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Myanmar Invites Indian Investment Across Key Sectors

Myanmar and India have agreed on a two-phased trade strategy, targeting \$3 billion in bilateral commerce initially before aiming to expand the volume to \$5 billion.



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing delivers a speech during the Myanmar-India Business Dialogue at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel in Mumbai, India, yesterday.

PRESIDENT of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing delivered an address at the Myanmar-India Business Dialogue at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel in Mumbai, India, yesterday morning.

Arriving at the hotel, the President was welcomed by Patron of UMFCCI U Aung Ko Win, President U Aye Win and members, Chairman of the Myanmar-India Friendship Association U Win Myint and members.

In his speech, the President unveiled that this visit serves as a strategic driving force under India's Act East Policy and Neighbourhood First Policy, aimed at enhancing economic cooperation with

Myanmar, as well as promoting trade, investment, and the strengthening of value chains.

Therefore, he said that he would like to emphasize that if Myanmar, as a country with improving political stability, cooperates with India, there will be many opportunities for all parties involved. During the trip, he held meetings with the Prime Minister of the Republic of India, Shri Narendra Modi, and the President of the Republic of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu. In addition, a Myanmar-India trade and investment discussion forum was held in New Delhi, which contributed to the promotion of bilateral economic cooperation and resulted in agreements

being reached. In view of these developments, the President affirmed that relevant Indian authorities can now confidently cooperate with Myanmar.

Regarding bilateral trade, the President continued that the exports from Myanmar reached US\$1.326 billion in the

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Key points from the speech delivered by the President at the Myanmar-India Business Dialogue

1. The exports from Myanmar reached US\$1.326 billion in the 2025-2026 financial year.
2. There are opportunities for investment in sectors such as agriculture and livestock, oil and gas, industry, transportation, telecommunications, and services.
3. Investment in Myanmar would not only allow production for the domestic market but also enable the export of certain products to neighbouring countries such as Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia.

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Representatives and officials from ethnic literature and cultural associations from Kayah State and Bago, Magway, Mandalay and Yangon regions arrive at Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station yesterday.

41 ethnic cultural representatives arrive in Nay Pyi Taw for educational tour

A total of 41 representatives and officials from ethnic literature and cultural associations in Kayah State and the Bago, Magway, Mandalay and Yangon regions arrived at Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station yesterday afternoon for a study tour.

The delegation will visit

several prominent sites in Nay Pyi Taw on 4 and 5 June, including the Maravijaya Buddha Image, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Complex, the Memorial to Fallen Heroes (Nay Pyi Taw) Hlay Khwin Taung Hill Resort, the Thatta Thattaha Maha Bawdi Pagoda, MRTV (Tatkon) and

the Defence Services Museum.

Organized by the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs through the Department of Ethnic Literature and Culture, the study tour aims to strengthen friendship among ethnic nationalities and foster a stronger Union spirit.

— MNA/KZL

E-Pension Withdrawals Available Across 190 Banks as of May 2026



A crowd of pensioners waiting for cash withdrawal at a branch.

MYANMA Economic Bank (MEB) notified all that cash withdrawal from e-Pension cards can be undertaken at 190 branches equipped with a centralized e-Pension system

without a service charge.

MEB's e-Pension system has been upgraded to a centralized e-Pension system since September 2023. The centralized e-Pension system

has reached 190 banks as of May 2026.

The pensioners can check the branches that operate the centralized e-Pension system through www.meb.gov.mm and the Myanma Economic Bank Facebook page promptly. MEB notified government pensioners.

The centralized e-Pension system was available at 185 banks in February 2026, and the service was extended to five more branches: Shwegyin branch in Bago Region, Taninthayi branch and Kyunsu branch in Taninthayi Region, Tangyan branch and Mongshu in Shan State. — ASH/KK

Hmaw Film Production donates K1M to fuel education support

THE Hmaw Film Production family donated K1 million to the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization on 2 June at the organization's office in Bahan Township, Yangon, according to Vice-Chair U Aye Kyu Lay.

The donation will be used to provide educational assistance, including school uniforms and stationery, for the children of organization members through a donation programme sched-

uled for June.

U Aye Kyu Lay said that Ko Nay Lin Oo and Ma Win Thab-yay Htun of the Hmaw Film Production family personally contributed the K1 million for the education support programme.

The annual assistance programme for the children of Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization members will be held in June. — ASH/KZL



This photo shows MMPO officials receiving the donation from the Hmaw Film Production family.

Cable cars ride over PyinOoLwin



Cable cars at the BE Falls.

RIDING cable cars at the BE Falls amusement park, visitors can enjoy the spectacular aerial views of PyinOoLwin in the monsoon. Those who wish to enjoy the beautiful scenery, take photos with the beautiful natural landscapes, or ride cable cars can now relax at the amusement park by gazing at the green nature from the sky.

The BE Falls amusement park offers beautiful scenery with flowers, elephant dance, a breathtaking 5D LED glass bridge and a sky cable car ride over PyinOoLwin. In addition, the natural wood, the sound of waterfalls and the birdsong are pleasant for those who want to enjoy nature peacefully.

The BE Falls is packed with visitors from different regions and states on weekends and public holidays. — MT/ZS



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Crowds Welcome President U Min Aung Hlaing Following Strategic India Visit

A HIGH-LEVEL Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing paid an official visit to India at the invitation of Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Yesterday evening, the President-led delegation departed from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in Mumbai. The delegation was seen off at the airport by Maharashtra State Government Minister Mr Sawant and state officials, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Zaw Oo, the Myanmar Consul-General in Kolkata and other officials.

The President was accompanied by Union Ministers U Khin Maung Yi, U Tin Maung Swe, Dr Kan Zaw, U Min Naung and Dr Charlie Than, Central Bank of Myanmar Governor Dr Khin Naing Oo, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, deputy ministers, military and civilian officials.

During the visit to India, the President held discussions with the President of India, conducted bilateral meetings with the Prime Minister of India, and also met cabinet members of the Indian government, state leaders and representatives of business organizations to discuss matters that benefit both the country and people. Moreover, he visited historic landmark sites and industrial, port and energy project locations, and openly exchanged views on enhancing cooperation between the two governments and peoples in various sectors, including economic, religious, cultural, social and tourism sectors.

On arrival back at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport yesterday evening, the high-level Myanmar delegation led by the President was welcomed home by Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker



President U Min Aung Hlaing who paid the official State visit to India being heartily welcomed home by the people at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport in Nay Pyi Taw on 3 June 2026.

U Khin Yi, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Ye Win Oo, Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, the commander of the Nay Pyi Taw Command, officials from the Embassy of the India to Myanmar and the Military Attaché Office.

The relevant officials of India-Myanmar Friendship Association, ethnic children, the band, pompom dance troupes, Indian dance troupes, traditional dance

troupes, artistes and residents took positions from the ladder of the aircraft to the VIP lounge of the airport and the roundabout to the Tatmadaw Airport to welcome home the high-level Myanmar delegation led by the President for praising his efforts during the trip to India to grab opportunities of cooperation between the people and businesspersons in enhancement of agriculture, livestock breeding, economic, trade, academic and tourism sectors for the sake of Myanmar.

They honoured the Myanmar delegation with loud cheers and great enthusiasm by holding the vinyl posters bearing “May the friendship between India and Myanmar be long-lasting. May the comprehensive strategic cooperation between India and Myanmar continue to expand across various sectors. We warmly welcome President Min Aung Hlaing for his efforts in strengthening India-Myanmar relations. May India and Myanmar always stand together in friendship. May Myanmar-India cooperation achieve lasting success. Warmly welcome to President Min Aung Hlaing, who has endeavoured for the all-round development of Myanmar, in addition to a heartfelt welcome to the President and delegation, and strengthening India-My-

anmar friendship.”

They also waved miniature flags of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and India and chanted, “May Myanmar-India cooperation achieve lasting success. May President Min Aung Hlaing, who is striving for the nation, religion, and faith, be in good health. India-Myanmar friendship is long-lasting and strong. May they be firm and enduring.” They also warmly welcome President Min Aung Hlaing and party with LED boards bearing record photos of the trip of the President and letters “Warmly welcome, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing.”

On arrival back in Nay Pyi Taw, the President replied to queries raised by media .

The President’s responses to the media were as follows:

My visit was undertaken based on the existing friendship and amity between Myanmar and India. During the trip, I met and held discussions with Indian leaders, including the President and Prime Minister Mr Modi. I also held a separate meeting with the Minister of External Affairs.



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2025-2026 financial year, according to figures released by Myanmar. Exports from India were estimated at between US\$600 million and US\$800 million. India primarily exported pharmaceutical products, petroleum products, chemical products, motor vehicles and related parts, electrical goods, motorcycles and related parts, as well as tractors and agricultural machinery to Myanmar.

During his discussions with the Prime Minister of India, the President noted that bilateral trade had stood at just over US\$2 billion. It was agreed to work towards achieving US\$3 billion in the first phase and to further aim for US\$5 billion in the second phase. It was also agreed to promote bilateral trade by implementing a direct kyat-rupee payment mechanism. He further stated that he had already met with officials of the Reserve Bank of India.

He expressed Myanmar's desire to increase imports from India, particularly iron and steel, cement, pharmaceuticals, petroleum products, and solar-related equipment. At the same time, Myanmar intends to export pulses and oilseeds, fishery products, forest products, textiles and garment products, as well as rice and rubber.

He also noted that, given the contin-

ued flow of pilgrims to Bodh Gaya, there is a strong basis for further expanding the tourism sector. Likewise, there are significant opportunities for India to invest in Myanmar's education and healthcare sectors.

He noted that India's investment in Myanmar has exceeded US\$94 billion, making it the 11th largest investor among countries investing in Myanmar. Therefore, there are opportunities for investment in sectors such as agriculture and livestock, oil and gas, industry, transport, telecommunications, and services.

He underlined that investment in Myanmar would not only allow production for the domestic market but also enable the export of certain products to neighbouring countries such as Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia. He further stated that India's high-tech industries, including pharmaceutical manufacturing, could be established in Myanmar. Given Myanmar's electricity demand, there are also significant investment opportunities in the power sector.

He added that diplomatic relations between the two countries have now reached 78 years and will mark their 80th anniversary in 2028. As part of commemorating the 80th anniversary of diplomatic relations, he expressed the desire to further enhance and promote bilateral

trade activities.

Indian entrepreneurs discussed that the current visit of the President to India will further enhance friendship and cooperation between the two countries. They also emphasized the need to further expand cooperation between the two countries in areas such as technology, investment, bio-energy production, mining, and the production of agricultural machinery and fertilizers required for the agricultural sector.

In response, the President invited investment in the bio-energy sector. Regarding mining, it would be more beneficial to produce value-added finished products for export rather than exporting Myanmar's mineral resources as raw materials. He further noted that Myanmar is a country that prioritizes the agricultural sector and therefore welcomes investments in activities that can effectively and practically contribute to the development of agriculture.

The business dialogue was also attended by Union ministers and delegation members, officials from the Indian government, the Myanmar Ambassador to India, the Indian Ambassador to Myanmar, the Patron of UMFCCI and party, the Chair of Myanmar-India Friendship Association, Myanmar and Indian businesspeople and guests.

The President visited the Gateway of India, Mumbai. Officials escorted him around the gateway.

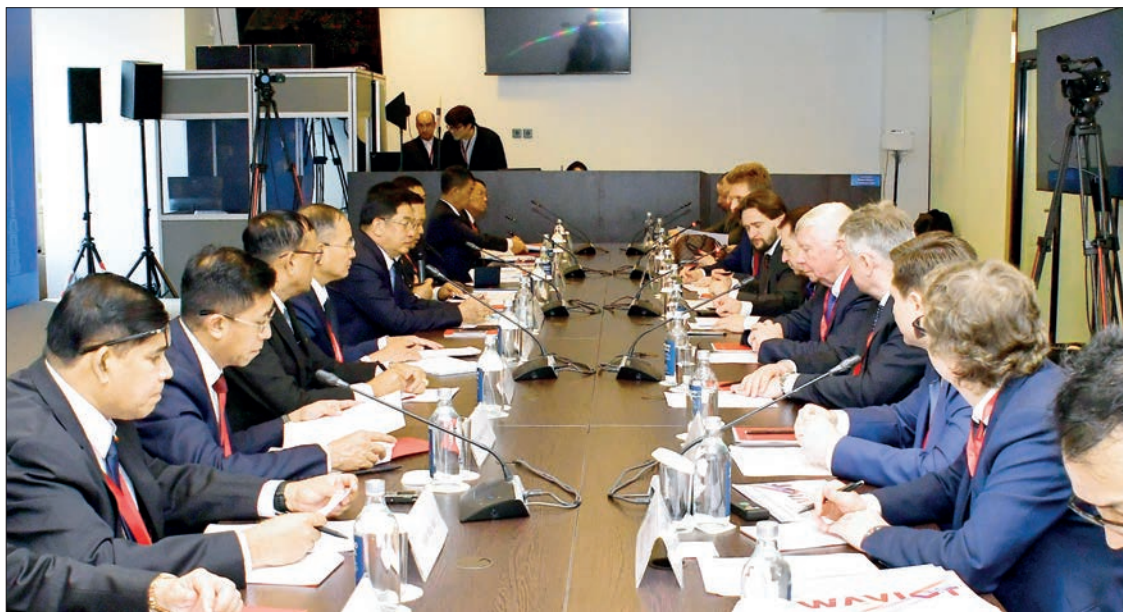
The Gateway of India, Mumbai, is a world-famous historic monument located on the Mumbai beach, India. It was built to commemorate the first visit of King George V and Queen Mary of the United Kingdom to India in 1911, marking the spot where they first set foot in the country. Construction began in 1915 and was completed in 1924. After India gained independence in 1948, the last remaining British regiments departed from India by sailing through this archway, making it a symbolic site representing the end of British rule. The structure's architecture is of the Indo-Saracenic style, which blends 16th-century Gujarati Islamic and Hindu traditional architectural elements. It is built using yellow basalt stone, and the central arch rises to a height of approximately 85 feet. The Gateway of India is regarded as an iconic landmark of Mumbai, often referred to as "the Taj Mahal of Mumbai", and remains a major tourist attraction visited with great interest by travellers from around the world.

The President and party arrived at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport and viewed the work procedures of the airport. — MNA/TTA

Vice-President U Nyo Saw holds talks with Russian Presidential Envoy, RC-Investment Director

VICE-PRESIDENT of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyo Saw, who is currently in Saint Petersburg of the Russian Federation to attend the 29th Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) 2026, received Mr Anton Kobayakov, Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation and Executive Secretary of the Forum Organizing Committee, and a delegation led by Mr Alexander Sergeevich Shatirov, Director of Fund RC-Investment at the EXPOFORUM Convention and Exhibition Centre in Saint Petersburg separately yesterday.

At the meeting with the Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation and Executive Secretary of the Forum Organizing Committee, they openly



Vice-President U Nyo Saw meets a delegation led by Mr Alexander Sergeevich Shatirov, Director of Fund RC-Investment, at the EXPOFORUM Convention and Exhibition Centre in Saint Petersburg yesterday.

discussed the cooperation carried out between Myanmar and

Russia and further promotion of cooperation in various sectors,

including the trade and investment sectors.

In holding a meeting with the Director of the Fund RC-Investment, they frankly exchanged views on the progress of work processes in implementing agriculture, mining, trade and electricity sectors between relevant ministries and organizations of Myanmar and the Fund RC-Investment, and further cooperation measures.

Also present at the meetings were Union ministers, deputy ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Myo Moe Aung, the Consul-General in Saint Petersburg and officials. The Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation and the Executive Secretary of the Forum Organizing Committee and the Director of Fund RC-Investment was accompanied by officials. — MNA/TTA

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We were able to discuss expanding bilateral economic cooperation and investment across various sectors. Agreements were reached on a number of areas, and joint statements were issued. Most importantly, on our part, we need to step up our efforts and focus on production; only then can we further promote trade. As for the remaining requirements, the public will also need to work together and contribute to these efforts.

To achieve these goals, peace and stability are essential. We can accomplish these tasks only when peace and stability prevail. Therefore, concerning the first part of my visit to India, if stakeholders along the Indian border genuinely wish to see the country prosper, they need to cooperate with the State, pursue cooperation through peaceful means, and make a concerted effort. They should reflect on their approaches and work towards the betterment of our country.

Similarly, individuals and organizations in other areas where stability has been affected for various reasons should reconsider their positions in the coun-

try's interest. If they cooperate through peaceful means and, in political terms, in accordance with democratic principles, to work for the betterment of the nation, the country's progress will not be delayed, and its continued advancement is assured.

Another thing is that schools have opened starting last Monday. With the school opening, if all school-aged children attend school and we dedicate a certain amount of time to strive alongside educational advancement, I expect we will successfully reach our envisioned social goals. I would just like to urge the public to make an effort, to do their work, and to cooperate and collaborate together.

The trip was successful. It was, without doubt, a success. There will naturally be a variety of comments and opinions about it, but many of them have been positive. The trip was well worth the effort invested in it.

At Bodh Gaya, I prayed for the peace and development of the country. I also prayed that the public may make a peaceful living with healthy minds and bodies. Thank you all. — MNA/KTZH/TH



President U Min Aung Hlaing responds to the media queries.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker outlines roles of Joint Bill and Public Accounts Committees

THE international community dubs the Joint Bill Committee and the Joint Public Accounts Committee as Sub-Parliaments, said Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw U Aung Lin Dwe at the meeting with the two joint committees at the convention hall of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, the Speaker noted that members of the Joint Bill Committee are required, in accordance with Rules 127, 128, and 129 of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rules, to ensure that any recommendations submitted by the committee regarding any bill within the scope of the committee's duties and powers must be relevant to the matters contained in the bill.

He continued that committee members shall have the right to freely speak, discuss, and vote in committee meetings, provided that such actions do not contradict the provisions of the Constitution and parliamenta-



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe speaks at the meeting with the two joint committees yesterday.

ry laws. However, it is particularly required that discussions shall not be disclosed outside the committee, and meeting records shall not be circulated or distributed.

He stressed that as a Joint Bill Committee, all types of bills except those that have been agreed upon by both Hluttaws must be reviewed and analyzed by the committee, and the committee is required to submit

its comments and observations. These include bills that are initially debated in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, bills on which the two Hluttaws have reached differing views, and bills returned by the President with comments.

The Speaker underlined that the committee shall continue to carry out each stage of the legislative process in accordance with the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law and Rules, starting from de-

liberations within the legislature up to the point where the bill can be submitted to the President for promulgation as law.

He pointed out that the Joint Public Accounts Committee is also required, under Section 100 (b) of the Constitution, to conduct a detailed examination of the annual national development plan and the annual estimated budgets that are to be discussed and decided upon in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. In accordance with Rule 131 of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rules and the provisions of the Union Budget Law, the committee shall scrutinize matters relating to state revenues and expenditures based on the report of the Auditor-General of the Union. In carrying out such scrutiny, it shall examine whether the projected revenues submitted to the Hluttaw have been fully collected; whether the authorized expenditures are being spent in accordance with financial rules and procedures for the designated purposes; whether the funds

are being used effectively; and whether there are any instances of wastage, leakage, damage, losses, misuse, or misappropriation in the implementation of projects. If necessary, the committee may conduct field inspections with the approval of the Speaker. The committee shall also review the compliance of relevant ministries and organizations with the recommendations of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union. In addition, the committee must review and analyze reports on the national planning, budget and taxation (biannual and annual) as well as loan-related reports.

Chairman of the two joint committees, Deputy Speaker Jeng Phang Naw Taung, urged the committee members to carry out their assigned duties thoroughly within a five-year term.

The Permanent Secretary of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw clarified the responsibilities of the two joint committees, and the Speaker gave a supplementary discussion. — MNA/TTA

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Pyithu Hluttaw Debates Key Transport, Greening, and Agriculture Reform

THE second-day meeting of the second regular session of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw commenced at the convention hall of the Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi announced that, out of 351 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives entitled to attend the second day of the second regular session of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw, 349 were present at today's meeting, resulting in an attendance rate of 99.43 per cent. Accordingly, it was declared that the meeting had achieved quorum and was duly opened.

At the meeting, Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Khin Maung Latt replied to the question raised by U Tin Aung Chit from the Aunglan Constituency.

He stated that vehicles from villages near the camps, as well as those registered within the designated mileposts of the Bwatgyi entrance and Kyeni Chaung exit gates, are granted free passage. Meanwhile, vehicles from Aunglan pay a single-use toll at the Kyeni Chaung exit gate, which is waived if they return within one hour.

The Max Highway Co Ltd (BOT) carries out annual road upgrading, maintenance and repair works along the 61 miles seven furlongs of the Aunglan-Kopin Road in Aunglan District. Emergency works are also undertaken whenever flooding occurs.

He further explained that relocating the Aunglan (exit) (Kyeni Chaung) gate beyond milepost 231/5 outside the Aunglan Township boundary will reduce toll revenue collection, resulting in lower tax revenues for the State and weaker control over overweight vehicles, which could cause greater damage to roads and bridges. Therefore, relocating the toll gates outside the township boundary would not be appropriate.

Member U Khin Maung Latt made clarifications regarding the questions raised by U Hla Swe from the Pobbathiri Constituency.

He said that the intervillage road of Thitseintpin tract Chinsu Kyapin Inn villages is currently four miles long.



The second day of the second regular session of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw is underway yesterday, presided over by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi.

Upgrading it into a macadam road will require a minimum road width of 24 feet. If the macadam road project could be implemented, it would benefit four villages with 754 households and a population of 2,842 people.

Therefore, starting from the 2027-2028 financial year, the macadam road construction project for the road section from the inter-district road to Thitseintpin village in Tatkon Township will be proposed and implemented in phases, depending on the availability of Nay Pyi Taw Council capital funds.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation replied to the questions raised by U Thein Tun Oo from the Amarapura Constituency. He stated that filters to block water hyacinths will be installed at the water inflow points into Taungthaman Lake to prevent further spread. To preserve the natural beauty of Taungthaman Lake and the U Bein Bridge throughout the seasons, the Mandalay City Development Committee has been carrying out daily cleaning operations and planting flowers around the lake and bridge areas. The Department of Fisheries supervises fish breeding operations in the lake through an auction with fishery operators. Therefore, the Department of Fisheries and fishery auctioneers will continuously supervise and carry out the removal of water hyacinths to ensure the lake surface remains clean and free of hyacinths.

Water hyacinth removal

operations had previously been carried out with assistance from the city development committee using a backhoe, fuel and labour support from the lake leaseholder. However, the work has been temporarily suspended due to fuel shortages. The holder of the Taungthaman Lake grant is continuing limited operations using a small hyacinth-cutting raft. Efforts are also underway to clear water hyacinths along drainage channels to help increase cultivable farmland areas.

Deputy Minister U Bo Bo Kyaw also replied to the questions raised by U Khin Maung Than from the Kalay Constituency. He said that more than 300,000 pits of sediment had been dredged from the Yezagyo Dam near Yezagyo Village in Kalay Township, Sagaing Region, from the 2015-2016 to 2022-2023 financial years, depending on available funding.

No dredging work was carried out during the 2023-2024 financial year due to local security conditions. However, in June and July 2025, sediment and debris blocking the water intake structure were removed to resume irrigation water supply and electricity generation. In August 2025, electricity generation had to be suspended again because of excessive sediment and debris inflows. Water overflowing from the spillway was diverted into the main canal to irrigate monsoon paddy fields.

He added that feasibility studies will also be conducted

to implement related works to ensure full irrigation coverage and regular electricity generation. Sediment removal from the dam requires considerable time due to the massive scale and high costs involved.

He also made clarifications for the questions raised by Sai Sein Win from the Laikha Constituency. He replied that agricultural technicians specializing in soil, seeds and diseases from the Department of Agriculture are providing technical assistance for crop cultivation.

The Agricultural Mechanization Department is also arranging to sell 15 large tractors, 650 hand tractors and 10 harvesters directly to farmers during the 2026-2027 financial year. To enable farmers to purchase agricultural machinery, dryers, warehouses and rice mills, loans with an interest rate of six per cent are being provided, with loan amounts increased to up to K 300 million for one sector and over K300 million for another sector, as announced in state-owned newspapers on 4 April 2026.

Regarding the availability of land for crop storage facilities, it would need to comply with farmland laws and regulations. To create crop markets, agreements have been signed with China's General Administration of Customs covering nine approved crops and commodities, and arrangements have been made for seven commodities to be exported to the Chinese market.

To secure markets for ag-

ricultural products, the government is increasing crop loan rates, expanding agricultural machinery loans, ensuring the availability of agricultural inputs, promoting contract farming systems, encouraging productivity targets, educating farmers on the combined use of natural and chemical fertilizers to reduce input costs, and providing agricultural inputs through the State Economic Promotion Fund with a crop-based payment system.

He then replied to the questions raised by U Sai Sam from Mongyan Constituency. He stated that local farmers have been diverting water from the Namlwe Creek using a self-built temporary dam made of logs and bamboo for cultivation purposes. That self-built temporary dam is frequently damaged due to the heavy rainfall in the rainy season. Therefore, in order to enable double-cropping on 160 acres of farmland in Wamtawng Village, the construction of a stone masonry concrete diversion weir will be proposed under the 2027-2028 state budget or other appropriate funding sources for implementation.

A proposal of Dr Win Htay from the Ingapu Constituency urging the Union government to form prize stabilizing committee for farmland areas was submitted to the Hluttaw, and the Hluttaw agreed, and an announcement was made that those who want to discuss that motion can nominate.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker submitted the formation of a committee on domestic and international non-governmental organizations to the Hluttaw.

The Deputy Speaker clarified the duties, authorities, rights, terms and meetings of the committee.

The Speaker submitted to the Hluttaw that the committee will be formed with 15 members, and duties will be assigned to U Thet Pon from Sagaing Constituency as chair and U Tun Lwin from the ChaungU Constituency as secretary.

The Pyithu Hluttaw will continue its third-day meeting of the second regular session at 10 am on 5 June. — MNA/KTZH

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Amyotha Hluttaw continues for second day

THE second regular session of the Third Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the second day at the Amyotha Hluttaw building of the Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, attended by 208 out of 208 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

At the meeting, Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy U Aye Kyaw replied to the questions raised by U Aung Chit Lwin from the Sagaing Region Constituency 2, saying that as solar energy alone is insufficient to provide a 24-hour electricity supply to Hkamti, the solar power plant was constructed with a hybrid system. If electricity were supplied solely from power generated by the solar panels and batteries, electricity availability in Hkamti would depend primarily on the amount of sunlight received, making it impossible to provide uninterrupted 24-hour power to critical facilities. To ensure a continuous 24-hour electricity supply, diesel generators would need to be operated for at least two hours per day. Given that the local market price of diesel is approximately K44,000 per gallon, the electricity generation cost would amount to around K3,143 per unit (kWh). In order to reduce the electricity tariff to K900 per unit, there are plans to renegotiate the agreement governing the distribution and sale of electricity in Hkamti.

The Deputy Minister also answered the question raised by U Khin Maung Myint from the Shan State Constituency 7, stating that the Shan State Government funded the construction of distribution lines during the 2020-2021 financial year, including 1.52 miles of 400-volt power line in Taungtet Village, one mile of 400-volt power line in Taungthugon Village, 1.5 miles of 400-volt power line in Sabeigon Village, and 2.5 miles of 400-volt power line in Hsihsonganaing Village. However, the 11/11 kV, 2 MVA isolation transformer at the Zawgyi No 2 Power Plant has already reached a maximum load of 1.4



Amyotha Hluttaw representatives attend the second meeting of the second regular session of the Third Amyotha Hluttaw yesterday.

MW, and therefore it has not been possible to extend electricity distribution to these four villages. To facilitate the construction of the 19-mile Zawgyi 2-Kyaukgu 66 kV transmission line and a 66/11 kV, 5 MVA substation, the project has been included in the Union budget starting from the 2027-2028 FY and will be implemented subject to the availability of funding. Electricity can be distributed to these villages only after the completion of the 66 kV transmission line and the substation. In addition, the construction of the required 11 kV distribution lines and 11/0.4 kV transformers in the four villages will be carried out in phases using Shan State Government funds, in line with the completion schedule of the transmission line and substation projects.

The Deputy Minister, on behalf of the Rakhine State Government, responded to the question raised by U Zaw Zaw Myint of Rakhine State Constituency 11, saying that to ensure a 24-hour electricity supply on Manaung Island in Rakhine State, as the first phase of the project, a 0.5 MW Solar Power Plant (Solar+Battery+Diesel Generator system) was constructed on 2 acres of land within a 15-acre site in Khaohnmaw Village. The project was funded through a donation

from POSCO Daewoo Co Ltd, which has been cooperating in a joint venture with Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise. Electricity has been distributed to five urban wards and four surrounding villages since November 2019.

As the second phase of the project, to supply electricity to 62 villages and 6,241 households, construction of 34.4 miles of 11 kV power lines, 43.6 miles of 400-volt distribution lines, and 53 transformers has already been completed in advance using the Rakhine State Government budget since the 2015-2016 financial year. The remaining work involves the construction of a 2.5 MW Solar Power Plant (Solar + Battery + Diesel Generator system), which will be built on the remaining 13 acres of land at the site of the existing 0.5 MW Solar Power Plant in Khaohnmaw Village. The construction of the 2.5 MW Solar Power Plant (Solar+Battery+Diesel Generator system) will be implemented beginning in the 2027-28 FY using Rakhine State Government funds, subject to budget approval and the availability of funding, and will be carried out in phases on an annual basis.

The deputy minister also replied to more questions raised by U Zaw Zaw Myint, saying that in the 2025-26 FY, under the budget

allocation of the Rakhine State Government and with expenditure borne by the Township Development Committee, 1,000 units of 200-watt solar street lights have already been installed along U Ottama Road, Zay Road, the old Ngalapwe Road, the new Ngalapwe Road, Padauk Shwewah Road, Yontet Road, and Strand Road, as well as in Saytiya Ward and Pyinphumaw Ward. The remaining solar street lights that have yet to be installed will be carried out in coordination with the Township Development Committee in subsequent fiscal years, depending on budget allocations from the Rakhine State Government.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe explained the formation of the non-governmental internal and external organizations committee, and U Yan Naing Win from the Ayeyawady Region Constituency 1 clarified the responsibilities, authority, rights and term of the committee.

The Speaker informed the Amyotha Hluttaw about the formation of a 15-member committee with Daw Mie Mie Kyaw Tun from the Kachin State Constituency 4 as Chair and U Aung Chit Lwin from the Sagaing Region Constituency 2 as Secretary.

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Nyunt Win Swe stated that the benefits of enact-

ing the law on Anti-Online Scam Law include the establishment of an Anti-Scam Centre under the supervision of the Central Committee for Combating Online Fraud. This centre will coordinate with banks and financial institutions, electronic payment service providers, telecommunications operators, and internet service providers. Through this framework, financial transactions and communication data related to suspicious accounts can be monitored and shared among relevant institutions. Information exchange will be carried out through digital systems using Application Programming Interface (API) technology, enabling seamless interconnection and real-time data sharing among the participating entities.

He continued that it will be possible not only to prevent online scams in advance, but also to trace and block financial flows involving funds lost by victims of online scams. This can be carried out promptly through information exchange and coordination with ASEANAPOL and Interpol. It will also enable effective action to be taken against perpetrators of online scams. Therefore, it is submitted that the draft law on combating online fraud be discussed and considered by the National Assembly.

Bill Committee Secretary U Zin Min Htet from the Bago Region Constituency 7 read out the findings and remarks of the committee on the Anti-Online Scam Bill.

The Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker announced that, in relation to the draft law on combating online fraud, any Hluttaw representatives who wish to submit amendments may do so by specifying in detail the sections or subsections they wish to amend, signing the proposal, and submitting their names to the Director-General of the Amyotha Hluttaw Office.

The Amyotha Hluttaw will continue for the third day on 8 June. — MNA/TTA

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OPINION

Efficiently use electricity for oneself and communities

To enable people in urban and rural areas across the country to use electricity, electrical engineers and skilled workers are diligently carrying out power generation efforts in remote areas, enduring both physical and mental hardships with determination and perseverance as their foundation. At the same time, employees involved in electricity services across various townships and regions are also providing services to the public.

At present, electrical engineers and workers are also facing the risk of attacks and destruction by terrorists. Staff working at key hydropower generation projects, power substations, and major transmission lines that are essential for national development are losing their lives due to actions carried out by terrorist groups that are destroying the country. As a result, the lives of

their dependent family members are also being severely affected.

The State has implemented several projects; however, some of these projects have not been fully realized due to various forms of obstruction and interference, and as a result, only about 70 per cent of the public's demand can be met through the current generation. Electricity demand is increasing by around 15 per cent across the nation annually. Consequently, supply is no longer in balance with demand, and the situation now requires sustained effort and struggle to manage.

Approximately 3.5 per cent of electricity generation is consumed for self-use within power plants and substations, while around 4.5 per cent is lost naturally along long-distance transmission lines. As a result, by the time the electricity reaches consumers, about eight per cent of the total generated power is reduced due to these inherent losses.

In respect and sympathy for those who are working with dedication and sacrifice, electricity consumers are also urged to use the electricity they receive in a valuable and disciplined manner. Since users are charged based on their actual consumption, they should avoid wasteful use and instead consume only the amount of electricity they truly need. By practising careful and economical use, consumers can reduce their own expenses while also creating opportunities for people in areas without access to electricity to receive and use it.

Therefore, it is necessary to recognize and honour the staff and security personnel who are working to meet the needs of the public. It is also urged that the public collectively support and safeguard the country's electricity and energy infrastructure, understand the value of electrical power, remain aware of the dangers posed by saboteurs, and cooperate and work hand in hand with the State.

(CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY)

When studying the history of Burmese poetry, it can be seen that during the Pagan period, both prose and verse literature flourished. This is evidenced by thousands of surviving inscriptions, ink writings, stone engravings, and palm-leaf manuscripts. Among the earliest recognized poetic works are Myakantha, Popa Natdaw, and the contemplative poems of Minister Ananda Thuriya, all of which are regarded as important milestones in the history of Burmese literature.

Following the Pagan era, during the Sagaing, Pinya, and Myinsaing periods, although these city-states had shorter lifespans, literary traditions continued to develop. During this time, new poetic forms such as kachin songs emerged.

The Inwa period marked a significant advancement in Burmese literature and is often referred to as a golden age, particularly for the flourishing of pyu poetry. Scholars, monks, royalty, and common people alike, including queens and rural villagers, contributed to literary development. Classical poetry and drama reached a high level of sophistication during this era.

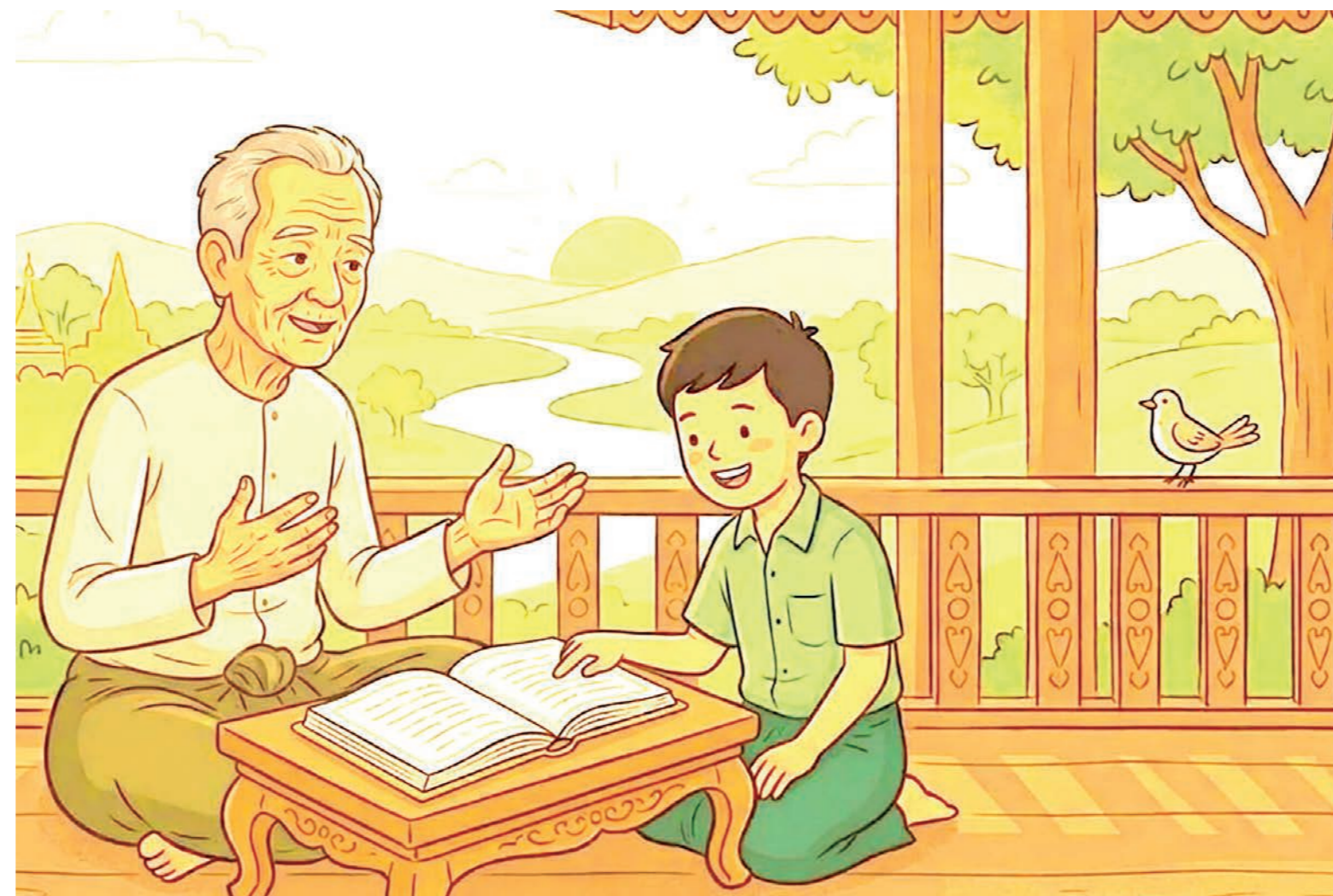
In the Toungoo and Nyaungyan periods, literary works increasingly emphasized patriotism, cultural pride, and national identity. Poetic forms such as Echin, Yetan, Mawkun, and various narrative compositions were developed to preserve and express these values.

Min Thu Wun and the Emergence of Burmese Children's Poetry

The renowned poet Min Thu Wun began writing children's poems in 1931 at the age of 22. Prior to his contributions, children's poetry in Myanmar literature was extremely rare, with only a small number of works composed by earlier generations of poets. As a writer deeply fond of children, Min Thu Wun once explained his inspiration for writing such poems:

He noted that children, like the soft and pleasant cooing of doves heard in the early morning, possess voices that are gentle and delightful. Just as dawn

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is fresh and pure, children's voices are naturally sweet and joyful. He encouraged them by saying that, since their voices resemble the pleasant sounds of morning birds, they should also enjoy singing songs. With this idea in mind, he began composing poems specifically for children, such as the well-known "Maung Khway Fo" series, so that children could sing and enjoy them happily.

His pioneering work in children's poetry had a significant influence on Burmese literature. Inspired by his approach and success, other poets also began to contribute to the development of children's poetry, leading to a growing body of works dedicated to young readers.

"Maung Khway Fo" Chil-

ren's Poetry Collection and Its Educational Value

The children's poetry book "Maung Khway Fo" contains 45 poems in total. It also features beautifully illustrated color drawings by the poet Min Thu Wun's schoolmate, the artist U Ba Kyi, which greatly enhance the charm of the collection.

The poems in this book are pleasant to read and recite, with smooth rhythm and clear expression. The language is simple, and the meanings are easy to understand. The themes are closely related to children's daily experiences, making them both enjoyable and engaging.

More importantly, the poems help nurture positive moral values. Reading them encourages appreciation for the beauty of nature, kindness toward animals, respect for good cultur-

al traditions, compassion for the weak, curiosity about one's surroundings, and a sense of care extending from one's own village and country to all human beings. They also inspire a desire to contribute to the well-being of society.

Understanding the Meaning and Nature of Poetry

Young people should have a clear understanding of the meaning and concept of poetry. In essence, poetry is a form of literary art that uses aesthetic expression, rhythm, and often figurative language to evoke emotions and stimulate thought.

The word "poetry" is derived from the Greek term *poiesis*, meaning "creation" or "making".

The poet Samuel Taylor

Coleridge (1772-1834) described poetry as "the best words in the best order." He further defined it as "the imaginative power that uses language as a magical creative force of thought."

Similarly, William Wordsworth (1771-1850) described poetry as "the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings..."

Through these perspectives, poetry is understood as a powerful artistic expression that blends imagination, emotion, and carefully chosen language to create meaningful and lasting impact.

Modern Definitions and Perspectives on Poetry

"Poetry is the language through which human beings explore their own sense of wonder," stated Christopher Fry.

Similarly, Clive Sansom explained that poetry is "a rhythmic arrangement of words that expresses the writer's imagination, emotions, and intellectual experiences, and in doing so, creates a similar experience in the mind of the reader or listener."

The English novelist Thomas Hardy described poetry more simply, saying, "Poetry is emotion put into measure."

Likewise, William Hazlitt defined poetry as "the language of imagination and passionate feeling."

When we first began writ-

ing poetry, we recall composing three-line poems for *Thintbawa Magazine*. At that time, the poetry editor was U San Phyu Kyaw Htun (also known as Sanyar Ei Kyar Kway). Three-line poems are a distinctive form of Burmese poetry in which meaning and aesthetic expression are effectively conveyed within just three lines. They are typically based on a syllabic structure of four-word lines and are commonly composed using rhythmic patterns such as 4-3-2 or 4-4-4 schemes. These poems often express themes of love, longing, natural beauty, and reflections on life.

Examples "Compassion"
In the photograph, Seeing him standing still,
I fear for my beloved's comfort.
— Min Yu Wai

"The Guest"
The cigarette is almost finished, The evening sky has grown dim, Please send me home now.
— Tin Moe

The Benefits of Reading Poetry for Young People

Therefore, it is important for young people to understand the benefits of reading poetry. Engaging with poetry enhances emotional intelligence, reduces stress, and improves cognitive function by encouraging readers to explore complex language and imagery. It also fosters empathy, enriches vocabulary, and provides a therapeutic outlet for emotions. In addition, poetry serves as a meaningful form of self-reflection and a way to connect deeply with others. It further stimulates creativity, strengthens memory, and promotes mental relaxation.

As Sara Wytovich states, "Poetry encourages us to give voice to feelings we cannot otherwise express. It is a way of preserving and honoring our

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fears, passions, joys, and memories, while allowing others to engage with and share in those moments."

The Educational Value of Reading Poetry for Students and Young People

Reading poetry contributes significantly to the academic development of students and young people. The impact of reading poetry—particularly reading it aloud—has been widely studied by educators around the world. Engagement with poetry helps improve readers' vocabulary and deepens their understanding of word meanings.

Therefore, including poetry in educational curricula is essential for expanding learners'

understanding of language. There is also growing academic interest in how creative activities such as poetry and the arts influence performance in other fields such as science and mathematics.

Poetry expresses thoughts and emotions in forms that differ from ordinary speech. Reading poetry can help young people view the world in new and imaginative ways. In the field of education, poetry plays an important role alongside language learning, helping students gain inspiration, confidence, and a sense of vitality in their lives.

In conclusion, poetry is not merely a literary form but a powerful expression of human imagination, emotion, and cultural identity. It connects people across time, language, and geography. For young people, studying and reading poetry is not only an academic exercise but also a way to develop creativity, emotional depth, and a meaningful understanding of life.

NATIONAL



Tatmadaw members are pictured during the welcome ceremony in Mongphyat, Shan State (East).

Victorious frontline troops welcomed home in Mongphyat

TRIUMPHANT frontline Tatmadaw members who carried out security and regional stability duties in Kayah State were warmly welcomed back at a ceremony held yesterday evening at a local battalion in Mongphyat, Shan State (East).

The event saw Triangle Region Command Commander Maj-Gen Soe Myat Htut, officials,

officers, soldiers, family members, departmental personnel, members of the Myanmar Police Force, war veterans' organizations, people's militia members and residents.

The returning troops had served on frontline duties to ensure peace and stability, public safety and protection of people's lives and property across regions

and states. The commander and attendees welcomed them back with auspicious Eugenia leaves and traditional ethnic music and dance performances.

Afterwards, the commander delivered congratulatory remarks and presented honorary cash awards to the returning Tatmadaw members. — MNA/KZL

Mogaung holds awareness talk for environmental protection

THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development in Mogaung Township, Mogaung District, Kachin State, in cooperation with the Township Forest Department, held an awareness talk at Nyaungdaw Village yesterday morning. The event aimed at raising awareness and knowledge among rural residents on forest fire prevention, smoke reduction, environmental conservation and waste management.

Under the topic "Useful Knowledge on Environmental Conservation", Township Staff Officer Daw Khin May Win elaborated on forest fire prevention, smoke reduction measures, proper waste disposal, environmental pollution, indoor pollution, various com-



The awareness talk on environmental conservation is underway in Mogaung, Kachin State.

municable diseases that may arise from pollution, preventive measures and related dos and don'ts.

Officials from the Township Forest Department delivered talks on the benefits of reducing plastic bag consumption, different types of waste and environmental conservation awareness. Village elders and

residents from Nyaungdaw Village raised questions on matters they wished to know, and the responsible officials provided clarifications.

The awareness talk was attended by township-level departmental officials, village elders and residents from Nyaungdaw Village. — Sein Lwin (Rural)

Man rescued from burning car



Firefighters are putting out the vehicle fire.

A car fire broke out in Mayangone Township on 1 June at

7:30 pm, trapping a man inside, according to the headquarters

of the Myanmar Fire Services Department.

Fire engines from the headquarters and the township fire station went to the scene and rescued the driver. The fire was put out at 7:33 pm. The driver with minor injuries was sent to the North Okkalapa Township Hospital.

In case of fire, natural disasters and sudden-onset disasters, people can call the fire department hotline numbers 191, 01 8666912, 01 8666913, 01 252011, 01 252022, and 09 445918191 for help. — Htun Htun/ZS

YR AG Office convenes to advance ethics dialogue

A briefing on the outcomes of the first coordination meeting between the Union Minister for Legal Affairs, the Union Attorney-General, Region and State Advocates-General, and Region and State Law Officers was held yesterday morning at the Yangon Region Advocate-General's Office on Pansodan Road in Kyauktada Township, Yangon. In the afternoon, a discussion programme on legal officers' ethics was conducted at the same venue.

The event was attended by Yangon Region Advocate-General Daw Phyu Mar Wai, Yangon Region Law Officer U Nyunt Lwin, legal officers from the Yangon Region Advocate-General's Office, and legal officers from district and township law offices.

At the meeting, Daw Phyu Mar Wai explained the instructions and guidance issued by the Union Minister for Legal Affairs, the Union Attorney-General, the

Deputy Minister and the Deputy Attorney-General. She also briefed participants on matters discussed by the Permanent Secretary and the Director-General, and coordinated discussions on submissions made by legal officers.

The ethics discussion programme then continued. Daw Phyu Mar Wai urged legal officers to remain well informed, adhere to professional ethics, and strengthen public trust in the rule of law.

Members of the Legal Officers' Ethics Supervisory Committee of the Yangon Region Advocate-General's Office held discussions with legal officers and district law officers on ethical and legal matters.

The discussion programme on legal officers' ethics will be held at the Yangon Region Advocate-General's Office for five days, from 3 to 8 June. — Oktha/MKKS



A briefing on the outcomes of the coordination meeting between the Union Minister for Legal Affairs, the Union Attorney-General, Region and State Advocates-General, and Region and State Law Officers in progress in Yangon yesterday.

NATIONAL

8 armed group members reintegrate into society after surrendering weapons

EIGHT members from the KNLA, ABSDF, NMSP (splinter group) and PDF-related groups have reportedly returned to the legal fold with weapons and ammunition, according to officials. A ceremony marking their return was held at the South-East Command's Aung San Hall in Mon State and was attended by the chief minister, the commander and other officials.

The returnees surrendered one carbine rifle, an AK-47 rifle, an M4A1 rifle, a 9mm pistol,

ammunition, magazines, a communication device and other items. Authorities provided cash rewards and assistance totalling K19.6 million, along with gifts.

Officials stated that the individuals were formally received, signed undertakings, and were handed over to their parents. They also urged remaining members of such groups to return through legal channels and seek assistance from local authorities. — MNA/KZL



A ceremony welcoming members from the KNLA, ABSDF, NMSP (splinter group) and PDF-related groups who returned to the legal fold, along with the provision of cash assistance, is underway in Mon State yesterday.

Kunhing reviews Mya Sein Yaung Village Project to boost efficiency



THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Kunhing Township, Namhsan District, Shan State (South), organized a township-level review meeting with all relevant stakeholders at the Township General Administra-

Kunhing's Mya Sein Yaung Village Project review meeting with all relevant stakeholders in progress in Kunhing Township of Shan State (South) yesterday.

tion Department yesterday. The meeting was aimed at enhancing the effectiveness and success of the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project and providing a platform for sharing project implementation experiences.

Kunhing Township Management and Administration Committee Chairman U Win Naing first delivered the opening remarks. Township Staff Officer of the Department of Rural Development U Aung Kyaw Hein then explained the objectives of the

review meeting and the topics to be discussed.

Members of project committees from 25 villages currently implementing the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project exchanged views on the strengths, weaknesses and challenges encountered during the 2025-2026 financial year. Members of the township-level project implementation team coordinated and provided necessary support and guidance on the issues raised. — Cho Than Nyunt (Rural)

Bagan Bars Vehicles from Ancient Sites to Protect Heritage

THE Ministry of Hotels, Tourism and Culture announced that barriers have been set up to restrict the entry of vehicles and motorbikes near the ancient buildings of the Bagan World Heritage Site.

The Bagan World Heritage Site is a cultural heritage site with numerous historic pagodas, temples, caverns, brick temples, and other features. Some ancient buildings have weakened for a long time as a result of weather conditions and natural disasters, and the pass-

ing of vehicles and motorcycles near them may cause harm.

As a preventative measure to ensure the long-term preservation of old buildings, barriers are being built to restrict vehicle and motorbike traffic near ancient structures.

It is known that priority is being given to places with a high number of pilgrims visiting. Currently, barriers have been erected near the Tatkalay wall, Min Nan Thu (Laydaunt Lake), near the entrance to Lokaokshaung Pagoda, and near the entrance to East Ohhtein mountain to protect ancient buildings from damage. — ASH/MKKS



Barriers are seen being erected to restrict the passage of vehicles and motorcycles near ancient buildings.

MOH appoints 1,452 new nurses as civil servants



The ceremony appointing 1,452 new nurses as civil servants by the Ministry of Health is in progress.

THE Ministry of Health has appointed 1,452 newly graduated nurses as civil servants, according to the ministry.

The appointment ceremony was held on 2 June at the ministry's office in Nay Pyi Taw using a hybrid system.

During the ceremony, Union Health Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win stated that the new

nurses must travel to their respective assigned regions, contributing their part to national duties. He urged them to not only be fully qualified but also to strictly adhere to the professional code of ethics.

Furthermore, he urged them to strive to earn the trust and reliance of the public when interacting with them, noting

that the State has already increased salaries and provided additional allowances.

He added that 15 nursing training schools have already been upgraded to the institute level. Following his speech, the Union Minister presented the civil servant appointment letters to representatives from the Institute of Nursing (Nay Pyi Taw), the Midwifery Training School (Nay Pyi Taw), the Institute of Nursing (Mandalay), and the Nursing Training School (Meiktila).

The ceremony was attended by the deputy minister, officials, the chairperson and members of the Myanmar Nurse and Midwife Council, and invitees. Meanwhile, other department heads from various regions and states, teachers, and the newly appointed nurses attended online. — MT/ZN

NATIONAL

3 illicit facilities demolished in Shwe Kokko scam crackdown

AUTHORITIES have demolished three illegal three-storey residential buildings in the Shwe Kokko area, Myawady Township, Kayin State, as part of ongoing joint enforcement actions against online scam and illegal gambling activities.

Officials said the buildings were previously used in online fraud and gambling operations within Shwe Kokko and KK Park and are systematically removed to prevent further illegal activities.



The photos reveal the update before and after the demolition of scam related structures.

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Out of 77 identified structures, 57 are scheduled for mechanical demolition and 20 for controlled explosive demolition. So far, 30 buildings have been demolished, with 47 remaining to be cleared.

Authorities stated that the crackdown on online scam operations is being carried out as a national responsibility in coordination with domestic and neighbouring partners. — MNA/KZL

Nawngkhio's rural water supply work inspected



Officials inspect the progress of development work in Khaehpaha Village, Nawngkhio Township, Shan State (North), yesterday.

THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development in Nawngkhio Township, Kyaukme District, Shan State (North), inspected the progress of spring water supply and related work being carried out at Khaehpaha Village yesterday morning. The project is being implemented to help address water shortages faced by rural residents during the summer season and to ensure year-round access to safe drinking water.

Township Staff Officer U Myint Htwe Win and engineering staff inspected the construction of a six-furlong spring water pipeline, a 5,000-gallon brick water tank and a water-retaining dam measuring 25 feet in length, three feet in width and five feet in height in Khaehpaha Village. He also met responsible officials and members of the village water supply committee

and discussed the need to give priority to completing the works within the prescribed period. The spring water supply and related projects are being implemented by the successful tender company with K41.25 million provided under the State Government's Quick Win Fund. The project was launched in April this year, and about 85 per cent of the work has now been completed. — Maung Khaing (Rural)

Myitkyina offers free bakery technology training to create jobs

A free value-added bakery technology training course opened yesterday at the Kachin State office of the Small-Scale Industries Department in Myitkyina. The initiative focuses on creating job opportunities for residents through state-funded support.

On the opening occasion, Kachin State Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Ye Yint Swe highlighted that

trainees can increase family incomes by establishing small-scale businesses by producing local food items to reduce household expenses.

He then presented training aids and raw materials to a trainee representative. The five-day training course is being attended by 20 trainees from Myitkyina and provides both theoretical and practical lessons. — Karan (Rural)



The opening event of value-added bakery technology training course in progress yesterday in Myitkyina.

ICRC offers free rehabilitation services across 7 nationwide centres

THE International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is providing services to thousands of people with disabilities through seven physical rehabilitation centres located in Kachin, Kayin, Shan, and Rakhine states, as well as Yangon, Bago, and Magway regions.

ICRC and its partner organizations also provide prosthetic services, assistive devices,

walking aids, wheelchairs, and physiotherapy to help people with disabilities regain their mobility and independence.

Furthermore, ICRC and its partners promote both physical and mental well-being through sports activities adapted for people with disabilities. To support their inclusion in society alongside physical rehabilitation,

they also assist beneficiaries in starting small businesses and provide vocational training.

ICRC has announced that all rehabilitation-related services are provided free of charge according to individual needs. It also noted that anyone requiring physical rehabilitation support may contact the ICRC directly. — ASH/TH



This photo features a poster informing people about the locations and contact numbers for ICRC physical rehabilitation services.

JAL, Tokyo DisneySea operator unveil special jet for park's 25th anniversary

JAPAN Airlines Co and Oriental Land Co, the operator of Tokyo DisneySea, unveiled a special passenger jet featuring Disney characters on Wednesday to mark the 25th anniversary of the theme park's opening ahead of its first flight Thursday.

The Boeing 737-800 was painted blue, inspired by the sea, and

emblazoned with Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse and Donald Duck on its exterior. Its first flight from Tokyo's Haneda airport on Thursday morning is bound for Kumamoto in southwestern Japan, with flights to other destinations to follow, according to JAL.

Beverages will be served to passengers in specially designed cups.

Wataru Takahashi, president of Oriental Land, said, "We hope visitors will arrive at the park excited after travelling on this special aircraft."

Elementary school students scheduled to take part in the unveiling event were unable to attend because of heavy rain in the Tokyo metropolitan area caused by Typhoon Jangmi. — Kyodo



Japan Airlines Co and Oriental Land Co, the operator of Tokyo DisneySea, unveil a special passenger jet featuring Mickey Mouse and other Disney characters on 3 June 2026 to mark the theme park's 25th anniversary. PHOTO: KYODO

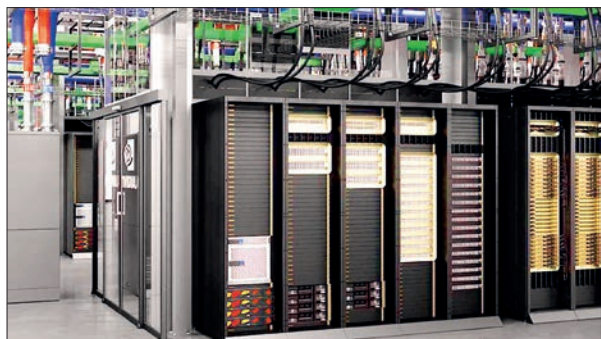
Nvidia's Vera Rubin boosts demand for AI server capacitors

NVIDIA'S next-generation Vera Rubin AI platform is driving a sharp increase

in demand for multilayer ceramic capacitors (MLCCs), creating new

opportunities for suppliers such as Samsung Electro-Mechanics as artificial intelligence infrastructure becomes more complex and power-intensive, according to a report by The Korea Herald.

The report, citing a Morgan Stanley analysis, said the MLCC content of Nvidia's next-generation VR200 NVL72 server rack is estimated at US\$4,320, compared with roughly US\$1,530 in the previous-generation GB300 system. — ANI



Nvidia's next-generation Vera Rubin AI platform is driving a sharp increase in demand for multilayer ceramic capacitors (MLCCs). PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/NVIDIA

Myanmar Port Authority

Open Tender Invitation for three Tugs

- The following three Tugs, at the present controlled by the Myanmar Port Authority will be auctioned through an open tender system;
 - Tug Cathay – 3 (Mild Steel Hull)**
 - (1) IMO Number - 9447500
 - (2) Register Tonnage - 153 MT
 - (3) LOA - 21.96 M
 - (4) Breadth - 7.32 M
 - (5) Draft - 3.20M
 - Tug Cathay – 7 (Mild Steel Hull)**
 - (1) IMO Number - 9489132
 - (2) Register Tonnage - 144 MT
 - (3) LOA - 21.96 M
 - (4) Breadth - 7.32 M
 - (5) Draft - 3.20M
 - Tug Cathay – 21 (Mild Steel Hull)**
 - (1) IMO Number - 9311933
 - (2) Register Tonnage - 122 MT
 - (3) LOA - 21.81 M
 - (4) Breadth - 7.00 M
 - (5) Draft - 2.90 M
- The tender process will be taken place in accord with Paragraphs 23/24 of Directive No.(1/2017). Issued by the president office.
- The interested companies (both local and international) are invited to enter this tender. The vessels can be checked in Patheingyi (Bassein) port limit area, Ayeyarwady Region.
- The tender application forms can be purchased and submitted in accordance with the following date, time and place; (Remark: International companies need to submit an endorsement by the Myanmar embassy in the respective country.)
 - Address (to purchase) : Store Department, Botataung township
 - Date & Time (to purchase): 4-6-2026 to 23-6-2026 (formal day & time)
 - Address (to submit) : Myanmar Port Authority (Tender Room)
 - Date & Time (to submit) : 25-6-2026 (1300)
- Since the vessels will be auctioned due to the Port Act 1908, section -11 and Myanmar Port Authority Law 2015 section 66(b), Myanmar Port Authority has right to cancel either partially or as a whole of this tender at any time, if it is needed to do so for some applicable reasons.
- For detailed information, please contact the following contact points:
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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

Over 30 island nations join inaugural ocean forum in Tokyo

Palau's president, Surangel Whipps, who co-chaired the event, stressed that island nations need financing.



Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi (C, front row) and other representatives of island nations pose for a photo at the Island States Ocean Summit in Tokyo on 3 June 2026. **PHOTO: KYODO**

AROUND 300 representatives from over 30 island nations gathered Wednesday in Tokyo for a two-day conference to discuss maritime conservation and measures to combat climate change, on a scale that Japan's Foreign Ministry said is unprecedented.

The inaugural Island States Ocean Summit, hosted by the Nippon Foundation, Japan's largest philanthropic foundation, brings

together state leaders and other officials from countries in the Pacific and Indian oceans, as well as the Caribbean Sea.

"We want to support countries and regions suffering from extreme weather events and rising sea levels. Cooperation with all of you who share the same aspirations is indispensable to achieving sustainable oceans based on the rule of law," Japanese Prime

Minister Sanae Takaichi said at the opening ceremony.

Palau's president, Surangel Whipps, who co-chaired the event, stressed that island nations need "financing that reaches us, technology that works in our context and a political will to match commitments", calling for an action plan "that brings harmony and hope to the generations to come". — Kyodo

NEWS IN BRIEF

Anti-bullfighting activists protest

TWO anti-bullfighting protesters at the Vatican were taken away Wednesday after interrupting Pope Leo's popemobile before an audience, just days before the pontiff's visit to Spain. In a video provided by PETA, the two activists wearing black T-shirts proclaiming "bullfighting is a sin" are seen trying to hop over a barricade in Saint Peter's Square before being stopped by papal security and being led away. Leo's popemobile, in which the pope had been circling the square ahead of a general audience, briefly paused while the women were intercepted, the video showed. — AFP

2 hostages released from bank kidnapping

TWO hostages have been released as negotiations continue with a male kidnapper at a bank in Bakersfield, California, where a bomb threat prompted an ongoing standoff, US media reported Tuesday. Police are on the scene responding to the incident at a Chase Bank branch in the city, about 180 kilometres north of Los Angeles. Several buildings in downtown Bakersfield, including the city hall and the local police headquarters, have been locked down after the Bakersfield Police Department was alerted to the threat, local media reported. — Xinhua

Beijing approves space computing industry innovation center

BEIJING has approved the establishment of the capital city's first space computing industry innovation centre, now set to connect the entire industrial chain of space computing and boost the development of the satellite Internet of Things (IoT) sector, according to the Science and Technology Daily on Wednesday.

The innovation centre has identified six major research areas, including highly reliable, heat-resistant space-native computing chips, high-performance hyper-interconnected space computing payloads, space computing satellite platforms and standard systems, space-based large models under constrained power conditions, integrated space-ground cloud-based measurement and control networking, and space computing power service-oriented and tokenized operations. — Xinhua

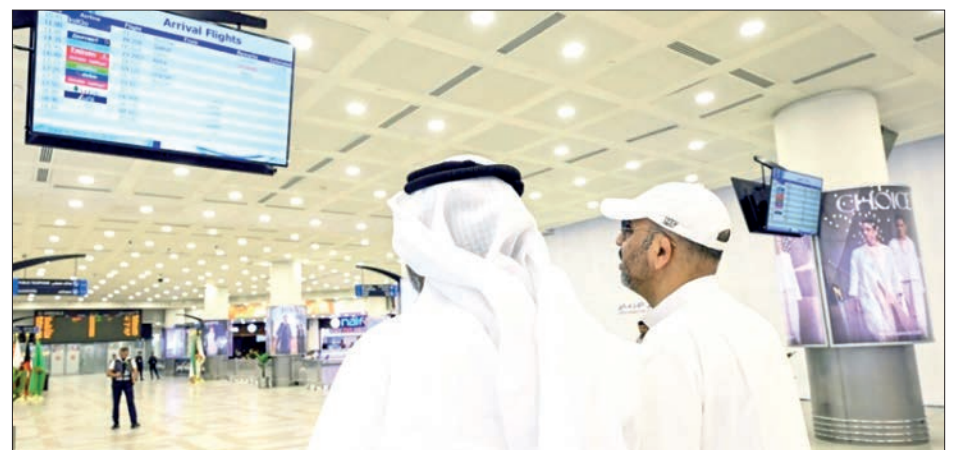
Deadly drone strike on Kuwait airport

AN Iranian drone strike on a passenger terminal in Kuwait's international airport killed one person and wounded 63 more Wednesday, Kuwaiti officials said, as conflict escalated between Tehran and US forces in the Gulf.

The attacks marked one of the more severe tests yet of a fragile 8 April ceasefire that has largely held despite sporadic strikes, a pause after

more than a month of war sparked by the US and Israeli attack on Iran.

Kuwait's military dubbed the attack on the airport an act of "criminal Iranian aggression", while Iran's Revolutionary Guards accused US forces of provoking the strikes by targeting a tanker and a communications tower on the country's Qeshm Island. — AFP



Kuwait International Airport in Kuwait City reopened on 1 June only to be closed again Wednesday after what local officials described as an Iranian drone strike on a passenger terminal. **PHOTO: AFP**

Yangon Chief Minister Cup U25 basketball tournament opens

THE opening ceremony of the 2026 Yangon Region Chief Minister Cup U25 men's and women's 14-district basketball tournament was held yesterday morning at Indoor Stadium 1, Thuwunna, Yangon.

The event saw Chief Minister U Aung Naing Thu, regional ministers, sports committee members, team officials, coaches, athletes and invitees.

The chief minister delivered an opening speech, presented sports equipment and awarded cash prizes to the band team.

The first match was played between the Kamayut District and Kyauktada District teams. A total of 14 teams with 196 athletes are competing in the tournament, which will run from 3 to 9 June. — MNA/KZL



The opening ceremony of the 2026 Yangon Region Chief Minister Cup U25 men's and women's basketball tournament in progress in Yangon yesterday.

Myanmar wins 3 golds at Roller Skating Championships



Myanmar roller-skating athletes arrive back at the Yangon International Airport yesterday.

MYANMAR'S roller-skating team won three gold medals and one bronze medal at the Jakarta International Roller-Skating Championships 2026 held in Indonesia from 29 to 31 May.

The team claimed gold medals in the 500-metre individual events in the senior, U16, and U18 categories. Myanmar also secured a bronze medal in the 10,000 metre relay event

after competing against teams from Kazakhstan, India, Singapore and Indonesia in the qualifying round and Kazakhstan and India in the final.

More than 1,000 athletes from India, South Korea, Taiwan Province of China, Mongolia, Singapore, Indonesia, Vietnam and Kazakhstan took part in the tournament.

The Myanmar team, led by coach/player Ko Hein Zaw

Thein and featuring athletes Maung Sit Paing Hmue and Maung Zeya Lin from Basic Education High School No 3 in Thakayta Township, returned to Yangon on Tuesday and received a welcoming ceremony from officials of the Myanmar Skating Federation, sports authorities, coaches, athletes and family members. Myanmar finished sixth overall in the country rankings. — Bala/KZL

Yangon hosts China-Myanmar Wushu exchange event

A China-Myanmar Wushu cultural exchange programme was held on 2 June at the China Cultural Centre in Yangon, featuring demonstrations, performances, and discussions to strengthen cultural understanding and sports cooperation between the two countries.

The event was organized under the theme promoting friendship through martial arts, highlighting Wushu as a shared cultural bridge that connects people beyond language and borders. Officials noted that Wushu embodies core Chinese cultural philosophies such as balance between strength and softness, movement and stillness, and harmony with nature, making it not only a sport but also a cultural symbol widely recognized internationally.

During the programme, Myanmar Wushu Federation deputy chief U Nyi Lin explained the development of Wushu in Myanmar since the federation's establish-

ment in 1993. He said the organization has been working under the Myanmar Olympic Committee and the Ministry of Sports to promote Wushu nationwide, train athletes, and send national teams to international competitions. Over the years, Myanmar Wushu athletes have achieved a total of 265 medals in regional, Asian, and world competitions, including 69 gold, 99 silver, and 97 bronze medals.

He also highlighted ongoing efforts to expand Wushu education in Myanmar. Wushu is currently being taught in sports institutes in Yangon and Mandalay, with training centres established across 15 states and regions through local committees. Youth training camps under the Ministry of Sports also include Wushu programmes to encourage wider participation among young people.

Representing the Chinese side, a representative from the Chinese Embassy in Yangon Mr



The China-Myanmar Wushu cultural exchange event is in progress on 2 June 2026.

Li Qianguo stated that Wushu has evolved into a global cultural language that helps promote mutual understanding between different cultures. He added that Tai Chi has been recognized by UNESCO as part of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, and the international community recently marked the first International Tai Chi Day in March.

The China Cultural Centre in Yangon also reaffirmed its commitment to continuing Wushu exchange programmes, improving

training methods, and supporting greater youth engagement in martial arts learning to deepen people-to-people ties between China and Myanmar.

The programme featured a series of performances including Wushu demonstrations by students from the China Cultural Centre, kung fu performances by Yu De Education Centre and Bowen School students, traditional Chinese dance by Myanmar International Education Centre students, and demonstrations

by Wushu masters such as Mr Wang Fengyin and Mr Huang Tao. Myanmar national Wushu athletes also showcased their skills, alongside a special artistic performance titled "When Calligraphy Meets Wushu".

Officials said Myanmar has successfully hosted major international Wushu events in the past, including South-East Asian and Asian championships, and continues to prepare for future regional competitions. The federation is currently working on athlete selection and training plans for the 2027 South-East Asian Games in Malaysia, with hopes for continued technical cooperation with China in coaching and training support.

The event concluded with a series of cultural exchanges that emphasized friendship, discipline, and shared artistic values through martial arts, reinforcing Wushu as a growing symbol of cultural diplomacy between the two countries. — Htun Htun/KZL



THE 29th Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) opened here on Wednesday, bringing together about 20,000 representatives from political, business and academic circles from more than 100 countries and territories.

The four-day event, themed “Pragmatic Dialogue: The Path to a Stable Future”, focuses on fostering new models of global development amid ongoing transformations in the world economy, according to organizers.

The forum features seven thematic tracks and more than 170 dialogues, speeches and discussion sessions. More than 300 business events are also scheduled, including closed-door consultations, thematic roundtables and business breakfasts.

Russian presidential aide Yuri Ushakov said on Tuesday that the forum’s plenary session is scheduled for Friday, with Russian President Vladimir Putin expected to attend and deliver a speech.

Ushakov added that, after an absence of nearly a decade, the United States has sent an official delegation to the forum, headed by Rodney Cook, chairman of the US Commission of Fine Arts.

Launched in 1997, the Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum has grown into one of Russia’s most important international economic forums. — Xinhua

Russia’s flagship economic forum opens in St Petersburg

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The 29th Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum opens 3 June 2026. **PHOTO: TASS**

Global economic growth to slow to 2.8% in 2026 amid Mideast tensions: OECD



Photo taken on 28 June 2021 shows the industrial estate of Saudi oil giant Aramco in Dammam, Saudi Arabia. **PHOTO: HU GUAN/XINHUA/FILE**

GLOBAL economic growth is projected to slow from 3.4 per cent in 2025 to 2.8 per cent in 2026, before recovering to 3.1 per cent in 2027, according to the latest Economic Outlook released by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) on Wednesday.

Even though the world economy entered 2026 stronger than many had anticipated, the conflict in the Middle East has become the dominant force shaping the global economic outlook, the OECD said.

According to the OECD, the evolution of the conflict remains uncertain, while its economic consequences are likely to be felt for some time even after its resolution. — Xinhua

Lebanon says Israel strikes near Beirut

LEBANON said an Israeli strike hit a target near Beirut on Wednesday while a medical source told AFP six people were killed as Israel pounded the country’s south.

The Israeli army, meanwhile, said it intercepted a “hostile aircraft” that crossed into Israeli territory from Lebanon, the first such infiltration reported by the military in more than 24 hours. Israeli officials have warned the military will strike Beirut’s southern suburbs if Hezbollah launches projectiles targeting Israeli communities in the north, a stance they say has backing from Washington.

Hezbollah did not immediately claim any attack on northern Israel.

Israeli and Lebanese diplomats on Wednesday are set to hold a second day of direct talks in Washington — the fourth such round since war erupted on 2 March. — AFP