BANYAR HAN starred in the 'Hla Taw Thar Kwa Phyar Thwar Mel' movie and the 'Tar Si Yae Ma Ya Par' series. Actor and director Nay Htoo Naing appreciated Banyar Han's acting skills. Director Zaw Tun directed the 'Hla Taw Thar Kwa Phyar Thwar Mel' movie. The cast



includes Kyaw Ye Aung, Nay Htoo Naing, Nyein Thaw, Min Phone Myat, Banyar Han, May Mie Ko Ko, Htet Htet Htun and Pain Eaindray.



Daw Myint Myint Khin

ACADEMY DAW MYINT MYINT KHIN'S 90th birthday will fall on 14 August. The great singer and actress will organize her birthday in a simple way, donating K10 million.



This photo shows artistes of the series.

Marlar Myaing Film Production to make new horror drama series

MARLAR Myaing Film Production will make a new series called 'Atta Lun', according to Myanmar traditional dancer Tin Maung San Min Win. The story of the 'Atta Lun' series is made by Agga Marn and Yone Lay (TMK). Yone Lay (TMK) will arrange the script, and director Agga Marn will film it. The series will be broadcast via Fortune TV.

"This is a horror movie. Phoo Sone is my wife in this movie. I am a farmer who listens to every word his wife. I am the father of Yadana Bo. I love my daughter very much, and I have to care for her in another life. My son in law is Tun Tun. I haven't met him in this movie," said Tin Maung San Min Win. The cast includes Academy Tun Tun, Tin Maung San Min Win, Ye Yint Maung Maung, Phoo Sone, Yadana Bo, Aye Thandar and other artistes. The series will have 16 episodes, and the filming process will start in Yangon on 27 July. — ASH/KTZH

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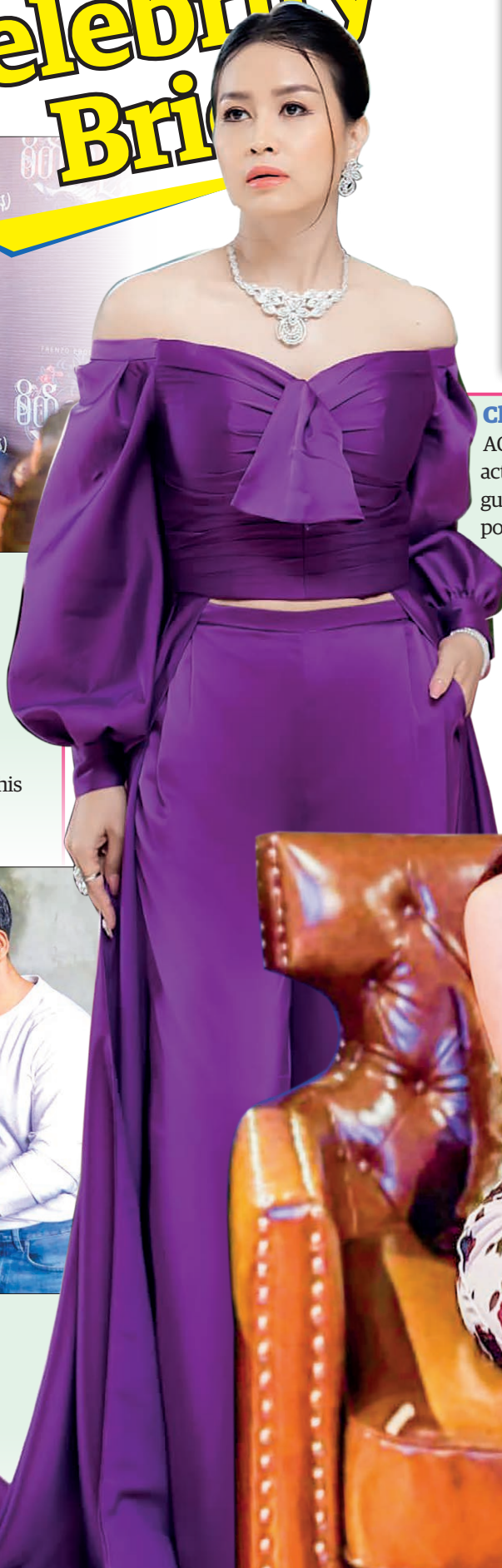
Sai Sai Kham Leng

WELL-EXPERIENCED journalist U Win Nyein made a positive comment for Sai Sai Kham Leng for his outstanding performance skills in the 'Yan Makha' character of the 'Sate Ka Kyo' movie as if he would achieve an Academy Award in 2024. Moreover, director Maung Myo Min (Yin Twin Phyt) also told the media about the acting talents of Academy Sai Sai, especially because of his powerful eyes for expressing emotion.



Nyi Htut Khaung

ACTOR NYI HTUT KHAUNG and 808 Beauty Centre donated basic foodstuffs for 808 households in the Ward 67 of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township on 26 July. The actor also cleaned the Maha Zeja Atulamarazein Bronze Buddha Statue in Bahan on the full moon day of Waso on 20 July. — Htun Htun/KTZH



Chaw Yadana

ACTRESS CHAW YADANA, who takes the 'Mel Ma Har' villain character in the 'Kyama Ka Villain' movie that will be screened on 4 August, talked about the villain role that she took without considering possible feedback from her fans. She starred in that role, showing loyalty to her character and highlighting the collaborative efforts of the cast in that movie.

Chu Sitt Han

CHU SITT HAN, who entered the world of arts via the 'Eain Mat Sone Yar' singing contest, participated in Miss competitions and has now become an actress. She told the media that she had not followed the frivolous trend, while some followed those with high numbers of followers on her Facebook page. Currently, the 'Yin Phwint Pya Chin Thi' new series she starred is broadcast on Mahar Application at 7 pm every night.



WORLD

Top DPRK leader visits China- DPRK Friendship Tower commemorating war victory

KIM Jong Un, top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), visited the China-DPRK Friendship Tower Friday on the occasion of the 71st anniversary of the country's Fatherland Liberation War victory, state media reported Saturday.

Kim, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, used the occasion to express his belief that

the friendship between the two countries would be "firmly carried forward and developed", the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said.

During the commemoration, a wreath in the name of the top leader was laid before the friendship tower with letters on a ribbon reading "We will remember the martyrs of the Chinese People's Volunteers forever", the report said. — Xinhua



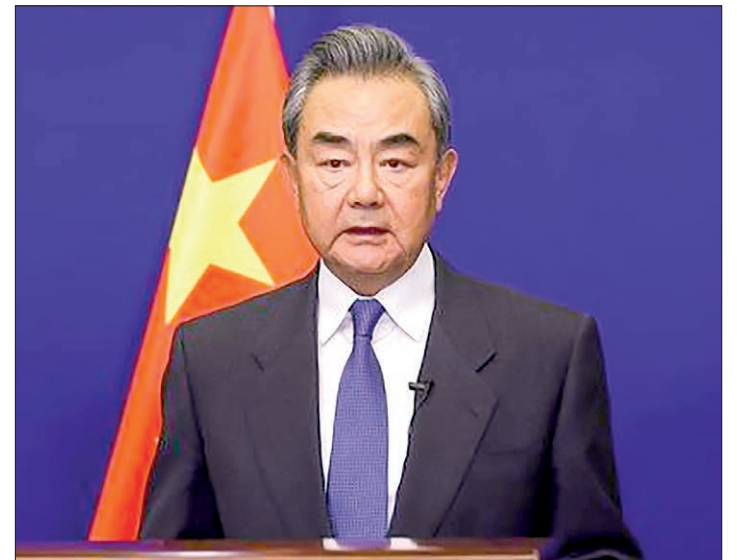
On the occasion of the 71st anniversary of the country's Fatherland Liberation War victory, North Korea proudly commemorates its historic struggle and triumph. **PHOTO: KCNA / AFP/FILE**

China stands ready to move towards establishing East Asian community: Chinese FM

CHINA stands ready to work with all parties to uphold openness and inclusiveness, firmly advance regional economic integration and move towards the goal of establishing an East Asian community, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said here on Saturday

Wang, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, made the remarks when attending the meeting of foreign ministers of the countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) plus China, Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK) (10+3).

Under the new circumstances, East Asia faces both challenges and opportunities, Wang said, adding as one of the most mature mechanisms for regional cooperation in East Asia, 10+3 has been



This undated file photo shows Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi. **PHOTO / FMPRC/CHINADAILY**

deeply engaged in practical cooperation in various fields over the past 20 years and has led regional countries in tackling challenges such as the financial crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic.

He said that after a lapse

of four years, the China-Japan-ROK leaders' meeting was successfully held two months ago and reached an important consensus on promoting East Asia cooperation, injecting new impetus into the 10+3 cooperation. — Xinhua

Kamala Harris officially declares her candidature for US presidential elections

US Vice-President Kamala Harris signed the forms, officially declaring her candidature for the US presidential elections, assuring that her people's-powered campaign will win in November.

Harris took to social media X, and emphasized that in November, her people-powered campaign will win.

She further reiterated that she would work hard to earn every vote.

The upcoming US presidential election on 5 November will see Vice President Kamala Harris as the Democratic nominee, following Biden's endorsement.

Earlier on Friday, former

US President Barack Obama publicly endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris for the US presidential post after Joe Biden exited the race recently.

Obama said he and former US First Lady Michelle Obama will do everything they can to make sure Harris wins the presidential election in November.

Earlier on Wednesday, Actor and prominent Democratic fundraiser George Clooney publicly endorsed Harris for the US Presidential post.

While addressing the nation from the Oval Office earlier this week, US President Joe Biden thanked Kamala Harris, calling her a "great vice-president". — ANI

S Korea agrees to list Japan's war-linked mine as UNESCO heritage

SOUTH Korea's foreign ministry said Saturday that the country agreed to list Japan's war-linked gold mine as a UNESCO world heritage site on condition that Tokyo will take preemptive measures to reflect the entire history of the mine on the site.

The ministry said in a statement that the UNESCO World Heritage Committee (WHC) decided to inscribe the "Sado Island Gold Mines", a gold mine on Sado Island associated with the Korean Peninsula's wartime forced labour, on the World Heritage List during its meeting earlier in the day in New Delhi, India. It noted that the South Korean government agreed to the inscription of the



File photo taken in August 2021 shows a relic of opencast mining on Sado Island. **PHOTO: KYODO**

mine on the premise that Japan faithfully implements the recommendation of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), an advisory

body to the UNESCO WHC, to reflect the "entire history" of the mine "on the site" and takes preemptive measures for it. — Xinhua

ECONOMY WORLD

Hungary accuses Ukraine of blackmail over Russian oil transit halt

Gulyas warned that if the issue isn't resolved, Hungary could face a fuel shortage and stressed the need for a solution by September.

UKRAINE is using the stoppage of Russian oil transit to blackmail Hungary and Slovakia due to their stance on the Ukraine conflict, the Hungarian prime minister's chief of staff, Gergely Gulyas, stated at a government briefing.

"Ukraine is blackmailing two countries — Hungary and Slovakia — that consistently advocate for a ceasefire and the start of peace negotiations," he said.

Gulyas noted that Ukraine's actions contradict the EU agreement from the summer of 2022, which granted Hungary an exemption from sanctions on Russian oil supplies, as the country cannot guarantee its energy

security otherwise. He warned that if the issue isn't resolved, Hungary could face a fuel shortage and stressed the need for a solution by September.

Despite these challenges, Budapest does not wish to resort to counter-blackmail and adheres to the agreements in place, Gulyas emphasized. He pointed out that Ukraine receives over 40 per cent of its electricity and more than 10 per cent of its gas and diesel imports from Hungary.

"But it is completely unacceptable for them to blackmail us. We have approached the European Commission to mediate in the agreements. If this does



Ukraine is using the stoppage of Russian oil transit to blackmail Hungary and Slovakia due to their stance on the Ukraine conflict, according to Gergely Gulyas. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

not yield results, we will have to consider other steps," Gulyas concluded.

Meanwhile, Hungary is

scrutinizing whether Ukraine's decision to halt oil transit breaches World Trade Organization (WTO) rules, the EU En-

ergy Charter, and the EU Association Agreement, Hungarian EU Affairs Minister Janos Boka said on Friday. — SPUTNIK



Decades-long sanctions on North Korea for instance have failed to dissuade Pyongyang from advancing its weapons programmes and developing intercontinental ballistic missile capabilities, the analysis said. **PHOTO: KCNA/KYODO**

US targets one-third of all countries on earth with some form of sanctions

THE United States is the all-round champion in the number of sanctions imposed on its adversaries and rivals, with one-third of all countries on Earth subject to some sort of restrictions, according to a new analysis by the Washington Post published on Thursday.

Starting in the 1990s, successive US administrations have made economic punitive

measures and economic warfare the main instrument of their foreign policy, which all too often are ineffective and backfire, the analysis said.

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Brazil tax collection up 9% in first half of 2024

BRAZIL'S revenue collection hit a record high of 1.289 trillion reais (US\$228.57 billion) in the first half of the year, up by 9 per cent year on year, the Federal Revenue service said Thursday in its latest report.

Brazil's public-sector earnings also jumped 11 per cent to reach a record high in June of 208.8 billion reais (\$37.04 billion), said the report.

The rise in revenue collection confirms that Latin America's largest economy is performing well.

Several factors contributed to the increase in collection, including positive macroeconomic variables and resuming a tax on

fuel, said the agency. At the same time, massive flooding since late April in the southern Brazilian

state of Rio Grande do Sul had a dampening effect on revenue collection, it said. — Xinhua



Public-private partnerships (PPPs) in Brazil have been instrumental in driving infrastructure development and improving public services through collaborative investments and shared expertise. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ WORLD FINANCE**

China reports robust growth in overseas investment in H1

CHINA reported steady growth in overseas investment in the first half (H1) of 2024, official data showed Thursday, indicating the country's broadened

engagement in cooperation on the global market.

China's non-financial outbound direct investment (ODI) increased 16.6 per cent year on

year to US\$72.62 billion in the first six months of the year, data from the Ministry of Commerce showed. — Xinhua

Electric car woes force German supplier ZF to axe jobs

GERMAN car parts manufacturer ZF said Friday it would cut a fifth to a quarter of jobs in Germany as it struggled with the switch to electric vehicles and foreign competition.

“The number of employees in Germany is to be successively reduced by 11,000 to 14,000 from the current level of around 54,000 by 2028,” ZF said in a statement.

The decision to significantly reduce the size of its domestic workforce was needed to “respond to the changes in the mobility sector, particularly in the

field of electromobility”, ZF said.

The move was “difficult but necessary”, ZF chief executive Holger Klein said in a statement.

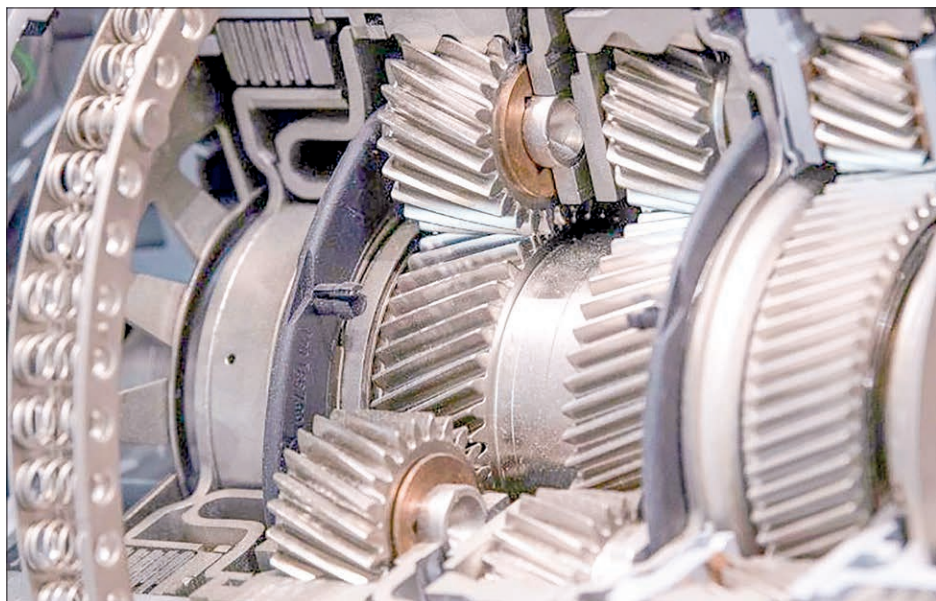
“The seriousness of the situation calls for decisive action to be able to adapt the company to the tougher market and competitive environment,” Klein said.

Restructuring the auto supplier in Germany was needed to “strengthen our competitiveness and consolidate our position as one of the world’s leading suppliers”, Klein said.

Strong competition, cost pressures and weak demand for electric vehicles meant the restructuring would focus on ZF’s electric motors division, the group said.

The emerging market, in which Chinese manufacturers have taken the lead, was “highly competitive”, ZF said.

Building the motors for electric cars had “low margins” and the group was struggling to “cross-finance purely electric drives” from its efforts in conventional and hybrid vehicles, ZF said. — AFP



ZF said it is facing less demand for parts for conventional vehicles – like this transmission – while demand for electric vehicles has also been weak. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Refining and gas give TotalEnergies Q2 blues

FRENCH oil heavyweight TotalEnergies on Thursday reported slumping

profits in the second quarter, blaming lower margins in refining and falling sales

and prices for natural gas.

Net profit shed seven percent year-on-year in April-June, to \$3.8 billion, the company said in a statement.

Analysts had forecast around \$4.9 billion in surveys by Bloomberg and FactSet.

TotalEnergies’ liquid natural gas (LNG) business saw its adjusted net operating income retreat 13 per cent “in a context of lower LNG demand in Europe” sapping both sales and prices.

There was a still steeper tumble of more than a third for its refining and chemicals operation, with TotalEnergies blaming “lower refining margins mainly in Europe... and the Middle East”.

But elevated oil prices ensured the group’s exploration and production division, by far its largest, saw a 14-per-cent boost in its operating result.

The electricity unit, which includes renewable energy, also scored a double-digit increase. — AFP



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Apple agrees to abide by White House AI safeguards

THE White House on Friday said that Apple has joined more than a dozen tech firms committed to following safeguards intended to curb the risks of artificial intelligence.

Amazon, Google, Microsoft and OpenAI were among the AI sector rivals who joined US officials in unveiling the voluntary pact a year ago. President Joe Biden’s administration said at the time that it had secured commitments from the companies “to

help move towards safe, secure, and transparent development of AI technology.” The safeguards include tech companies simulating attacks on AI models in a testing technique referred to as “red teaming” to expose flaws or vulnerabilities. Testing of AI models or systems is to include societal risks and national security concerns such as cyber assaults and developing biological weapons, according to the White House. — AFP

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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The 24th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Astana, Kazakhstan, 4 July 2024. PHOTO: XIE HUANCHI/XINHUA

Creating a new Eurasian security architecture

27 JULY

ASEAN countries have expressed interest in Russia's idea of forming a new security architecture in Eurasia, as they understand that the West is pushing for narrower formats within ASEAN to restrain China and Russia, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said during a press conference following the ASEAN Summit on Saturday. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov highlighted that Western efforts to limit China and Russia are clear, while ASEAN partners support President Putin's idea of a unified Eurasian security system.

Lavrov emphasized the need for an inclusive, indivisible security framework, citing the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the Eurasian Economic Union as models. – SPUTNIK

26 JULY

Biden proposes Supreme Court reform

US President Joe Biden intends to present a significant proposal aimed at reforming the Supreme Court on Monday, the Politico cited two people familiar with the matter as saying Friday.

The plan is expected to include support for setting term limits for justices and implementing a binding code of ethics.

He is also anticipated to advocate for a constitutional amendment that would restrict immunity for presidents and certain other officials. This comes in response to the court's 1 July ruling, which determined that presidents cannot be prosecuted for "official acts" performed while in office, a decision related to a case involving former President Donald Trump. – Xinhua

25 JULY

Maduro warns of bloodbath

A fraught election campaign closed Thursday in Venezuela, mired in uncertainty after President Nicolas Maduro warned of a "bloodbath" if he loses – which polls suggest is likely.

In Caracas, thousands attended final rallies for incumbent President Nicolás Maduro and opposition rival Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia, held about a kilometer apart.

Despite trailing in polls, Maduro, seeking a third term, claimed only he could ensure peace and stability. Gonzalez Urrutia urged

Venezuelans to resist fear and embrace hope.

Maduro's rally featured energetic supporters praising his strength symbol, while Gonzalez Urrutia's supporters waved flags and honked motorbikes, expressing optimism.

Voter Mercedes Henriques, 68, supported the opposition but feared election fraud, while Maduro supporter Raibert Pacheco, 28, felt his choice was a matter of tradition, though some at the rally felt coerced. – AFP

24 JULY

Trump assailant searched JFK online

The attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump involved a drone, extensive online research on JFK's assassination, and resulted in three deaths, FBI Director Christopher Wray revealed to Congress on Wednesday.

The FBI revealed that the gunman who attempted to assassinate Donald Trump at a campaign rally on 13 July searched online for information about President John F Kennedy's 1963 assassination.

FBI Director Christopher Wray testified that the assailant, Thomas Matthew Crooks, flew a drone over the rally site before attacking Trump, who sustained a wound to his

right ear. The Secret Service sniper killed Crooks within 30 seconds of the shooting.

While the motive remains unclear, the attack resulted in serious injuries to two attendees and the death of a Pennsylvania firefighter. The investigation is ongoing.

US Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle resigned on Tuesday, a day after acknowledging the agency had failed in its mission to prevent the assassination attempt.

Wray said Crooks flew a drone over the rally area for around 11 minutes – sometime between 3:50 pm and 4 pm – on the day of the attack. – AFP

23 JULY

Migrant deportations from Panama 'imminent'

DEPORTATION flights from Panama for undocumented US-bound migrants who have crossed the lawless Darien jungle from South America are expected to start imminently, a US official said Tuesday.

This month, Washington pledged \$6 million to fund migrant repatriations from Central America, aiming to reduce irregular crossings at the US southern border. The programme will utilize charter and commercial flights

to deport migrants crossing the Darien Gap, a critical route from South America through Central America to the US. Negotiations with Panama are ongoing, with implementation expected soon, according to Marlen Pineiro of the US Department of Homeland Security.

Over half a million undocumented migrants, mainly Venezuelans, crossed the Darien Gap last year, intensifying pressure on transit countries like Panama and Mexico. – AFP

22 JULY

A gunman shot up nursing home

CROATIA was in a state of shock on Monday after a gunman opened fire in a nursing home, killing at least six people in a rare instance of gun violence in the Balkan country.

A gunman killed six people, including five residents and one employee, at a private nursing home in Daruvar, Croatia.

After the attack, he fled but was soon arrested at a cafe while carrying unregistered

firearms. The gunman had a history of disturbing public order and domestic abuse. Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic condemned the act as monstrous, but police have not confirmed if the gunman's mother was among the victims. The nursing home was sealed off as a forensics team investigated, and a small crowd gathered at the scene. – AFP

21 JULY

Calling for reforms to tourism model

SOME 20,000 protesters hit the streets of Palma in Mallorca Sunday for a mass demonstration against overtourism, demanding changes to a touristic model they say is harming the Spanish Mediterranean island.

Under the slogan "Let's change course and set limits on tourism", demonstrators flooded popular streets in Spain with colourful flags and banners. The protests, organized by around 80

groups, demand restrictions on tourism in the Balearic Isles, citing overburdened public services, environmental damage, and housing issues. Estimates of participants ranged from 12,000 to 50,000.

Last year, a record 17.8 million people visited the Balearic Islands, from mainland Spain and abroad, and the figures are expected to be even higher this year. – AFP

SPORTS



Men's street skateboarding takes a rain check

THE men's street skateboarding at the Paris Olympic Games, originally scheduled for Saturday, has been postponed until next Monday because of the downpour in the French capital.

"Due to the adverse forecasts projected until late afternoon, the men's street skateboarding competition has been rescheduled to Monday, adopting the same start time as originally planned," said a statement issued by World Skate's Skateboarding Director Luca Basilico. The rescheduled preliminary competition phase will start at noon time, with the top eight competitors from the four heats making it into the final. The staff at the competition venue said that the decision was made out of safety concerns of athletes as the competition is held in the open field and the continuous rainfall has made the venue slippery. — Xinhua



Members of delegations are seen during the opening ceremony of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games in Paris on 26 July 2024. PHOTO: AFP

Olympic Games return to Paris with spectacular waterborne opening ceremony

** Paris embraced its first Summer Olympics in a century with an opening ceremony on the River Seine.*

** At a time when the world order is deeply troubling, the Paris 2024 Games underline the Olympic values of solidarity, equality and human dignity.*

AFTER a century-long wait, Paris welcomes back the Olympic Games with a splashy and "Seine-sational" opening ceremony, making itself a truly moveable feast.

French President Emmanuel Macron declared the Games open before the waterborne ceremony reached its climax when Teddy Riner and Marie-Jose Perec lit the

cauldron with the Olympic flame.

The iconic River Seine glistened with cheers and shouts around 7:30 pm when the audacious Paris Olym-

pics opening ceremony, featuring global sports stars parading on a flotilla, was finally brought on stream.

The French capital, dubbed by Ernest Hemingway as "a moveable feast", was in full flow, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the city's previous Olympic Games and the last edition under the presidency of Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the modern Olympics. "One hundred years on, the Games are back in our country. And for us, it's a historic opportunity to reinterpret the great hallmarks of the Games to show the world the best of France: its boldness, creativity, avant-garde spirit, and openness," said Paris 2024 president Tony Estanguet. — Xinhua

Results of shooting 10m air rifle mixed team finals at Paris Olympics

FOLLOWING are the results of shooting 10-metre air rifle mixed team finals at the Paris Olympic Games here on Saturday:

Gold medal match:

Huang Yuting/Sheng Lihao, China, beat Keum Ji-hyeon/Park Ha-jun, South Korea, 16-12

Bronze medal match:

Alexandra Le/Islam Satpayev, Kazakhstan, beat Anna Janssen/ Maximilian Ulbrich, Germany, 17-5

Xinhua

Yangon, ISPE bring victory back in MNL

THE 2024-2025 season of the Myanmar National League continued yesterday, and Yangon United and ISPE FC regained their respective victories.

Yangon United edged Maha United 1-0 at the Yangon United Sports Complex. Yangon won with a penalty kick scored in the second half.

Both teams attacked from the start, but the first half ended in a goalless draw due to poor



A Yangon United player (blue) fights for the ball against an opponent during the MNL match at the YUSC yesterday. PHOTO: MNL

finishing. In the 58th minute of the second half, Yangon United produced a winning goal. Yangon United striker Yan Kyaw Htwe scored the winning goal through a penalty.

The best player award for

this match went to Yangon United's Kyaw Phyo Wai. After the match, Yangon United garnered 10 points from four games, whereas Maha secured six points from four matches. As a result of the

win, team Yangon was able to put pressure on the defending champion, Shan United.

Meanwhile, ISPE FC beat Ayeyawady United 1-0 at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon. Hein Htet Nyein scored the winning goal for the ISPE at 25 minutes. With this win, ISPE garnered MNL's second win. Ayeyawady United have lost four matches in a row and have only one point. The best player award for this match went to ISPE's defender Hein Htet Nyein.

Thitsa Arman FC will take on defending champion Shan United in today's MNL match at Thuwunna YTC. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Brazilian dunes dotted with dazzling pools make World heritage list

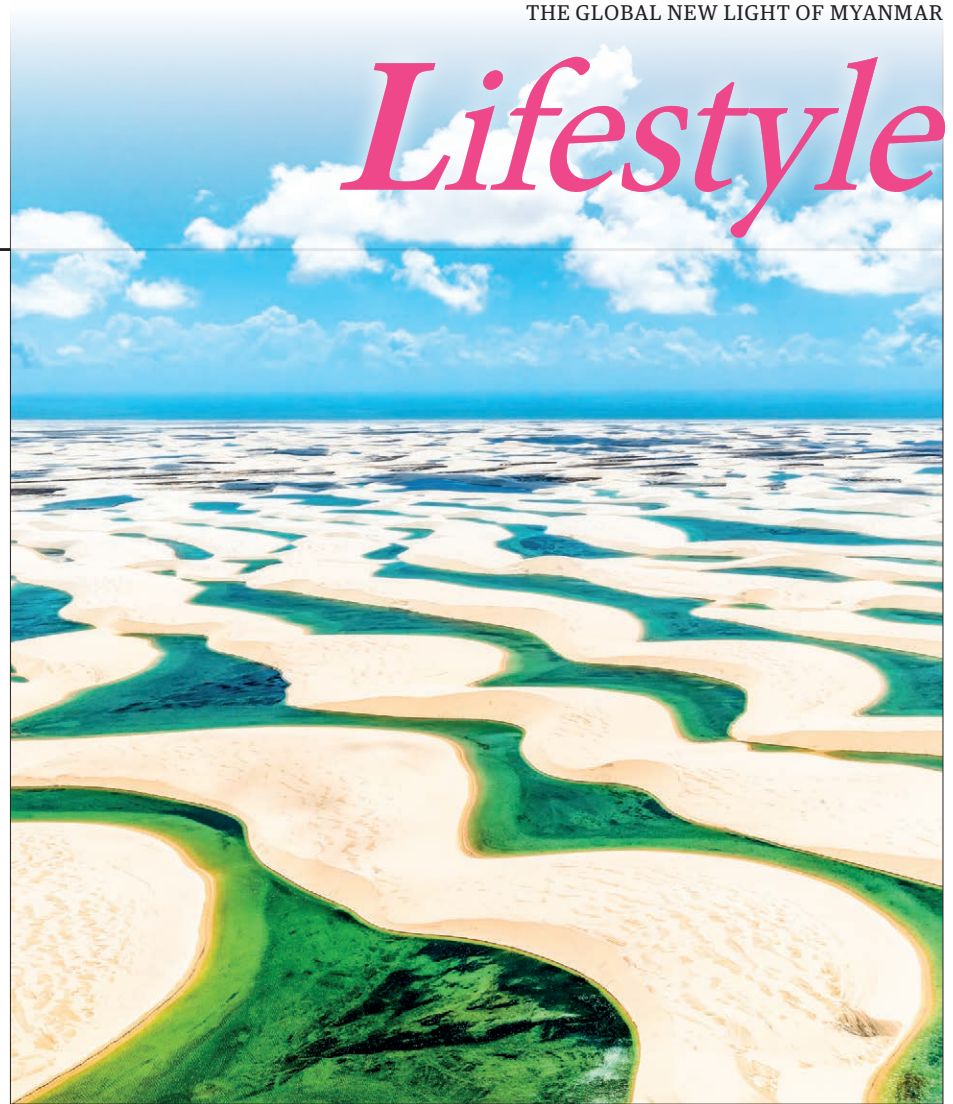
Located in Maranhao, it resembles a bedsheet spread across the landscape.

BRAZIL'S Lencois Maranhenses National Park, famed for its white dunes that fill with blue and emerald lagoons in the rainy season, was on Friday declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The vast park, named for the dunes' resemblance to a bedsheet spread across the landscape — "lencois" means sheets in Portuguese — is located in the north-eastern state of Maranhao, in a transition zone between the Amazon, Cerrado, and Caatinga biomes. The decision was taken during the 46th annual meeting of the United

Nations World Heritage Committee, which is taking place in India's capital New Delhi. Lencois Maranhenses is the 24th site in Brazil to make it onto the list of places of significant cultural or natural significance. The national park was created in June 1981 and covers an area of 156,000 hectares, more than half of which offers a landscape of dunes and multi-coloured lagoons, which attract more than 100,000 tourists each year.

According to UNESCO, it is the largest expanse of dunes in South America. The Lencois Maranhenses are a



Brazil's Lencois Maranhenses National Park, famed for its sprawling white dunes that transform into a stunning mosaic of blue and emerald lagoons during the rainy season.

protected area "where the desert meets the sea, creating a unique landscape", Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da

Silva said in a letter sent in early 2023 to UNESCO to urge the site's inscription as a World Heritage Site. — AFP



Tourists queue as they wait to take a picture from one of the balconies. PHOTO: AFP

Greece's Santorini nears saturation point

As a major cruise destination, Santorini is becoming overcrowded, prompting officials to consider restrictions.

ONE of the most enduring images of Greece's summer travel brand is the world-famous sunset on Santorini Island, framed by sea-blue church domes on a jagged cliff high above a volcanic caldera.

This scene has inspired millions of fridge magnets, posters, and souvenirs — and now the

queue to reach the viewing spot in the clifftop village of Oia can take more than 20 minutes.

Santorini is a key stopover of the Greek cruise experience. But with parts of the island nearing saturation, officials are considering restrictions.

Of the record 32.7 million people who visited Greece last

year, around 3.4 million, or one in 10, went to the island of just 15,500 residents.

"We need to set limits if we don't want to sink under overtourism," Santorini mayor Nikos Zorzos told AFP.

"There must not be a single extra bed... whether in the large hotels or Airbnb rentals".

In Oia, Santorini, tourists flock to capture the sunset, fueling local businesses that cater to their desires, such as "flying dresses" for elaborate selfies.

However, residents and officials are concerned about the impact of tourism, with signs urging respect for their home and worries over pollution from cruise ships. — AFP

Sweden seeks to be winemaking's next frontier

Pioneering winemakers are navigating this uncharted territory without the benefit of generational knowledge.

FAR north of iconic wine regions like Bordeaux and Tuscany, Sweden is seeing a burgeoning industry of vineyards and a first generation of winemakers trying to carve out a niche.

"There are millions of techniques, and I don't have a grandfather or grandmother to ask. So we need to figure it out ourselves," Lena Magnergard, 64, told AFP as she walked through the short rows of grapevines at the Selaon vineyard an hour west of Stockholm. In 2019, former communications professional Magnergard and her farmer husband Erik Bjorkman established Selaon, the northernmost vineyard in Sweden, on their family farm. Their first wine was produced in 2021. Despite their enthusiasm and Magnergard's sommelier training, they acknowledge they are still learning, often comparing themselves to France's long winemaking tradition. — AFP



Sweden's vineyards are aiming to make their mark in the wine world. PHOTO: AFP