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Myanmar wishes to deepen the existing bonds between Myanmar and China for many more decades: Senior General Min Aung Hlaing

China wishes to deepen and substantiate the construction of the China-Myanmar community with a shared future: Xi Jinping

HEADS of State between Myanmar and China exchanged congratulatory messages on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the Establishment of China-Myanmar Diplomatic Relations, which falls on 8 June 2025. The full texts of the messages are as follows: -

The congratulatory message sent by State Administration Council Chairman, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to President Mr Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China

Dated: 8 June 2025

Excellency,

On behalf of the People of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and on my own behalf, I wish to extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes to Your Excellency on the momentous occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and the People's Republic of China.

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The congratulatory message sent by President Mr Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China to State Administration Council Chairman, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing

Beijing, 8 June 2025

HE Senior General Min Aung Hlaing
Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Nay Pyi Taw
Your Excellency,

On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of China-Myanmar diplomatic relations, on behalf of the Chinese government and people, I would like to extend my warm congratulations to the Myanmar government and people.

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Thanlyin Refinery targets 500,000 tonnes of crude oil per year

The Ministry of Energy stated that Phase 1 of the project, currently underway at the No 1 Oil Refinery in Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region, is expected to operate in a new format to partially meet the country's fuel needs and produce 500,000 tonnes of crude oil annually. Short-term and long-term plans are being developed to ensure the continued operation of the oil refinery, which can process three million tonnes of crude oil per year as part of Project 2, and is expected to meet approximately half of the country's fuel needs upon the project's completion.

This photo captures the No 1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin).

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NATIONAL

Three approaches to meet target agricultural operations

EFFORTS can be made to boost the agricultural operations rate through three approaches: meeting target cultivation, increasing productivity of double crops, and expanding cultivated acreage.

(Excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the financial commission meeting on 27 November 2024)

Thanlyin Refinery targets 500,000 tonnes of crude oil per year

FROM PAGE 1 way using a Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) machine



This photo captures officials inspecting the No 1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin).

Drilling is currently under- way using a Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) machine to identify designated areas for constructing pipelines to transport crude oil and petroleum products and to connect the Bago River section of the South Dagon-Thanlyin natural gas pipeline.

The Thanlyin Refinery, which previously produced gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, and kerosene, suspended operations in 2017 for review and implementation in alignment with the State's economic policy.

State-owned refineries currently produce only about 3 per cent of the petroleum products consumed domestically, prompting the ministry to intensify efforts to increase production. — ASH/TH

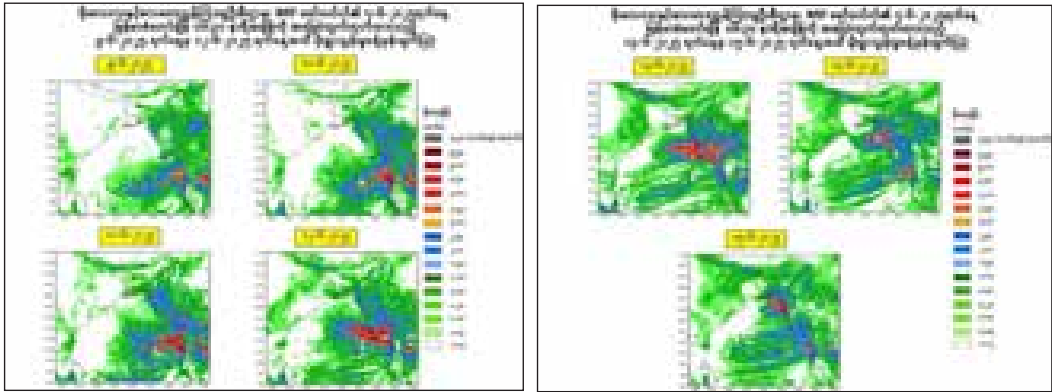
Special Weather News

Issued at 7 pm MST on 7 June 2025

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 and (southern and eastern) Shan states with likelihood of regionally and isolated heavy falls during 9 June 2025 to 15 June 2025.

Advisory

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



Weather Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Saturday, 7 June 2025)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate to strong over the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and moderate elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 8 June 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Magway Region, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and lower Sagaing regions and Rakhine and northern Shan states, fairly widespread in Yangon, Bago and upper Sagaing regions and Kachin and southern Shan states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and eastern Shan State . 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, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayah, 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: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30 miles per hour. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 8-10 feet in the Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts and six to eight feet off and along Rakhine Coast.

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

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 June 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 June 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 June 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80 per cent. — DMH

Top websites and web portals to access Military Service Rules

1. Office of the State Administration Council https://sacoffice.gov.mm	
2. Ministry of Defence https://www.mod.gov.mm	3. Ministry of Legal Affairs https://www.mlis.gov.mm
4. Ministry of Information https://www.moi.gov.mm	5. Myawady Webportal https://myawady.net.mm
6. Myanmar National Portal https://myanmar.gov.mm	

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

(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)

The congratulatory message sent by State Administration Council Chairman, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to President Mr Xi Jinping of the People’s Republic of China

FROM PAGE 1

Over the past seven and a half decades, the ties between our two countries have been characterized by deep-rooted “Pauk-Phaw” friendship and close people-to-people bonds. These relations, nurtured by successive Governments, have grown from strength to strength and were elevated to the level of a Comprehensive Strategic Cooperative Partnership in 2011.

The historic state visit of Your Excellency to Myanmar in 2020 marked a new chapter in our bilateral relations, during which both sides committed to building a Myanmar-China community with a shared future, founded on the principles of equality, mutual respect, and trust.

It is a matter of great satisfaction that our multi-faceted cooperation has continued to expand in depth and breadth. Notably, strategic projects under the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor, within the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative, are being implemented to the mutual benefit of our countries and peoples.

I also wish to recall our recent fruitful meeting in Moscow, during which we reaffirmed our shared commitment to advancing strategic cooperation, particularly in the areas of security, energy, and border stability, while enhancing coordination in regional and international fora.

Moreover, my productive visit to Kunming in November 2024 to attend the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Summit provided an excellent opportunity to explore enhanced cooperation in key sectors such as energy, agriculture, transportation, and public health. During that occasion, we also committed to intensifying

joint efforts to combat online scams, which pose a growing threat to the security and stability of our region and beyond.

Taking this opportunity, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Government and people of China for the timely and generous humanitarian assistance extended in the aftermath of the recent earthquake in Myanmar. This act of solidarity is a touching reflection of the profound friendship and shared compassion that binds our two peoples in times of adversity.

On this auspicious occasion, I would also like to reiterate our deepest gratitude for China’s steadfast support for Myanmar’s efforts to achieve long-lasting peace and stability, national reconciliation, and socioeconomic development.

I look forward to continuing close cooperation with Your Excellency to further deepen the existing bonds between our two countries and usher in many more decades of strong, resilient, and mutually beneficial partnership.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration, along with my best wishes for Your Excellency’s personal well-being and for the continued peace, prosperity, and progress of the friendly people of China.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing

His Excellency Mr Xi Jinping
President
People’s Republic of China
Beijing

The congratulatory message sent by President Mr Xi Jinping of the People’s Republic of China to State Administration Council Chairman, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing

FROM PAGE 1

In the past 75 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Myanmar, the Pauk-Phaw friendship has grown stronger amidst wind and rain. The two countries adhere to the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence and the Bandung Spirit advocated by both sides, uphold good-neighbourliness and friendship, deepen mutually beneficial cooperation, and firmly support each other on issues related to our respective core interests and major concerns, which has set a good example of friendly interaction among countries.

When we met in May this year in Russia, we reached important consensus on promoting China-Myanmar community with a shared future. China attaches great importance to the development of China-Myanmar relations. Taking the 75th

anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations as an opportunity, China is ready to work with Myanmar to accelerate high-quality Belt and Road cooperation, implement the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative, deepen and substantiate the construction of China-Myanmar community with a shared future, and bring greater benefits to the peoples of our two countries.

I wish Myanmar enjoy prosperity and its people well-being.

Xi Jinping
President of the People’s Republic of China

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NATIONAL

The congratulatory message sent by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Premier of the State Council Mr Li Qiang of the People's Republic of China

Dated: 8 June 2025

Excellency,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and on my own behalf, I would like to extend our warmest congratulations to Your Excellency and to the Government of the People's Republic of China on the auspicious occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries, which falls on 8 June 2025.

Since the formal establishment of diplomatic ties in 1950, Myanmar and China have enjoyed pacific synchronicity as close neighbours, guided by the enduring Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence. Over the past decades, our bilateral relationship has steadily evolved and deepened, culminating in its elevation from existing Pauk-Phaw relations to a Comprehensive Strategic Cooperative Partnership, subsequently to a shared commitment to building a Myanmar-China community with a shared future.

China remains Myanmar's largest trade partner and a major source of investment and development assistance, playing a pivotal role in supporting Myanmar's socioeconomic development. At the same time, our unique Pauk-Phaw friendship has continued to flourish, underpinned by vibrant people-to-people exchanges across a wide range of sectors. The increasing number of sister-city and friendship-city partnerships stands as a testament to the ever-deepening bonds of mutual understanding, trust, and cooperation between our two peoples.

I am pleased to recall with great satisfaction our fruitful discussions held in Kunming last year, on the sidelines of the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Summit, where we explored new opportunities for enhanced cooperation in key

sectors, such as energy, agriculture, transportation, and public health. I am especially encouraged by our shared resolve to intensify joint efforts to combat online scamming, which poses a significant threat to the stability and security of the region and beyond.

Taking this opportunity, I would also like to express my profound gratitude to the Government of the People's Republic of China for its timely and generous assistance following the recent Mandalay earthquake. This compassionate response reflects the true spirit of solidarity and friendship that underpins our long-standing bilateral ties.

Furthermore, I wish to reaffirm our deep appreciation for China's steadfast support of Myanmar's ongoing efforts to attain peace and security, national reconciliation, and Socio-economic development.

Looking ahead, I am confident that the cordial relations and mutually beneficial cooperation between Myanmar and China will continue to grow stronger and more resilient, bringing shared prosperity to our two peoples for generations to come.

May I once again extend my best wishes for Your Excellency's good health and continued success, and for the everlasting peace and prosperity of the People's Republic of China.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.
Senior General Min Aung Hlaing

His Excellency Mr Li Qiang
Premier of the State Council
People's Republic of China
Beijing.

The congratulatory message sent by Premier of the State Council Mr Li Qiang of the People's Republic of China to State Administration Council Chairman, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing

Beijing, 8 June 2025

HE Senior General Min Aung Hlaing
Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Nay Pyi Taw
Your Excellency,

On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of China-Myanmar diplomatic relations, I would like to extend my warm congratulations to you.

China and Myanmar, linked by mountains and rivers, share a long history of Pauk-Phaw friendship. In the past 75 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations between our countries, thanks to our joint efforts, friendly exchanges and

practical cooperation in various fields have made great progress. Taking the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations as an opportunity, I would like to work with you to strengthen China-Myanmar comprehensive strategic cooperation, deepen and substantiate the construction of China-Myanmar community with a shared future, and inject new impetus into the development of our two countries.

I wish Myanmar enjoy prosperity and its people well-being.

Li Qiang
Premier of the State Council
of the People's Republic of China

The congratulatory message sent by Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe to Mr Wang Yi, Member of the Political Bureau of CPC Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China

Dated: 8 June 2025

Excellency,

It is my pleasure to convey my heartfelt greetings and warmest congratulations on the auspicious occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China.

Over the past 75 years, our two countries have shared longstanding ties and amicable neighbourly relations, underpinned by close geographical proximity, mutual respect, and deep-rooted Pauk-Phaw friendship between our two peoples. It is satisfying to note that the multi-sectoral cooperation between our two countries has significantly deepened over the years and culminated in the elevation of our ties to a Comprehensive Strategic Cooperative Partnership, subsequently to a shared commitment to building a Myanmar-China community with a shared future.

I am confident that, through our shared commitment and sturdy collaboration, the enduring friendship and cooperation between our two countries and peoples will

continue to flourish in the years to come.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Government of the People's Republic of China for its timely and generous humanitarian assistance in response to the recent Mandalay Earthquake.

I look forward to continuing to work more closely with Your Excellency to further advance our cooperation, not only in the bilateral context but also within regional and multilateral frameworks, for the mutual benefit of our two countries and peoples.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.
Than Swe

His Excellency Mr Wang Yi
Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and
Minister of Foreign Affairs
People's Republic of China
Beijing

The congratulatory message sent by Mr Wang Yi, Member of the Political Bureau of CPC Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China to Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe

Beijing, 8 June 2025

HE U Than Swe
Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Nay Pyi Taw
Your Excellency,

On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of China-Myanmar diplomatic relations, I would like to extend my warm congratulations to you.

In the past 75 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations, China-Myanmar relation have withstood the test of changes in the international landscape

and consistently maintained a sound momentum of development. I would like to make joint efforts with you to implement the important consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries, expand practical cooperation in various fields, and consistently promote the construction of China-Myanmar community with a shared future.

I wish Myanmar enjoy prosperity and its people well-being.

Wang Yi
Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China

NATIONAL

MoBA provides stipends and stationery to staff's offspring

THE Ministry of Border Affairs held a ceremony to present educational support funds and stationery to the children of its staff for the 2025–2026 academic year at the Ministry's meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The ceremony was attended by State Administration Council Member and Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and his wife, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Phyo Thant and his wife, the permanent secretary and his wife, the director-general and his wife, officials and their wives, staff members, students, and their parents.

Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae first emphasized the importance of scholarships and annual support provided to the children of civil servants en-



State Administration Council Member Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae presents educational support funds and stationery to students of the 2025-2026 academic year yesterday.

rolled in universities, colleges, and basic education schools. He urged students to value this support, continue learning, and develop their skills to secure a bright future. He encouraged them to read widely and inte-

grate knowledge and innovative ideas to become strong, ethical citizens who contribute to the nation's welfare. He also reminded parents to raise their children as morally upright and well-educated individuals.

Following the speech, the Union minister and his wife, the deputy minister and his wife, and other officials distributed books, tuition fees, and school uniforms to 1,504 students enrolled in universities,

colleges, and basic education programmes ranging from elementary to high school for the 2025–2026 academic year. The event warmly welcomed the students and their parents. — MNA/MKKS

MoSYA Union Minister inspects training camps of national sports teams



Myanmar Olympic Committee Chair Union Minister Jeng Phang Naw Taung observes the training of the preliminary selected table tennis players in Yangon yesterday.

CHAIR of the Myanmar Olympic Committee and Union Minister for Sports and Youth

Affairs Jeng Phang Naw Taung visited several sports training camps in Yangon yesterday

morning to observe and encourage athletes preparing for upcoming competitions.

The Union minister visited Football Pitch No 1 inside the Kyakkasan Sports Complex in Tamway Township in the morning, where he watched the Myanmar National League 2025-2026 men's team ISPE FC and the Myanmar Women League 2025-2026 women's team ISPE FC training.

The Union minister proceeded to the indoor stadium of Aung San Sports Ground in Mingala Taungnyunt Township. There, he met the primary selected volleyball players who were training for the XXXIII Southeast Asian Games and encouraged them as they practised.

Later, he met the Myanmar Teqball Federation officials, including deputy chairpersons and other responsible persons at Pan Wa Guesthouse in Ka-

mayut Township. They discussed the current progress of preparations for the XXXIII Southeast Asian Games, collaboration with the organizing committee, plans for hiring foreign coaches, invitational tournaments, joint training trips, as well as securing sports fields, halls and office spaces. The director-general and officials added further updates. The Union minister urged everyone to train diligently to achieve medal success at the SEA Games.

Finally, he visited the Myanmar Table Tennis Federation training camp located inside the National Swimming Pool complex on U Wisara Road, Dagon Township. He observed the training of the primary selected table tennis players and inspected the dormitory facilities. — MNA/KZL

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NATIONAL

Moral support for communities affected by earthquake



Chinese Ambassador Ms Ma Jia hands over the Myanmar-language films and short documentaries produced by CMG to Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn.

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Myint, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia and other relevant officials attended a ceremony to provide “Moral Support for Communities Affected by Earthquake” marking the 75th anniversary of China-Myanmar diplomatic ties at Myanma Radio and Television in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon yesterday.

The ceremony commenced with a performance by the vocalists and students, followed by a screening of a video clip on

“Myanmar, Moving Forward Aftermath of Severe Earthquake”.

The attendees also observed a minute of silence in remembrance of those killed during the powerful earthquake.

Speaking at the event, Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn said the emergency search and rescue team from China was the first and fastest to arrive in Myanmar following the earthquake. Due to the efforts of these teams, four survivors and 64 deceased individuals were successfully handed over to their respective family members. The Chinese medical teams brought a wide range of medicines and equip-

ment and set up a mobile clinic in Mandalay, one of the areas most affected by the earthquake, where they were able to provide medical care to the injured.

In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of Myanmar-China diplomatic relations, a media dialogue between the two countries was held on 1 June at the Parkroyal Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw. The 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between Myanmar and China will fall on 8 June and a grand and meaningful ceremony will be held to mark this diamond jubilee.

Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia also made a speech at the event, expressing her belief in a speedy recovery in the quake-hit areas, and relaying the friendly relations between China and Myanmar through

media cooperation and shared community spirit.

The Chinese Ambassador handed over these Myanmar-language films and short documentaries, produced by CMG, to Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn for broadcasting on Myanma Radio and Television (MRTV).

Then, relief supplies were provided for 11 households from MRTV and 110 households from the Ministry of Education, affected by the earthquake. This was followed by entertainment programmes, including performances of songs by the vocalists and a quiz programme for the attendees.

At noon, the video clips produced by the CMG were screened at the MRTV Auditorium to entertain the quake-hit communities from Tatkon Township. — MNA/KTZH



Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn delivers a speech at the ceremony to provide “Moral Support for Communities Affected by Earthquake” marking the 75th anniversary of China-Myanmar diplomatic ties at MRTV in Tatkon, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.



Trainees engage in a hands-on practical session.

DTVET launches EV maintenance training on 16 June

THE Department of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (DTVET) under the Ministry of Science and Technology will conduct Electric Vehicles Maintenance and Troubleshooting Training 3/2025 from 16 June to 4 July 2025, to share EV technical knowledge regarding troubleshooting problems in EVs.

Trainees must be healthy enough to execute practical work. Graduates of GTHS (AT, ET, EC), ITC (AT), AGTI, BTech, BE, ME, PhD (Mech, EP, EC,

MC), and staff of EV private companies with high school education are eligible to attend the training. The training will offer both practical and technical knowledge of EVs with the use of Lab equipment. They will receive a completion certificate. The three-week training will be conducted from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays at the Technical Teachers Training College (TTTC) (Belin) in Kyaukse District, Mandalay Region.

Those enthusiastic can enrol in the training by 13 June

by providing a citizenship scrutiny card copy, a health certificate from the Township Public Health Department, copies of education certificates, a household registration copy, a police clearance certificate and three licence-sized colour photos. The training is limited to 25 trainees. Individuals can enquire about details through the contact numbers of the Department of Technical and Vocational Education and Training at 09 790361553, 09 5661235, and 09 787086456. — NN /KK

NATIONAL

Tatmadaw members, volunteers tirelessly carry out rescue and rehab operations

RESCUE and rehabilitation operations are being implemented in the areas facing extensive loss and damage caused by the Mandalay earthquake.

Yesterday, Lt-Gen Thet Pon from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) inspected the renovation of damaged religious edifices at Laykyun Manaung Pagoda in Sagaing. He observed the demolition of damaged buildings and removal of debris at SunU Ponnyashin Pagoda, Umin Thonze Pagoda, Shwehintha Monastery and Thakyadita Nunnery in Sagaing. He also viewed the construction of temporary buildings for members of the Sangha at Laykyunmyay Monastery in NanU Myothit and healthcare services of the Tatmadaw medical team to people at the 700th Anniversary Sports Ground. While in Sagaing, he looked into the removal of the damaged school building and the construction of temporary school buildings at the No 1 Basic Edu-



Lt-Gen Thet Pon views the debris cleaning work at the SunU Ponnyashin Pagoda in Sagaing.

cation High School.

Lt-Gen Myo Moe Aung from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) oversaw the clearing of debris at damaged public houses in Chanayethazan Township and instructed officials

to take care of worksite safety and to ensure traffic safety for people. He inspected the demolition of “A” building at Sky Villa in Aungmyaythazan Township, the clearing of debris, and the handover of precious objects from Sky

Villa to the object acceptance and handover body.

Lt-Gen Soe Tint Naing from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) viewed round beautification of No 18 BEHS and renovation of dam-

aged buildings in Mandalay royal city in Aungmyaythazan Township. He looked into the demolition of dangerous public buildings in Mawragiwa Ward of Chanayethazan Township and instructed officials to take care of worksite safety.

Lt-Gen Myo Thant Naing from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) observed progress in the construction of temporary staff housing of the Kyaukse District General Administration Department and the construction of modular container houses in the district’s Small-scale Industries Department. He also inspected the renovation of the embankment of the Zawgyi River carried out by the Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department in Kyaukse, the progress of the new school building at the BEHS Branch (Myinsaing) and the damaged Shwemyintin Pagoda in Belin Village-tract in Singaing Township. — MNA/TTA

Informant tips spark crackdown: Illegal trade ring busted

SUPERVISED by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, inspection teams under state and regional illegal trade eradication task forces, along with One-Stop Services led by the Customs Department, are consistently and effectively cracking down on illegal trade. These efforts target border trade offices, permanent checkpoints along land and sea trade routes, and ports and airports, emphasizing the importance of accu-

rate information.

In May 2025, responsible citizens submitted 114 reports, of which six were inaccurate and three were late, leading to 105 arrests. A total of 299 cases involved the seizure of 72 kinds of illegal goods, including timber, industrial products, consumer goods, and foodstuffs, with an estimated value of K12.515 billion. Additionally, boats, vehicles, fishing boats, and unregistered motorbikes were

confiscated.

Whistleblowers will be awarded 20 per cent of the estimated value of the seized items. Accordingly, departmental officials are arranging to distribute K2.503 billion of the K12.972 billion in rewards for informants in April 2025.

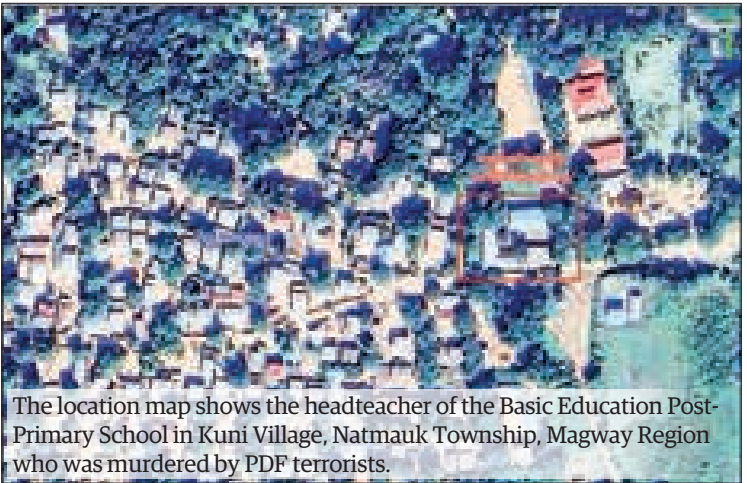
Responsible citizens can report illegal trade by calling 09 404339969 or 067 409883 or by emailing antiillegaltradeinfo@gmail.com. — MNA/MKKS



Confiscated illegal items in May.



PDF attack claims principal’s life in Magway Region



The location map shows the headteacher of the Basic Education Post-Primary School in Kuni Village, Natmauk Township, Magway Region who was murdered by PDF terrorists.

PDF terrorists have committed destructive acts against educational buildings and schools, as well as threatening and murdering teachers.

On 6 June, PDF terrorists arrived on three motorcycles at a school and threatened Daw Yi Yi Htwe, 46, headteacher of the Basic Education Post-Primary School in Kuni Village, Natmauk Township, Magway Region, demanding that she join the Disloyalty Civil Servant

(DCS) movement while she was performing her duties. She was brutally murdered for refusing their demand.

Between 1 February 2021 and 6 June 2025, terrorist groups killed 80 educational staff and injured 35 others.

Civilians strongly condemned these terrorist attacks on teachers, and security forces have responded promptly with security measures. — MNA/MKKS

OPINION

Emphasize economic development to increase the State’s GDP

WHEN referring to the development of a country, it primarily means economic development. As the economic condition of a country improves, other sectors such as social affairs, education, health, and defence also progress accordingly. Researchers state that the main reason for the differences in development levels among countries lies in the capabilities and motivation of the citizens.

No matter how richly endowed a country may be with natural resources, if it cannot harness human capabilities to drive development, its level of progress will remain low. The abundance or scarcity of natural resources is not the primary factor determining a country’s development. This can be understood by studying countries around the world. Today, there are many developed countries that have very limited natural resources.

Although Myanmar is an agriculture-based nation, the agricultural production sector is still underperforming. The target goals set for each crop have not yet been met. As a result, national income has decreased by over US\$8 billion. If crop yields can reach their full potential, an additional income of around US\$14 billion could be gained. To meet crop production targets and achieve full yield potential, people must fulfil requirements, address weaknesses, and make every possible effort to improve.

must strive to work even harder. The government will only adopt the policies, while it is the responsibility of the regions and states to successfully implement projects. However, the projects carried out by the respective regions and states have not yet achieved the level of success expected.

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Natural resources here refer to both underground resources such as oil, natural gas, minerals, and gemstones, as well as surface resources like rivers, creeks, lakes, mountain ranges and forests. Moreover, factors such as climate, topography, soil quality, and access to the sea are also included. In this regard, it can be observed that Myanmar is abundantly blessed with natural resources.

However, Myanmar is still listed among the least developed nations. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which reflects the value of domestic production, remains low compared to other countries in the region. As a result, the levels of education, healthcare, and overall living standards of our citizens lag behind those of neighbouring countries. Although the country is rich in natural resources such as water and land, the lack of human capital and skilled labour leads to underdevelopment in the economy and various sectors.

As Myanmar’s GDP remains lower than that of neighbouring countries, everyone

Book Title	-	Enrich Your English for Personal Development
Authors	-	Saya Nyunt Wai Moe & Dr Soe Than
Publishing House	-	City Discovery Publishing
Publication Date	-	March 2025 (2 nd Edition)
Price	-	K12,000

Enrich Your English for Personal Development

“ENRICH Your English for Personal Development”, newly released by Saya Nyunt Wai Moe and Dr Soe Than, is a sequel to the “Learning English for Self-Improvement” book that provides a systematic guide for young learners who want to study English independently like self-study, master the language, and apply it to advance their lives.

The book is divided into two parts. In the section by Saya Nyunt Wai Moe, the contents include an introduction, Vocabulary Knowledge, Reading with Benefits, Ten Tips for Reading Extensively, Critical Reading, Writing, Essay Writing, Paraphrasing, Translating, and Conclusion.

In Dr Soe Than’s section, the contents include the introduction, Top Five Habits of Good Language Learners, They immerse themselves in language input, They notice language features, They engage in interaction, They seize every opportuni-

ty to produce output, they have visions, Understanding the Style of the English Language, the Dictionary as the Best Teacher, Using Free Online Resources to Improve English, and Conclusion.

In this book, the authors have highlighted their own experiences in learning and teaching English to present the most effective suggestions for improving English language skills, especially for those who are just beginning to learn English, and for those who, despite studying for a long time, still feel they have not made satisfactory progress.

In addition, for those who already have a basic foundation in English, the guide provides comprehensive methods to enhance their English language proficiency. It includes information about online resources that can greatly support English language learning, such as websites for English language learning

that can be explored on the internet and details about English language teaching organizations. It also thoroughly explains how to make use of these resources effectively for self-study.

Regarding the word enrich, the author said the word “enrich” verb means “to improve the quality of something by adding something else (such as to improve the quality of something by adding something else (such as influence, essence, or value).” For example: -

Education can greatly enrich your life. Fertilizer helps to enrich the soil. Experiences enrich our lives. This book enriches our knowledge of English grammar.

Another meaning of enrich (verb) is to make something or someone richer, for example; He works hard to enrich himself.

Book Title	-	You Are Not So Smart by David McRaney
Translator	-	Casper Zaw
Publishing House	-	Country Roads
Publication Date	-	April 2025 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K21,000

You Are Not So Smart by David McRaney

THIS week’s pick is You Are Not So Smart by David McRaney, with a captivating description of a book on the back cover blurb.

“You”

“Delusion”-you are a logical and rational being who sees the world as it is and whose decision is grounded in reality, and they are practical in their approach.

“Truth”-you might be confused like others, yet it is okay. That is normal.

Casper Zaw translated this book into Myanmar. This book is focused on Psychology, self-help and behavioural science.

“You Are Not So Smart” is an eye-opening book in which another writer talks to the reader directly with the pronoun “you”, questioning our beliefs, motives and imagination against others’ ex-

pectations. The author explained how we might mislead ourselves every single day and follow paths based on delusional beliefs about ourselves. He pointed out that you are unaware of how unaware you are. This book encourages readers to reflect on their cognitive processes and self-awareness.

This book delving into the research of psychologists and neuroscientists explores psychological phenomena and various cognitive biases of the human mind without realizing it, and exposes how our brains can trick us into feeling superior; believing falsehoods, and making irrational decisions. It offers a lighthearted introduction to those concepts and provides relatable examples to make complex concepts easy to understand and remember with his engaging

writing style.

The book is an invaluable compendium of ideas and facts about how we might delude ourselves with our own self-deception, and we all fall prey to illusions and cognitive biases. You might consider that you understand how the world works. In truth, you don’t know. You have constructed merely fictional stories and assumptions about who you are and why you do things. Now, you read this sentence and might feel like the reality mentioned in the preface.

The book sheds light on confirmation bias, that you tend to look for information that confirms your beliefs and ignore information that challenges your preconceived notions. The book shares the Dunning-Kruger Ef-

fect, describing a cognitive bias in which individuals with limited knowledge or skill overestimate their abilities. Priming, meaning unconscious influence from the prime, can alter your future behaviour or response.

Hindsight Bias highlights the tendency upon learning the outcome of an event, and the Illusion of Control, the psychological phenomenon where individuals believe they have more influence over outcomes than they actually do, with overconfidence. The author elaborates on those concepts, exploring how our minds are prone to illusions and misinterpretations in our daily routines.

Readers will gain profound insight into human psychology. Upon finishing this book, you will find yourself redefining and rethinking lifelong beliefs and thought patterns.

Furthermore, books will help you understand self-awareness, develop deeper empathy for others’ perspectives, develop caution in decision-making, develop intellectual curiosity and develop self-critical self-reflection. You will accept that you are not always right and cultivate the courage to learn from mistakes and embrace change.

This book will empower you to take accountability for your mind and decisions with grace.

Dream Interloper

By Chit Ko Pe

A turf is walked over again and again, leading to becoming a foot lane. Spring water flows on the lower ground, leading to becoming a stream, along. The wave strikes the rock range, leading to becoming sand grains. Affection creeps into me and hides, so as not to miss the dream at night, leading to becoming her refuge site.

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ချစ်ကိုစေ

Imitation

By Mya Thae (Research)

- Real love is where.
- It is a little and rare.
- Imitation of love is overwhelmed in human beings.
- They love richness and dignity.
- If you are a poor person, they don’t want to call you and look down.
- If you are a rich and dignified person, they want to introduce, treat kindly and offer sweet smiles.
- Couple love is also an imitation of truth.
- They abandon when they find a new high standard.
- Thus, imitations are overwhelming everywhere.

The End Act of the Flower

By Maung Swan Yi (Translated by Myint Zan)

when it starts to bloom
it yearns for the sky
when it withers
it falls to the ground

the sky is the palace of the stars
a flower is merely the daughter of the earth
hence the flower ends its act on the ground
‘tis the way it is

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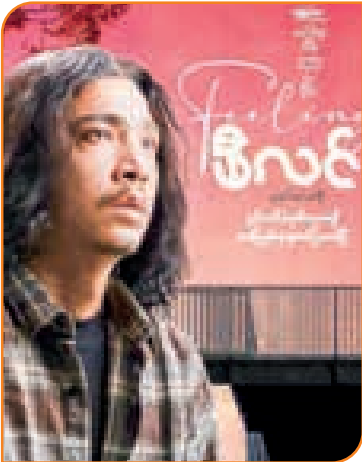
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NATIONAL

Entertainment



Moe Moe
REGARDING the songs performed by Moe Moe at the event held at the Overtime Bar at 7 pm on 7 June, Saturday, it was officially clarified that he had obtained permission from the respective songwriters as per copyrights and performance nature. He paid fees to composers for their intellectual properties before performing their songs, and junior artistes who regularly performed at the bar for their livelihoods were free to perform the songs he wrote without any restrictions or charges.



Nay Win
THE first-day first-show of the 'Feeling' film on 6 June hosted a large crowd of audience. Academy Nay Win, the main lead of the movie, appreciated the support of the audience. 'Feeling' was directed by director Wyne for Shwe Myanmar Film Production, and cast members are Nay Win, Chue Lay, Soe Moe Kyi, Oak Aaw Than Thar, Min Arkar and Myo Ko Kyaw.

Hsu Htet Hlaing
VOCALIST-CUM-ACTOR Hsu Htet Hlaing, who took the villain character in the 'Amone Myit' series being streamed on MRTV-4, begged, "Since I had to capture the bad mood of the character 'Nwe' from Amone Myit, who is always angry and confrontational, I ended up being mentally exhausted and wasn't able to talk much when I got home. Please understand that the Nwe behaviour was based on the character. On platforms like TikTok and Facebook, people are heavily criticizing and expressing hate, and so please understand the character."

Wutt Hmone Shwe Ye
ACADEMY Wutt Hmone Shwe Yee donated K3 million: K2 million to financial assistance for educational purposes for the 2025-2026 academic year for the offspring of members of Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization and K1 million for funds to the organization on 5 June. Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization Chairman U Kyi Soe Tun received the donation.



Watch 'Taw-Pauk Myoh-Pauk' exclusively on Showlike!

THE movie 'Taw-Pauk Myoh-Pauk' will be broadcast on the Showlike application on 11 June, according to actor Nyi Htut Khaung.

The story of the film was created by Nya Lat Taw, and the plot and script was Yar Zawin Ko, and director Ko Zaw (Aryone Oo) directed it for Triple Six Film Production.

"It was screened in September 2022. It is a romantic comedy film about Daw Sein Sein's family, who are strongly passionate about dancing, Nat worshipping, drinking alcohol and winning the lottery. They moved to the city to make their fortune and were cheated by swindlers. The film is about how they find the money bag," said the actor.

The cast members consist of Academy Myint Myat, Academy Kyaw Kyaw Bo, Academy Khine Thin Kyi, Nyi Htut Khaung, Khin Hlaing, Nay San, Min Yazar and other artistes. — ASH/KTZH

Thein Lin Soe
SUPPORTING actor Thein Lin Soe shows his outstanding acting skills in the 'Amone Myit' film. The composer-cum-singer reminds fans of late senior actor Sein Myint and achieves applause of the audience for his 'Naing Lwin' character in the 'Amone Myit' film. He portrayed the 'Lay Moe Htan' character from the series 'Achit Ei Pha Hlel Ya Gon Thatti'.



Pan Yaung Chel
ACTOR-CUM-SINGER Pan Yaung Chel who is currently in the US shared her new activity with her fans on social networks. She also visited the Sunset Gower Studios which has been making films and TV programmes for over 100 years. On arrival at the Pre-Cannes Film Festival Red Carpet in Los Angeles (LA), she respectfully listened to the seniors regarding their experiences and exchanged views on the arts. — Htun Htun/KTZH

CELEBRITY BRIEF

Weekly Roundup

1 June
SAC Chairman inspects development of Hlinethaya Tsp
Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing made an inspection tour of Hlinethaya Township in Yangon Region to look into the implementation of urban development projects and the West Yangon Technological University.

4 June
Deputy Minister appointed
The State Administration Council has appointed and assigned Dr Than Soe to the duties of Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement under Section 419 of the Constitution on 3 June.

6 June
World Environment Day marked
Poor waste management fuels environmental pollution, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the ceremony to mark the World Environment Day held at the Yezin University of Forestry and Environmental Conservation in Nay Pyi Taw.

7 June
Tatmadaw families plant saplings as monsoon activities



Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing joined the monsoon tree-growing ceremony of families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) around the Yezin Dam in Zeyathiri Township.
SAC Chairman sends message to BIMSTEC's 28th Anniversary

State Administration Council Chairman, Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing sent a message to the occasion of the 28th Anniversary of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC).

SAC Vice-Chair attends NDMC meeting
The National Disaster Management Committee held its meeting at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw, with an address by Management Committee Chairman, State Administration Council Vice-Chairman, Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win.

Myanmar responds to ILO's unwarranted measures
In response to ILO's unwarranted measures, the Ministry of Labour issued a statement, saying that 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, socioeconomic development, and increased job opportunities for Myanmar's workforce. — GNLM/TTA

TOPIK manufacturing sector skills tests scheduled this month

FOR those who passed the 16th EPS-TOPIK exam's manufacturing sector second batch, the skills test will be held from 14 to 18 June, according to the Public Overseas Employment Agency.

POEA has released the candidate list and the exam timetable on its Facebook page. Candidates will need to be present at the exam station an hour earlier before the exam due to knowledge sharing has been on the agenda. Test vouchers, passports and citizenship scrutiny cards (CSCs) are required and those who can't prove those documents will be banned from entering the exam.

The exam is scheduled from 14 to 18 June at Yangon University of Education, located on Pyay Road in Yangon Region's Kamayut Township. — MT/ZS



Candidates are in training for the skills test. **PHOTO- SKY EDUCATION INSTITUTE**

130 agencies fail to submit May remittance reports

THERE are 130 agencies which have yet to submit the monthly report on remittance to families of migrant workers for May, according to Safe Migration.

Safe Migration has made public the list of agencies which failed to submit the family remittance documents for May 2025, even though they've operated labour sending. Those agencies will have to do the submission by 5 pm on 10 June, addressed to dolmigrationremittance@gmail. If they fail, they will face suspension on demand letter proposal plus a fine, warned Safe Migration under the Ministry of Labour.

Whether there are work-



Myanmar workers at the airport in 2024.

er sendings or not, agencies shall submit monthly sending reports and for failure to do so by the deadline, they will face a fine, said Safe Migration. — MT/ZS

'Love Story of Chilli Jam' hits SkyNet & SkyPremier on 8 June

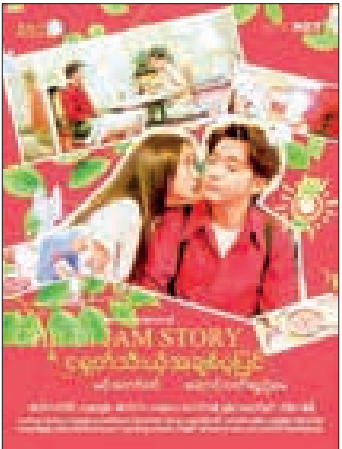
THE Myanmar feature film Love Story of Chilli Jam is set to premiere on SkyNet's subscription-based SkyPremier HD channel at noon on 8 June, according to sources.

The original story was created by Ella, with the screenplay written by ATMA and Min Taw Win. The production was directed by Kaung Myat Thu Kyaw under Ella Film Production.

"It's a love story with a

twist. It tells the tale of a young couple's lives, capturing both happy and sad moments, and is one of the many stories about young people," said director Kaung Myat Thu Kyaw.

The film stars Min Taw Win, Saung Wutt Ye May, Ellbat Wine, Hla Nu Htun, Ella, Tha Mu Daya, Kaung Khant, Zune La Yaung Hnin, and Theint Honey, among other notable actors and actresses. — ASH/MKKS



NATIONAL
BUSINESS

MRPPA aims for 350,000-tonne rubber export in 2025-26FY

MYANMAR Rubber Planters and Producers Association aims to achieve a rubber export target of 350,000-380,000 tonnes in the 2025-2026 financial year.

Domestic demand is just 20,000 tonnes, while over 300,000 tonnes of rubber are delivered to international markets. The association is making efforts to bolster rubber exports this year. Myanmar bagged nearly US\$500 million from around 300,000 tonnes of rubber exports in the 2024-2025 FY.

China accounts for 75 per cent of Myanmar's rubber exports, and the remaining is sent to Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, India and Japan. Myanmar's rubber exports generated a gen-



eral \$250-450 million income per year. As a result of this, rubber is a valuable industrial crop for the country.

Rubber is commonly grown in Mon and Kayin states and the Taninthayi Region. It can be found in Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon regions and Shan and Kachin states. Rubber cultivation expanded 1.4 million acres across the country. Mon State is the main producing state of rubber, followed by Taninthayi and Kayin states. — ASH/KK

A pile of unprocessed rubber sheets at a rubber-producing business.

CBM to sell over
US\$500K on 6 June

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$500,000 on 6 June after the sale of 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 forex 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 Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon Branch).

Palm oil prices persist in
falling on weak global cues

THE palm oil reference price continued to fall as lower global palm oil prices were closely tied to domestic palm oil reference prices, resulting in a five-month decline of K970 per viss, according to the Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar imports edible oil to meet the growing domestic demand. The imported CIF price (Cost, Insurance and Freight) for palm oil has been on a downward trend since January 2025. The wholesale reference price declined to K6,310 per viss on 8 June from K7,280 recorded on 1 January, showing a significant decrease of K970 per viss.

The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs and banking services to decide the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil weekly.

The committee issues reference prices weekly every Monday through the website www.doca.gov.mm of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Facebook pages of the department and the Myanmar Edible



A vendor meticulously arranges the cooking oil for sale in the market.

Oil Dealers' Association. Despite the reference price, the market price is way too high.

To control overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed consumers of lodging complaints for overcharging through the call centre hotline. The department urges consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices.

The Committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market manipulation will face legal action under the Essential Goods and Services Law. The department is working together with the Myanmar Oil

Dealers' Association and the cooking oil importing companies to offer affordable rates of imported palm oil for consumers.

The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs Department, or sent to the Facebook page of the department and the region and state departments concerned.

The domestic consumption of palm oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. About 700,000 tonnes of palm oil are yearly imported through Malaysia and Indonesia to meet domestic demands. — NN/KK

Geely, Voltron collaborate to expand EV charging infrastructure in Indonesia

CHINESE automaker Geely has signed a strategic partnership with Voltron, Indonesia's leading electric vehicle (EV) charging network provider, to provide charging station facilities at all Geely official dealers in the Southeast Asian country to make EV charging more practical and convenient.

Geely has officially re-entered Indonesia's EV market since January this year, focusing on EV models including EX5.

As of now, Geely has six official dealers across

various provinces in Indonesia, each equipped with after-sales service centers to meet consumer needs and offer a worry-free vehicle ownership experience, according to Geely Auto Indonesia.

"This collaboration with Voltron is concrete proof of Geely's commitment to accelerating the transition to electric vehicles in Indonesia. With the presence of Voltron charging station facilities in our authorized dealer network, customers can now enjoy more practical

and convenient charging, enhancing the overall electric vehicle ownership experience," said Yusuf Anshori, brand director of Geely Auto Indonesia, in a press release on Thursday.

— Xinhua

This photo taken on 13 February 2025 shows a model of Geely EX5 in the booth of Geely, a Chinese auto brand, during the 2025 Indonesia International Motor Show (IIMS) in Jakarta, Indonesia. **PHOTO: AGUNG KUNCAHYA B./XINHUA**



Over half of rice producing firms feel store rice prices "too high"

OVER half of large-scale rice producers feel that store prices for rice are "too high", a recent survey conducted by an association of agricultural corporations showed, indicating that many of them share concerns with consumers about the elevated cost of the staple food in Japan.

As households increasingly complain about rice prices that

have doubled over the past year, more than 40 per cent of respondents worried that consumers may start shunning the product.

The survey, conducted for a week from 12 May and targeting 188 companies producing rice for staple food purposes, comes as the government grapples with bringing down the price that averages 4,200 yen (\$29) per five

kilogrammes. In late May, the government took the unusual step of starting to sell rice stockpiles through direct sales contracts with retailers in a bid to curb prices.

Kazushi Saito, head of the association, said he believes that the price tag deemed reasonable for both producers and consumers is 3,000 yen per five kilogrammes. — Kyodo



Packs of government-released stockpiled rice are sold at a Family Mart convenience store in Tokyo on 5 June 2025. **PHOTO: KYODO**

India's emerging AI integrated IoT company – APM Group re-brand launch

APM is India's first company to build smart IoT products through Artificial Intelligence. APM's journey is about keeping simple values with smart new technology. While many companies focus on just selling products, APM builds complete solutions from scratch.

They have their own teams for both software and hardware, which means they don't de-

pend on anyone else to bring their ideas to life. Everything from designing to developing, testing, and finally manufacturing is done within the sample.

This gives them full control to make sure every product is reliable, strong, and smart. Using advanced technology, APM's IoT modules help improve safety, efficiency, and performance across many industries.

APM provides a range of additional IoT-enabled modules designed to enhance vehicle intelligence and safety. The 4G WiFi Module enables high-speed wireless connectivity in vehicles. The Load Sensor is built to measure axle load or suspension pressure in real-time. The Auto Dipper automatically adjusts headlight intensity based on ambient light and oncoming traffic. — ANI

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



People attend a special space science Q&A session with Chinese astronauts aboard the Tiangong space station in Budapest, Hungary, on 6 June 2025. **PHOTO: TAMAS SZIGETI/XINHUA**

June 7

Hungarian students connect with Chinese astronauts in “Tiangong Classroom” event

MORE than 300 students, scientists, and government officials gathered Friday at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences for a special space science Q&A session with Chinese astronauts aboard the Tiangong space station.

Dubbed the “Tiangong Classroom”, the event was co-hosted by the China Manned Space Agency, the Chinese Embassy in Hungary, and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

It aimed to deepen growing coop-

eration between China and Hungary in the fields of aerospace, education, and innovation.

During the session, Shenzhou-20 crew members Chen Dong, Chen Zhongrui, and Wang Jie responded to questions submitted in advance by Hungarian students. In a pre-recorded video, the astronauts also demonstrated zero-gravity science experiments, captivating the audience with examples from space. — Xinhua

June 6

Trump may get rid of his Tesla after Musk row

DONALD Trump may now offload a Tesla he said he bought earlier this year in a show of support for Elon Musk, a White House official said Friday, following a blazing row between the US president and his billionaire former advisor.

The red electric vehicle, which retails for around \$80,000, was still in a parking lot on the White House grounds on Friday, an AFP reporter said, a day after the very public meltdown between

Trump and the South African-born tech tycoon.

Tesla stocks had tanked more than 14 per cent on Thursday amid the row, losing some \$100 billion of the company’s market value, but leapt back in early trading Friday.

“Taking President Trump’s Tesla out for a ride,” Trump’s communications advisor Margo Martin posted. — AFP

June 5

US soldiers arrive in Panama for military exercises

US soldiers have arrived in Panama for military exercises aimed at protecting the Panama Canal, the US embassy said, after a bilateral agreement triggered protests in the Central American country.

The agreement, signed in April, allows US troops to deploy around the canal but not to establish bases, according to the Panamanian authorities.

The US military will train alongside Panamanian security forces in forest

operations, the US embassy said in a statement to AFP Thursday.

It said the entry of American troops for military exercises had to be approved by Panama.

Panama signed the security agreement after pressure from US President Donald Trump, who threatened to take back the 82-kilometre (51-mile) waterway that connects the Pacific Ocean to the Caribbean Sea. — AFP

June 4

EU gives Bulgaria green light to adopt euro

THE EU gave the green light on Wednesday for Bulgaria to adopt the euro on 1 January 2026, putting the Balkan country on course to become the 21st member of the single currency area.

The European Commission said Bulgaria had fulfilled the strict criteria “intended to ensure that a country is ready to adopt the euro and that its economy is sufficiently prepared to do so”. The European Central Bank also gave a positive opinion, hailing Bulgaria’s “tremendous dedication to making the adjustments needed”.

Bulgarian Prime Minister Rossen Jeliazkov hailed “a remarkable day” that confirmed the country’s progress.

“Another step forward on Bulgaria’s path to the euro... This follows years of reforms, commitment and alignment with our European partners,” he said in a post on X.

The push has, however, sparked a backlash from many Bulgarians, with protests and recent surveys showing nearly half of those questioned opposed adopting the euro — fearing painful economic consequences. — AFP

June 3

Spain’s Telefonica probes suspected data breach

SPANISH telecoms operator Telefonica said on Tuesday it had opened a probe into a suspected data breach that may have exposed the personal information of millions of customers of its Movistar subsidiary, primarily in Peru.

The company is analyzing a sample of one million records released on Monday by the alleged hackers behind the intrusion, a company spokeswoman told AFP.

“We are investigating a potential security breach,” she said.

Preliminary findings indicate that

the data sample likely relates to Movistar customers in Peru, she said.

The breach was first disclosed on Monday evening by cybersecurity firm HackManac, which said a hacker known as “Dedale” had claimed responsibility.

The stolen data includes full names, national ID numbers and mobile phone numbers, according to HackManac, which tracks cyberattacks around the world. Telefonica sold its heavily indebted Peruvian subsidiary to Integra Tec International in April for a symbolic sum of one million euros. — AFP

June 2

Mongolia PM faces likely confidence vote

MONGOLIA’S parliament is expected to vote Monday on whether to keep its fracturing coalition government in office, amid protests against the country’s embattled prime minister over alleged corruption.

The landlocked democracy in northern Asia has struggled with corruption for decades, and many in the country say a wealthy elite is hoarding the profits of a years-long coal mining boom at the expense of the general population.

Those tensions resurfaced last month after reports of allegedly lavish spending by the son of Prime Minister Luvsannamsrain Oyun-Erdene sparked protests in the capital Ulaanbaatar.

Oyun-Erdene is due to address the State Great Khural — the Mongolian parliament — on Monday ahead of an expected “confidence vote” to decide whether the government he heads should continue, according to the prime minister’s office. — AFP

June 1

UK boosts weapons production capacity

BRITAIN will invest £1.5 billion (\$2 billion) in new weapons factories to ramp up defence production capacity, the government said, ahead of a major review of its armed forces and military strategy.

The Strategic Defence Review, due to be published Monday, will assess the threats facing the UK amid Russia’s ongoing war in Ukraine and pressure from

US President Donald Trump for NATO allies to bolster their own defences.

In February, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer committed to increasing defence spending to 2.5 per cent of GDP by 2027, up from its current 2.3 per cent.

The Labour leader also aimed to hike spending to three per cent by the next parliament, due around 2029. — AFP

SPORTS

Myanmar to face hosts Vietnam in ASEAN U19 Women's Championship opener

THE 2025 ASEAN U19 Women's Championship, hosted by Vietnam, will begin with group-stage matches on 9 June. In the opening fixture of the tournament, Myanmar will take on hosts Vietnam.

Group-stage matches will be held on 9, 11 and 13 June, with four matches scheduled each day. Group A includes

Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos and Timor-Leste, while Group B consists of Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Cambodia. On the first day, Timor-Leste will play against Laos, Thailand will face Indonesia, and Malaysia will meet Cambodia. The highlight of the day will be the match between host Vietnam and Myanmar, scheduled

to kick off at 6 pm Myanmar Standard Time.

The Myanmar U19 women's team arrived in Vietnam on 6 June and began training on 7 June to prepare for the competition. The team, led by head coach Daw Thet Thet Win, comprises a squad of 23 players. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL



The Myanmar U19 women's team is seen during a training session in Vietnam. PHOTO: MFF

Luis Henrique joins Inter Milan ahead of Club World Cup

BRAZILIAN winger Luis Henrique has signed for Inter Milan from Marseille becoming the Italian club's second signing ahead of the Club World Cup in the United States.

"A new Inter player joins the family, welcome Luis," this season's Italian Serie A and Champions League runners-up said on Saturday.

The Brazilian, who arrived in Marseille in 2020, made 108 appearances and scored 11 goals for the French

club in all competitions.

He went on loan to Botafogo in 2022, returning to Ligue 1 in January 2024, scoring seven goals and providing eight assists in the league last term.

According to the Italian press, Inter will pay 23 million euros (\$26 million) for the 23-year-old.

Inter also signed Croatian midfielder Petar Sucic last week for 14 million euros from Dinamo Zagreb, with the Club World Cup kick-

ing off on 14 June in the United States.

"I am very happy to have signed for such a big club. I think it will be a huge jump in quality in my career," said the Brazilian.

"I have known this league very well since a young age.

"There have many important Brazilians that have played here at Inter. I also want to make history here, just like they did." — AFP



Luis Henrique (R) in Ligue 1 action for Marseille against Paris Saint-Germain. PHOTO: AFP

Alcaraz puts French Open title on line against scorching Sinner



Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner will renew their rivalry in the French Open final, three weeks after facing off for the Rome title. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

CARLOS Alcaraz bids to defend his French Open title against Jannik Sinner as the two stars of a new generation face off in a Grand Slam final for the first time on Sunday.

The 22-year-old Alcaraz and Sinner, 23, have together scooped up the last five majors to usher in a new era in men's tennis after two decades defined by the dominance of Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer.

Four-time Grand Slam champion Alcaraz hopes to become the third man this century to retain the Coupe des Mousquetaires after Gustavo Kuerten and Nadal.

Sinner is chasing his third successive Grand Slam triumph — and fourth overall — after

winning last year's US Open and retaining his Australian Open crown in January.

The world number one has lost just seven matches since the start of 2024 but four of those defeats have come against Alcaraz, including a five-set reverse in last year's Roland Garros semifinals.

Alcaraz holds a 7-4 head-to-head edge over Sinner, winning the Italian Open final in Rome three weeks ago as the latter made his return to competition after a three-month doping ban.

The Spaniard warned after that final that Sinner would be an even greater threat in Paris with more matches under his belt, and so it has proved with the Italian yet to drop a set at the French Open. — AFP



Villagers compete during a dragon boat race at Xixi National Wetland Park in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 31 May 2025. **PHOTO: HUANG ZONGZHI/XINHUA**

Dragon boat races spark rise in tourism spending during ancient Chinese festival

IN the watery maze of Diejiao Village in Foshan, south China's Guangdong Province, dragon boat teams race through S-curves, L-bends and tight C-turns with breathtaking precision. Spectators gasp and cheer as the 25-metre-long boats spin around corners at full speed, water spraying in their wake.

A popular Cantonese saying captures the spirit of the event: "Ning ho bou laan, bat ho paa maan," meaning, "It's better to crash the boat than to paddle slowly." It's no surprise, then,

The tradition is dubbed "F1 on water", with viral race clips shared widely.

that Chinese social media users have dubbed this tradition the "F1 on water", with thrilling clips of races going viral across the country and beyond during the recent Dragon Boat Festival holiday.

The festival falls on the fifth day of the fifth lunar month each year, and in 2009, it became the first Chinese holiday to be inscribed on UNESCO's list of Intangible Cultural Heritage. People throughout China and all over the world celebrate the festival, which has a history stretching more than 2,000 years.

These rich traditions are increasingly influencing how people choose their travel destinations. Across China, more tourists are seeking out immersive cultural experiences, and the Dragon Boat Festival offers both vibrant celebrations and a focus on deep-rooted heritage.

This year's holiday — 31 May to 2 June — turned Foshan into a travel magnet, with its total tourist bookings up 167 per cent year on year. Hotel reservations jumped 145 per cent, and airline ticket sales rose 110 per cent. — Xinhua

In Tunisia's arid south, camel milk offers hope for economic gain

Camel milk is rich in iron and has various health benefits.

IN southern Tunisia, a women-led initiative is transforming camel milk into a promising economic opportunity for disadvantaged communities. Latifa Frifita, 32, established Tunisia's first camel milk pasteurization unit in Medenine, based on research by biochemist Amel Sboui, who patented a method that preserves the milk's nutritional qualities and extends its shelf life. Camel milk, rich in iron and known for its health benefits, is highly perishable, making pasteurization essential for marketability. Frifita faced initial resistance from local herders, who traditionally valued meat over milk. However, as demand for camel milk grew, she built trust with breeders and began training them in mechanized milking techniques, significantly increasing milk production. — AFP



Containing up to five times more iron than cow's milk, camel milk is non-allergenic. **PHOTO: AFP**

Norway adopts tourist tax to combat overtourism

Funds raised will be used exclusively for improving tourism infrastructure.

FACING growing pressure on local infrastructure from record-breaking visitor numbers, Norway has voted to implement a tourist tax aimed at curbing the impact of overtourism.

Norwegian lawmakers approved Thursday the introduction of a tourist tax to help finance infrastructure improvements as a boom in visitors has led to worries about overtourism.

The law introduces a three per cent tax on lodgings, and may also be applied to cruise ships making stops, in areas particularly affected by tourism. The country registered last year a record 38.4 million night stays, including more than 12 million by foreigners, according to official data, as the country's picturesque fjords attract more and more visitors.

However, public toilets and parking have been overwhelmed in some locations, causing tensions with residents. The funds raised by the tax will go exclusively to improve tourism infrastructure. — Xinhua



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