



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds telephone call with Prime Minister of India Mr Narendra Modi yesterday.

SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing shares experience of Myanmar’s devastating earthquake with Indian PM Narendra Modi over phone call

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing contacted Prime Minister of India Mr Narendra Modi yesterday afternoon to discuss aid for losses and damage in Myanmar affected by the powerful earthquake which centred 10 kilometres northeast of Mandalay at 12:50 pm on 28 March.

In his conversation, the Prime Minister of India stated that the entire nation of India is deeply saddened by the devastating earthquake that occurred in Myanmar. He expressed that all Indian citizens mourn the losses and damages suffered by Myanmar.

The Senior General responded that he was deeply grateful and moved by the expression of the Prime Minister of India’s condolences for the country of Myanmar and its people. He also sincerely appreciates the sympathy and support

from the people of India.

When the Indian Prime Minister asked about the current situation, the Senior General replied: “We are no longer experiencing major seismic activity, but there are still small aftershocks. Right now, I am in Mandalay, where the earthquake’s epicentre was. Currently, the death toll stands at 1,002, with around 2,400 injured. There are still missing persons, including those trapped under collapsed buildings. Rescue operations are still ongoing, and we are doing everything we can. The situation remains critical, especially in the area where I am now. I truly appreciate your words of encouragement. It also gives me strength to know that relief supplies and personnel are being sent from your side, as reported by the media. Our main focus is on rescue operations, and we are also working to restore transport routes that have been disrupted. Efforts are already underway

to repair the roads connecting Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, and Mandalay.”

The Prime Minister of India continued: “Thank you for providing a detailed explanation of the current situation in Myanmar. We fully understand that you are facing great difficulties during this time. In India, we also experienced a similarly devastating earthquake in 2001, which resulted in significant damage and loss. Therefore, we completely comprehend the hardship that the people of Myanmar, who have lost lives and property, are going through at this moment. We stand in solidarity with the people of Myanmar and extend our deepest sympathies and support during this challenging time.”

The Indian Prime Minister added that the aeroplane carrying relief supplies from India arrived in Myanmar on 29 March. In the coming days, necessary aid will be provided for Myanmar. In per-

forming aid and rescue measures, rescue squads and medical teams already gathered in India will be sent to Myanmar as quickly as possible. If Myanmar has to inform India about its requirements, India will deliver all kinds of assistance as much as possible. He reiterated that India is standing together with Myanmar which is overcoming hardships. India and Myanmar are brotherly nations, so we will assist Myanmar as needed. It is hoped that a meeting and discussion with the Chairman of the State Administration Council and the Prime Minister of Myanmar will take place soon.

The Senior General expressed his thanks to the Indian Prime Minister for his assistance and encouragement. He said he is confident that he will hold bilateral talks with the Indian Prime Minister shortly. He reiterated thanks for the encouragement and aid of India.

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Education as a Catalyst: Building Myanmar's Future through Qualified Educators

COUNTRIES with the highest levels of education among their citizens are also the most developed.

A well-educated population signifies both competence and quantity.

Myanmar must cultivate a large number of qualified educators to drive progress.

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the opening of the Myanmar National Education Conference 2024 on 25 June 2024)

Statement of Deep Condolences

A powerful earthquake measuring 7.7 on the Richter Scale struck with its epicentre about 20 kilometres northeast of the Mandalay Seismological Observatory at approximately 12:51 pm local time on 28 March 2025. Following the initial quake, three aftershocks were recorded. The strong tremor caused casualties and destruction in Mandalay, Sagaing, Nay Pyi Taw and other regions.

The Myanmar Press Council expresses its deep sorrow over this tragic event and urges collective support and cooperation in search and rescue operations to aid those affected.

Myanmar Press Council (MPC)

EARTHQUAKE NEWS

(Issued at 16:10 hour MST)

A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.9 Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about six miles southeast of Ela), latitude 19.57°N, longitude 93.31°E, depth 10 kilometres, about (18) miles southeast of Nay Pyi Taw seismological observatory was recorded at 3:50:50 pm MST on 29 March 2025. — DMH

Public Announcement on Fuel Purchase

THE powerful earthquake that struck on 28 March 2025 caused damage to several fuel stations, including the collapse of buildings, damage and malfunction of underground fuel storage tanks, pipelines connected to fuel pumps and some generators used for fuel distribution. There were power outages due to electrical line disruptions.

Authorities promptly carried out repairs and 90 out of 105 petrol stations in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory and 164 stations in Mandalay Region Development Committee's area were restored and reopened for sales yesterday.

Efforts are ongoing to reopen the remaining stations as quickly as possible. Meanwhile, fuel stations in Yangon Region remain fully operational without any reported damages or disruptions.

To ensure domestic fuel sufficiency, the pre-planned reserves at the Thilawa storage facility hold approximately one week's supply. Moreover, fuel tankers continue arriving, with four tankers at jetties, three offshore, three en route and 11 transporting fuel from foreign countries. Consequently, no fuel shortages will occur, and emergency distributions will be arranged where necessary.

The public is urged not to panic-buy or hoard fuel unnecessarily in the current situation. Instead, people should purchase only what is needed to ensure stable supply and distribution.

Ministry of Energy

Minbu Hospital launches emergency blood drive for earthquake victims



Departmental staff and volunteers from Minbu donate blood to victims at Minbu District Hospital on 29 March 2025. **PHOTO: MAUNG MAUNG (MINBU)**

NUMEROUS blood donors gathered to participate in an emergency blood donation event for earthquake victims from other townships at Minbu District Hospital in Magway Region, on 29 March.

Following the 28 March earthquake, staff and volunteers

from townships in Minbu district donated blood to victims at Minbu District Hospital.

By the evening of 29 March, a total of 70 departmental employees and volunteers had donated blood, categorized by their blood types, at the blood bank of Minbu District Hospital, where

relevant officials provided them with nutritional supplements. The regional government is currently arranging the timely distribution of these 70 donated blood bottles to hospitals in the affected townships under its supervision. — Maung Maung (Minbu)/MKKS

MNA offers free transport for quake relief supplies and medicines



Myanmar National Airlines provides ground handling services for relief supplies arriving at Yangon International Airport.

MYANMAR National Airlines (MNA) has announced that it will provide free transportation of relief supplies and medicines to the people.

With 5,041 kilogrammes of relief supplies, 37 Chinese relief workers arrived through

China Eastern Airlines and 15.3 tonnes of relief supplies arrived from India through the Indian Air Force to help the people impacted by the earthquake, MNA has provided necessary ground services at Yangon International Airport free of charge.

“We would like to inform you that we will provide free transportation of relief supplies and medicines to the people affected by the earthquake on domestic and international flights,” it said.

Along with the authorities, charitable organizations from all over Myanmar are currently providing relief, assistance and supplies in the earthquake-affected areas. — Thit Taw/ZN

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

ARMED terrorists have been launching attacks by using residential homes and administrative buildings in towns and villages as cover, where they have forcibly settled. They aim to shield themselves from Tatmadaw counterattacks while also persuading temporarily displaced persons to return to their native areas and recruiting new members. That enables terrorists to use civilians as human shields. Tatmadaw is committed to safeguarding the sovereignty of the State and will respond to these threats based on intelligence and prevailing conditions. Therefore, residents in areas where terrorists have taken control must prioritize their safety and protect themselves from being exploited by these groups.

(Excerpt from guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Shan State cabinet members and state-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects damaged buildings in the walls of the royal palace in Mandalay yesterday.

The very strong earthquake and its aftershocks on 28 March destroyed roads, bridges and buildings in Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago regions, northeastern Shan State and Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, leaving some people dead and injured. Currently, search and rescue operations are being conducted in relevant areas.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing yesterday morning inspected damage and losses in the earthquake-affected areas in Mandalay Region.

At the meeting hall of the Central Command Headquarters, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung, Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Myat Kyaw, the commander of Central Command and officials reported to the Senior General on losses and damage in the earthquake and ongoing search and rescue operations.

In his response, the Senior General said that it is necessary to take immediate action regarding search and rescue operations, ensuring that the injured are transported as quickly as possible to the nearest hospitals or clinics to receive the required medical care from both Tatmadaw and civilian medical professionals. Proper arrangements should also be made for the

Government mobilizes funds, workforce, and machinery for rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts

All Tatmadaw and civilian hospitals, along with healthcare staff, must collaboratively prioritize medical services for earthquake victims.

dignified burial of the deceased. Those facing difficulties in finding shelter due to the damage and losses should be provided with temporary housing, similar to the arrangements made during the COVID-19 outbreak, as quickly as possible by the responsible authorities. It is necessary to systematically clear debris from collapsed buildings as quickly as possible. Taking lessons from this incident, old buildings must be checked under quality control while new buildings must be supervised to meet the set standards. Arrangements must be made for victims from the quake-affected areas to have accommodation, water and

power supply. Airports and runways must be improved to effectively carry out search and rescue operations in relevant regions.

The Senior General viewed round collapsed buildings along the walls of the royal palace, damage to buildings and roads in Mandalay City, the collapse of the main building at Mandalay University, and the outbreak of fire. He instructed officials to expedite the search and recovery of individuals trapped in collapsed buildings, conduct search and rescue measures on priority, and reconstruct academic and health buildings as quickly as possible while conforming to the outlined standards.

The Senior General inspected arrangements to open a temporary hospital and relief camp for providing medical treatment to the injured people at the old airport in Chanmyathazi Township and gave necessary guidance.

He also looked into damaged buildings in the walls of the royal palace, and damaged parts of the wall near Sishay Gate and along the walls.

At Mandalay General Hospital, the Senior General viewed round medical treatment for the patients who sustained injuries in the earthquake and offered support the patients. The Senior General urged the Ministry of Health and the Directorate of Medical Services to jointly provide healthcare to the injured as quickly as possible and instructed officials to transport the patients to Tatmadaw hospitals and temporary hospitals to solve difficulties in medical treatment for the patients.

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At the temporary relief camp at the corner of 73rd and 30th streets in Chanayethazan Township, the Senior General presented relief items provided by the Disaster Management Department to quake victims.

He also inspected the collapse of the eastern stairway of Maha Muni Buddha Image and Sagaing rail-cum-Bridge (Inwa) on the Sagaing-Mandalay Highway. He instructed officials to repair the railway which link Mandalay and Myitkyina as quickly as possible.

On arrival at Masoeysin Taikthit in Mahaangmyay Township, the Senior General viewed the damage and losses in the earthquake and sought the advice of the Presiding Patron of the monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vasettha Bhivamsa and gave instructions to officials on the supply of water and electricity for the monastery, and clearing debris from the collapsed buildings.

At the annexe to Pariyatti Sasanahita Association of Mandalay, the Senior General looked into the collapses of the four-storey building and searched for monks in the damaged buildings. He urged officials to accelerate search and rescue operations.

At Sky Villa in Aungmyethazan Township, the Senior General fulfilled the needs for search and rescue operations for the loss and damage in the earthquake.

At the meeting hall of the Central Command Headquarters, the Senior General met with Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung, Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Myat Kyaw and officials. He said that it is necessary to continue verifying and collecting accurate records of deaths, injuries, and missing individuals by respective regions and states. It is also essential to distribute and provide prompt medical treatment to those injured through



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing looks into the searching for monks in the damaged buildings at the annexe to Pariyatti Sasanahita Association in Mandalay.

hospitals, clinics, and temporary medical centres. Additionally, all military and civilian hospitals, as well as healthcare workers, must work together in a coordinated and efficient manner to ensure effective medical response. All Tatmadaw and civilian hospitals and health staff have to harmoniously emphasize healthcare services for injured victims in earthquakes. It is necessary to systematically and urgently remove the collapsed and partially damaged buildings to ensure safety in the surrounding areas. Only by doing so can the environment be free from hazards. Arrangements must be made to systematically accommodate those residing in temporary shelters. The damaged main building of Mandalay University needs to be reconstructed as soon as possible while maintaining its original structure. The reconstruction must ensure durability and a safe design. Furthermore, necessary measures should be taken to support the earthquake-affected people by providing food, shelter, and other essential social services.

The government must con-



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing encourages an injured victim in the earthquake at Mandalay General Hospital.

tinue efforts with full dedication to rebuild and restore roads, bridges, and government buildings destroyed by the earthquake. This will require significant financial resources, manpower, and machinery. Moreover, cleaning and restoration efforts must be carried out swiftly. When distributing relief supplies, it is essential to ensure that all affected individ-

uals receive what they rightfully deserve in an organized and systematic manner. Proper records must be maintained to prevent duplication and to ensure that no one is left out. All responsible authorities must act with strict discipline to ensure fairness and transparency. The authorities have to undertake extensive restoration efforts and prioritize

tasks to ensure the fastest possible recovery.

Union ministers and officials reported on relief and rehabilitation for the affected areas, public awareness measures, and requirements of the work process. The Senior General attended to the needs.

The Senior General flew over Mandalay City to inspect the loss, damage and collapse of Sagaing Bridge (Inwa). He also viewed some damaged parts of the runway at Mandalay International Airport and gave guidance to officials to immediately repair the damaged parts.

According to the latest collected records up to the present time, a total of 1,644 people died and 3,408 were injured, and 139 missing due to the earthquake

across all affected regions nationwide. Detailed records are still being gathered.

Union Ministers Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, U Tin Oo Lwin, Dr Nyunt Pe and Dr Thet Khaing Win who accompanied the Senior General inspected the damage to relevant ministries and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA/TTA

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Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win inspects damage in the earthquake in Lewe and staff housing in Bala Theikdi Ward, Zabuthiri Township, yesterday.

Five tankers ensure daily supply of safe drinking water to staff

Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, who is also the Chairman of the National Disaster Management Committee, attended the emergency coordination meeting of the National Disaster Management Committee yesterday morning at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw. During the meeting, he discussed the swift implementation of rescue and relief operations in earthquake-affected areas.

In his opening address, the Vice-Senior General highlighted that in Sagaing Region, Mandalay Region, and Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, the damage and losses caused by the earthquake are more severe.

He recounted that the Chairman of the State Administration Council and Prime Minister inspected the damaged staff housings, the 1,000-bed general hospital, and bridges and roads within Nay Pyi Taw Council Area immediately after the incident on 28 March, giving necessary instructions. He has also travelled to Mandalay

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Region to provide guidance on urgent needs and to offer words of encouragement to quake-affected people.

He underscored that as of the time of this meeting, the death toll has reached 1,101, with a total of 2,644 injured. Since the initial earthquake, there have been 14 aftershocks recorded, ranging from a minimum of 2.8 to a maximum of 7.7 on the Richter scale. The tremours originated at a depth of approximately 10 miles, making them more intense and causing greater destruction and losses. As service personnel from the ministerial housings in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area move to safer places due to the impact of the earthquake, relevant Union Ministers have to give words of encouragement to the personnel. It is necessary to provide food and clean drinking and utility water.

The Disaster Management Centre has to ensure that international aid is delivered as

quickly as possible to the necessary locations and distributed without delay. Relevant ministries should collect and fulfil the needs of staff in affected areas based on the current situation. Due to the destruction of public roads, bridges, and landslides causing transportation difficulties, both short-term and long-term plans should be implemented for rapid repairs. Emergency needs such as communications, electricity supply, and clean drinking water must be addressed.

Vice-Chair 2 Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win, Union ministers and the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman discussed loss and damage in the earthquake, arrivals of rescue aeroplanes and supplies, setting the routes for the transport of rescue vehicles, renovation of the communication and transport facilities, loss and damage of staff housings, numbers of

casualties of staff and families and the injured, allocation of the funds and further plans for relief and rehabilitation measures.

In his response, the Vice-Senior General discussed the construction of the tents for personnel from the relevant staff housings, daily supply of safe drinking water with the use of five water tankers, sales of vegetables and groceries by vehicle for staff, providing emergency cash assistance for staff and families, drawing the social security fund by NDMC for staff of the Ministry of Labour, rehabilitation measures, assistance for staff's mental and physical strengthening, security measures, assignment of liaison officers for international aid teams to do smooth process in search and rescue operations, accommodation, rescue and distribution of medications to be coordinated with NDMC members.

The meeting was also at-

tended by Council Secretary General Aung Lin Dwe, council members, Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and deputy ministers.

The Vice-Senior General inspected damage in the earthquake in Lewe and staff housing in Bala Theikdi Ward of Zabuthiri Township and viewed rescue and relief operations.

He also inspected ongoing rescue and relief measures at Ottarathiri Private Special Hospital in Ottarathiri Township and coordinated reports of officials.

At Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1,000-bed), the Vice-Senior General inspected arrangements for the temporary medical wards, supply of drinking water for patients and maintenance of buildings and instructed officials to provide the mobile operation theatre and X-ray vehicle from the Defence Services General Hospital.

The Vice-Senior General also visited the Obstetric and Gynaecological Hospital (300-bed) and Defence Services General Hospital (1,000-bed) where he viewed healthcare services for families of Tatmadaw members and civilians and readiness of operation theatres and hospital equipment. After attending to the needs of officials, the Vice-Senior General presented cash assistance to patients. — MNA/TTA

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MU Fire After Earthquake Destroys Matriculation Exam Scripts

A powerful earthquake measuring 7.7 on the Richter scale struck 20 kilometres northeast of Mandalay at 12:51 pm Myanmar Standard Time on 28 March, causing widespread destruction in Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions, eastern Shan State, Nay Pyi Taw and Bago Region. As a result, Mandalay University’s (MU) main building suffered severe structural damage, followed by fires that further devastated the facility.

The 2024-2025 matriculation exam answer sheets stored at the university were destroyed in the fire. The affected answer sheets belonged to 46,944 students from Mandalay Region, amounting to 280,940 answer booklets, 7,311 students from Sagaing Region, accounting for 43,827 answer booklets and 8,699 students from Kachin State, with 52,189 answer booklets.

The earthquake struck while teachers were engaged in grading the exams. Around 267 examiners were inside the building at the time but managed to evacuate before the fire engulfed the structure. However, the fire completely consumed the university’s main building, resulting in the total loss of the matriculation exam answer sheets for the 2024-2025 academic year from the affected regions.

The government is conducting rapid investigations and implementing emergency response measures in the affected areas. Authorities have now officially confirmed the destruction of the matriculation exam answer sheets and issued this statement to inform the public.

Information Team
State Administration Council

Rescue teams from India, Singapore, and Russia arrive in Myanmar

THE government has swiftly investigated the damage caused by the earthquake in affected areas, actively carrying out rescue operations promptly, and allowed channels for international humanitarian aid. Yesterday, rescue teams, doctors, nurses, humanitarian assistance materials, and medicines from India, Singapore, and Russia arrived in Myanmar to support the people affected by the earthquake.

Yesterday, at the Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw airport, search and rescue teams from India, including doctors and nurses, four search and rescue dogs, humanitarian aid supplies, and medicines arrived, along with a search and rescue team from Singapore, including doctors, nurses, four search and rescue dogs, humanitarian aid supplies, and medicines. Another search and rescue team from Russia, along with doctors and nurses, and humanitarian aid supplies and medicines also arrived in Myanmar.

They were welcomed at the airport by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. These teams will be divided into groups to carry out search, rescue, and medical assistance operations for the people in the areas affected by the earthquake. — MNA/TTA

China’s rescue teams, India’s aid reach disaster zone



Chinese rescue team (L) and Indian rescue team (R) seen with welcomees including Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein at Yangon International Airport yesterday. PHOTO: ZWE HTET KO (IPRD)

ON 28 March, at approximately 12:51 pm local time, a 7.7-magnitude earthquake struck about 21 kilometres northeast of the Mandalay Seismological Observatory. In response, the National Disaster Management Committee declared a state of emergency in the affected areas of Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, and Magway Regions, northeastern Shan State and the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

The government promptly launched relief and rescue operations in the earthquake-affected areas and facilitated the arrival of international humanitarian aid. A plane carrying 37 Chinese rescue workers and related

equipment arrived at Yangon International Airport at approximately 7:07 am on 29 March to assist in relief and rescue efforts in the affected regions of Myanmar. They were welcomed by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein and other officials, First Secretary Mr Zhu Feng of the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar, and Director of the Disaster Management Department U Than Soe with his team.

Yesterday, the Chinese rescue teams continued their journey to Nay Pyi Taw using vehicles the Yangon Region government provided.

Furthermore, at 8:40 am yesterday, a plane carrying relief aid from India for

the earthquake-affected people in Myanmar arrived at Yangon International Airport and was welcomed by officials.

The Indian Ambassador to Myanmar handed over the relief supplies sent by the Government of India for the earthquake-affected people in Myanmar, and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein received them.

The relief supplies donated by the Government of India included instant noodles, solar lamps, kitchenware, personal items, generators, hospital assistance items, tarpaulins, blankets, mosquito nets, and various kinds of plastic bags. — Zwe Htet Ko (IPRD)/MKKS

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Weekly
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23 March

World Water Day marked

Water management is important to ensure water security in the future by raising public awareness of good water management practices and good water utilization practices, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the ceremony to mark the World Water Day 2025 at MICC II in Nay Pyi Taw.

25 March

2025-26 budget focuses on home affairs, defence, health and education

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing underscored that it is necessary to manage the deficit and GDP ratio in the appropriate amount to ensure the stability of the macroeconomy of the State's long-term economic development, at the financial commission meeting at the SAC Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw.

Government backs growth-friendly economic environment

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing stressed that it is crucial to continue efforts to ensure the long-term sustainability of

businesses and to link local production to the global manufacturing network through regional production chains, at the National Planning Commission meeting at the SAC Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw.

26 March

SAC holds coord meeting

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing recounted the election was not held once similar to internal conflicts in the parliamentary democratic era in Myanmar history.

27 March

Respect paid to retired senior Tatmadaw officers

Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla paid respect to retired senior Tatmadaw officers who started duties at Tatmadaw and their wives at Bayintnaung Villa in Nay Pyi Taw.

Pre-dinner marks 80th Armed Forces Day

A pre-dinner to mark the 80th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day 2025 hosted by Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla took place at the square of Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw.

28 March

SAC issues parson order

The State Administration Council issued Order

27/2025 to release four Thai citizens from Kawthoung prison and three Filipinos from Hpa-an prison.

Election depends on regional security conditions

SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech at the 80th Anniversary of the Armed Forces Day Parade.

29 March

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses conditions of severe earthquake

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said he has opened all possible channels to receive international assistance in the message on severe earthquake.

Statement of Emergency declared

The Information Team of the State Administration Council released a statement, saying that a very strong earthquake with a magnitude of 7.7 on the Richter Scale struck, centred at a depth of 10 kilometres. The epicentre was approximately 21 kilometres northeast of the Mandalay seismic station and about 20 kilometres northeast of Mandalay city, at coordinates 22.09° North Latitude and 96.23° East Longitude at 12:51:02 pm yesterday, followed by about three aftershocks. The National Disaster Management Committee declared a State of Emergency for the earthquake-affected areas in Sagaing Region, Mandalay Region, Magway Region, northeastern Shan State, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and Bago Region. — GNLM/TTA

Yangon to receive 4-hour daily power supply

AFTER the quake hit, the electricity supply will be provided in rotation for four hours per day in Yangon Region, Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation (YESC) said.

As of 5 am on 29 March, each out of six groups of townships in the region will be provided electricity for four hours, and it just aims to use the power for water pumping.

“The power supply is divided into six groups and the line is different even in the same ward. To inquire about the power distribution system in Lanmadaw Township, here are phone numbers – 09 977275722 and 09 456880123,” said an official from the township electricity office.

The quake struck yesterday and caused damage to

power plants, sub-stations and the equipment of power transmission lines connected with the national grid, and during this period, gas-fired plants in the region have managed to distribute the electricity, it said.

YESC will provide the electricity as usual when the national grid can resume the power transmission, it added. — Htun Htun/ZS



Transmission towers and facilities being damaged in the wake of powerful earthquake.



Foundation pledges K100M for natural disaster relief



This photo showcases the Khaing Hnin Wai Foundation donating over K3.6 billion for flood relief in the previous year.

THE Khaing Hnin Wai Foundation, operated by actress Khaing Hnin Wai, has earmarked K100 million to provide for people affected by natural disasters, according to the actress.

The foundation will donate food and cash to those currently

impacted, and other organizations are invited to collaborate in the donation efforts. Last year, the foundation donated food and cash worth over K3.6 billion to people affected by floods nationwide. — ASH/MKKS

Set zero-waste zones for new generations

TODAY, the world is becoming increasingly unhealthy due to the impact of waste. This waste is gradually destroying the planet day by day. Everyone needs to assess the planet’s health regularly to save it before it’s too late.

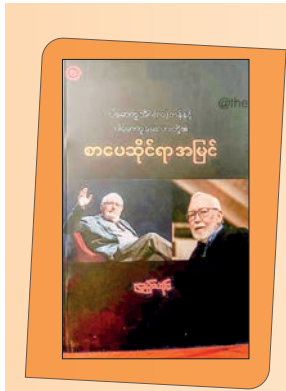
The world is filled with various types of waste, including both decayed and non-decayed materials. While decayed waste can cause harm, it can be removed and incinerated relatively quickly. However, non-decayed waste, such as plastic and polyethylene, poses a long-term threat, disrupting natural processes and potentially causing lasting environmental damage.

Humanity’s unsustainable production and consumption are driving the planet towards destruction. Households, small businesses, and public service providers generate between 2.1 billion and 2.3 billion tonnes of municipal solid waste annually – from packaging and electronics to plastics and food. However, global waste management services are ill-equipped to handle this, with 2.7

Now is the best time to save the planet from the dangers of waste. Everyone, regardless of race or background, must join hands in reducing waste while practising systematic disposal everywhere. This effort not only helps protect ourselves but also the entire planet, working toward the establishment of zero-waste zones. Let’s leave a clean and sustainable planet for future generations.

Consumers can greatly reduce environmental impacts by adopting practices such as reuse, repair, and recycling. Moving away from fast fashion and investing in durable, high-quality clothing not only conserves resources but also supports traditional sustainability approaches. Governments have a critical role to play by enforcing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes, regulating harmful chemicals, investing in recycling infrastructure, and incentivizing sustainable business models to accelerate the transition to a circular economy.

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Literary Review of Professor Eagleton & Professor Miller

“READING is a kind of rebirth. It fosters psychological behaviour. The book portrays how to move from difficult situations in life with the sample sentence stating that the reader sits in the chair and turns the papers. He described how literature refers to the real world. It is a physical grounding act that reveals the true colour of lives beyond the pure reality material, no longer presented solely in the tangibles. I would like to introduce some literary pieces by Professor Terry Eagleton and Professor Miller. Saya Myint Than translated the book and the Eras published this book.

Professor Terry Eagleton was born in February 1943. He is a renowned literary scholar and cultural theorist and he is currently a distinguished professor of English Literature at Lancaster University. He worked on 40 books and he is well-known for a book entitled Eaglet Literary Theory: An Introduction (1983) with over 750,000 copies sold. He is a prominent literary theorist, known for his critical engagement with postmodernism, particularly in his book “The Illusions of Postmodernism” and “After Theory (2003)”.
Saya Myint Than translated

ed What is literature mentioned in the preface of the book. Although it is written in the context of English literature, the perspectives on literature and literary works can be studied alongside Myanmar literary situations. Readers do not need to accept them uncritically, he emphasized.

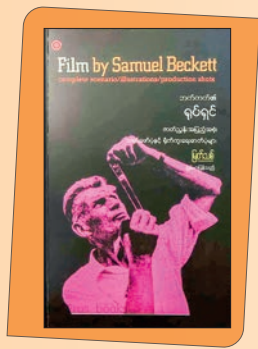
It is intended for those who pursue literature in depth. He suggested they build background knowledge to comprehend the context. As he is native and raised within academic institutions, Eagleton’s piece of writing is contrasted with English written by the typical

American. They cannot be read casually.

He put a disclaimer that it is attributed to the limitation in linguistic mastery for mistranslation, any errors or omissions contained. Error correction and feedback are welcome, he stated.

Professor Joseph Hills Miller Jr (5 March 1928- 7 February 2021) was an American literary critic who delved into advanced literary theory. He had a profound knowledge of American and British literature, authoring over 50 books.

Saya Myint Than also translated the chapter “What is Literature” from the On Literature book by JH Millers so that the readers can contradict the literature review with those of Professor Eagleton recently published in Shwe Amyutay Magazine. Miller was not only a renowned person in American University and academia but also a genuine literary scholar and critic with extensive knowledge. His work is in American English. His perspective on literature might be viewed in universal terms, while those of Eagleton’s are rooted in Western literary tradition, Saya Mint Than noted in the preface.



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Film by Samuel Beckett

MYANMAR readers are familiar with the Irish playwright, writer, and poet Samuel Beckett thanks to Saya Zaw Zaw Aung, Saya Myint Than, and Saya Myat Thit. Samuel was born on 13 April 1906 and he died on 22 December 1989. He won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1969. His famous books and plays, along with his postmodern literary concepts, have been widely appreciated and read around the world. The most well-known play in the Theatre of the Absurd genre is “Waiting for Godot” which was translated into Myanmar by Saya Myat Thit.

He translates the Film: Complete Scenario, Illustrations, and Production Shots by Samuel Beckett into Myanmar.

The original author, who had

been passionate about cinema since childhood, wrote this book with vivid photographs, sharing his filming experiences, colleagues in the industry, and the cinematic knowledge he wished to convey.

The translator introduced the playwright and author Samuel Beckett. Samuel has been interested in moves since childhood. He borrowed and read many books and documents related to movies due to his deep interest in movies. He read books by Pudokin and Rudolph Arnheim, who wrote about film theories. Not only that, he seriously considered going to Moscow to attend a government institute of cinematography. He wrote a letter to Sergei Eisenstein, the head of the institute,

requesting to be accepted as a student. It was around 1934-36 when he wrote Murphy. Furthermore, the translator emphasized the essence of Film, a work not directed by Beckett himself, yet widely acknowledged by international experts as one of his significant cinematic artistic achievements. Beckett’s film begins with Berkeley’s quote, ‘To be is to be perceived,’ underscoring how this statement embodies the foundational principles and profound significance of film theory.

In Samuel Beckett’s novel Malone Dies, it is stated that we will never know what Malone has left unwritten (and that’s simply because he misplaced his pencil). Similarly, Beckett’s radio plays are not constructed

merely through sound, nor does the sound itself truly exist. In the film, however, the elements remain interconnected, appearing within the frame of the camera’s perspective. Beckett did not stop there — he kept going, surpassing conventional limitations and pushing towards a truth that is grounded in knowledge itself.

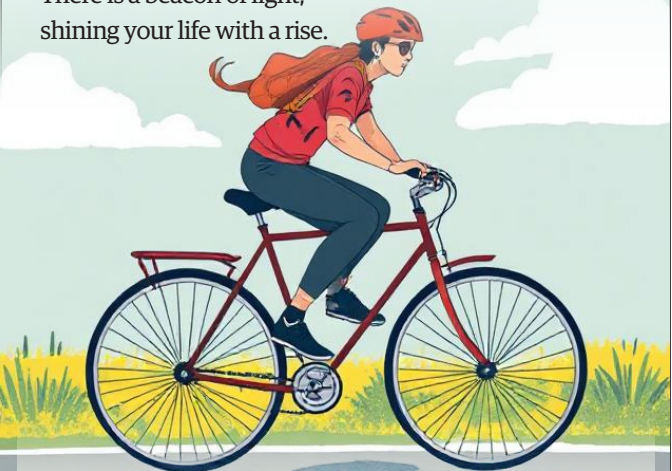
Beckett’s Film was released in a year considered significant for bringing significant changes in the history of movies.

In 1929, Bunuel and Dali released the surrealist film Andalusian Dog, a short silent film. The Film by Samuel Beckett was partly translated and expressed for Moe Wai magazine in 1978, and 46 years later, a complete translation was accomplished, said Saya Myat Thit.

On the Move

By Chit Ko Pe

A moving bicycle never falls, unless it malfunctions or stalls. Keep on stretching forward, with an aim held steadfast. There is a beacon of light, shining your life with a rise.



Reference: “Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.” quoted by **Albert Einstein**

Poems’ Oasis

By Mya Thae (Research)

- Damsel reached in desert and she was tired.
- She was searching place to a place to rest.
- Damsel found Poems’ Oasis, the finest.
- She went nearly to poems’ Oasis and touched the water freshly.
- Suddenly the giant with ten hands appeared and covered the Oasis angrily.
- Besides, he shouted this belonged to him and hustled her quickly.
- The girl looked at Poems’ Oasis evoke.
- She fell and passed away with a broken heart deeply.

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Night Journeyer

By Maung Swan Yi , Translated by Myint Zan

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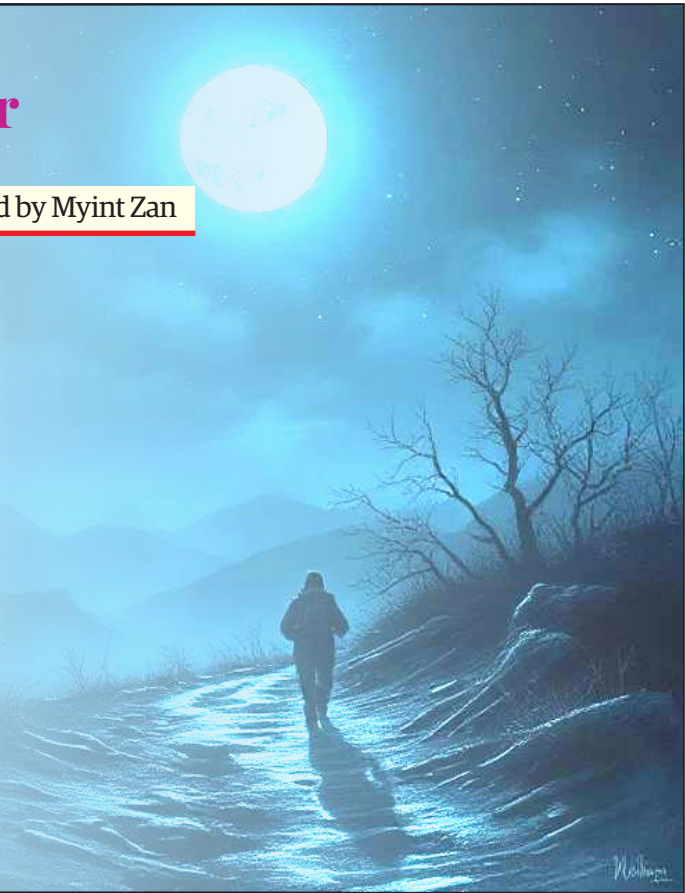
when I run
the moon also runs

when I slow down
the moon does so as well

only if I stop and stay still
the moon likewise will do so

this I, I am
the journeyer in the night

Composed on 26 February 1963
Translated on 18 March 2025



NATIONAL

Entertainment

Music concert to memorize songs of veteran composer

VOCALISTS May Sweet, Rebacca Win, Moe and Sai Si Tom Kham will participate in the concert memorizing famous composer Sai Kham Leik to be held on 6 April at KMA Ketumati Hotel in Toungoo of Bago Region.

“The fans in Toungoo please do come to the concert on 6 April. We are ready to sing the songs of Saya Sai. Ako Sai, Aunty May Sweet and Ama Moe will also sing,” said Rebacca Win.

The concert name is “under the cherry tree, until we meet again,” and is brought to the fans by M2M Entertainment. — ASH/KTZH



Naung Naung (Sun Flower)

A veteran songwriter and vocalist Naung Naung (Sun Flower) recounted to the media how a famous singer of the time refused to sing his song ‘Belouk Hti Chit Lei’ (How much do you love me?), which he wrote for Alex and Yati Pwint Oo, stating he didn’t want to perform such a song. Naung Naung (Sun Flower) emphasized the song’s subsequent success, noting that it was used as a movie theme song over thirty times.

Tun Tun

ON the afternoon of 28 March, actor and singer Tun Tun was en route to an event when he had to stop his car near the Myanmar Mercantile Marine College due to the earthquake. “I knew there was an earthquake when the cars stopped on the road and shook so much,” he recounted. Tun Tun also expressed his sadness to the media, noting the strength of the earthquake and its resulting casualties and damage.



Myint Myat

ON the evening of 24 March, the red-carpet premiere of the movie ‘Myaysa’, based on the true stories of municipal workers, took place at Mingala Wazira Cinema in Hlinethaya Township. Actor Myint Myat and his team also distributed meal boxes to the municipal workers from Hlinethaya Township who attended to support the event.

Li Li Kyaw Khaing

A young actress Li Li Kyaw Khaing plays a special role in the music video (MV) of ‘Dohya Dotme Aчит Yay’, directed by Bhone Thaik and sung by Zwe Pyae. She is also well-known for her appearance in the MV of the song ‘Amone Nei Htiketan Thu’, where she performed alongside Aung Ye Lin. Additionally, she expressed her pleasure in acting in the recently released film ‘Theyel Kar’.

Saung Eaindray Tun

ON the evening of 26 March, actress Saung Eaindray Tun, widely known as Ma-Ma Saung, commemorated the 10th anniversary of her mother Daw Tin Hla’s passing for the second time by giving money to 1,000 pre-invited individuals, including nuns, in front of her residence at 70, Zaykyo Santan, Mawlamyine Township.



CELEBRITY BRIEF

May Panchi

ACTRESS May Panchi shared earthquake warnings and emergency helpline numbers on her social media page. Known for her occasional charity work, May Panchi recently donated K1.8 million to a mother who, despite no biological relation, has lovingly adopted and cared for a sick son as her own. — Htun Htun/TH

NATIONAL

Coordination meeting held for quake emergency response

A coordination meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) to discuss earthquake emergency response efforts in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

The meeting saw MRCS

President Professor Dr Myo Nyunt, Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Tin Lay, executive members, the deputy secretary-general, and other officials. Also present were Mr Arnaud de Baecque, Head of the Myanmar Delegation of the ICRC, Ms Nadia Khoury, Head of Delegation of the IFRC and other representatives.

During the meeting, partic-



A coordination meeting for earthquake emergency response efforts in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in progress yesterday. **PHOTO: MRCS**

ipants reviewed ongoing search and rescue operations in areas affected by the earthquake and discussed detailed plans for continued joint response efforts. — MRCS/KZL



Singaporean rescuers arrive at Nay Pyi Taw Airport with rescue dogs yesterday. **PHOTO - FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Myanmar Fire Brigade and foreign firefighters unite for rescue efforts

MYANMAR Fire Brigade forces along with foreign firefighters are currently searching and rescue works for the victims who were affected and trapped in buildings due to the earthquake on 28 March. Foreign firefighters have also arrived in Nay Pyi Taw and will cooperate with the Myanmar Fire Brigade in search and rescue efforts.

On the last day, 238 firefighters carried out rescue operations in 53 locations in the Townships which are affected by the earthquake, saving 144 lives and removing 87 dead bodies from buildings. Yesterday, 160 forces carried out search and rescue operations in 13 locations in the Nay Pyi Taw Council area, removing

seven dead bodies.

To continue the rescue operations in the earthquake-hit areas, search and rescue teams along with medical teams from India arrived in Nay Pyi Taw with two aircraft at noon and another two at 5:30 pm on 29 March, a total of four aircraft, and 78 fire personnel and rescue teams from Singapore arrived at Nay Pyi Taw to continue the search and rescue operations in the earthquake-hit buildings in Mandalay on 30 March.

The forces from the Central Fire Services Training School and PyinOoLwin Township Fire Station, along with the reserve fire brigade forces and other relevant organizations, have been working to rescue the victims who are trapped in

the Sky Villa building in Aungmyaythazan Township, Mandalay Region, after the earthquake. Since the beginning of the earthquake, 43 people have been rescued alive and nine bodies have been recovered. Since the earthquake began, 284 fire brigade forces from the Central Fire Services Training School and PyinOoLwin, Meiktila, Magway, Ayeyawady and Yangon have been deployed for rescue operations with 13 fire trucks including search and rescue vehicles and supervised vehicles. On 30 March, fire brigade personnel and search and rescue teams from India and Singapore continued to search for victims who were trapped under the buildings. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/MKKS

Myanmar-India joint series ‘Sone Hmat’ unveiled

A media introduction event for the Myanmar-India collaborative drama series ‘Sone Hmat’ (Meeting Point) was held on 28 March at Rangoon Cineplex in Kanthaya Shopping Mall of Yangon.

The script was written by the Yone Lay (TMK) Team and the series will be directed by Agga Mahn. It will consist of 20 episodes, set in Yangon, with filming set to begin on 24 April.

Director Agga Marn stated, “I have prepared to present this series in the best possible

way. We have carefully selected the cast to match their characters, and this will be a Myanmar-India joint production. The drama-action storyline will offer audiences a unique experience”.

The cast includes Academy Tun Tun, Tun Min, Min Hein, Tin Maung San Min Win, Khun Tha Cho, Daung Wai, Myo Kyi, Ram Ki (aka) Ye Ko Ko, Ye Thway Thiha, Nay Chi Shoon Latt, Thondray Oo, Thar Thar, Htet Ya Min Eain, and Deepa (aka) Chaw Su Thuza. — ASH/ KZL



Media introduction event for Myanmar-India collaborative series ‘Sone Hmat’ at Rangoon Cineplex in Yangon.

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.

Pwintbyu Township surpasses chickpea cultivation goals

ACCORDING to the Pwintbyu Township Agriculture Department, chickpea cultivation in Pwintbyu Township, Magway Region surpassed its target, reaching 56,051 acres. All of them have been harvested so far.

The targeted area is 21,843 acres. The harvest started in February and ended in late March. An acre produces 20.55 baskets per acre.

“The chickpea sowing acres hit 56,051 acres. The department conducted an awareness campaign to expand acres, boost outputs and use pedigree seeds,” said Daw Moe Moe Wai, township head of the Pwintbyu Township Agriculture Department.

Growers from Pwintbyu

Township were raised awareness to get access to pedigree seeds, ensure farming management practices and systematic use of fertilizer; remove pests, bolster yield and share post-harvest methods.

Chickpea also contributes to domestic consumption and exports. The department head encouraged growers to expand acres for the socio-economic development of the residents.

— Hlaing Win Lay (Pwintbyu Myay)/KK

Farmers harvest chickpeas in a plantation in Nyaungsauk Village, Pwintbyu Township, Magway Region. **PHOTO: HLAING WIN LAY (PWINTBYU MYAY)**



Myanmar manufacturing secures US\$153M FDI in 11 months



Front view of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration office in Yangon.

FOREIGN direct investments of more than US\$153.239 million have flowed into Myanmar’s manufacturing sector as of February financial year 2024-2025 beginning 1 April, as per the statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

The Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) permitted 46 enterprises to make investments in the manufacturing sector so far this FY. Chinese companies primarily made investments in the manufacturing sector. The manufacturing enterprises that need a large labour force are prioritized to create job opportunities for the locals.

Myanmar Investment Commission gave the green light to 54 foreign projects from 11 countries and regions including China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, the Republic of Marshall Islands, the Russian Federation, Japan, and the UAE) to make investments of over \$660.74 million in the past 11 months, including expansions of capital by existing enterprises.

The oil and gas sector saw a capital expansion of \$357 million. The manufacturing sector drew \$153.239 million, the transport and communications sector attracted \$87.7 million and the services sector received over \$51 million. The remain-

ing FDI flowed into agriculture, livestock, fisheries and power, respectively.

Singapore is the leading foreign investor in Myanmar with \$446 million of FDI in the past 11 months. China stood as the second largest investor this FY with an estimated capital of over \$86.78 million made by 31 enterprises and existing ones. Thailand is ranked third in the line-up with more than \$46 million from two new businesses and the existing ones.

Myanmar’s manufacturing sector is largely concentrated in garments and textiles produced on a Cut, Make, and Pack basis, contributing to the country’s GDP to a certain extent. — KK

Cotton sarong trade booms

COTTON Pasoe (sarong for male) has risen in summer but no increase in prices has been seen. Pasoes made in Wundwin have gained popularity in Yangon and Mandalay.

“Customers prefer cotton Pasoe and now it is summer, the cotton Pasoe trade has increased. However, Pasoe prices haven’t risen yet, for now. We made our brand Pasoe and Yangon and Mandalay are the

biggest buyers of our Wundwin Pasoes,” said an official from Sein Kaba Zimmel and cotton longyi distribution in Wundwin Township.

Wundwin-made Pasoe sales were pretty fine in January this year and the majority of orders were placed from Yangon. The culture of wearing Pasoe has now been popular again and affordable items have been sold well. — Thit Taw/ZS



Cotton sarongs made in Wundwin.

Delhi NCR and Bengaluru lead office leasing activity in Q1 2025

The top seven markets in India recorded a total of office leasing of 15.9 million square feet in Q1 2025, reflecting a 15 per cent year-on-year (YoY) increase.

DELHI NCR and Bengaluru together drove nearly half of the office leasing activity during the first quarter (Q1) of 2025, with leasing across the top seven markets remained strong in Q1 at 15.9 million square feet, reflecting a 15 per cent year-on-year (YoY) increase, according to a report by real estate and investment firm Colliers.

While Delhi NCR saw its highest quarterly leasing

in the last 10 quarters, Chennai too witnessed a remarkable 93 per cent YoY surge at 2.9 million square feet, driven by space take-up by technology firms, the report noted. This sustained demand growth underscores the continued resilience of the country's top seven markets, namely Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi NCR, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, and Pune.

"2025 has started on

a positive note, with office leasing witnessing a commendable 15 per cent year-on-year growth at 15.9 million square feet in the first quarter. Key markets are seeing strong Grade A space uptake, driven by corporate expansions, rising investments in commercial real estate, amidst promising domestic growth prospects, said Arpit Mehrotra, Managing Director, Office Services, India, Colliers. — ANI



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Elon Musk says xAI startup buying X platform

ELON Musk on Friday said his artificial intelligence startup xAI is buying his social networking platform X in a deal valuing the company once known as Twitter at \$33 billion.

"This combination will unlock immense potential by blending xAI's advanced AI capability and expertise with X's massive



Tech tycoon Elon Musk says he has started combining the data, models, and talent of xAI and X, formerly Twitter, as he has one buy the other in an all-stock deal. PHOTO: AFP

reach," Musk said in a post on his social network.

X has more than 600 million users, and its future is "intertwined" with that of xAI, launched two years ago, according to Musk. "Today, we officially take the step to combine the data, models, compute, distribution and talent," Musk said of combining the two companies. — AFP

JAL pulls out of air taxi demo flights at World Expo in Osaka

JAPAN Airlines Co has given up on a plan to conduct demonstration air taxi flights at the 2025 World Exposition in Osaka, viewed as one of the event's highlights, a source familiar with the matter said Saturday.

Three other operators, including a team made up of Japanese airline operator ANA Holdings Inc and US air taxi developer Joby Aviation Inc., are still planning to offer exhibition flights during the international event, which will kick off in less than a month.

All the companies initially considered offering commercial air taxi services to expo visitors, but they switched their plans to conduct demonstration flights amid the time-consuming process to develop the aircraft and obtain safety certification from authorities. — Kyodo

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



AI technology is transforming car production by optimizing manufacturing processes, enhancing quality control, and improving supply chain management. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/PIXABAY**

29 March

EU to invest 1.3 bln euros in AI, cybersecurity

The European Commission will invest 1.3 billion euros in digital technologies by 2027, focusing on AI, cloud, data, and cybersecurity.

THE European Commission announced on Friday that it will invest 1.3 billion euros (about US\$1.41 billion) in digital technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI), cloud and data, and cybersecurity, by 2027. The funding comes under the European Union's (EU) Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL), which aims to boost strategic technologies and enhance the continent's tech sovereignty.

Key priorities of the programme include improving the availability and accessibility of generative AI applications, boosting the bloc's cyber resilience, and building a powerful digital model of Earth to support climate adaptation and disaster risk management. The programme will also back digital education and training, helping institutions cultivate talent and build advanced digital skills. — Xinhua

28 March

Japan PM to visit WWII battleground Iwoto

PRIME Minister Shigeru Ishiba said Friday he will visit Iwoto Island at the weekend for memorial ceremonies at the site of fierce fighting between Japan and the United States during World War II.

Ishiba has emphasized the need to revisit the lessons of the war, as this year marks the 80th anniversary of its end in 1945, with Japan's postwar alliance with the

United States serving as the linchpin of its diplomacy and security policy.

During his visit, Ishiba is slated to attend a joint ceremony on Saturday with the United States to highlight postwar reconciliation between the two countries and another one organized by the bereaved families of Japanese war dead, the government. — Kyodo

26 March

US Supreme Court upholds regulation of 'ghost guns'

THE US Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld Biden-era federal regulation of untraceable "ghost guns" — firearms sold in easy-to-assemble kits — in a defeat for the powerful gun lobby.

Gun manufacturers and gun rights groups had challenged a 2022 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) rule that requires ghost guns, like other firearms, to have serial numbers and for their purchasers to undergo background checks.

The ATF rule also requires commercial sellers of what are known as "buy-build-

shoot" kits, which sometimes include parts made by 3D printers, to be licensed and maintain records.

The Supreme Court upheld the ATF regulations in a 7-2 ruling with four conservative justices — including all three first-term appointees of Republican President Donald Trump — siding with the three liberals on the court.

Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito, the two most conservative justices, dissented. Nearly 20,000 ghost guns were recovered at crime scenes in the United States in 2021. — AFP

24 March

Japan steel industry faces impacts from US tariffs

HEAD of the Japan Iron and Steel Federation Tadashi Imai on Monday warned of significant impacts from the US tariffs, stating that the country's crude steel output could fall below 80 million tonnes a year if all proposed tariffs were implemented.

Speaking at a press conference, Imai noted that increasing protectionism could further exacerbate the current global de-

cline in steel industry, warning that Japan's market might face an influx of cheap steel materials. The United States had already imposed a 25-per-cent tariff on steel and aluminium imports in March.

Imai expressed the hope that the Japanese government would persist in negotiations at the political level to seek an exemption from the tariffs. — Xinhua

27 March

German rail operator reports massive loss

GERMAN rail operator Deutsche Bahn reported another massive annual loss Thursday as it battles a "serious crisis" but said government plans to ramp up infrastructure spending could get it back on track.

Years of chronic underinvestment have left the train network in Europe's biggest economy in a sorry state, with passengers frequently complaining of long delays, cancelled trains and poor service.

State-owned Deutsche Bahn booked a net loss in 2024 of 1.8 billion euros (\$1.9 billion), although this marked an improvement from a loss of 2.7 billion euros the previous year, while sales were flat.

It shed some debt but the figure was still a hefty 32 billion euros.

"Deutsche Bahn is facing its most serious crisis" since major railway reforms of the mid-1990s, said CEO Richard Lutz. — AFP

25 March

Russia says to support Black Sea deal

MOSCOW supports resuming the Black Sea deal in a form that is "more acceptable to everyone", Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Tuesday.

Lavrov made the remarks in a Russian television interview after Russian and US representatives wrapped up their Monday's talks in Riyadh, capital of Saudi Arabia, where both sides sought arrangements for the safety of navigation in the Black Sea.

Moscow wants the grain and fertilizer markets to be predictable to ensure that no one tries to exclude Russia, Lavrov said, adding that Russia needs "clear guarantees" in resuming the deal.

Russia and Ukraine signed separately with Türkiye and the United Nations the Black Sea Grain Initiative in Istanbul in July 2022, which secured the export of Ukrainian grain and other agricultural products from Black Sea ports. — Xinhua

23 March

Dassault says upping Rafale warplane output

FRANCE'S Dassault Aviation is looking to ramp up production of its Rafale combat planes, its CEO said on Sunday, after President Emmanuel Macron said the country would increase orders.

European countries including France have been seeking to boost defence spending and increase weapons production in the face of possible US security disengagement and Russian aggression linked to the

war in Ukraine.

Macron said on Tuesday that France was going to "increase and accelerate Rafale orders". Dassault Aviation chief executive Eric Trappier said the company had increased output from one war plane a month in 2020 to more than two per month this year, and was working with suppliers to be able to produce combat planes even faster. — AFP

SPORTS

Guardiola seeks redemption as Man City head to Bournemouth in FA Cup



Pep Guardiola won the FA Cup with Manchester City in 2019 and 2023. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

PEP Guardiola takes Manchester City back to Bournemouth in the FA Cup quarterfinals on Sunday hoping to avenge the defeat that sparked their stunning decline this season.

City's 32-game unbeaten run in the Premier League came to a shock end when they were beaten 2-1 at Bournemouth in November.

Coming just days after a League Cup last-16 exit at Tottenham, it was the first time City had lost successive games in all competitions since September 2023.

City, champions for the previous four seasons, surrendered pole position in the Premier League to Liverpool as a result of their loss at the Vitality Stadium and won only once in their next 11 games in all competitions.

Looking back at City's first-ever defeat to Bournemouth, Guardiola — whose team are fifth in the league — acknowledged he could see the signs of their impending collapse.

"It was our first defeat in the Premier League this season. We have to learn from it and try to reach the semifinals," Guardiola told reporters on Friday.

"That was the first game where we were a little bit not competitive in terms of the standards we required.

"The game before we lost in the (League) Cup against Spurs. We were good there. But I could not turn around the symptoms that the (Bournemouth) game started, in terms of being present and winning duels. — AFP



An aerial view of Cortina's Olympic bobsleigh slope on Friday. PHOTO: AFP

Green light for Winter Olympics bobsleigh slope

THE troubled 2026 Winter Olympics bobsleigh and luge slope was given the provisional green light on Friday after a week of testing by the two sports' international federations.

After numerous setbacks, controversies and only 13 months of construction, a feat hailed by politicians as "an Italian miracle", the sliding track for the Milan-Cortina Games now appears to be fit for purpose.

"We have successfully completed the pre-approval test runs as part of the homologation procedure," said bobsleigh federation chief Ivo Ferriani of Italy in a joint statement with Simico, the Olympic delivery company.

"Minor adjustments still need to be made and the main focus must remain on completing the construction work, but the feedback we have received from our technical experts, athletes and their

coaches has been very positive," Ferriani added. The official stamp of approval comes three days after the Cortina d'Ampezzo track's inauguration.

Italy's Mattia Gaspari may not be among the gold medallists in the Dolomites from 6 to 22 February next year, but the 31-year-old skeleton specialist made history on Tuesday as the first to race down the much-discussed track. — AFP

Resurgent Liu wins women's figure skating world title

ALYSA Liu won the women's figure skating world title on Friday, delivering a dazzling free skate to edge three-time defending champion Kaori Sakamoto of Japan.

Liu, who walked away from the sport in 2022 at the age of 16 and returned just a year ago, defied the pressure Sakamoto piled on with a brilliant free skate of her own and became the first US woman to win the world title since Kimmie Meissner in 2006.

"This is an insane story," Liu, still just 19, told broadcaster NBC. "I don't

know how I came back to be world champion. I never would have thought."

Skating last as the leader after the short program, Liu had seen Sakamoto surge from fifth to first with a captivating, technically strong performance.

But the American responded, bringing the sellout crowd at TD Garden to their feet with a thrilling routine to Don-

na Summer's "MacArthur Park".

From her opening jump, the gold-clad Liu went from strength to strength, scoring 148.39 for the free skate for a total of 222.97 points.

She said it was the best routine of her return, and she beamed in delight, and possibly disbelief, as she left the ice to roars from the crowd. — AFP



American Alysa Liu reacts after a dazzling free skate on the way to winning the women's figure skating world title.



Women look over the Seine through at the Orsay Museum in Paris.
PHOTO: AFP

Time to stop changing clocks? Not so fast

THE European Union is grappling with the contentious issue of biannual clock changes, which many citizens wish to abolish due to their negative impacts on health and the economy.

In 2018, nearly four million EU citizens supported ending the practice, leading to parliamentary backing the following year.

However, the proposal has stalled due to opposition from some member states. Advocates, like Irish lawmaker Sean Kelly, argue that the clock changes are detrimental to human health and safety, urging the EU to set a target date for cessation. While Poland, currently holding the EU presidency, plans to revisit the issue, the European Commission remains hopeful for a coordinated solution. — AFP

Protecting undersea cultural heritage in spotlight at mining code talks



Scientists warn that industrial-level mining poses a threat to marine ecosystems and underwater cultural heritage. ILLUSTRATION: PIXABAY

The world's oceans contain significant cultural heritage, including sunken ships, remains from the transatlantic slave trade, and spiritual ties of Indigenous peoples to the sea.

THE world's oceans harbour a cultural heritage of sunken ships, remains of those lost in the transatlantic slave trade and Indigenous islanders' spiritual ties to the sea that must be protected, NGOs and native peoples say.

They are pushing at a meeting in Jamaica of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) — an organization established under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea — for such protection to be enshrined in a mining code

that is being negotiated to govern the exploitation of sea beds in international waters.

"Our ancestors traveled the oceans for thousands of years, passing on information from generation to generation," said Hinano Murphy of the Tetiaroa Society, a Polynesian conservation group.

"We are the children of the people of the ocean," Murphy told AFP, insisting this heritage must be treated as something sacred.

Scientists warn that industrial-level

el mining threatens marine ecosystems and underwater cultural heritage. Salim Lahsini, representing African nations, emphasized the need to protect this heritage alongside marine biodiversity.

The draft mining code requires companies to notify the ISA of human remains or archaeological finds, potentially suspending mining activities.

Micronesia proposes defining underwater heritage to include both tangible and intangible elements, such as traditional navigation knowledge.

Indigenous communities should be consulted to assess cultural impacts, while experts advocate for proactive data collection to safeguard underwater treasures. — AFP

Tunisian startup turns olive waste into clean energy

Bioheat serves local markets in Tunisia and exports its products to France and Canada.

IN a northern Tunisian olive grove, Yassine Khelifi's small workshop hums as a large machine turns olive waste into a valuable energy source in a country heavily reliant on imported fuel.

Holding a handful of compacted olive residue — a thick paste left over from oil extraction — Khelifi said: "This is what we need today. How can we turn something worthless into wealth?"

For generations, rural households in Tunisia have burned olive waste for cooking and heating, or used it as animal feed.

The International Olive Council estimated Tunisia will be the world's third-largest olive oil producer in 2024-2025, with an expected yield of 340,000 tonnes.

The waste generated by the oil extraction is staggering.

Khelifi, an engineer from a farming family, founded Bioheat in 2022 to convert olive waste into energy. Inspired by observing olive mills, he aimed to reduce firewood use amid deforestation and climate change. — AFP



A man arranges rolls of olive pomace at the grounds of start-up Bioheat in the town of Sanhaja near Tunis. PHOTO: AFP