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Republic of the Union of Myanmar. They were seen off at the airport by the director and officials of the Government Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Thit Linn Ohn, Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Soe Oo and officials. The Senior General was accompanied by members of the delegation Council Joint

Secretary General Ye Win Oo and his wife, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Defence General Maung Maung Aye, Dr Ba Shwe and Khun San Lwin, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin and his wife, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, deputy ministers, military and civilian officials. **SEE PAGE 3**

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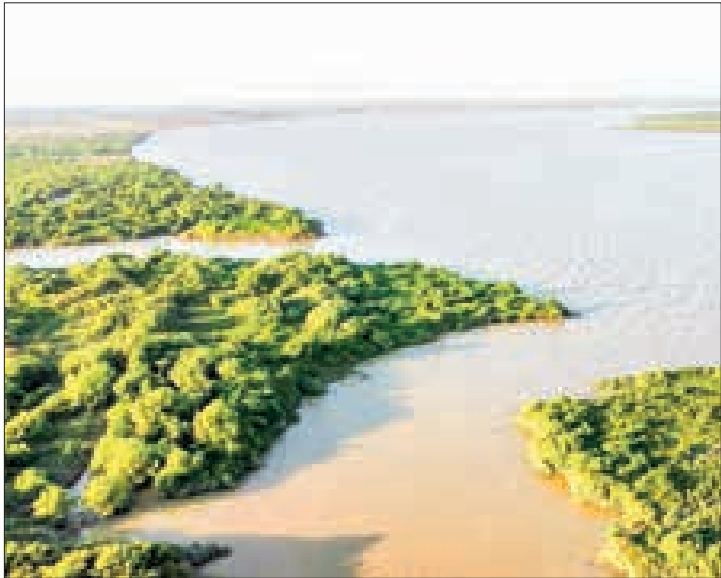
NATIONAL

Government Promotes Political Dialogue to Counter Terrorism and Foster National Peace

A civilized society cannot fully accept resolving armed conflicts through terror attacks without political dialogue. Therefore, insurgents must be recognized as a common enemy, and the government will continue to work towards peace and stability, not only in Shan State (North) but across the entire nation.

(Excerpt from the speech on security conditions of the State delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on 6 August 2024)

Aung Namaik mangrove forest declared protected area in Bago



Aung Namaik mangrove forest in Kawa Township.

THE Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation has officially designated the “Aung Namaik Protected Mangrove Forest” under Sub-section(e) of the Section 6 of the 2018 Forest Law. This protected status was granted under Notification 42/2025, effective from 30 April 2025 (4th Waxing of Kason 1387 ME), covering

a total area of 28,392 acres in Kawa Township, Bago District, Bago Region. The designation aims to ensure the long-term sustainability of mangrove ecosystems, protect biodiversity, act as a natural barrier against coastal erosion and cyclones, support the longevity of coastal areas and enable local communities

to sustainably harvest marine resources such as fish, prawns and crabs. It will also help prevent saltwater intrusion into inland areas and enhance the effectiveness of mangrove forest management. Through this designation, the Aung Namaik mangrove forest, which is home to tree species such as Bruguiera, Xylocarpus, Avicennia, Sonneratia, Rhizophora and Excoecaria, will now be preserved. It also serves as a crucial breeding ground for various species of fish, prawns, molluscs and crabs and provides essential habitats for bird species such as herons, egrets, kingfishers, cormorants, terns and whimbrels. The establishment of the protected area is expected to contribute to the socio-economic development of local communities, enhance the stability of the marine ecosystem and provide natural protection against environmental hazards. — Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation/KZL

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Saturday 10 May 2025)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is a few cloud over the North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 11 May 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mandalay and Taninthayi regions and Mon State, fairly widespread in Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady regions and Kayin and southern Shan states, scattered in Lower Sagaing Region and Kachin, Kayah and eastern Shan states and isolated in the remaining regions and states and isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay and Taninthayi regions. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayah, Kayin, Mon and (southern and eastern) Shan states. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about five to eight feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of advancement of Southwest monsoon into the southern Myanmar areas.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 May 2025: Partly cloudy and isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 May 2025: Partly cloudy and isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 May 2025: Some rain or thundershowers which may be heavyfalls at time. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

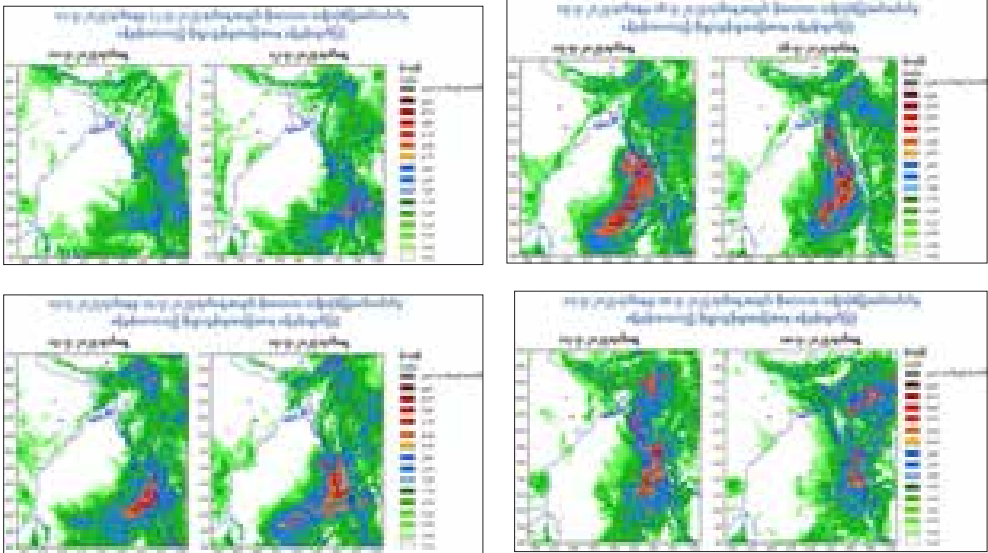
Heavy Rainfall Warning 4

Issued at 5:30 pm MST on 10 May 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 4:30 pm MST today, due to the unstable air condition over the Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal, likelihood of advancement of southwest monsoon and development of the convective clouds, rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan states with likelihood of regionally and isolated heavyfalls from today evening to 18 May 2025.

Advisory

People should be aware of the natural disasters such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, thunder, lightning strike, lightning, hail, flash floods and landslides in the hilly areas and near small rivers and inland water transport and domestic flights. — DMH



NATIONAL

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)

SAC Chairman PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing returns ...

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The special aircraft carrying the Senior General, his wife and delegation members landed at Tolmachevo Airport in Novosibirsk where Novosibirsk Oblast Governor Mr Travnikov Ahdrey Aleksandrovich and officials welcomed them.

At the airport lounge, the Senior General and the Governor of Novosibirsk Oblast held a discussion. They openly exchanged views on a matter of pride and satisfaction for the Governor of the Novosibirsk Oblast for attendance of the Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister of Myanmar to the 80th Anniversary of the Great Patriotic War Victory and related events, the incident of the powerful Mandalay earthquake in Myanmar, the best efforts of the government together with people in carrying out rehabilitation and reconstruction for loss and damage to the affected areas, progress of cooperation between Myanmar and Novosibirsk region, and potential for enhancing further cooperation.

After the discussion, the Senior General and the Governor exchanged commemorative gifts.

When the Senior General, his wife, and entourage took a special flight to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, they were seen off at the airport by the Governor of Novosibirsk Oblast and officials.

During the visit, the Senior Gen-



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Novosibirsk Oblast Governor Mr Travnikov Ahdrey Aleksandrovich hold a discussion at the airport lounge of Tolmachevo Airport in Novosibirsk.

eral, his wife and entourage attended the military parade to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 of the Russian Federation, holding separate meetings with State leaders who attended the events and officials from the Russian Federation. Moreover, the Senior General held discussions with his counterparts to further cement strategic cooperation

in friendship, economic and security sectors and other sectors between both countries to achieve positive results for the State.

In the evening, the delegation led by the Senior General arrived back at Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport where they were welcomed back by SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win and

his wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Council Secretary General Aung Lin Dwe and his wife, council members, Union ministers, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, the Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Myanmar and officials from the embassy and the military attaché's office. — MNA/TTA

SAC Chairman PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and entourage arrive in Novosibirsk

Members of the Myanmar high-level delegation led by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who attended

the military parade to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 of the Russian Federation yesterday morning left Vnukovo International Airport in Moscow of the

Russian Federation by special aircraft for Novosibirsk. They were seen off at the airport by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Andrey Rudenko and officials of the Russian Federation, Myanmar Ambassador

to the Russian Federation U Thit Linn Ohn, Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Soe Oo and officials.

The special aircraft carrying the Senior General, his

wife and entourage arrived at Tolmachevo Airport in Novosibirsk, where they were welcomed by Novosibirsk Oblast Governor Mr Travnikov Ahdrey Aleksandrovich and officials. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

SAC Chairman PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing gives in-flight interviews on return to Myanmar

The Myanmar high-level delegation led by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing paid a goodwill visit to the Russian Federation from 7 May at the invitation of President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and attended the military parade to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 and related events.

The Myanmar high-level delegation led by the Senior General left Vnukovo International Airport in Moscow yesterday morning for the Republic of the Union of Myanmar by special aircraft.

On the way back to Myanmar, the Senior General replied to queries raised by the media onboard the special flight. The full text of the questions and answers was mentioned as follows: -

Q: Senior General, during the Myanmar-Russia goodwill visit from 3 to 9 May, the outcomes of the discussions and negotiations were highly beneficial for Myanmar. Now, regarding this trip to attend the military parade for the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War, I would like to know what kind of benefits or results for our country.

Senior General: This ceremony is something the Russian people deeply value and take pride in. They sacrificed over 26 million lives fighting back against the fascist Nazis who invaded the Soviet Union, in order to reclaim their country's sovereignty. That's why they hold it in such high regard. It's something we should also respect. Myanmar, too, has a history of resistance against fascism. There is a historical account of how Tatmadaw and the people united to fight for independence. It's a proud and strong part of our history. Therefore, I would like to say that it is necessary for us to continue maintaining and carrying out this matter. Another point is that it's clear that if the country's defence capacity is strong, and if Tatmadaw is strong, then the nation itself will also be powerful. It will also be necessary to further instil and promote patriotism and national pride among all citizens. Only then will all the people be able to contribute to Myanmar's development and progress — that's what I see.

Q: During the visit, we saw you met with national leaders who also attended the military parade. What were the notable



The Senior General responds to media questions in flight on return journey.

highlights?"

Senior General: We had the opportunity to meet and have informal discussions with some State leaders, and we were also able to engage in formal talks. Especially from the perspective of Myanmar, I personally accept and support the move towards a multiparty democratic system. That is the direction we must go. I also explained to them that, following this path, we will be organizing a free and fair election by the end of this year. I see that all meeting counterparts were

supportive and expressed their support. Regarding Myanmar, we were able to explain the current situation and changes to some countries, and in other cases, it was more of an introductory meeting with some countries. Overall, I'd like to say that everything went well and all the meetings were positive.

Q: During the trip, we also saw that there was a meeting and discussion with the President of the People's Republic of China, a neighbouring country

of Myanmar. What would you like to say regarding this meeting and discussion?

Senior General: Myanmar and China are countries with close ties as the Pauk-Phaw relationship, like long-time friends. China is a strategic partner and also neighbouring country that cannot be separated. Diplomatic relations between the two nations have now surpassed 75 years. That's why I would say China is a country with a special relationship with us. Regarding the Mandalay earthquake, the President also expressed his sorrow over the loss of life and damage suffered by the people. After the incident, he even sent me a message of condolence. He also sincerely stated that China will continue to assist in the reconstruction efforts following the earthquake. He expressed strong support for Myanmar's sovereignty, territorial integrity, and development. He also told us that he supports Myanmar's peace and stability, as well as its development. As for me, I stated our firm position on the Belt and Road Initiative and that Myanmar is actively committed to participating in it. I was also able to briefly explain the current situation in Myanmar. Furthermore, I had discussions regarding the promotion and implementation of the China-Myanmar-Bangladesh economic corridor. Then, regarding the upcoming multiparty democratic elections to be held in Myanmar, he reaffirmed his support and encouragement for Myanmar's preparations and the electoral process. I would also like to say that our meeting and discussion yielded good and positive outcomes. — MNA/TTA

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NATIONAL

MoI Union Minister attends variety show for Mandalay quake relief

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, accompanied by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein and relevant regional ministers, watched the fundraising variety show for the victims of the Mandalay earthquake at the National Theatre in Yangon yesterday.

A video clip featuring rescue works and rehabilitation processes in quake-hit areas was played, and all the attendees observed a minute of silence for the deceased.

The Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization presented the original film theme songs of famous artistes, and the event included “Achit Sone Apaung Saing” play of director Than Htike (Shwe Yeik) from Aung Khit Min Film Production with the cast members: Kyaw Htet Aung, Kyaw Htet Zaw, Min Taw Win, Khin Zarchi Kyaw, Aye Wutt Yi Thaung, Ma Ma Hsaung and other artistes. Moreover, “Pyi Thu Achaw Taw” dramatic play was presented by HEY Play Application, and directed by director Tin Maung San Min Win, and the cast were Sai Si Twam Kham, Nay Htut, Naw Phaw El Htar, May Pachi, May La Than Zin and other artistes. Bo Bo Film Production and Triple Six Film Production jointly presented the “Ngar Doh Arlone Lu... Atu Tu” play, which was directed by directors Soe Moe Min and Thet Oo Maung, and



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn, his wife and K Tourism Council Chairman Mr Song Chang Yong present bouquet to the artistes.

the cast included Kaung Myat San, Shin Mway La, Chuu Lay, Chue Sitt Han and other artistes. Director Nyo Min Lwin presented “Phoke Thwin Yahtar” with Yan Aung, Thar Nyi, Marn Hein, Si Thu Maung, Mya Yar and other artistes while Director Maung Myo Min (Yindwin Phyt) presented “Manat Phyan Myar Hla Par Say” opera with Nay Toe, Kyaw Kyaw Bo, Tun Tun, Ye Lay and other artistes.

The people donated cash during the event.

At noon, the Union minister inspected the Sarso Beikman

construction site in Mingala Taungnyunt Township of Yangon, and heard the report made by Myanmar Land & Development Ltd Project Director Daw Yu Yu Naing. He then emphasized the need to be the structure that can withstand the earthquake, as it is the only Sarso Beikman constructed by international aid, and to ensure the characteristics of Sarso Beikman for the visitors.

He attended the opening ceremony of “Fundraising Fair and Entertainment Show for the Rehabilitation of Earthquake-Affected Areas” organized by Korea

at the Public Area Zone of The Central Boulevard in the same morning.

It was also attended by Yangon Region Economic Affairs Minister, Social Affairs Ministers, officials of Korea-Seak Dong Performing Arts Centre, Seoul, KK Media and CST Myanmar Company, K Tourism Council and Jone No travel company, K Pop artistes and invitees.

The Union minister first cut the ribbon to inaugurate the event together with the relevant officials.

Korean artiste Ms Han Chae

Wan then played the Korean musical instrument, and Solo Artiste Henny performed K-pop dance.

Afterwards, the Union minister made an opening speech.

The video message sent by Seoul MP Mr Kim Yong Ho was played. K Tourism Chairman Mr Song Chang Yong then made a greeting speech, and KK Media (Myanmar) Director Mr Cho Sung Woo briefed the event, and the Korean artistes performed.

Then, the Union minister and his wife, and K Tourism Council Chairman Mr Song Chang Yong presented gifts to the artistes.

After the event, the Union minister and party observed the preparations for the event.

The Fundraising Fair and Entertainment Show for the Rehabilitation of Earthquake-Affected Areas was organized by Korea-Seak Dong Performing Arts Centre, Seoul, KK Media and CST Myanmar Company on 10-11 May with two sections: from 9 am to noon and from 4 pm to 9 pm. The Korean traditional food will be sold at fairer prices, and the people can participate in Korean traditional games. Moreover, the visitors can watch the performance of K-Pop groups, “The Park of Stars” animation and “Beauty of 200lb” films for free of charge. The income from the event will be donated to the Yangon Region government on 12 May. — MNA/KTZH

YRTC launches special bus services for arts fundraiser guests

THE Yangon Region Public Transport Committee (YRTC) has announced that YBS bus lines have been organized for specific townships to facilitate the return journey of attendees of the film, music, and theatre fundraiser.

A three-day fundraising festival for Mandalay earthquake relief will be held from 10 to 12 May at the National Theatre in Yangon.

Following the instructions

of the Yangon Region Government, YRTC will provide YBS buses from seven bus lines to facilitate the return journey for attendees of the concert. Bus number 7 will operate from the National Theatre to Aung Myint Mo Housing, bus number 8 will run from the National Theatre to Yoma Yeiktha, and bus number 115 will serve the route from the National Theatre to Aung Mingala Highway Bus Terminal.

Similarly, YBS bus number 62 will run from the National Theatre to Dagon University, while bus number 37 will run from the National Theatre to Htaukkyant in Mingaladon Township. Bus number 61 will operate from the National Theatre to West Yangon University in Htantabin Township, and bus number 21 will also run from the National Theatre to West Yangon University in Htantabin Township. — MT/TH



This photo showcases the National Theatre in Yangon, where a film, music, and theatrical fundraiser is currently on stage.

NATIONAL

Concerted efforts of Tatmadaw members, police and volunteers beef up rescue and rehabilitation operations

ONGOING rescue and rehabilitation operations are escalating in the earthquake-affected areas thanks to concerted efforts of Tatmadaw members, Myanmar Police Force members, firefighters, rescue teams from foreign countries, departmental personnel, social organizations and residents.

Yesterday, four senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) inspected the clearing of debris at collapsed religious buildings by volunteers in Sagaing, Amarapura, Chanayethazan and Singaing townships and on the Sagaing Hill.

Lt-Gen Thet Pon from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) also oversaw the allocation of cash assistance K61.765 million for rice, construction materials and aid for the earthquake victims by the Department of Disaster Management, kitchen utensils by AHA Centre and personal goods by Brunei at the 700th Anniversary



Lt-Gen Thet Pon presents gifts to the Malaysian medical team at the Malaysia Field Hospital in Sagaing yesterday.

Gymnasium in Parami Ward of Sagaing. He presented gifts to the Malaysian medical team. He observed healthcare services provided by a Tatmadaw mobile medical team to quake-affected monks, nuns and people in Sagaing.

Lt-Gen Myo Moe Aung from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) presented relief supplies such as rice, cooking oil to 700 quake-affected families in BonOh Village of Amarapura Township.

He inspected the supply of drinking water for the victims at the temporary relief camp.

Lt-Gen Soe Tint Naing from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) looked into the clearing of debris at the basic education primary school in Meintan Ward of Amarapura with the participation of teachers, town elders and Tatmadaw members and preparations for students to conveniently learn



Lt-Gen Myo Moe Aung provides relief supplies such as rice, cooking oil and chick peas to quake-affected families in Amarapura Township yesterday.

education at basic education schools in the 2025-26 academic year.

Lt-Gen Myo Thant Naing from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) inspected sales of construction materials to affected people in Singaing Township at fair prices and fulfilled the needs of people. He inspected the installation of the modular container houses where the temporary office of the Singaing Township Gener-

al Administration Department will be opened and instructed officials to manage systematic arrangements for water, power and septic services. He also observed the issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards and household registration to the people at the township's Immigration and Population Department. He also viewed around installation of modular container houses for the Township Land Records Department. — MNA/TTA

Weekly Roundup

6 May SAC Chairman and wife to attend 80th Anniversary of Victory in Great Patriotic War

At the invitation of President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Putin, Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing will pay a goodwill visit to the Russian Federation in the near future to attend the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 to be held in Moscow of the Russian Federation.

SAC amends Myanmar Registration of Ships Act

The State Administration Council enacted the Amendment to the Myanmar Registration of Ships Act, 2025, as the SAC Law No 37/2025 under Section 419 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 5 May.

8 May SAC Chairman and party arrive in Moscow

A Myanmar high-level delegation led by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla left Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport by special aircraft and arrived at Vnukovo International Airport in Moscow in the afternoon. They were welcomed by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Andrey Rudenko and officials of the Russian Federation, Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Thit Linn Ohn

and Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Soe Oo.

9 May SAC Chairman joins world leaders at Russian President's state dinner

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who is currently in Moscow to attend the military parade to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 to be held in the Russian Federation attended the dinner hosted by President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Putin at the Kremlin Palace, along with Heads of State of other countries.

SAC Chairman meets Kazakhstani President

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in Moscow to attend the military parade to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 to be held in the Russian Federation held a meeting with Mr Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, at Ritz Carlton Hotel.

SAC Chairman and wife enjoy ballet performances

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla together with delegation members who are in Moscow to attend the military parade to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 to be held in the Russian Federation arrived at the State Academic Bolshoi Theatre to enjoy "The Young Lady and The Hooligan" ballet performances to mark the 80th Anniversary Celebration.

SAC Chairman gives interviews to Russian media

State Administration Council Chairman, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, currently in the Russian Federation, received those from RT TV Channel and Krasnaya Zvezda Daily newspaper of the Russian Federation at Ararat Park Hotel in Moscow separately and replied to their questions.

10 May SAC Chairman attends Russian military parade marking 80th Anniversary of WWII Victory

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the military parade to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 of the Russian Federation, together with Heads of State and officials from international countries, at the Red Square in Moscow.

SAC Chairman meets Chinese President Xi

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who attended the military parade to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 of the Russian Federation held a meeting with President of the People's Republic of China Mr Xi Jinping at the Beijing Hall of Soluex Hotel Moscow.

SAC Vice-Chair joins Russian WWII Victory 80th anniversary dinner

A dinner to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 of the Russian Federation took place at the Lotte Hotel in Yangon yesterday evening, attended by State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win and his wife Daw Than Than Nwe. — GNLM/TTA

NATIONAL

MRCS, IFRC GS tour relief sites in Sagaing and Mandalay

MYANMAR Red Cross Society President Professor Dr Myo Nyunt and Mr Jagannath Chapagain, General Secretary of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), along with Executive Committee Member Professor Dr Tin Maung Hlaing, IFRC Myanmar Country Representative Ms Nadia Khoury, Chairpersons of the Red Cross Supervisory Committees in Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Directors of the Project Management Unit and the Disaster Management Department and other responsible officials visited earthquake victims in Sagaing on 9 May.

They distributed relief items to those sheltering at the Hindu temple in Sagaing and



Myanmar Red Cross Society President Dr Myo Nyunt and General Secretary of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Mr Jagannath Chapagain distribute relief items to earthquake victims in Sagaing on 9 May.

inspected temporary latrines facilities built for displaced people at the 700th Anniversa-

ry Stadium. They also visited Kyaukta Village, where a mobile health clinic was providing pri-

mary healthcare services free of charge.

They also observed

child-friendly spaces at Minlan Ward, supported the distribution of relief items in Poetann Ward, and checked drinking water distribution activities on Strand Road. During the visits, they coordinated to meet urgent needs based on on-the-ground assessments.

The delegation continued their trip to Mandalay, where they visited displaced victims in Bonoh Village, observed drinking water distribution efforts, inspected temporary shelters established near the former Chanmyathazi Airport rescue camp and visited child-friendly spaces near the Lawkamarazein Pagoda compound. They also coordinated support measures and addressed immediate needs in the area. — MNA/KZL

Rescue and relief efforts ongoing for quake survivors

SEARCH and rescue teams from the Myanmar Fire Brigade, alongside domestic and international responders, have been conducting rescue missions in the Mandalay earthquake-affected areas. As of 10 May, these efforts have successfully rescued 653 survivors trapped under collapsed buildings and recovered the bodies of 798 deceased individuals.

Local donors have provided financial support and essential supplies to those affected, while international communities, organizations,

and individual contributors have extended additional assistance. Between 5 pm on 9 May and 5 pm on 10 May, medicines weighing 0.090 tonne donated by the Indian Embassy and 34 cartons of mosquito nets and bed sheets weighing 1.069 tonnes by the Chinese Taipei-based Buddhist Tzu Chi Charity Foundation arrived at Yangon International Airport.

These relief supplies are being distributed swiftly to earthquake victims to ensure timely support. — MNA/KZL

Mobile trucks offer fair-priced food in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, and Mandalay

THE Ministry of Commerce, UMFCCI, Livestock Breeding Federation and Myanmar Fisheries Federation jointly arranged food trucks to sell basic foodstuffs, meat and eggs at fair prices at the quake-affected staff housing in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing and Mandalay starting from 30 March, and yesterday marked 41 days of operation.

Yesterday, eight trucks sold the basic foodstuffs, including rice, cooking oil, salt, beans, dried fish, egg and noodles at the departmental staff housing in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Similarly, the Ministry of Commerce and the Bago



Photo shows market truck selling foodstuffs at affordable prices to residents in quake-affected areas.

Region government also sold 107 different MSME products, commodities, foodstuffs and kitchen utensils for the quake-affected staff and public in Nay Pyi Taw starting from

5 May.

Four food trucks sold the basic foodstuffs in Sagaing while another four trucks in Mandalay yesterday. — MNA/KTZH



Actors are in rehearsal for the fundraising concert.

Fundraising concert for quake recovery aired live on TV & online

THE Film, Theatrical, and Music Fundraising Variety Show for the recovery of quake-stricken areas will be aired live on television channels and the internet, according to the organizing committee.

The public can watch the live show on MRTV, Channel 7, Channel 9, Reader Channel, MNTV, HTV, 5 Plus, HTV Spot and Sky Premier HD and online live at the Facebook pages of the Myanmar Motion Pictures

Organization, Myanmar Music Association and Myanmar Theatrical Association and Hey Play.

For Facebook Live, businesses can make contributions through advertisements, so live broadcast isn't allowed on other Facebook pages and YouTube channels, and if there are channels to host the live by re-streaming can contact 09 19880942791 or Viber 09 880896957, said the organizing committee. — Htun Htun/ZS

OPINION

Initiate preparations
against the likelihoods
of natural disasters

MYANMAR has experienced natural disasters such as cyclones, floods, and a powerful earthquake in recent years. Despite facing these challenges, the country has been able to withstand and overcome them through preparedness efforts and strong unity.

Myanmar people are currently experiencing extreme heat that surpasses typical summer temperatures. While peak temperatures are similar to previous years, the heat feels more intense due to the amplified greenhouse effect globally. As a result of greenhouse gases, not only lowland areas but also highlands, mountainous regions, and coastal zones are facing higher temperatures. To prevent a temperature rise exceeding 2°C above pre-industrial levels, global efforts must focus on limiting the increase to 1.5°C.”

Although Myanmar is among the countries with the lowest

With the southwest monsoon winds soon approaching, there is an increased risk of severe storms and cyclones, surpassing the usual rainy season. Therefore, it is crucial to make preparations in advance to mitigate potential risks. Reconstruction efforts in earthquake-affected areas must be completed on time, and it is essential to collaborate and take proactive measures to address the natural disaster risks that may arise during the monsoon season.

Just as understanding scientific data and advanced meteorological forecasts related to climate change is crucial, collaborative efforts must also be made across national development sectors. According to meteorological forecasts, the southwest monsoon is expected to enter different regions of Myanmar as follows: between 16 and 20 May in the southern regions, between 21 and 25 May in the delta regions, and between 26 and 31 May in the central regions. Once the southwest monsoon sets in, two low-pressure systems may form over the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea. One of these systems could intensify into a depression or even a small cyclone.

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greenhouse gas emissions in the world, it is also listed among the nations most affected by global climate change. As a result, the country experiences frequent natural disasters such as flooding, drought, landslides, and cyclones every year. Currently, due to rising temperatures in Myanmar, thermal clouds are forming, and the interaction between hot and cold air masses can lead to sudden and severe natural disasters such as heavy rainfall, strong winds, and lightning.

Currently, rising temperatures in Myanmar are causing thermal clouds to form, and the interaction between hot and cold air masses can lead to sudden and severe natural disasters, including heavy rainfall, strong winds, and lightning. Special attention should be given to areas prone to earthquakes, where heavy rainfall could have particularly severe consequences.”



Book Title	-	Ahkaung Myin Thama
Author	-	Kyaw Aung
Publishing House	-	Zawgyi Phowin
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Ahkaung Myin Thama

Candide by Voltaire

THIS week, we want to highlight a classic work of world literature in the genre of satire. The book is Candide, originally written by Voltaire, and translated into Myanmar by the renowned author Kyaw Aung under the title “The Optimist”.

The critics consider that the author mocks and attacks those who hold the optimistic belief that “whatever happens is for the best”. He was imprisoned in the Bastille for writing inappropriate verses full of satire on the era or the people of those days.

Therefore, his works are a masterpiece of the great writer Voltaire, who often claimed that he might not create such writings if he feared the wrath of the authorities.

The book explores the journey of an innocent young man named Candide, who faced violence, natural disasters and broken relationships around the world. It presents a tragic, vivid tale of Candide’s experiences and the many hardships he faces during his global journey. This book is considered one of the most influential among all the works written by Voltaire.

The author presents the strong belief in society – the idea that “whatever happens is for the best” (Optimism) – through a satirical perspective. The readers are enabled to reflect on philosophical ideas related to society, religion, and political systems. At the end of the book, the character Candide advises readers

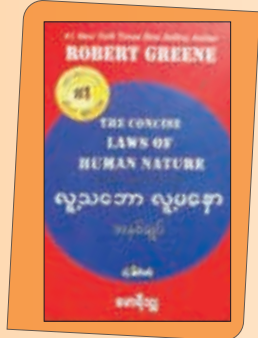
to focus on their responsibilities with the phrase, “Let us cultivate our garden,” encouraging them to engage in meaningful and practical work.

Once, the Hanthawady Newspaper remarked about this book: “The optimist (Candide) seems to be speaking to our modern times as well. Therefore, any seeker of great literature will find deep and meaningful pleasure in reading Candide.” Similarly, the renowned writer Bhamo Tin Aung praised the version introduced by U Kyaw Aung, saying, “Whether you read Candide as a novel or as a philosophical treatise, it is undoubtedly a valuable and enriching book.”

Here is a biography of Sayagyi Kyaw Aung. Sayagyi joined the

Myanmar Tatmadaw in 1944. He attended the 5th intake of Mingaladon OTS. In 1945, he participated in the Fascist revolution in Command (1), 109th Battalion (Min Shin Naung Battalion). He also served as secretary for Insein district Pyithu Yebaw in Japanese revolution (1946), secretary for Pakokku district Pyithu Yebaw (1946), executive member of All Bamar Student Unions (1947-49), member of editorial department of Sar Pay Thit Magazine (1950), Myanmar editor of medical science magazine (1950-51), secretary for Students’ Union of University of Medicine (1951-52), secretary of Myanmar-Soviet Cultural Association (1952-53), and assistant editor; editor and chief editor at University Translation Department (1955-56), Myanmar Historical Commission (1956-57), University Translation and Publication Department (1957-87).

The first edition of “The Optimist” by Saya Kyaw Aung was published in 1976, and the fifth edition was published in 2025. In conclusion, the book blends amusing and doubts to explore and stop the huge mistakes of human society. Moreover, the book highlights the philosophical ideas and social conditions, and the readers should read it and reflect upon it.



Book Title	-	Luthabaw Lumanaw Ahnitchok
Translator	-	Mawrishah
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Luthabaw Lumanaw Ahnitchok

The Concise Laws of Human Nature by Robert Greene

THIS week’s pick is to help readers understand themselves and others through a thorough grasp of the subject, to explore its nuances and complexities. Translator Mawrishah worked on the famous book “The Concise Laws of Human Nature” by the million-copy bestselling author of the 48 Laws of Power; Robert Greene.

This book emphasizes how understanding people’s drives and motivations plays a crucial role in human life. The author gave a complex and intricate perspective and insightful looks at human behaviour. The book features the 18 Laws of Nature, offering a comprehensive understanding and informed perspective on human nature.

The key message of this book is that a deep understanding of

human nature is an important tool to influence self-achievement and society. “The Law of Irrationality” points out how to control one’s anger; manage their own emotions and gain a better understanding of human behaviour.

Individuals are driven by their emotions, subconscious desires and ego and irrational impulses rather than logical reasons. Understanding the law of irrotationality will help them understand their emotions and practice techniques to calm down and reduce the intensity of anger.

Moreover, the author sheds light on common human emotions and develops a sense of self-worth through “The Law of Envy” and “The Law of Self-Sabotage”.

Understanding the human mind can help shape future out-

comes and realize hidden talents. This is a masterpiece of contemporary psychological literature. This exceptional work focuses on realistic guidance over moral principles to tackle irresistible struggles in social dynamics.

The book highlights society’s contradictory standards, stating, “We generally thought people hate only the deceitful people, yet it turns out they also resent their anger towards those with a golden heart. People judge and despise lazy ones, yet hard work and dedication can also lead to resentment and jealousy. Not only are unintelligent people undervalued, but also intelligent people face criticism and envy. Not just those who lack qualification and attributes for a job are not entitled to be in a particular role or position, but

also qualified or highly educated people may evoke insecurity and jealousy in others who perceive them as threats or rivals. Societal norms are decided on how one can satisfy others’ needs and conform to others’ expectations. Most important of all is not to lose yourself trying to please everyone, suggesting putting yourself first.”

People wear masks as a defensive mechanism to navigate social dynamics and cope with potential stress or trauma as we live in a society with is very judgmental about the things we do. Some people pretend to be smart, masking their lack of intelligence with big words to gain social access and impress others. Only people with social personality types such as smiles, humour and flattery are mostly welcomed and accepted. The author revealed the reality behind masks for social survival. Individuals beneath masks are grappling with insecurity, grudges, jealousy and uncertainty.

The Concise Laws of Human Nature offers brilliant tactics how to look behind people’s masks through superficial interactions, how to disengage ourselves from emotions and master self-control, how to develop empathy and how to resist conformity to develop one’s singular sense of purpose and not to lose one’s authenticity to bring out the success, self-defence and improvement.



ဇေယျသိန္ဒိ

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တင်ဦး

The Powerful Enhancer

By Tin Moe, Translated by Myint Zan

believing in my kamma
i stepped on a bush of thorns:
kamma is not on my side

believing in knowledge
i jumped into the bonfire:
knowledge is inadequate
kamma could not avoid (the danger):
all plans evaporated, dried
(only) cinders are left in the bonfire

though lacking in knowledge and
kamma
diligence seems to be on my side
relying on diligence
i made efforts:
waist and shoulders are broken

not using one’s knowledge
or even having it
trying to exploit a bare-headed
(person) by making marks on it*
walking on one’s eyebrow*
(using wiles and tricks)
reactionary methods (came) to the
fore
actions are performed callously, ruth-
lessly
then all wishes are
fulfilled
the fire is extinguished
(one) receives gold and silver:
the tasks are accomplished

*Myanmar sayings roughly indicating the use of underhanded methods and exploiting others
Composed on 6 November 2003 (Thursday), Translated on 10 May 2025 (Saturday)

A Word

By Chit Ko Pe

Voicing a word in the past,

I didn’t take it to be serious,
whether it was polite or
abrupt.

Now, being conscious and
cautious,
with compassion, kindness
and love,
let the sweet word be spoken
and heard!

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ချစ်ကိုစေ

“A Prayer for Myanmar”

By Mya Thae (Research)

Dreadful earthquakes shook the land,
Bringing fears we can’t withstand.
Myanmar faced a heartbreak deep,
Sorrows are hard to bear or keep.

To rebuild our home so dear,
Peace and safety must appear.

For this hope to stay alive,
Blessings, rain must soon arrive.

Rain! Rain! Fall upon our soil,
Bring us fortune, end our toil.

Golden showers, silver streams,
Fill our land with hopeful dreams.

Not with storms or floods untamed,
But with luck and joy unnamed.

NATIONAL

Top vocalist to host solo live show



VOCALIST
Htun Eaindra Bo will organize a solo Live Music Show at Inya Lake Garden Hotel in Yangon on 1 June, according to Htun Eaindra Bo.

"I often met my fans at the Inya Lake Garden Hotel. I now choose songs that all can sing along with me. I would like to invite all to join me like the nights in the past," she said.

The solo Live Music Show will commence at 7 pm, and the Daly Gita Band will provide the best instrumental support for her singing performances.

— ASH/KTZH

Nay Toe

ACADEMY Nay Toe participated in 'Manetphyan Myar Hla Parsay' opera directed by Maung Myo Min (Yindwin Phyt) for a fundraising variety show for Mandalay quake victims at the National Theatre on 10 May. Together with Nay Toe, Kyaw Kyaw Bo, Tun Tun, Ye Lay, Dancer Min Min Htun (Life & Dance), Khine Lay (Secret Piece) and a trainee from the 3H Art Academy performed in the opera. Fans of the Hninzi Anyeint can remember the past.



Cho Pyone

THE activities of the great actress Academy Cho Pyone appeared again on social networks, grabbing applause from her fans. The 78-year-old actress lives peacefully, and her appearance looks younger than her real age. She played the role of Amay Nyein, a mother who stands firm in front of her children, showing her strong affection, in the recently screened film 'King'.



Nay Win
Actor Nay Win, regarding the 'Byaw Than' film, said, "It is my fourth movie. There are still things that I need to improve. I portrayed the Aung Myat San character as I like it. Audience also hate and are not satisfied with Aung Myat San, and so I am glad about it as I was really Aung Myat San." Fans also appraised him, saying, "His acting skills aren't like others. He is unique and I like him". However, some criticized, "He is a rich man, but he looks like one living in the city. It'll be more natural that hair knot goes well with him instead of long hair, and longyi and belt instead of trousers".



Min Thant Maung Maung

Director Sin Yaw Maung Maung, father of Min Thant Maung Maung, encountered a car accident in Nay Pyi Taw at 5 pm on 5 May, resulting in a fracture to his left thigh. On 8 May, Min Thant Maung Maung shared on social media that his father successfully underwent an operation at Nay Pyi Taw Hospital(1,000 bed), where a steel rod was inserted to replace the fractured thigh bone. He expressed deep gratitude to all the doctors and nurses involved in the surgery and said he was relieved and thankful that his father's health was improving, just as everyone had hoped and prayed for.

Phyo Myat Aung

Vocalist Phyo Myat Aung, who donates in quake-stricken areas in person, made a post on his Facebook page, reading, "If the ground we step on is unstable, we must stand united, hand in hand. Some people are falling and we have to pull them up with our hands. Let's support each other." — Htun Htun/KTZH

Hsaung Wuttyi May

ACTRESS Hsaung Wuttyi May visited the Shwedagon Pagoda with her friend. The actress starred in the 'Ahit Hma Apyit Shithi' series to be broadcast on the Mahar application together with Myit Myat, Moe Hay Ko and Charlie.

CELEBRITY BRIEF

NATIONAL

Railway services resume after repairs to mine-damaged bridge on Bago-Mawlamyine line

YANGON-MAWLAMYINE-YANGON passenger trains No 81 Up and No 82 Down, which were temporarily halted in Bilin Township, Mon State, following an explosion, resumed service yesterday.

An insurgent group planted and detonated a landmine under Bridge No 65 on the Bago-Mawlamyine railway, damaging the structure and halting train operations on 6 May. The blast occurred under a 60-foot-long bridge located between Hninpale and Taungzun stations near milepost 112/10-11 in Bilin Township, Mon State.

Myanmar Railways crews worked to restore the damaged bridge and track section as quickly as possible to resume normal operations. The bridge



The Yangon-Mawlamyine train crosses the Bridge No 65 on the Bago-Mawlamyine railway after repairs.

and railway repair work had been carried out day and night since 6 May and was completed

yesterday. The railway section was reopened at 12:30 am yesterday after a test run with the

RGC. The railway section has been reopened, and the Yan-

gon-Mawlamyine train No 81 Up departing from Yangon at 7 am yesterday morning and the Express train No 82 Down departing from Mawlamyine at 8 am are running as usual.

In addition, Myanmar Railways, under the Ministry of Transport and Communications, is working to facilitate public travel by train on major railway sections, including Yangon-Mandalay, Yangon-Pyay, Yangon-Mawlamyine, and the Yangon Circular and Suburban Railways. Additionally, other routes, such as the Patheingyi-Hinthada-Kyangin section, Pyin Oon-Myittha section, Pyin Oon-Myittha-Moekang section, and Letpadan-Tharawaw section, are also operated. — MNA/TH

Legal action looms for market price violators



THE Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce stated that reasonable market prices of rice for May 2025 were issued, and non-compliance with the set prices is subject to legal action.

The Ministry of Commerce issued reasonable prices for all varieties; K60,000-K72,000 per 108-pound bag of non-premium rice varieties (Aemahta, Ngasein, Sinthukha, Ngasein Yakyaw, Kayinma, Yadanatoo, Tunpu, GW-11, 747, Theepu, and Hnankauk among others), K68,000-K78,000 per bag of rice varieties (Zeeya, Ngwetoe, Minayeya, Hnankauk, Shweman)

that are consumed locally and exported, K75,000 to K99,000 to Shwethwe, Anyatha, Pakan, Hmawby 2, 3, 90-day short-matured rice, Manaw Thukha, Sinthuka, Byawtun, Ayeyapadetha and Ayeyamin produced from Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago regions, K90,000-K150,000 to moderate quality rice including Magyantaw, Ayeyamin and Ayeyapadetha produced from Mandalay, Magway, Sagaing, Nay Pyi Taw and upper Myanmar regions, and premium Pawsan rice (Ayeyawady Pawsan, Shwebo Pawsan). The retailers are not entitled to make a profit of more than

eight per cent of the set reasonable market prices, the ministry announced.

The ministry determined reasonable market prices by considering the following factors: fair profit for the farmers, millers and distributors, reasonable prices for consumers, last year's market price, global market prices and other commodities prices. There are separate prices for modern trade with consumer packaging at mini-marts and supermarkets.

If individuals have difficulty buying rice, they are urged to contact the Myanmar Rice Federation. The buyers can complain about overpricing to the Consumer Affairs Department and MRF.

MRF warned that overpricing, sales with inaccurate measurement and quality and non-compliance with directives are subject to fines and taxation and prosecution under section 5 of the Essential Supplies and Services Law. Thus, rice millers, rice shops, traders and merchants are encouraged to follow the rules. — NN/KK

K17.5B worth of drugs seized in Ayethaya, Taunggyi

POLICE in Ayethaya, Taunggyi Township, Shan State, have seized 3.5 million stimulant tablets worth approximately K17.5 billion, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

A combined anti-narcotics task force carried out the raid at around 11:30 pm on 5 May at a house belonging to Than Htwe Aung (aka) Khaw Gyi, located in Ward 11, of Ayethaya Town. Acting on a tip-off from a local informant, police searched the premises and discovered the pills packed in 175 polyethylene sacks.

Three suspects named Than Htwe Aung, Ma Chaw Chaw Oo (aka) Ma Su and Aung Naing Tun Oo were arrested at the scene along with the drugs, which are estimated to be worth K17.5 billion at current local market value.

Authorities have taken legal action against the suspects under existing drug laws, and efforts are ongoing to uncover other individuals connected to the case. — MNA/KZL



Offenders are seen alongside seized stimulant tablets.

Myanmar's Seintalone mango seeks seamless trade with China

MYANMAR Seintalone mango will lose market share unless it can be delivered to China this year, according to Khwarnyo Fruit Depot of Mandalay.

Trade disruption to China has left a sour taste for Myanmar Seintalone growers. Myanmar's Seintalone mango variety fetches a good price in the domestic market. Yet, an abundant supply is unmatched with domestic demand, said an official of the depot.

Furthermore, domestic demand for Myanmar Seintalone also falls by 50 per cent. There is no trade route for them to the main buyer, China, at present. Growers will be battered by losing market share if Myanmar cannot export Seintalone mango to China this season. Other countries might gain more export market shares, he continued.

Exporters did not even cover the cost while exporting Seintalone to China at the beginning of the mango season. Officials of the Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and In-



Cartons of export quality Seintalone mangoes seen before exporting them to foreign market.

dustry (MRCCI) and the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Dehong Prefecture discussed matters to facilitate Myanmar's mango export to China at the MRCCI's office in late 2024, in the presence of mango growers.

They highlighted the fast delivery of Myanmar's mango to China through possible

road channels, smooth customs clearance, and exploration of potential trade channels. Moreover, they coordinated on matters regarding trade barriers that exporters experienced on the Kengtung-Mongla-Dalo road channels, including tax and freight shipping time.

The traders are bracing

for transport hurdles, such as rough roads and extreme weather conditions, that affect the quality of the fruits. Therefore, there seems to be no other option than Muse Road during the mango season, the Khwanyo Fruit Depot observed.

Consequently, exporters face big challenges depending

on the export channel and fruit quality, according to the Khwanyo Fruit Trading Depot.

The high cost of cultivation inputs hit growers. Last year, low use of cultivation inputs affected quality, causing post-harvest diseases such as stem end rot and black spots in fruit. Some traders did not even cover the cultivation cost due to the inferior quality of Seintalone mango. Of about 200 mango varieties that originated in Myanmar, Seintalone, Shwehintha, Padamya Ngamauk, Yinkwe, and Machitsu varieties are primarily grown. The foreign market prefers Seintalone varieties. Ayeyawady Region possesses the most extensive mango plantation acres, having about 46,000 acres. Bago Region is the second largest producer, with 43,000 acres, and Mandalay has 29,000 acres of mango. There are over 24,000 acres in Kayin State, over 20,400 acres in Shan State and over 20,000 acres in Sagaing Region, according to the association. — NN/KK

Myanmar's manufacturing attracts \$180M+ in FDI for FY2024-2025

FOREIGN direct investments of more than US\$182.6 million were pumped into Myanmar's manufacturing sector in the previous financial year 2024-2025 (1 April 2024-31 March 2025), as per the statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

The Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) permitted 52 enterprises to make investments in the manufacturing sector last 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 60 projects from 11 countries and regions including China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Republic of Marshall Islands, the Russia Federation, Japan, the UAE) to make investments of over \$690 million in the past FY, including expansions of capital by existing enterprises.

The Oil and Gas sector found capital expansion of \$357 million. The manufacturing sector drew \$182.6 million, the transport and communication sector attracted \$87.7 million, and the services sector received over \$51 million. The remaining FDIs flowed into agriculture, livestock and fisheries and power, respectively.

Singapore is the leading foreign investor in Myanmar

with \$446 million of FDI last FY. China stood as the second largest investor this FY with an estimated capital of over \$94 million made by 34 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.

Moreover, Myanmar's manufacturing sector attracted two new foreign enterprises from Hong Kong SAR and China with an estimated capital of \$2.8 million in April of the current FY 2025-2026.

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

CBM sells over THB3.6M on 9 May

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over 3.6 million baht on 9 May again in the financial market after over 5.3 million baht and 723,000 yuan on 8 May, and US\$710,000 on 7 May.

CBM announced on 6 May that it would sell \$33 million and 200 million baht to those engaged in the fuel oil industry. CBM sold 397,843 yuan on that day.

CBM injected over \$42 million, over 20 million baht and 500,000 yuan in April, over \$126 million, 320 million baht and 3.6 million yuan in March, over \$88 million, 7.5 million yuan and 161 million baht in February and over \$124 million, over 13.8 million baht and over 4.8 million yuan in January. CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation.



An exchanger counting foreign currencies at the exchange counter.

According to CBM's notification on 15 March, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK



Air India has announced that all flights to and from Tel Aviv will remain suspended until 25 May 2025. **PHOTO: ANI**

Air India suspends Tel Aviv flights until 25 May

AIR India has announced that all flights to and from Tel Aviv will remain suspended until 25 May 2025 amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan.

In a travel advisory posted on X (formerly Twitter), Air India stated, “Our flights to and from Tel Aviv will remain suspended till 25 May 2025.

Customers holding valid tickets for travel till 25 May 2025 will be offered a one-time waiver on re-scheduling charges or a full refund for cancellations.”

IndiGo also issued a travel advisory, announcing the cancellation of all flights to and from Srinagar, Jammu, Amritsar, Leh, Chandigarh,

Dharamshala, Bikaner, Jodhpur, Kishangarh, and Rajkot until midnight on 10 May 2025.

The advisory, posted on IndiGo’s official X handle, assured passengers that the airline would provide updates through official channels and assist with any changes to travel plans. — ANI

E-commerce park launched in Lhasa to boost trade with South Asia

A new cross-border e-commerce industrial park opened on Friday in Lhasa, southwest China, as part of efforts to deepen trade and economic ties with South Asia, local authorities said.

The industrial park, located in the capital of the Xizang Autonomous Region, was designed to be a comprehensive platform for product display, warehousing, logistics, customs clearance and

financial settlement services, according to Ye Haiying, director of the city’s commerce bureau.

Spanning 16,000 square metres, the park has already attracted 12 cross-border e-commerce firms.

Goods are first consolidated in two major domestic trade hubs — Guangzhou and Yiwu — before being routed through Lhasa and shipped to a

1,800-square-metre overseas warehouse in Nepal, Ye said.

The overseas warehouse has reduced delivery times from 60 days when shipped by sea to just 20 days. Logistics efficiency has improved by 50 per cent, and overall costs have fallen 20 per cent, giving companies a competitive edge as they expand into South Asian markets, Ye noted. — Xinhua

Nippon Steel expects FY 2025 net profit to sink 43% on tariff woes

NIPPON Steel Corp said Friday it expects its net profit for fiscal 2025 to sink 42.9 per cent to 200 billion yen (\$1.38 billion) as uncertainty grows over tariffs imposed by the United States. The Japanese steelmaker, which has been facing hurdles in its plan to acquire US Steel Corp, said its net profit for fiscal 2024, which ended this March, fell 36.2 per cent to 350.23 billion yen as inflation dampened demand for its products and the Chinese economy slowed down.

President Tadashi Imai voiced caution at a press conference in Tokyo, saying he does not expect conditions to improve this business year and that it is “extremely difficult to read the effects of US tariffs, as the tariffs themselves change from day to day.” In March, Trump enacted 25 per cent tariffs on aluminum and steel imports. While the Japanese government has been seeking the full removal of the levies alongside so-called reciprocal tariffs and those on cars, Washington has rejected the requests. — Kyodo



Photo taken on 12 January 2025 shows the building that houses the headquarters of Nippon Steel Corp in Tokyo. **PHOTO: KYODO**

British Airways owner unveils big Boeing, Airbus order

IAG, owner of British Airways and Spanish carrier Iberia, announced Friday a multi-billion dollar order for Boeing and Airbus planes, as it maintained its outlook despite economic uncertainty.

Demand for air travel remains strong, IAG said, as US President Donald Trump’s tariffs assault threatens to hamper global growth and knock business confidence.

The announcement comes one day after Britain and United States struck a trade deal to ease tariffs, during which US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick teased that Britain would announce \$10 billion in new orders for Boeing planes.

“We continue to see resilient demand for air travel across all our markets, particularly in the premium cabins and despite the macroeconomic uncertainty,” chief executive Luis Gallego said in an earnings statement.

IAG announced new orders for 32 planes from Boeing and 21 from Airbus for delivery from 2028 to 2033.

At list prices, the Boeing jets cost a combined \$12.7 billion and the Airbus planes a total of \$7.8 billion.

But as is customary with sizeable orders, IAG said it had negotiated a “substantial discount”.

— AFP

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST

China, US high-level economic, trade meeting starts in Geneva



A drone photo taken on 8 April 2025 shows a view of a container terminal of Tianjin Port in North China's Tianjin. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

10 May

He Lifeng, Vice-Premier and member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, is leading the Chinese delegation, while the US delegation is headed by Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent.

CHINA and the United States kicked off on Saturday a high-level meeting on economic and trade affairs in Geneva, Switzerland.

As the Chinese lead person for China-US economic and trade affairs, He Lifeng, who is also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and vice -premier, attended the meeting with the US lead person Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent.

The meeting is taking place after weeks of growing tensions in which duties on goods imports between the world's two largest economies have soared far beyond 100 per cent. — Xinhua

9 May

75% of illegal weapons seized originate in US

Approximately 75 per cent of the more than 10,000 illegal weapons seized in Mexico between October 2024 and April 2025 came from the United States, Mexican Secretary of Security and Citizen Protection Omar Garcia Harfuch said.

Since launching Operation Northern Border on 5 February, authorities have seized 2,627 firearms, more than 416,000 cartridges and 13,000 magazines, the official said when presenting the results of a security report during the government's daily morning press conference.

Mexican authorities have long urged Washington to strengthen efforts against the relentless southbound flow of American-bought firearms — so vast that Mexico dubs it the "Iron River", with some 250,000 guns smuggled across the border each year. — Xinhua

8 May

Europe marks 80th anniversary of WWII victory

Europe celebrated the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War this week, with parades and wreath-laying ceremonies unfolding across the continent. The defeat of Fascism and Nazism in 1945 is celebrated on Victory in Europe (VE) Day and throughout the week, European leaders underscored the enduring value of peace and unity.

In Poland, nationwide observances on Thursday culminated in Warsaw's Wolska district, home to the Polish Army's Tadeusz Kosciuszko Armored Brigade. During an address to the army, Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk vowed to strengthen Poland's defence capability and safeguard the country.

Earlier this week in Britain, nearly 30,000 ceramic red poppies cascaded down the walls of the Tower of London, representing the loss of lives during the war. — Xinhua

7 May

China, Russia establish new path for cooperation

Chinese President Xi Jinping said here Wednesday that China and Russia have found a right path of state-to-state interactions between neighboring major countries. He made the remarks in a written statement upon his arrival in Moscow for a state visit to the country and attendance at the celebrations marking the 80th anniversary of the victory in the Soviet Union's Great Patriotic War. The independent, mature and resilient bilateral relationship, Xi said, not only brings great benefits to the two peoples, but also makes important contributions to maintaining global strategic stability and promoting an equal and orderly multipolar world.

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the victory in the World Anti-Fascist War and the 80th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, he noted.

Xi's plane was escorted by Russian Air Force aircraft after it entered the country's airspace. — Xinhua

6 May

Indonesia, EU finalize trade deal negotiations by mid-2025

Indonesia and the European Union are currently exploring a final agreement on a comprehensive economic partnership agreement, which is targeted for completion in the first half of 2025, Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Airlangga Hartarto said on Tuesday. A virtual meeting between Airlangga and European Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security Maros Sefcovic was held on Monday, as a follow-up to previous discussions. "We agreed to continue working together to seize the current momentum while upholding the rule of law," Airlangga said in a statement. Sefcovic welcomed the progress of the recent meeting and described it as a positive signal for strengthening trade cooperation. Both sides agreed to maintain intensive communication and resolve remaining technical issues to strengthen the foundation of economic cooperation in the face of global challenges. — Xinhua

5 May

ASEAN-plus-3 warn of protectionism after US tariffs

THE finance chiefs of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations plus Japan, China and South Korea warned Sunday of the potential global economic fallout of protectionist trade policies, following the announcement of higher import tariffs by US President Donald Trump.

"Escalating trade protectionism weighs on global trade, leading to economic fragmentation, affecting trade, investment and capital flows across the region," the finance ministers and central bank governors said in a statement adopted when they met on the sidelines of the Asian Development Bank's annual meeting in Milan, Italy.

The statement of the ASEAN-plus-three countries, which did not mention the United States by name, also reaffirmed their commitment to a rules-based, free, fair and "transparent multilateral trading system". — Kyodo

4 May

Japan, Sri Lanka agree to enhance cooperation of defence forces

JAPANESE Defence Minister Gen Nakatani and Sri Lankan Deputy Defence Minister Aruna Jayasekara agreed on 4 May to strengthen cooperation between their countries' defence forces to promote stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

Mr Nakatani's visit to Sri Lanka, the second by a Japanese defence minister, underscores the importance Japan places on ties with the island nation, which sits along key shipping lanes, amid China's growing economic and military influence in the region.

During the talks in Colombo, Mr Nakatani expressed his "serious concerns over unilateral attempts to change the status quo", according to the Japanese Defence Ministry, with China's assertiveness in the East and South China seas apparently in mind. — Kyodo

SPORTS



Winners of the Putting competition seen during the graduation ceremony for the 2025 Summer Free Youth Basic Golf Training Programme at the Han Golf Masters Golf Academy in Yangon on 9 May.

Free youth golf training programme celebrates graduation

THE graduation ceremony for the second edition of the 2025 Summer Free Youth Basic Golf Training Programme, organized by Han Golf Masters Golf Academy, was held at 10 am on 9 May at the Han Golf Masters Golf Academy, at the junction of Okkalapa Road and Airport Road in Mayangon Township, Yangon.

During the ceremony, awards were presented to the winners of the Putting competition, and course completion certificates were handed out. U Chan Han, Chairman and Founder of Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd, delivered opening remarks.

In the boys' under-13 category, first prize went to Bhone Myint Myat San, second to Khant Bhone Htel, third to Bhone Thit Kyaw, fourth to Okkar Min Myat and fifth to Kaung Pyae San. Prizes were also awarded in the over-13 and girls' categories.

Special prizes were also presented to the winners who achieved a Hole-in-One on the most challenging hole, Hole 9. The recipients were Su Lei Yi Khaing, Thiri Thet Htar and Sithu Bhone Myat Aung.

The five-day summer training programme, held from 5 to 9 May, was offered free of charge as a charitable educational initiative.

The youth basic golf training was systematically taught by top coaches, including U Chan Han, U Ko Ko Lay, U Thiha Htay, U Sein Paing and U Aung Myo Hein, amid other trainers from the academy. — Myo Min Thura/KZL

Flick wants 'dominant' Barca in vital Liga Clasico

HANSI Flick called on his Barcelona players to brush off their Champions League semi-final elimination and bounce back strongly against Real Madrid on Sunday in a vital La Liga Clasico.

Barca lead the Spanish top flight by four points ahead of rivals and defending champions Real Madrid with four matches remaining. The Catalans were ousted in Europe on Tuesday by Inter Milan, ending dreams of a potential quadruple.

"We spoke about what they (the players) are thinking, what they are feeling, it's important in a group that we speak about that," Flick told a news conference Saturday.

"Everyone knows that in a Clasico you have to be on your highest level, that's what



Barcelona coach Hansi Flick wants his players to bounce back against Real Madrid on Sunday. PHOTO: AFP

we have to do. "We want to be active, we want to see the team (play) with intensity on the pitch, dominant as normal, and we know it's a really fantastic team from Real (against us)."

Barcelona have beaten Real Madrid in all three Clasicos played this season, beginning with a 4-0 win in La Liga at the Santiago Bernabeu in October. — AFP

Major difference for McIlroy at PGA after winning Masters

RORY McIlroy says winning the Masters to complete a long-sought career Grand Slam will change how he feels going into other majors, starting at next week's PGA Championship.

World number two McIlroy defeated England's Justin Rose last month at Augusta National to capture his fifth major title, and first since 2014, to finally take the green jacket and

complete the career Slam. The 36-year-old from Northern Ireland joined Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Gary Player, Gene Sarazen and Ben Hogan with wins in all four major tournaments.

So when McIlroy tees off next week at Quail Hollow, a course where he has won four PGA Tour titles, it will be as a reigning major champion for the first time in 10 years. — AFP

FIFA Women's World Cup expanded to 48 teams from 2031

THE Women's World Cup will be expanded from 32 to 48 teams, like the men's competition, starting with the 2031 edition, FIFA announced on Friday. The FIFA Council unanimously agreed to enlarge the competition "given the remarkable recent strides made by women's football across the world," the sport's governing body said.

The 48-team tournament will adopt a 12-group format, increasing the total number of matches from 64 to 104 and extending the tournament by one week, FIFA said. FIFA President Gianni Infantino said the expansion followed the success of the 2023 World Cup in Australia and New

Zealand, won by Spain. "The FIFA Women's World Cup 2023, the first in which teams from all confederations won at least one game and teams from five confederations reached the knockout stage, among many other records, set a new standard for global competitiveness," said Infantino. "This is not just about having 16 more teams playing ... but taking the next steps in relation to the women's game in general by ensuring that more FIFA Member Associations have the chance to benefit from the tournament to develop their women's football structures," he said. — AFP



Gianni Infantino hands the 2023 Women's World Cup trophy to the Spanish team. PHOTO: AFP

39% of people living in Japan feel lonely: govt study

Some 39 per cent of people in Japan feel lonely at times, according to a recent government survey, with a law that took effect in April last year to address isolation apparently not yet having a significant impact. The percentage of people who either felt lonely “often or always,” “sometimes” or

39% of people in Japan feel lonely at times, with the figure remaining unchanged since 2021.

“once in a while” totalled 39.3 per cent in 2024, unchanged from the previous survey in 2023. The figure has remained largely unchanged since the study began in 2021.

The survey for the first time also examined the relationship between feelings of loneliness and smartphone usage. Among those who used smartphones for more than eight hours a day, 13.3 per cent said they felt lonely “often or always”. The figure stood at 9.5 per cent among those

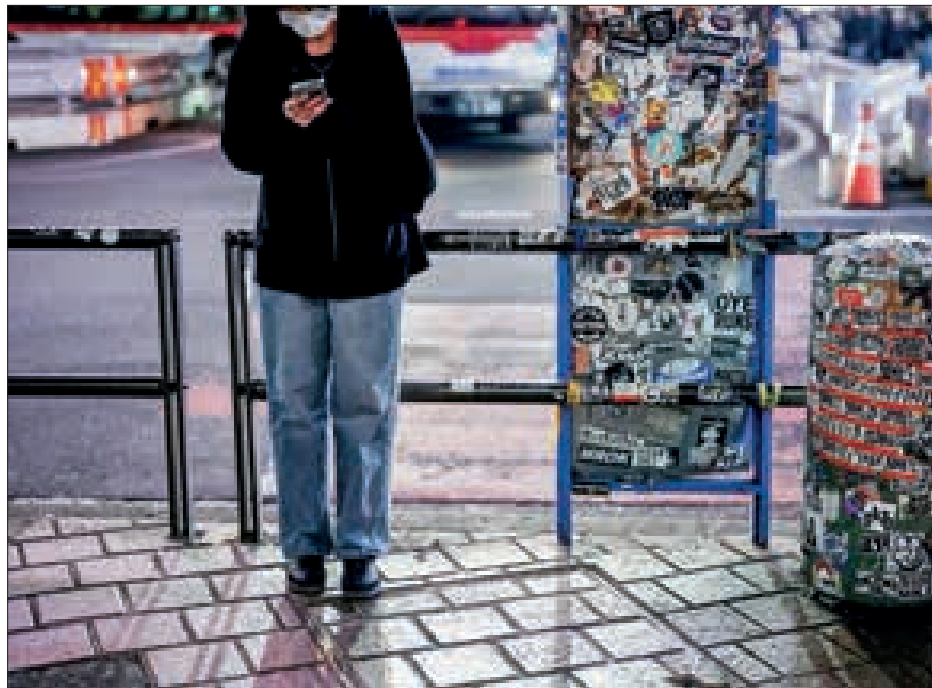


Photo taken on 20 February 2025, shows an individual looking at a smartphone on the streets of Tokyo. **PHOTO: KYODO**

who used their devices between seven and eight hours, higher than among those who reported using their phones less. The most frequently cited factor contributing to loneliness, with multiple answers allowed,

was “bereavement of a family member” at 24.6 per cent. Other commonly selected reasons included “living alone”, “changing or leaving a school or job”, and “serious physical or mental health issues”. — Kyodo

Spain foreign tourist numbers break record in early 2025

SPAIN welcomed a record 17 million foreign tourists in the first three months of 2025 as the buoyant sector drives an economy outshining European peers, official

data showed on Monday.

The 17.1 million foreign tourists arriving in Spain from January to March was a 5.7-per-cent increase on the same



Puerto de la Cruz is a beautiful beach destination located in Tenerife, Spain. **PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

Spain welcomed a record number of foreign tourists in the first three months of 2025, marking a 5.7% increase from the same period in 2024.

period in 2024, the National Statistics Institute said.

Britain, France and Germany supplied the most holidaymakers to the world’s second most-visited country, which last year hosted a record 94 million foreign tourists seeking its sun, beaches and culture.

Spending by foreign tourists also climbed 7.2 per cent to 23.5 billion euros (\$26.7 billion), the tourism ministry said in a statement, a welcome development for the government which wants visitors to splash more cash during their stay. — AFP

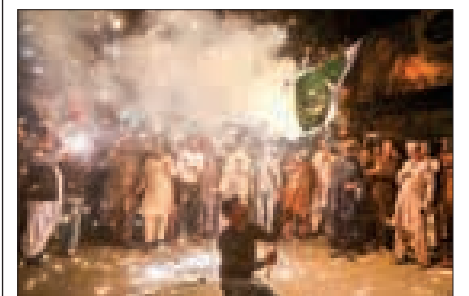
Rolling Update

India and Pakistan agree to ceasefire after days of attacks

PAKISTAN and India agreed Saturday to a full and immediate ceasefire after days of deadly jet fighter, missile, drone and artillery attacks — news surprisingly announced by US President Donald Trump, who congratulated them on using “common sense”.

Officials from Islamabad and New Delhi confirmed the development minutes after Trump posted the announcement on his Truth Social network, as the conflict between the nuclear-armed neighbours appeared to be spiralling towards a full-blown war.

“After a long night of talks mediated by the United States, I am pleased to announce that India and Pakistan have agreed to a FULL AND IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE. Congratulations to both Countries on using Common Sense and Great Intelligence,” Trump posted.



A Pakistani man waves the national flag as people celebrate after the ceasefire between Pakistan and India, in Hyderabad, Sindh province, on 10 May 2025. **PHOTO: HUSNAIN ALI / AFP**

Indian foreign secretary Vikram Misri said both sides would “stop all firing and military action on land, air and sea” with effect from 5:00 pm (1130 GMT).

In a statement on X, Pakistan Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar said: “Pakistan and India have agreed to a ceasefire with immediate effect.”

“Pakistan has always strived for peace and security in the region, without compromising on its sovereignty and territorial integrity,” he added.

Hours later, however, an Indian government source said Pakistan had broken the agreement, and AFP staff in Srinagar in Indian-administered Kashmir reported hearing a series of loud explosions.

Separately, Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah posted on X: “What the hell just happened to the ceasefire? Explosions heard across Srinagar!!!” — AFP