

Positioned as a strategic aviation gateway, the newly inaugurated Anisakhan Airport is set to drive the development of Yadanabon Cyber City into a world-class Silicon Valley while simultaneously boosting the tourism sector of the PyinOoLwin region.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing inspects the Anisakhan Airport in PyinOoLwin yesterday.



Participants attend a preparatory meeting for the TILOG-LogistiX 2026 exhibition at the Royal Thai Embassy in Yangon.

OFFICIALS from Thailand's Department of International Trade Promotion (DITP) and the Myanmar International Freight Forwarders Association (MIFFA) held a preparatory meeting in Yangon on 9 July ahead of the TILOG-LogistiX 2026 exhibition. **SEE PAGE 7**

MORE than K455 billion from the State Economic Promotion Fund is currently being invested in the agriculture and livestock sectors, according to the State Economic Promotion Fund Management Committee.

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Households evacuated as rising rivers swell in Shwegyin, Bilin



This photo features firefighters helping to evacuate households when the Shwegyin creek floods Nyaungwine Ward’s houses.

HEAVY rain caused the Shwegyin creek to overflow on the afternoon of 11 July, flooding homes in Nyaungwine Ward at about 1 pm.

The Shwegyin Township Fire Brigade, together with relevant organizations, assisted in evacuating affected households. Meanwhile, as the Bilin River continued to rise at about 9:30 am the same day, firefighters from the Bilin Township Fire Station, in cooperation with relevant organizations, evacuated residents from low-lying areas to a flood-safe sports hall.

The Myanmar Fire Brigade advised the public to contact the Myanmar Fire Brigade Headquarters at 01 8666912 or 01 8666913, the Bago Region Fire Services Department at 052 201799 or 09 698954792, or the Mon State Fire Services Department at 057 27241 or 09 666667203 for assistance in the event of fire, natural disasters or other emergencies. — Htun Htun/MKKS

Announcement on Release of 2026 Matric Exam Mark Lists

1. The 2026 matriculation examination mark lists will be issued through an online appointment system. Beginning on 14 July 2026, applicants can book an appointment via the Myanmar Examinations Department’s DME Online Service Portal at <https://osp.dme.gov.mm>.
 2. Applicants may collect their mark lists from 16 July 2026 at either the Myanmar Examinations Department (Head Office), Office 52, Nay Pyi Taw, or the Myanmar Examinations Department (Yangon Branch Office), Ward 12, Parami Road, Hline Township, by presenting the QR code and application reference number issued through the DME Online Service Portal.
 3. For those who are unable to collect their mark sheets in person, arrangements are being made to deliver them through the Myanmar Post’s postal system upon application via the DME Online Service Portal.
- Myanmar Examinations Department

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 7 pm Saturday 11 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, South Bay and the West-central Bay of Bengal and is partly cloudy to cloudy over the North Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 12 JULY 2026: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Mandalay, Magway and lower Sagaing regions and Kayah State, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State and widespread in the remaining regions and states, with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayin, Mon and Rakhine states. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Yangon, Bago, Magway, Sagaing and Ayeyawady regions and Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and southern Shan states. In the area along the movement

of cumulonimbus clouds, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied by rain, thunder, lightning and hails may occur, and therefore it is recommended to be aware of these phenomena in advance.

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 upper Sagaing and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12 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 12 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 12 JULY 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

El Niño Conditions News

Issued on 11 July 2026

THE Sea Surface Temperature (SST) in the Tropical Pacific Ocean near the equator indicate that reach to moderate El Niño conditions. According to the forecasts from International Meteorological Agencies based on Numerical Weather Prediction Models, Moderate El Niño conditions are likely continue to moderate in July and very strong El Niño conditions

at the end of 2026.

Although El Niño is a phenomenon that occurs in the Pacific Ocean, its impacts can generally lead to irregular rainfall patterns, higher day temperatures, abnormal storm activity, drought and other extreme weather events in the upcoming summer season.

Therefore, all relevant sectors are kindly requested to take necessary precautionary measures in advance. Updates on the El Niño status will continue to be issued and disseminated in a timely manner. — DMH

Flood Warning

(Issued at 8 am MST on 11 July 2026)

ACCORDING to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Chindwin River at Homalin is observed as more than 1.5 feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next 36 hours.

According to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is observed as about 0.5 foot below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next one day.

According to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Bilin River at Bilin is observed as about one foot below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next one day.

It is especially alert to the people who settle near the river banks and low-lying areas in Homalin, Hpa-an and Bilin townships, to take precaution measure and to stay away from the flood-prone areas in time if the water level will rise. — DMH

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 4 pm MST on 11 July 2026)

ACCORDING to the 3:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of the Thanlwin River at Hpa-an has exceeded about one inch above its danger level. It may rise about 0.5 foot during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

According to the 3:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of the Bilin River at Bilin has reached its danger level. It may rise about one foot during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

It is especially advised to the people who settle near the river banks and low-lying areas in Hpa-an and Bilin townships. — DMH

NATIONAL

Residents need to shape
PyinOoLwin as City of
Cherry Blossoms

PyinOoLwin's peaceful, pleasant, and beautiful environment contributes to its socioeconomic development.

It is necessary to preserve the distinctive environment and unique characteristics of PyinOoLwin, endowed with a rich historical heritage and immense value, said President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing at a meeting with town elders at the hall of the National Kandawgyi Gardens in PyinOoLwin on 10 July.

In his speech, the President highlighted that of the population in the PyinOoLwin area, 72.5 per cent are residents, while the remaining are people who have migrated from other regions. Regardless of their origins, everyone living in the city has a shared re-

sponsibility to preserve and safeguard it continuously. He stressed that it is necessary to revive the region's distinctive identity as the "City of Cherry Blossoms" and the "City of Flowers".

He urged all to strive for the development of the region into a "Health City" and a "Coffee City", building on its lush green environment and cool, pleasant climate.

The President gave guidance to relevant ministries and the development committee to verify and manage the upgrade of roads connecting wards and villages in PyinOoLwin Township.

He outlined that agricultural and livestock

breeding activities should be systematically implemented to ensure food security for locals in PyinOoLwin Township.

Moreover, he pointed out that measures are also being taken to ensure an adequate supply of drinking water, and water resources such as dams, reservoirs, creeks, and other sources of water must be systematically conserved.

He continued that while the region's peaceful, pleasant, and beautiful environment has contributed to an increase in the number of people coming to live in and visit the area, thereby helping to enhance the region's socioeconomic development, everyone must remain constantly



President U Min Aung Hlaing meets town elders at the hall of the National Kandawgyi Gardens in PyinOoLwin on 10 July.

aware and vigilant of security matters to ensure urban security.

The President emphasized that as PyinOoLwin has a long-standing tradition of excellence in education, students, parents, and teachers are all urged to work together with due emphasis to achieve a higher percentage of student progression from one grade level to the next.

Chair U Aung Myin from the town elders' body reported on efforts of the body to improve education, healthcare, religious and social sectors of the city as

much as possible, needs to upgrade the circular road to the Kandawlay Lake, construction of school sports ground, swimming pools and tennis courts, requirements of building the retaining walls along the banks of the Gelaung Creek and pavements, needs to provide agricultural inputs for agricultural sector, and upgrade of some roads in wards and villages.

After the meeting, the President cordially greeted town elders.

Also present at the meeting were Union ministers, the Mandalay Region

chief minister, the Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) and officials.

The President and party visited the National Kandawgyi Gardens and inspected the nurturing of a cherry plant to mark the centennial celebration of the gardens and the Siberia Cider plant given by the Novosibirsk Government of the Russian Federation.

The President also inspected the site chosen for the construction of the swimming pool near the District Stadium and gave guidance to officials. — MNA/TTA

President U Min Aung Hlaing on inspection tour of Fire Services School, Yadanabon Teleport, Silk Filature Factory in PyinOoLwin

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing made an inspection tour of PyinOoLwin yesterday morning to examine development undertakings and socioeconomic projects.

The President inspected the progress in the construction of a new road leading to the Central Fire Services Training School from the Mandalay-Lashio Highway.

In giving guidance to officials, he stressed that along the road currently under construction, proper drainage systems must be installed systematically to ensure effective water flow.



President U Min Aung Hlaing views around the Silk Filature Factory (PyinOoLwin) of the Cotton and Fibre Crops Branch of the Department of Agriculture in PyinOoLwin.

Asphalt paving and the construction of road shoulders must be carried out systematically. Road boundaries must be clearly defined, and

shade and windbreak trees should be planted systematically at appropriate spacing within the road reserve to maintain a green environ-

ment and preserve the cool and pleasant climate of the area.

He pointed out that a sports ground must be

built in the compound of Zeebingyi Basic Education High School, meeting the criteria.

The President viewed around the road construction measures and the building of bridges and visited the training school by car.

At the Yadanabon Teleport building of Yadanabon New Town Project near Pyinsa Village, the President heard reports by Union Minister for Construction U Myo Thant on the setting the ever green area in the city, scrutiny over the companies which halted the operation whether they wish to continue operations in the industrial plots of the

project, conducting the feasibility studies for the 2,200 acres of the part I of the project, land allotment in the northern part of the project area, invitation to local and foreign companies to operate industries in the project, and by Union Minister for Transport and for Digital Development and Communications U Mya Tun Oo on the implementation of the cybercity project, preparations at the buildings of the project, wish of local technology companies to hire training halls and hostels for staff, and on-going process to discuss investment of foreign technological companies in the project.

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Anisakhan Airport Inaugurated, Strengthening ...

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At the inauguration ceremony of the new airport, Union Minister for Transport and for Digital Development and Communications U Mya Tun Oo, Union Minister for Defence General Tun Aung, Union Minister for Construction U Myo Thant and Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung cut the ribbon to open the ceremony.

The President unveiled the signboard of the airport building.

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that the government prioritizes the aviation transport sector, playing a key role in the economic development of the State with efforts to expand the infrastructure and construction projects, including airports.

He revealed that a total of three international airports and 28 domestic airports are being operated for

regular flights across the nation. Of them, he noted that the newly inaugurated Anisakhan Airport will fortify the domestic airport networks. He stressed that the government is implementing PyinOoLwin as a hill resort city, cherry city, coffee city, health city and education city. The upgrade of the Anisakhan airport project has been implemented since 2023 to enable travellers to pay visits in a short time.

In doing so, the President recounted that the airport lounge was facilitated with a two-storey steel structure which can handle arrivals and departures of 100,000 travellers per year. Moreover, the airport was equipped with an apron and an aviation control tower in addition to the necessary equipment.

That is why the President highlighted that the Anisakhan Airport will be a



An aircraft of Myanmar National Airlines seen at the Anisakhan Airport.

strategic gateway of aviation transport to the initiatives to build the Yadanabon Cyber City as the world-class Silicon Valley to improve the ICT Sector of the State as well as the tourism sector of the PyinOoLwin region.

Thanks to the airport, he added that the easy access of domestic and foreign experts and investors to Yadanabon Cyber City quickly and smoothly within a short period of time will significantly contribute to

accelerating the country's technological development and the growth of the digital economy sector.

Concerning the local business, the President underlined that high-quality agricultural products such as flowers, coffee and strawberry products of the PyinOoLwin region can be distributed to domestic markets as well as foreign countries from time to time through the air cargo & cold chain logistics system.

Salient points from the speech delivered by the President at the inauguration of Anisakhan Airport

1. Anisakhan Airport will help distribute high-quality agricultural products of PyinOoLwin to domestic markets as well as foreign countries.
2. The new airport will create easy access for domestic and foreign experts and investors to Yadanabon Cyber City within a short period of time, and it will significantly contribute to accelerating the country's technological development and the growth of the digital economy sector.
3. Anisakhan Airport will be upgraded to handle the landing and takeoff of heavy aircraft in the future, and it will be facilitated with the necessary infrastructure to manage flights better.

In revealing the plans, the President said that the Anisakhan Airport will be upgraded to handle the landing and takeoff of heavy aeroplanes in the future, and the airport will be facilitated with the necessary infrastructure to manage flights better.

Also present at the ceremony were Union ministers, Chief of the General

Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Ko Ko Oo, the commander of the Central Command, deputy ministers and officials

The President viewed the documentary photos on efforts to upgrade the Anisakhan Airport and inspected progress in the construction of the airport lounge and new apron. — MNA/TTA

President U Min Aung Hlaing on inspection tour of Fire Services...

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In his response, the President outlined that local and foreign companies must be systematically scrutinized to invest in the project to be able to benefit the development of the State's interests.

The project must create jobs for technicians who have graduated from technological universities and colleges in the region.

The Union Minister for Construction presented facts about 3,000 acres of the Yadanabon New City Project and villages located in the project area. The President underlined that



President U Min Aung Hlaing inspects the Incubation Centre of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications in Yadanabon New Town in PyinOoLwin yesterday.

the occupation of buildings within the project area with-

out approval must also be inspected and addressed

in accordance with the prescribed rules and reg-

ulations. The President inspected the functions of the Incubation Centre (IC) of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications in Yadanabon New Town.

The President and party proceeded to the Silk Filature Factory (PyinOoLwin) of the Cotton and Fibre Crops Branch of the Department of Agriculture. An official reported to the President on the land utilization, cultivation of mulberry plants, and progress of sericulture, production of cocoons, silk filature, silk wares and value-added products.

After hearing the re-

ports, the President underlined that it is necessary to conduct further sericultural works and the production process through research activities. He stressed the need to beef production of silk filature and silk wares to be sent to domestic and foreign markets.

He also observed the production process of silkworms, mulberry plants, cocoons and the filature process displayed at the factory hall.

The President presented cash awards to the staff of the factory through the factory in-charge. — MNA/TTA

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NATIONAL

Censuses, surveys, and statistical systems fundamental for future policy formulation

POPULATION change is a challenge for the country, but it can also be an opportunity to strategically reshape the nation's future, said Vice-President U Nyo Saw at the ceremony to mark World Population Day 2026 at the Jade Hall of the Myanmar International Convention Centre I (MICC I) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-President said that population change is directly linked to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) established by the United Nations.

He noted that the effective implementation of poverty reduction, improved health, access to quality education, gender equality, the creation of decent employment opportunities, and the strengthening of social protection systems can only be achieved through a thorough understanding of population structure and population change-re-



Vice-President U Nyo Saw delivers a speech at the ceremony to mark World Population Day 2026 at the Myanmar International Convention Centre I in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

lated data.

The Vice-President underscored that it is essential to carefully analyze and take into consideration the current population situation, future population projections, and regional variations in population distribution in strategically pursuing national development.

He spotted that censuses, surveys, and statistical systems are fundamental and critically important sources of information for future policy formulation, determining investment priorities, improving public services, and developing and im-

plementing local development plans.

He urged officials from the government departments, development partners, experts, social organizations, and the entire public to work together to build a fair, hopeful, and strong socioeconomic community that is centred on human dignity, based on rights, and ensures equal opportunities.

Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing reported on the population change in Myanmar.

An animation clip to mark the 2026 World Pop-

ulation Day was screened.

After the ceremony, the Vice-President and party visited the booths to mark the 2026 World Population Day at the Jade Hall.

Also present at the ceremony were Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe, Union-level dignitaries, Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, deputy ministers, diplomats from the foreign embassies based in Myanmar, representatives of UN agencies and guests. — MNA/TTA

Falam hospital and public services inspected



Deputy Minister U Myo Myint hands over the laboratory equipment and medicines to the hospital.

DEPUTY Minister for Construction U Myo Myint, together with members of the Chin State Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Committee, inspected healthcare facilities, banking services and public offices in Falam, Chin State.

During the visit to the temporary public hospital in Phahtauk Ward, Falam, officials reviewed the hospital's preparations, installation of a mobile operating theatre, water and electricity availability, possible expansion plans, laboratory equipment, medical supplies, treatment services and medicine storage facilities.

The deputy minister said the government is providing necessary medical equipment and medicines for the hospital in a timely manner. He also met with outpatients and inpatients, encouraged them and

provided required laboratory equipment and medicines to the hospital administrator.

The temporary public hospital, operated by the hospital administrator and 84 health workers, has provided medical treatment to 1,424 patients. In addition, township public hospitals in Tiddim, Tonzang and Falam have provided healthcare services to 13,677 patients with the support of 285 doctors and health workers, with medical equipment and medicines already supplied.

The delegation later inspected the Falam branch of Myanma Economic Bank to review banking services for the public and staff operations. They also met with officials from the One-Stop Shop, township administrative office and local administrators to discuss ongoing public service activities. — MNA/KZL

Myanmar-China tourism ties discussed

UNION Minister for Hotels, Tourism and Culture U Maung Myint attended the 2026 Heilongjiang Culture and Tourism Promotion Conference held in Jixi City, China, on 8 and 9 July to strengthen tourism and cultural cooperation (Pauk-Phaw Friendship) between Myanmar and China.

During the visit, U Maung Myint met Mr Xu Qin, Secretary of the Heilongjiang Provincial Committee of the Communist Party of China, and discussed expanding cooperation in tourism, culture and youth



Union Minister U Maung Myint observes the exhibits displayed at the conference.

exchange programmes.

The Union minister highlighted the popularity of Harbin Ice and Snow

World among Myanmar travellers and said Myanmar would promote the attraction locally.

He also said Myanmar would showcase a national landmark through an ice sculpture at China's ice festival in January 2027 to further promote friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

The Myanmar delegation also attended the 2026 Heilongjiang Culture and Tourism Promotion Conference and visited major tourist attractions, including Beidahuang Calligraphy Art Gallery, Xingkai Lake, Huran village and ice and snow tourism facilities in Harbin. — MNA/KZL

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Weekly Roundup

5 July

President U Min Aung Hlaing tours Vientiane

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing and his spouse Daw Kyu Kyu Hla visited the Phonthong Handicrafts Cooperation and Cama Crafts, the Patuxai (Victory Gate) and That Luang Stupa in Vientiane.

Lao-Myanmar Friendship Association Chair calls on President of Myanmar

Chairman of the Lao-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr Seneamatmontry Chanthavong paid a courtesy call on President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, during his State Visit to the Lao PDR.

6 July

Head of State visits Royal Palace Museum

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing and his spouse Daw Kyu Kyu Hla visited the Royal Palace Museum in Luang Prabang.

Head of State arrives back

The high-level Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing and his spouse Daw Kyu Kyu Hla arrived back at the Tatmadaw Airport in Nay Pyi Taw where they were welcomed back by Vice-President U Nyo Saw and his wife, Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe and his wife, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Ye Win Oo and his wife, and officials.

8 July

Union government meeting held

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech at the meeting of the Union government at the President's Office in Nay Pyi Taw.

10 July

Meeting focuses on Trilateral Highway and Kaladan Project

President U Min Aung Hlaing addressed a coordination meeting on the India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway and Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project.

11 July

National Committee on Social Protection meets

Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye, in her capacity of Chair of the National Committee on Social Protection, addressed the committee meeting. — GNLM/TTA

Nay Pyi Taw's Zeyathiri opens Shwemyoh 15 MW solar power plant

THE opening ceremony of the Shwemyoh 15 MW solar power plant, implemented by Golden City Solar Power Co Ltd, was held in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, yesterday morning.

Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Ko Ko Lwin attended the ceremony and pressed a button to connect the electricity generated by the solar power plant and the electricity stored in the Battery Energy Storage System to the national grid, marking the start of electricity generation.



Union Minister U Ko Ko Lwin inspects the Shwemyoh 15 MW solar power plant in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.

The Union minister said that the Shwemyoh 15 MW solar power plant, inaugurated within a year and equipped with an

Energy Storage System to support stable power distribution, would contribute to a more reliable electricity supply. He add-

ed that the government would further upgrade the Phase II 25 MW and Phase III 30 MW projects with the latest technologies. As solar projects can be completed quickly and play an important role in meeting urgent electricity needs, collective efforts are required to complete them successfully within the stipulated time frame.

The power plant area and the construction sites of the Phase II and Phase III projects were inspected, according to the reports. — MNA/MKKS

New Anisakhan Airport opens, flights begin operations

THE new Anisakhan Airport has officially opened, with domestic airlines launching regular flights the same day to boost regional connectivity and drive economic growth.

Guided by the President's directive, the newly completed airport has opened to offer more convenient air travel for local passengers. Myanmar National Airlines launched the Yangon-Heho-Anisakhan-Nay Pyi

Taw-Yangon route, while Mingala Aviation started the Yangon-Tachilek-Anisakhan-Yangon route.

The airport will serve direct flights connecting Shan State towns such as Tachilek and Heho with major cities including Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw.

According to the Ministry of Transport, Myanmar National Airlines, Mingala Aviation, Air Thanlwin and Mann Yadanabon Airlines



Airlines counters are seen at the new Anisakhan Airport yesterday.

will operate regular flights from the airport every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. — MNA/KZL

Chinese delegation surveys Nophahtaw Village, Hlegu



A Chinese delegation and officials from Department of Rural Development are seen surveying Nophahtaw Village.

A Director of the International Poverty Reduction Cooperation Centre (IPRCC) Mr Tong Lang and his delegation arrived in Myanmar to conduct an initial survey for the

East Asia Poverty Reduction Cooperation Project (Phase II), which is jointly implemented by the Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural

Development and the International Poverty Reduction Cooperation Centre (IPRCC) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China.

The delegation met with Deputy Director-General Daw Nyo Nyo Win of the Yangon Region Rural Development Department at the department's meeting hall on 7 July to discuss the initial survey in detail.

From 7 to 10 July, the delegation visited Nophahtaw Village, where the project will be implemented. During the visit, the team met village res-

idents and local officials to discuss the community's development needs, including improvements in livelihoods, socioeconomic development, education, healthcare and environmental conservation. The delegation also inspected site conditions and reviewed development priorities for the project.

The Chinese delegation will also conduct initial surveys in project villages in the Ayeyawady Region and Nay Pyi Taw before discussing and finalizing the survey findings with the relevant authorities. — MNA/MKKS

Myanmar, Thailand discuss TILOG-LogistiX 2026 Expo

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The meeting, held at the Royal Thai Embassy in Yangon, was attended by DITP Minister Counsellor (Commercial) Mr Akgavat Thanaprasitpatana and a MIFFA delegation led by Vice-President 3 Daw Ohnma Maw.

Participants discussed the current state of multimodal transport

between Myanmar and Thailand, future logistics opportunities and continued bilateral cooperation in the logistics sector.

The TILOG-LogistiX 2026 exhibition will be held at the Bangkok International Trade and Exhibition Centre (BITEC) in Bangkok from 19 to 21 August. — TWA/KZL

K455B+ invested in agri & livestock via SEPF

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Under the fund's agriculture and livestock development programme, K372.36 billion has been allocated to the agricultural sector for monsoon and summer paddy cultivation, oilseed crop programmes covering peanuts, sesame and sunflower, and export-oriented paddy cultivation zones. In addition, K1.994 billion has been allocated to 380 agricultural water supply projects, including solar-powered systems, in the Nay Pyi

Taw Council Area and four other regions.

In the livestock sector, K51.21 billion in revolving capital has been earmarked for short- and long-term breeding projects across regions and states, including the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Meanwhile, K30.24 billion has been allocated to the mechanized agriculture sector to manufacture 123,000 hand-operated drum seeders in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and six other regions. — ASH/TH

YSX to offer Basic Stock Investment Training Course

YANGON Stock Exchange will conduct the Online Basic Stock Investment Training Course 2/2026 every Saturday for five weeks starting from 25 July, using the Microsoft Teams Application.

This course is designed to share stock market know-how, covering its role in developing economies, the functions of listed companies, the responsibilities of securities firms, and key investment knowledge for prospective shareholders.

This course is tailored to those studying economy and finance, interested in stock investment, working for public companies, aiming to work for banking and financial companies and willing to make long-term investments.

Trainers serving the exchange and experts with profound experience in the finance and investment industry are Director U Saw Mya Aye of the Myanmar Security Exchange Commission, Director U Phyto Maung Maung of the Myanmar Security Exchange Commission, YSX Chief Operation Officer U Min



Shareholders observe the index panel at Yangon Bourse.

Thu, Senior Manager Daw Myint Kay Khine of YSX, Senior Manager Daw Phyu Pyar Lin, Deputy Managing Director U Thet Tun Oo of CB Securities Limited, Vice-President Daw Hnin Wai Zin of AYA Trust Securities Co Ltd, Managing Director U Aung Thein Tun (Chartered MCSI) School of Business & Investment Management (IBIM), U Min Han Tun, CFA Steering Committee/ Co-founder and Academic Director of Matrix College and Dr Si Thu Phyto, MBBS, MBA, CFA CEO, Trust Venture Partners.

The modules are Basic Principles of Stock Trading and Listing on YSX: Criteria and Listing

Process on 25 July, Legal Structure of Securities Market and Overview of Capital Markets on 1 August, Role of Securities Companies and Pre IPO and IPO Process on 8 August, Understanding AML/CFT in Securities Market and Trading Stocks Technically on 15 August and Introduction to Corporate Finance and Introduction to Fundamental Analysis / International Stock Market on 22 August.

A virtual link will be sent to the email of the trainees. Presentation PPT, lecturer videos, and analysis questions will be uploaded to the YSX Online Basic Stock Investment Training Course 002/2026

Telegram Channel. Trainees can visit and study at any time and save the videos.

The trainees must submit answers to analysis questions every week. They can receive a completion certificate with an over 80 per cent grade.

Those who are enthusiastic can register through the YSX Online Booking system <https://ysx-mm.com/events/002-2025-online-class/> before 4 pm on 24 July. The course fee is K40,000, which can be transferred to the i-banking account of KBZ Bank (Strand Branch) with the Account Name: Yangon Stock Exchange Joint-Venture Company Limited. YSX JV Co Ltd and Account No: 21910321900111301 (KBZ Bank), Wave Pay Account (Name: Daw May Zin Thant, Phone No: 09 250682160) and KBZ Pay Account (Name: Daw Myint Kay Khine, Phone No: 09 254326388).

Individuals can enquire about the details of the course by dialling 01 371274 during office hours and via the YSX Facebook Messenger. — NN/KK

Fuel Price Caps Slip Again; Octane 92 at K3,250

FUEL price caps continued to fall this week, with Octane 92 down to K3,250, Octane 95 at K3,310, diesel at K3,095, and premium diesel at K3,790 for the period from 10 to 16 July.

The reference prices were set at K3,360 for Octane 92, K3,410 for Octane 95, K3,090 for diesel and K3,800 for premium diesel during the week ending 9 July. The prices set during the previous week ending 2 July declined to K3,615 for Octane 92, K3,695 for Octane 95, K3,535 for diesel and

K4,190 for premium diesel.

The prevailing prices continue to fall for the sixth consecutive month. The prices set during the week ending 4 June were K4,550 for Octane 92, K4,620 for Octane 95, K4,595 for diesel and K5,550 for premium diesel.

The kyat-US dollar exchange rate weighs on fuel prices. The price index set by Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS), the pricing basis for many refined products in South-East Asia, influences

the domestic fuel prices, according to the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil.

The committee is governing the market to ensure a stable price and secure supply. Under the guidance of the Supervisory Committee, the Petroleum Products Regulatory Department has been issuing daily reference wholesale prices to ensure price stability for energy consumers.

The committee is inspecting fuel stations to detect overcharging,

with authorities taking action against retailers found selling above the reference rate under the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law of 2017.

As per the statement, 90 per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced locally. Domestic fuel prices are highly correlated with international prices. The State is steering the fuel market to cushion losses for importers, retailers, and consumers. In turn, the government aims to keep domestic oil prices



Vehicles refuelling at the petrol station in Dagon Myothit (North) Township.

at reasonable levels compared with regional markets.

Several countries impose higher taxes, driving fuel prices above Myanmar's levels. In contrast, Malaysia's subsidized oil

sector keeps prices about 60 per cent lower. "Each nation adopts its own policy framework for fuel pricing," the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil stated. — NN/KK

From People’s Voice
towards People’s Interest

NOWADAYS, the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw, and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw have convened their second regular sessions. Hluttaw representatives are now carrying out their duties by raising questions to the relevant government ministries and organizations to ensure that the needs of the constituencies they represent are addressed and that measures necessary for the development of their respective regions can be undertaken.

It can also be seen that the responsible officials, as well as the union ministers and deputy ministers from the respective ministries, are providing comprehensive explanations and responses. The questions raised by Members of Parliament are intended to enable the public to understand how seriously the relevant ministries are addressing the genuine needs of their respective constituencies by initiating the necessary measures for regional development. They also seek to ascertain when the required actions can be carried out and brought to completion.

Therefore, MPs at all levels are urged not to lose sight of the Hluttaw processes that are beginning to gain momentum, but to continue listening to the voices of the people from all regions and to fulfil the wishes of the public by working for the advancement of the interests and development of the areas they represent. In addition to their legislative responsibilities, they are encouraged to continue bringing forward and addressing the voices and concerns of the people through the respective Hluttaws.

sary review and take appropriate action regarding the ASEAN Five-Point Statement, have become an issue that ASEAN member states need to reconsider and reflect upon. The discussions highlight the view that the ASEAN Five-Point Statement undermines Myanmar’s equal status within ASEAN, contradicts ASEAN’s fundamental principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of a member state, and does not correspond with Myanmar’s current actual political situation.

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Book Title	-	Echoing Articles on Myanmar's Performing Arts Past
Author	-	Ludu Daw Amar
Publishing House	-	Ludu Kyipwayay
Publication Date	-	May 2026 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K15,000

Echoing Articles on Myanmar's Performing Arts Past

ECHOING Articles on Myanmar’s Performing Arts Past is a landmark work by renowned Myanmar writer Ludu Daw Amar, published by Ludu Kyipwayay Publishing House. The book reflects the author’s deep appreciation for Myanmar’s traditional performing arts and serves as an invaluable historical record. The volume brings together essays on fine arts and traditional performance that Ludu Daw Amar originally published in magazines and newspapers, including Shumawa Magazine, Thabin Magazine, Ludu Journal, the Mandalay University Annual Magazine, Literary Workers Magazine, Mahaythi Magazine, Dhana Magazine, and the Working People’s Daily. Many of these essays have never before appeared in book form.

Ludu Daw Amar first received the prestigious Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award for

her book Artistes Loved by the People, an important documentary work on traditional Myanmar theatre. Like that earlier book, this collection was written to preserve the history of Myanmar’s traditional dramatic arts, music, and orchestras — cultural traditions that are gradually disappearing — for future generations. Throughout the book, the author combines historical evidence, personal experiences, and scholarly research.

The book is divided into three major themes: the evolution of Myanmar theatre, biographies of legendary artistes, and the customs and traditions of the performing arts world. It traces the transformation of Myanmar theatre from the royal court performances of the Konbaung Dynasty through the British colonial period, the years before the Second World War, and the post-

war era. The biographical essays document the lives of celebrated actors, actresses, comedians, and musicians who shaped their respective eras.

Ludu Daw Amar’s writing is characteristically simple, engaging, and conversational, making the book easy to read while transporting readers to the atmosphere of Myanmar’s traditional performances. Rather than relying on hearsay, she bases her work on interviews with contemporaries, firsthand accounts, and documented historical records, giving the book exceptional credibility.

One particularly interesting essay, The Myanmar Stage and the Curtain, describes the early bamboo stage platforms and explains how theatre curtains were introduced during the British colonial era. It recounts how performances once began with a curtain

bearing a portrait of Queen Victoria, illustrating the blending of Myanmar tradition with Western influence. The book also discusses the artistic partnership between leading actors and comedians, emphasizing how their mutual support was essential to the success of theatrical performances.

Readers will encounter stories of many legendary theatrical performers who are little known today, including the poignant account of Second Phoe Sein. Remarkably, Ludu Daw Amar warned more than fifty years ago about the possible disappearance of Myanmar’s traditional puppet theatre. She also writes about figures such as Sein Baydar’s Byaw and Ma Hla Shwe’s Moe Dewa, and examines the famous play about Sakka Min (King of the Celestials). After King Thibaw’s capture, puppet master Pakhan Saya Aung staged a tale symbolizing anti British resistance, portraying Sakka Min as the saviour who would rescue the nation. Though conceived as fiction, the performance proved so powerful that many later embraced it as historical truth. The author notes that even today, some theatre troupes continue to perform the story, and many people still mistakenly believe that Queen Supayalat’s mother, Nanmadaw Me Nu, was a witch.



Book Title	-	Stars Shining on the Stage of Anyeint
Author	-	Daung Malay
Publishing House	-	Linka Dipa
Publication Date	-	September 2021 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K15,000

Stars Shining on the Stage of Anyeint

THE book titled Stars Shining on the Stage of Anyeint was written by theatre actress Daung Malay of Shwe Man Thabin (Theatrical Performance), after conducting interviews with living legendary actresses, published by Linka Dipa Publishing House. The book reflects the world of Myanmar’s traditional performance arts, vibrant and energetic dance styles, and the author’s own artistic journey.

In this book, the author personally visited and interviewed ten legendary theatrical actresses, capturing their stories and experiences: Shwe Leikpya Ma Aye Kyi, Yodaya Pyan Ama Sein, Soviet Pyan Nwet Nwet San, Pantaya Tin Tin Myint, Shwe Man Thu Myint Myint Than, Hteikthee Than Than, UTC Sein Poe Ti, Pantaya Htay Htay Myint (Lamin Taya), Nan Khin Hmway and Sagawa Dayli Myint.

The book also features forewords by Saya Chit Oo Nyo, Sayama Juu, and Sayama Khin Khin Htoo, offering their critiques and reflections on the work.

Sayama Juu stated in her foreword, “Along with nostalgia, there are also textlines intertwined with empathy. The author Daung Malay herself is a notable theatrical actress recognized for her exceptional dancing and singing talents. Yet, she respects the intent of the Anyeint actresses and absorbs the full context and emotional weight of them. She then delivered their works with integrity and conciseness. I noticed that during the interviews, she rarely interrupted with her own perspectives, only sharing her conclusions at the end of each piece. If it were me, I’m afraid I’d have added extra commentary.”

Sayama Juu ended the foreword stating that while reading

Stars Shining on the Stage of Anyeint, I found myself imagining the graceful dance movements of an Anyeint actress, moving to the thrilling beats of the drum ensembles. Echoing vocal performances and the orchestral music, I could visualize the elegant steps and hand gestures – perfect choreography.

Like the author, I am also concerned about the gradual decline of Myanmar’s Anyeint traditional performing arts. Whether it is art or the natural environment, one must first love it to preserve it. I particularly liked the closing lines of Daung Malay’s article about veteran Pantra Htay Htay Myint, so I would like to end my foreword with the author’s own words:

“Feelings of nostalgia and longing for a once golden age of the Anyeint theatre grip my soul. The warm breeze that blew

across the moat and palace walls through the darkness and lights of Mandalay City roughly swept away the tears that had involuntarily fallen onto my cheeks. As I share the same sentiments, I am grateful to Daung Malay for this book.”

This book is not merely a collection of historical facts. The author, who herself has passed along the Anyeint performing industry, personally met and interviewed living veteran Anyeint actresses. It vividly portrays the artistic journeys, dance styles, and efforts of the stars who opened a new chapter in Myanmar’s Anyeint classical theatre. Readers will also find the hardships faced by these artistes, and how legendary actresses like UTC Sein Poe Ti and Ama Sein reached the top through sheer perseverance.

As the author herself comes from the performing arts industry, the book is filled with insider knowledge. It masterfully portrays the dance styles of these great actresses in vivid prose. For those who cherish traditional Myanmar Anyeint (Theatrical Performance), and aesthetic dance and those interested in the lives of early Anyeint actresses and those who wish to research theatrical history, this is a book worth keeping.

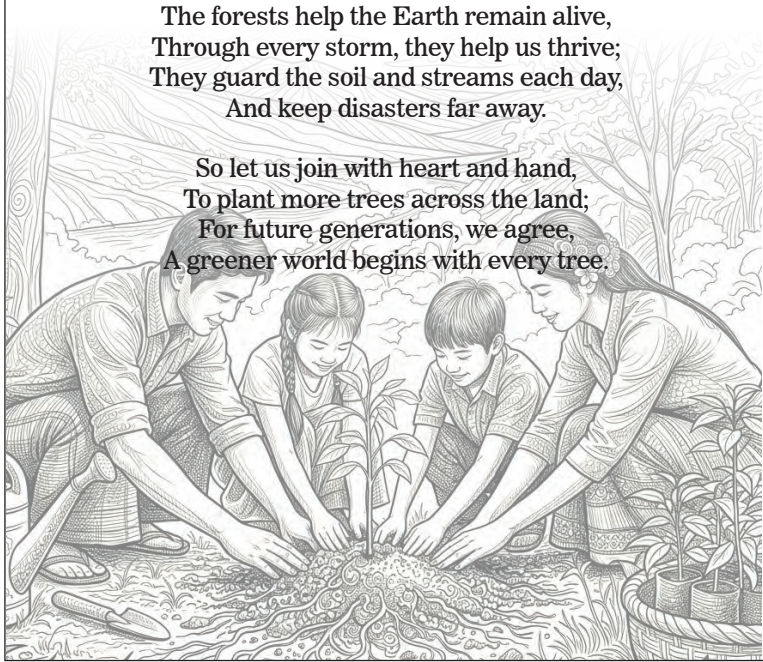
Plant More Trees

By Min Min Zan

When rainy clouds bring gentle showers bright,
Let’s plant young trees with hope and delight;
They give us shade and fresh, clean air,
And make our land both green and fair.

The forests help the Earth remain alive,
Through every storm, they help us thrive;
They guard the soil and streams each day,
And keep disasters far away.

So let us join with heart and hand,
To plant more trees across the land;
For future generations, we agree,
A greener world begins with every tree.



Who do you think
I am, ye savage
ogre?

By U Pone Nya,
Translated by Myint Zan

hey ye
savage ogre
petta (hungry ghost) of the
cemetery
ye despicable evil:
i’m filled with manly energy:
no ordinary worldling
ye think I am of
no importance?
(ye would be wrong)

Translated on 9 July 2026

Translating a few phrases from U
Pone Nya’s novella
Karka Waliya ကာကဝါလီယ



ဟဲ့ ဘီလူးရိုင်း သင်းချိုင်း ပိတ္တာ ငမိတ္တာ။
ယောက်ျား စွမ်းအင် ငါသို့စင် နှင်နှင်
လူညံ့ မှတ်သလား။
ဦးပုည

The Cycle of Regret

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo’s Song)

With the wrong thinking,
The greatest regret, as if no sun,
Was expressed again and again.

With the wrong saying,
The greatest regret, as if no sun,
Was expressed again and again.

With the wrongdoing,
The greatest regret, as if no sun,
Was expressed again and again.

Free from regret, the well-being
I would have no idea where on earth
The sun set while I was expecting that
I had to fumble forwards in the dark.

နောင်တသံသရာ

ကြံမိမှား၍
တရားနောင်တ၊ နေခြည်ပသို့
ရခဲသည်လည်း များခဲ့ပြီ။

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မှောင်တွင်စမ်း၍ လှမ်းရသော။

မင်းသုဝဏ်



NATIONAL

Entertainment

Traditional beliefs cannot simply be dismissed, says Academy star

ACADEMY Yan Aung recently shared his personal experiences and beliefs regarding Myanmar's traditional spirit worship in an interview.

Before winning his Academy Award, he recalled that a spirit medium had foretold his triumph that very year. He also said he personally witnessed many devotees returning to the Taung Pyone Festival wearing numerous gold ornaments after their prayers had been answered, adding that "traditional beliefs cannot simply be dismissed".

Yan Aung starred in the new film *Mi Yoe Pha La*, which began screening in cinemas on 10 July. The



film is written and directed by Thida Linn, and it also features Nay Htut, Aye Nyein Phyu, Saw Yu, Academy Ye Aung, Academy Kyaw Ye Aung, Academy May Than Nu, Academy Soe Myat Thuzar, and many supporting artistes. — TWA/KTZH

Respect paying ceremony for veteran artiste held

A tribute and donation ceremony honouring veteran Myanmar film legend Hlan Min Thar San Tin was held on 9 July at the Chinese 47 Restaurant on West Shwegondine Road in Bahan Township, Yangon.

During the event, donors and actors Thu Htoo San and Nay Htoo Naing presented financial assistance to the veteran artiste, totalling K3 million.

Hlan Min Thar San Tin, 89,

directed and starred in more than 80 Myanmar films during his distinguished career. Among his best-known classic films are *Nyaung Yan Nyi Naung*, *Bando Lu Lay* (Dha Phoe Khet), *Makkhaya Dah*, *Saw Ya Min Thar*, and *Pon Pa Ma*, which remain popular with audiences today. — TWA/KTZH

Cash presented to Hlan Min Thar San Tin.



K500,000 gift fuels road donation drive

VETERAN traditional Myanmar male dancer Shwe Mann Chan Thar and his wife Daw Soe Soe Khaing donated K500,000 as the first contributor (No 001) to the "Phoe Chit's Road Donation Programme",

an initiative led by dancer Phoe Chit to pave the main road to the Thabin Housing Complex, where many traditional performing artists reside.

The road paving project aims to provide smoother daily transport

for families living in the housing complex. Shwe Man Chan Thar's family made the initial donation in support of the project.

The detailed information for the donors will be released later. — TWA/KTZH

'One Night Only' Live Concert ready for music lovers

VETERAN drummer and singer Playboy Than Naing, leader of the renowned Playboy band that rose to fame in Myanmar during the 1970s, will hold a live concert titled *One Night Only*.

The concert, proudly presented by the Flow music app, will showcase Playboy Than Naing with a lineup of renowned artistes performing his timeless hits.

"It will be a special opportunity to relive unforgettable melodies with a fresh new excitement. We believe this is a live concert that every music lover should experience. Tickets will go on sale soon, and the full all-star lineup of performers will also be announced shortly," an official of



This image highlights a poster for the Playboy Than Naing "One Night Only" Live Concert.

Flow said.

Playboy Than Naing "One Night Only" Live Concert will be held at 6 pm at Yangon Hexagon Complex on 15 August. — Htun Htun/KTZH

K3M donation powers MMPO event

ACTRESS Naw Phaw Eh Htar has donated K3 million to the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization in support of an upcoming programme that will provide educational assistance, school uniforms and stationery to the children of the organization's members, according to MMPO Chair Academy Kyi Soe Tun.

"Film artistes and production companies have been making donations for the educational support programme for the children of Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization members. Naw Phaw Eh Htar has contributed K3 million," Academy Kyi Soe Tun said.



The event will be held at the MMPO office in the third week of July. — ASH/KTZH

MCC to host traditional Myanmar theatrical performance

THE traditional Myanmar theatrical performance led by male dancer San Yay Moe will be staged for the first time at the Mandalay Convention Centre (MCC) on Theikpan Road in Mandalay on

13 September.

The date for ticket sales and further details will be announced soon through the official Core Entertainment Facebook page.

Anyone Min Thar

Lay San Yay Moe and his theatrical troupe will present traditional Myanmar dances, songs and the essence of Myanmar's theatrical arts in a grand performance at the modern convention hall. The event has already generated strong interest among local theatre enthusiasts and the online fan base. Fans are also eagerly awaiting the celebrations and performances planned for San Yay Moe's upcoming birthday. — TWA/KTZH



Crowned as the New Face: GADGET MAX's Next Icon



GADGET MAX has officially announced Academy Khin Wint Wah as its Official Brand Ambassador under the campaign titled "THE NEXT FACE of GADGET MAX".

According to the GADGET MAX, Khin Wint Wah was selected as a representative of confidence, ambition, innovation and a modern lifestyle.

GADGET MAX also hosted its "Future Legendary Journey Event" at Lotte Hotel Yangon on the evening of 10 July, where singers Sithu Lwin, Yair Yint Aung, Chaw Su Khin and Chan Myae Maung Cho entertained attendees with live performances. — Htun Htun/KTZH

NATIONAL

Anti-corruption awareness session held with business community

AN awareness session on anti-corruption measures was held in Yangon through cooperation between the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI).

The event held at the UMFCCI Mingala Hall, was attended by ACC Chairman U Soe Thein, ACC members, UMFC-

CI President U Aye Win, business leaders, officials and invitees.

During the session, officials discussed the role of the private sector in promoting ethical business practices and preventing corruption risks in commercial activities.

ACC member U Kyaw Win Thein and UMFCCI Secretary General Daw Khaing Khaing Nwe also shared information on anti-money laundering



An awareness session on anti-corruption measures in progress in Yangon.

measures and issues related to the business sector.

Participants later

raised questions and discussed matters related to corruption prevention and compliance. — MNA/KZL

Oil tankers deliver 10,000 tonnes; 3 more en route

TWO edible oil tankers arrived and offloaded over ten thousand tonnes of oil in the first ten days of July, and three more cooking oil tankers (Au Gemini, Sampow Palm, and Theresa II) are expected to arrive soon, according to the Myanmar Inspection and Testing Services Limited (MITS).

The vessel MT Tirtasi 6 arrived at the KIPT port, with 5,300 tonnes of oil offloaded at the STAR tank on 5 July. Another vessel, MT RM2, arrived at the HOB port on 9 July, with 5,000 tonnes of oil. As of the morning of 10 July, approximately 2,800 tonnes had been unloaded, with the remainder still being discharged. A representative of the MITS delivered that during the



MEODA holds the meeting of the Oil Storage Terminal Supervision Committee.

coordination meeting of the Oil Tank Supervisory Work Group of the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association (MEODA) held on 9 July.

The meeting focused on ensuring the systematic distribution of cooking oil and industrial oil from storage tanks, maintaining the cleanliness of pipe-

lines during the transfer of oil from vessels to tanks, and submitting oil inventory results in real time.

The deputy head of the Department of Consumer Affairs stated that the department has been supervising operations at the oil tanks. Experts from MITS are conducting monthly measurements of

tank inventories and maintaining proper records. He urged that daily reports be submitted on time in the required format.

Furthermore, tank managers presented their respective tank inventories and storage capacities. The KIP tank is systematically distributing cooking oil and industrial oil with 24-hour service, while Wilmar Myanmar's Thilawa tank is also operating 24 hours and continues to supply oil on week-ends if necessary.

The wholesale reference price of palm oil for the Yangon market was set at K7,230 per viss during the week ending 16 July, according to the Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution. — KK

Heavy Rainfall Warning No 12

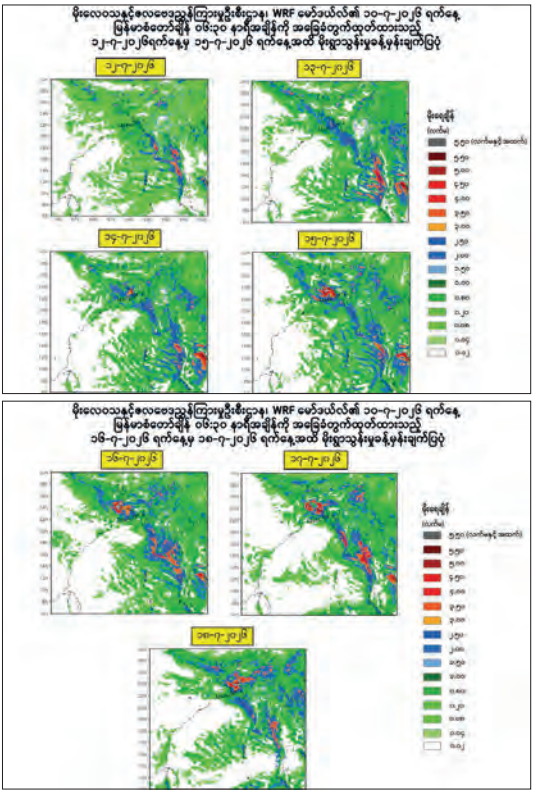
Issued at 8 am MST on 11 July 2026

ACCORDING to the observations at 6:30 am MST today, due to the strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and (northern and eastern) Shan states with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls from today morning to 18 July 2026.

Squalls with rough seas are likely at times in off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach 30-35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-12 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

People should be aware of the strong to vigorous monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal and the Depression crossed North Odisha Coast close to Balasore, India, such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, flash floods and landslides in the hilly areas and near small rivers and inland water transport and domestic flights. — DMH



MPT holds its 19th nationwide blood donation

MPT held its 19th nationwide collective blood donation today, aimed at supporting patients in need of blood and fulfilling the blood requirements at public hospitals.

As part of MPT's ongoing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, approximately 300 MPT employees and volunteers collectively donated

blood at designated blood centres across Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Magway regions, Northern Shan State, and Mandalay Region.

"I am very proud to see the enthusiasm of our employees in this nationwide movement. While blood donation is a simple act, it can have a life-changing impact on

someone in need. I like to express my heartfelt gratitude to every single employee who participated in this contribution," said Mr Hiroyuki Okai from MPT JO.

Over the past decade, MPT's blood donation programme has seen over 10,000 donors provide nearly 9,600 units of blood. This programme not only

reflects MPT's commitment to creating a positive and long-term impact on the community but also encourages a culture of mutual support and a spirit of social contribution among its employees.

In addition to this campaign, MPT continues to implement broad CSR initiatives across Myanmar, focusing on such areas as



This photo shows MPT's 19th nationwide blood donation.

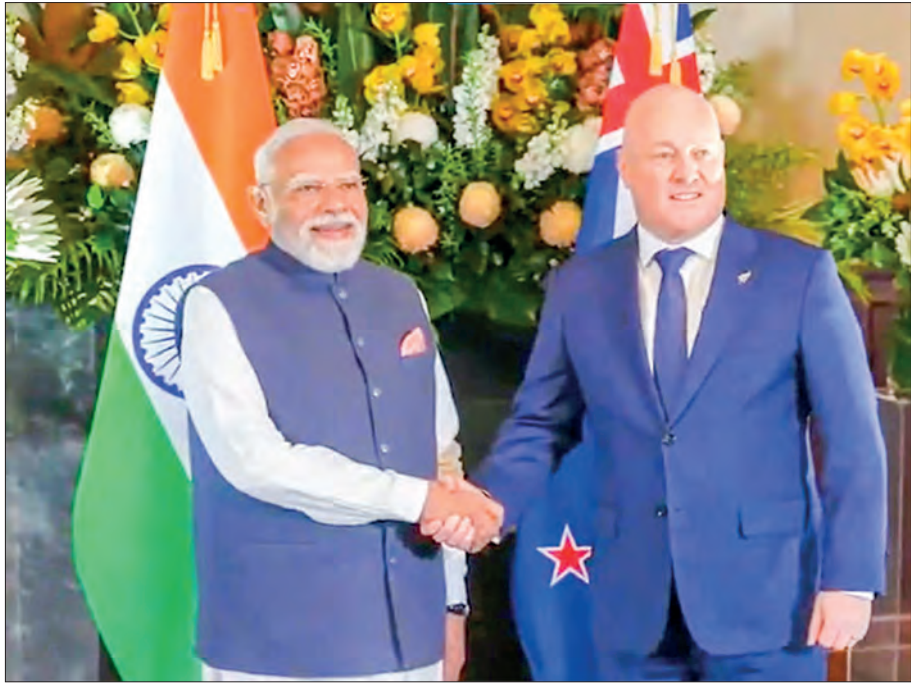
education, environmental conservation, rehabilitation, and community de-

velopment to improve the lives of people nationwide. — MT/ZN

ECONOMY
WORLD

New Zealand-India announce
strategic partnership on PM
Modi's visit to Auckland

The two countries finalized a Free Trade Agreement (FTA).



PM Modi, Luxon agree to deepen cooperation, double trade by 2030 as India-New Zealand ties get strategic push. **PHOTO: ANI**

NEW Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon on Saturday described Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit as a "historic" milestone, marking the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to the country in 40 years.

During delegation-level talks in Auckland, Luxon announced that the two nations would establish a Strategic Partnership to provide a broader framework for

expanding cooperation beyond the recently concluded Free Trade Agreement (FTA), signalling a new phase in India-New Zealand relations. "I think we've made tremendous progress in a very short period of time on the trade agenda. But today's focus is about more than just the FTA. It's about where we go to next in this relationship and how we broaden that out. I know we are very proud to announce

that we will be forming a strategic partnership which will give the relationship more framework and breadth for us to continue to expand as we go forward from here," the New Zealand PM said.

PM Luxon recalled his visit to India last year and thanked the Indian Prime Minister for his personal efforts in strengthening ties between the two countries.

"It is a pleasure and

honour to host you here today. It's a truly historic event, marking the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to New Zealand in 40 years. This visit is also a significant milestone in the New Zealand-India relationship," he said.

Recalling his visit to India in 2025, the New Zealand Prime Minister expressed gratitude for the warm hospitality extended to him and his delegation. "When I visited India last year, you welcomed me and my delegation with great warmth and tremendous generosity, and I'm therefore delighted to welcome you here. Thank you for the relationship and thank you for what you've put into it personally," he said.

The Prime Minister is scheduled to interact with prominent business and sports personalities. Reflecting the strong people-to-people ties between India and New Zealand, the Prime Minister will also address a large gathering of the Indian diaspora, as per the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). — ANI

Japan braces for
heat as El Nino
may intensify to hit
farming

EL Nino has emerged for the first time in two years and is feared to intensify into a "super El Nino", which would raise the risk of extreme heat in Japan despite the pattern's usual association with cooler summers.

Experts warn such summer heat could deal a blow to Japanese rice quality again this year, as it did during the 2023-2024 El Nino, while farmers are already shifting to heat-tolerant varieties after heat damage in 2023 crop triggered shortages and led to price surges.

El Nino occurs when sea surface temperatures in a monitoring zone off Peru stay at least 0.5 C above a baseline for more than six months.

Weather specialists

call it a super El Nino when the increase reaches 2 C or more — a threshold only five of the 19 El Nino events since 1949 have crossed — and they say that could happen from this month.

In a typical El Nino, convection near the Philippines weakens and the Pacific high pressure system extends north less strongly, often bringing more clouds around Japan and leading to a cooler summer.

This year, experts expect warm waters near the Philippines to keep convection active and allow the Pacific high to advance north. They also expect the westerlies to shift north, which can leave Japan more easily covered by warm air to the south. — Kyodo



Heat-tolerant rice variety "Niji no Kirameki." **PHOTO: KYODO**

US demands Iran declare Strait of Hormuz open

THE White House is pressing Iran to publicly announce that the Strait of Hormuz is open and commit to halting attacks on commercial vessels, Axios reported Friday, citing US officials.

Washington expects a statement from Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi following talks

with Omani officials in Muscat on Saturday, the report said. The message has been delivered both directly and through regional mediators, according to officials.

"The US wants Iran to explicitly, or at least implicitly, acknowledge that they screwed up," one official told Axios.

If Tehran fails to

comply, the US has warned of "harsh consequences", the report said.

The officials said the message was conveyed directly and via regional mediators.

Overnight into Wednesday, the US forces launched a series of strikes on Iran. The US Central Command

claimed the move was in retaliation for Iran's actions against commercial vessels transiting the Strait of Hormuz. The Iranian forces reported retaliatory strikes on US bases in Bahrain and Kuwait, while Tehran accused Washington of breaking the memorandum on the cessation of hostilities. — SPUTNIK

Russia steps up refinery
protection amid fuel shortages

RUSSIAN authorities are doing everything possible to strengthen the protection of oil refineries, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak said Friday.

Novak said Russia is experiencing fuel shortages because operations at some oil refineries have been partially disrupted by Ukrainian drone strikes.

Ukrainian drone attacks on Russia have intensified in recent days, with energy infrastructure, particularly oil refineries, among the primary targets. On Monday, Ukrainian drones struck Russia's largest oil refinery in Omsk. — Xinhua

Japan’s rice price falls to lowest level since late 2024

THE average price of rice per five kilogrammes sold at supermarkets across Japan has dropped below 3,500 yen (\$22) for the first time since late 2024 as moves to reduce elevated inventories continue, data from the farm ministry showed Friday.

In the seven-day period through Sunday, the price of rice sold at about 1,000 stores came to an average 3,458 yen, 96 yen lower than the week before and falling for the second consecutive week.

The last time the price fell below 3,500 yen was during the week through 29 December 2024.



Private-sector rice inventories as of the end of May reached 2.23 million tonnes, a 51 per cent increase compared with the previous year. PHOTO: KYODO/FILE

The average price of branded rice was 87 yen lower at 3,521 yen.

An official of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry

and Fisheries suggested that moves to dispose of stocks may have accelerated as “the arrival of newly harvested rice approach-

es”.

Japan’s staple food began to disappear from store shelves and its price surged in the summer of 2024 due in part to extreme summer heat that reduced the previous season’s harvest, with the average price spiking to over 4,000 yen per five kilogrammes from around 2,000 yen before the shortages emerged.

The government sought to address the situation by releasing stockpiled rice. But private-sector inventories have been accumulating as demand shifted to cheaper stockpiled and imported rice. — Kyodo

Malaysia Airlines expands China network with 2 routes

MALAYSIA Airlines recently said it has expanded its presence in China with the launch of direct flights from Kuala Lumpur to Shenzhen and Changsha, strengthening connectivity between the two countries amid growing demand for business and leisure travel.

The national carrier said in a statement that the expansion reflects growing economic ties between Malaysia and China, as well as increasing appetite for cross-border tourism and business travel. It also enables the national carrier to tap a broader and more diversified segment of China, its second-largest international market by number of destinations.

Malaysia Airlines

launched its inaugural service to Shenzhen on 1 July, followed by the commencement of flights to Changsha on 8 July. Both routes are operated with Boeing 737-8 aircraft and offer up to seven weekly flights.

Bryan Foong, chief executive officer of Airline Business at Malaysia Aviation Group, said the new routes mark a significant milestone in the airline’s efforts to strengthen its footprint in China.

“By connecting Kuala Lumpur to these high-growth regional hubs, we are offering travelers greater convenience and flexibility while supporting stronger business, tourism and people-to-people ties between our two countries,” he added. — Xinhua



Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport (SZX) is a massive, highly modernized aviation hub located in the Bao'an District of Shenzhen, China. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST

JULY 4

Xi, Kim exchange congratulations over 65th anniversary of China-DPRK Treaty of Friendship

Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Chinese president, and **Kim Jong Un**, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), exchanged congratulations on Saturday over the 65th anniversary of the signing of the China-DPRK Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance.

In his message, Xi said that in 1961, the older generations of leaders of China and the DPRK signed the China-DPRK Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance, laying an important political and legal foundation for consolidating the friendship forged in blood between the two peoples.

The treaty has played an important role in carrying forward China-DPRK friendship and safeguarding peace and stability in the region and beyond, he said. — Xinhua



Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Chinese president, holds talks with Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), at the Kumsusan State Guesthouse in Pyongyang, the DPRK, 8 June 2026.
PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

JULY 10

Lebanon agricultural losses reach \$1 B

LEBANESE Agriculture Minister Nizar Hani said on Friday that Israeli attacks have caused more than US\$1 billion in losses to Lebanon's agricultural sector, with nearly a quarter of the country's agricultural land damaged.

"The agricultural sector was among the hardest hit," Hani said during a visit to the southern Nabatieh Governorate, Lebanon's National News Agency reported.

He said around 22.5 per cent of Lebanon's agricultural land, or about 56,000 hectares, had been damaged.

Preliminary assessments, conducted with Lebanon's National Council for Scientific Research and the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, had raised estimates of agricultural losses and damage to more than \$1 billion, up from about \$800 million estimated by the end of 2024, he added. — Xinhua

JULY 9

Syria welcomes US terrorism delisting decision

SYRIA welcomed the US decision to begin removing it from the US list of state sponsors of terrorism, calling the move an "important development" in bilateral relations.

The Foreign Ministry praised Washington's announcement after talks between President Ahmed al-Sharaa and US President Donald Trump in Ankara, and welcomed Trump's formal notification to Congress to rescind the designation.

Damascus said delisting, together with lifting sanctions, would spur economic recovery, enable reconstruction, encourage international trade and investment, and bolster regional security and stability.

The ministry hoped for continued constructive engagement with the United States to strengthen ties and advance peace and prosperity. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the 45 day notification was sent and hailed the step as historic. — AFP

JULY 8

Brazil police search Bolsonaro's home

BRAZILIAN police on Wednesday searched for weapons at the home of former president Jair Bolsonaro, who is under house arrest, but came up empty-handed.

Bolsonaro, 71, is serving a 27-year prison sentence for attempting a coup to overturn the result of the 2022 election won by President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

Last week the Supreme Court extended Bolsonaro's house arrest due to health issues.

This was conditional on Bolsonaro surrendering about 10 weapons registered to his name, after one of his bodyguards was found in possession of one of his guns last month.

The former leader's lawyers handed over most of the firearms, but said one shotgun had never been picked up from the company where it was purchased and thus could not be handed in.

According to the search order, seen by AFP, Supreme Court judge Alexandre de Moraes said the explanation was "inconsistent" with existing records. — AFP

JULY 7

Indian Navy secures safe passage for crude oil tanker

THE Government of India and the Indian Navy have secured the safe passage of the crude oil tanker Omega Trader, which is carrying 23 crew members, including 15 Indian nationals, amid heightened tensions in the Strait of Hormuz, government sources said on Tuesday.

According to the sources, the vessel has a total crew of 23, comprising 15 Indians and eight Filipino nationals. The sources said the coordinated efforts by the Government of India and the Indian Navy ensured the ship's safe transit.

The Omega Trader, carrying crude oil, is expected to reach Sikka in Gujarat safely, the sources added.

The development comes amid heightened security concerns in and around key international shipping routes following recent attacks on commercial vessels in the Strait of Hormuz and the subsequent escalation in tensions in the region.

Earlier, the United States launched a series of strikes against Iran. — ANI

JULY 6

NATO chief calls for defence spending plan

NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte on Monday said allied nations are expected to present "clear, concrete and credible" plans to meet the alliance's target of spending five per cent of GDP on defence by 2035, as leaders gather for the NATO Summit in Ankara.

Previewing the summit, Rutte said the commitments made by NATO leaders at last year's summit in The Hague were already producing significant results. "Here in Ankara, I expect nations to present clear, concrete and credible plans to reach that five-per-cent goal. And the evidence we see so far is impressive," Rutte said. He noted European allies and Canada invest four-per-cent of GDP on defence just one year in. — ANI

JULY 5

China bets on people-centred digital future

GUIDED by a digital avatar, visitors at the 2026 Global Digital Economy Conference in Beijing stand before an intelligent diagnostic device to complete facial and ocular scanning. Within minutes, a personalized health report is generated, which once required in-person examinations conducted by traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) practitioners.

Zhou Chao, business manager at Guanwei Intelligent Technology (Beijing) Co Ltd, the device's developer, said the company leverages AI to digitize, standardize and modernize TCM diagnosis and treatment, enabling time-honored medical wisdom to benefit more people worldwide. — Xinhua

SPORTS

African results justify World Cup slots increase amid criticism

WHEN four-time World Cup winners Italy failed to qualify for the 2026 tournament, then head coach Gennaro Gattuso lamented that Africa had so many places at the global showcase.

"Africa deserves fewer World Cup slots," he said, referring to the number of automatic qualifying places allocated to that continent rising from five to nine in an expanded 48-nation event.

It became 10 when the Democratic Republic of Congo won an inter-continental play-off and returned to the World Cup after 52 years.

Was Gattuso, a midfielder in the Italian 2006 World Cup-winning team, correct? Was Africa over-represented in the United States, Canada and Mexico?

Apart from a disastrous showing by Tunisia, who axed coach Sabri Lamouchi after their first group game and lost all three matches, African flag-bearers proved competitive, justifying their presence.

The other nine representatives reached the knockout stage, five as group runners-up. The other four were among the eight best third-placed teams. — AFP



Morocco defender Achraf Hakimi (L) and France forward Kylian Mbappe fight for the ball during a World Cup quarterfinal. **PHOTO: AFP**

Colombia federation urges Campaz threat probe

THE Colombian Football Federation (FCF) on Friday urged authorities to investigate threats against midfielder Jaminton Campaz after the team's World Cup elimination.

The FCF said it had asked prosecutors to urgently identify and prosecute those responsible after Campaz was targeted on social media for missing a chance in extra time in the round-of-16 loss to Switzerland on Tuesday.

Switzerland won 4-3 on penalties after a goalless draw in Vancouver. — Xinhua

8 bouts held at Professional Boxing Matches 10

THE Professional Boxing Matches 10 (PBM 10) tournament, organized by the Myanmar Boxing Commission, was held at Theinbyu Indoor Stadium in Yangon on Saturday, featuring eight six-round bouts.

In the Super Flyweight (52.1-kilogramme) division, Naw Phone defeated Kauing Wunna Aung by second-round knockout, while Zan Zan Min Htet stopped Shin Thant Naing in the fifth round.

In the Bantamweight (53.5-kilogramme) division, Ye Moe Aung defeated Zaw Du La on points, while Min Hein Khant knocked out Hein Htet Tha in the second round.

In the Super Bantamweight (55.3 kilogramme)



Min Myat Thu (left) and Wai Yan Oo compete during a bout at the Professional Boxing Matches 10 tournament.

division, Zaw Zaw Naing beat Shine Min Htun on points, while Min Khine Myae won after Maung Maung Oo retired in the fifth round.

In the Featherweight (57.1-kilogramme) division, Thiha Aung defeated Myo Jat Khaung on points after both boxers suffered injuries in the fourth round, while Wai Yan Oo claimed a points victory over Min Myat Thu. — Bala/KZL

FIFA sells sections of World Cup final pitch

FOR football fans looking for a unique memento from the World Cup, FIFA is offering something special: small pieces of the turf from East Rutherford Stadium in New Jersey, where the final will soon be played.

The official online shop is selling these sealed sections of pitch, each encased in acrylic glass and accompanied by a USB stick, for approximately €390.

According to FIFA, these are "unique collector's items from one of the world's biggest sporting events" and will only be shipped after the final has taken place.

The offer is currently available to buyers in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Europe. Despite Canada and Mexico being co-hosts of the tournament, fans in those countries won't be able to order the product for now. — AFP



FIFA offers historic stadium turf souvenirs to football fans. **PHOTO: AFP**

Messi remains in peak condition, says Scaloni

ARGENTINA manager Lionel Scaloni dismissed concerns over Lionel Messi's workload on Friday, saying the 39-year-old remained in peak physical condition ahead of his team's World Cup quarterfinal against Switzerland.

Scaloni said Argentina's tracking data showed Messi was covering a similar distance in each match as in previous tournaments.

"He's not running any more or any less than before. The numbers haven't changed," Scaloni said ahead of Saturday's match at Kansas City Stadium. "The team supports him a lot. Physically, he's prepared extremely well with his fitness coach and that's paying off. He's giving everything." Messi has scored eight goals in the tournament so far and is the joint leader in the race for the Golden Boot alongside France captain Kylian Mbappe, who has played one more match. — Xinhua

Mongolian wrestlers train 'bodies, minds' for annual showdown

Mongolian wrestlers train for mid-July's Naadam festival's three manly games tournament.

THE whistle blows, sending dozens of hulking wrestlers chasing a football in the Mongolian grasslands — a World Cup twist in their gruelling training for one of the country's oldest sporting traditions.

"The World Cup is happening now, so we wanted to do something creative," said four-time national champion Batsuuri "Basu" Namsraijav, who has founded his own training camp where wrestlers spend weeks preparing for the annual

Naadam competition. The brief change of pace in the otherwise demanding programme "is still an intense workout", Basu told AFP. The cohort training at his newly built Basu Sports Complex are among more than 1,000 wrestlers from across the East Asian country hoping to emerge victorious from the two-day Naadam tournament in mid-July, known colloquially as the "Three Manly Games" — traditional wrestling, horse racing and archery. — AFP



This photo taken on 24 June 2026 shows Mongolian wrestlers sparring at a training camp ahead of the Naadam Festival on the outskirts of Ulaanbaatar. **PHOTO: AFP**

Bayeux Tapestry arrives in London after epic journey from France

The 11th-century Bayeux Tapestry has arrived at the British Museum under high security, marking its first departure from France in over 900 years.

THIS 68-metre embroidery, depicting the 1066 Battle of Hastings, returned to England for a special exhibition following a complex, top-secret transportation process. The medieval Bayeux Tapestry arrived in London in the early hours of Friday after leaving France for the first time in more than 900 years on a hugely complicated journey to an exhibition in the British capital.

AFP journalists at the British Museum saw a metal case holding the 11th-century work being unloaded from a truck which



This image is a scene from the Bayeux Tapestry, an embroidered cloth created in the 11th century to depict the events leading up to the Norman Conquest of England. **PHOTO: WORLD HISTORY ENCYCLOPEDIA**

had carried it across the Channel in a hushed-up, high-security operation.

"It's a unique moment and it's the product of so much hard work," museum director Nicholas Cullinan told AFP after the tapestry arrived around 3 am (0200 GMT). It left its home in northern France on Thursday night. "It's been very special to have witnessed the arrival of the

Bayeux Tapestry, and especially for it to be back on these shores for the first time in probably a thousand years," added Cullinan.

While its exact origins are a mystery, the tapestry depicting the 1066 Battle of Hastings and start of the invasion by William the Conqueror's Norman army is widely thought to have been made in England before being transferred to Bayeux. — AFP

Japan's first pro street dance league aims for global audience

Daiichi Life D-League completed its sixth professional dance season finale.

BREAKDANCERS and other performers in Japan's first professional hip-hop dance league are helping drive growing interest in street dance among young people as a new form of entertainment takes shape with ambitions of reaching a global audience.

Sponsored by a major Japanese life insurance company and launched in 2021, Daiichi Life D-League recently reached the finale of its sixth season amid wild



The Medical Concierge I'moon team performs at a D-League event at Toyota Arena Tokyo on 23 April 2026. **PHOTO: KYODO**

cheers as more than a dozen elite dance teams battled with displays of power and grace for the championship title.

The coed league was conceived primarily by LDH Japan Inc, the talent agency behind the popular boy group Exile, and Take-

hito Hirano, 64, president of human resources outsourcing company Fullcast Holdings Co and himself a dance enthusiast, with the goal of expanding opportunities for dancers.

The project launched after about two years of planning, during which companies were brought together to manage the nine initial teams and secure sponsors. It started with 97 dancers, including a director, but was held online due to the coronavirus pandemic. — Kyodo

Vienna cashes in on tourist boom

AS Vienna grapples with smashed record after smashed record for tourist numbers, a plan to more than double its visitors' tax has worried hotel owners fearful of killing the Austrian capital's golden goose. In two decades, Vienna's winning trio of cleanliness, safety and schnitzel has propelled the Austrian capital to the top of rankings of the world's best cities to live in, just behind Copenhagen and ahead of Melbourne.

Between 2005 and 2025, the number of overnight stays rocketed from 8.8 million to 20.1 million. Hoping to cash in on that success, the municipality has decided to increase the visitor's tax from 3.2 to five per cent from early July, before hiking it to eight percent in July 2027. Like other cities across Europe anxious about over-tourism, the authorities view the tax as a means to make the sector pay its fair share for the strain the crowds of visitors place on the city's infrastructure. But Martin Stanits, spokesman for the Austrian Hotel Association (OeHV), lamented that the hike would make it "the second highest in Europe", trailing only Amsterdam. Arguing that hotels were already faced with high taxes and an explosion in the costs of energy, wages and food, Stanits argued that the authorities tend to treat tourism as a way to plug holes in the city's budget. — AFP