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VP Calls for Stronger Social Safety Net

Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye chairs the meeting of the National Committee on Social Protection.

Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye, in the capacity of Chair of the National Committee on Social Protection, addressed the committee meeting yesterday.

At the meeting, she said that the social protection system is one of the fundamental pillars of State development, playing a vital role in ensuring social security for all citizens, reducing poverty, promoting human resource development, and supporting the country's economic and social progress.

The Vice-President said social protection refers to the systematic implementation of government policies, procedures and programmes designed to protect individuals and households from economic and social risks, expand access to basic services and infrastructure as well as economic opportunities, and address humanitarian hardships arising from sudden income loss and emergencies.

She mentioned the eight major points of the Myanmar National Social Protection Strategic Plan and four core sectors being implemented for that strategic plan.

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166th Joint Mekong River Patrol by Myanmar, China, Laos, and Thailand Successfully Concluded

THE Chinese Embassy to Myanmar has announced that the 166th Joint Mekong River Patrol conducted by Myanmar, China, Laos, and Thailand as part of their law enforcement cooperation has been completed.

This latest joint patrol lasted for 12 days, focusing primarily on combatting drug-related crimes. During the operation, authorities also cracked down on cross-border offences such as online fraud and gambling, illegal border gambling activities, counterfeiting, and human trafficking.

The joint Mekong River Patrol by Myanmar, China, Laos, and Thailand is in action.

Operating under the theme "No Borders in Drug Elimination – Work Together to Eradicate Drug Threats", the patrol involved six law enforcement vessels and 106 officers from the four countries.

Additionally, a multilateral information-sharing meeting was held in Houayxay, Laos, where agreements were reached to strengthen cooperation. Joint training exercises were also carried out involving China, Laos, and Myanmar to enhance practical coordination in operations. — ASH/GNLM

Yadanabon Cyber City Courts Investors

THE Yadanabon Cyber City Project Supervisory Committee has invited domestic and foreign companies to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) to invest in the Yadanabon Cyber City project located on approximately 1,400 acres out of a total of 2,200 acres near the 21st-mile on the Mandalay-Lashio highway, in PyinOoLwin District, Mandalay Region.

Proposal forms will be available for purchase until 10 August at the Department of Urban and Housing Development, Office 40, Nay Pyi Taw. The deadline for submitting proposals is 4 pm on 25 August.

Individuals can enquire about details regarding the Yadanabon Cyber City project through the Yadanabon Cyber City Project Supervisory Committee, Ministry of Construction, at 067 3407311. — NN/KK

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Yangon to Bury Telecom Cables Underground

BUSINESS PAGE 12

CBM sells US$11M to import sector

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149 of 197 consumer complaints resolved in 5 months

OVER five months in 2026, from January to May, the Myanmar Consumer Protection Commission received 197 consumer complaints.

Of which, the commission settled 149 cases in accordance with rules and regulations, and it has continued working on the remaining 48 cases to be settled through a fast and effective solution.

Currently, 589 officers have been deployed to oversee inspections under the law across all regions and states, including the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

By conducting field investigations, the officers will verify that products are safe for consumers and that they are manufactured in accordance with their labels. — TWA/ZS

This photo captures officials conducting a field investigation on product safety.

NATIONAL

Myanmar Gazette

Head of Service Organization transferred and appointed

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has transferred and appointed U Hsan Win Tun, Director-General of the Information Technology and Cybersecurity Department under the Ministry of Digital Development and Communications, as the Director-General of the Cybersecurity Department of the same organization from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

Botahtaung to host 54th Sabbath-Observing Ceremony

The Botahtaung Pagoda.

THE Botahtaung Pagoda, which features a sacred Buddha hair relic chamber, will hold the 54th Sabbath-Keeping Ceremony and Dhamma talks during the Vasa, according to the pagoda's trustee board.

During the Vasa, from Full Moon Day of the Second Waso, 29 July, to Full Moon Day of Thadingyut, 26 October, Sabbath-keeping and Dhamma talks will be held every Sabbath day.On Sabbath days, Sayadaws from Botahtaung Township will be chanting moral precepts to the audience at 9:30 am, and Dhamma talks will be held from 1 pm to 3 pm.

Meals will be donated to the audience, and the pagoda's trustee board has urged Buddhist devotees to come. — MT/ZS

Bogyoke Aung San Museum to host special exhibition marking 79th Martyrs' Day

Visitors to the Bogyoke Aung San Museum (Natmauk) in Aung San Ward, Natmauk Township.

THE Bogyoke Aung San Museum (Natmauk) in Aung San Ward of Natmauk Township, Magway Region, will host a special exhibition to commemorate the 79th anniversary of Martyrs' Day featuring historical photographs of Bogyoke Aung San and award-winning arts from local children, according to Daw May Myint Su, the museum's in-charge.

The special exhibition will feature photographs of Bogyoke Aung San's childhood, photos of the independence movement, and photos of the records regarding the death. In addition, it is planned to display award-winning arts, essays, poems, and historical records by children in Natmauk.

During the special exhibition, the museum will be prepared in advance to ensure the convenience of visitors and tourists.

The Bogyoke Aung San Museum (Natmauk) is normally open from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm except on Mondays and gazetted holidays. However, on 19 July, Martyrs' Day, it will be open from 7 am to 5 pm, and visitors may enter free of charge. — ASH/MKKS

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Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 7 pm Friday, 10 July 2026

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate to strong over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal. The weather has a few clouds over the South Andaman Sea and the Southeast the Bay of Bengal and partly cloudy to cloudy over the North Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 11 July 2026: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Mandalay, Magway and Lower Sagaing Regions, fairly widespread in Kayah State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago, Upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin,Kayin, Mon, Rakhine and southern Shan States. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions and Kayin,Mon and Rakhine States. In the area along the cumulonimbus cloud's movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied by rain, thunder, lightning and hails 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 off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-12 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago, Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine and (southern and eastern) Shan States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 July 2026: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 July 2026: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 July 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

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

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.

NATIONAL

Judicial Reform, Roads and Consumer Protection Take Centre Stage in Pyithu Hluttaw

THE Pyithu Hluttaw discussed judicial integrity, road infrastructure, consumer protection, flood prevention, fisheries enforcement and livestock development as lawmakers raised 12 questions during the 21st day of the second regular session in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. Speaker U Khin Yi, Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn and Hluttaw representatives attended the sitting.

The session opened with U Nay Lin Aung, MP for the North Okkalapa Constituency, asking whether an independent mechanism exists for reporting judicial misconduct and corruption and whether performance indicators have been established to measure the integrity of courts. Responding on behalf of the judiciary, Supreme Court Judge U Thein Ko Ko said complaint mechanisms are already in place to handle allegations against judges and court staff, while benchmark indicators for judicial integrity will be developed in consultation with the Anti-Corruption Commission.

U Htay Lwin (aka) U Di Lone, MP for the Namsang Constituency, called for the upgrading of roads linking Mongseik, Naungsant and surrounding villages. Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Kyaw Swa Oo replied that the remaining road sections would be upgraded in future financial years, subject to the availability of funding from the Union, state or regional government.

The 21st-day meeting of the second regular session of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw is underway, presided over by Speaker U Khin Yi and Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn.

U Moe Myint, MP for the Thanlyin Constituency, asked whether the Consumer Protection Law would be amended to provide stronger safeguards for consumers dissatisfied with prices charged by businesses. Deputy Minister for Commerce U Min Min said existing legislation already protects consumers in pricing matters and that there are no plans to amend the law further.

Several lawmakers also sought government support for road improvement projects. Daw Zarchi Lwin from the Monyo Constituency, U Khin Maung Myint from the Taikkyi Constituency, U Ye Htut Aung from the Minhla Constituency, and U Soe Win from the Myothit Constituency asked about upgrading roads in their respective townships. Deputy Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Thaik Soe said the projects would be prioritized and implemented in phases depending on future budget allocations and development priorities.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker welcomes ILC delegation, outlines Hluttaw functions

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi speaks at the meeting with ILC faculty members and students during their observation tour.

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi, accompanied by Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn, met more than 120 faculty members and students from the International Leadership College (ILC) at the Thabin Hall in the Hluttaw Building yesterday afternoon after they observed the 21st day of the second regular session of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw.

In his welcoming remarks, Speaker U Khin Yi expressed his pleasure at meeting the delegation, which included undergraduate, master's and doctoral students with an interest in parliamentary affairs. He said the Hluttaw is composed of representatives democratically elected by voters in their respective constituencies to represent the interests of the people. The Speaker explained that Myanmar has a bicameral parliamentary system, with the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw forming the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, while each Region and State has its own legislature.

Explaining the Hluttaw's principal functions, the Speaker outlined its three core responsibilities: enacting legislation to support national development and uphold the rule of law; representing the interests and aspirations of the people; and exercising checks and balances in coordination with the other branches of government to promote national stability and development.

He said Hluttaw committees serve as the foundation of the Hluttaw's work. Stressing the importance of education to national development, he noted that the Hluttaw has established the Education Promotion Committee to work with the government to strengthen the education sector through clearly defined objectives and responsibilities.

The Speaker encouraged the visiting students to place their confidence in the Hluttaw and to contribute to the country's future. He said the Hluttaw remains open to young people and announced plans to organize youth roundtables, youth debates and "Open Parliament" programmes.

During the interactive session, students asked questions about the role of the Pyithu Hluttaw, the legislative process and the education sector, which were answered by the Speaker.

The meeting concluded with Speaker U Khin Yi and Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn greeting the ILC faculty members and students individually. — MNA/TH

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She stressed that effective implementation of social protection programmes being carried out by various ministries requires the cooperation of the government, the private sector, domestic and international charitable organizations, and the public. She urged the relevant ministries to formulate short-, medium- and long-term plans to implement programmes that have yet to be fully realized. She also pointed out that more than 10 years have passed since the National Social Protection Strategic Plan was issued and emphasized the need to review and update it in line with current developments to establish a stronger and more effective social protection system.

Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye noted that social protection is a fundamental responsibility of the government that directly benefits the public and supports sustainable national development. She urged participants to strengthen the social protection system by discussing practical and effective measures in line with the goal of "leaving no one behind".

Committee Vice-Chairman Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win and Committee Secretary Deputy Minister Dr Thant Zaw Lwin reported on the social protection management, measures and completed work plans. — MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL

DIPLOMACY

MoLA Union Minister receives ICRC Resident Representative

The ICRC Resident Representative calls on Union Minister Dr Thida Oo.

LEGAL Affairs Union Minister and Union Attorney-General Dr Thida Oo received Resident Representative Mr Arnaud De Baecque from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to Myanmar along with legal coordinator Ms Samindika Dilani Elkaduwe at the diplomatic hall of the Ministry of Legal Affairs yesterday.

They discussed issues related to raising awareness of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) by the ICRC in Myanmar, the work being done to publish a Myanmar translation of the Geneva Conventions, and the organization of IHL workshops and training courses on humanitarian law.

Also present at the meeting were the deputy minister and deputy attorney-general, and officials. — MNA/MKKS

Myanmar rights chief, Russian counterpart meet online

U Thit Linn Ohn, Chairman of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, along with the Commission Member U Win Hlaing Oo and Commission Member Dr Swe Swe Aung held a meeting via online platform with High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation Mrs Yana Lantratova at 2:30 pm on 10 July 2026 to discuss matters relating to cooperation between the two institutions in the field of human rights.

During the meeting, discussions focused on matters relating to cooperation and enhancing engagement between the two institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights. The meeting was concluded at 3:15 pm.

The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission and the High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation signed a Memorandum of Cooperation in 2025, intending to strengthen cooperation in the human rights field, exchange experiences, knowledge, and best practices, and facilitate collaboration in mutually beneficial areas for both institutions. — MNHRC

The MNHRC chairman and members hold online talks with the Russian High Commissioner for Human Rights.

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U Khin Maung Htay, MP for Pyinmana Constituency, asked whether flood-prone Thayasu Village could be relocated to safer land. Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Ye Tint Tun said relocation would require negotiations over land use, government approval and implementation under a long-term plan. The deputy minister also responded to a question from U Myo Myint Thein, MP for the Wundwin Constituency, stating that the ministry had no plans to relinquish more than 20 acres of agricultural department land for the construction of a vehicle terminal.

U Aung Lin Hlaing, MP for the Bokpyin Constituency, sought tougher action against offshore fishing vessels illegally operating in nearshore waters. Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Ye Tun Win said authorities are monitoring vessels through a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), strengthening enforcement and drafting amendments to the Myanmar Marine Fisheries Law to impose more effective penalties.

Meanwhile, U San Myint, MP for the Myittha Constituency, asked when repairs would begin on the road linking Kume-Yangon-Mandalay Road and Kinta Dam. Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Bo Bo Kyaw said the project would be proposed for funding starting in the 2027-2028 financial year, subject to budget approval.

Dr Aung Gyi, MP for the Kyaiklat Constituency, also asked about measures to expand livestock production, increase meat output, lower food prices and improve public nutrition. Deputy Minister Dr Ye Tun Win outlined ongoing programmes, including livestock breeding, vaccination, farmer support and regional livestock development initiatives.

The Pyithu Hluttaw adjourned after the sitting and will reconvene for its 22nd meeting on 13 July. — MNA/ST

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Veteran writer Dr Ma Tin Win passes away at 86

Dr Ma Tin Win.

MYANMAR veteran author Dr Ma Tin Win (University of Education) (Yenangyoung), who earned some of the country's highest literary honours, passed away at 7 am on Friday, 10 July 2026, in Yangon, at the age of 86, according to her family members and the literary community.

Her remains will be taken from Nyein Aye Hall at the 1,000-bed Defence Services General Hospital in Mingaladon, Yangon, at 1 pm on Sunday, 12 July 2026, and cremated at the Mingaladon Military Cemetery. Her ashes will subsequently be transported to NyaungU in Bagan for entombment, her family announced.

Sayamagyi Dr Ma Tin Win (real name: Daw Tin Win) was born in 1940 in Sinphyukyun, Minbu District, Magway Region, to U Ba Htay and Daw Yin Yin. She passed the matriculation examination from No 1 Basic Education High School in Yenangyoung in 1956. She earned a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree from the University of Yangon in 1961 and a Bachelor of Education (BEd) degree in 1963 before beginning her teaching career as a SAT at No 1 Basic Education High School in Yenangyoung.

In 1965, she went to the Soviet Union (now Russia) to pursue further studies and received a PhD in Teaching Methodology (History Specialization) in 1970. She later served as a professor in the Department of Teaching Methodology at the Yangon University of Education.

She entered the literary field in 1984 through the Thaung Pyaung Htwe Hla Magazine and later published her first book, Women in History, in 1992. From then until her passing, she wrote and published more than 110 books, many of which inspired Myanmar's youth and women while promoting historical knowledge and critical thinking.

In recognition of her outstanding contributions to literature and the nation, she received the Political Literature Award in 2001 for Konbaung Ko San Ywe, another Political Literature Award in 2003 for Colonies that Partitioned and Conquered Asian Countries, and the Sarpay Padetha Award in 2004 for The History of Men's Words. In 2008, she won the General Knowledge Literature Award for The Land Where the Fires of War Never Ceased, and the Grass Never Turned Green. For her lifelong dedication to the development of Myanmar literature, she was awarded the National Lifetime Award for Literary Achievement in 2021. In 2022, the government conferred on her the Alinka Kyawswa honorary title and an Excellent Performance Award.

Readers and literary community members have expressed profound sorrow over the passing of Dr Ma Tin Win, who devoted her entire life to literature and to the nation with a strong sense of patriotism and fulfilled what many regard as her historic responsibility to the country. — TWA/KTZH

NATIONAL

Amyotha Hluttaw session enters day 15

THE second regular session of the Third Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the 15th day at its convention hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the question-and-answer session, Daw Nwe Nwe Oo from the Ayeyawady Region Constituency 12 asked about plans to build an A-class gymnasium, staff housing and fencing the township tennis court in Thaboung Township of Ayeyawady Region. Deputy Minister for Sports U Nyi Nyi replied that the expenditure will be demanded from the Union budget in the nearest financial year to build the sports facilities submitted by the Hluttaw representative in Thabaung Township.

Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Myint responded to the questions raised by U Tun Aung Win from the Sagaing Region Constituency 10, saying that five of the seven school buildings of Htigyaing BEHS No 1 destroyed by terrorists will be repaired with the maintenance cost in the 2026-27 financial year. The capital expenditure will be demanded from the Sagaing Region government in the 2027-28 financial year to construct two school buildings for Letwe Thondra Hall and Manle Hall.

The 15th-day meeting of the second regular sesion of the Third Amyotha Hluttaw is in progress yesterday, presided over by Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe.

The deputy minister also answered the questions raised by U Nyan Tun from the Taninthayi Region Constituency 9, stating that the government allotted K1,830 million for the construction of two new school buildings, two science laboratories and four libraries in Kyunsu Township in 2026-27 FY. The ministry will construct the necessary school buildings for Done Pearl Aw BEHS Branch, Kabinchaung BEHS Branch and Maingthwe BEHS Branch, depending on the financial allocations.

Hluttaw representatives discussed the motion tabled by Daw Soe Soe Myint from the Mon State Constituency, urging the government to implement tax administration and anti-corruption measures through effective strategies, through collaborative efforts of public and government departments to contribute to national development.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe announced that further debates of Hluttaw representatives for the motion, clarification of Union-level dignitaries and seeking the Hluttaw decisions will be conducted on 13 July.

The 15-day session of the Amyotha Hluttaw was adjourned, and it will continue on 13 July. — MNA/TTA

DIPLOMACY

MNREC Union Minister receives Chinese Ambassador

The Chinese ambassador calls on Union Minister U Hsan Oo.

UNION Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Hsan Oo received Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia at the reception hall of the Union Minister's Office yesterday morning.

Both sides discussed the strengthening of the existing diplomatic relations and friendship between Myanmar and China, collaboration in the development of the mineral, forest and environmental conservation sectors, implementation of projects and human resource development.

Deputy Ministers U Khin Latt Gyi and Dr Thaung Naing Oo, the permanent secretary and officials, as well as Chinese Embassy officials, attended the meeting. — MNA/MKKS

DIPLOMACY

MoEE Union Minister receives Bangladeshi Ambassador

The Bangladeshi ambassador calls on Union Minister U Ko Ko Lwin yesterday.

UNION Minister for Electricity and Energy U Ko Ko Lwin received Bangladeshi Ambassador Dr Md Monwar Hossain at the Yenatha guest hall of the Ministry of Electricity and Energy yesterday morning.

They exchanged views on the cooperation in tackling energy difficulties arising from the Gulf conflict, bilateral collaboration in energy trade as Myanmar and Bangladesh are countries with land and sea borders, cross-border power grid construction and electricity trading in the two countries and cross-border power grid construction and electricity trading between China, Myanmar and Bangladesh. — MNA/MKKS

Mongyawng's MSY project activities inspected

THE Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development conducted a field inspection to review the progress of systematic farming activities financed through the revolving funds of the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project in Tarpauk Village, Mongyawng Township, yesterday.

Officials conducts a field inspection in Mongyawng Township.

Mongyawng Township Department of Rural Development Head Daw Aye Moe Khaing and officials visited project beneficiaries engaged in systematic farming activities. She met village project committee members, examining whether the monthly financial records had been properly completed, and urging project members to expand small-scale farming activities while ensuring systematic management of the revolving fund to prevent any loss or misuse.

The Mya Sein Yaung Village Project was first implemented in the village with revolving funds of K30 million. At present, a total of K37 million has been disbursed at low interest rates to 30 project members, all of whom are successfully operating and expanding their systematic farming activities with support from the project funds. — Karan (Rural)

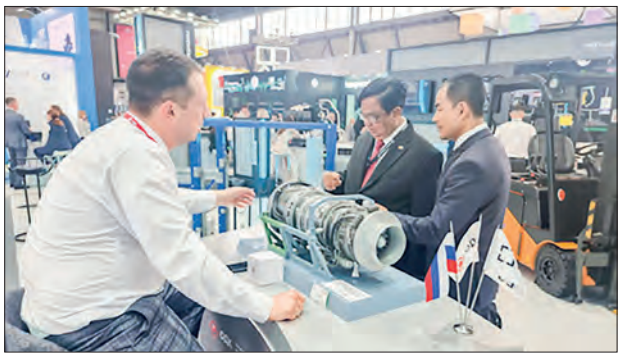
EARTHQUAKE

A SLIGHT earthquake of magnitude 4.3(M) with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about 17 miles east of Mawlaik), latitude 23.65°N, longitude 94.69°E, in the depth of 98 kilometres, about 47 miles southeast of the Tamu Seismological Observatory was recorded at 19 hours 59 minutes 44 seconds MST on 10 July 2026. — DMH

NATIONAL

Myanmar delegation attends Russia's 16th International Industrial Trade Fair

UNION Minister for Industry and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Dr Charlie Than and the Myanmar delegation attended the 16th International Industrial Trade Fair INNOPROM, held in Yekaterinburg, Russia, from 6 to 9 July.



Union Minister Dr Charlie Than is pictured during his observation tour in the Russian Federation.

On the morning of 5 July, the Union minister and party toured the exhibition of industrial products and attended the opening ceremony of the trade fair in the afternoon together with representatives from 50 countries. Following the ceremony, the Union minister held talks with Mr Anton Alikhanov, Russian Minister of Industry and Trade.

On the morning of 7 July, the Union minister and party attended the Russia-Indonesia Industrial Dialogue. The Union minister also met Ms Olga Slominskaya, director of Skolkovo Technopark and relevant officials of Tyazhpromexport (TPE) Company separately, and toured the exhibition.

On 8 July, the Union minister met Mr Vyacheslav Yarin, Minister for International and Foreign Economic Relations of the Sverdlovsk Region and officials of Sistema Joint Stock Financial Cooperation separately, and they observed the MSMEs of the Skolkovo hall and the Uralhimmash factory in Yekaterinburg.

On the morning of 9 July, the Myanmar delegation arrived in Moscow, and held discussions with TPE, MISIS & Stalproket at Tyazhpromexport (TPE) company, toured the Skolkovo Technopark, and arrived back in Myanmar yesterday evening. — MNA/KTZH

Kunhing's Mya Sein Yaung village project loans disbursed

THE Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development held a ceremony to disburse revolving funds under the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project in Wanmai Village, Kunhing Township, yesterday.

Kunhing Township Department of Rural Development Head Daw Zin Mar San explained that the revolving funds were provided under the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project with the objectives of creating employment opportunities and increasing family incomes for rural residents, as well as implementing village development activities with the increased revolving funds. Officials then explained project activities, interest rates, loan periods and rules and regulations to be followed. K37 million in revolving funds was handed over to members of the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project implementation group in Wanmai Village.

Wanmai Village is implementing systematic farming activities using K37 million from the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project. Under the supervision of the officer of the township department, members of the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project implementation group disbursed the sixth round of revolving loans to a total of 22 members. — Cho Than Nyunt (Rural)

A village representative receives the funds in Kunhing Township.

Laihka's completed VDP concrete road inspected

THE Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development conducted a field inspection yesterday of the completed concrete road construction project implemented under the Village Development Project (VDP) in Sonkhun Village, Laihka Township.

Loilem District Department of Rural Development Head U Than Naing, Laihka Township Department of Rural Development Head U Aung Naing Win and engineering staff inspected the completed concrete road construction work. They also met village elders and villagers and discussed the need to collectively maintain and use the concrete road sustainably, while coordinating necessary measures to meet the village's requirements.

Sonkhun Village is implementing village development activities using K15 million from the Village Development Project support fund and K3.5 million contributed by the public. With technical assistance and close supervision from officials of the Township Department of Rural Development, the construction of a concrete road measuring 300 feet long, 12 feet wide and six inches thick was carried out by local villagers themselves starting from the first week of May this year, and has now been completed 100 per cent. — Sein Lwin (Rural)

Officials and locals pose for the documentary group photo upon the completion of the concrete road.

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NATIONAL

Aid given to returnees in Chin State

Deputy Minister U Myo Myint is pictured during the handover ceremony for relief assistance in Falam, Chin State.

DEPUTY Minister for Construction U Myo Myint, together with members of the Chin State Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Committee, inspected the Haka-Falam Road section and attended a relief assistance handover ceremony in Falam, Chin State.

During the road inspection, the deputy minister instructed officials to prioritize repairs and maintenance of damaged roads and bridges, improve drainage during the rainy season and take preventive measures against landslides and road closures in the mountainous area.

He later attended a ceremony at Falam City Hall to assist people who had returned home after displacement.

The government supplied relief items, including 16 essential household items and food supplies, to 200 returning households to support the restoration of their daily lives. U Myo Myint also coordinated responses to their needs and encouraged the returnees, according to reports. — MNA/KZL

DIPLOMACY

MoIP Union Minister receives Chinese Ambassador

UNION Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing received Chinese Ambassador Ms Ma Jia and her delegation from the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar at the Union Minister's reception room in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The Chinese ambassador calls on Union Minister U Myint Kyaing.

They discussed the smooth running of immigration and visa issues between Myanmar and China, the entry and exit of Chinese nationals including Chinese businesspeople, into Myanmar with various entry and exit visas and the Ministry's handling of residence permit issues, the legal entry and exit of residents living in the border areas between Myanmar and China through border checkpoints, the investigation and taking legal action against foreigners including Chinese nationals who illegally enter Myanmar and involve in online fraud activities, the conditions to continue facilitating immigration issues based on the fraternal friendship between Myanmar and China. — MNA/MKKS

Rakhine faces 47% risk of floods surpassing 20-year record

ACCORDING to GloFAS data, Rakhine State faces a high risk of severe flooding starting 10 July, with the probability of exceeding the 20-year return period water level rising to 47 per cent.

Meteorologist U Win Naing reports that, based on the latest GloFAS data and maps from 8 July, water flow velocity near Sittway has accelerated significantly compared to 6 July. The probability of exceeding the 20-year return period has risen from a previous estimate of 35 per cent to 47 per cent.

Water levels are expected to rise to their peak suddenly around 10 July, with the regions near Sittway under a "Red" high-alert warning. The peak is expected to hit by 11-12 July, with the potential for being stagnant for 15 to 16 days.

Local sources report that heavy rains and overflowing rivers have already caused flooding in Minbya, MraukU, Kyauktaw, Myebon, and Ponnagyun, leading to significant travel disruptions.

GloFAS data indicates that this prolonged flooding could directly impact approximately 3,696 hectares of agricultural land and affect about 5,200 locals. Additionally, the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology warned on 10 July that due to moderate to strong monsoon winds over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal, wave heights along the Rakhine and Taninthayi coastlines could reach nine to 12 feet within the next 24 hours. — MT/ZN

Weather map illustrating river flooding risks along the Rakhine coastline.

Mogaung's VDP initiated with committee formation

The launch and committee formation ceremony for the village development project is underway in Mogaung Township.

THE Mogaung Township Rural Development Department, Kachin State, under the Ministry of Cooperative and Rural Development held a project introduction and village committee formation ceremony on the morning of 9 July at the Banmaukgon Village Monastery to implement local development projects with the Village Development Project (VDP) funding in the 2026-2027 financial year.

Head U Mya Thein Win of the Mohnyin District Rural Development Department explained the objectives, benefits, processes to be implemented, sub-projects covered, and the responsibilities and rights of villagers as stipulated in the Rural Development Law.

Head Daw Khin May Win of the Mogaung Township Rural Development Department and the VDP officer and staff then explained the village committee selection criteria in the project manual. The responsibilities of the project committee members were also explained, and the village development committee was elected with seven members and formed according to the consensus of the villagers. The village community selected the sub-project to be implemented.

In the village of Banmaukgon, the village will be implemented by the villagers themselves with the technical support of the Rural Development Department, along with the Village Development Project (VDP) fund (K15 million) and village community contributions in the 2026-2027 financial year, according to Daw Khin May Win, Township Head of the Mogaung Township Rural Development Department. — Chit Oo Ko

Trading Amount and Forex Rate in the Market on 10 July 2026

	US$	Chinese yuan	Thai baht	India rupee
Exchange rates	3,648.00~3,669.00	555.30~558.70	125.30~125.70	43.60
Trading amount in the market	6,643,181.40	1,349,255.00	27,551,799.34	18,100, 000.00
The amount sold by CBM to the market				

THE foreign currency amount traded in the foreign exchange market was for the import of edible oil, fuel oil, pharmaceutical and pharmaceutical raw materials, consumer goods, industrial raw materials, construction materials, telecommunications equipment, packaging materials, and animal feed. Of the CMP sector revenue, US$0.52 million was sold to edible oil importing companies and US$5,279.00 to CMP companies. — MNA

OPINION

Initiate Myanmar's development future through population data

CHANGES in the demographic structure and proportions of a country's population have significant impacts on its political, economic, and social sectors. Rapid population growth can create difficulties and pressures in meeting basic human needs such as food, clothing, and shelter. It also leads to environmental degradation issues that must be addressed.

Only when relevant countries control their population growth properly will they overcome challenges based on socioeconomic problems as well as the negative impacts of extreme population growth. In the current world, some countries are experiencing a demographic dividend, while others face problems caused by very low population growth. In such countries, the population is ageing, leading to labour shortages and increasing the need to allocate more financial resources and other support for social protection systems.

Myanmar set a motto for World Population Day: "Building Myanmar's Development Future Through Population Data". Meanwhile, the theme for World Population Day 2026 is "Realizing the hopes and aspirations of young people - today and for the future". This year's global initiative emphasizes empowering youth, ensuring reproductive choices, and promoting sustainable development for upcoming generations.

The United Nations stated that it took hundreds of thousands of years for the world population to grow to 1 billion – then in just another 200 years or so, it grew sevenfold. In 2011, the global population reached the seven billion mark; it stands at almost 7.9 billion in 2021, and it's expected to grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050, and 10.9 billion in 2100.

Currently, what matters more than a large population is the quality of that population. Only when there are capable and skilled human resources can the world be made more peaceful and prosperous. Quality is far more important than quantity. If the population becomes excessively large and is filled with people who destroy rather than develop the world, humanity will face many dangers. Everyone living on Earth should coexist with love and respect for one another. Those who create wars and destroy human lives, homes, and property are the common enemies of all people who wish to live in peace.

Therefore, in order to address global challenges such as poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, and the lack of peace and justice, the United Nations has established the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and member states have agreed to achieve them by 2030. Based on these Sustainable Development Goals, each country is required to address and resolve the problems and challenges it faces in a timely manner.

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Modernizing Myanmar's Export Sector: Strategies for Expanding Access to Regional and Global Markets

By Dr Kyaw Linn Htun – Public Administration

THE modernization of Myanmar's export sector represents an important pillar of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar's broader economic development strategy, aimed at gradually transforming the country from reliance on primary commodity exports towards a more diversified, value-added production base. In line with national economic planning priorities, the Ministry of Commerce, in coordination with relevant private sector stakeholders, is implementing measures under the National Export Strategy (2026-2030) Action Plans to strengthen trade performance and improve export competitiveness.

Under this framework, Myanmar is working toward improving the overall trade balance and expanding export capacity across priority sectors. The Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization (MyanTrade) continues to support efforts to promote exports while ensuring balanced import management, with a focus on strengthening productive sectors and enhancing trade efficiency. Key export-oriented industries include agro-based products, garments and textiles, rubber, and selected light manufacturing goods, which remain central to Myanmar's participation in regional and global value chains.

To support export growth, the Ministry of Commerce has been implementing trade facilitation measures aimed at improving logistics efficiency and strengthening institutional support for exporters. A key priority is the continued development of the Cut-Make-Pack (CMP) garment and textile industry, which plays a significant role in industrial employment and foreign exchange earnings. Efforts are being made to streamline export procedures, reduce administrative costs, and improve the efficiency of customs and trade-related services.

In addition, digitalization of trade processes is being expanded through online licensing systems and electronic trade documentation platforms. These initiatives are designed to improve transparency, reduce processing time, and support micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in accessing international markets. The government is also encouraging exporters to comply with international quality standards and strengthen value chain integration to enhance competitiveness in global markets.

Agricultural diversification and food safety compliance remain another important focus area of Myanmar's export development agenda. As agriculture continues to play a central role in the national economy, key export commodities such as pulses, beans, oilseeds, and fishery products are being prioritized for quality improvement and value addition. Relevant ministries, in cooperation with international partners and private sector organizations, are working to strengthen Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures and improve pest and disease management practices in major agricultural regions, including Sagaing and Magway.

These efforts aim to enhance product quality and ensure compliance with international market requirements, particularly in major export destinations such as India and other regional markets. Myanmar's agricultural exports continue to contribute significantly to regional food supply chains and rural livelihoods.

At the regional level, Myanmar continues to expand its trade engagement under frameworks such as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and other multilateral economic cooperation mechanisms. These agreements provide opportunities for improved market access and deeper integration into regional supply chains.

Efforts are also being explored to enhance trade facilitation through improved financial cooperation and settlement mechanisms between trading partners, where mutually agreed. Such measures may contribute to reducing transaction costs and supporting smoother cross-border trade flows. In parallel, discussions continue strengthening institutional support mechanisms to facilitate trade promotion and private sector participation in external markets.

Overall, Myanmar's export modernization agenda reflects a gradual but steady transition towards a more diversified and competitive export structure. Through continued reforms in trade policy, logistics, digital systems, and agricultural standards, the country aims to strengthen its position within regional and global trade networks and support long-term sustainable economic growth.

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The Power of Faith and Mindfulness

By Kyaw Ye Aung

ALTHOUGH it happened about three months ago, I still remember that Sunday morning very clearly, as if it occurred just yesterday. I wanted to visit somewhere to get some fresh air and escape the hot summer heat, so I decided to go to the Hledan Centre. Before leaving my room, I followed my usual good habit of paying homage to the Lord Buddha.

When I arrived at the centre, I saw many educational events on the ground floor. It was very cool inside because of the air conditioning. Out of curiosity, I walked over to a Japanese language school booth. The staff welcomed me warmly and explained their educational programme. Before I left, they nicely gave me two gifts: a cotton bag and a paper bag.

Since I already had two bags, I put my smartphone inside the paper bag to carry it easily. After walking around for a few hours, I felt a bit tired and decided to return to my hostel. However, that evening, I got a big shock when I realized that both my Citizenship Scrutiny Card (CSC) and my office staff card were missing. I panicked, thinking that I had accidentally thrown away the paper bag with my important cards into a trash can at the shopping mall.

I immediately called a Grab taxi to go back to the Hledan Centre urgently. During the whole taxi ride, I felt very nervous, so I kept praying and paying homage to the Lord Buddha to calm myself down. Suddenly, I looked at the back of my phone case. To my great surprise and joy, I found both my CSC and staff card tucked safely inside the cover. I was so happy that I asked the driver to turn the car back immediately. In that moment, I truly realized how much my faith in the Lord Buddha had helped and protected me.

This experience reminded me of the final teaching of the Lord Buddha, which is to always live with a mindful and conscious mind. I realized that because I had been worrying and overthinking too much lately, I had become forgetful. Since that day, I have started meditating and counting beads regularly to keep my mind calm. This is my true story of how faith in Buddhism brought peace to my life, and I now feel ready to face any new challenges ahead.

The Poet's Legacy

A poet writes with heart and mind,
Leaving precious words behind.
His gentle thoughts and wisdom bright,
Will guide the world with shining light.

Though time may pass
and years may flee,
His verses live for all
to see.
His songs of hope and
honesty,
Remain a treasured
memory.

When he is gone, his
name may stay,
As readers praise his
works each day.
His noble art will never
part,
For it still lives in every
heart.

Ms Moon

NATIONAL

Nepal shares public audit digitalization experience with Myanmar

A Nepal-Myanmar digital transformation partnership event was held at the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union in Nay Pyi Taw to share Nepal's experience in implementing the Public Audit Management System (PAMS).

The Nepal-Myanmar digital transformation partnership event is in progress in Nay Pyi Taw, attended and addressed by Union Auditor-General Daw Naing Thet Oo.

The event was attended by Union Auditor-General Daw Naing Thet Oo, the deputy auditor-general, the permanent secretary, the Nepali ambassador, experts and representatives from both countries.

In her remarks, the auditor-general said the event would help strengthen the use of digital technology in Myanmar's public audit system.

The programme included a video message from the Nepali auditor-general, presentations by Nepali ICT experts on the planning, implementation and evaluation of PAMS, and a question-and-answer session. — MNA/KZL

Loikaw's VDP project launched, committee formed

THE Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development conducted an introductory briefing on the Village Development Project (VDP) to be implemented and formed a project committee at the Youth Hall in Pankan Village, Loikaw Township, yesterday.

The launch and committee formation ceremony for village development projects is underway on 10 July in Loikaw Township.

Kayah State Department of Rural Development Head U Myint delivered the opening remarks, and Loikaw District Department of Rural Development Head Daw Ei Ei Khin introduced the Village Development Project (VDP), explaining its objectives, implementation process and expected benefits. Loikaw Township Department of Rural Development Head U Nyar Rel and project staff then explained the rules and regulations to be followed in selecting and forming the Village Development Committee, as well as the tasks to be carried out by the village. The villagers who attended the meeting elected and formed a nine-member Village Development Project Committee in line with the majority's wishes to lead and implement village development activities effectively.

In Pankan Village, selected village development activities will be implemented by the villagers themselves using K15 million in support funds from the Village Development Project (VDP) and contributions from locals, with technical assistance and close supervision from officials of the Department of Rural Development. — Maung Khaing (Rural)

Yangon to Bury Telecom Cables Underground

Disordered installation of telecommunication cables at a power pole in Yangon's Sangyoung Township.

A coordination meeting on moving telecommunication cables underground was held at the Yangon Region Government Office on 9 July.

Under the leadership of the regional minister of Electricity, Energy, Industry and Transport, Dr Myo Thaw, officials from the coordination committee on telecommunication network expansion and delegations from respective telecom companies discussed at the meeting the relocation of tangled cables, which is a major problem that makes Yangon look ugly.

On switching to the underground cable system, Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC)'s Roads and Bridges Department head U Naing Lin gave a detailed presentation about the completion of field surveys and future action plans.

Telecom operators' delegations and department officials discussed future cooperation plans and expressed difficulties in the real situation. The regional government provided the coordination between them. — TWA/ZS

MNHRC members inspect the Training School for Girls (Malikha) in Yangon on 10 July 2026.

MNHRC inspects Malikha Training School for Girls

ON 10 July 2026, an inspection team from the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, led by Members Dr Myint Thu Myaing, U Than Win and U Ohn Khaing, carried out a field inspection of the Training School for Girls (Malikha) in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region.

Under the provisions and procedures of the Commission Law, the inspection team inspected the training school regarding access to healthcare services, provision of food, dormitory arrangements, sufficient supply of personal hygiene products, provision of purified drinking water, and the cleanliness and adequacy of the water tank. Furthermore, the inspection team covered the rehabilitation efforts aimed at improving mental and physical well-being through behavioural reformation, providing psychological encouragement for social independence so they can stand as valuable members of society, as well as access to education, access to vocational training, the right to contact and reintegration with their family members. The team also observed the right to freedom of religion, while additionally reviewing the status of implementation of recommendations made during their previous visit.

The findings and recommendations from the inspection visits will be sent to the relevant department for necessary action under the Commission's law. — MNHRC

NATIONAL

2 CNG Buses Barred from Refuelling over Illegal Fuel Sales

THE Ministry of Electricity and Energy has permanently banned two passenger buses from refuelling with compressed natural gas (CNG) after they were found to have illegally sold subsidized fuel.

According to the ministry, the government supplies CNG at subsidized rates for public transport, and YBS buses are required to operate only on approved routes under the supervision of the Yangon Region Transport Committee (YRTC).

An investigation found that a YBS 65 bus, registration number 2I-2957, had been operating as a factory shuttle instead of on its designated route and had illegally sold CNG to another passenger bus, registration number 6F-3682.

As a result, the ministry permanently revoked the CNG refuelling privileges of both vehicles, effective from 30 June, according to an official statement. — TWA/KZL

This image captures the two passenger buses permanently banned from CNG refuelling after being found to have illegally sold compressed natural gas (CNG).

Rehab centres ramp up aftercare to prevent recovery relapse

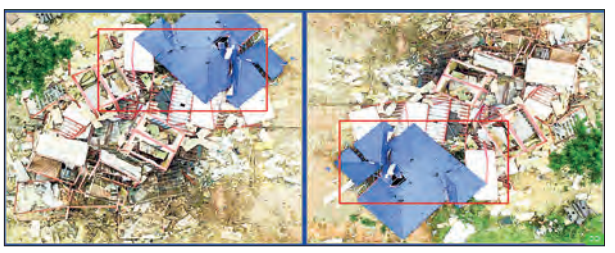
THE Department of Rehabilitation under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement is strengthening aftercare and rehabilitation services for people recovering from drug addiction at its rehabilitation centres.

This year, the Central Rehabilitation Association for Drug Addicts (Myanmar) successfully provided psychological and physical aftercare to 234 recovering drug users at its headquarters in Tamway Township, Yangon.

The association identifies and supports people with drug dependence, refers them to hospitals for treatment, assists those seeking help through social media, provides rehabilitation after detoxification, and delivers continuous follow-up care to help prevent relapse and support their reintegration into society.

An official from the association said aftercare was essential to help recovering drug users return successfully to society both mentally and physically, adding that rehabilitation and follow-up services would continue to be expanded. — ASH/MKKS

Illegal Scam Hub Razed in Shwe Kokko



Images display the update before and after the demolition of an eight-storey structure.

AUTHORITIES have demolished another illegal eight-storey building in the Shwe Kokko area of Myawady Township, Kayin State, which had been used for online scam and illegal gambling activities.

Combined teams of relevant departments have been carrying out the systematic demolition of illegal buildings and the destruction of equipment used in online scam operations in the Shwe Kokko and KK Park areas.

Of the 77 buildings identified in Shwe Kokko as being used for such activities, 57 were designated for demolition using heavy machinery and 20 for controlled demolition. The latest eight-storey building was one of the 20 selected for controlled demolition.

According to reports, 71 illegal buildings have been demolished, and the remaining six will be demolished in due course. — MNA/KZL

Mandalay Hero U Cho Honoured After Rescuing Elderly Couple From Blaze

U Cho, who risked his life to rescue an elderly couple trapped in a fire, has received widespread praise on social media, with donors coming forward to present him with cash rewards.

The incident occurred on the morning of 6 July in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay, when an old warehouse caught fire. An elderly couple, who served as guards, became trapped inside.

Without protective gear, U Cho braved the smoke-filled, burning building three separate times, rescuing an elderly man and woman one by one. His selfless courage has drawn widespread admiration across social media.

Tragically, the elderly man later died from severe burns while receiving treatment at Mandalay General Hospital. The elderly woman is still receiving medical care.

Ma Shwe Lae of the Shwe Myitta Social Assistance Association shared the following update on her page: "We have made contact with U Cho, who braved the fire without any protective gear to help the trapped couple. The Nat Thuddha bakery from Yangon has donated a total of K2.5 million: K1.5 million as a reward for U Cho's heroism, K500,000 for the medical care of the elderly woman, and K500,000 for the elderly man's funeral expenses."

This image captures the scene of the warehouse fire in Mandalay, where the elderly couple were trapped. **PHOTO: FSD**

U Cho, who performed this selfless rescue, works as a cleaner in the Thamangon area and also serves as a night security guard at a coffee shop. — MT/ZN

Flood Alert: Rising Rivers, Surging Tides Threaten Homes

RELEVANT government departments issued separate emergency warnings on 9 July, urging residents living along riverbanks and in low-lying areas to prepare for possible flooding.

The warnings follow forecasts of an unusually high spring tide in the Yangon River and a continued rise in the water level of the Thanlwin River in Hpa-an, Kayin State. According to the Myanma Port Authority, unusually high tides are expected in the Yangon River from 14 to 18 July.

According to a flood warning issued by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology at 8:00 am on 10 July 2026, river level measurements taken at 6:30 am indicated that several rivers across the country are approaching their danger levels, prompting authorities to urge residents in low-lying and riverside areas to prepare for possible evacuation. The bulletin said the Thanlwin River in Hpa-an is closest to its danger level, flowing just one foot below the threshold and expected to exceed it within the next 24 hours. Several other rivers are also forecast to reach their danger levels within the next two days, including the Sittoung River in Madauk, which is currently one foot below the danger level; the Bilin River in Bilin, which is more than two feet below; and the Chindwin River in Homalin and the Shwegyin River in Shwegyin, both of which are about three feet below their respective danger levels.

Authorities have also warned that heavy rainfall combined with rising river levels could cause widespread flooding. Residents living along riverbanks and in low-lying areas are urged to move important documents and valuables to safer locations in advance. The public is also advised to keep emergency supplies ready in case of evacuation and to monitor updates issued by the relevant government departments and the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology. — TWA/TH

NATIONAL
BUSINESS

YGN palm oil wholesale reference price dips

THE wholesale reference prices of palm oil set for the Yangon market decreased to K7,230 per viss during the week ending 16 July, according to the Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution.

The regulated prices were set at K7,245 per viss last week ending 9 July.

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.

Despite the reference price, the market price is still 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 in late August. 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 annually imported through Malaysia and Indonesia to meet domestic demands. — NN/KK

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CBM sells US$11M to import sector

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US$1.15 million to edible oil-importing companies, over US$100,900 to CMP companies and US$10 million to LNG-importing companies on 9 July.

CBM injected over $2,200 into the companies on a Cut, Make and Pack basis on 8 July after a sale of $8,400 on 7 July.

CBM sold over $1.4 million worth of purchases from CMP companies to edible oil-importing companies and over $11,400 to CMP companies on 6 July.

CBM sold over $595,500 to edible oil-importing companies on 3 July and over $114,400 to edible oil-importing companies and $39,600 to CMP companies, along with $3,700 worth of non-trade transactions on 2 July.

US dollars being counted at a money changer in Yangon.

CBM also sold $3.3 million to edible oil-importing companies and over $21,228 to CMP companies on 1 July.

CBM injected over $35 million, purchased from CMP companies, into the foreign exchange market in June.

CBM pumped over $51 million and 1.2 million baht into the foreign exchange market in May. CBM transacted over $70 million and 28.8 million baht in April.

CBM injected over $35 million, 34 million baht and over three million yuan in the foreign exchange market in February and over $43 million, 65 million baht and over four million yuan in January 2026.

CBM injects foreign currencies into the forex market to regulate currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March 2024, 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 freely conduct foreign exchange trading online at market rates, based on supply and demand, starting on 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

MALI to provide technical assistance for production of fish feed for aquaculture

THE Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MALI) stated that it will provide technical support to incorporate locally available alternative resources into the production of feed required to expand fish farms.

Efforts are underway to cut production costs, expand and explore new markets, curb illegal trade, and prioritize valueadded products to drive growth in the aquaculture sector.

Furthermore, efforts are underway to develop aquaculture zones, attract private investments and address land requirements under the supervision of regional governments.

Myanmar has 11 factories processing value-added fisheries products, manufacturing 13 types of value-added products for export. Myanmar's fisheries products are exported to over 30 countries, including EU members, Gulf countries, China, Thailand, Japan, Singapore, Australia, and the United States.

Myanmar's fisheries products.

Fisheries exports amounted to US$729.42 million from over 522,565 tonnes in the 2023-2024 Financial Year, US$722.467 million from over 553,890 tonnes in the 2024-2025 FY and US$689.15 million from over 463,700 tonnes in the 2025-2026 FY. — ASH/KK

Moscow firms expand cooperation with South-East Asia

MOSCOW-BASED Companies are strengthening cooperation with countries in South-East Asia, says Moscow Deputy Mayor for Transport and Industry Maxim Liksutov.

Moscow Mayor Sergey Sobyanin lauded the presence of Moscow-based companies at the INNOPROM international industrial exhibition in Yekaterinburg.

Indonesia was the event's official partner country in 2026, and several with exhibiting at the Moscow stand want to expand into South-East Asian markets.

"South-East Asia is one of the most promising destinations for high-tech exports from Moscow," Liksutov said, noting that that exports to the region rose 15 per cent last year and those to Indonesia more than three-fold over 2024. Priority areas of cooperation with Indonesian partners include microelectronics and precision instrumentation, filtration and water treatment equipment, solutions for energy and telecommunications infrastructure, as well as pharmaceuticals and medical technology, he said. — SPUTNIK

INNOPROM 2026 industrial exhibition in Yekaterinburg, Russia, focused on cross-border production, running from 6-9 July 2026. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

Cambodia's exports surge 19.5% to US$17 bln in H1 2026

CAMBODIA'S exports jumped 19.5 per cent year-on-year to US$17 billion in the first half of 2026, according to a General Department of Customs and Excise report released Friday. The report added that the country's imports surged 21.4 per cent year-on-year to $19.7 billion from January to June this year. Penn Sovicheat, a secretary of state and spokesperson for Cambodian Ministry of Commerce, said the growth was driven by the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) alongside bilateral free trade agreements with other economies. – Xinhua

CHANGING DISTRIBUTOR OF REGISTERED PESTICIDE

This is a notification of the change of distributor of below fungicide, registered by **Bayer AG**, under the Myanma Pesticide Registration Board, from **Myanma Golden Farm Co., Ltd**. to **Coral Agri Trading Co., Ltd.** Any objection to this change can notify to Joint Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein, within 14 days.

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Sri Lanka earns over US$1.5 bln from tourism

SRI Lanka has earned more than US$1.5 billion from tourism so far in 2026 as tourist arrivals passed 1.2 million, the country's Deputy Minister of Tourism, Ruwan Ranasinghe, said at a press conference in Colombo on Friday.

Ranasinghe said this showed that Sri Lanka's tourism sector continued to recover and expand.

He said the country remained on track to meet its target of attracting 2.5 million tourists in 2026.

Tourism is one of Sri Lanka's main sources of foreign exchange earnings. — Xinhua

The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Yadanapon Cyber City Project Steering Committee

Invitation for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from Prospective Investors for the Development of the Yadanapon Cyber City Project

Yadanapon Cyber City Project, located on the Mandalay–Lashio Road, Pyin Oo Lwin District, Mandalay Region (land area of 1,400 Acres out of 2,200 Acres) will be developed as a soft-based industry by the private sector investment. Interested local and foreign companies are invited to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI).

EOI Form Selling Date - From 10-7-2026 (Friday) to 10-8-2026 (Monday) (During Office Hours)

Proposal Submission Deadline - 25-8-2026 (Tuesday) (4:00 pm)

Place for Issuance and Submission of EOI Form - Department of Urban and Housing Development, Office No.40, Nay Pyi Taw

(For further information and inquiries Telephone No. 067-3407311 during office hours.)

Yadanapon Cyber City Project Steering Committee
Ministry of Construction

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V OCEAN STAR VOY.NO. (SSL009)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V OCEAN STAR VOY.NO. (SSL009)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **10-7-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S THURIYA SANAR WIN COMPANY LIMITED

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V NGWE ZIN YAW VOY.NO. (002)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V NGWE ZIN YAW VOY.NO. (002)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **10-7-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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Agent For:
M/S KAN LINN THU TRADING/LOGISTICS CO., LTD

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GLOBAL VIEWPOINTS:
WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Xi calls on China, DPRK to keep advancing socialist cause, modernization

Pak Thae Song, premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), also a member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK, lays a wreath at the Monument to the People's Heroes on Tian'anmen Square in Beijing, capital of China, 10 July 2026. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

The two nations are urged to enhance their strategic confidence despite external pressures.

CHINA and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) should ensure that the development of bilateral relations always helps consolidate their respective socialist causes and promote their modernization drives, General Secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Chinese President Xi Jinping said on Friday.

Xi made the remarks when meeting with Pak Thae Song, premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, in Beijing. Pak is also a member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK.

While the current international situation is volatile and intertwined, Xi said, China and the DPRK should maintain strategic resolve, enhance strategic confidence, and accelerate the implementation of the consensus reached by him and General Secretary Kim Jong Un, ensuring that the relations between the two parties and the two countries keep pace with the times. — Xinhua

Oman against mandatory transit fees in Strait of Hormuz

OMAN does not support imposing transit fees on vessels passing through the Strait of Hormuz, but is open to exploring voluntary arrangements related to navigational support services, an Omani representative said in London on Thursday.

Speaking during the 137th session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council, the representative reaffirmed Oman's commitment to the principle of transit passage under international law.

The remarks came after US media, citing sources close to the issue, reported that Oman had recently submitted a proposal to the United States and other Western countries. Under the proposal, shipping companies would voluntarily pay service fees for using the Strait of Hormuz, rather than being subject to mandatory transit tolls.

The proposal was reportedly modeled in part on voluntary contribution arrangements used in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore.

The Omani representative added that Oman would continue to work closely with the IMO, its member states and other partners to preserve safe and open sea lanes, protect life at sea, and strengthen the resilience and sustainability of global maritime supply chains and international trade. — Xinhua

Sailors work on the deck of the Indian-flagged tanker Desh Garima, carrying crude oil that transited through the Strait of Hormuz. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Japan's lower house passes bill for imperial law revision in 1-day debate

Japan's House of Representatives passes a bill to revise the Imperial House Law at a plenary session in Tokyo on 10 July 2026. **PHOTO: KYODO**

THE House of Representatives on Friday passed a bill for a law revision to address the dwindling number of imperial family members after entering deliberations earlier in the day, a major step to change Japan's decades-long system.

Following the lower chamber's approval, the ruling Liberal Democratic Party and its junior coalition ally, the Japan Innovation Party, aim to pass the legislation through the House of Councillors for its enactment during the current parliamentary session through 17 July.

In a vote hours after discussions started, the bill for the first substantial amendment of the 1947 Imperial House Law was backed by the ruling camp that holds more than two-thirds of the lower chamber's seats, a threshold required to override the upper house when pushing through bills.

Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's government submitted the bill late last month, but a parliamentary stalemate stemming from opposition forces' backlash against what they say is the ruling bloc's high-handed approach to other key legislations had prevented debates from starting.

The bill's two pillars are to permit the imperial family to adopt males aged 15 or older who are descended from emperors through the male line in 11 former branch families, and also allow female members to retain their imperial status even after marrying commoners.

While banning adopted members themselves from becoming emperor, the legislation would allow their male descendants to be eligible to ascend the Chrysanthemum Throne. Still, it did not mention the idea of female or maternal-line emperors that has garnered public support.

Under the current law, only males who have an emperor on their father's side can ascend the throne, while female members lose their imperial status upon marriage. Both the number of eligible successors and that of the imperial family members have been declining. — Kyodo

China recovers Long March-10B rocket successfully

CHINA successfully launched the Long March-10B carrier rocket at the Hainan commercial spacecraft launch site in south China's Hainan Province on Friday, achieving its first-ever controlled recovery of a carrier rocket's first stage.

The rocket, on its maiden flight, sent the payload into the preset orbit.

After the separation of the rocket's first and second stages, the first stage returned and was successfully captured on a seaborne platform via a net-capture system. Both the launch and the first-stage recovery were successfully completed.

This mission marked China's first successful controlled recovery of a carrier rocket's first stage, representing a major breakthrough in the country's reusable rocket technology. After separating from the second stage, the Long March-10B's first stage began its six-minute extreme return journey, with coasting, attitude adjustment, powered braking, and aerodynamic deceleration. It then achieved a precise landing, captured by the world's first cross-shaped high-strength buffered arresting net system in coordination with the onboard hook mechanism. – Xinhua

This drone photo taken on 10 July 2026 shows the successful capture of the returned first stage of Long March-10B carrier rocket on a seaborne platform via a net-capture system. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

SPORTS

England World Cup winner Stiles died with brain injury, court told

ENGLAND World Cup winner Nobby Stiles died with a traumatic brain injury, a court heard Friday as a coroner ruled an inquest into his death must be held.

Stiles, 78, a former Manchester United footballer and 1966 World Cup winner, died with the injury, chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE).

This has been associated with head traumas, claimed to be from repeatedly heading a football.

Chris Morris, area coroner for Greater Manchester South, told Stockport Coroner's Court in northwest England that a brain expert had examined samples and medical records and due to the injury a full inquest would be required. — AFP

Dementia victim - Manchester United and England midfielder Nobby Stiles died in 2020. **PHOTO: SHUTTERSTOCK**

Myanmar names 21 players for King's Cup Sepak Takraw

MYANMAR will send 21 national Sepak Takraw players to compete in the 39th King's Cup Sepak Takraw Championships, which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 3 to 11 August, according to the Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation.

The men's team will compete in the Men's Team Regu, Men's Regu, Men's Quadrant and Men's Hoop events, while the women's team will take part in the Women's Double, Women's Quadrant and Women's Hoop competitions.

The Myanmar squad will be led by team leader U Than Lwin, with U Kyaw Min Soe and U Htet Zaw coaching the men's team, and U Aung Cho Myint and Daw Nant Yin Yin Myint coaching the women's team. — TWA/KZL

Myanmar's squad selected for the 39th King's Cup Sepak Takraw Championships in Bangkok, Thailand.

New Portugal coach Jesus 'will call up' Ronaldo if available

PORTUGAL appointed Jorge Jesus as their new national team coach on Friday and he said he would continue to call on veteran superstar Cristiano Ronaldo if he is available, insisting the forward will "never" be a problem.

The 41-year-old striker was criticized for his World Cup performances this summer under predecessor Roberto Martinez as Portugal were eliminated in the last 16 by Spain.

Ronaldo, who said he has appeared at his last World Cup, has not decided whether he will continue to play for the national team.

"As long as he's playing and is in a condition to be selected, I will pick him, within certain limits and under the conditions that I consider best for the national team," Jesus told reporters Friday at his presentation.

New Portugal coach Jorge Jesus worked with Cristiano Ronaldo at Al Nassr last season. **PHOTO: AFP**

The 71-year-old journeyman coach said he has not spoken to Ronaldo yet but that they would discuss the former Manchester United and Real Madrid star's future in the game.

"I haven't spoken with Cris yet... Cris is never going to be a problem for the national team. Not for the national team, nor for me," Jesus explained.

"Cris is a symbol of Portuguese football. Cris is a symbol of the national team... that will forever be in the history books. — AFP

Spain aim for World Cup date with France by beating Belgium

EUROPEAN champions Spain are on a World Cup collision course with Kylian Mbappe's France if they can beat Belgium in a quarterfinal on Friday.

At the spectacular SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles, the Belgians face the daunting task of breaking through a Spanish defence that has yet to concede a goal in the tournament.

If Spain win, they will head to Texas next Tuesday for a mouth-watering semifinal against France that many observers are already describing as the final before the final.

First though Spain need to find goals against a Belgium team who started the World Cup slowly but caught fire as the tournament has gone on.

The 4-1 demolition of the USA in the last round showed just how far the team coached by Rudi Garcia have come in just a few weeks.

Spain meanwhile have not displayed the attacking flair of France but they are playing the possession-based football that carried them to the country's only World Cup triumph, in South Africa in 2010. Lamine Yamal of Barcelona, who turns 19 next week, is Spain's standout attacker but he arrived in the United States after suffering a late-season injury and has seemed a peripheral figure at times, scoring just once in five games. — AFP

The World Cup is yet to see the best of Spain forward Lamine Yamal. **PHOTO: AFP**

Paraguay's Olimpia unveils World Cup stadium plans

PARAGUAYAN football club Olimpia has unveiled plans for a new 46,000-seat stadium that is expected to host one of the opening matches of the 2030 FIFA World Cup.

The venue in Asuncion is slated to be completed in the second half of 2029 at a cost of US$80 million, the club said in a statement on its official website.

It will be named Osvaldo Dominguez Dibb Stadium in honour of the club's former president and the father of Alejandro Dominguez, the president of South American Football Confederation (CONMEBOL).

Structural foundation work is scheduled to begin later this month.

Olimpia said the project would include engineers involved in the redevelopment of Rio de Janeiro's Maracana Stadium for the 2014 World Cup.

Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina are each expected to host one World Cup match to mark the tournament's 100th anniversary.

The remaining matches will be held in Spain, Portugal and Morocco. — Xinhua

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Thailand and Malaysia open new border road

THAI Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul and Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim jointly opened a new road linking the Sadao and Bukit Kayu Hitam customs checkpoints on Friday in a move to ease congestion at Thailand's busiest land border crossing.

In a statement, Thai government spokesperson Ratchada Thanadirek said the road will open for public and commercial traffic on Saturday after years of joint construction to fully connect the two countries' customs facilities.

The leaders shook hands at the midpoint of the crossing before Anwar hosted Anutin for a plaque unveiling and lunch on the Malaysian side.

Anutin called the new checkpoint an "economic gateway", saying it would boost trade, investment, tourism, and logistics between the two South-East Asian neighbours.

Both governments also agreed to accelerate border development in the Songkhla-Kedah, Satun-Perlis, and Narathiwat-Kelantan areas.

Thailand and Malaysia are targeting US$30 billion in annual bilateral trade, with Sadao alone handling over 80 per cent of Thai-Malaysian border trade.

The Sadao checkpoint is located within southern Thailand's Songkhla Special Economic Development Zone. The expanded facility includes 11 vehicle lanes and 14 immigration lanes per side, plus a cargo terminal with dual fast-scan X-ray and truck weighing systems.

Thai Tourism and Sports Minister Surasak Phancharoenworakul said the link would also boost overland tourism from Malaysia. — Xinhua

PM Modi arrives in New Zealand on first visit by an Indian PM in 40 years

The two leaders will review the entire gamut and full spectrum of their bilateral relationship.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Auckland, New Zealand on 10 July 2026, marking the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to the country in 40 years. **PHOTO: ANI**

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Auckland on Friday, where he was received by his New Zealand counterpart, Christopher Luxon. The two leaders greeted each other with a warm embrace.

Prime Minister Modi is visiting New Zealand at the invitation of PM Luxon. The visit marks the first official visit by an Indian Prime Minister to New Zealand in four decades.

In a post on X, PM Modi said, "Reached Auckland a short while ago. Thankful to Prime Minister Luxon for the welcome at the airport. This visit is historic, being the first Prime Ministerial visit to New Zealand in four decades. I look forward to holding talks with Prime Minister Luxon and discussing the complete range of the India-NZ friendship. I will also be addressing a community programme tomorrow in Auckland."

During his stay, PM Modi will hold bilateral talks with PM Luxon and review the entire gamut of bilateral relations, which have seen significant progress over the past two years, particularly in the areas of trade, commerce and defence, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

The Prime Minister will also interact with prominent business and sports personalities. Reflecting the strong people-to-people ties between the two countries, he will address a large gathering of the Indian diaspora during the visit, the MEA said.

The visit comes just months after the signing of the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in April and is expected to provide fresh momentum to bilateral trade and economic cooperation.

The two leaders had earlier held bilateral talks in New Delhi on 17 March 2025 during PM Luxon's official visit to India.

Before arriving in New Zealand, PM Modi concluded his visit to Australia, where he participated in the third Australia-India Annual Leaders' Summit with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. — ANI

North Korea strengthens nuclear forces

NORTH Korea has decided to strengthen its nuclear forces both qualitatively and quantitatively, the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported, citing a decision made at a meeting of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The meeting was chaired by the party's general secretary and the country's leader, Kim Jong Un, who stressed the need to "thoroughly put the People's Army on a field warfare and modern basis and enhance its actual war capability".

A close-up of a transporter-erector-launcher (TEL) before launch on 18 December 2023. **PHOTO: KCNA/FILE**

According to KCNA, the commission decided on a series of measures aimed at upgrading the technical infrastructure of combat systems, bolstering the nuclear force in both quality and quantity, and pushing ahead with plans for standardizing, specializing, and modernizing military bases in a far-sighted manner.

The commission also confirmed the specific orientation and ways for bringing about a substantial change in the training sector and putting spurs to what it called the "revolution in military education".

The decision signals Pyongyang's continued commitment to expanding its nuclear arsenal despite international sanctions and diplomatic pressure. North Korea has conducted multiple missile tests in recent years, including the launch of its most powerful Hwasong-20 intercontinental ballistic missiles, which have an estimated range of 15,000 kilometres — capable of striking targets across the continental United States. — SPUTNIK

Shanghai ranks second among global shipping centres

SHANGHAI has ranked second among leading international shipping centres, according to a report released Friday.

Surpassing London, Shanghai secured the second spot in the 2026 Xinhua-Baltic International Shipping Centre Development Index (ISCDI), after Singapore, according to the report. It marks the city's highest-ever ranking since the index was introduced in 2014.

Jin Yu Cheong, head of Baltic Exchange Asia, noted that Shanghai's success extends far beyond mere cargo volumes. "It is supported by a mature and diverse maritime ecosystem, bringing together shipping companies, financial institutions, insurers, legal services, shipbrokers, shipyards and technology providers." He added that continued investment in digital innovation, green port development and maritime services has further strengthened the city's global competitiveness. Shanghai Port's container throughput surpassed 55.06 million TEUs in 2025, setting a new record. — Xinhua