



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing observes the learning of students at the No 3 Basic Education High School in PyinOoLwin.

Personnel draw clear line between politics and national duty

Local authorities must preserve the strong educational foundations of PyinOoLwin, maintaining its status as an educational city.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing stressed that lack of academic proficiency and weak critical thinking skills become the root cause of committing terrorist acts.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung

Hlaing, accompanied by Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo and the Chief Minister of Mandalay Region, yesterday morning inspected ensuring water sufficiency in PyinOoLwin, improvement of the education sector and beautification process.

The Senior General viewed

the potential for upgrading Hsinlan Dam to ensure water sufficiency in the PyinOoLwin region. Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung reported on the upgrading of the spillway at the dam and more supply of water upon completion of the upgrading process.

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Salient points from the speeches delivered by the Senior General on the inspection tour of PyinOoLwin

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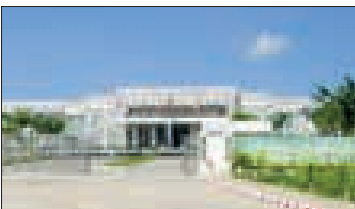
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Agricultural and livestock activities must be supplied with water

WATER sources include rainwater, dam water, river and creek water, and underground water. It is necessary to supply water for agricultural and livestock activities as a must.

(An excerpt from guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on his inspection tour of implementing Twantay livestock breeding zone on 30 November 2024)

Public Announcement on Right to Object

1. The New Chinland Congress (NCC), which currently has its temporary party headquarters at 459, Padonma Street, Shwekyapin Ward, Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw, has submitted an application on 9 June 2025 to be registered as a political party under Section 5 of the Political Parties Registration Law. The party has declared its party name, flag and emblem as mentioned in the application.
2. Under Sub-section 14 (d) of the Political Parties Registration Rules, this is to publicly announce that anyone wishing to object to the use of the said party name, flag, and emblem may submit an objection to the Union Election Commission with official documents within seven days from the date of this announcement.



Flag design of the New Chinland Congress (NCC)



Emblem of the New Chinland Congress (NCC)

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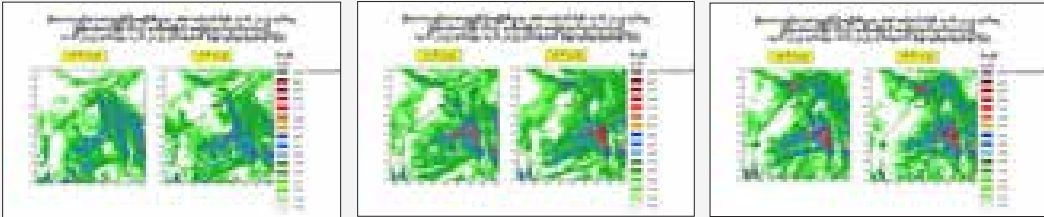
Issued at 6 pm MST on 11 June 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 4:30 pm MST today, monsoon will be strong to vigorous 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, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan States with likelihood of regionally and isolated heavy falls during today evening to 17 June 2025. Occassional squalls with rough seas will be experienced in the Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama,

off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30-35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-11 feet in the Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts.

Advisory

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



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Wednesday 11 June 2025)

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

Special Features: According to the observations at 6:30 pm MST today, the Troipical Storm“(WUTIP)” have moved West-Northwestwards. It is likely initially to move northwestwards and cross to the Hainan Island, China, on 13 June 2025.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 12 June 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin State, fairly widespread in Magway, Upper Sagaing Regions and Rakhine, northern Shan States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Lower Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kayin, Mon, southern Shan States. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway, Lower Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kayah, Chin, Kayin, Rakhine, and (northern and southern) 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 rough seas are likely at times in the Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along the 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 9-11 feet in the Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts and about 6-8 feet off and along Rakhine Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Increase of rain in Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kayin, Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12 June 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12 June 2025: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12 June 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 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 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)

Personnel draw clear line between politics and national duty

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At the No 3 Basic Education High School in PyinOoLwin, the Senior General viewed the learning of students and librarian measures.

At the meeting with teachers at the school hall, the Senior General underscored that due to lack of academic proficiency and weak critical thinking skills, terror acts have been committed, which in turn have negatively impacted the social and economic lives of local communities. Therefore, teachers must not only provide academic education to the chil-

national spirit.

He underlined that teachers must read literature continuously in order to improve teaching capacity in relevant subjects and share their experiences with children so as to turn out good human resources for the future of the nation.

The Senior General stressed that civil service personnel are necessary to remain free from party politics and to clearly distinguish between politics and the national cause. Fulfilling one's assigned duties with diligence is how one should contribute re-



SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing is pictured during his inspection tour in PyinOoLwin.

the Senior General on the progress of the advanced market, beautification of PyinOoLwin, water supply measures, and implementation of the Yadanabon Myothit project and suspension of the project.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said that local authorities from PyinOoLwin must continue to uphold and preserve such strong educational foundations, maintain their status as an educational city, and continue to produce disciplined, well-informed, and valuable human resources.

He pointed out that it is necessary to preserve and implement measures through bylaws

to ensure the area remains perpetually lush and beautiful with flower plants and to prevent the indiscriminate cutting down of trees in PyinOoLwin.

He noted that **laws concerning farmland and virgin land have already been enacted, and actions must be carried out per the permissions stipulated therein.**

The Senior General underlined that authorities are required to enforce and implement the rules and regulations set by law. **In some road areas, there have been violations related to land use, and it is necessary to proceed under the Highways Law.**

He continued that KG+11 and KG+10 students will continue to be taught the fundamentals of law to help them understand and be aware of legal principles. Similarly, universities across various regions and states are also providing lectures on fundamental subjects related to law and economics, aiming to enhance understanding of democratic principles, which are rooted in the law, as well as to broaden awareness of economic matters.

The Senior General viewed the progress of the Thumिंगala Market (Nyantaw Market) upgrading project site and gave necessary guidance to officials.

— MNA/TTA

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dren they teach but also impart knowledge and ways of thinking that enable them to distinguish between right and wrong and understand causes and consequences.

He highlighted that collected data shows Myanmar still faces many needs to improve the education system, and about 50 per cent of the population remains undereducated.

He added that teachers need to teach school education to students as well as train them to have higher patriotism and

sponsibly to the national cause.

The Senior General presented fiction and non-fiction books for the school library to the person in charge of the school and the teachers.

At the BEHS 1 Branch (BEMS), the Senior General inspected the learning of students in classrooms and the lecturing in livestock, agriculture and industrial classrooms.

On arrival at the Thumिंगala Market (Nyantaw Market) construction project site in PyinOoLwin, officials reported to

NATIONAL

Russia Day marked with grand gala in Yangon



The reception for the commemorative National Day of the Russian Federation in progress yesterday in Yangon, attended by SAC Secretary General Aung Lin Dwe and his wife.

STATE Administration Council Secretary General Aung Lin Dwe and his wife attended the reception to commemorate the National Day of the Russian Federation at the Lotte Hotel in Yangon yesterday.

Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Myanmar, Mr Iskander Azizov, along with other officials, warmly welcomed the guests.

The event commenced with the playing of the national anthems of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Russian Federation. Ambassador Iskander Azizov delivered a speech, followed by performances of traditional cultural songs

and dances by the cultural troupe of the Russian Federation.

Afterwards, the General and his wife, and the ambassador posed for the commemorative photo together with those who attended the reception and enjoyed the dinner.

Among the attendees were SAC Members Dr Ba Shwe and Khun Shan Lwin, the Union ministers and their wives, the Yangon Region chief minister and his wife, the Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy, Air) and his wife, Tatmadaw officers, ambassadors from foreign embassies, chargés d'affaires, military attaches, and other invitees. — MNA/KTZH

Tatmadaw, police, and volunteers elevate relief efforts in Sagaing, Mandalay

VARIOUS organizations are working closely with local communities to undertake vigorous recovery efforts in areas affected by the recent powerful earthquake that struck Mandalay.

Yesterday, Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Myat Kyaw, along with Lt-Gen Thet Pon from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and other officials, visited Sagaing University of Education in Patamya Ward, Sagaing. There, they observed students preparing to re-take Grade 12 exams at temporary learning camps. They inspected the arrangements being made for the reopening of damaged schools before the start of the school year and coordinated with the responsible officials to address any remaining needs.

Later, the chief minister, the Lt-Gen, and accompanying officials inspected the damage caused by the earthquake in Sagaing, including pagodas, religious buildings, monasteries, nunneries, and residential structures. They monitored the clearance of debris using heavy machinery, working swiftly before the monsoon rains. The team also inspected the supply of clean water to the public through Tatmadaw water purification units and healthcare services being provided by mobile military medical teams, addressing any addi-



Lt-Gen Myo Moe Aung inspects the removal of rubble in Mandalay where heavy machinery is used in the relief efforts.

tional requirements as needed.

Similarly, Lt-Gen Myo Moe Aung from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and officials visited Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay. They reviewed operations for the demolition and clearance of hazardous buildings damaged by the earthquake, as well as preparations for further demolition work and the use of heavy machinery to safely remove hazardous structures. Efforts were also in place to keep major roads open to ensure public access and safety.

They also inspected earth-

quake-damaged religious buildings in Aungmyaythazan Township. Donations were made to the presiding monks, and coordination took place to support the reconstruction process as needed.

Likewise, Lt-Gen Soe Tint Naing from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and responsible officials visited Chanmyathazi Township. There, Tatmadaw personnel were actively clearing debris from damaged pagodas and religious buildings using heavy machinery. Excavated ancient artefacts were being

systematically preserved. The team provided necessary support and made donations to the presiding monks.

Following this, they visited the No 7 Basic Education High School in Thampawaddy Ward, Chanmyathazi Township, where they observed ongoing debris clearance efforts. They listened to briefings by responsible officials and provided guidance and support for the rebuilding process. The delegation also included students who were studying at the Pinya Hall of the school and offered words of encouragement

and moral support.

Similarly, Lt-Gen Myo Thant Naing and officials visited Sugon and Kyetminton Wards in Kyaukse, where earthquake damage had affected housing for the district and township agricultural staff, as well as the township electricity office in Sugon Ward. They inspected the damage and collaborated with local authorities to address outstanding needs.

At the People's General Hospital in Sugon Ward, they observed the ongoing administration of COVID-19 vaccinations to residents and civil servants. In Sugyi Ward in Kyaukse, they monitored the installation of steel cables for transporting materials needed for the maintenance of the Kyaukthitta pagoda. They also reviewed the restoration efforts underway across the township, including repairs to pagodas, religious buildings, and residential structures damaged by the earthquake.

Finally, they visited sites where cement, iron rods, and wooden planks were being sold at special discounted prices by local factories to support reconstruction efforts. The delegation inspected the supply and distribution of these materials and coordinated with responsible personnel to ensure that all necessary assistance was being provided. — MNA/MKKS

NATIONAL

Myanmar participates in Russia’s 5th “Let’s Travel!” International Travel Forum opening event

MYANMAR delegation led by Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Kyaw Soe Win attended the Fifth International Travel Forum “Let’s travel!” at VDNH in Moscow from 10 to 15 June 2025.

The opening event started with a discussion on the topic: “Discovering Russia: How Travel Is Changing the Country”.

Dmitry Chernyshenko, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, read out the message sent by Russian President Vladimir Putin, and a video message from Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin was played.

The event continued with the discussion of different perspectives regarding the economy of the country by the governmental officials, entrepreneurs, hoteliers and other experts in



The Fifth International Travel Forum is underway on 10-15 June in Moscow, attended by Union Minister U Kyaw Soe Win.

tourism and restaurants.

On 10 June, the Myanmar delegates met with Russian Economic Development Minister

Maxim Reshetnikov.

During the meeting, the two parties discussed comprehensive cooperation between gov-

ernments, privates and people of two countries, Familiarization Trip-FAM Trip, visa-free travel to each other’s citizens, bilat-

eral travel expo, high arrival of Russian travellers to Myanmar, further cooperation for Russian government employees to visit Myanmar during long holidays and promising investments in hotels and tourism in Myanmar.

The Union minister observed the forum and received the Russian investors of Cosmos Hotel Group and BN Group to discuss Myanmar’s beautiful beaches and tourist attractions, potential investment opportunities, and programmes that would provide support for those interested in implementing the pilot projects.

The Union minister and party attended the “The Russian Manor: A Celebration of Customs” dinner event at Dom Vishnevsky Centre in Moscow on the same evening. — MNA/KTZH

Rice from South Korea & China transferred to Mandalay under APTERR

A handover ceremony was held yesterday morning in the meeting hall of the Mandalay Region government office for the official transfer of 1,575 tonnes of rice, donated by the Republic of Korea and the People’s Republic of China, under the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) Programme 3/2024. The rice was delivered through the Department of Agriculture to the Mandalay Region government.

Attending the ceremony were ministers and officials from the Mandalay Region government, representatives from the APTERR Secretariat in Thailand, delegates from the Embassies of the Republic of



The handover ceremony of S Korea and China-donated rice to quake survivors in progress yesterday.

Korea and the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar, officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and

its Department of Agriculture, chairpersons of district and township administrative bodies, departmental personnel, and

earthquake-affected residents.

At the event, U Aung Kyaw Moe, Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs, delivered a speech. Following that, U Thura Soe, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Agriculture, gave a presentation about the APTERR Programme.

Further remarks on the donation were delivered by Dr Choomjet Karnjanakesorn, General Manager of the APTERR Secretariat in Thailand, Ms Kim Woolsoon, a representative from the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, and Mr Ouyang Daobing, Counsellor from the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China.

After the speeches, the

donated rice under APTERR Programme 3/2024 was formally handed over by the Deputy Director-General of the Department of Agriculture to the Minister for Social Affairs. Representatives from the APTERR Secretariat, as well as the Korean and Chinese embassies, then distributed rice bags to the earthquake-affected residents.

In addition, ministers and responsible officials of the Mandalay Region government presented certificates of appreciation to the donor representatives. One of the earthquake victims also delivered a message of gratitude on behalf of the affected communities. — MNA/MKKS



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NATIONAL

Myanmar earns US\$722M from freshwater product exports in 2024- 2025 FY

MYANMAR earned more than US\$722 million from over 550,000 tonnes of freshwater exports in the 2024-2025 financial year, according to the Myanmar Fisheries Federation.

“To double export production, livestock business operators need to make efforts to produce value-added products. It is necessary to change from traditional sales methods to new approaches. If aquatic products can be produced as ready-to-eat or ready-to-cook items alongside aquaculture, it will help increase foreign incomes. We export rohu, catla catla and ilish annually. In



Fishery products are prepared for transit to Yangon, where they will be exported to international markets.

the 2024-2025 financial year, we received over US\$ 722 million from freshwater product exports, and we now make efforts to increase the export volumes in the 2025-2026 financial year,” said Dr Toe Nanda Tin, senior vice president of the Myanmar Fisheries Federation.

Myanmar mainly exports rohu, catla catla, ilish and other fish to India, Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia and other countries. The freshwater products are produced in Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago regions. This year, the freshwater products are being transported to the local market and also exported to

foreign countries, depending on the size. The fish farmers breed the fish the whole year round.

“For exports, the people breed and export depending on the sizes and ponds. Currently, we breed rohu weighing between one viss and thirty ticals and over six visses and catla catla weighing over eight visses. For export, we carefully feed the fish and breed from 700 to 1000 fingerlings per acre. We farm up to 1200 fish. The methods are different from the Vietnamese fish farming method. We have to be more careful as we farm the large-sized fish. The fish prices are

good now locally and also for export. The fish ponds were flooded last year, and we have to be aware of this during this monsoon. We also make efforts to ensure local consumption and exports for foreign income. Although we face difficulties with the prices of feed, we try hard using various ways,” said U Kyaw Kyaw from Nyaungdon in Ayeyawady Region.

The Fisheries Department and Myanmar Fisheries Federation make efforts to produce quality products, while other countries practise GAqP to BAP. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH

20 illegal foreign entrants detained in Myanmar

THE government continued its efforts to combat illegal online gambling and online fraud in cooperation with international partners.

Authorities arrested 20 foreign nationals yesterday who had illegally entered Myanmar via border routes, including through neighbouring countries such as Thailand. The arrests took place in the KK Park area of Shwe Kokko and Maethawtalay in Myawady, Kayin State, where the individuals had engaged in illegal online gambling and on-

line fraud.

Among those arrested were 11 Filipinos, five Chinese nationals, three Nepalese nationals and one Indonesian. Officials recorded the personal information and documentation of the detainees in preparation for repatriation to their respective countries.

From 30 January to 11 June 2025, authorities arrested a total of 9,134 foreign nationals who had illegally entered Myanmar. Among them, 8,754 were repatriated to their countries via Thai-

land per legal procedures. The remaining 380 individuals were prepared for repatriation and held under secure and proper conditions.

The government continued investigating and taking effective action against illegal online fraud activities and remained committed to working with neighbouring countries and international organizations to prevent and eliminate illegal online gambling and financial scams occurring in border areas. — MNA/KZL

Government worker, teacher, and students killed in Kayin terrorist attack

ON 10 June 2025, terrorist groups (still investigating) launched an attack using large weapons in Paingyut Village, Kawkareik Township, Kayin State.

The shell fell into the compound in front of U Kalar (still investigating), who was teaching the students at the Paingyet Basic Education Middle School and exploded. Four people: Daw Mi Thazin, aged 36, student Maung Wai Yan Aung, aged eight, student Ma La Yeik Cho,

aged 10, and student Ma Thuzar Aye, aged six, died on the spot. Volunteer Ma Moe Thuzar, aged 25, student Maung Law Chan, aged seven, Saw San Myint Aung, aged seven, Ma Nge Nge, aged seven, Ma May La Wun, aged seven, Ma Ei Nandar Phyto, aged seven, Ma Thun Thun Eainsi Lin, aged nine, and Ma Thi Thi Phyto, aged nine, totalling 19 (one teacher, five male students and 13 female students) were wounded. The officials took them to a dispensa-

ry in Kanyin Kataik village and Mawlamyine General Hospital for medical treatment.

Terrorists intentionally launched attacks in townships, wards and villages with heavy weapons, rockets and bomb drops. Therefore, locals strongly condemn terrorists as their attacks cause casualties and injuries among government employees, volunteers and students. Security forces conduct security measures in cooperation with locals. — MNA/KTZH

PDF terrorists kill one civilian, abduct 3 in Mahlaing



This image depicts the casualties resulting from the brutal attack by PDF terrorists in Mandalay Region.

PDF terrorists shot and killed an innocent civilian and abducted a civil servant along with two citizens in Mahlaing Township, Mandalay Region, on 11 June.

About 20 armed terrorists arrived at Pann Ai Village in a vehicle and five motorcycles, where they shot U Zaw Myo Thet (aka) Ko Thet, aged 47, at his own betel shop near Shwe Muhtaw Pagoda. He died on the spot from multiple gunshot wounds. The group then abducted Daw Khin Myint Htwe,

a senior clerk from the Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank and two civilians: U Kyaw Thet aged 55, and U Thet Naing Oo (aka) Nga Thet, aged 47, before fleeing towards Thanbothanntan Village in Taungtha Township.

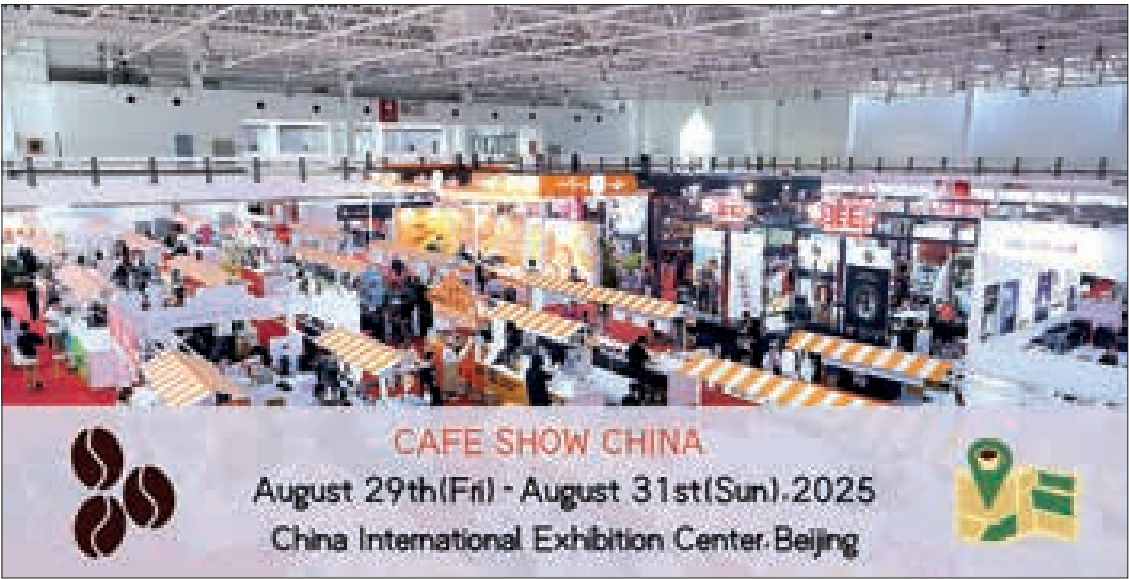
Security forces are continuing necessary measures to rescue the abductees and take action against the terrorists, who were committing inhumane acts of violence. — MNA /KZL

The people are urged to receive vaccination of COVID-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of COVID-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increase of death rate due to the disease.

Café Show China 2025 invites Myanmar coffee industry leaders

CAFÉ Show China 2025, organized by CIEC Overseas Exhibition Co Ltd, will take place on 29-31 August 2025 at China International Exhibition Centre (Chaoyang) in Beijing, China invites Myanmar coffee producers, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

The exhibition will cover the industry chain of products, from coffee beans and cooked beans, milk, syrup, desserts, chocolate, and ice cream, to coffee brewing equipment, equipment, and physical coffee shops. It will provide a platform to expand high-quality customer channels, find distributors and agents, enhance brand influence, and seize the market. During the exhibition, multiple exciting concurrent events will also be held, such as a barista



This image highlights the invitation to Cafe Show China 2025, taking place from 29 to 31 August 2025.

tasting competition, a coffee roasting team competition, and cup testing activities, among

others. The exhibition will also set up a coffee boutique carnival exhibition area, which is expected

to have more than 100 boutique coffee shops from around the world on display, meeting the

one-stop check-in needs of coffee enthusiasts.

A Free Standard Booth (three square metres) will be provided for each embassy. Companies will cost 9,900 yuan for a three-square-metre booth. The previous Café Show attracted coffee producers, associations, embassies, interested buyers and visitors. This year, they are all invited to participate in the exhibition.

Those interested can enquire about expo details through Ms Mai Du, Project Manager, via +86 10 84600697, email duyichun@ciec.com.cn, Mobile & WeChat: 1566141884. They can also register through the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization at 067 408623, email event.td.myantrade@gmail.com. — NN/KK



The facade of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) in Nay Pyi Taw.

CBM to inject US\$32M into fuel oil sector

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 10 June that it would sell US\$32 million to fuel oil importers. CBM sold 600,000 yuan, 694,750 baht and over US\$730,440, purchased from companies working based on Cutting, Making and Packaging on the foreign exchange trading platform to fuel oil importers on that day.

CBM pumped over 400,000 yuan on 9 June, over \$501,000 on 6 June and 364,400 yuan on 5 June into the foreign exchange market.

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

MMFA to open Microfinance Management Certificate Course on 20 July

MYANMAR Microfinance Association (MMFA) will offer the Microfinance Management Certificate Course from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm between 20 July and 13 September via Zoom application.

This course is tailored to those who are interested in exploring a career in the microfinance sector; those engaged in the industry who want to excel in their skills and those who want to establish a microfinance institution, by certified trainers Saya U Nay Lwin, Saya U Thet Zaw Aung, Saya U Naw Sai, Sayama Daw Phyu Yam-in Myat of Microfinance Pro-

fessional Myanmar (MPM), Frankfurt School of Finance & Management and MMFA.

The curriculum is developed by the Frankfurt School of Finance and Management (Germany) and the Myanmar Microfinance Association based on microfinance practices practised internationally.

This course is aimed at helping trainees acquire essential skills and knowledge to achieve long-term career growth in the microfinance industry.

Microfinance Management Certificate Course will cover the following subjects: Introduction

to Microfinance, HR & Leadership, Credit & Delinquency Management, Saving & Liquidity Management, Compliance & Internal Control, Product Development, Strategic Management, Performance Management, Fundamentals of Microfinance & Digital Financial Literacy and Corporate Governance.

The fee is K400,000 for non-members. Trainees will receive a completion certificate. Those enthusiastic can enrol in the course through <http://tiny.cc/qpul001>. For further details, individuals can contact 09 965209010 during office hours. — NN/KK

Monsoon Tree Planting Festival set for 15 June at Film City site

THE monsoon tree planting festival will be held at 7:30 am on 15 June at the 200-acre film city project site, according to the Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Federation (MCEF).

The monsoon tree growing festival, organized by the Myanmar Motion Pictures

Organization (MMPO) and MCEF, will take place at the film city project site on a grand scale with artistes, prominent business figures in the construction industry and engineers.

Those institutions, companies, construction business people and construc-

tion materials suppliers who want to join the festival can register through the contact numbers of MCEF at 09 893217109, 09 660282000, and 09 250609740, located at 3, corner of Waizayanta Road & Thanthuma Road, Thuwunna, Thingangyun Township. — NN/KK

OPINION

ARTICLE

End Child Labour:
Save Children’s Lives

DESPITE years of progress, global efforts to eliminate child labour have stalled and even reversed in recent years. From 2000 to around 2016, steady improvements were made in reducing child labour. However, the resurgence of poverty driven by conflicts, climate-related disasters, economic instability, and the COVID-19 pandemic has pushed millions of families into hardship, forcing more children into the workforce. Economic growth alone has not been inclusive or impactful enough to ease the pressure faced by vulnerable families. As a result, 160 million children – nearly one in ten globally – are currently involved in child labour.

Geographically, the burden of child labour is concentrated in Africa and the Asia-Pacific regions, which together account

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They take on responsibilities far beyond their years just to help meet basic needs like food and shelter. In many cases, they are exploited by employers and intermediaries who offer low pay and assign work that is dangerous or inappropriate for their age and development.

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CONNECTING ON THE UNIVERSAL DANCE OF WORDS

PROVERBS are crucial to understanding and preserving a culture because they reflect shared values, beliefs, and wisdom passed down through generations.

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Compassion Can Lead to Nothing

ဒီစကားက “သနားလွန်းရင် အကျိုးမရှိဘဲ အလဟဿ ဖြစ်တတ်တယ်” လို့ ဆိုလိုတာပါ။ ရှင်းရှင်းပြောရရင် သူများကို သနားတာ၊ ကူညီချင်တာ ကောင်းပါတယ်။ ဒါပေမဲ့ အခြေအနေကို သေချာမစဉ်းစားဘဲ သနားစိတ်တစ်ခုတည်းနဲ့ ကူညီလိုက်ရင် ကိုယ်ရည်ရွယ်ထား တဲ့ ရလဒ်ကောင်းတွေ မရဘဲ အချိန်ကုန် လှပန်း၊ အချည်းနှီး ဖြစ်သွားနိုင်တယ်ပေါ့။

- ဘာကို ဆိုလိုတာလဲ
- သနားစိတ်နဲ့ ကူညီတဲ့အခါမှာ ဉာဏ်နဲ့ယှဉ်ပြီး လုပ်ဖို့လို တယ်။
 - မဆင်မခြင် ကူညီရင် အကျိုးမဖြစ်တဲ့အပြင် ဆိုးကျိုးတွေ တောင် ဖြစ်လာနိုင်တယ်။
 - ကရုဏာ: သနားခြင်း၊ စာနာခြင်း။
 - လဟနာ: မလေးနက်ခြင်း၊ အကျိုးမရှိခြင်း၊ အလဟဿဖြစ် ခြင်း။
- ဒီစကားနဲ့ ဆင်တူတဲ့ နောက်ထပ် ဆိုရိုးစကားတစ်ခု ကတော့ “ကရုဏာရှေ့ထား ဉာဏ်ပညာနောက်ထား” ပါပဲ။ ဒါကတော့ သနားစိတ်ကို ဦးစားပေးသင့်ပေမဲ့ ဉာဏ်ပညာကို လည်း လျစ်လျူမရှုဘဲ ထည့်စဉ်းစားရမယ်လို့ ဆိုလိုတာပါ။

- This saying means: “Too much pity can be useless and lead to nothing.”
- Simply put, it’s good to feel compassion and want to help others. But if you don’t think carefully about the situation and just act out of pity, you might not get the good results you intended. Instead, your efforts could be wasted, costing you time and energy for nothing.
- When you help with compassion, you need to use your wisdom too.
- If you help without thinking, it might not only be ineffective but could even cause harm.
- Karuna (ကရုဏာ): Compassion, sympathy, pity.

USAGES:

1. Kill with kindness
 - **Meaning:** To be so kind or helpful to someone that you annoy them, make them feel guilty, or prevent them from becoming independent. It implies that too much kindness can have a negative or overwhelming effect.
 - **Example:** “My aunt constantly brings me food and cleans my apartment. She’s really killing me with kindness; I just want to do things myself.”
2. Lend a hand (but with a cautionary note)
 - **Meaning:** To help someone. While generally positive, in contexts similar to “too much pity,” it could imply helping without proper assessment leading to dependency or unintended outcomes if not balanced with

- judgment.
- **Example:** “I’m happy to lend a hand with the project, but we need to make sure we’re not just doing all the work for them, otherwise they’ll never learn.” (Here, the caution is added to fit the theme.)
3. Be too soft on someone/something
 - **Meaning:** To be too lenient, gentle, or for-giving with someone or something, often to a fault, allowing them to get away with bad behaviour or not achieve their full potential.
 - **Example:** “The coach was too soft on the team, and as a result, their performance hasn’t improved much this season.”

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- “ကိုယ်က ကြိုးစားပြီး စီစဉ်ထားပေမဲ့ အဆင်မပြေတာမျိုး၊ ဒါမှ မဟုတ် ဘာမှမလုပ်ဘဲနဲ့တောင် ကံကောင်းထောက်မ စွာ အောင်မြင်သွားတာမျိုး ဖြစ်တတ်တယ်” လို့ ဆိုလို တာပါ။
- မကြဲဘဲလည်း ဖြစ်တတ်၏။
 - ကိုယ်က ဘာမှ အစီအစဉ် မရှိဘဲ၊ ကြိုးစားအားထုတ် မှု မရှိဘဲနဲ့တောင် ကံကောင်းပြီး အောင်မြင်သွားတာ၊ အဆင်ပြေသွားတာမျိုး ဖြစ်တတ်တယ်။
 - တစ်ခါတလေကျ ကိုယ်မျှော်လင့်မထားဘဲ အမှတ်မ ထင် အခွင့်အရေးတွေ ရလာတာ၊ ကိစ္စတွေ ပြေလည် သွားတာမျိုးပေါ့။
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 - ဘယ်လောက်ပဲ ကြိုးစားကြံစည်ပါစေ၊ ကံမပါရင် ဒါမှ မဟုတ် ပြင်ပအကြောင်းအရာတွေကြောင့် အစီအစဉ် တွေ ပျက်သွားတာမျိုးပေါ့။
- လူ့ဘဝမှာ အရာရာတိုင်းက ကိုယ့်ဆန္ဒအတိုင်း ဖြစ်မလာ တတ်ဘူး။ တစ်ခါတလေ ကြိုးစားအားထုတ်မှု မရှိဘဲနဲ့တောင် ကံကောင်းသွားတတ်သလို၊ ဘယ်လောက်ပဲ ကြိုးစားကြံစည်ပါ စေ အကြောင်းအမျိုးမျိုးကြောင့် မအောင်မြင်ဘဲ ပျက်စီးသွား တတ်တာမျိုးလည်း ရှိတယ် ဆိုတာကို ဒီစကားက ဖော်ပြတာ ပါပဲ။ ဒါဟာ လောကဓမ္မတာရဲ့ သဘောကို ရိုးရိုးလေး သုံးသပ် ပြထားတာပါ။
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This Myanmar saying, “မကြဲဘဲလည်း ဖြစ်တတ်၏။ ကြဲလျက်လည်း ပျက်စီးတတ်၏။” (literally: Things hap-pen without planning; things fail despite planning) means that sometimes, things work out even without effort, while other times, despite careful plans, they can still go wrong.

It highlights that in life, not everything goes as we wish. We might get lucky breaks without trying, or our best-laid plans might fall apart due to un-foreseen circumstances or bad luck. This proverb simply reflects the unpredictable nature of life and destiny. It’s similar to the saying, “Man proposes, God disposes.”

USAGES:

1. A roll of the dice.
 - **Meaning:** This describes a situation where the outcome is uncertain and largely depend-ent on chance, like rolling dice in a game. It implies that despite any preparation, the result is unpredictable.
 - **Example:** “Launching a new product in such a volatile market is truly a roll of the dice; you never know what will happen.”
2. Hit or miss.
 - **Meaning:** Something that is “hit or miss” is either successful or unsuccessful, with no consistent pattern. The outcome is uncertain and unreliable, often despite intentions.
 - **Example:** “His attempts at baking are always hit or miss; sometimes they’re delicious, other times they’re inedible.”
3. Against all odds.
 - **Meaning:** This describes a situation where something happens or succeeds despite very little chance of it happening. It refers to an unlikely positive outcome occurring even when circumstances are highly unfavoura-ble.
 - **Example:** “Everyone expected their small business to fail, but they managed to succeed against all odds.”

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- ဒီစကားက ဘယ်သူတွေကို ရည်ညွှန်းတာလဲဆိုတော့ အစိုးရဝန်ထမ်းတွေ ကို အဓိကပြောတာပါ။ သူတို့က အလုပ် မှာ ပြဿနာမရှိဘဲ သက်တောင့်သက်သာဖြစ်ဖို့၊ အလုပ်မပြုတ် အောင် အစွန်းထွက်ပြီး ဘာမှ မလုပ်ကြတော့ဘူး။
- ဒါပေမဲ့ အဲဒါနဲ့ ဆန့်ကျင်ဘက်အနေနဲ့ ပုဂ္ဂလိကကုမ္ပဏီ တချို့ကျတော့ “အောက်ခြေကနေ စနစ်တကျ စီမံခန့်ခွဲတဲ့ပုံစံ (bottom-up approach)” ကို သုံးပါတယ်။ ဒါက ဘာကိုဆိုလို တာလဲဆိုတော့ အပေါ်ကနေပဲ အမိန့်ပေးတာမျိုး မဟုတ်ဘဲ၊ ဝန်ထမ်းတွေရဲ့ အကြံဉာဏ်တွေနဲ့ ပါဝင်မှုတွေကို တန်ဖိုးထား ပြီး မူဝါဒတွေ ချမှတ်တဲ့အခါ ထည့်သွင်းစဉ်းစားပေးတာ မျိုး ကို ပြောတာဖြစ်ပါတယ်။
- ဒီ “မလုပ် မရှုပ် မပြုတ်” ဆိုတဲ့ စကားပုံက တကယ်တော့ အလုပ်ခွင်ထဲမှာ သတိထားရမယ့် အကြောင်းအရာတစ်ခုကို ထောက်ပြနေတာပါ။
- ဘာမှ အသစ်အဆန်း မလုပ်၊ ရှိပြီးသားအတိုင်းလေးပဲ လုပ် သွားရင် ပြဿနာမတက်၊ ရာထူးမထိ၊ အလုပ်လည်း မပြုတ် ဘူးဆိုတဲ့ အတွေးမျိုးပေါ့။ ဒါဟာ တီထွင်ဖန်တီးမှု၊ တိုးတက် ပြောင်းလဲမှုတွေကို အားမပေးဘဲ လက်ရှိအခြေအနေအတိုင်း ပဲ ဆက်ထိန်းထားချင်တဲ့ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကို ပြနေတာပါ။
- ဒါပေမဲ့ ဒီလိုစိတ်ဓာတ်မျိုးက ရေရှည်မှာ ဘယ်လိုမှ အဆင် မပြေနိုင်ဘူး။ နိုင်ငံတစ်နိုင်ငံ၊ အဖွဲ့အစည်းတစ်ခု တိုးတက်ဖို့ ဆိုရင် အပြောင်းအလဲတွေ လုပ်ရတဲ့ သတ္တိ၊ တာဝန်ယူရတဲ့ စိတ်ဓာတ်တွေ လိုပါတယ်။ လူတွေက “မလုပ် မရှုပ် မပြုတ်”

By AUGUSTIN

ဆိုပြီး ဘာမှ မလုပ်ကြရင် ဌာနတွေ၊ လုပ်ငန်းတွေက တန်နေ မှာပဲ။ ပြင်ပကမ္ဘာက တိုးတက်နေတာကို ကိုယ်တွေက နောက် ကျန်ခဲ့မှာပေါ့။

အခုခေတ်မှာတော့ ပုဂ္ဂလိကကုမ္ပဏီတွေ၊ အထူးသဖြင့် နိုင်ငံတကာကုမ္ပဏီတွေက “အောက်ခြေကနေ စီမံခန့်ခွဲတဲ့ ပုံစံ (bottom-up)” ကို သုံးလာကြတာ ကောင်းတဲ့ လက္ခဏာ ပဲ။ ဝန်ထမ်းတွေရဲ့ အကြံဉာဏ်တွေကို နားထောင်ပြီး အတူတူ ဆုံးဖြတ်ကြတော့၊ ဝန်ထမ်းတွေလည်း စိတ်ပါလက်ပါပိုကြိုးစား ချင်လာတယ်။ လုပ်ငန်းလည်း ပိုတိုးတက်လာနိုင်တယ်။

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The Myanmar saying “မလုပ် မရှုပ် မပြုတ်” directly translates to “If you don’t do anything, you won’t get into trouble, and you won’t get fired.”

This phrase generally refers to civil servants who prefer to avoid taking the initiative to keep things simple and secure their jobs.

In contrast, some private companies, particu-larly international corporate cultures, use a “bot-tom-up” management approach. This means that employee ideas and participation are valued and considered when making decisions, rather than just having orders come from the top down.

USAGES:

1. Play it safe
 - **Meaning:** To act in a way that avoids risk or danger; to be cautious. This idiom is about choosing the less risky option to ensure secu-rity, even if it means missing out on potential gains.
 - **Example:** “Instead of trying a bold new strat-egy, the team decided to play it safe with their existing marketing plan.”
2. Keep your head down
 - **Meaning:** To avoid drawing attention to your-self, especially in a difficult or risky situation, so you don’t get into trouble. It implies staying quiet and inconspicuous to avoid being noticed.
 - **Example:** “The company is going through some restructuring, so I’m just trying to keep my head down and focus on my work.”
3. Go with the flow
 - **Meaning:** To accept a situation without trying to change it or control it; to adapt to circum-stances rather than resisting them. This can sometimes mean not taking initiative, espe-cially if it means avoiding conflict.
 - **Example:** “I didn’t really agree with the new policy, but I decided to go with the flow rather than argue about it.”



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NATIONAL

KBZ launches support centre for earthquake survivors in Mandalay

THE KBZ Foundation announced that it opened the KBZ Centre Mandalay on 10 June in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Region, intending to provide long-term support for people impacted by the recent earthquake.

Located at the corner of 73rd and 110th Streets in Chanmyathazi Township, the centre occupies an area of 16 acres. The KBZ Foundation has made an initial donation of K45 billion for those affected by the disaster, and K30 billion of that amount has been allocated for the construction of the KBZ Centre Mandalay, which is designed to offer assistance for a period ranging from one to five years.

The centre includes medical clinics capable of treating around 700 patients daily, free



This image captures officials visiting the KBZ Disaster Relief and Support Centre (Mandalay) established for quake-stricken people.

of charge, including services for mental health. It also features a support and donation coordination centre connected to a call centre, a free dining

hall serving lunch and dinner, and provides free access to clean drinking water, shower facilities, toilets, and laundry machines. In addition, free LPG

gas cooking stoves are available for public use.

To further assist earthquake victims in quickly rebuilding their homes and reviving

their businesses, KBZ Bank will also provide specialized financial services from the centre. These include long-term home loans, fast-track SME loans, and corporate loan services.

The facility is also equipped with multi-purpose halls that can be used to conduct natural disaster rescue training courses. Other services provided at the site include KBZPay Centre, KBZMS General Insurance, and KBZ Life Insurance.

On the opening day, 10 June, the KBZ Foundation also donated 6,700 bags of cement and 870 bags of rice as an initial contribution to support the rebuilding of 25 religious buildings, including 19 monasteries and nunneries in Mandalay that were damaged by the earthquake. — ASH/KNN

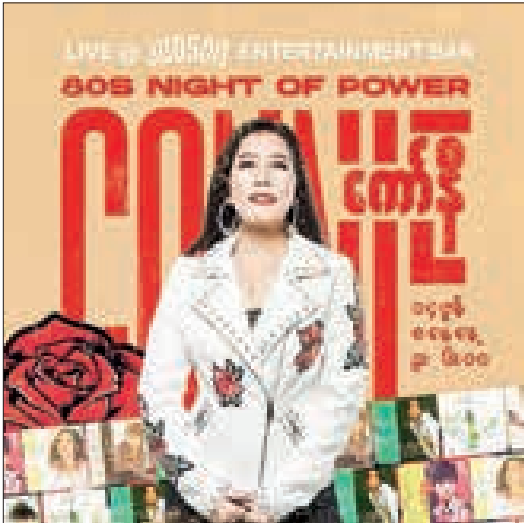
Unforgettable night: Live concert set to dazzle fans

THE 'A Night to Remember – Connie Live in Concert' music show by singer Connie will be held at the Judson Entertainment Bar in Mingaladon Township, Yangon Region, according to the singer.

"I'm all set to perform songs together with my fans on the evening of 14 June. Alongside my performance, lead vocalists will present amazing songs. You'll also enjoy thrilling DJ mixes and energetic dance routines by dancers. So, I invite you all to come," said singer Connie.

The concert will begin at 6 pm on 14 June as part of the Sunday Night Live concert at Judson Entertainment Bar. Judson Band will provide top-tier instrumental support for the singers' performances.

An official from Judson Entertainment Bar



This image reveals a promotional poster for the 'A Night to Remember - Connie Live in Concert'.

stated, "Connie will sing many hit songs that have remained popular from the 1980s to the present day. The audience can look forward to an electrifying and memorable show". — ASH/KZL

Mahar's 'Nga Bayinma' drama to premiere in HD this June

THE television drama series titled 'Nga Bayinma' (I Am the Queen) will be broadcast in HD quality during June, according to Academy Khin Wint Wah, who plays one of the lead roles.

The story of the series was written by author Shin Ma, with the script adapted by Ngwe Sin Thawn, Thin Nant Thar, and Nya Hmwe Pan. The series is directed by Academy director Wyne, and it is an original production of the Mahar application platform (Mahar original

series).

"It's a drama series," said Khin Wint Wah. "Although many portray themes of love as sacrifice, possessiveness etc. This series seeks to share a message that love is truly a mysterious and wondrous force. I hope viewers will support it."

The cast includes Alin Yaung, Academy Khin Wint Wah, Academy Min Oo, Academy Khin Moh Moh Aye and many other supporting actors and actresses. — ASH/MKKS



This image showcases a poster for the drama series 'Nga Bayinma' (I Am the Queen).

Yangon Region welcomes K118,000 international tourists in Jan-

A total of K118,000 international tourists visited Yangon Region from January to May 2025, according to the Yangon Region Department of Hotels and Tourism.

An official from the department said that international tourist arrivals in the first five months of this year have increased compared to the same

period in 2024.

"In the first five months of 2024, the number of international tourists reached 102,000. In 2025, this figure rose to 118,000. Foreign tourists entering Myanmar often travel on business visas. Most of the people who come to Myanmar are from China, Thailand, Korea, Japan, Vietnam, and the

United States," the official said.

International tourists who entered Myanmar during the first five months of this year primarily arrived by air through Yangon International Airport. They visited major cities in the Yangon and Bago regions, Mon and southern Shan states, as well as the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. — ASH/TH

NATIONAL

Myanmar eases exports with new auto-licence system for 97 items, including rice, pulses

NINETY-SEVEN agricultural products, including rice and pulses, will be allowed for export under the automatic licence system, according to the Department of Trade's Export-Import Bulletin 2/2025 dated 9 June.

This system will automatically issue licences without the need for the department to review them, while the non-automatic system requires traders to first apply for the licence to get reviewed.

The DOT has been allowing all goods exported from seaports and border trade posts only after applying for an export licence, but to facilitate post-earthquake export activities, it has changed to the automatic licence system for smooth export operations, it said.

Items changed from the non-automatic licence system to the automated one include 58 items of garlic, onion and pulses, 25 items of rice, corn, millet, wheat and 14 items of oilseeds. These 97 lines in HS Code 10 Digits will be allowed to be operated on Myanmar Tradenet 2.0 from 15 June 2025 until 31 August 2025, under the automatic licence system.

According to the Export-Import Bulletin 4/2024 dated 16 July 2024, the ministry previously switched to the non-automatic licence system for 1460 items in HS Code 10 Digits, which had been among the commodity lines allowed under the automatic system as per the Export-Import Bulletin 9/2023. — Htun Htun/ZN



Rice bags to be exported are seen at the port.

Japan Culture House invites visitors to enjoy Ajisai

THE Japan Foundation has invited the public to the Japan Culture House to enjoy the beauty of Ajisai, a popular flower in Japan and create their flower.

The Japan Culture House hosts monthly activities about Japanese culture, and in this exhibition, an introduction to Ajisai is included.

Ajisai, also known as the flower of the sixth month, changes colour depending on the pH level of the soil, and it blossoms plentifully in June; therefore 6th, 16th and 26th of June are defined as Ajisai no Hi.

Now, the Japan Culture House is being decorated with Ajisai throughout June, aiming

to feel the cool weather of nature throughout June as well as a part of sharing Japanese culture.

Visitors are welcome to take a photo with Ajisai and create flowers by themselves at the Japan Foundation located on Natmauk Lane 1 in Bahan Township, on every Tuesday and Saturday from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. — MT/ZS



Ajisai flowers.



Local visitors in Bagan.

Bagan sees rise in tourist arrivals this monsoon

VISITOR arrival has still been large in a low-rainfall area, Bagan, according to an official from the Union of Myanmar Travel Association (UMTA).

Visitor arrival to beaches and destinations where rainfall is high generally declines in the pre-monsoon season; however, there are still travellers in areas where rainfall is low and have beautiful land-

scapes.

"Hpa-an, where mountains and caves exist, looks more attractive in the monsoon. So, visitors go there in the monsoon, but arrivals decrease. But the visitor arrival has still been large in Bagan as well as in Mandalay," he said.

In the dry season, April, visitor arrivals at beaches sharply increased, even though

all hotel rooms were occupied. However, in pre-monsoon, the arrival of tourists has fallen moderately, he said.

The tourism industry hasn't recovered yet like before the time of COVID-19, but they have still maintained the international network, he said and added that it is fine to travel to Bagan in monsoon. — MT/ZS

Thukha Dagon lot-drawing selector list for 4 new buildings out 16–20 June

THE Department of Urban and Housing Development will announce the list of selectors to draw lots for the units in the four additional completed buildings in the Thukha Dagon Housing Complex from 16 to 20 June at the relevant departments and township General Administration Departments, the DUHD said.

Completed buildings include one for the General Administration Department employees and three for the people in Dagon Myothit (North) and Dagon Myothit (South) townships, and they will be allocated through a drawing lot system.

The DUHD has warned the public of fraudsters who claim to provide service to



This photo showcases units in the Thukha Dagon Housing Complex.

buy or rent apartments in the Thukha Dagon Housing Complex, and the public housing placement and discipline committee has announced that if anyone violates the rules and

regulations, the rented apartment will be confiscated and effective action will be taken against the original tenant who violated the rules under the law. — MT/ZN

ECONOMY
WORLD

Eurostar to launch routes to Germany and Switzerland

Eurostar will also introduce new services from Amsterdam and Brussels to Geneva.



Several European firms have shown interest in providing cross-Channel services. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

EUROSTAR said Tuesday it would launch new direct train routes from London to Frankfurt and Geneva, as potential competitors threaten to break its three-decade monopoly on cross-channel rail travel.

The new direct routes would open from the early 2030s, in addition to new services from Amsterdam and Brussels to Geneva, the international rail company said.

Announced at the back of positive year-end results, Eurostar said in a statement that it would invest two billion euros (£1.6 billion) in the new services to major European cities and 50 new trains, bringing its total fleet to 67 trains.

The announcement comes amid “continued demand for international rail travel across Europe”, according to Eurostar,

which currently operates in the UK, France, the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany.

While it currently has connecting services to Cologne, the new routes will directly serve the German financial capital and global diplomatic hub Geneva.

“Our new fleet will make new destinations for customers a reality -- notably direct trains between London and Germany, and between London and Switzerland for the first time. A new golden age of international sustainable travel is here,” said Eurostar CEO Gwendoline Cazenave.

According to the rail company, passenger numbers rose to over 19.5 million in 2024, marking a five per cent increase from the previous year. It has a target of ferrying 30 million passengers annually. — AFP

World Bank cuts growth forecast on trade tumult

THE World Bank slashed its 2025 global growth forecast Tuesday, citing trade tensions and resulting policy uncertainty, as US President Donald Trump's wide-ranging tariffs strained ties and weighed on economic outlooks.

The bank lowered its projection for global GDP growth to 2.3 per cent in its latest economic prospects report, down from 2.7 per cent expected in January, the

latest in a series of downgrades by international organizations.

“That’s the weakest performance in 17 years, outside of outright global recessions,” said World Bank Group chief economist Indermit Gill.

Global growth and inflation prospects for this year and next have worsened because of “high levels of policy uncertainty and this growing fragmentation of trade relations,” he added. — AFP

US faces steeper crude oil production decline than previously anticipated: S&P Global Commodity Insights

THE US is facing a deceleration of crude oil production growth in 2025 than previously anticipated, according to a new analysis by S&P Global Commodity Insights.

The global commodities information services provider projects a sharper year-on-year overall production decline in 2026 in the US than previously anticipated.

The latest S&P Global Commodity Insights Global Crude Oil Markets Short-term Outlook finds that the US, which has been the biggest source of global supply growth in recent years, will be “disproportionately impacted” by a combination of sluggish global oil demand growth and supply surplus.

Following the most recent decision by OPEC+ members to proceed with the accelerated unwinding of production cuts, along with supply growth

elsewhere, year-on-year global crude oil (and condensate) production growth is expected to be 2.2 million barrels per day for the second half of 2025, compared to just 390,000 barrels per day of expected crude oil demand growth.

S&P Global Commodity In-

sights said that annual global total oil (liquids) demand growth for 2025 is expected to be the weakest since 2001, excluding the economic downturn during the 2008-09 financial crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, averaging 770,000 barrels per day. — ANI



The US is expected to bear the brunt of the impacts from an oversupplied market compared to other sources of non-OPEC supply, such as Canada, Guyana, and Brazil. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

BOJ set to keep policy rate unchanged, will gauge US tariff impact

The Bank of Japan is expected to leave interest rates unchanged at its policy meeting next week as it gauges the impact of higher US tariffs and monitors ongoing trade talks between Tokyo and Washington, sources familiar with the matters said Wednesday.

Following the two-day gathering starting Monday, the central bank is likely to agree on continuing reductions in government bond

purchases beyond next April, as part of monetary policy normalization from a decade of unorthodox monetary easing, according to the sources.

The latest BOJ meeting will coincide with the upcoming Group of Seven summit in Canada, where Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba and US President Donald Trump are expected to hold bilateral talks primarily focused on tariffs on the sidelines. — Kyodo

China mulls measures to regulate livestream e-commerce

PUBLIC opinion on regulations for the supervision and administration of livestream e-commerce is being solicited, China’s top market regulator announced on Tuesday. The State Administration for Market Regulation said that it has drafted the regulations in collaboration with the Cyberspace Administration of China to enhance livestream e-commerce supervision and administration, safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of consumers and operators, and promote the healthy development of the sector. — Xinhua

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1	Dexa 5 SC	Hexaconazole 5% SC	F 2017 - 1630
2	Whitegold 10 EC	Cypermethrin 10% EC	FF 2021 - 264
3	Kendo 50 SP	Cartap Hydrochloride 50% SP	F 2015 - 1249

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1	Affix 250 SC	Azoxystrobin 25% SC	F 2024 - 4598
2	Bisect 10 EC	Bifenthrin 10% EC	F 2024 - 4618
3	Fenkill 20% EC	Fenvalerate 20% w/v EC	F 2015 - 136
4	Glory	Azoxystrobin 5% + Mancozeb 70% WG	F 2024 - 3215
5	Kris	Bispyribac-sodium 400g/l SC	F 2024 - 4499
6	Mace	Tricyclazole 75% WP	F 2024 - 4537
7	Malphos 50% EC	Malathion 50% EC	F 2015 - 192
8	Rampart	Metalaxyl 31.7% FS	F 2024 - 4597
9	Reno	Thiamethoxam 35% FS	F 2021 - 3219
10	Spada 600 WG	Propanil 60% WG	F 2024 - 4611
11	Stam 80 DF	Propanil 80% DF	FF 2022 - 829
12	Sygastar	Tebuconazole 20% EC	F 2024 - 4599

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No.	Brand Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1.	Tokuthion 500 EC	Prothiosfos 50% EC	FF 2023 – 487

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No.	Brand Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1.	Mitac 20% EC	Amitraz 20% EC	FF 2023 – 508
2.	Omite 57 EW	Propargite 57% EW	F 2022 - 3442

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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.
Phone No: **2301185**
Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority
Agent For:
M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

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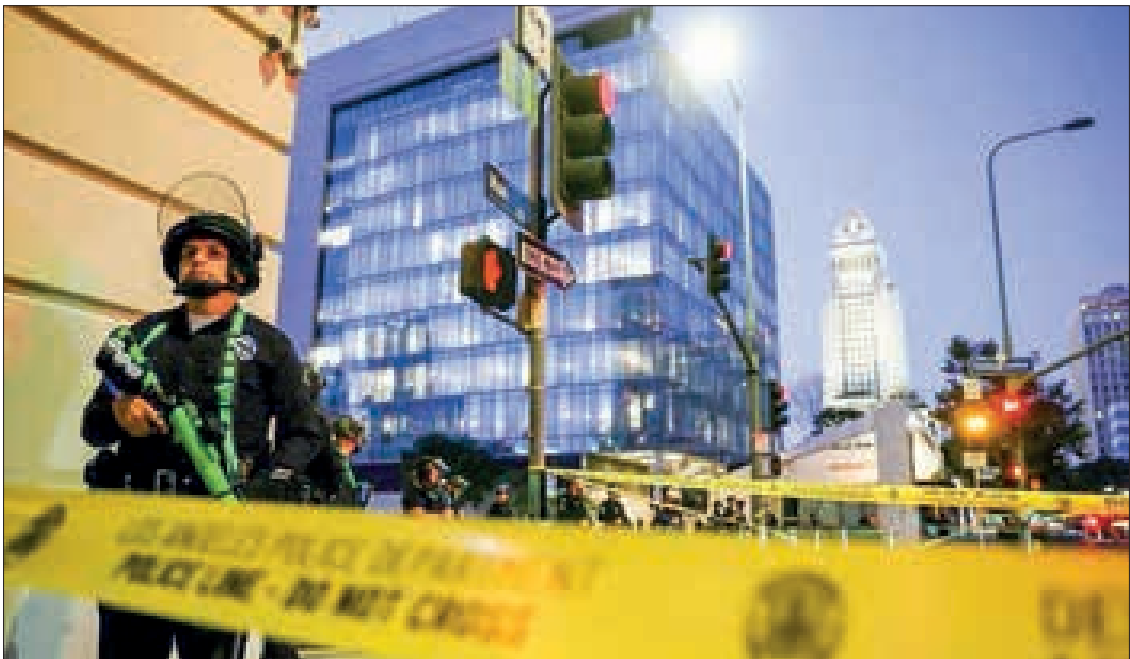
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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

Downtown LA under curfew as Trump deploys thousands of troops against immigration protesters

The situation escalated over the weekend, with violence peaking during protests against President Trump's immigration orders.



LA police began a mass arrest operation after the start of the downtown curfew. PHOTO: AFP

LOS Angeles Mayor Karen Bass on Tuesday evening declared a limited downtown curfew as thousands of police officers, federal agents and federal troops continued to patrol the city's streets during US President Donald Trump's unprecedented orders against immigration protesters.

"Everyone is required to adhere to this curfew," Bass said, adding that residents inside the zone and accredited media personnel are exempt. Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Chief Jim McDonnell warned that anyone found in the restricted area from local time 8 pm Tuesday (0300 GMT Wednesday) to 6 am (1300 GMT Wednesday) without an exemption would be arrested.

The curfew followed another brief blockade of US Highway 101 during the afternoon rush hour, and two people were arrested after clashing with officers. The major north-south route was temporarily shut down in both directions as violence between protesters and officers peaked on Sunday.

Chief McDonnell told the City Council that officers arrested 114 people Monday night, including 53 for failure to disperse and 15 for alleged looting. One person was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon on an officer and another for attempted murder. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Afghanistan starts demarcating borders, restoring border markers

AFGHANISTAN has started to demarcate its borders with neighbouring states along with restoration of border markers that were previously lost for various reasons, Afghan broadcaster reported on Monday, citing the Ministry of Borders, Ethnicities, and Tribes Affairs of Afghanistan.

"Regardless of the sensitivity and length of the process, the ministry and its partner agencies are committed to precisely defining zero points and protecting the territorial integrity of the country," ministry spokesman Taslimullah Haqqani was quoted by the Tolo News broadcaster on Monday as saying. Negotiations are underway with neighbouring countries that share official borders with Afghanistan on the renewal and reconstruction of border markers, according to a statement referenced by Afghan broadcaster. — SPUTNIK

Elon Musk regrets comments about Trump, tensions rise

Tech billionaire Elon Musk has expressed regret over his recent remarks about US President Donald Trump, stating that some of his posts last week "went too far."

Taking to his official handle on X (formerly Twitter), Musk posted, "I regret some of my posts about President @realDonaldTrump last week. They went too far".

Meanwhile, Trump warned Musk of "serious consequences" if he funds Democratic candidates running against Republicans backing the GOP's budget bill, escalating tensions between the two influential figures. — ANI

Austria mourns mass school shooting as bomb found at suspect's home

AUSTRIA began three days of national mourning on Wednesday after a former student fatally shot 10 people at a Graz secondary school, in one of the country's deadliest-ever attacks.

Austria began three days of mourning Wednesday for the 10 people killed in a school shooting as investigators revealed they found a makeshift bomb at the home of the suspect.

The 21-year-old former pupil at the Dreierschuetzen-gasse secondary school in the second city of Graz shot dead 10 people on Tuesday in an unprecedented rampage that stunned the Alpine country.

Police said that he acted alone and took his own life in the toilet at the school.

A "non-functional home-made bomb" was also found during a search at the suspect's home, police said Wednesday.

They also found a goodbye letter to the suspect's parents, but it included no clues about his motive.

Locals hugged each other and cried as they left flowers, candles and letters to the victims outside the city centre school, which has around 400 students aged between 14 and 18.

"It is truly shocking... We will always think back on this," Mariam Fayz, a 22-year-old student, said, adding that she feared for younger brother when she heard the news. — AFP



Residents left flowers, candles and letters to the victims outside the city centre school. PHOTO: AFP

2025 ISR Men's and Women's Volleyball Semifinals held

THE 2025 Inter-State and Region Women's Volleyball Semifinals took place on the morning of 11 June at the State Sports Training Hall in Taunggyi. Officials, students from Taunggyi Education Degree College, nursing trainees, sports science students, residents and sports enthusiasts enjoyed the matches.

In the women's semifinals, the Mandalay Region team won all three matches against Shan State, while Yangon Region also secured three victories against Kachin State.

In the men's semi-finals, Mandalay Region defeated Yangon Region with three match wins, and Shan State achieved three wins against Sagaing Region.

The finals of the 2025 Inter-State and Region Volleyball Championships will be held on 12 June, with the women's final featuring Mandalay Region versus Yangon Region, and the men's final between Shan State and Mandalay Region. — Maung Maung Than (Taunggyi)/KZL



Shan United, the Myanmar club, directly entered the group stage. SUFC

2 Myanmar clubs set to compete in 2025-26 AFC Challenge League

Two Myanmar clubs will compete in the 2025-2026 AFC Challenge League, organized by the Asian Football Confederation. Shan United, who won the 2024-2025 MNL title, and Yangon United, the runners-up, will represent Myanmar in the competition.

The Asian Football Confederation restructured its club competitions last season and launched three separate tiers. Myanmar clubs are eligible to compete in the third-tier tournament, the AFC Challenge League. While only one Myanmar club was allowed in the previous season, this year, two clubs

have earned the opportunity.

According to the AFC's format, Shan United, as league champions, will directly enter the group stage, while Yangon United, as runners-up, will start from the qualifying stage. Yangon United is scheduled to face Lao League champions Ezra FC on 12 August in Laos. A win would see them advance to the group stage.

The competition will be held across two zones. Myanmar clubs will participate in the East Asia Zone, where Shan United will be grouped with Svay Rieng (Cambodia), Dewa United (Indonesia) and two losing teams from

the AFC Champions League Two play-offs: Manila Digger (Philippines) and Persik (Indonesia).

In the qualifying round, four teams will advance to the group stage: Yangon United (Myanmar) versus Ezra (Laos), Phnom Penh Crown (Cambodia) versus Kasuka (Brunei) and two clubs each from Chinese Taipei and Mongolia. The qualifiers will be held on 12 August, and the group stage draw will take place on 28 August.

In the previous season, Shan United participated in the AFC Challenge League and advanced to the quarterfinals. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

ASEAN U19 Championship: Myanmar youth women score dominant win

MYANMAR'S U19 women's team secured a commanding win over Laos at the ASEAN U19 Women's Championship quarterfinals held in Vietnam yesterday.

On the second group stage day, Myanmar defeated Laos 6-0. Hosts Vietnam beat Timor-Leste 6-0, Thailand overcame Malaysia 7-1, and Indonesia and Cambodia drew 1-1.

After a narrow loss to Vietnam in their opening match, Myanmar aimed for a strong victory and delivered six goals, boosting their chances to advance to the semifinals.

Myanmar's coach made some changes to the squad, fielding players including Daisy Aung, Su Su Khin, and Yin Loon Eain.

Myanmar scored three goals in each half, with goals by Daisy Aung at 18 and 46 minutes, Su Su Khin at 28 and 56 minutes, Yin Loon Eain at 43 minutes, and Aye Aye Soe at 72 minutes.

After two matches, Vietnam leads with six points, Myanmar and Laos have three points each, while Timor-Leste has



The Myanmar U19 women's team battles Laos in a group match.

none in Group A.

In Group B, Thailand tops with six points, Malaysia has three and Indonesia and Cambodia have one point each.

Thailand has already secured a semifinal spot with two wins. Myanmar will face Timor-Leste in their final group match on 13 June. — Chit Ko Ko/KZL

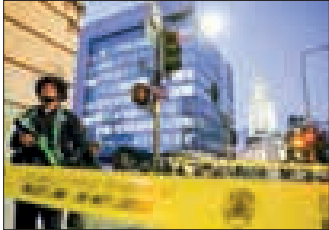
Brazil, Ecuador book World Cup berths, Uruguay on brink

BRAZIL booked their place at the 2026 World Cup in North America on Tuesday with a lackluster 1-0 home victory over Paraguay, the first win of Carlo Ancelotti's reign. The five-time world champions punched their ticket to the finals in Canada, the United States and Mexico thanks to Vinicius Jr.

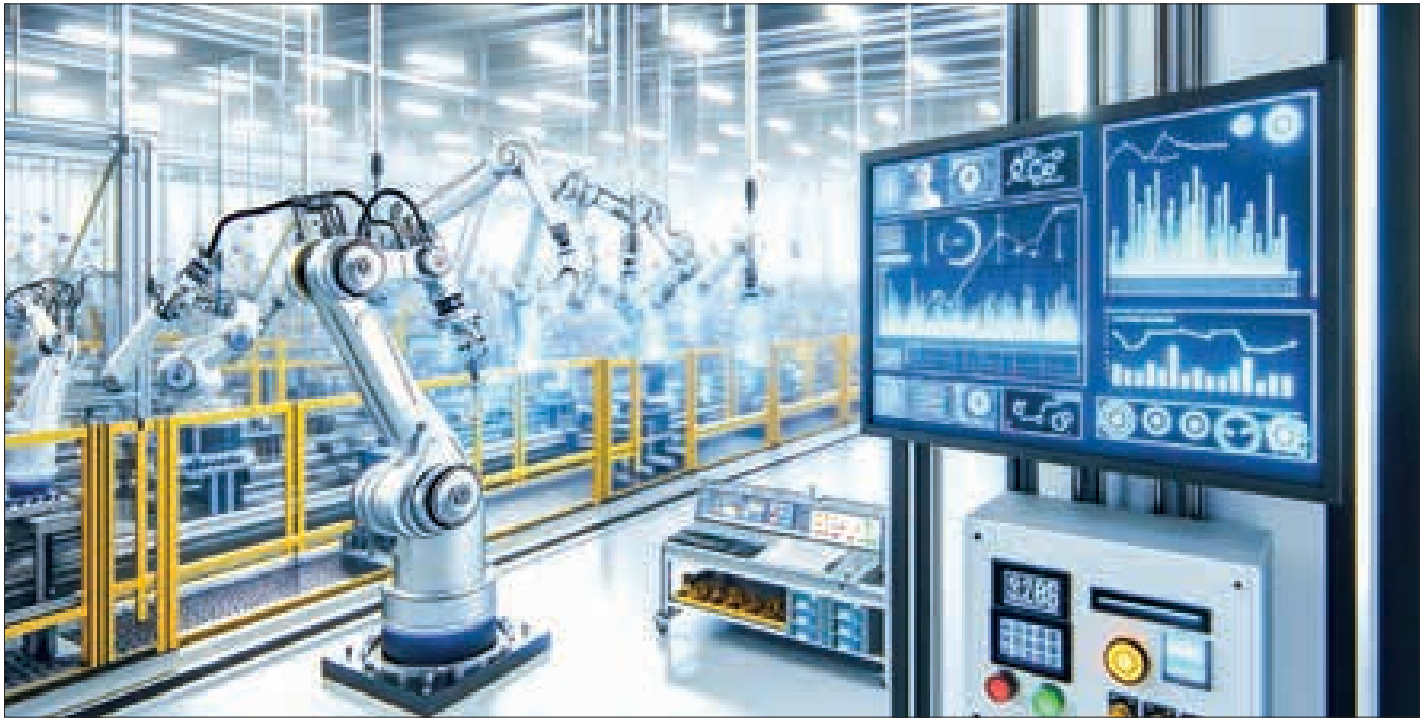
The Real Madrid star poked in from close range in 44th minutes in Sao Paulo after a cross from new Manchester United signing Matheus Cunha. It was the perfect gift for the Italian Ancelotti on his 66th birthday, having seen his new side held 0-0 by Ecuador last week in his first game as coach. Former Real Madrid boss Ancelotti praised his team's "commitment" and "attitude". "It was a good match with a very good first half, although obviously we suffered a bit because Paraguay are very solid opponents and we slowed down a bit in the second," he said.

Uruguay's 2-0 win over Venezuela in Montevideo had raised the prospect of qualification for both Brazil and Paraguay at Corinthians Arena. — AFP

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AI-driven automated manufacturing processes enhance efficiency and precision by utilizing advanced algorithms and machine learning to optimize production workflows. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ PRAXIE**

India's AI market is likely to triple and reach US\$ 17 billion by 2027: BCG Report

*This talent pool represents 16 per cent of the
global AI workforce, making India the second-
largest contributor after the United States.*

INDIA'S Artificial Intelligence (AI) market is set to triple to US\$17 billion by 2027 and is rapidly moving beyond experimental phases to become a core driver of competition and scale for Indian businesses says a report by Boston Consulting Group (BCG).

The report highlights how AI is not only boosting operational efficiency but also expanding markets, accelerating decision-making, and fostering innovation-led growth. "AI is no longer an option but a business necessity. Indian companies are using it to leapfrog traditional growth

curves and compete confidently on the global stage. While the hurdle rate for successful deployment is high, the rewards are even higher, and the results speak for themselves," said Mandeep Kohli, Managing Director and Partner, BCG India.

BCG's report reveals that India currently boasts over 600,000 AI professionals, a number projected to double to 1.25 million. This talent pool represents 16 per cent of the global AI talent, second only to the United States. Key enablers include data scale with over 700 million internet users, infrastructure growth, and a surge of approximately 2,000 AI startups launched in the past three years. — ANI

REFLECTION ON HIROSHIMA

World 'closer than ever' to nuclear annihilation

US Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard believes that the world is "closer than ever" to nuclear annihilation and has called on the nuclear powers to pursue the path of nuclear disarmament and avoid an escalation of tensions.

Gabbard posted a video on X where she talked about a recent visit to the Japanese city of Hiroshima, where the US dropped an atomic bomb in 1945. She acknowledged the consequences of the world's first atomic bombing.

"This is an experience that will stay with me forever... As we stay here today closer to the brink of nuclear annihilation closer than ever before, political elite and warmongers are carelessly fomenting fear and tensions between nuclear powers... So, it's up to us, the people, to speak up and demand an end to this madness. We must reject this path to nuclear war and work towards a world where no one has to live in fear of a nuclear holocaust," she said.

According to latest estimates by nuclear researchers, the total number of deployable nuclear warheads in the world has increased to 9,615 from 9,583 in 2024, while the total number of nuclear warheads has risen to 12,340. — SPUTNIK

Nankai quake damage projected at 1,466 tril yen over 20-plus years

A massive earthquake predicted to occur in the Nankai Trough within the next 30 years could cause 1,466 trillion yen (\$10 trillion) in economic damage over a period of more than 20 years, a construction industry body said Wednesday.

The latest estimate by the Japan Society of Civil Engineers is based on an analysis of a megaquake and subsequent tsunami along the

Nankai Trough, which stretches southwest from the Pacific coast of central Japan. The figure represents a four per cent increase from its 2018 estimate of 1,410 trillion yen.

In March, the Japanese government estimated that the economic damage from the Nankai quake and the resulting tsunami could reach up to 292 trillion yen in the first year alone.

The association said it would take nearly 22 years for the economy to recover, based on the experience of the quake and tsunami that devastated northeastern Japan in 2011.

Taking countermeasures, such as strengthening roads and levees, costing more than 58 trillion yen, would reduce economic damage by 31 per cent, the group said in its latest report. — Kyodo



Satoshi Fujii of the Japan Society of Civil Engineers attends a press conference in Tokyo on 11 June 2025. **PHOTO: KYODO**