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## Senior General notifies the government will conduct counter-attacks against those who commit attacks on military camps despite forging trust over ethnics

**T**he government has taken all measures with trust over ethnics. But, as they commit attacks on military camps, the government will launch counter-attacks on them, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing warned.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech at the meeting 6/2023 of the Union government at the office of the SAC Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

He recounted that he delivered a speech at the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) ceremony, saying that if anyone follows the Constitution (2008) without harming Our Three Main National Causes, the government will accept the peace talks. He noted that although some organizations participated in the discussions with constructive attitudes at the meeting, they were actually making preparations to commit attacks. **SEE PAGE-3**



This photo showcases elaborately adorned elephant figures participating in the enchanting Kyaukse Elephant Dance Festival, a cherished intangible cultural heritage of Myanmar.

## Experts seek inclusion of Kyaukse Elephant Dance Festival on World Heritage List

**T**hadingyut Kyaukse Elephant Dance Festival with elephant-dressing toy donation event was celebrated on a grand scale this year in Kyaukse, Mandalay Region.

The Thadingyut Kyaukse Elephant Dance Festival was held on 28 October and the elephant-dressing toy donation event was conducted on 29 October.

This year, more than 100 elephants participated in the Kyaukse Elephant Dance Festival, and there were a total of 19 elephants, including two living elephants.

“Kyaukse Elephant Dance Festival and traditional elephant-dressing toy donation event is the only one in the world,

so they want to submit it to the world heritage list,” said U Zaw Gyi, the referee of Kyaukse Elephant Dance Festival, who is also an expert on the elephant dance.

Compared to last year, the number of elephants participating in this year’s Kyaukse Elephant Dance Festival increased, so the new generation of elephant dance winners increased.

Myin Sai Zarni Elephant Dance Troupe which won the competition threw the entire elephant-dressing toy down Shwethalyaung Mountain in Kyaukse as donated the elephant-dressing toy, while the rest of the troupes members also donated small elephant-dressing toys. The

Kyaukse elephant dance festival began during the reign of King Anawrahta when the Buddha’s sacred tooth relics was conveyed on a white elephant to erect a pagoda.

King Anawrahta’s dedication to the white elephant (Sinma Yintha) which carried the sacred tooth relics of the Buddha, has become a rituals of donating 10 female elephant-dressing toys along with the donation of food and the emerald alms-bowl and lamp-lighting ceremony.

This tradition is held every year in Kyaukse, and later, in addition to donating elephant-dressing toys, elephant dance competitions are also held. — TC/KZL

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## Some 20,000 pilgrims visit Buddha Pujaniya Festival at Kyaiktiyo Pagoda



Devotees through the Kyaiktiyo Pagoda at the inaugural event of the Buddha Pujaniya Festival on 29 October.

APPROXIMATELY 20,000 pilgrims visited the Kyaiktiyo Pagoda during the Buddha Pujaniya Festival, according to U Soe Hla, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the pagoda in Kyaikto Township, Mon State.

The opening of the Buddha Pujaniya festival took place in Kyaikto Township, Mon State, on 29 October, during the full moon in the vicinity of Kyaiktiyo Pagoda's platform.

Departmental officials and

pilgrims donated rice and necessary items to the monks and the Buddha Pujaniya Festival will be held from the full-moon day of Thadingyut to the full-moon day of Kason. — ASH/KZW

## Festival featuring Nagayon Pagoda, Shin Uppagutta rafts set adrift at Kyaikkhami Mid-water Pagoda



Shin Uppagutta rafts and Nagayon Pagoda are seen being carried at the Kyaikkhami Mid-water Pagoda on 1 November.

THE festival to adrift the Nagayon pagoda and Shin Uppagutta rafts in the sea was organized at Kyaikkhami Mid-water Pagoda in Thanbyuzayat Township, Mon State on 1 November, said U Aung Than, chairman of the pagoda board of trustees.

The festival was led by Sayadaw U Paninda from Kyonwan Village of Kyaikmaraw Township of Mon State with the

participation of residents.

“The Nagayon Pagoda and Shin Uppagutta rafts were set adrift into the sea from the platform of the pagoda. It is just a tradition for people living in many townships in Mon State this season. On 1 November, the Sayadaw from Kyonwan Village and villagers organized the festival there. A total of 190 Nagayon pagodas and 190 Shin Uppagut-

ta rafts were set adrift. It aims for peace and safety,” he said.

Three kinds of festivals such as the Kason water-pouring festival, honey-offering ceremony and rice donation ceremony on the 14<sup>th</sup> waxing of Tawthalin and Buddha Pujaniya festival on the full moon of Thadingyut are held annually at Kyaikkhami Mid-water Pagoda. — ASH/KTZH

### Announcement of e-book publication through digital platforms

1. The 2014 Printing and Publishing Enterprise Law stated that publication means the manuscript, printed matter and publication created electronically and any technology as well as the visible material in form or picture or appearance or in another way whether or not they are similar material to them or the material apparent in the words or the ideas and newspaper, bulletin, journal, magazine and books; and the Section 15 also said no one shall print, publish or operate functions of news agency without having the relevant functional recognized certificate.
2. At present, it is found that the e-book has been published electronically by developing digital platforms such as mobile applications and websites, and it needs to follow specific regulations as the e-book publication is associated with the definition of publication mentioned in the Printing and Publishing Enterprise Law.
3. Therefore, those who publish the e-book through digital platforms such as applications and websites are required to seek the relevant functional recognized certificate under Section 15, follow the stipulations under Section 8 and submit five books/papers of e-book soft copy to the Copyrights and Registration Division under Rule 15 (b). If they fail to do so, they will be taken action under the existing law.

Ministry of Information

### COVID-19 report, 2 November 2023

NEW TESTS	NEW CASES	CASUALTIES
2,560	Five	Nil



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the meeting 6/2023 of the Union government yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

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In recent days, the Senior General continued clarifications that MNDAA and TNLA combined squads attacked local security camps and departmental offices in the Kokang region of Shan State (North). Likewise, he said that transport facilities and local security camps were attacked in Kachin State. The government has warned KIA not to deteriorate local peace and stability but they deployed excessive strength in attacking the security camp. As such, the Senior General further explained the government responded to them because of security measures.

He underscored that in a term of the government, there will be treaties, commitments and agreements related to the international community. The incoming government needs to continue the implementation of these projects under their policies. In this regard, the ruling government needs to take responsibility for whether these projects are implemented, he added.

## Senior General notifies the government will conduct counter-attacks against those who commit attacks on military camps despite forging trust over ethnics

### Salient points from the speech of the Senior General at the meeting 6/2023 of the Union government

- As they commit attacks on military camps, the government will launch counter-attacks on them.
- The government has earned KIA not to deteriorate local peace and stability.
- The current government is implementing the projects of previous governments and more governments in successive eras as much as it can.
- Process for development of State economy is being based on agriculture and livestock sectors.

As such, the Senior General said that in its tenure, the current government is implementing the projects of previous governments and more governments in successive eras as much as it can, and an emphasis is being placed

to resume the projects and workplaces halted for various reasons. He urged the government to verify the projects and tasks of ministries, regions and states for continuous implementation.

With regard to the agri-

culture and livestock sectors, the Senior General highlighted that more than 70 per cent of the total population resides in rural areas, and 45 per cent of the population is engaged in agriculture and related businesses. As such, he continued that they are primarily driving the State economy, and called for enhancement of manufacturing. The Senior General noted that the process for the development of the State economy is based on agriculture and livestock sectors.

He underlined that it is necessary to take care of the production of natural resources depending on the environment similar to the international community under the restrictions. He added that production from the agriculture and livestock sectors can

be done without harming the environment.

The Senior General called on all region and state chief ministers to achieve success in MSME businesses concerning the agriculture and livestock sectors because of the lesser GDP of Myanmar in comparison with regional countries.

In reviewing the previous projects, the Senior General noted that Myanmar people need to actually work for the development of the nation.

Union ministers reported on their respective sectors at the meeting.

The meeting was joined by Union ministers and officials together with the chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council and region and state chief ministers through videoconferencing. — MNA/TTA

## Rakhine's IDP camps ready for displaced persons

THE government prepares Taungpyoletwe and Ngakhuya reception centres and Hlaphoekhaung transit camp for the return of internally displaced people who have fled from Rakhine State.

The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief

and Resettlement keeps the funds and supplies (sarongs for men and women, blankets, T-shirts, soaps) at the Taungpyoletwe and Ngakhuya reception centres, Sittway District and Maungtau District offices aiming at providing K3,000 per

person for daily allowance and personal utensil to those who arrive at these two reception centres.

Moreover, the ministry allows the purchase of 500 units for returnees to Hlaphoekhaung transit camp – one unit

per head (eight pyi of rice, one litre of oil, 0.25 viss of salt, 1.5 visses of gram) and also stores 3,191 kitchen sets and 600 family kits at the Hlaphoekhaung transit camp and Maungtau District Office to provide a set per household. — MNA/KTZH

# NATIONAL

## Union Sports & Youth Affairs Minister meets Chinese delegation

UNION Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Min Thein Zan met a delegation led by Assistant Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China Mr Nong Rong in the meeting hall of Aung San Stadium, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Region yesterday.

The Union minister first explained the current situation of the Aung San Stadium to the delegation led by the Assistant Foreign Minister.

U Tun Myint Oo, Director-General of the Department of Sports and Physical Education, also explained the brief history and current situation of the Aung San Stadium and the conditions of joint implementation with the feasibility



Union Minister U Min Thein Zan holds talks with the Chinese delegation in Yangon yesterday.

study team from China.

Furthermore, the Union minister expressed his belief

that experts from the Ministry of Construction from Myanmar and the People's Republic of

China can work together to rebuild the Aung San Stadium. He further stated that he

wants to see new Aung San Stadium, in honour of the national leader of Myanmar, General Aung San, which is being built into an international-level stadium.

The Assistant Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China Mr Nong Rong then said that China and Myanmar are very friendly and related countries, so they will be able to cooperate successfully, and the Union Minister presented souvenirs.

The Union minister then visited the National Swimming Pool at U Wisaya Street and checked the building of the new amphitheatre. — MNA/KZL

## Union Auditor-General attends 7<sup>th</sup> ASEANSAT Summit for Chairmanship handover



Chairmanship handover from Myanmar to Filipino delegate.

MYANMAR delegation led by Union Auditor-General Dr Khin Naing Oo attended the 7<sup>th</sup> ASEANSAT Summit for ASEANSAT Chairmanship handover held in Manila on 1 and 2 November at the invitation of Mr Mario G Lipana, Commissioner for Commission on Audit of the Philip-

pines.

At the summit, the current ASEANSAT Chair Dr Khin Naing Oo made an opening speech following the greeting speech by Mr Gamaliel A Cordoba, Chairman of the Commission on Audit of the Philippines, who will assume the Chairmanship

of ASEANSAT.

Then, they discussed the annual reports of respective ASEANSAT committees, amendment of rules and procedures of ASEANSAT, report on joint free research conducted by auditor-general offices and other related matters.

Next, the Union Auditor-General presented the ASEANSAT Chairmanship Commemoration Book 2021-2023 to the Auditors-General of ASEANSAT members and handed over the ASEANSAT flag and the gavel to the Auditor-General of the Philippines.

Similarly, the Permanent Secretary of the Union Auditor-General Office attended the coordination meetings on the successful holding of the summit and preparation of technology on 1 November. — MNA/KTZH

## Myanmar delegation attends China-ASEAN Legal Cooperation Conference

THE Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Legal Affairs and Deputy Attorney-General Dr Htein Lin Oo attended the Fifth China-ASEAN Legal Cooperation Conference held on 1 November in Chongqing, China.

The meeting was attended by Lu Kehua, Secretary of the Political and Legal Affairs Committee of the Chongqing Municipal Committee, Zhang Mingqi, Vice-President and General Secretary of the Chinese Law Society, Professor Lin Wei, Principal of Southwest University of Political Science and Law, Supreme Court judges from Cambodia, Laos and

Indonesia and legal professionals from ASEAN countries and China and foreign scholars.

As a vital and powerful legal cooperation between the Ministry of Legal Affairs and the China-ASEAN Legal Research Centre, they discussed sending legal officers from the Ministry of Legal Affairs to the Southwest University of Political Science and Law as scholars and signing the Memorandum of Understanding on Legal Cooperation and Legal Research Projects between the China-ASEAN Legal Research Centre and the Ministry of Legal Affairs in July 2023. — MNA/TS

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# NATIONAL

## Russian Navy warships arrive in Yangon to conduct maritime security exercises

RUSSIAN Navy Destroyers: Admiral Tributs and Admiral Pantelev and Sea Tanker Pechenga arrived at Yangon's Thilawa Port yesterday evening to conduct the first Myanmar-Russia maritime security exercise and pay a friendship visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Senior officers and sailors from the Tatmadaw (Navy), as well as Russian military attachés and officials, welcomed the Russian naval ships.

Captain 1<sup>st</sup> Rank Aleksei Anciferov of the Russian Pacific Fleet is the leader of the



(L & R): Navy officers and sailors welcoming the arrival of Russian naval vessels at Thilawa Port in Yangon Region yesterday.

warships carrying a total of 800 officers and other ranks.

They will visit famous places in Yangon, as well as take

part in friendly sports competitions between the two countries

and carry out harbour phase exercises. — MNA/KZL

## Rehabilitation materials transported to Rakhine State



Supplies are seen being loaded onboard the vessel to transport them to Rakhine State.

THE Transport and Communications Working Committee under the National Disaster Management Committee transported the materials for rehabilitation from the Myanmar Terminal (TMT) to Sittway in Rakhine State by MV MCL-5 vessel yesterday evening.

Rehabilitation materials, including 40,000 bags of rice, canned foods, instant noodles and energy drink, were donated by Japan and the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and weighed 2,056.51 tonnes. — MNA/MKKS

## Stimulant tablets worth over K4.4 bln seized in Kyaikto, Ottwin Townships

THE Myanmar Police Force reported the seizure of over K4.4 billion worth of 2.68 million stimulant tablets in Kyaikto and Ottwin townships.

Acting on a tip-off, a combined team comprising members of the Anti-Drug Police Force intercepted and searched a Chenglong Tipper, driven by Ye Min Aung, travelling from Bago to Myawady near Mayanchaung village in Kyaikto township at 10:30 am on 30 October. During the operation, they confiscated 810,000 stimulant

tablets.

After questioning the individuals involved, the Police Force searched a wedding reception hall owned by Kyaw Swe in Ottwin township at 12:30 pm on 31 October, where they seized 1.87 million stimulant tablets and a Toyota Corolla Axio.

Legal action has been taken against the offenders, and an investigation is currently underway to identify individuals involved in the criminal network. — MNA/MKKS



Arrestees are pictured alongside seized drugs and vehicles.

## Confiscated illegal items; Timbers, foodstuffs, motorbikes and vehicles

A combined team under the management of the Magway Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force captured a total of 0.881 tonne of illegal timbers worth K71,230 in Ngaphe township of Minbu district on 31 October. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

On the same day, the combined teams seized 57 unregistered motorbikes worth K74.66 million in Sittway township, 12 unregistered motorbikes worth K14.75 million in Taungup township, six unregistered motorbikes worth K11.84 million in Maungtau township, 44 unregistered motorbikes worth K26.58 million in Thandwe township and 24 unregistered motorbikes worth K20.30 million in Kyaukphyu township. The action was taken under the Export and

Import Law.

A combined on-duty team made inspections on 1 November and nabbed a DAF tractor head with a trailer (approximately worth K51 million), headed to Myitkyina from Mandalay, carrying three kinds of goods worth K8.68 million, including 936 litres of palm oil (Two-Shrimp brand) without official documents, at the Letpanhla-Singu temporary checkpoint.

Similarly, the combined on-duty teams confiscated a Mitsubishi Fuso truck (approximately worth K30 million), travelling from Myawady to Sittway, carrying 3,600 cans of Carabao energy drink worth K2.7 million, at the Mayanchaung permanent checkpoint, and a total of 4.465 tonnes of timbers worth K182,580 in Ottarathiri township. The action was

taken under Customs procedures and the Forest Law.

In addition, the combined teams under the management of Bago Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force conducted inspections on 1 and 2 November and impounded an unregistered Honda fit (approximately worth K3.5 million) in Waw township and a total of 1.642 tonnes of illegal hardwood and 1.446 tonnes of other wood worth K922,520 in Toungoo township. The action was taken under the Forest Law and the Export and Import Law. A total of 25 arrests were made on three consecutive days from 31 October to 2 November, with an estimated value of K245.186 million, as reported by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/MKKS

# NATIONAL

## 56 construction permits issued in October last week



The City Hall where the office of the Yangon City Development Committee is situated in downtown Yangon.

A total of 56 construction permits were issued, and 13 building completion certificates (BCC) were granted in the municipal area of the Yangon City Development Committee in the last week of October, according to the Engineering Department (Buildings) of the committee.

Before issuing construction permits, 13 recommendation letters will have to be sent to the Department of Fire Services, 27 to the Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation), seven to the Department of Urban Land Management, one to the Department of Urban and Housing Development, two

to the Engineering Department (Water Course Management), and one to the Markets and Warehouses Department.

The Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation will carry out the installation work for electricity supply to the buildings that have been granted BCC. — TWA/MKKS

## On-ground inspections to be conducted for road safety in Yangon Region

THE Research and Health Subcommittee under the Yangon Region Road Safety Council needs to conduct on-ground inspections in collaboration with the relevant departments, U Aung Naing, vice chair of the subcommittee and a member of the Yangon City Development Committee said in the third coordination meeting of the subcommittee yesterday.

Data collected during research by teachers and students from Yangon Technological University and that of traffic police as well as the condition caused by the traffic accidents listed by the Yangon Region Department of Public Health (YRDPH) is almost complete. The data gathered by the YRDPH include the value lost, injury, the conditions of the people who become permanently disabled and their families, and insurance coverage for accidents. So, the subcommittee needs to conduct inspections on the ground in collaboration with the relevant departments, the vice chair of the subcommittee said.

In 2022, there were 911 traffic accidents in Yangon Region, killing 453 people, including 367 men and 86 women, and injuring 940 people, including 656 men and 284 women. From January to June 2023, 435 traffic accidents occurred in Yangon Region, resulting in 214 fatalities including 178 men and 36 women and 448 injuries including 325 men and 123 women, according to the data provided by the No 2 traffic police force. — TWA/TH



Firefighters are seen trying to evacuate a man trapped in a car involved in an accident in Yangon's Insein Township on 18 October 2023.

## Discussions conducted to facilitate CMP businesses



The discussion in progress to facilitate CMP industries on 31 October 2023 in Yangon.

OFFICIALS held a discussion at the Myanmar Industries Association office meeting hall to facilitate CMP industries that use imported raw materials and

domestically produce finished goods on 31 October.

In the discussion, the companies that are manufacturing the domestic

products that are needed smoothly import the raw materials, and the companies that are working on the carton, poly bag, padding, mold, etc., using the raw material imported from abroad through the CMP system, are still facing taxes.

The Myanmar Investment Commission announced a press release on 20 November 2017 (87/2017) that these businesses are designated as investment businesses that export 100 per cent of their assets abroad and can apply for exemption from customs duties.

They talked about supporting CMP garments and factories, to make it easier for entrepreneurs to do business and to get benefits according to the law for businesses that export full percentage and to get benefits for the production of finished goods. — TWA/KZL

## Licences temporarily suspended for 10 overseas recruitment agencies

THE Ministry of Labour announced on 1 November that the licences of ten overseas employment agencies, permitted to send employees to Thailand, have been temporarily suspended.

The agencies whose licences have been temporarily revoked are Aung Kaung Mon Co Ltd, Diamond Bagan General Services Co Ltd, JMK Services Co Ltd, New Three Diamonds Co Ltd, Phyu Sin

May Services Co Ltd, Shwe Lwin Lwin Trading Co Ltd, Shwe Phyo Thar Co Ltd, Star Yadanar Co Ltd, Top Choice Manpower Co Ltd, and Win Phyo Aung Co Ltd.

According to the Ministry of Labour,

these overseas employment agencies have been suspended for six months to one year. Further details regarding these agencies can be found on the Safe Migration platform. — TWA/MKKS

## UMFCCI meets Indonesian delegates for market exploration, strategic collaboration



UMFCCI officials hold talks with the Indonesian delegation on 31 October 2023.

THE Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) discussed exploring new markets and collaboration in strategy and research processes with Indonesian delegates including Mr Rozan Anwar, chairman of PT Dayalima Abisatya Group and commercial attache Mr Arvinanto Soeriaatmadja of the

Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia to Myanmar at a meeting on 31 October 2023.

The meeting highlighted cooperation to create bilateral business opportunities between Myanmar and Indonesia, investment promotion, human resource development, getting the best talents, exploring new markets, strategies and research collaboration, ener-

gy sector, logistics sector, deepening friendly ties and tourism promotion.

Indonesia's PT Dayalima Abisatya Group is helping clients deal with transformation journeys and challenges and is a leading company offering complete human resources solutions with proven global standard solutions. — NN/EM

## Strong demand gradually elevates corn prices

CORN prices have slightly increased in the domestic market on account of strong demand by livestock feed processing factories.

The FOB prices are US\$260-280 per tonne of corn at present. The corn prices stand at K1,080-1,100 per viss in the domestic market, according to the Yangon Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Bayintnaung Commodity Centre).

Myanmar delivers corn to China and Thailand through the border and also ships corn to China, India, Vietnam and the Philippines via maritime trade at present, according to the Myanmar Corn Industrial Association.

Thailand nodded corn imports under zero tariff (with Form-D), between 1 February and 31 August. However, Thailand imposes a maximum tax rate of 73 per cent on corn imports to protect the rights of their growers if the corn is imported during the corn season of Thailand.

China has been purchasing My-

anmar's corn through cross-border trade under the alternative development programme. Legitimate corn trade between Myanmar and China commenced at the end of 2022. A total of 112 Myanmar companies have been permitted for corn exports.

Myanmar exported more than two million tonnes of corn to foreign countries in the 2022 corn season. The majority of them were sent to Thailand and the remaining went to China, India, the Philippines and Viet Nam.

More than two million tonnes of corn are expected to be shipped to foreign trade partners in the 2023 corn season, said U Min Khaing, chair of the Myanmar Corn Industrial Association.

The corn is cultivated in Shan, Kachin, Kayah and Kayin states and Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway regions. Myanmar has three corn seasons – winter, summer and monsoon. The country produces 2.5-3 million tonnes of corn every year. — NN/EM

## UMFCCI calls for suggestions to support needs in laboratory services for agricultural commodities testing

UNION of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) organized a meeting on 1 November to invite suggestions for how to validate the need for laboratory services for agricultural commodities testing so that Myanmar can expand markets to Indonesia, said UMFCCI vice-president U Ye Min Aung. Indonesia is a populous country in Southeast Asia so there is a high potential for Myanmar to penetrate the market with agricultural commodities.

As per the Food Safety Law of Indonesia, food safety is of vital importance to penetrate the Indonesian market. They ask for a food safety certificate from the authorized laboratory of the respective country.

Myanmar did not meet the criteria set by Indonesia amid the shortage of skilled staff and laboratory equipment for testing. At present, the country is fully equipped with laboratory equipment and ready for testing.

Myanmar exerted concerted efforts to earn ISO 17025 to



A seminar underway to validate the need for laboratory services for agricultural commodities testing on 1 November 2023.

provide chemical and pesticide residue-free certificates and ensure fungal disease to export agricultural produce to Indonesia. Furthermore, the exporting businesses can earn a good reputation in the market.

Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures between Indonesia and Myanmar aim to facilitate trade. The ISO certification for

agricultural produce can benefit the farmers as well as exporters, U Ye Min Aung highlighted.

Director-General Dr Ye Tint Tun of the Agriculture Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation also addressed that exporters must be aware of the criteria, standards and import regulations of the countries. The

rejected goods will be returned to the supplier if the goods do not meet quality and criteria. This meeting elaborated on testing for chemical and pesticide residue and possible toxicity of the agricultural commodities. Only samples of the products are sent to the laboratories of the respective countries before exportation. Farmers must adhere to good

agricultural practices to ensure pesticide residue-free. He encouraged the businesspersons engaged in the supply chain to conduct awareness and provide growing methods for the farmers.

Agricultural Produce Analytical Lab – APAL of the Agriculture Department has earned ISO 17025 and is approved by Indonesia. This lab can offer testing for food safety in line with the global standard to export goods to foreign countries in addition to Indonesia.

Director U Zaw Lin, in charge of the plant protection division of the Agriculture Department and Dr Khin Moe Kyaw of the plant protection division's laboratory, explained laboratory testing of the agricultural commodities. Officials of the Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association, the UMFCCI, and Myanmar Rice Federation also raised opinions regarding requirements of the agricultural produce designated to be exported to Indonesia. — NN/EM

# OPINION

## Addressing poverty by closing the development gap

**P**OVERTY, a scourge that afflicts countless individuals worldwide, is characterized by a severe lack of access to basic necessities, meagre daily wages, excessive spending on consumption (often exceeding seven per cent of income), limited employment opportunities, and soaring food prices that exceed the purchasing capacity of citizens.

While poverty's grasp extends to various corners of the world, some communities are mired in extreme poverty, primarily due to limited income-generating opportunities, internal armed conflicts, insufficient access to education and job prospects, societal disintegration, and the overreach of local authorities into the livelihoods of citizens.

At the heart of the poverty crisis lies a glaring income inequality

gap that separates the impoverished from the more affluent. Some nations allocate significant portions of their budgets to projects that directly benefit the underprivileged, impose higher taxes on the wealthy, and offer financial assistance to the poor, either directly or indirectly. These measures aim to reduce the development gap that exists between these two economic strata.

To alleviate poverty, governments and international organizations must work collectively to reduce income inequality and create opportunities for marginalized communities. Only through these combined efforts can we hope to narrow the development gap and bring lasting relief to those struggling to escape the clutches of poverty.

Presently, an astonishing one billion people worldwide struggle to make ends meet on just one US dollar per day, resulting in food insecurity, inadequate housing, and a lack of adequate clothing, according to the United Nations. Approximately 75 million individuals have plunged into poverty due to the disruptive impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and various internal and external armed conflicts. Recent data from a UNDP survey conducted

in July reveal that millions more hover dangerously close to the poverty line, living on less than US\$2.15 or US\$3.65 per day to meet their basic needs.

Myanmar has persistently pursued poverty reduction initiatives over the years, yielding promising results. Between 2005 and 2017, the percentage of individuals living below the poverty line dropped significantly, from 48.2 per cent to 24.8 per cent, a testament to the government's commitment to alleviating poverty. However, the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and the prevailing circumstances have thwarted these achievements, exacerbating poverty levels. Consequently, the government is focusing on various strategies and emphasizing the growth of the agriculture and livestock sectors to bolster the state's economy and bridge the development gap between the impoverished and the affluent.

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Chuk Ullman and his wife of 77 years, Betty, on the beach in 2022 and in the mid-1960s, above.

**I**N TODAY'S world, people are living longer than ever before due to advances in healthcare, nutrition, and overall quality of life. While some may argue that a long life is burdensome or challenging, there are numerous reasons to believe that a long life is good. Here, we will explore the advantages of living a longer life.

One of the most significant advantages of a long life is the opportunity to accumulate knowledge and experience. As people age, they gather valuable insights and life lessons. These experiences not only benefit the individuals but also contribute to the collective wisdom of society. The wisdom and life experiences of older individuals can help guide younger generations, fostering personal growth and societal development.

Longevity often leads to the development of stronger and more meaningful relationships. Over the years, individuals have the opportunity to build deep connections with family, friends, and loved ones. These strong bonds provide emotional support, companionship, and a sense of belonging that can enhance one's overall quality of life.

A long life provides ample time for personal growth and the pursuit of one's dreams and ambitions. Many individuals discover new interests or passions later in

physical and mental health in older age. With access to medical care, older individuals can lead active and fulfilling lives, free from many of the health issues that plagued previous generations. A longer life can be healthier and more enjoyable than ever before.

In fact, a long life brings with it a wealth of benefits that enrich both the individual and society as a whole. The accumulation of knowledge and experience, stronger relationships, personal growth,

90, genetics start to play a trump card, say researchers who study ageing.

"Some people have this idea: 'If I do everything right, diet and exercise, I can live to be 150.' And that's really not correct," says Robert Young, who directs a team of researchers at the nonprofit scientific organization Gerontology Research Group.

About 25 per cent of your ability to live to 90 is determined by genetics, says Dr Thomas

are "escapers", or people with no demonstrable disease at the age of 100; some 43 per cent are "de-layers," those who didn't develop the age-related disease until age 80 or after.

Chuck Ullman, who is 97 and lives in a retirement community in Thousand Oaks, California, says he is free of health problems — aside from a sore right shoulder from a recent electric biking accident — and has no desire to live to a particular age. He hopes

Living past 100 requires a combination of many genetic variants, each with a relatively modest effect, says Perls. Gene variants that offer protective qualities, such as repairing DNA damage, are especially beneficial, he says.

People who are curious about how long they might live should start by looking at their family histories. Your relatives' lifespans are one of the strongest predictors of longevity, says Perls. Ullman, the 97-year-old, says his mother



## Embracing the Rich Tapestry of Longevity That Explores the Advantages and Challenges of a Longer Life

By Yin Nwe Ko

Perls, a professor of medicine at Boston University who leads the New England Centenarian Study, which has followed centenarians and their family members since 1995. By age 100, it's roughly 50 per cent genetic, he estimates, and by around 106, it's 75 per cent.

Knowing what enables some people to live very long lives has consequences for the rest of us. Continuing research into very old age may help provide insight that could eventually be used to develop drugs or identify lifestyle changes to help people live healthier for longer, says Dr James Kirkland, president of the American Federation for Aging Research.

Centenarians make up a growing share of the US population. There are about 109,000 centenarians living in the country in 2023, according to Census Bureau projections, up from about 65,000 10 years ago, thanks in part to decades of advances in medicine and public health.

Despite a decline in life expectancy, which dropped to 76.4 in 2021, Perls estimates that roughly 20 per cent of the population has the genetic makeup that could get them to 100 if they also make consistent healthy choices.

Not only do centenarians live longer, but data suggest they manage to avoid or delay age-related diseases like cancer, dementia, and cardiovascular disease longer than the general population. Among the New England Centenarian Study participants, 15 per cent

to live as long as he feels good and can do the things he loves, such as woodworking, attending political discussion groups, and getting dinner with some of his many friends.

"There are 350 residents here, and I have 350 friends," Ullman says of his community. He also spends time with Betty, his wife of 77 years. "My objective is to enjoy each and every day that comes along."

Researchers have identified some genes and combinations of them that are associated with longevity, such as the presence of a variant of what's known as the apolipoprotein E gene called

lived to 90.

If multiple members of your family have lived into very advanced age, "you've potentially won a much greater chance of having purchased the right lottery ticket," says Perls.

Neurologist Dr Claudia Kawas has been tracking the habits of the "oldest old", those older than 90, in Southern California since 2003, as part of a study at the University of California, Irvine. She and a team of researchers have found links between longevity and even short amounts of exercise, social activities such as going to church, and modest caffeine and alcohol intake.

One of the most significant advantages of a long life is the opportunity to accumulate knowledge and experience. As people age, they gather valuable insights and life lessons. These experiences not only benefit the individuals but also contribute to the collective wisdom of society. The wisdom and life experiences of older individuals can help guide younger generations, fostering personal growth and societal development.

e2, a trait thought to help protect against Alzheimer's. They emphasize each trait is a small piece in a large, complicated puzzle, which can factor in socioeconomic status, race and ethnicity, and climate.

"Super-agers," or people over the age of 80 whose cognitive abilities are on par with those 20 to 30 years younger, reported having more warm, trusting, high-quality relationships with other people

than cognitively normal participants, investigators at Northwestern University found.

"Keeping in good relationships could be one key to healthspan," says Amanda Cook Maher, a neuropsychologist at the University of Michigan and lead author of the study.

Your outlook also matters. Harvard researchers identified a link between optimism and longer lifespans in women across racial and ethnic groups. Among the study participants, the 25 per cent who were the most optimistic had a greater likelihood of living beyond 90 years than the least-optimistic 25 per cent, according to the 2022 study published in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society.

Jeanne Case, 100, says she has taken a glass-half-full approach to life. She plans to outlive her colon and skin cancers and keep enjoying swing music and Mexican food as long as she feels physically and mentally well.

A day in her life can include walking a mile, conversing with her writing group, or noshing on fish tacos with friends. The Irvine, California, resident has always exercised but also enjoys indulgences like cheesecake and lemon bars.

"I try not to let stress bother me," she says.

However, while there are certainly many positive aspects to living a long life, there are also

some negative aspects to consider. First and foremost, an extended lifespan often comes with a range of physical and mental challenges that can affect an individual's overall well-being. As people age, they may encounter health issues, such as chronic pain, mobility limitations, and cognitive decline, which can diminish their quality of life. These health challenges can require extensive medical care and assistance, potentially leading to a diminished sense of independence and autonomy. Coping with the physical and mental limitations of old age can be emotionally and mentally taxing, making long life a source of frustration and despair for some individuals.

All in all, a long life can mean the loss of loved ones and friends along the way. Watching those close to you pass away can be emotionally devastating and can lead to feelings of loneliness and isolation, especially if the social circle becomes increasingly smaller. This loss of companionship and support can contribute to a sense of emptiness and desolation in the later years of life, overshadowing the potential benefits of a long life. In this context, one may question whether the extended years are worth the emotional toll of watching those you care about depart.

Reference: *The Wall Street Journal* 12 Oct 2023



# NATIONAL



Korean musical performers are seen being welcomed on their arrival at Yangon International Airport yesterday.

## Korean artistes to perform for MRTV's Friday Night Live Show

THE Myanmar-Korea Modern Musical Show will be presented for the Friday Night Live Show of MRTV to exchange the Myanmar-Korea culture and for Korean K-pop lovers.

The group including six Korean artistes and musicians arrived in Yangon

yesterday. The group was welcomed by Director-General U Ye Naing of MRTV and relevant officials at the Yangon International Airport while the students of the Yangon University of Foreign Languages and National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon) waved the miniature flags of

the two countries and holding the posters of artistes, and with Myanmar traditional Ozi troupe provided by Yangon Region government. They will stay at the Lotte Hotel in Yangon and perform at the Friday Night Live Show on 3 November. — MNA/KTZH

## Miss Earth Myanmar to join Miss Earth 2023 pageant in Viet Nam

SAUNG Hnin San will represent Myanmar in the Miss Earth 2023 competition to be held in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam, .

The Miss Earth 2023 competition will be held for the 23<sup>rd</sup> time from 28 November to 22 December in Viet Nam. Representing beauty pageants from 114 countries will compete in Ho Chi Minh City.

“I am very excited because this pageant will be attended by beauty queens from more than 100 countries. I have to go abroad and compete with



Miss Saung Hnin San.

other countries, so I prepared carefully. I am taking spoken English course. Also, I am learning the Vietnamese language. We are currently focusing on the competition to show what Myanmar is. I will try to compete as best as I can,” said Miss Saung Hnin San.

Miss Saung Hnin San was the winner of the Miss Earth Myanmar 2023 competition held on 14 October 2023 at the Royal Mei Hua Function Hall in Yangon. In addition to the title award, she has garnered Miss ZN Fashion 2023, Best in Swimsuit and Miss Propoli 2023 as well. — ASH/KZL



Miss Htet Thinzar.

## Miss Myanmar to compete in Miss Heritage International 2023 in Thailand

Htet Thinzar will compete as the representative of Myanmar in the Miss Heritage International 2023 pageant to be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 18 to 27 November.

“I am making a lot of preparations. Since there are more than 30 countries, Myanmar is ready to compete with all of them and be the best. The requirements of Body, Beauty, and Brain have been prepared. As for the catwalk, I have trained for about a year and a half. Regarding the proficiency in English, I have prepared myself as best as I can.

“Mainly, I also created the National Costume with designer Kyaw Swar. And as the name of the event is Heritage, I will show the best for Myanmar. I’m excited because this tournament is so close,” said Htet Thinzar.

In the Miss Heritage International 2023 pageant, Htet Thinzar, representing Myanmar, will compete with other beauty queens from more than 30 countries.

She has won Miss Glorious International Myanmar 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Runner Up, Miss New Face International Myanmar 2022 Grand Winner and Queen Of Pan 2023 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up.

She won the Winner Crown at the Miss Heritage International pageant held in 2014. — ASH/KZL

# NATIONAL

## Fishery product exports exceed US\$700 mln yearly

MYANMAR exports fishery products worth over US\$700 million annually, with more than 175,000 tonnes of products, valued at \$276 million, exported through sea and land borders during the first half of the 2023-2024 financial year, according to U Myint Shwe, the Director of the Department of Fisheries in Yangon.

The country exports a wide range of fishery products, including both freshwater and saltwater varieties, using various transportation modes, including maritime, air, and land routes. Major export

destinations include China and Thailand, and notably Myanmar's fishery product exports held steady before and during the COVID-19 pandemic. In the current financial year, it is anticipated that earnings from fishery product exports will approach nearly \$800 million.

Myanmar's fishery products, such as fish, shrimp, and crabs, find markets not only in neighbouring countries like China and Thailand but also in Japan and various European nations. — ASH/MKKS



Shoppers and vendors thrive in the bustling fish market.



A diligent farmer applies pesticides in the paddy field.

## Efforts needed to prevent illegal smuggling of long-lasting organic chemicals, POPs and importing counterfeit pesticides and sales

UNION Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi on Wednesday addressed the MLC-Toxic Project's Final Completion Workshop, calling for efforts to prevent illegal smuggling of long-lasting organic chemicals, POPs which harm the environment, and importing counterfeit pesticides and sales in the market.

He emphasized the importance of con-

ducting research to identify safe and effective methods for pesticide use, reducing health and environmental risks.

The MLC-Toxic project implemented from April 2021 to September 2023 aimed to study toxic and non-degradable organic pollutants (POPs) originating from herbicides in the Mekong River Basin and analyze whether they meet the criteria and instructions for the safety. — ASH/KTZH

## Myanmar attends 11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-US Consultations on Science & Technology (AUSCST)

MYANMAR Minister Counsellor Daw Htwe Hteik Tin Lwin attended the 11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-US Consultations on Science and Technology (AUSCST) on 30 October held in Washington of the United States.

The 11<sup>th</sup> AUSCST was co-chaired by Ms Rahima Kandahari, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Department of the United States Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs and Mr Mohammad Nazri Mohammad Yusof, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Brunei.

In their opening speeches, they highlighted the joint operations conducted by the US and the countries with the same attitude especially its allies, and partner countries including ASEAN, ASEAN Smart Cities Partnership (USASCP), 2023 Underwriters Laboratories-ASEAN-US, ASEAN-US science, technology and innovation and policies, Embassy Science Fellows programmes and progresses in cooperation for the use of AI technology.

Then, the Myanmar delegate discussed the Underwriters Laboratories-ASEAN-US, science and technology, (STEM) Webinar, equal participation of men and women, Artificial Intelligence-ASEAN business and prioritized policies, US-ABC cooperation, bilateral relation in agriculture, ASEAN-US Science, Technology, and Innovation Cooperation.

Moreover, the officials of the Department of Energy, Department of Agriculture, National Science Foundation (NSF), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), USAID Bureau for Development, Democracy and Innovation and ASEAN representatives exchanged views on cooperation in science, technology and innovation sectors. — ASH/KTZH



A group documentary photo of the AUSCST held in the US.

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# ECONOMY WORLD

## Outcry in Kenya over tax 'harassment' of travellers

The Kenya Revenue Authority clarified that personal or household items worth \$500 or less are exempt from taxation, but anything above that amount will be taxed.

A move by Kenyan authorities to tax travellers on new or used goods brought into the country has caused an outcry, with lawmakers and even a government minister denouncing the scheme.

Although the Kenya Revenue Authority has said the directive is not new, it has triggered confusion and concern, with some complaining of harass-

ment by customs agents at the airport.

The KRA said in a post earlier this week on X, formerly Twitter, that individuals are allowed to bring in personal or household items worth \$500 or below.

"Anything above the amount shall be subjected to tax," it said.

President William Ruto's government has imposed a range of new taxes to try to

replenish the depleted public purse, but the measures have triggered anger among Kenyans as they also battle rising prices and a plunging local currency.

Tourism Minister Alfred Mutua warned that people could be deterred from coming to the East African nation, which attracts visitors from across the world to its wildlife parks and Indian Ocean beaches. — AFP



Kenya says it is aiming for 5.5 million international tourist arrivals by June 2028. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

## Bangladesh garment workers block roads in fair wage protest



Garment workers block roads as they take part in a protest in Dhaka on 1 November 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

THOUSANDS of Bangladeshi garment workers barricaded roads in Dhaka on Wednesday demanding fair wages for clothing they make for major Western brands, with at least two killed during days of protests.

Sabina Begum, a 22-year-old seamstress, said she joined

the protests because she was "struggling to ensure bread and butter" for her family, saying the monthly minimum wage of 8,300 taka (\$75) did not cover basic needs.

"How can we spend a month with 8,300 taka when we need to spend 5,000-6,000 taka alone for the rent of a one-bed-

room house?" Begum told AFP.

The garment worker protests come as Bangladesh also reels from separate anti-government demonstrations, with opposition party supporters demanding Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina step down ahead of elections due by the end of January. — AFP

## Orange juice prices soar as US harvests anything but sweet

Florida's orange industry has been grappling with Huanglongbing (HLB) disease for 17 years, caused by a bacterium spread by the Asian psyllid insect, resulting in bitter, unmarketable fruit and tree death, compounded by weather crises.

WHOLESALE orange juice prices soared to a record high on Tuesday, propelled by low inventories and a calamitous recent US harvest.

Chicago-listed futures contracts for frozen orange juice concentrate (FOJC) climbed to \$4.3195 per pound (approximately 450 grams).

A key factor behind the surging price is a cratering inventory, which has almost halved since the same time last year, and is

barely a quarter of 2019 levels.

It follows a calamitous 2022-23 harvest, the lowest in 56 years according to US Department of Agriculture (USDA) data, primarily due to the spread of citrus greening.

Also known as Huanglongbing (HLB) or yellow dragon disease, the incurable infection causes citrus to become green and bitter, with most impacted trees dying off in a few years, the USDA says. — AFP



Oranges are collected in a trolley at an orchard in Arcadia, Florida, on 14 March 2023. **PHOTO: CHANDAN KHANNA / AFP**

## US Fed starts second day of rate talks with another pause expected

THE US Federal Reserve began its second day of interest rate deliberations Wednesday, after which it is widely expected to announce it will keep interest rates at a 22-year high in a bid to tackle inflation without harming the buoyant US economy.

The meeting began at 9:00 am (1300 GMT),

the US central bank said in a statement.

The Fed rapidly raised its benchmark lending rate for much of last year, lifting it to a range between 5.25 and 5.50 per cent in the hopes of returning inflation to its long-term target of two per cent.

— AFP

# Disney to complete takeover of Hulu with \$8.6 bln deal

THE Walt Disney Company on Wednesday announced it will buy Comcast's \$8.6 billion stake in Hulu, completing its takeover of the streaming service.

The acquisition will "further Disney's streaming objectives," the company said in a press release, and comes as it strives to boost subscriber numbers at its Disney+ streaming service.

The deal values Hulu at \$27.5 billion in total, according to Disney, which said the transaction will be concluded by 1 December.

The California-based entertainment giant already sells Hulu as part of bundled offerings with its Disney+ and ESPN+ platforms.

An ad-subsidized bundle of the three services is priced at \$15 monthly in the United States, with

an ad-free version costing \$25 per month.

The company will release its latest quarterly earnings next week, providing a look at how its cable and streaming services are doing in the fiercely competitive market.

Disney in August reported that Disney+ lost more than 10 million subscribers in the recently ended quarter, in large part in the Indian market.

Disney+ finished the second three months of this year with 146.1 million subscribers, compared with just shy of 158 million in the prior quarter, the group said.

Disney rival Netflix last month said subscriber numbers grew nearly 11 per cent to 247 million as it cracked down on password sharing and refined an ad-supported tier. — AFP



Disney has completed its takeover of the Hulu streaming service. PHOTO: AFP

# Energy giant Shell announces rise in profits



Energy majors are benefiting from elevated oil prices. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

BRITISH energy giant Shell on Thursday said net profit rose 4.5 per cent to \$7 billion in the third quarter from a year earlier, as it benefits from high oil

prices. "Shell delivered another quarter of strong operational and financial performance, capturing opportunities in volatile

commodity markets," chief executive Wael Sawan said in a statement.

"We continue to simplify our portfolio while delivering more value with less emissions," he added in an earnings statement.

Energy majors are benefiting in the current fourth quarter from elevated oil prices, which are being fuelled by concerns the Israel-Hamas conflict could widen across the crude-rich Middle East.

Shell on Thursday also announced a fresh buyback of shares worth \$3.5 billion. — AFP

# S&P says sharing office space giant WeWork in 'selective default'

EMBATTLED flexible workspace provider WeWork is in "selective default" after failing to meet conditions set by debt holders, ratings agency S&P said Wednesday. S&P's statement came a day after WeWork recounted its latest communications with creditors, saying in a securities filing that bond holders had given it a 30-day grace period on 2 October on interest payments.

On Tuesday, WeWork said that this forbearance agreement "will terminate in seven days," according

to the filing. The filing said WeWork had opted to withhold \$6.4 million in interest payments.

While WeWork maintained that it has liquidi-

ty to make this payment, the company has a 30-day grace period "before such non-payment constitutes an 'event of default'," the filing said. — AFP



WeWork is in "selective default" with creditors, according to S&P. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

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# ROLLING UPDATES

## WORLD

## More than 165,000 Afghans flee Pakistan in a month after govt order

Many Afghans have sought refuge in Pakistan due to past conflicts, and this could be a tactic to pressure the Taliban government to cooperate on security matters.

MORE than 165,000 Afghans have fled Pakistan in the month since Islamabad issued an ultimatum to 1.7 million people to leave or face arrest and deportation, officials said Thursday.

The majority rushed to the border in the past several days as the 1 November deadline approached and police began to open up dozens of holding centres to detain arrested Afghans.

Officials at the country's

busiest border point at Torkham in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province worked into the early hours of Thursday morning to clear a queue of 28,000 people that stretched for seven kilometres.

The border traffic has since eased, with officials encouraging undocumented Afghans to continue leaving voluntarily as police launched search operations.

"Illegal Afghans arrived at Torkham in heavy numbers be-

cause of the deadline... People can still return voluntarily but today only 1,000 are present at the border," Abdul Nasir Khan, deputy commissioner of the border district, told AFP.

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Thousands of Afghan refugees arrive at a holding centre as they prepare to depart for Afghanistan on Wednesday as a govt deadline sparks mass exodus. **PHOTO: AFP**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> release of Fukushima treated radioactive water begins

This is the third of four discharges, aiming to release 31,200 tonnes of water by March.



Photo taken on 22 August 2023, from a Kyodo News helicopter shows a pile of tanks at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Fukushima Prefecture, northeastern Japan, storing treated radioactive water from the plant. **PHOTO: KYODO**

THE third release of treated radioactive water from the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant into the sea began Thursday, the plant operator said, with China and Russia's opposition to the move unchanged since August.

Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings Inc said it plans to pump about 460 tonnes of

treated water per day about one kilometre off the coast via an underwater tunnel through 20 November. The latest discharge is the third of four to be conducted by the end of next March to release a total of about 31,200 tonnes of the water stored in tanks at the plant. During the previous release, the operator said it detected up to 22 becquer-

rels of radioactive tritium per 1 litre of seawater in samples taken from areas near the outlet, far below the World Health Organization's limit of 10,000 becquerels for drinking water.

China, Russia and local fishermen in Fukushima Prefecture have opposed the Japanese government's decision to release the water. — Kyodo

## Türkiye waits for Egypt's approval to establish Gaza field hospitals

TÜRKIYE is waiting for approval from Egyptian authorities to set up field hospitals near Gaza for those fleeing the besieged and bombarded Palestinian territory, the health minister said on Wednesday. "We have made all preparations to establish 20 field hospitals at El Arish Airport, in the area close to the Rafah border point" in Egypt, Fahrettin Koca said on X, formerly Twitter.

"We are in close dialogue with the Egyptian and Palestinian health ministries on all these issues. We are waiting

for security to be ensured and permissions to be granted," he said.

Israel has relentlessly pounded Gaza in retribution for the worst attack in the country's history, when Hamas gunmen stormed across the border on 7 October, killing 1,400 people, mostly civilians, and taking more than 230 hostages, according to Israeli officials.

Israel's retaliatory bombing campaign has killed 8,796 people, mainly women and children, according to Hamas-run Gaza's health ministry. — AFP



A medical worker transfers a wounded girl in the southern Gaza Strip city of Rafah, 1 November 2023. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

# SPORTS

## Man Utd dumped out of League Cup by Newcastle, Arsenal lose at West Ham

Manchester United and Arsenal were eliminated in the League Cup with losses, while Liverpool advanced by beating Bournemouth 2-1, and Chelsea won 2-0 against Blackburn.

MANCHESTER United's defence of the League Cup came to a limp end in a 3-0 home defeat by Newcastle on Wednesday as Arsenal were well-beaten 3-1 at West Ham.

Liverpool overcame Bournemouth 2-1 to progress to the quarter-finals, while Chelsea saw off Championship side Blackburn 2-0. In a repeat of last year's final, which Erik ten Hag's men won 2-0, both managers named much-changed sides at Old Trafford.

But it was Newcastle's strength in depth that showed as United slumped to an eighth

defeat in 15 games in all competitions this season – their worst start to any campaign since 1962/63. "This is not good enough. We have to take responsibility, I have to take responsibility," said Ten Hag. "I feel sorry for the fans, it is below our standards and we have to put it right."

Tino Livramento and Lewis Hall have had to wait for their chance to shine since signing for the Magpies but the young full-backs played a huge role as Eddie Howe's side got revenge for defeat at Wembley in February. — AFP



Declan Rice was defeated on his return to West Ham with Arsenal. PHOTO: AFP



A costly white elephant finds its moment. PHOTO: AFP

## Italy's dormant bobsleigh track ready for troubled 2026 Winter Olympics

The Cesena Torinese bobsleigh track, idle for a decade after the 2006 Winter Olympics, is being resurrected to support the upcoming Milan-Cortina edition, with a message of "Passion lives here" at the entrance.

THE Cesena Torinese bobsleigh track has been dormant for over a decade since being built for the 2006 Winter Olympics but is ready to come to the aid of the troubled Milan-Cortina edition in just under two years' time.

Sun, snow and the passage of time have had their effect on the track which snakes down the Piedmontese Alps but at the entrance one bright red mes-

sage can be read – "Passion lives here". Only a true Olympics fanatic would remember that it was the slogan of the Turin Games, or maybe the local mayor Roberto Vaglio.

In the four years he has led this small town of 960 inhabitants, located at an altitude of 1,300 metres, Vaglio has been wondering what on earth to do with an unused track which cost 110 million euros to build.

Then all of a sudden it found itself at in the middle of a sporting and political soap opera, the sort of which Italy seems to specialise in.

### 'This Olympics is Italian'

The next Winter Olympics will be held over 6-22 February 2026 and as with every organizing country Italy is wondering what to do about the event's bobsleigh and luge track. — AFP

## Emotional Jabeur to donate prize money to Palestinians

AN emotional Ons Jabeur said she would donate part of her WTA Finals prize money to Palestinians after avenging her Wimbledon final defeat to Marketa Vondrousova on Wednesday.

After earning her first win of the week at the season-ending championships in Cancun,

Tunisia's Jabeur choked back tears as she spoke on court.

"I am very happy with the win, but I haven't been happy lately," said the only Arabic woman to reach a Grand Slam final.

"The situation in the world doesn't make me happy," Jabeur added as she broke

down in tears, before composing herself enough to talk about the Israel-Hamas conflict.

"It's very tough seeing children, babies dying every day," she said.

"It's heartbreaking, so I've decided to donate part of my prize money to help the Palestinians. — AFP



Ons Jabeur of Tunisia. PHOTO: AFP



# Vladimir Putin signs bill revoking ratification of CTBT

*Moscow has previously made it clear that Russia's possible refusal to ratify the CTBT does not mean that it intends to conduct nuclear tests.*

**R**USSIAN President Vladimir Putin has signed the bill to revoke the ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), according to the relevant document published on the official legal information portal on Thursday.

The decision comes after Putin said during the plenary session of the Valdai Discussion Club in October that Moscow could mirror Washington's stance and withdraw the treaty's ratification from the lower house of parliament.

Russian State Duma Speaker Vyacheslav Volodin



Russian RS-24 Yars intercontinental ballistic missile systems are seen on the Red Square for the Victory Day parade in Moscow, Russia, 9 May 2019. PHOTO: BAI XUEQI/XINHUA

later said the lower house would take up the issue at its next session in a mirror response to the US move.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov, for his part, told reporters at the time that Russia's possible refusal to

ratify the CTBT "does not mean a declaration of intention to conduct nuclear tests.

The CTBT, adopted by the UN General Assembly in September 1996, prohibits all nuclear explosions, whether for military or peaceful purposes.

The document has not yet entered into force because eight countries have not ratified the treaty, including China, Egypt, India, Iran, Israel, North Korea, Pakistan and the United States. — SPUTNIK

## PORTRAIT AND SPEECH LAUNCHED IN WEATHER BALLOON

### Shakespeare in space to mark First Folio 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary

A portrait of English playwright William Shakespeare and a speech from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" have been sent into space in a weather balloon to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of his first collected works.

Footage of the initiative is included in one of six short films celebrating the four-century milestone by film maker Jack Jewers. Each film takes one of Shakespeare's most famous poems or speeches and reimagines them for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Subjects touched upon include the impact of Covid 19, the war in Ukraine, space exploration and social justice protests.

The first printed edition of Shakespeare's collected plays, known as the First Folio, was published in 1623, seven years after the Bard's death.

In one of the films, Jewers remotely directs Ukrainian civilians in Kyiv to create a new interpretation of Shakespeare's "Band of Brothers" speech from his history play "Henry V". — AFP

# France, Britain hit by record winds of Storm Ciaran



Municipal employees cut and move fallen trees in Ile Tudy, western France, on 2 November 2023, as the storm Ciaran hits the region. PHOTO: AFP

*Southern England and western Europe are still on high alert for flooding, power outages, and travel issues. About 1.2 million homes in France lost power as the storm hit the northwest coast, uprooting trees.*

STORM Ciaran battered northern France with record winds of nearly 200 kilometres per hour, killing a lorry driver, while southern England and other parts of western Europe remained on high alert Thursday amid warnings of flooding, blackouts and major travel disruptions.

Some 1.2 million French homes lost electricity overnight as the storm lashed the northwest coast, ripping trees out of

the ground.

The death was caused by a tree falling on the cabin of a heavy goods vehicle in the Aisne department, emergency services told AFP.

"The wind gusts are exceptional in Brittany and many absolute records have been broken," the national weather service Meteo-France said on X (formerly Twitter).

It said winds of 193 km/h

(120 miles/h) had been recorded in the town of Plougonvelin on the very tip of the northwest coast, while the port city of Brest in Brittany saw gusts of 156 km/h.

In Cornwall in southern England, large waves powered by winds of 135 km/hour, crashed along the coastline on Thursday morning, while hundreds of schools across the region were closed. — AFP