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Families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy, and Air) and military commands hold monsoon tree-growing ceremonies yearly since 2011 with the aim of conserving the natural environment, affecting climatic conditions, sustaining shade in society and supporting the State economy on one hand.

Yesterday, families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy, and Air) held the first monsoon tree-growing ceremony for 2025 near the Yezin Dam in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw, led by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said that as the families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy, and Air) have planted trees around the Yezin Dam area 41 times since 2011, it is necessary to nurture these trees to thrive.

He unveiled that Myanmar is covered with 42.6 per cent of forest coverage at present, so the government places more emphasis on environmental conservation.

He noted that everybody knows that if there are watershed forests, water conservation efforts can be carried out more effectively.

Over the past year, the Senior Gen-

Watershed forests boost water conservation



State Administration Council Chairman Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing waters newly planted teak tree at Monsoon Tree-Growing Event yesterday.

eral continued to say that Myanmar has bitterly experienced flooding caused by storms and heavy rains.

Similarly, he recounted that Cyclone Mocha struck Rakhine State, resulting in extensive damage and losses.

He pointed out that environmental degradation has occurred not only due to human activities but also as a consequence of natural forces, particularly the impacts of climate change.

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Myanmar Fire Brigade to compete in Intl Firefighting Contest in S'pore

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Efficiently utilizing rivers and creeks to be sufficient electricity and agricultural water

- The rivers and creeks must be efficiently utilized to ensure sufficient electricity and irrigation water for our country.
- Implementing solar-powered river water pumping projects can help provide adequate irrigation water in regions with low rainfall.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting of the State Administration Council on 19 November 2024)

Statement by Republic of Union of Myanmar on Unwarranted Measures Imposed by International Labour Organization

ON 5 June 2025, the 113th Session of the International Labour Conference (113th ILC) adopted a resolution concerning Myanmar.

The resolution aims to exert pressure on the Government of Myanmar through the ILO, citing non-compliance with Convention 87 on Freedom of Association and Convention 29 on Forced Labour. The resolution calls upon Myanmar to implement the recommendations made by the Commission of Inquiry (CoI) on Myanmar, ensuring full compliance with the aforementioned Conventions. Furthermore, unilaterally organizing meetings on matters related to Myanmar behind the country concerned

is not consistent with the ILO Constitution, and it critically damages the tripartite structure of the ILO with government, worker and employer representatives.

The said resolution has been adopted without due impartiality and fairness, instead, it is based on politically motivated approaches and relies on flawed assessments of the situation in Myanmar. Regrettably, the resolution includes proposals to implement measures that could exacerbate the socioeconomic and labour conditions within the country.

Political pressure exerted by certain countries against Myanmar could pose a threat to job opportunities and stable in-

come for basic workers, potentially leading to consequences that do more harm than good.

Myanmar became a member of the ILO in 1948 and has ratified four fundamental Conventions. The country continues to uphold its responsibilities as an ILO member state and has undertaken efforts aimed at promoting the well-being and interests of its workers.

Nevertheless, the Organization turns a blind eye to Myanmar's constructive efforts in favour of politically motivated, one-sided pressure, which may undermine the confidence and trust that Myanmar's workers place in the ILO.

In particular, Myanmar

has been actively implementing the constructive recommendations outlined in the report of the CoI for the benefit of its workers. The country has made continuous progress in this regard and has been transmitting updates on the developments in a timely and consistent manner.

However, Myanmar was disappointed with the adoption of the politically motivated resolution, which invoked Article 33 against the country by misusing Conventions 29 and 87 and dissociates itself from the adoption of this resolution by the General Affairs Committee and the International Labour Conference during its 113th session. The Government of

Myanmar also expresses its appreciation to the friendly countries which dissociate themselves from the adoption of the said resolution and stand in solidarity with Myanmar.

Myanmar will continue to implement Conventions 29 and 87 for the benefit of workers and employers. It will also continue to engage with the international community, including the ILO, for cooperation that does not infringe on national sovereignty and independence, aiming to bring improved labour rights, socio-economic development, and increased job opportunities for Myanmar's workforce.

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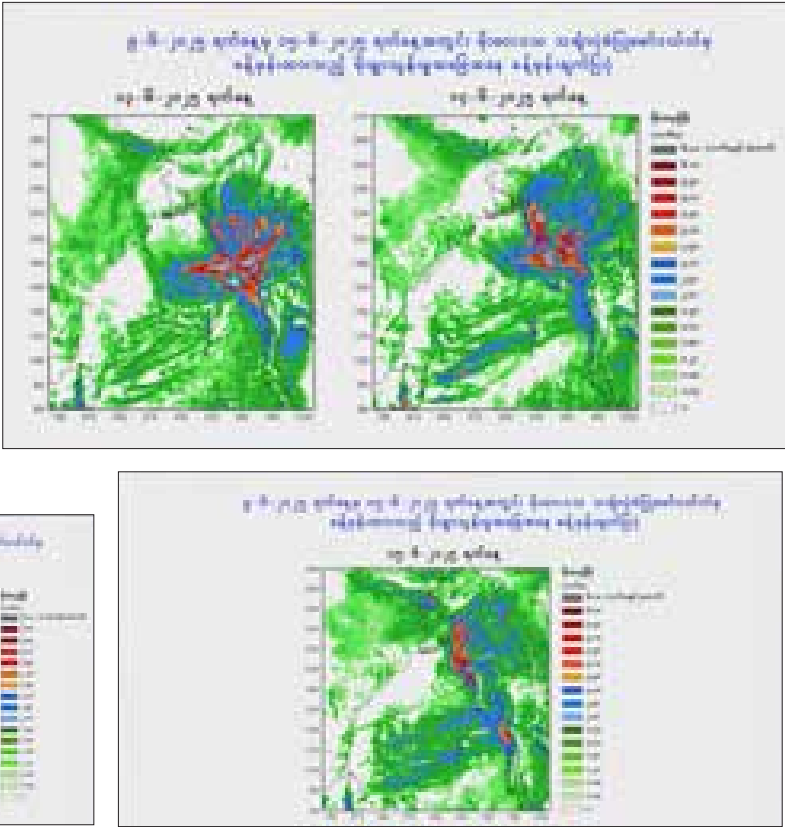
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ACCORDING to the observations at 6:30 pm MST today, monsoon will be strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal and due to the easterly waves, rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Lower Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, (southern and eastern) Shan States with likelihood of regionally and

isolated heavy falls during 9 June 2025 to 15 June 2025.

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



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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)

Message from Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, State Administration Council Chairman, Prime Minister of Republic of Union of Myanmar on occasion of 28th Anniversary of BIMSTEC

6 June 2025
Nay Pyi Taw

ON this auspicious occasion of the 28th Anniversary of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), I wish to extend, on behalf of the Peoples and Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, warmest felicitations and best wishes to the Peoples and Governments of the BIMSTEC Member States.

Twenty-eight years ago, on this very day, BIMSTEC was established through the signing of the Bangkok Declaration, marking the beginning of a crucial platform aimed at accelerating economic growth and social progress in the region through joint efforts based on a spirit of equality and partnership.

I have the honour to recall, with satisfaction, my participation at the recently held Sixth BIMSTEC Summit, my engagements with the esteemed BIMSTEC leaders, the adoption of the Sixth BIMSTEC Summit Declaration, the BIMSTEC Bangkok Vision 2030 and the Rules of Procedure for BIMSTEC Mechanisms as well as the signing of the Agreement on Maritime Transport Cooperation by our ministers. I am confident that these achievements will reinvigorate the BIMSTEC process and inspire its transformation into a dynamic, results-driven organization that will deliver on the aspirations of the Member States.

BIMSTEC Day reminds us of the immense potential that lies within our region and the power of collaboration to achieve our common goals. Let us seize this opportunity to deepen our cooperation, foster mutual understanding, and promote peace, stability, and prosperity in the Bay of Bengal region and for our future generations.

Together, we can overcome common challenges and build a stronger, more resilient Bay of Bengal community.

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The Senior General underlined that it can also be more fully learned and understood about environmental changes and the need for conservation through reading literature.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla planted a teak tree while SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and his wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin and his wife, the

Watershed forests boost water conservation

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and his wife, the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and his wife, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, Tatmadaw members and their families planted saplings in designated places.

The Senior General, his wife

and the party viewed the participation of Tatmadaw members and families in the tree-growing activities.

At the ceremony, families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy, and Air) cultivated 2,400 saplings, including 900 teak saplings, 600

ironwood saplings, 300 gum-ki-no saplings and 600 Mahogany saplings.

As part of conserving the natural environment and ecosystem around the Yezin Dam, those families held 42 tree-growing ceremonies from 2011 to date for the cultivation of 203,526 pre-

cious trees, perennial crops and shade and windbreaks.

Yesterday, military commands and families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy, and Air) planted 152,844 saplings at the monsoon tree-growing activities. — MNA/TTA

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Medals planned for international groups aiding Mandalay quake response

MSME businesses in Sagaing, Mandalay, and Nay Pyi Taw must be quickly repaired and collectively assisted to resume operations.

The National Disaster Management Committee held meeting 4/2025 at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon, attended by Chairman of the Management Committee, Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council, Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win.

Speaking at the meeting, the Vice-Senior General said that due to the Mandalay earthquake, the reported damages and losses so far include 3,739 deaths, 5,104 injuries, and 67 missing persons. In addition, over 63,000 residential buildings, as well as numerous schools, pagodas, stupas, roads, and bridges, have been damaged or destroyed.

A total of 19 countries provided 2,472 tonnes of relief supplies and medicines from 19 countries using 100 aircraft, eight ships, and two vehicles.

Up to now, well-wishers at home and abroad have donated more than K144 billion. Moreover, well-wishers abroad donated US\$5.1 million, Korean won 5 million, Indian rupees 16 million, Thai baht 2 million, Singaporean dollar 3,150, Chinese yuan 700, Sri Lankan rupees 250,000, Nepali rupees 37,000, Bangladeshi taka 3,160, Vietnamese dong 979,000, Indonesian rupees 20,000, Cambodian riel 716,500, Laos kip more than 1.7 million and Russian rouble more than 263,000.

According to the guidance of the Prime Minister, instructions have been given – through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs – to distribute commemorative honorary medals to organizations from various countries that participated in earthquake relief and rescue operations. Moreover, records of the relief and rescue efforts carried out by these countries will also be provided. Therefore, officials need to prepare the necessary arrangements for submission.



State Administration Council Vice-Chair Deputy PM Vice-Senior General Soe Win chairs the meeting of the National Disaster Management Committee yesterday.

The Prime Minister has instructed that donations of money and materials from both international and domestic donors be distributed in a timely manner to the people in the earthquake-affected areas, depending on the donations received.

So far, a total of K264.656 billion has been spent. This expenditure includes providing three months' worth of rice, cooking oil, salt, beans, and fermented fish paste for over 130,000 staff members and dependents from 45 ministries and departments; disbursing advance funds for the construction of temporary classrooms at damaged basic education and higher education schools; and allocating funds for the repair of staff housing, offices, and special buildings.

Moreover, the Prime Minister has provided a total of K20 billion this month to be used for emergency assistance funds for disaster-affected people; accommodation and food expenses within the camps for 35,922 Grade 12 students and 6,729 teachers who will be re-sitting the matriculation exams in one state and three regions where exam papers were destroyed by fire; costs for replenishing

writing materials; and travel and lodging expenses for senior teachers who will be coming from afar to teach specialized subjects.

Based on the damage to the homes of people affected by the earthquake, the Department of Disaster Management has made calculations for support to be provided by the State. There are 39,603 residential homes, excluding staff housing. These homes are currently being assessed according to the level of damage, and support will be provided soon.

Among the damages to staff housing, a total of 449 staff households lost their homes and household belongings due to building collapses. Although Union Ministers from various ministries and donors have provided support, the State is also working to supply the daily essential household items that are regularly needed. According to records, these affected households include 605 staff members and 1,181 dependents, totalling 1,786 people.

As a request for assistance was made through the Embassy to the People's Republic of China to obtain prefabricated houses and offices so that staff could live safely under shelter

before the rainy season, a total of 500 prefabricated offices and 4,500 prefabricated houses have been received.

A total of 7.9 million gallons of diesel and 6 million gallons of gasoline were provided by the People's Republic of China for use as needed during the earthquake disaster and reconstruction period. These have been systematically utilized and managed in transportation and reconstruction matters.

As for the damage, there are a total of 306 MSME businesses in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Sagaing Region, and Mandalay Region that have been affected. The damaged and lost businesses are being promptly rehabilitated, with step-by-step inspections and actions being carried out to enable the businesses to operate again. For the financial needs of business owners, connections will be made not only to the State Economic Promotion Funds or MSME funds but also to banks. It is requested that private banks collectively assist by providing loans to genuinely financially needy business owners at concessional interest rates.

All buildings to be reconstructed must be built to withstand up to an 8.0 magnitude

on the Richter scale, including soil testing.

The National Disaster Management Centre along with the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology have to monitor and observe monthly natural disaster occurrences for the past 10 years.

During the continuous reconstruction period, efforts must be made to improve the original conditions to a better state. Although there will be obstacles and difficulties in carrying out such efforts, these must be overcome in the best possible way. Economically, MSME businesses play a crucial supportive role in the national economy. Therefore, the damages suffered by MSME businesses in Sagaing Region, Mandalay Region, and the Nay Pyi Taw Council area must be quickly repaired and collectively assisted to resume operations as soon as possible.

Vice-Chairs of the management committee Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung and Dr Soe Win reported on taking security and rule of law measures, rehabilitation efforts in regions and states, construction and settlement of staff families at Prefabricated Houses and Offices, calculation of loss and damage, arrivals of aids from international community and distribution of relief supplies to the affected areas.

Chairman of the Buildings Renovation, Utilization and New Buildings Construction Supervisory Committee, Union Minister General Maung Maung Aye, reported on the opening of temporary offices, inspection of staff housing and dormitories, and special buildings.

Attendees at the meeting discussed repairing of buildings, resettlement of staff, distribution of aid to staff members, linkage for borrowing loans for MSME businesses, reoperation of cement plants and steel mills, disease control in affected areas, loss and damage to roads and bridges, the readiness of aircraft and helicopters of the Tatmadaw (Air) and rehabilitation process.

The meeting ended with a remark by the Vice-Senior General. — MNA/TTA

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SAC Member DPM
MoD Union Minister
receives Chinese
Ambassador

STATE Administration Council Member, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Defence General Maung Maung Aye met Chinese Ambassador Ms Ma Jia at the ministry’s hall yesterday morning.

Both sides exchanged views on enhancing defence cooperation between Myanmar and

China, ensuring stability and security in the border areas between the two countries, and contributions to rehabilitation measures in the aftermath of the earthquake.

The meeting was also attended by relevant officials from the Ministry of Defence. — MNA/ MKKS



Chinese Ambassador Ms Ma Jia calls on SAC Member Deputy PM MoD Union Minister General Maung Maung Aye yesterday.

People’s Military Service Training
11 concludes



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein warmly greets the trainees of the People's Military Service Training 11 yesterday.

THE graduation parades for the People’s Military Service Training 11 took place yesterday morning at various training depots across the country, organized by relevant military commands. The ceremonies followed the training graduation schedule, with the graduates taking an oath while holding the national flag.

Officials awarded top-per-

forming trainees with distinctions in categories such as Best Trainee, Best Training, Code of Conduct, Best Marksmanship, Best Mine Handling, and so on.

The chief ministers from regions and states, commanders, and other senior personnel, attended the events and delivered congratulatory speeches to graduates. They also cordially greeted the graduates.

Graduates are familiar with teamwork and will serve the duties with nationalism, patriotism, team spirit and esprit de corps at different commands and units.

In the evening, dinners were hosted at each training depot in honour of the graduates of the People’s Military Service Training 11. — MNA/ KTZH

Myanmar hosts 10th MAF-
RTAF Air Working Group
Meeting



The 10th MAF-RTAF Air Working Group Meeting in progress on 3 June in Yangon.

MYANMAR hosted the 10th MAF-RTAF Air Working Group Meeting at the Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on 3 June. It was attended by a delegation led by Chief of Staff (Air) Lt-Gen Zaw Win Myint, Thai Air Marshal Anurak Romnarak, the Thai Air Force Attaché to Myanmar and other relevant officials.

After the ceremonial procedures, the two leaders signed the approvals of the 10th MAF-RTAF Air Working Group Meeting. They exchanged gifts and posed for documentary photos.

The nine-member Thai delegation, led by Deputy Chief of the Air Staff (Operation) Air Marshal Anurak Romnarak,

arrived in Myanmar on 2 June to attend the 10th MAF-RTAF Air Working Group Meeting and was welcomed by senior military officers, the Thai Air Force Attaché to Myanmar and relevant officials at the Yangon International Airport.

The delegates visited Shwedagon, Botahtaung, Sule and Kaba Aye pagodas, including other significant sites of Yangon like Bogyoke Aung San Market and the Secretariat (former Ministers’ Office).

They returned to Thailand on 6 June and were seen off by senior Tatmadaw officers, the Thai Air Force Attaché to Myanmar and relevant officials. — MNA/KTZH

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Rescue and rehab efforts intensify in quake-affected areas



Photos showcase Lt-Gen Myo Thant Naing (L) and Lt-Gen Myo Moe Aung (R) inspect rehabilitation efforts in Singaing Township and in Mandalay, respectively.

RESCUE and rehabilitation efforts are ongoing with full momentum in areas affected by the recent powerful earthquake that struck Mandalay Region. Various organisations are cooperating closely with local communities to provide support.

Lt-Gen Thet Pon from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), along with responsible officials, inspected repair work on damaged buildings within the Sagaing University of Arts and Science in Aung Chan Thar Ward, Sagaing yesterday. They also assessed preparations to reopen the campus in time for the new academic

term. At Rajamanisula Kaung-muthaw Pagoda in Sithee Ward, the three-storey building of Basic Education High School No (1) in Poetann Ward, and the buildings of the inscriptions halls No (1) and No (2), clearing of debris and reconstruction of temporary classrooms were underway. The delegation offered refreshments and coordinated necessary support on the ground.

In the afternoon, they inspected the damaged Swan Oo Ponya Shin Pagoda, Pitaka Monastery on the Sagaing Hills, Moenyin Monastery in Htut Kaung Ward and the Sitagu Buddhist University compound and

Thakyadita Nunnery School in Thawtapan Ward. Tatmadaw personnel and Myanmar Police Force members participated in clearing debris, maintaining cleanliness, and removing rubble using heavy machinery. The team offered encouragement and refreshments while facilitating necessary coordination.

Likewise, Lt-Gen Myo Moe Aung from the the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), along with officials inspected sites in Maha Aungmye and Chanmyathazi Townships in Mandalay, including Yadanabon East and West Wards, Yemon Taung Ward and Kanthaya

Ward. The observed demolition of damaged and unsafe buildings, debris clearance with heavy machinery, and efforts to ensure that major roads remain open and safe for public use. Required support was coordinated on-site.

Similarly, Lt-Gen Soe Tint Naing visited Maha Thetkyaranthi Pagoda in Taungthaman Village, Amarapura Township, where he inspected the damaged sacred relic chambers and religious items stored after the quake. At Vaungtawgyar Pagoda and Yenar Pariyatti Monastery in Aungmyethazan Township, he examined the demolition and clearance of a damaged two-sto-

rey school building by Tatmadaw personnel, ensuring that operations proceeded efficiently and in coordination with local needs.

He also visited quake-damaged pagodas and religious buildings on Mandalay Hill, where debris was cleared and reconstruction work had begun.

Likewise, Lt-Gen Myo Thant Naing and responsible officials visited the quake-damaged monastic buildings in Nga Ka Taung Village, Kyaukse Township, inspecting rehabilitation works and offering religious donations to the abbot.

Continuing his visit, he inspected the damage to Shwe Taung Htee Pagoda and restoration work at the large stone stupas in Sugyee Ward. Rope-and-pulley systems were being installed to support the transport of necessary materials. In Taungyin Village, Sintgu Township, the damaged main power substation (Belin) had been repaired and was now fully restored.

Efforts are being made intensively to rehabilitate all religious, public, and educational infrastructure in the aftermath of the earthquake, with support from the Tatmadaw, government departments and the general public. — MNA/KZL

Global aid flows to Myanmar as quake toll hits 3,739

AS of 6 June, a total of 3,739 people died, 5,104 were injured, and 67 remain missing in six regions and states of Myanmar severely affected by the powerful earthquake that struck on 28 March.

Search and rescue teams from the Myanmar Fire Brigade, along with local and international rescue organizations, have been conducting emergency operations in the affected areas without delay. So far, 653 people have been rescued alive from collapsed buildings, and the bodies of 817 deceased individuals have been recovered.

Both local donors and philanthropic individuals have been providing financial aid and relief supplies to those affected by the disaster. Similarly, foreign governments, international organizations, and charitable donors have offered monetary and material assistance.

Between 5 pm on 5 June and 5 pm on 6 June, various forms of international aid arrived at Yangon International Airport, including 4.23 tonnes of humanitarian aid sent by Chinese donors and Myanmar nationals residing in China.

These relief items will be promptly distributed to the affected communities to ensure timely support. — MNA/MKKS

9 foreign telecom fraudsters deported via Myawady border



Immigration process underway for the deportation of foreign entrants.

THE Myanmar government has deported nine foreign nationals suspected of involvement in online scams and other criminal activities through Myawady Friendship Bridge II to their respective countries, in coordination with international organizations and neighbouring nations.

Among those deported were eight Filipinos and one national from the Republic of Congo. They had entered Myanmar illegally via border routes. They were allegedly linked to illegal online gambling and telecom fraud operations in areas such as Shwe Kokko, KK Park and Kyaukkhet in Myawady

Township, Kayin State.

Authorities carried out the deportation under immigration laws, human compassion, and international diplomatic goodwill.

From 30 January to 6 June 2025, Myanmar authorities have identified and detained a total of 9,114 illegal foreign entrants. Of these, 8,708 individuals have been systematically deported to their respective countries via Thailand, while the remaining 406 are prepared for transfer and are being held under proper care.

Myanmar continues to investigate and crack down on illegal online scam centres and the foreign nationals behind them, while also actively cooperating with other countries to repatriate victims of human trafficking and foreigners facing hardship. — MNA/KZL

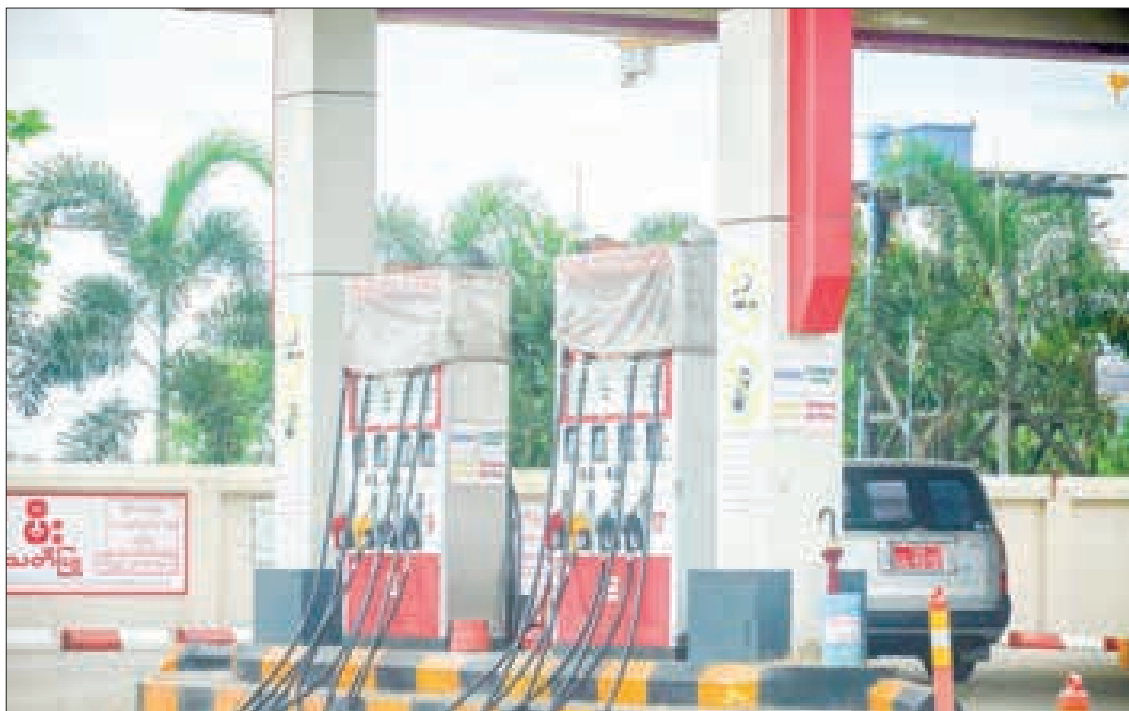
Fuel prices slip in domestic market

FUEL oil prices indicated a small decrease in the domestic market.

The set fuel prices were K2,855 per litre of Octane 92, K2,910 for Octane 95, K2,405 for diesel and K2,970 for premium diesel during a week from 30 May to 5 June. The prices declined to K2,845 per litre of Octane 92, K2,895 for Octane 95, K2,375 for diesel and K2,950 for premium diesel this week ending 12 June, showing a small decrease compared to those of the previous week.

The price index set by Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS), the pricing basis for many refined products in Southeast Asia, influences the domestic fuel prices, according to the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil. Under the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil, the Petroleum Products Reg-

ulatory Department has been issuing daily reference wholesale prices to ensure price stability for energy consumers. The committee is inspecting the fuel stations to see whether they are overcharging. Authorities are taking action against those retailers of fuel stations under the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law 2017 if they are found overcharging rather than the set reference rate. As per the statement, 90 per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced locally. Domestic fuel prices are highly correlated with international prices. The State is steering the market to mitigate the loss experienced by the importers, sellers and energy consumers. Consequently, the government is trying to distribute the oil at a reasonable price compared to that of regional countries. Some countries levied higher



A car is seen refuelling at the petrol station in downtown Yangon.

tax rates and hiked oil prices than Myanmar's. However, Malaysia's oil sector receives government subsidies, and the

prices are about 60 per cent lower than those of Myanmar. Every country lays down different policy patterns to fix oil

prices, the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil stated. — NN/KK

CBM to sell CNY364K on 5 June

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold 364,400 yuan on 5 June.

CBM announced on 4 June that it would sell \$30 million to fuel oil importers. CBM pumped \$422,000, 345,850 yuan and over 2.1 million baht on that day into the foreign exchange market.

CBM injected over 600,000 yuan and 2.6 million baht on 3 June, 579,900 yuan and 4.7 million baht on 2 June, over 610,000 yuan and 2.4 million baht on 30 May, after the sale of 4.3 million baht on 28 May into the financial market.

CBM announced on 27 May that it would sell \$30 million to fuel oil importers.

CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. 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



The general view of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) office in Yangon.

No 2 Mining Enterprise invites bids for tin, tungsten sale

NO 2 Mining Enterprise under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation invited interested businesses to submit a tender under an open procedure to procure tin and tungsten, according to the tender committee.

The department will sell 3.7120 tonnes of refined tungsten (Lot 1), 13.1790 tonnes of tin-tungsten mixed ores (Lot 2), 13.1790 tonnes of tin-tungsten mixed ores (Lot 3), 15.5210 tonnes of tin-tungsten mixed ores (Lot 4), and 6.360 tonnes of refined tin (Lot 5) from the

Myeik area.

The price proposal needs to be submitted by noon on 12 June. Individuals can enquire about tender forms at Office 19, Nay Pyi Taw, through the contact number of the ministry at 067 3409391. — NN/KK

SWD opens applications for school-based domestic skills training

THE Department of Social Welfare will be recruiting trainees for the second batch of the school-based domestic vocational training for the current 2025-2026 financial year at its schools in ten major cities, including Yangon, from 9 June to 18 July 2025. The training will take place at its schools located in Yangon, Mandalay, Mawlamyine, Patheingyi, Taungtha, Myittha, Pyaw Oo, Sittway, Ywangan, and Dawei. The training will provide sewing courses (women, children, and men's clothing, coats), domestic handicraft training (crochet, embroidery, sewing), baking, cooking, and floral design training with domestic and foreign experts through techni-

cal and practical approaches. There are eight batches every academic year, with each batch taking six weeks. Those interested individuals can contact the respective domestic vocational schools in their regions and states. For further details, individuals can enquire about Yangon school in Bahan through contact numbers 09 427900046, Mandalay schools through 02 4036798, Mawlamyine through 057 2027166, Toungoo through 054 2823571, Myitkyina through 074 2522558, Pyapon through 09 262757899, Patheingyi through 042 25373, 042 21037, Sittway through 043 22067, Ywangan through 081 4768015 and Dawei through 059 2024009. — NN/KK

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Produce safe foods to ensure a safe life

EVERYONE needs to ask themselves whether the food they eat is truly safe. If they are concerned, they should consider how much of it contains chemicals and harmful substances. In fact, those who process and produce food using inappropriate or harmful ingredients are violating human rights. In human societies, different types of food are produced through various processes. However, an important question arises: how safe is the food we consume? Generally, developed countries have established reliable standards to ensure transparency in food ingredients and consumer safety. In contrast, many developing and underdeveloped countries are not yet prepared to implement proper food standards or processing regulations. This is a critical issue for consumers in these countries.

Moreover, law enforcement agencies are responsible for inspecting food products to ensure that prohibited chemicals and ingredients are not used, and for taking action against offending manufacturers. However, corruption in food inspections remains a concern. There are notable weaknesses in the legal actions taken against malpractice in food processing. Indeed, consumers who want the freedom to choose safe food must be protected under the principle that no one is above the law.

World Food Safety Day, observed on 7 June, raises awareness and encourages action to prevent, detect, and manage foodborne risks. It plays a key role in strengthening food security, protecting health, supporting economic growth, enabling market access, and advancing sustainable development. The theme for World Food Safety Day 2025 is “Food Safety: Science in Action”.

Access to adequate, safe food is essential for sustaining life and supporting good health. Foodborne illnesses, often caused by bacteria, viruses, parasites, or harmful chemicals, are typically infectious or toxic and can be hidden from plain sight, entering the body through contaminated food or water.

Food safety plays a vital role in ensuring that food remains safe at every stage of the supply chain—from production and harvest to processing, storage, distribution, preparation, and consumption. Each year, around 600 million people become ill from unsafe food, posing a significant threat to global health and economies. Contaminated food is responsible for approximately 420,000 deaths annually, with young children making up 125,000 of these and carrying 40 per cent of the total disease burden.

World Food Safety Day, observed on 7 June, raises awareness and encourages action to prevent, detect, and manage foodborne risks. It plays a key role in strengthening food security, protecting health, supporting economic growth, enabling market access, and advancing sustainable development. The theme for World Food Safety Day 2025 is “Food Safety: Science in Action”.

IN 2016, Ko Kyaw Kha started writing English articles for The Global New Light of Myanmar. But even before that, he had been a regular and loyal reader of the newspaper for many years. Because of this habit, his house became crowded with piles of old newspapers. Sometimes, the stacks reached waist height – an entire year’s worth of papers. Since these old newspapers didn’t sell for much, he usually just left them where they were.

But after 2016, everything changed. Once his own name started appearing in the paper, he didn’t want to throw those issues away. Instead, he carefully picked them out and kept them aside like small treasures. Between 2016 and 2018, he collected many issues that contained his articles and poems. That small, precious stack was only about a half-foot tall. The rest of the old newspapers he eventually sold off. His personal collection – full of his own writing – was wrapped in old plastic sheets and left on the upper floor of his house, gathering dust and silence.

Around mid-2018, Ko Kyaw Kha stopped buying the printed newspaper. It wasn’t because he lost interest. One day, while using the internet, he found The Global New Light of Myanmar’s website. He downloaded that day’s edition

and read it on his computer. He liked how convenient it was. He could zoom in and out, read in dark mode, and most of all, enjoy the news early in the morning – something not always possible with the physical copy.

In truth, even when he used to buy the printed version, he often read it at night. If he got busy, he would read two- or three-days’ papers at once. So, reading the news digitally was much better for him. He even created a special folder on his computer to store the editions he downloaded. One day, when he checked, he saw that the folder had already reached over 2,000 files. It had grown to 10.6 GB in size.

Then, on 28 March this year, something unexpected happened – a strong earthquake measuring 7.7 on the Richter scale hit central Myanmar. Buildings collapsed, and the internet stopped working. The next morning, Ko Kyaw Kha sat down at his computer to download The Global New Light of Myanmar, but the website didn’t load. None of the news websites worked. For over half an hour, he tried everything – refreshing the page, using VPNs, even visiting other local websites – but nothing worked. The internet had failed.

After four days without access to the news, he felt anxious

Held in Hand, Etched in Heart

By Min Zan



and frustrated. Then, he remembered the newspaper delivery agent from the past. But he had never saved the number. Because he had relied on digital versions for years, he had lost all contact. In desperation, he asked his neighbour’s trishaw driver for help. The driver managed to find the delivery agent’s home and bring back the phone number.

When Ko Kyaw finally called, he was relieved to hear the familiar voice. “Can I start getting the English newspaper again? How much will it cost?” he asked. The answer surprised him. Only four people in town still subscribed to the English version, and the price was just K6,000 a month. Without hesitation, Ko Kyaw Kha confirmed the order.

Starting from 1 April, the delivery agent brought three or four papers at once every few days. Ko Kyaw Kha was happy to read the newspaper again. But the routine was different now. The newspaper arrived in the evening, just before dark. He could only read it in the late afternoon.

Although it wasn’t the latest breaking news, Ko Kyaw Kha still felt satisfied. After all, it had been almost five years since he last held a printed newspaper in his hands. Holding it again, turning its pages – it gave him a fresh, almost nostalgic feeling.

By mid-April, before the Myanmar water festival, the news websites became available again. That meant Ko Kyaw Kha could once again read the newspaper online in the early morning. But since he had already paid for the full month, the delivery agent kept bringing the physical paper. At the end of April, the delivery agent came to collect the next month’s payment. Ko Kyaw Kha thought about it – K6,000 for 30 days. That meant each issue cost only K200. Compared to today’s prices, it seemed like a small amount. So, he decided to continue for May and paid in advance.

Ko Kyaw Kha also thought about how difficult it must be to run a newspaper. Reporters, editors, and staff had to work late into the night to make sure the paper was ready by morning. He felt respect for them. He imagined the editors reading and editing many English articles, staying up late, and working under pressure.

Ko Kyaw Kha himself usually slept by 8 pm and woke up early. He knew he couldn’t handle such a schedule. Even when editing just one of his own articles, he felt tired and dizzy. So, he could only imagine how exhausted the editors must feel after working through many pieces.

He thought it was amazing – how people worked so hard every night, yet the newspaper cost only K200 a day. It felt more than worth it. So even though the online version was back, Ko Kyaw Kha continued subscribing to the printed newspaper. It wasn’t surprising.

But then came another surprise. One day before the last week of May, the delivery agent handed the paper to Ko Kyaw Kha’s daughter and casually said, “From June, the price will be K20,000.” Ko Kyaw Kha was shocked. He had just renewed his appreciation for the newspaper, and now the price was going up – more than three times higher. How could this be?

The next day, when the agent came again, Ko Kyaw Kha asked him to confirm. “The English paper is K20,000 – what about the Myanmar-language ones?”

“K10,000,” the agent replied. Ko Kyaw Kha was even more confused. Both are state-owned newspapers, printed with the same ink and on the same paper. The Mirror (the Myanmar version) even has more pages. So why is the English version double the price?

He paused. “Maybe I should stop my subscription. I can always read it online again in the morning.” But after a while, he changed his mind. “No, I can’t

stop. I’ll keep receiving the printed version.”

By now, nearly two months had passed since he started reading the hard copy again. And the truth was, he had grown attached to the simple pleasure of it. Sitting in his chair, unfolding the newspaper, sipping his coffee, reading each article slowly – this had become his quiet, peaceful routine. It brought him joy.

So, the next day, Ko Kyaw Kha made his decision. “When the delivery agent comes today, I’ll give him K20,000. I’ll keep the subscription.”

In fact, Ko Kyaw Kha did not mean to write about just newspapers – it’s about the value of words, the quiet dedication behind every printed line, and the deep connection between a reader and the stories that shape each day. For Ko Kyaw Kha, each edition is more than paper and ink; it is a piece of history, a personal journey, and a reminder of the unseen hands that bring the news to life before dawn. Whether digital or printed, the newspaper remains a daily ritual – one that carries both information and inspiration.

(This piece was written in honour of the tireless efforts of editors and the entire newspaper team.)

The Beauty of Literature

Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

Dear little brother Mg Thit Sin!
Your beloved son of over teen_ Likes what kind of literature?

Making an exhibition of oneself;
Of others, feeling fierce hatred;
Saying one's white beads;
Though lost in thought, one reads _
Just with imagination on average.

Good and evil in three fates of the world,
With a balanced view of the pros and cons,
Pointing to a great love of wisdom,
With imagination based on life,
Only if created, the beauty of literature.



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Whispers of Mango Trees

At the corner where two streets meet,
A quiet room, where memories greet.
Walls hold echoes, soft and deep,
Of childhood dreams and nights of sleep.
The school stood near, a sacred space,
Where lessons shaped both heart and grace.
Saint Francis watched with silent eyes,
As years transform, as memories rise.
We were five, a bond so bright,
Through laughter, love, and loss of light.
My father’s wisdom, his sister’s care,
Their voices linger in the air.
Above me, where my aunt once stayed,

Her presence in the past was engraved.
Though time has passed, they still stand,
In mango’s shade, their guiding hand.
Mango trees, with roots so wide,
Holding stories, time won’t hide.
Golden fruit, a legacy’s thread,
Feeding souls where ancestors tread.
Their branches stretch, their whispers call,
Through seasons bright and shadows tall.
A heritage is woven in bark and stone,
A sacred past, a life well-known.

@Editor

(A deeply heartfelt tribute to my late grandparents, my late father, and my late aunt.)



NATIONAL



An MoU signing event between the Myanmar Tourism Bank and the Rotary Club of Metro Yangon.

MTB, RCMY sign MoU on social responsibility partnership

FOR partnership in social responsibility projects, Myanmar Tourism Bank (MTB) and Rotary Club of Metro Yangon (RCMY) signed a memorandum of understanding, said MTB.

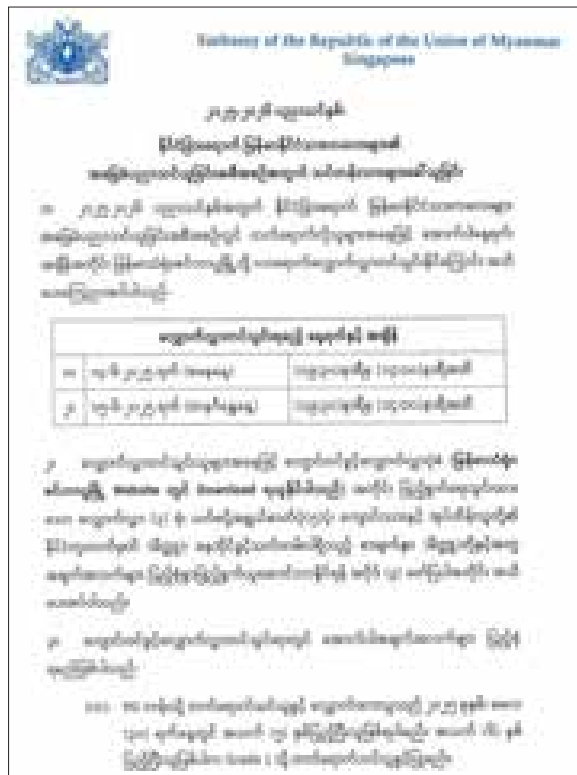
The MoU aims to jointly implement

socioeconomic development, maternal health, basic education and literacy, economic and community development and environmental conservation.

The signing of the MoU took place at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Yangon a few

days ago. In the ceremony, MTB CEO U Win Lwin and RCMY president Daw Yi Wyne signed the MoU before witnesses - MTB executive director Daw Theingi Lin and RCMY membership chair Daw Khin Win Nwe. — MT/ZS

Embassy opens applications for basic education enrolment



FOR this 2025-2026 academic year, Myanmar children who want to join the basic education programme can apply for enrolment on 14 and 15 June, said the Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Singapore.

Applications can be submitted from 9:30 am to 2 pm on 14 and 15 June, and application forms can be downloaded at the embassy's website. Three sets of applications filled the same as the enrolment form, five passport photos, a passport copy of the student and the guardian and a copy of the page of residency permit validity are required.

Announcement on the basic
education programme for
Myanmar children.

Children who turn five years old on 31 May 2025 are eligible to join KG, and six-year-olds can join Grade 1. To enrol, a birth certificate is required.

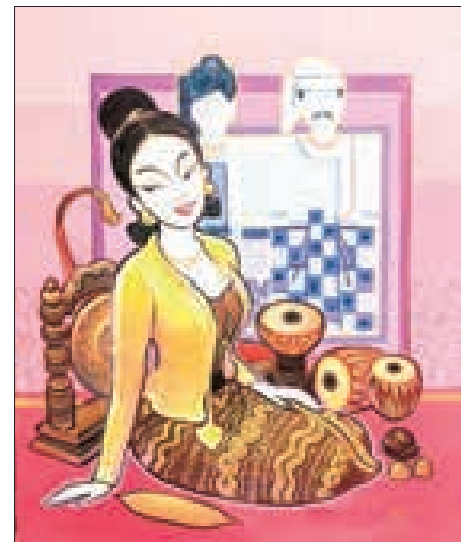
For other grades, the original document of the drop-out approval, to prove which grade was completed, is required, and students who want to join grade 10 have to fill out completely for which subject group they prefer. Students applying for grade 11 and grade 12 have to accept the subject group they chose in the lower grade.

Late applications require original drop-out approval and copies of monthly assessment records. Exam results will be released only when students pass the semester exam and the year-end exam, it said. — MT/ZS

7th solo art
exhibition held
in Yangon

ARTIST Aung Ko, who often paints images of ancient Myanmar women in a modern style, is holding his 7th solo exhibition titled “7th of Aung Ko”.

It will be held at the Collector Art Gallery, 287/289, 1st Floor, Bo Aung Kyaw Road (middle block), in front of the Ministers' Office, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, for five days from 7 to 11 June, featuring his works depicting Myanmar women.



This image portrays artist Aung Ko's paintings.

“Being inspired by a song titled “Shi or Wood Cutter’s song” by Hlwan Moe, I have been interested in the Myanmar word “Shi” since I was a 9th grader. I have been dreaming about Shi, but I don’t know much about Shi yet. Now, I would like to show all the Shi’s I can get my hands on 7 June 2025. It is not the Shi of the wood-cutter, but the Shi of a painter,” he wrote on his social media page.

"Despite the unpleasant things, I am satisfied if people enjoy watching my ladies' series," he said.

Regarding Aung Ko's paintings, "Actually, his young ladies may be from tradition or his imagination. Maybe his wife, or one from the old Pyu city, from the north or the south. What is certain is Shi is elegant, royal, wearing flowers or not, certainly with an Acheik and blouse. His style of painting is not traditional. It is modern. Most are black plains in the background. The complexion is black. Their faces are also in black colour, bearing secret rosy smiles. Surely, his Shi's are not realism," said Zaw Htut, a painting enthusiast. — Htun Htun/ZN

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Areas surrounding
Ketumati City
declared cultural
heritage zone

EFFORTS are being exerted to designate areas inside walls and outside moats in the ancient Ketumati City in Toungoo Township, Bago Region, as a cultural heritage property area.

Eleven (1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19) out of 23 wards in Toungoo are included in the expansion of designated cultural heritage areas by using precise GPS mapping, with the inclusion of eastern, western, and southern walls.

“Conservation activities have intensified since last year. At present, site designation within the ward is ongoing. Conservation efforts began in 1990. Squatting and encroachment around western, northern and southern walls have cleared, and the walls need further conservation,” Dr Mya Thaung, an advisor to the Department of Archaeology and National Museums. — ASH/KK



The designated cultural heritage property area inside and outside of the eastern, western and southern walls.

Myanmar Fire Brigade
to compete in Intl
Firefighting Contest in
S’pore

THE Myanmar Fire Services Department has confirmed that a team of firefighters will represent Myanmar at an international firefighting skills competition set to take place in Singapore this November.

The selected team will participate in both individual and team-based contests at the event. To prepare for the competition, ten outstanding firefighters will be chosen from across various regions and states, and they will undergo focused training.



This image depicts participants seen at the international firefighting skills competition in the previous year.

Myanmar first participated in this international event in 2023, also held in Singapore, where it secured third place in the individual skills category. Team Myanmar was also awarded the Best Team Leader prize at a separate emergency rescue competition held in Malaysia in 2024. — ASH/KZL

Rock Stage Fire
Concert set
to ignite with
power-packed
performances

SINGER Thadee Lu and singer Laimmawthee will host the “Rock Stage Fire” concert at 6 pm on 8 June at Judson Entertainment Bar in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Region, according to Laimmawthee.

Laimmawthee recently performed at the bar alongside singer Nay Min Eain. “We invite rock music lovers to come and join us,” she said.

“For rockers who are loud enough to let loose in the songs, the bar’s spacious indoor setting allows those who enjoy screaming and singing in front of the stage,” stated the Judson Entertainment page.

The event will be held as a Sunday night live concert, with the Judson Band providing excellent support for the vocalists’ performances. — ASH/KZL



This photo showcases an advertisement for the Rock Stage Fire music concert.

Weather

MYANMAR Daily Weather Report
(Issued at 7 pm Friday 6 June 2025)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 7 JUNE 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Eastern Shan State, fairly widespread in Yangon, Bago and Upper Sagaing Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon and southern Shan States and scattered in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Yangon, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine 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 of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 6-8 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Increase of rain in Taninthayi Region and Kayin, Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 7 JUNE 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 7 JUNE 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 7 JUNE 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80 per cent.

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay Region and fairly widespread in Yangon Region. — DMH

EARTHQUAKE
(Issued at 10 pm MST)

A slight earthquake of magnitude 3.9 Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about 33 miles west-northwest of Tanai), latitude 26.45 °N, longitude 96.19°E, depth 87 kilometres, about 103 miles northwest of Myitkyina seismological observatory was recorded at 21 hours 43 minutes 32 seconds MST on 6 June 2025. — DMH

China’s largest coalbed methane field reaches milestone output



This photo taken on 25 June 2022 shows workers checking equipment at the workshop of a coalbed methane mining base in Qinshui County, north China’s Shanxi Province. **PHOTO: WANG FEIHANG/XINHUA**

This achievement marks the Daning-Jixian block as the first coalbed methane field in China to reach such a cumulative oil and gas equivalent.

BY the end of May, China’s first large-scale coalbed methane field, the Daning-Jixian block in north China’s Shanxi Province, has seen its cumulative gas production exceed 3.6 billion cubic metres, equivalent to over 2.8 million tonnes of oil and gas, according to its developer.

This milestone makes it the country’s first coalbed methane field to achieve such a cumulative oil and gas equivalent, according to PetroChina

Coalbed Methane Co Ltd. As an unconventional natural gas, coalbed methane is considered a clean and strategic energy resource. Its utilization can help reduce mining risks, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and ease gas shortages. Shanxi holds abundant coalbed methane reserves, with an estimated 8.31 trillion cubic metres of resources buried at depths of less than 2,000 metres, nearly one-third of the national total. — Xinhua

Tatas to make Rafale fuselage in India in partnership

FRENCH aerospace company Dassault Aviation has signed four Production Transfer Agreements to manufacture the Rafale fighter aircraft fuselage in India, in partnership with Tata Advanced Systems. This marks a significant step forward in strengthening the country’s aerospace manufacturing capabilities

and supporting global supply chains. “This facility represents a significant investment in India’s aerospace infrastructure and will serve as a critical hub for high-precision manufacturing,” a joint statement said Thursday. Under the scope of the partnership, Tata Advanced

Systems will set up a cutting-edge production facility in Hyderabad for the manufacture of key structural sections of the Rafale, including the lateral shells of the rear fuselage, the complete rear section, the central fuselage, and the front section. The first fuselage sections are expected to roll off the assembly line in 2027-28, with the facility expected to deliver up to two complete fuselages per month. “For the first time, Rafale fuselages will be produced outside France. This is a decisive step in strengthening our supply chain in India. Thanks to the expansion of our local partners, including TASL, one of the major players in the Indian aerospace industry, this supply chain will contribute to the successful ramp-up of the Rafale and, with our support, will meet our quality and competitiveness requirements,” said Eric Trappier, Chairman and CEO of Dassault Aviation. — ANI



The facility represents a major investment in India’s aerospace infrastructure, aimed at establishing a critical hub for high-precision manufacturing. **PHOTO: ANI**

BRIEF: ECON

Japan convenience store chains start selling govt stockpiled rice

TWO major convenience store chains in Japan began selling government-released stockpiled rice at select stores in Tokyo and Osaka on Thursday, joining major supermarkets and e-commerce platforms in a move to increase availability of the staple food for consumers struggling with soaring rice prices. The outlets of Family Mart Co and Lawson Inc will sell the rice from the 2021 harvest in small portions to make it affordable for people, including those living alone. While many other retailers sell it in bags of 5 kilogrammes for about 2,000 yen (\$14), Family Mart sets the price of its 1-kg package at 388 yen, and Lawson’s is at 389 yen and 756 yen for 2 kg. Both will limit their sales to one package per customer. Lawson said it will make the rice available at its 13,800 stores nationwide on 14 June, excluding those in Okinawa, while Family Mart said it will also expand areas selling them. — Kyodo

Germany faces two more years of recession if US trade war escalates: central bank

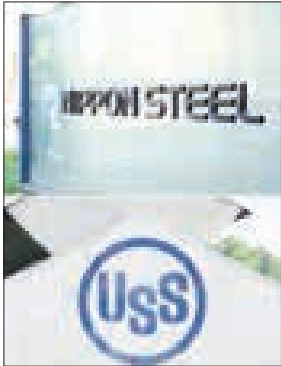
GERMANY could face two more years of recession if a trade war with the United States escalates sharply, the central bank said Friday, a bleak warning for Europe’s struggling top economy. If US President Donald Trump’s tariffs were to be implemented in full from July and the EU were to retaliate, then German output would decline 0.5 per cent this year and 0.2 per cent in 2026, the Bundesbank forecast. This would be due to a “marked decline in exports and significant uncertainty weighing on investment”, it said. There would be a return to growth in 2027, with a rebound of one percent, it said. — AFP

Singapore’s retail sales inch up 0.3% in Apr

SINGAPORE’S retail sales rose 0.3 per cent year-on-year in April, extending the 1.3 per cent growth recorded in March, according to data released Thursday by the Singapore Department of Statistics. On a seasonally adjusted basis, retail sales also climbed 0.3 per cent from the previous month. Total retail sales in April were estimated at 3.9 billion Singapore dollars (approximately US\$3.04 billion), with online transactions accounting for 12.6 per cent of total sales, down from 13.3 per cent in March. Meanwhile, sales in the food and beverage services sector increased by 1.2 per cent year-on-year in April, reversing the 2.7 per cent contraction seen in the previous month. The sector’s total sales value was estimated at 947 million Singapore dollars. (1 Singapore dollar equals US\$0.78) — Xinhua

Trump administration still reviewing Nippon-US Steel deal

US President Donald Trump’s administration on Thursday continued to review Nippon Steel Corp’s proposals to acquire United States Steel Corp., taking the decision past the expected deadline. It was earlier thought that Trump had until Thursday to decide whether to formally approve Nippon Steel’s buyout plan. But Trump could now make a final decision by 18 June, given that US authorities in January extended to that date a deadline for the Japanese and US steelmakers to abandon the plan. The original 30-day deadline was extended as the two producers took legal action against former US President Joe Biden’s decision to block the sale of the struggling but iconic American producer to the Japanese company. Biden had cited national security concerns for his decision. Trump, who also opposed the sale during the 2024 presidential race, ordered in April the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to conduct another review of Nippon Steel’s proposed acquisition. With the review now complete and its findings passed to the president, Trump apparently had until 5 June to determine his position under the 15-day presidential review period. —Kyodo



Combined photo shows the logos of Nippon Steel Corp (top) and United States Steel Corp. PHOTO: KYODO

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V NEW JOYFUL VOY.NO. (25T49)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V NEW JOYFUL VOY.NO. (25T49)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **7-6-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **WILMAR** where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Myanma Port Authority

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M/S WILSELSEN PORT SERVICES(S) PTE LTD

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V BEYPORE SULTAN VOY.NO. (25020)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **7-6-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SEAGLASS II VOY.NO. (2504)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **8-6-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT-5** where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Trump and Musk alliance melts down in blazing public row

As tensions escalated, Trump threatened to terminate Musk's government contracts, while Musk hinted at decommissioning SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft in response.

THE public fallout between Elon Musk and President Donald Trump escalated dramatically, marking a significant split in their previously supportive relationship.

Trump expressed disappointment in Musk after the tech mogul criticized his major spending bill, leading to a heated exchange of insults on social media.

Musk accused Trump of ingratitude, claiming his support was crucial for Trump's 2024 election prospects. The conflict has potential political and economic repercussions, with Tesla's stock value plummeting by over \$100 billion.

Trump threatened to revoke Musk's lucrative government contracts, including those for SpaceX and Starlink, while Musk hinted at decommissioning the Dragon spacecraft, essential for NASA missions.

The tension arose after Musk labeled Trump's spending plan an "abomination," igniting a public dispute that surprised many in Washington.

Despite the turmoil, Trump downplayed the feud,



'I'm very disappointed, because Elon knew the inner workings of this bill,' Donald Trump says. PHOTO: AFP

stating it was "going very well." A call was scheduled between the White House and Musk to address the situation.

The fallout from this rift could reshape political dynamics, as Musk even suggested forming a new political party, posing a challenge to Republican lawmakers. Meanwhile, Trump ally Steve Bannon called for Musk's deportation, highlighting the growing divide between the two influential figures. — AFP

Australian PM says not to compromise biosecurity laws in tariff negotiations with US

AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said on Friday that his government will not loosen biosecurity laws as it considers lifting a restriction on imports of US beef.

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)



Albanese emphasized that his government will not negotiate on biosecurity but is open to solutions that ensure food safety. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

and Nine Entertainment newspapers reported on Friday that Albanese's Labour Party government could use the import ban on some beef slaughtered in the US as a bargaining chip in negotiations for an exemption from US tariffs.

Responding to the reports, Albanese said that his government would not negotiate on biosecurity but would be open to a solution that would not compromise food safety.

"We'll never loosen any rules regarding our biosecurity," he told ABC radio.

Australia lifted a blanket ban on US beef imports, which had been in place since 2003, in 2019 but import restrictions on beef products from Canadian and Mexican cattle slaughtered in the US remain in place.

The US administration in March identified biosecurity laws relating to beef imports as a trade grievance with Australia ahead of unveiling the 'Liberation Day' tariffs.

The ABC and Nine Entertainment both reported that Australian officials believe that biosecurity laws could be tweaked to allow US beef into Australia without risking safety. — Xinhua

AI-generated Pope sermons flood YouTube, TikTok

AI-generated videos and audios of Pope Leo XIV have rapidly emerged online, attracting significant views as platforms struggle to manage them.

An AFP investigation uncovered numerous YouTube and TikTok accounts producing fabricated sermons and speeches attributed to the new pope since his appointment last month.

These AI-generated messages, available in English and Spanish, highlight the ease with which misinformation can spread. Experts note that the public's curiosity about the pope's views creates an opportunity for such hoaxes. Following AFP's report, YouTube terminated 16 channels for violating policies against spam and deception, while TikTok removed 11 accounts for impersonation and misleading content. Many of these pages lacked clear disclaimers about their AI-generated nature, making it difficult for viewers to discern the authenticity of the content. This situation underscores the challenges of regulating AI-generated misinformation in the digital age. — AFP

SPORTS



Myanmar's Sonrak competes against Petwichit during their bout at ONE Friday Fights 111 held at Lumpinee Boxing Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand, on 6 June 2025. **PHOTO: ONE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Sonrak defeats Petwichit via unanimous decision

MYANMAR'S Sonrak earned a unanimous decision victory over Petwichit at ONE Friday Fights 111, held on 6 June at Lumpinee Boxing Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand.

This marked their second meeting in the ring, with Sonrak once again coming out on top by points. While the bout was closely

contested, Sonrak's sharper punches and more accurate strikes to the head gave him the edge on the judges' scorecards.

The win was Sonrak's seventh in 12 bouts under the ONE Championship banner. — Htun Thway Eain/KZL

Myanmar star striker to continue with Malaysian club

MYANMAR national women's team's striker Win Theingi Tun will continue playing for the Sabah club in Malaysia after signing a contract extension until the end of this year.

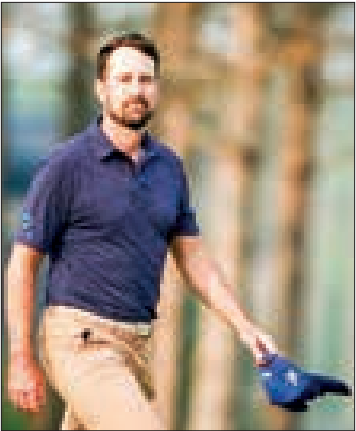
Win Theingi Tun has been playing for the Sabah club since last year and has now renewed her contract from mid-April to December. With Sabah, she will compete in the Malaysian domestic league and the AFC Women's Club Championship.

Win Theingi Tun holds the record as the first Myanmar woman footballer to play abroad, having previously played for clubs in India, Thailand, and Malaysia. — Chit Ko Ko/KZL



Striker Win Theingi Tun. **PHOTO: SABAH FC**

Dane Olesen, Chile's Del Solar share PGA Canadian Open lead



Chile's Cristobal Del Solar fired a nine-under par 61 to share the lead with Dane Thorbjorn Olesen after the first round of the US PGA Tour Canadian Open. **PHOTO: AFP**

CHILEAN Cristobal Del Solar flirted with the lowest round in US PGA Tour history before settling for a share of the lead after Thursday's opening round of the Canadian Open. Denmark's Thorbjorn Olesen and Del Solar each fired nine-under par 61 to seize the 18-hole lead at rain-softened TPC Toronto

Osprey Valley. Olesen, a back-nine starter, eagled the par-five 18th and birdied three of his last four holes — from just inside 14 feet at seven and eight — after only making the field as a Monday qualifier. "I played great, but my putting was exceptional," the Dane said. "Don't think I missed any putts really out there. I definitely holed some long ones as well. It was nice to see everything go in." Tour rookie Del Solar was 10-under through 16 holes but a bogey-par finish denied him a shot at the PGA record of 58.

"I was actually having fun," Del Solar said. "One of the first few rounds of the year I've just let go and go out there and play golf. "I wasn't really thinking much about the score, which that kind of led to a great score. I hit the ball great, putted it probably the best I have putted in a while. I did everything that should be done". — AFP

Uzbekistan coach says historic World Cup spot for 'our entire people'

UZBEKISTAN'S coach said "this victory belongs to all of us" after steering the Central Asian nation to the World Cup for the first time in their history.

A 0-0 draw at the United Arab Emirates on Thursday was enough to seal the landmark with a game to go in Asian qualifying for the 2026 World Cup in North America.

The expansion of

the tournament from 32 to 48 teams has given traditional outsiders such as Uzbekistan the chance to break into the top ranks of world football.

"We have come a long way and achieved an important result," their coach Timur Kapadze said, according to the Asian Football Confederation.

"We congratulate our entire people and our president. This victory belongs to all

of us. "Yesterday and today the phone calls have not stopped."

Uzbekistan started competing as an independent nation in the 1990s, following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Backed by state funding, Uzbekistan are one of Asia's fastest-developing footballing nations.

They are ranked 57th in the world. — AFP



Uzbekistan's players celebrate reaching the World Cup. **PHOTO: AFP**



India: PM Modi flags off two Vande Bharat Express trains from Katra to Srinagar

The new service reduces travel time between Katra and Srinagar from 6-7 hours by road to approximately 3 hours.

INDIAN Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday flagged off two Vande Bharat Express trains from Katra Railway Station, directly connecting Jammu division with Kashmir.

This marks a major milestone in Jammu and Kashmir's railway connectivity.

Before flagging off the trains, Prime Minister Modi interacted with school children onboard and also spoke with railway staff members present on the train.

The new Vande Bharat Express service will reduce the travel time between Katra and Srinagar from the current six-seven hours by road to just about three hours. The trains aim to provide a fast, comfortable, and reliable travel option for residents, tourists, and pilgrims. The train will run through the Anji Khad Bridge,



This event marks a significant milestone in improving railway connectivity in Jammu and Kashmir. **PHOTO: INDIAN PRESS INFORMATION BUREAU (PIB)/AFP**

which is India's first cable-stayed railway bridge, and the Chenab Bridge, which is the highest railway bridge in the world. These trains have been specially designed to operate in the cold climatic conditions of the Kashmir Valley. — ANI

SHIFT IN ENERGY SPENDING

Clean energy investment rising despite economic uncertainty: IEA

INVESTMENT in clean energy technologies is set to strike a record this year despite global economic uncertainty, double the spending on fossil fuels that will dip for the first time since 2020, the International Energy Agency said Thursday.

While the Trump administration has been hostile to renewable energy sources and trumpets boosting oil production, the IEA said security concerns as well as rising demand for electricity — including from artificial intelligence and data centres — is driving investment in clean energy sources. "Amid the geopolitical and economic uncertainties that are clouding the outlook for the energy world, we see energy security coming through as a key driver of the growth in global investment this year to a record \$3.3 trillion as countries and companies seek to insulate themselves from a wide range of risks," Executive Director Fatih Birol said as the IEA published its latest annual World Energy Investment report. — AFP

Vietnam exports up as US tariff threat lingers

VIETNAM'S exports rose sharply last month, official figures showed Friday, as the communist country tries to negotiate relief from swingeing tariffs threat-



Workers make shoes for export at a workshop of the footwear company in Hanoi, Vietnam, 1 April 2022. **PHOTO: HANDOUT VIA XINHUA**

ened by US President Donald Trump.

May exports stood at \$39.6 billion, according to data from the General Statistics Office, up 17 per cent on the same period a year ago, while the year-to-date total reached \$180.2 billion, 14 per cent higher than in 2024.

Vietnam, a major centre for global brands producing shoes and clothes, says it is making progress in talks with Washington to head off Trump's threatened 46 per cent levy.

The Southeast Asian manufacturing hub has the third-biggest trade surplus with the United States after China and Mexico, putting it in the firing line for Trump's "Liberation Day" global tariff blitz.

Vietnam's overall import-export turnover stood at \$78.6 billion in May, 15.5 per cent higher than the same month last year.

Imports were up by 14.1 per cent year on year to stand at \$39 billion in May. — AFP