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## Digital directories set for 17 Mandalay Region pagodas

ACCORDING to the Mandalay Region government, digital directories are currently being installed at 17 renowned pagodas across the Mandalay Region.

These pagodas include the Maha Muni Buddha Image, Kyauktawgyi, Kutodaw, Shwekyeemyin, and Aungdawmu Pagodas, as well as the Sutaungpyae Pagoda on Mandalay Hill. Additionally, the Kyaukse Maha Shwetheindaw, Maha An-

thtoo Kantha Pagoda, Shwezigon, Ananda Temple, Lawkananda, Tuyintaung, Htilominlo, Manuha Temple, Alotawpyae, Buu, and Dhammayazika Pagodas are included.

The installation of these digital directories aims to enable pilgrims to delve into the historical background and details of each pagoda, with the potential to attract a higher number of foreign visitors. — TWA/MKKS



Aerial panoramic view of Mandalay's Maha Muni Pagoda and its surroundings.

## Myanmar's industrial product exports cross US\$130M in 5 days



The photo shows diligent workers in a garment factory employing the cut-manufacture-pack process.

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar has earned a total of US\$130.506 million from exporting finished industrial products within five days from the start of the new financial year.

Within that period, industrial product exports from the private sector generated US\$72.434 million, and from the public

sector, US\$58.072 million. The figure is US\$31 million higher if compared to the earnings in the same period last year, according to the statistics released by the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar exports garments and clothes, sugar, natural gas, and many others from the industrial sector, as well as agricultural produce, animal prod-

ucts, aquatic products, mining products, and forestry products. Among them, the country primarily earns from exporting industrial products.

Among the topmost export items of Myanmar, garments and clothes stand at the first position, followed by sugar, jewellery ornaments and natural gas. — TWA/TMT

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## Appointment of Head of Service Organization confirmed

THE State Administration Council has confirmed the appointment of U Thein Toe, Director-General of the Environmental Conservation Department under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, after the one-year probationary period.

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## Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Notification No 2/2024

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### Allowing Trusteer of the Peace Party to be registered as a political party

AS of 25 April 2024, the Trusteer of the Peace Party, with its headquarters located at No 99, Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road, Ward 3, Mayangon Township, Yangon Region has been allowed to register under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law. The registration number of the Trusteer of the Peace Party is 49.

Sd/ Ko Ko  
Chairman  
Union Election Commission

# Cleaning of Bagan Cultural Heritage Zone’s religious buildings completed in 6 of 11 areas



Photos above and right depict one of the areas undergoing cleaning works, along with its location on the map.

THE task of cleaning the interiors and exteriors of religious buildings and statues within the Bagan Cultural Heritage Zone has been divided into 11 areas, with six areas already fully completed, said U Kyaw Myo Win, the Director of the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Bagan Branch).

Cleaning around the ancient buildings and removing invasive plants from both the interiors and exteriors of the buildings and statues are measures taken to ensure the cleanliness and sustainability of the

ancient structures within the Bagan cultural heritage zone. The cultural heritage zone was initially divided into six areas for this project, but starting in the 2023–2024 financial year, it has expanded to operate in eleven areas.

“In the past financial year 2023-2024, cleaning and beautification works in areas (I, A, J, C, D, and E) and along roadsides have been fully completed. These areas contain 1,617 ancient religious buildings,” U Kyaw Myo Win said.

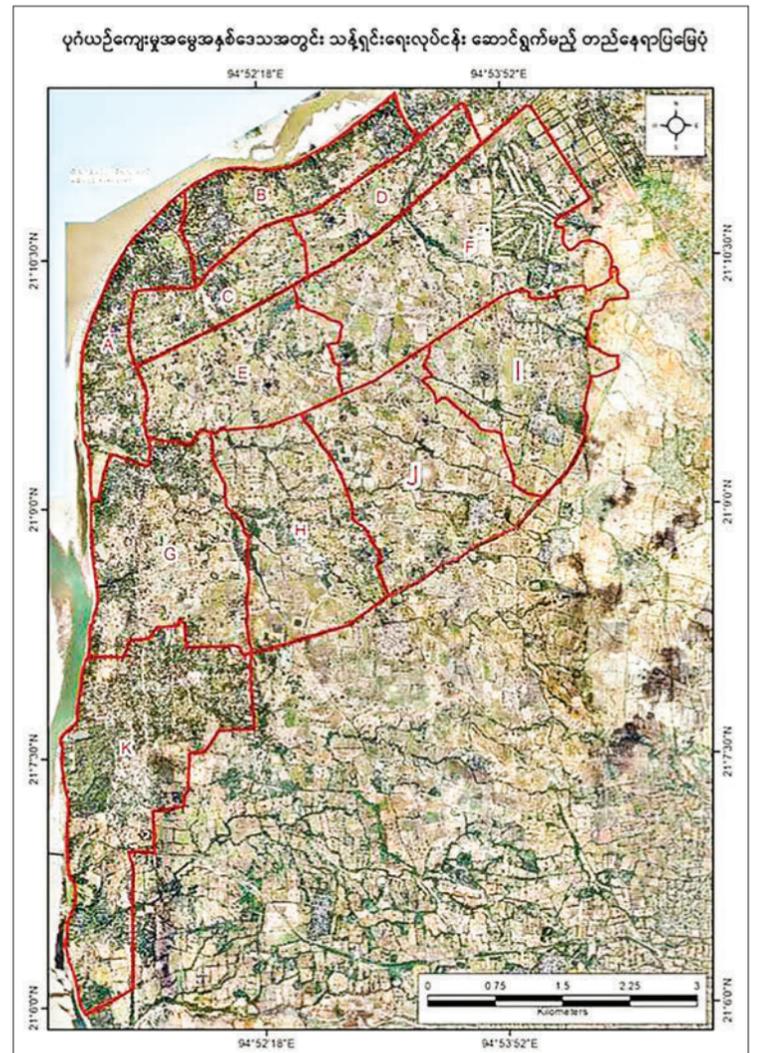
“In executing this task,

clearance of tree within the area 20 feet from the ancient temples, removal of plants growing on the upper part of the buildings, and cleaning the interiors of the temples are being undertaken, along with the removal of large plants growing near the ancient buildings. By doing this, you will be able to see the ancient buildings clearly and enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Bagan region. Additionally, the removal of plants near the ancient buildings will allow ample sunlight, reduce humidity, and promote drying. We are continuing to

work on areas F, G, and H in the 2024-2025 financial year,” he explained.

In addition to this, departmental staff assigned to specific areas have been carrying out daily cleaning tasks, along with

collective cleaning in necessary areas, on a weekly basis. Similarly, social organizations are collaborating with the department to clean and beautify the Bagan heritage area. — ASH/TH



# NATIONAL

## Myanmar celebrates World Immunization Week 2024

THE Ministry of Health marked World Immunization Week in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the event, Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win talked about the theme of 2024 World Immunization Week, “Humanly Possible: Saving lives through immunization”, measles vaccination that has averted 23 million deaths between 2010 and 2018, regular vaccination that prevented more than 20 life-threatening diseases and 24 million people from falling into poverty due to health expenses.

He also highlighted the immunization week conducted in Nay Pyi Taw and regions/states between 24 and 30 April, a double increase in vaccine coverage in

2023 compared with 2021 and cooperation work with relevant officials in primary healthcare services, including vaccination processes.

Then, the Union minister and party observed the special immunization activities for children under 15 at Shwethaephyu Monastery in Dekkhinathiri Township and immunization processes with a catch-up method for children under five at Zeyathiri Township. — MNA/KTZH

Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win is pictured during the observation tours in special immunization activities for children yesterday.



## Belt and Road Scholarship: Myanmar’s Spring Tea Reception held in Hong Kong



Participants join the ceremony of “Belt and Road Scholarship - Myanmar’s Spring Tea Reception”.

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), U Han Win Naing, Myanmar’s Consul-General in Hong Kong, attended the “Belt and Road Scholarship – Myanmar’s Spring Tea Reception” organized by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce (CGCC) in Hong Kong on 22 April.

During the event, the Myanmar consul-general delivered a speech in which he highlighted the Belt and Road Initiative, now enter-

ing its second decade, as a significant force for fostering cooperation across economic, infrastructure, cultural, and people-to-people contact sectors. He also urged Myanmar scholarship students in Hong Kong to strive for excellence in their studies and, simultaneously, to contribute to enhancing mutual friendship and understanding among the people of Myanmar, China, and the Hong Kong SAR.

At the ceremony were Permanent Secretary Ms Michelle

Li of the Education Bureau of Hong Kong SAR, along with the chairman, vice-chairman, and other officials of CGCC, as well as students from Myanmar who had received the Belt and Road Scholarship.

The Belt and Road Scholarship Scheme, which offers scholarships to students from Myanmar, commenced in the 2019-2020 academic year. In the current academic year, ten students from Myanmar have been granted scholarships. — ASH/TKO

## Temporary intl cargo ports enable export to neighbouring countries

SHWEME Port and Mottama Port from Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Region, were approved by the Customs Department as temporary international cargo ports that can export goods to neighbouring countries on 24 April 2024.

In order to carry out border trade export activities from

these ports to neighbouring countries, One-Stop-Service (OSS), including the Customs Department, have been assigned to carry out inspections since 24 April, and entrepreneurs can now carry out export activities with neighbouring countries. — MNA/KZL



An aerial view of the Mottama Port in Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Region.

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

## 2023-2024AY outstanding students visit Defence Services Museum, National Museum



Outstanding students explore the displays and exhibits at the Defence Services Museum and the National Museum in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

OUTSTANDING students of the 2023-2024 Academic Year from different regions and states, including Nay Pyi Taw, visited the Defence Services Museum and the Na-

tional Museum in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. First, the officials of the Defence Services Museum related the history of the museum, as well as its

aims and booths, and the students observed the booths around the museum. On arrival at the National Museum, the students viewed the booths depicting the

pre-history, post-history, primate and fossils, different eras such as iron, bronze and iron, Myanmar arts, ASEAN and cultures of ethnic people among others. —MNA/KTZH

### Counter-argument to false information

#### Misinformation spread by media outlets regarding village fire incident clarified

THE subversive media outlet Khit Thit has been circulating false news in an attempt to sow confusion among the public. They have accused security forces of setting fire to houses in Chipa



Screenshot validates inaccurate reports.

Village, Shwebo Township, Sagaing Region, on 24 April.

According to a security official, PDF terrorists were extorting money and subjecting travellers on the Shwebo-Seikkhun-Mukangyi road to torture. Consequently, security forces were conducting operations in the vicinity of the village to ensure the safety of the public during travel. During these operations, PDF members launched sudden attacks on the security forces using heavy weapons and drones, destroying houses in the village.

These terrorists, who engage in abduction, torture, and terrorist activities, are attempting to manipulate public opinion by spreading one-sided accusations and false information on social media platforms. They aim to conceal their terrorist actions and shift blame onto the security forces. — MNA/TKO

#### Misinformation: Over 30 men arrested at Aunglan inspection checkpoint

THE malicious news media falsely posted that more than 30 men were arrested at the Aunglan inspection checkpoint of Magway Region around 7 am yesterday. They spread propaganda on social networks to



Screenshot validates false claims.

frighten the people. The misinformation is intentionally fabricated by those who don't want community peace and the terrorist media.

At the city's entry and exit checkpoints, relevant officials and security forces are conducting necessary checks.

According to a relevant official, reports that the young people have been arrested in malicious news media are not valid.

Subversive media outlets are poisoning the news with false information based on the incidents in order to mislead the security forces and the public. — MNA/KZL



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# NATIONAL

**Y**ANGON, a commercial city of Myanmar, sees an increase in paddy fields year by year in addition to the industrial and manufacturing sectors. The summer paddy fields in Taikkyi Township are irrigated by dam water, and the plantation target exceeds 29,174 acres rather than 28,864 acres.

The water from Tabu Hla Dam near Konpawso village in Taikkyi Township is distributed to Okkan creek at 86 square miles of watershed and to the summer paddy fields in Taikkyi and Hmawby townships via the two main canals. Farmers are ready to harvest the paddy with machines.

There are over 50,000 acres of summer paddy in Taikkyi this year, and the irrigation water is distributed via the two main canals – 23.63 miles long left canal and 60.72 miles long right canal. The plantation reaches 29,174 acres, exceeding the target of 28,864 acres this year. Over 20,000 acres of summer paddy out of 50,000 acres are also thriving.

“We endeavour to achieve success for summer paddy. We systematically stored the dam water for summer paddy. The

## Tabu Hla Dam benefits summer paddy fields, exceeding target

Nyein Thu (MNA)



Tabu Hla Dam irrigates summer paddy fields. PHOTOS: KANU

water shortage problem may occur at times due to climate change, so we mainly focus on storing water. We managed to distribute water from the main canal to feeder canals among the fields to reduce the waste. The farmers are good at storing water. Therefore, we can distribute water to many acres. Tabu Hla

Dam supplies more water to 3,000 acres of summer paddy this year than the previous year, and we can distribute adequate water thanks to the water-storing skills of farmers. We are happy when the summer paddy production rate is good and the farmers reap good profits. The paddy prices are good, and we are satisfied with

the farmers’ profits. We will keep working as per the objectives of the department,” said U Khin Maung Lwin, deputy director of the Yangon Region Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department.

The department is working with the farmers to promote the sown acreage, achieve success

in the plantation, promote the lives of farmers who use irrigated water, and successfully plant crops in irrigated areas. It also manages irrigation water distribution and flood.

The Tabu Hla Dam supplies water to summer paddy fields in Taikkyi and Hmawby townships starting from 1 January. It suspends the water distribution by the end of April to conduct irrigation water storage processes. Farmers grab achievement in their summer paddy plantation despite their concerns about high temperatures in March and April 2024. *Translated by KTZH*



A combine seen harvesting summer paddy.



An irrigated summer paddy field.

Irrigation for summer paddy.

# NATIONAL



A truck laden with donated provisions to YGW Orphanage in Pathein.

## Orphanage in Pathein receives rice bags, formula milk powder worth over K20M from public donations

WITH more than K20 million public contribution, rice bags and formula milk powder were donated to YGW Orphanage in Pathein, according to Dr Than Min Htut, who is well-known as Pindaya Mee Eain Shin for his philanthropic work.

Located in Pathein in Ayeyawady Region, YGW houses a total of about 200 children, including 30 young babies who still need bottle-feeding. It needs two rice bags for a day meal.

With a public contribution of more than K21.6 million, 171 rice bags and 114 formula milk powder packs, enough to feed the children for three months, were donated.

"Among those who have been hungry for love, these children don't get their mother's

love, father's love and family's love. When we arrived, they gave us their hands and asked us to hold them. And they don't want to get down when they are carried. They have been hungry for love. We provided 171 rice bags and 114 formula milk powder packs with the public contribution to those children," Dr Than Min Htut wrote on his Facebook account on 23 April.

Donors include more than K8 million donors, K3.7 million donors, K2 million donors, more than K1.2 million donors and K1 million donors.

"We can give the Sayadaw the food security for three months. We can show our love and humanity for those orphans who have been hungry for love with a handful of rice and a milk bottle" he said. — MT/ZS

## Central Myanmar, Delta expect slight rise in temperatures later this month

IN central Myanmar and the delta region, temperature is forecasted to rise slightly by about one degree on 28-29 April, said Director U Hla Tun of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

Typically, the temperature gets higher after Thingyan, and it is generally forecasted that the climate will still be hot until May in some areas.

"The possibility of temperature increase will be in central Myanmar, the delta region, Bago, Yangon, Aye-yarwady, Sagaing and Mandalay regions. It is forecasted that it will increase by about 1 degree on 28 and 29 April in these areas. It is usual for the temperature to get higher after Thingyan every year. Generally, it is expected to be hot in some areas until May because it doesn't rain. The temperature will be higher when it doesn't rain and will decrease back when there is the possibility of rain. It is usual in summer that the temperature rises and falls," said U Hla Tun.

The day temperatures in the past 24 hours were 3-4 degrees Celsius higher than April's average temperature in Sagaing Region, Mandalay Region, Magway Region and

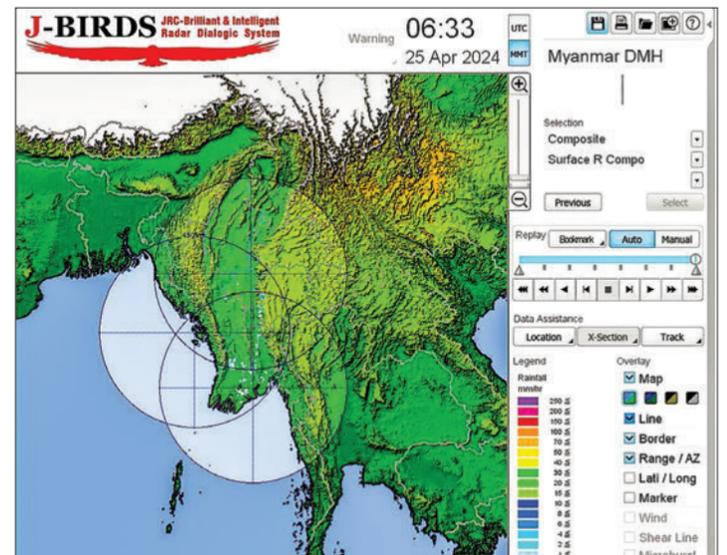
Shan State, 2 degrees Celsius higher than April's average temperature in Taninthayi Region, Kachin State and Mon State, and stayed at April's average temperature in the remaining regions and states.

Unusual day temperatures on 23 April were 45.9 degrees Celsius in Chauk, 44.7 degrees Celsius in NyaungU, 44 degrees Celsius in Aunglan, 43.7 degrees Celsius in Myinmu, 43.6 degrees Celsius in Monywa, Myingyan and Magway, 43.5 degrees Celsius in TadaU (aviation weather) and Pakokku and 43.3 degrees Celsius in Mandalay, according to DMH's data.

"In Myanmar, Chauk is located in the dry zone, so it is hot. Based on current temperatures in different cities, Chauk is the hottest," he said.

It is forecasted that there is no possibility of rain until the end of April in central Myanmar and the delta region, he said.

He added that the Ministry of Health has issued instructions on how to protect from the heat and that the public needs to follow them. He urged the public to reside in the shady area between 11 am and 3 pm as it is the hottest period of the day. — MT/ZS



## YGEA to open 32<sup>nd</sup> gold training course for free on 2 May

THE Yangon Gold Entrepreneur Association (YGEA) will open the 32<sup>nd</sup> gold training course for free on 2 May at the office of the YGEA located in Pabedan Township, Yangon. The training will last for ten days until 11 May.

The report states that the YGEA will also provide the 13<sup>th</sup> intake of knowledge-sharing sessions on money laundering and terrorism financing, which will share the following knowledge:

money laundering, gold-digging, gold purifying, pure gold market trading, basic knowledge on calculation for opening gold shop, goldsmith, applied gold mathematics, gold pawn shop, gold and silver coins, and gems and gold shop opening respectively.

Application forms to attend the training can be obtained from the YGEA. Interested applicants can submit the application forms with three photos. However, the

report states that the training will only be available for limited seats.

The Anti-Money Laundering Central Body (AMLCB) of the Ministry of Home Affairs issued Directive No 2/2022, of which Section 3 (g) of Chapter 2 prescribes that precious stone trading licence will be granted only for those who have the certificate of accomplishing the training of combating money laundering



YGEA chairperson U Myo Myint and geologist U Tin Naing Tun seen lecturing at the 31<sup>st</sup> gold training course for free.

and terrorism financing.

The YGEA submitted a total of 21 applications for getting precious stone trading licence

to the registration offices in Pabedan, Lanmadaw and Latha townships on 1 April 2023. — NN/TMT

## This year's mango crop likely to depend solely on domestic market

MANGO will need to rely more on the domestic market in this year's mango season, said an official from the Myanmar Mango Producers and Exporters Association.

It is expensive to export by air to overseas markets, and cross-border export may take too long and will not get a reasonable price if fruits get damaged when they arrive at the market. Due to these reasons, it is likely to rely more on the domestic market and also needs to observe the capability of some exporters, she said.

"It is probable that mango needs to rely more on the local market this year. It was exported to both local and foreign markets in previous years, es-

pecially to the Chinese market. But currently, the cost is too high if it is exported by air, so it is inconvenient for farmers. We predict the fruit will need to rely on the domestic market. Fruits will not be fine if they are transported through the border, which may take at least five days, and they will not get a good price if they perish. So we have to wait and see whether we are able to export to overseas markets," she said.

Currently, in the local market, the price per tonne of Seintalone weighing 150 grammes each is from K1.2 million to about 1.3 million, and the cost varies depending on one gramme, she said. The price per tonne of mango is from K1.7 million to K1.8 million, she added. Moreover, farmers have to bear more costs this year due to rising fertilizer prices and labour charges, she said.

"Seintalone mangos get ripe now, but not much. We have prepared to start picking at the end of the month or the first day of next month. In the past, plastic bags for bagging mangos cost only K20-K30 a bag. Now the price per bag is about K60. Fertilizer prices rise about triple, and labour charges become at least double. Farmers have to bear many times more cost than before," she said. — MT/ZS



The photo showcases freshly harvested Seintalone mangos in the market.

## Palm oil reference price spirals down again in Yangon market



A glimpse of the retail shop selling palm oil.

ACCORDING to the Supervisory Committee on Import, Storage and Distribution of Edible Oil, the reference price of palm oil in Yangon has declined by K100 per viss compared to the previous week.

The reference price for palm oil in Yangon was set at K5,465 per viss last week (from 13 to 21 April). However, the price has been reduced to K5,340 per viss this week (from

22 to 28 April). Therefore, the palm oil reference price in Yangon this week has been reduced by K125 than that of the previous week.

The Supervisory Committee on Import, Storage and Distribution of Edible Oil has been regulating to maintain the price stability in the domestic market in accordance with the changing global palm oil price. It makes the palm oil

wholesale reference price for the public.

Although the committee established the reference palm oil price, it is observed that the market price is higher than it. Therefore, the committee has notified that those who sell with unreasonably high prices or those who keep the oil to play the market price shall be charged as per the provisions prescribed by the Essential Supplies and Services Law.

Department of Consumer Affairs of the Ministry of Commerce is making an effort to decline the palm oil price and thus, notified the public not to buy from the shops selling at high prices and to inform the department via call centre 1535 or the Facebook page of the department. — NN/TMT

## Green gram price surges in late April

INFORMATION from the Mandalay market reported that the green gram prices turn up within these days. New green gram from central Myanmar were priced at K1,524,000 per tonne on 2 April. It increased to K1,687,000 per tonne on 25 April.

Therefore, the price of green gram has surged by K163,000 per tonne within three weeks.

In the first week of February, the new green gram price skyrocketed to K2,041,000 per tonne as it was exported abroad.

Myanmar ships the green gram to China, India, the Netherlands, Ireland, England, and Germany through shipment and land borders. The country exported a total of 503,970.579 tonnes within the 2023-24 financial year from 1 April to 31 March 2024, from which a total of US\$336.893 million was generated.

The Ministry of Commerce formerly targeted the export of 600,000 tonnes of green gram in the 2023-24 FY by four batches; each batch will deliver 150,000

tonnes of green gram respectively. However, the ministry failed to reach the expected export target of green gram. Green gram from Myanmar ensures market share in the global market. Myanmar transports approximately 8,000 tonnes of green gram to Europe annually.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and the Ministry of Commerce signed an agreement to transport the green gram to Europe commencing in 2015. — NN/TMT

# OPINION

## Analyze opportune time to do everything

**T**HIS summer in Myanmar is bustling with various activities benefiting different communities and societies. It's a valuable time, but amidst this busyness, it's essential to analyze the impact of these activities. While some may benefit society and individuals, others might have adverse effects.

Regardless of doctrines, racism, religion, or personal attachments, it's crucial for everyone to assess the current state of the nation. Activities should align with the present circumstances. If an action has the potential to harm society, it shouldn't be pursued, irrespective of personal attachments.

Some individuals believe that their actions are always beneficial and optimistic. However, what they perceive as good might not always be suitable for the current situation. Therefore, it's essential to recognize that not all good deeds are appropriate at all times.

At times, actions that might be considered bad under normal circumstances could benefit society when carried out in the right context. These actions are undertaken with good intentions to improve society and share our thoughts and emotions. It acts as a conduit, uniting people on the shared journey of life.

It's important to understand that while good deeds may not always benefit society, some seemingly bad actions might be appropriate and beneficial. Therefore, individuals must recognize that the appropriateness of actions depends on the opportune moment. If the timing isn't right, even good deeds can have negative consequences.

Everyone should engage in actions with optimism and goodwill. By doing so, their actions will be free from blame and mistakes. Moreover, these

actions are more likely to benefit society. Consequently, both the doers and the recipients will find happiness and gratitude in their interactions.

Individuals must assess the appropriateness of their actions based on the current circumstances. While good intentions are important, they must be supplemented by an understanding of the opportune time for each action. By doing so, not only will individuals avoid blame, but they will also contribute positively to society, fostering happiness and gratitude among all parties involved.

This summer is scorching due to the impacts of El Nino. Individuals need to do all things to be free from blame and mistakes. Albeit severe hotness in the summer, all Myanmar people have to take appropriate actions in line with the current situation without going beyond the restrictions. They all have to do all things without adding frets and evil actions to society but forging internal peace and stability for the sake of the people.

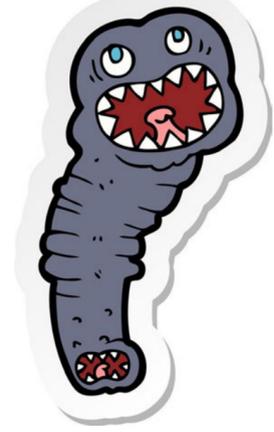
**I**DIOMS and expressions play a crucial role in everyday conversation. They provide insight into various cultures and add depth to language, making it more engaging. Utilizing idioms facilitates strong connections with others and ensures that conversations are memorable. Incorporating idioms enriches language, making it vibrant and varied while also enhancing our understanding of different cultures, thereby facilitating communication with people from diverse backgrounds.

Engaging in dialogue with one another is akin to a dance of words, fostering closeness and deepening mutual understanding. Language serves as a bridge that connects individuals, enabling us to express ourselves and share our thoughts and emotions. It acts as a conduit, uniting people on the shared journey of life.

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- \* Explore the possibilities sur-reptitiously; Put out feelers; Assess the situation in a sneaky way.

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### DEFINITION

**To fumble as a leech**  
A leech, when attached to a

host, attempts to extract blood by fumbling to locate the area where the arterial system is accessible. During this process, the leech moves its head hesitantly from side to side, searching for the optimal spot. This behaviour, characterized by hesitant and uncertain movements in pursuit of an opportunity, is likened to the actions of a leech and is termed as “fumbling”.

### Here are similar English idiom versions:

A similar English expression might be “feeling around in the dark”, which refers to attempting to find something without much knowledge or guidance. Example sentence: “He was feeling around in the dark for a solution to the problem, unsure of where to start.”

Another expression could be “flying blind”, which means to proceed without a clear understanding or direction.

Example sentence: “Without any instructions, I felt like I was flying blind trying to assemble the furniture.”

Alternatively, “stabbing in the dark” can be used, which suggests making attempts without a clear idea of what will work.

Example sentence: “I’m just stabbing in the dark here, hoping one of my guesses will lead to the right answer.”

### Here are the expanded versions:

Grasping at straws: Attempting to find a solution or make sense of something in a desperate or unfruitful manner.

Example sentence: “She’s grasping at straws trying to justify her actions; it’s clear she made a mistake.”

Barking up the wrong tree: Pursuing a mistaken or misguided course of action.

Example sentence: “I think you’re barking up the wrong tree if you believe he’ll lend you money; he’s as broke as you are.”

Casting about: Searching or exploring aimlessly for a solution or direction.

Example sentence: “The team has been casting about for new ideas, but nothing seems to be gaining traction.”

Wandering in the wilderness: Being lost or unsure of one’s direction, especially in terms of finding a solution or path for-

ward.

Example sentence: “Ever since she lost her job, she’s been wandering in the wilderness, unsure of what to do next.”

Fish out of water: Feeling uncomfortable or out of place, often due to being in an unfamiliar situation or environment.

Example sentence: “At the fancy dinner party, I felt like a fish out of water among all those wealthy socialites.”

These idioms and expressions all convey the idea of uncertainty, confusion, or ineffectiveness in pursuing a goal or



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## Idiom Explorations Edition 6

# Connecting on the Universal Dance of Words

By Augustin

solution, similar to the behaviour of a leech “fumbling” to locate the optimal spot for blood extraction.

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### DEFINITION

#### Fruit hidden under leaves

If a fruit is hidden under leaves, it can grow undisturbed and reach its full potential without being seen by potential thieves who might pick it prematurely. Similarly, a beautiful girl who goes unnoticed because she seldom mingles in crowds is sometimes referred to as a “fruit hidden under leaves”. In some rare instances, this term is also

used to describe a concubine who is kept secretly.

### Here are the expanded versions:

In English, there are several idiomatic expressions and sayings that convey similar meanings to the Myanmar idiom provided:

Hidden gem: Refers to something or someone of great value or talent that is not widely known or recognized.

Example sentence: “Sarah is a hidden gem in the art world; her paintings are stunning but she rarely exhibits them.”

Diamond in the rough: Describing someone or something with great potential or value that is not yet fully developed or recognized.

Example sentence: “With a little training, Jack could be a diamond in the rough; he’s got natural talent but lacks experience.”

Wallflower: Used to describe a person, typically a shy or reserved individual, who avoids drawing attention to themselves in social situations.

Example sentence: “Even though she’s incredibly talented,

Example sentence: “The small bakery on the corner is the town’s best-kept secret; their pastries are incredible.”

Sleeper hit: Describing a book, movie, or other form of entertainment that becomes unexpectedly popular despite little initial attention or promotion.

Example sentence: “The indie film was a sleeper hit, gaining a cult following after its release.”

Dark horse: Referring to a person or thing that unexpectedly emerges to win or succeed, often without being noticed or considered a likely contender.

Example sentence: “Lisa was the dark horse in the competition, but she surprised everyone by winning first place.”

Quiet achiever: Describing someone who achieves success or accomplishes excellent things without seeking or receiving much recognition or attention.

Example sentence: “John is a quiet achiever; he works diligently behind the scenes and always exceeds expectations.”

Unsung hero: Refers to someone who deserves recog-

ture the idea of something or someone valuable, talented, or successful that remains hidden or unnoticed by others.

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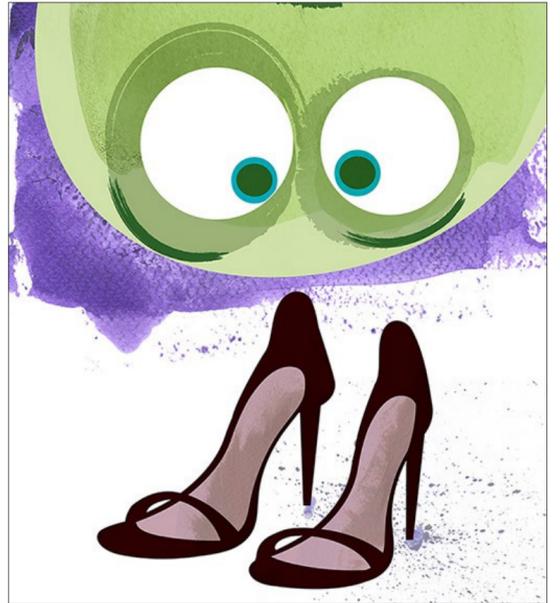
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• အရူးအမူးဖြစ်  
• အချစ်ရူးရူး  
be infatuated; fall head over heels (in love).

### DEFINITION

#### To be possessed by the Deindalein nat

If someone’s spouse has another partner or keeps a secret lover, the hurt person will feel really upset and worried. Their heart will beat fast, like the sound of an Indian drum linked to a spirit called Deindalein. People think they’re possessed by this



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dition or praise for their actions or contributions but does not receive it.

Example sentence: “The volunteers who work tirelessly at the local shelter are the unsung heroes of our community.”

These expressions all cap-

spirit when they feel this way.

### Here are similar English idiom versions:

Smitten:  
Definition: To be deeply affected by love for someone.

Example sentence: “Ever since he met Sarah, he’s been absolutely smitten with her.”

Love-struck:  
Definition: Overwhelmed or affected by intense feelings of love.

Example sentence: “He’s been love-struck ever since he laid eyes on her.”

Crazy about someone:  
Definition: To have strong feelings of love or affection for someone.

Example sentence: “She’s crazy about him; she talks about him all the time.”

Infatuated:  
Definition: To be intensely fond of or attracted to someone.

Example sentence: “She’s infatuated with him; she can’t stop talking about him.”

Bitten by the love bug:  
Definition: To suddenly become infatuated or enamoured with someone.

Example sentence: “Ever since their first date, he’s been bitten by the love bug.”

Madly in love:  
Definition: To be deeply and passionately in love with someone.

Example sentence: “They’re madly in love; you can see it in the way they hold hands.”

Swept off one’s feet:  
Definition: To be charmed or enamoured by someone’s romantic gestures.

Example sentence: “He swept her off her feet with his surprise proposal.”

Twitterpated:  
Definition: To be romantically infatuated or love-struck.

Example sentence: “They’re both so twitterpated; they can’t stop giggling around each other.”

Head over heels in love:  
Definition: Completely and deeply in love with someone.

Example sentence: “She’s head over heels in love with him, and it’s clear he feels the same way.”

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# NATIONAL

## New seafarers encounter recruitment challenges for off-route ship assignments

SOME new seafarers have faced recruitment problems due to discrepancies between the actual ship they got on board and the one they were supposed to join, according to Captain Soe Min Aung, president of the Myanmar Seafarers Federation (MSF).

Currently, there are rare job opportunities for new seafarers because of training conditions and language barriers, he said.

“When a seaman arrives in a foreign country to get on board, the actual ship is not the one he has agreed to work. Types and names differ. Sometimes, the ship is found to be of deficient standard, and it is unacceptable. The problem is that they have paid the brokerage and upfront fees. If they

return, they will lose their money. The brokers said that these seafarers have been employed, and they have returned at their discretion,” he said.

At present, as some countries that used to produce many seafarers have become economically prosperous and their citizens are not willing to work as

seafarers, there is a shortage of seafarers and, therefore, plenty of recruitment to replace their positions.

“The number of seafarers

from Myanmar isn't increasing as many as we expect. The reason is, I don't mean for all of them, but most of the freshers are weak in English. Another factor is that all professional courses are given in the classroom, so ship owners are not satisfied with their practical knowledge when they ask our seamen in detail. What they know is just what they learn in the classroom. When they are asked if they can actually work, they cannot give satisfactory answers to ship owners,” he said.

Therefore, these issues need to be resolved through the coordinated efforts of seafarers, organizations, authorities, local crewing agents and training schools, he suggested. — MT/ZN



Practical training for trainees at a maritime training school. (PHOTO: PMTC)



## Confiscation of illegal items: Timbers, foodstuffs, industrial materials and vehicles



Confiscated illegal goods in Yangon Region.

DURING inspections conducted on 23 and 24 April, combined teams overseen by the Yangon Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force seized various illicit items across different townships.

In Hlegu and Taikkyi townships, the teams confiscated illegal timbers weighing 18.883 tonnes valued at K1.866 million. In South Okkalapa township, two unregistered Toyota Mark II (estimated value of K6.5 million) were apprehended. Similarly, an unregistered Toyota

Noah (estimated value of K4 million) was seized in Dagon Myothit (East) township. Additionally, a MAN tractor head with a trailer, transporting 14,000 kilogrammes of GI pipes from China worth K20.608 million without official documents at the Ywathagyi Dry Port, was intercepted while en route from Mandalay to Yangon. Enforcement action was carried out under the Forest Law, the Export and Import Law, and Customs procedures.

On 24 April, a Yutong bus

(valued at K40 million) travelling from Thamanya to Yangon was intercepted at the Thanlwin bridge checkpoint (Tayokhla side). It was found to be carrying nine types of goods worth K18.442 million, including 1,494 boxes of Wai Wai Quick dried noodles from Thailand without official documents. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

In the industrial ward of Monywa on the same day, combined inspection teams seized 4.189 tonnes of illegal timbers valued at K5.53 million under the Forest Law.

Furthermore, combined inspection teams under the Yangon Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force confiscated 7.22 tonnes of illegal timbers valued at K672,820 in Lewe and Ottarathiri Districts under the Forest Law.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported that 23 arrests were made on 23 and 24 April, with an estimated total value of K177.619 million. — MNA/MKKS

## YRIC approves 5 new projects, creating nearly 2,000 jobs

ACCORDING to Secretary U Nyi Nyi Min of the Yangon Region Government Office, the Yangon Region Investment Committee Meeting 4/2024, held on 24 April, approved five new investment projects.

These projects are anticipated to generate employment opportunities for 1,952 individuals. The total investment for these projects amounts to K4 billion and \$4.103 million, spread across

industrial, manufacturing, and service sectors.

“Out of the five investments, one is fully owned by citizens, two are entirely foreign-owned, and two are joint ventures,” added U Nyi Nyi Min. Furthermore, it has been reported that the Yangon Region Investment Committee grants monthly approvals for both local and foreign investments with the aim of creating job opportunities. — ASH/TRKM



The photo shows officials inspecting some factories in Yangon.

## Paris dream of swimming in the Seine finally within reach

GOING for a dip in the Seine on a hot summer's day has been the pipedream of many a Parisian since swimming in the river was formally banned a century ago.

But floating on your back under the Eiffel Tower could very soon become reality thanks to the Paris Olympics.

The river will be the star of the opening ceremony of the Games on 26 July and will host the triathlon and the swimming marathon. Then, if all goes well, next summer Parisians and tourists will be able to dive in too.

Like Zurich and Munich before it, Paris has been reclaiming its river with one of three new urban "beaches" to open under the windows of its historic town hall next year, with another almost at the foot of the Eiffel Tower.

Nearly 30 more — complete with pontoons, showers and parasols — are planned for the suburbs and along the Marne, which flows into the Seine just east of

*Following examples set by Zurich and Munich, Paris is reclaiming its river with the introduction of urban "beaches" near its historic town hall and the Eiffel Tower.*



Taking the dive: Paris has spent big on making the Seine River clean enough to swim in. PHOTO: EMMANUEL DUNAND/AFP

the French capital.

Once regarded as an open-air dump, former French president Jacques Chirac first floated the idea of swimming in the Seine in 1990.

But it was the current mayor Anne Hidalgo who really ran with the idea, making it a pillar of her Olympic bid in 2016. Some 1.4 billion euros has been spent on colossal public works to counter pollution, with Hidalgo vowing to swim in the Seine herself in late June. French President Emmanuel Macron says he too will take the plunge — but is coy about saying exactly when. For many it feels like a long-held fantasy is finally within reach — a return to an 18<sup>th</sup>-century idyll when Parisians splashed naked in the Seine.

### Failed water quality tests

But there is a big if to all this: the sometimes sharp fluctuations in the Seine's water quality after storms. — AFP

## A Swiftie half? Fans flock to London pub namechecked by US star

*"The Black Dog", once a quiet London pub, has become a pilgrimage site for Taylor Swift fans after being mentioned in one of her songs.*



Taylor Swift's mention of The Black Pub dog on her new album has sent fans flocking to a bar of the same name in south London. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

"THE Black Dog" was a quiet London pub until it became a pilgrimage site for Taylor Swift fans who identified it from a song on the US megastar's latest album.

Dewmi Fernando, a 23-year-old tourist from Singapore joined the faithful

flocking in growing numbers to the bar in Vauxhall, south London.

She braved the rain to pose in front of the pub's brick front topped with "The Black Dog" signage, and next to a blackboard where the pub's manager has written the

lyrics to "The Black Dog" in chalk.

In the song from the "The Tortured Poets Department"/"The Anthology", the 14-time Grammy winner sings about being able to still track an ex-boyfriend's location on her phone.

"Your location, you forgot to turn it off/And so I watch as you walk/Into some bar called 'The Black Dog'/And pierce new holes in my heart," sings the 34-year-old star.

"Swifties", the nickname for members of the American singer's army of fans, immediately set out to identify the notorious "Black Dog".

They quickly concluded it was the Vauxhall pub after discovering that Swift's ex-partner, actor Joe Alwyn, lived nearby. — AFP

## US Justice Dept to pay \$139 mln to USA Gymnastics sex abuse victims

THE United States Justice Department said Tuesday it had agreed to pay almost \$139 million to victims of sex abuser Larry Nassar, for its bungled investigation into the former USA Gymnastics team doctor.

For nearly two decades, Nassar subjected hundreds of people to abuse under the guise of performing medical treatment.

His victims included Olympic gold medalists Simone Biles, Aly Raisman, McKayla Maroney and other top names in the sport.

Despite complaints, the FBI initially did not act, and Nassar continued to act with impunity.

He was ultimately convicted in late 2017 and early 2018 of sexually assaulting hundreds of athletes, and is serving up to 175 years in prison. — AFP



US Olympic gymnasts (L-R) Simone Biles, McKayla Maroney, Aly Raisman and Maggie Nichols, appeared at a Senate Judiciary hearing about the Inspector-General's report on the FBI handling of Larry Nassar. PHOTO: POOL/AFP/FILE

# ECONOMY WORLD



People wait in line to buy gold in front of a jewellery store in Istanbul, Türkiye, 17 April 2024. **PHOTO:** SAFAR RAJABOV/XINHUA

## Turkish investors flock to gold amid Middle East turmoils

*Following Iran's missile and drone attacks on Israel on 13 April Riza Gokay Tugsavrol, owner of Harem Gold jewellery store, noted that the increasing demand has further boosted gold's appeal amidst rising prices.*

FARUK Mutlu, a Turkish citizen, stepped into a bustling jewellery store in Türkiye's vibrant city of Istanbul. Armed with his savings, he resolved to convert them into gold, an alternative he deems "always valuable".

With the escalating tensions in the Middle East at the beginning of last week, rumours swirled of an imminent rise in gold prices, prompting Mutlu to seize the opportunity.

"In Türkiye, it's a cherished tradition to bestow gold upon newlyweds, and with the

summer wedding season fast approaching, our demand for this precious metal is soaring," Mutlu told Xinhua.

In Kuyumcukent, a neighbourhood in Istanbul renowned as Türkiye's jewellery industry hub, lengthy queues have formed at gold stores amid concerns that the tension between Israel and Iran could escalate into the broader region.

After Iran launched missile and drone attacks on Israel on 13 April, Riza Gokay Tugsavrol, owner of the Har-

em Gold jewellery store, told Xinhua that the continued rise in prices, driven by increasing need, has made gold even more attractive. "In times of chaos and geopolitical upheavals such as war, investors often see gold as a secure refuge, relying on it as a stable asset," he said. "Before the conflict, one gramme of gold was hovering around the 2,500-Turkish-lira (76.75-US-dollar) mark," he said. "After the escalation, it surged to 2,630 liras and even began testing the 2,650 levels." — Xinhua

## Tough times for Argentine factories as consumers penny-pinch

*Argentina's factories, like many sectors of the economy, are struggling as consumers, impacted by soaring inflation and dwindling incomes, cut back on purchases.*

ARGENTINA'S factories, like many economic sectors, are floundering as consumers hit by sky-high inflation and shrinking income buy fewer goods.

Few hold out hope that things will get better any time soon.

"People still have savings" for now, Gustavo Avalos, who owns an ink factory outside Buenos Aires, told AFP. But "the outlook is bleak".

Indeed those savings may run out soon enough, with annual inflation approaching 290 per cent and wage-earners losing about a fifth of their purchasing power.

In February, Argentina's economic activity slumped for a fourth straight month as

self-described "anarcho-capitalist" President Javier Milei's budget-slashing plans took hold.

The figure dropped by 3.2 per cent year-on-year and by 0.2 per cent from January as Milei has sought to deregulate the economy and undo trade protections, also devaluing the peso by 50 per cent.

Eight sectors recorded an annual decline, including construction, manufacturing, wholesale and retail. Some small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) "can't pay salaries, others can't pay rent", said Avalos, whose factory sales fell by more than two-thirds in December and by 40 per cent in March. — AFP



In February, Argentina's economic activity slumped for a four straight month. **PHOTO:** AFP

## Mass cancellations loom despite French air union cancelling strike



The main air traffic controllers union cancelled the strike call. **PHOTO:** WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

HUNDREDS of flights were cancelled at French airports Thursday despite the country's main air traffic controllers' union dropping a call for a one-day strike after making a deal for higher pay.

In Paris around 75 per cent of flights at Orly and 55 per cent at Charles de Gaulle airport will be dropped Thursday, the DGAC civil aviation authority told airlines in a notification seen by AFP on Wednesday.

Around 65 per cent of services at Marseille airport and 45 per cent elsewhere in France will also be cancelled, it added. The impact is expected to be similar to the cancellations expected when the strike was still going ahead.

Earlier Wednesday, the SNCTA union walked back a strike call, saying it had struck a deal for higher pay and other measures with the DGAC.

The union's demands had

come in response to a planned overhaul of French air-traffic control systems.

The DGAC said that despite the strike's cancellation, the last-minute deal with the SNCTA and the need to finalize details with smaller unions meant there would still be disruptions.

It was unclear whether the two smaller unions which had also backed strike action would follow suit and call off the stoppage. — AFP

# 2024 Beijing International Automotive Exhibition kicks off

*This year's exhibition highlights various vehicle innovations, with new energy vehicle brands such as Li Auto, Avita, and Skyworth making their first appearance.*

THE 18<sup>th</sup> Beijing International Automotive Exhibition (Auto China 2024), taking place in a venue of 220,000 square metres, kicked off on Thursday in Beijing. The 10-day event will run through 4 May, and include the debut of 117 new car models.

This year's Auto China, themed "New Era, New Cars", showcases an array of vehicle innovations. A number of new energy vehicle brands like Li Auto, Avita, and Skyworth are set to make their inaugural appearance at the exhibition.



People visit the 2024 Beijing International Automotive Exhibition in Shunyi District, Beijing, capital of China, 25 April 2024. PHOTO: CAI YANG/XINHUA

Numerous globally premiered new vehicles are on display. At the Mercedes-Benz exhibition area, the pioneering all-electric off-road vehicle,

the G580 with EQ Technology, which just had its global debut on Wednesday, has promptly made its way to the Auto China booth. The German automaker aims to leverage this exhibition platform to engage with the public.

Moreover, leading companies in the industry chain, including chip and battery manufacturers, are set to unveil their latest products and solutions at the automotive parts exhibition, showcasing their cutting-edge technologies to the public. — Xinhua

# Norway oil giant Equinor's profit falls on lower gas prices

NORWEGIAN energy giant Equinor said on Thursday that its net profit dropped by 46 per cent during the first quarter, dragged down by falling gas prices.

The decrease continued last year's trend, when the group's net profit sank by 59 per cent to \$11.9 billion over 2023.

First quarter profit in 2024 stood at \$2.67 billion, compared with \$4.96 billion during the same period last year, the group said in a statement.

The drop was mostly due to a fall in gas prices in the United States and Europe, which fell by 38 per cent and 55 per cent, respectively. Adjusted earnings, which exclude certain exceptional elements, dropped by 37 per cent to \$7.53 billion, it said. — AFP

### Changing Distributor for Registered Pesticide

Distribution of pesticide registered by **Shandong Kangqiao Bio-Technology Co., Ltd** is changing from **Myanmar Kete Co., Ltd.** to **Arvis Cropscience Co.,Ltd.** Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Co-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein within 2 weeks.

No.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration Number
1.	Pyraguard 25 EC	Pyraclostrobin 250g/l EC	P2021-4629
2.	Pymeram 60 WG	Metiram 55% + Pyraclostrobin 5% WG	P2021-4670

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No.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration Number
1.	Pyradif 40 SC	Difenoconazole 25% + Pyraclostrobin 15% SC	P2022-4752
2.	Guard Mix 38 WG	Boscalid 25% + Pyraclostrobin 13% WG	P2022-4777

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No.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration Number
1.	Let Swel 25 SC	Pyraclostrobin 15% SC	P2021-4633

**Arvis Cropscience Co.,Ltd.**  
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### MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTICE

AS the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the **1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2024 (World Workers Day)**, Loading, Unloading and delivery for Goods will be received on Payment as Holiday Fees.

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MSC FORTUNE VOY.NO. (5B409A)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MSC FORTUNE VOY.NO. (5B409A)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **26-4-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

**M/S MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY S.A**

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M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY.NO. (223N)

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**M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES**

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# ROLLING UPDATES

## WORLD

## Russia vetoes UN Security Council draft resolution on weapons of mass destruction in outer space



Representatives vote on a draft resolution on the deployment of weapons of mass destruction in outer space during a Security Council meeting at the UN headquarters in New York, on 24 April 2024. Russia on Wednesday vetoed a UN Security Council draft resolution on the deployment of weapons of mass destruction in outer space. **PHOTO: LOEY FELIPE/UN PHOTO/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA**

*Prior to the vote, an amendment proposed by Russia and China to include a ban on all types of weapons in outer space was rejected by the Security Council.*

RUSSIA on Wednesday vetoed a UN Security Council draft resolution on the deployment of weapons of mass destruction in outer space.

The draft resolution, tabled by the United States and Japan, won the support of 13 of the 15 members of the Security Council. Russia, which has veto power, voted against it. China abstained.

Before the vote, the Security Council rejected an amendment to the draft resolution proposed by Russia and China to include

a ban on the deployment of all kinds of weapons in outer space.

Russia's permanent representative to the United Nations, Vassily Nebenzia, accused the United States and Japan of staging "a dirty spectacle" at the Security Council by tabling the draft resolution.

"At first glance, it looks harmless, it looks positive, because officially it is devoted to a topic that is of great importance to the international community — that's the non-placement of WMDs in outer space. — Xinhua

## Iran rejects Kuwait's claims to disputed gas field

*"Kanaani's response came following a joint statement by Kuwaiti Emir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, which asserted Kuwait's sovereignty over the Durra offshore field, also known as Arash in Iran.*



Workers at Iran's Asaluyeh Petrochemical Complex. **PHOTO: IMAGE USED FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSE/MILAD RAFAT / MEHR NEWS AGENCY / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

IRANIAN Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani on Wednesday rejected Kuwait's recent "one-sided" claims to the ownership of a gas field in the Gulf waters between Iran, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia.

He made the remarks while reacting to a joint statement issued on Wednesday by

Kuwaiti Emir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah at the end of a visit to Jordan. The statement said that the Durra offshore field, known as Arash in Iran, "falls within the maritime boundaries of Kuwait and that natural resources in the divided zone between Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, including Durra

field, only belong to the two Arab states as per international law and bilateral accords."

Kanaani highlighted Iran's right to the field, saying making "one-sided" claims in such statements created no right for the claimant.

He pointed to the previous negotiations and consultations on the issue between Iran and Kuwait, noting that the technical and legal negotiations were the "best and most appropriate way" to address the problem.

Kanaani stressed that Iran was ready to continue the talks on developing a framework that would guarantee respect for the common interests.

He underlined the principle of goodwill in regional interactions, highlighting the necessity to refrain from allowing interference by third parties in resolving the issue. — Xinhua

## Blades of Paris landmark Moulin Rouge windmill collapse

THE blades of the windmill on top of the Moulin Rouge cabaret, one of the most famous landmarks in Paris, collapsed during the night, firefighters said Thursday, just months before the French capital hosts the Olympics.

While the reason for the accident was not yet known, the Moulin Rouge's director Jean-Victor Clerico said there was no sign of "foul play", adding the cause was "obviously a technical problem".

No-one was hurt and there was no risk of further collapse, Paris firefighters said.

The accident will add to concerns of whether Paris, one of the most visited cities in the world, is ready to host the throngs who will descend on the City of Light during July-August for the Olympic Games. Hundreds of thousands of people watch the cabaret's daily shows each year, with many more stopping to look from the outside at the landmark at the foot of the Montmartre hill.

"Fortunately this happened after closing" at 1:15 am (2315 GMT), a Moulin Rouge official had earlier told AFP on condition of anonymity. — AFP



The sails of the landmark Moulin Rouge windmill fell to the ground overnight. **PHOTO: AFP**

# SPORTS

## Ayeyawady United to play Thitsa Arman in Myanmar Women's League 2024 opener

AYEYAWADY United, a debut club of the women's league, will take on Thitsa Arman FC in the opening match of the Myanmar Women's League 2024 at Salin Stadium in Yangon at 3:30 pm on 7 May, as stated by the Myanmar National League Committee.

In turn, Thitsa Arman FC will also play against Yangon United on 14 May, Myawady FC on 19 May, ISPE FC on 24 May, YREO on 5 June and Shan United on 11 June.

The Myanmar Women's League 2024 is organized by the Myanmar Football Federation and the Myanmar National League Committee and will be held for five months from 7

May to 8 November.

According to the fixture, matches of Myawady team versus Yangon United, Ayeyawady United versus Thitsa Arman and Shan United versus ISPE will be on the list of openers.

In the previous Myanmar Women's League 2023 football season, Myawady Women's Football Club secured the championship trophy, and this year's competition, Shan United and Ayeyawady United will compete as newcomers. —

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Thitsa Arman FC players seen posing for the group photo. **PHOTO: MWL**



## Norman sees Adelaide success as blueprint for all LIV Golf events

ENTERTAINMENT, star names and awareness of culture are the three key ingredients Greg Norman has used to build LIV Golf, with the Australian confident the formula can be transplanted anywhere to capitalize on pent-up demand.

Now in its second full season, spanning 14 tournaments, the Saudi-backed league and its 54-hole

format, punctuated by thumping music, has injected itself as a rival to the PGA Tour, poaching a slew of high-profile talent. Its fledgling success is nowhere more evident than in Norman's homeland, with fans flocking to the tour's Adelaide stop last year and capacity expanded at this week's event to cater for demand.

"This event here, from last

to this year, is the benchmark for LIV," said Norman.

"We get all the other events, 13 events around the world to take a look at what we've delivered here and what Adelaide has delivered and what the state government has delivered and what the local community and the region has delivered, and you go, it can be done. Here it is". — AFP

## Klopp's Liverpool farewell fizzles out tamely

*Jurgen Klopp faces an unexpected conclusion to his Liverpool tenure following the team's recent defeat in the Merseyside derby, his first loss at Goodison Park.*

Fizzling out: Jurgen Klopp's farewell at Liverpool is in danger of becoming a damp squib. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**

JURGEN Klopp faces an uncharacteristic end to his tenure at Liverpool, with his team's recent defeat in the Merseyside derby marking his first loss at Goodison Park and diminishing hopes for a Premier League title farewell.

Jurgen Klopp's nearly nine years at Liverpool have been filled with memorable milestones but an unwanted first of his reign leaves his final few weeks at Anfield with little left to play for. Klopp tasted defeat in the Merseyside derby at Goodison Park for the first time in nine visits as a 2-0 defeat against Everton left the Reds' dreams of sending their manager off as a Premier League winner in tatters.

Just a few weeks ago, Liverpool were on course for a potential quadruple but have come off the rails. — AFP



## Dagon Port FC welcomes new players

DAGON Port FC will recruit new young players for the Myanmar National U-20 League (MNL U-20 League), as stated by the Myanmar Football Federation.

In recruiting new players, young people between the ages of 18 and 20 can come and be selected along with the original citizenship scrutiny card (CSC) and household certificate.

Dagon Port FC is a team representing Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township. It is a good team that is in the 4<sup>th</sup> place in the group stage with three points after the first round of group matches of the 2024 Myanmar National League football tournament. As the Myanmar National League U20 football tournament is approaching, local football clubs are recruiting young players. — TWA/KZL



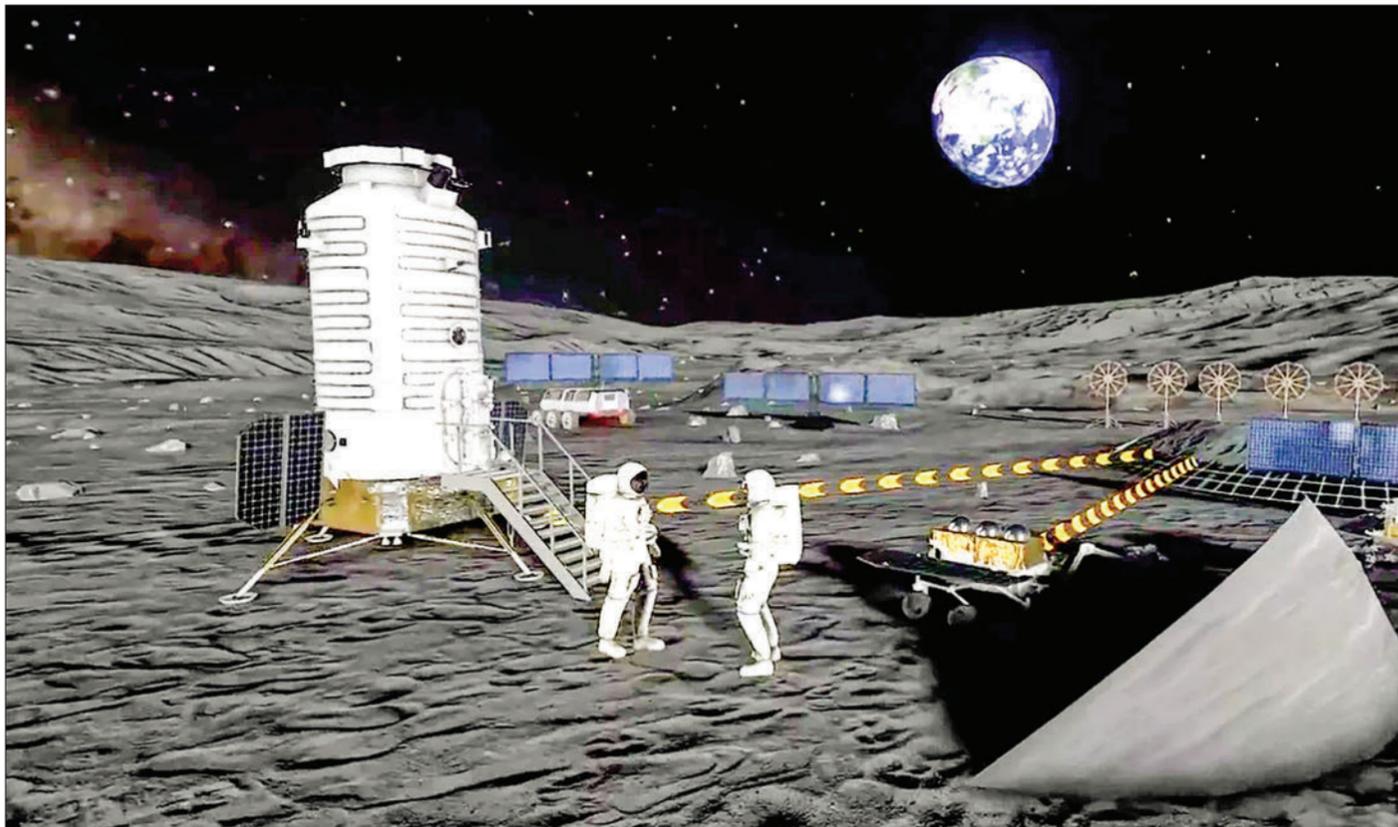
Players of the Dagon Port FC seen competing in the Myanmar National League Cup 2024. **PHOTO: MNL**

Russia vetoes UN Security Council draft resolution on weapons of mass destruction in outer space

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# WORLD



Screenshot from a video clip shows the International Lunar Research Station to be completed by 2050 on the moon. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ CHINA NATIONAL SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

*The first phase aims to establish a basic station in the lunar south pole region by 2035, equipped with scientific facilities for regular experiments and resource development.*

## China unveils International Lunar Research Station details

**T**HE International Lunar Research Station (ILRS) will consist of sections on the lunar surface, sections in lunar orbit and sections on Earth, and it will be built in

two phases, said Wu Weiren, chief designer of China's lunar exploration programme. Wu, also an academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, introduced

the ILRS plans while attending the China Space Conference, one of the major events to mark the Space Day of China. The China Space Conference started on Wednesday

in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province.

According to Wu, the first phase of the ILRS construction project will see a basic station built by 2035 in the lunar south pole region. This basic station will have comprehensive scientific facilities with complete basic functions and supporting elements to carry out regular scientific experiments, and develop and utilize resources on a limited scale.

The second phase will see expansion of the station, set for completion by 2045, with a moon-orbiting space station as the hub and facilities featuring complete functions, considerable scale and stable operation. It will carry out comprehensive lunar-based scientific research and resource development and utilization, and conduct technical verification as well as scientific experiments and research for a manned landing on Mars. — Xinhua

## US surgeons transplant pig kidney to live patient in world first

US surgeons have successfully transplanted a genetically modified pig kidney into a living patient for the first time, the hospital said Thursday, a procedure that could help address the chronic shortage of donor organs.

The four-hour operation was carried out on Saturday on a 62-year-old man suffering from end-stage kidney disease, Massachusetts General Hospital said.

"The procedure marks a major milestone in the quest to provide more readily available organs to patients," the hospital known as Mass General, or MGH, said in a statement. Organ shortages are a chronic problem around the world and the Boston hospital said there are more than 1,400 patients on the waiting list for a kidney transplant at MGH alone.

"Our hope is that this transplant approach will offer a lifeline to millions of patients worldwide who are suffering from kidney failure," said Dr Tatsuo Kawai, a member of the team which carried out the ground-breaking operation.

The hospital said the pig kidney used for the transplant was provided by a Massachusetts biotech company called eGenesis and had been genetically-edited to remove harmful pig genes and add certain human genes.

"This represents a new frontier in medicine and demonstrates the potential of genome engineering to change the lives of millions of patients globally suffering from kidney failure," said Mike Curtis, the chief executive officer of eGenesis. — AFP



**GROUND BREAKING** Surgeons at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, perform the world's first genetically modified pig kidney transplant into a living human, in this photo taken on 16 March. The groundbreaking, four-hour procedure could help address the chronic shortage of donor organs. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Pro-Palestinian protests spread in US universities, urging cessation of military aid to Israel

Pro-Palestinian demonstrations have recently erupted on campuses across the United States, calling for a permanent ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and cessation of US military aid to Israel.

Despite certain US politicians branding the demonstrators as "anti-Semitic" and the subsequent arrest of hundreds of students, the anti-war protests continue to gain momentum. The University of Southern California (USC), a renowned private research university located in Los Angeles, has closed its gates amid rising tensions after pro-Palestinian protesters clashed with police on Wednesday. A growing number of protesters, including students and non-students, started a "Gaza Solidarity Occupation" at the university's Alumni Park on Wednesday morning. — Xinhua