

SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to make official visit to Belarus



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing. Belarusian President Mr Alexander Grigoryevich Lukashenko.

At the invitation of President of the Republic of Belarus Mr Alexander Grigoryevich Lukashenko who is Rotating Chair of Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing will pay an official visit to the Republic of Belarus soon to attend the 4th Eurasian Economic Forum (EEF 2025) to be held in Minsk of Belarus.

During the visit, the Prime Minister

will attend the 4th Eurasian Economic Forum (EEF 2025), hold a separate meeting with the Rotating Chair of the EAEU President of the Republic of Belarus, have a discussion with the Chair of the Board, the Eurasian Economic Commission, and visit factories and industries. Moreover, the Prime Minister will seek strategic cooperation in friendship, economic and security measures and all sectors between the governments and people of both countries, and further strengthen economic

development with Eurasian Economic Union – EAEU member countries. The Prime Minister has scheduled another visit to Buryatia in the Russian Federation, at the invitation of Mr Alexey Sambuevich Tsydenov, Head of the Republic of Buryatia, to tour key landmarks, factories, and industrial sites. During the visit, the Prime Minister will be accompanied by members of the State Administration Council, Union ministers, and military and civilian senior officers. — MNA/TTA

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New Kawthoung border facility enhances Myanmar-Thailand link

A new border crossing facility at the Kawthoung International Land Border Checkpoint between Myanmar and Thailand was opened.

This new building, located in Anawa Ward, Kawthoung city, Taninthayi Region, is to facilitate border trade and tourism, enhance the socio-

economy of the residents and ensure a systematic border crossing.

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The facade of the newly built Kawthoung border crossing point.

NATIONAL

Combat Hate Speech and Misinformation While Promoting Justice and Orderly Rights

WE must counter hate speech, misinformation, and fabricated news stories that undermine peace, stability, and the rule of law, while promoting fairness, justice, and orderly rights ...

(Excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the 76th International Human Rights Day ceremony held on 10 December 2024.)

Myanmar Gazette

Confirmation and Appointment of Heads of Service Organizations

1. The State Administration Council has confirmed the following persons as Heads of Service Organizations shown against each of their names on the expiry of a one-year probationary period.

| Name | Appointment |
|--------------------|---|
| (a) U Zaw Tun Lwin | Managing Director Myanma Port Authority Ministry of Transport and Communications |
| (b) U Myo Than | Managing Director Myanmar Post and Telecommunications Ministry of Transport and Communication |

2. The State Administration Council has appointed Dr Khin Mar Myint, Pro-Rector (academic) of University of Medicine 1 (Yangon) of the Department of Human Resources for Health under the Ministry of Health, as the Rector of University of Medicine (Magway) from the date she assumes charge of her duties.

2 more parties approved for formation; registration scrutiny ongoing

ACCORDING to the Union Election Commission (UEC), it continues to scrutinise applications from organisations seeking to establish political parties. So far, 27 groups have applied to form political parties by submitting their proposed party names to the Commission.

Among these, the Zomi National Party and the Pa-O National Unity Party have been found to comply with the Political Parties Registration Law and relevant regulations, and the Commission approved their formation yesterday.

Following this approval, the two parties must apply for official registration with the Commission within 30 days from the date

of approval, under Section 7 of the Political Parties Registration Rules.

To date, a total of 19 political parties have been approved to form.

Among them, the Rakhine Nationalities Party, led by U Ba Shein, submitted its application for official registration yesterday, within 30 days of receiving formation approval, as required by Section 7 of the Political Parties Registration Rules.

Of the 17 parties that have so far applied for registration, 14 parties have been approved for registration. UEC is continuing its scrutiny of the remaining applications for registration approval. — MNA/KZL

Weather

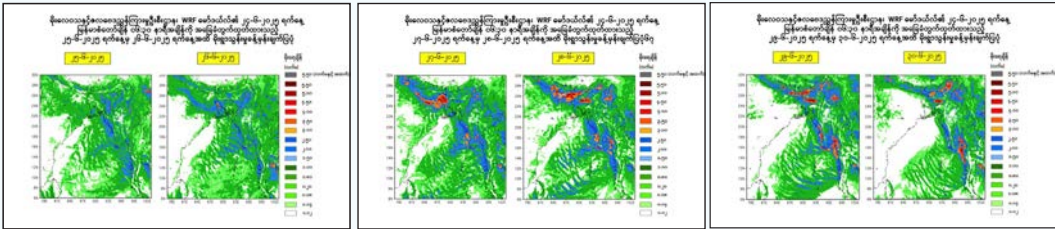
Special Weather News

Issued at 7 pm MST on 24 June 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, monsoon is strong to vigorous over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, due to the easterly waves and westerly waves, rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Mandalay, Magway, Lower Sagaing Regions, and Kayah State, fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, Upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, and Shan States with likelihood of regionally and isolated heavy falls during tonight to 30 June 2025. Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 11-13 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

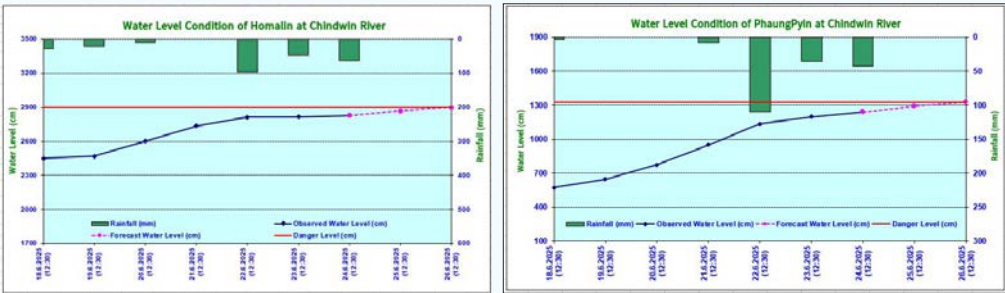
People should be aware of natural disasters such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, thunder, lightning strikes, lightning, hail, flash floods and landslides in hilly areas and near small rivers and to make necessary preparations for inland water transport, domestic flights and irrigation dams. —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



EARTHQUAKE

(Issued at 5 pm MST)

A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.7) Richter Scale with its epicentre outside Myanmar (Nicobar Islands, India Region), latitude 9.51 °N, longitude 94.51 °E, depth (10) kilometres, about (516) miles south-southwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 16 hours 47 minutes 12 seconds MST on 24 June 2025. — DMH



Flood Warning

(Issued at 2 pm MST on 24 June 2025)

ACCORDING to the 12:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Homalin is observed as three feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next two days.

According to the 12:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Phaung Pyin is observed as three feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next two days.

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

NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

ARMED terrorists have been launching attacks by using residential homes and administrative buildings in towns and villages as cover, where they have forcibly settled. They aim to shield themselves from Tatmadaw counterattacks while also persuading temporarily displaced persons to return to their native areas and recruiting new members. That enables terrorists to use civilians as human shields. Tatmadaw is committed to safeguarding the sovereignty of the State and will respond to these threats based on intelligence and prevailing conditions. Therefore, residents in areas where terrorists have taken control must prioritize their safety and protect themselves from being exploited by these groups.

(Excerpt from guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Shan State cabinet members and state-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)

SAC Vice-Chair DPM Vice-Senior General Soe Win inspects repairs of damaged staff housing, Pyinmana No 1 Myoma market, Ottarathiri Dam

CHAIRMAN of the National Disaster Management Committee, Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council, Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win yesterday inspected damaged staff housing caused by the Mandalay earthquake and renovation of the No 1 Myoma Market of Pyinmana and Ottarathiri Market.

The Vice-Senior General looked into damage to quake-affected housing of Union ministers and the repair process in Zeyatheikdi Ward in Zabuthiri Township and coordinated with officials to fulfil the needs.

At the orange-level identified Building 3384 and the blue-level identified Building 3383 in Nyana Theikdi Ward of Zabuthiri Township, the Vice-Senior General inspected the repairing of quake-affected buildings by the Myanmar Licensed Contractors Association under the SOP issued by the Building Renovation and New Construction Supervisory



State Administration Council Vice-Chair Deputy PM Vice-Senior General Soe Win is pictured during his inspection tour yesterday.

Committee and instructed officials to use reusable materials in renovation tasks, carry out sanitation inside and outside the buildings and the environment

and manage water pipelines and electric cables.

The No 1 Myoma Market of Pyinmana was built on 4.375 acres of land in 1996. The earth-

quake destroyed 393 shops from the A and B complexes of the four-complex market.

The Vice-Senior General inspected the clearing of debris

at the quake-affected A and B complexes of the market. Officials reported on the invitation of EOI under the permission of the State Administration Council to rebuild the new market, and verification of designs submitted by applicant companies for technological proposal and administrative measures. The Vice-Senior General gave necessary instructions.

At the Ottarathiri Dam, located on Kyaukoh Creek in Ottarathiri Township, the Vice-Senior General viewed the leakage of water from the conduit of the dam due to the Mandalay earthquake and aftershocks, and repair of the earthen embankment and gave necessary instructions to officials.

The dam has 1,500 acres of watershed area with a 60-foot by 1,120-foot earthen embankment. It aims to supply sufficient drinking water to the dwellers.

Renovation of the 17-year-old dam is being carried out as quickly as possible. — MNA/TTA

SAC Member DPM MoD Union Minister receives Sri Lankan Ambassador

SRI Lankan Ambassador Mrs Prabashini Ponnamperuma called on General Maung Maung Aye, State Administration Council Member, Deputy Prime Minister, and Union Minister for Defence, at the Union Minister's Office yesterday.

They exchanged views in a friendly and open manner on the state of defence cooperation between Myanmar and Sri Lanka, matters related to strengthening diplomatic relations between the two countries, and opportunities for collaboration in relevant sectors. — MNA/TH



The Sri Lankan ambassador calls on SAC Member, Deputy PM, MoD Union Minister General Maung Maung Aye yesterday.

NATIONAL

Myanmar attends 28th St Petersburg International Economic Forum

THE Myanmar delegation, led by State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo, attended the 28th Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF-2025) held in Russia from 18 to 21 June.

The theme of the forum is Shared Values: The Foundation of Growth in a Multipolar World.

Established in 1997, the Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum is an essential platform for discussing global economic governance and fostering international consensus on cooperation. Since 2006, it has been held under the auspices of the Russian president. The forum themed Shared Values: The Foundation of Growth in a Multipolar World, fosters sovereignty, mutual respect, criteria of society, mutual benefits and equality.

The Myanmar delegation included the Union ministers and senior officials of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relation, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, and private entrepreneurs of the UMFCCL.

On 18 June, the Deputy Prime Minister-led Myanmar delegation met with Russian Economic Development Minister Mr Maksim Reshetnikov and Adviser to the Russian President and Chairman of Roscongress Investment Fund Mr Anton Kobayakov, and discussed work processes being conducted under the decision made at the



SAC Member Deputy Prime Minister MoTC Union Minister General Mya Tun Oo attends the 28th Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum in Russia, 18-21 June 2025.

meeting of the Russia-Myanmar Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation, progress in Myanmar-Russia Economic Cooperation and further cooperation.

On 19 June, the Deputy Prime Minister attended a roundtable discussion on the expansion of new international transportation routes to enhance trade with Southeast Asian countries. The Deputy Prime Minister discussed the Russia's expectations that are in alignment with the current global situation, transshipment of Russian goods to regional ports via the Yangon Port, the possibility of distribution to neighbouring countries of Myanmar by trucks or trains, investment in the development of Myanmar's port sector, railway transportation systems, and related infrastructure development projects as the expansion of new international transport corridors for the

enhancement of trade requires investments, modern technologies, and innovative logistics systems.

After the meeting, the Deputy Prime Minister met Adviser to the Russian President for Transport and Infrastructure, Mr Igor Levitin, and discussed the expansion of waterways in the trading sector of Russia, upgrading of transportation infrastructure of Myanmar and other promising sectors.

At noon, the Myanmar delegates received Roscongress Investment Fund Supervisory Board member Mr Shatriov Sergey Vladimirovich, and discussed progress in cooperation with Myanmar and further cooperation.

On 20 June, the Deputy Prime Minister attended the signing ceremony for the expansion of investment and defence ties between the two countries, by Union Minister for Invest-

ment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw and Russian Economic Development Minister Mr Maksim Reshetnikov at the Expo Forum Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The Deputy Prime Minister received Russia-ASEAN Economic Council Chairman Mr Ivan Viktorovich Polyakov, and discussed the economic cooperation between Russia and ASEAN countries, further economic cooperation, including the promotion of trading and investment between Russia and Myanmar.

At noon, the Deputy Prime Minister and the party attended the Main Forum Plenary Session of the 28th St Petersburg International Economic Forum.

Russian President Mr Vladimir Putin made a speech and led the event, and Indonesian President Mr Prabowo Subianto, Deputy President of South Africa Mr Paul Mashatile, Dep-

uty Prime Minister of China Mr Ding Xuexiang and Commander of Bahrain Mr Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa participated in the discussion.

On 18 June, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw attended the discussion on economic relations between ASEAN and the Eurasian Economic Union. At noon, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw, Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung, Union Minister for Labour U Chit Swe and Union Minister for Commerce U Tun Ohn attended the 2nd meeting of the joint working group between Myanmar and the Eurasian Economic Commission.

Similarly, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw and Union Minister for Labour U Chit Swe met the representatives of Alabuga Special Economic Zone in the Republic of Tatarstan, and discussed the lure of international investment and demand for Myanmar workers in the industrial and construction sectors.

On 19 June, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Kyaw Soe Win received the Russian journalists, and clarified the cultural heritage, natural beauty, tourist destinations, traditional food of Myanmar and preparations for Russian tourists.

The forum was attended by over 21,800 participants, including representatives from 144 countries and regions and heads of several international organizations, and a total of 1,073 agreements were made during the forum. The Myanmar delegation arrived back in Myanmar on 24 June. — MNA/KTZH

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NATIONAL

Online meeting held on building resilient social communities

THE Committee on the Development of a Resilient and Strong Social Community held its meeting yesterday afternoon via an online system at the conference hall of the Ministry 2 at the Office of the State Administration Council Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw.

Union Minister for Ministry 2 at the Office of the State Administration Council Chairman U Ko Ko Hlaing, who is also the Chairman of the Social Committee, addressed the meeting, stating that upcoming activities would focus on natural disaster risk management as a foundation for

mobilizing and encouraging efforts to build resilient and strong communities. He noted that certain tasks must be coordinated at the Union level, led by regional and state authorities, with Union agencies supporting the implementation. Coordination with international and domestic civil society organizations is also essential.

He added that the international community had shown sympathy and a willingness to cooperate, and that such support, when combined with domestic contributions and social unity, would enable an effective



Union Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing addresses the meeting of the Committee on the Development of a Resilient and Strong Social Community online yesterday.

response to natural disasters. He called on all stakeholders to work collectively to overcome such challenges.

Next, Deputy Minister U Myint Soe, who is the committee secretary, presented the committee's objectives, duties and implementation plans.

Participants discussed preparedness measures to mobilise public strength according to levels of disaster risk, emergency response plans and public participation in reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts. They also addressed support for displaced populations through the

National Disaster Management Committee's emergency funds, distribution of donations to affected regions and task-specific action plans.

The committee chairman concluded the meeting by providing guidance and coordination on necessary matters. — MNA/KZL

Union Energy Minister receives UAE Ambassador



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

UNION Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin received Mr Mutaz Abdullah Abduljaleel Mohamed Al Faheem, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, yesterday at the Ministry of Energy in Nay Pyi Taw.

They held candid and open discussions on possible UAE investments in Myanmar's promising and offshore oil and gas blocks, the signing of the

Myanmar-UAE Economic and Technical Cooperation Agreement and the Myanmar-UAE Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (Bilateral IPPA), and the strengthening of investment and economic relations between the two countries. They also discussed enhancing cooperation not only in the energy sector but also in other economic areas. — MNA/MKKS

Union Health Minister attends Drug Security Forum in Russia

UNION Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win attended the Drug Security Forum in Russia on 18 June.

At the forum, Director-General for Food and Drug Administration Dr Ye Myint acted as speaker and discussed the enhancement of international cooperation to ensure continuous, sufficient and accessible availability of medicines and drug registration processes of Myanmar and the import of medicines produced in Russia.

The Union minister received the officials of Rosatom Company in Saint Petersburg in the evening, and exchanged views on radionuclide diagnosis and treatment in Russia and support for Russia in these sectors of Myanmar.

On 19 June, the Union min-

ister received Russian Health Minister Mr Mikhail Murashko, and exchanged views on the matters contained in MoU between the two ministries signed during the visit of the Head of the State in March 2025 such as human resource development in health sectors, exchange visit for medical professionals between tow countries and training, cooperation in

upgrading Taunggyi Sao San Tun Hospital, plans to sign MoU to import Russian-made medicines and medical supplies, further cooperation in radio-nuclide treatment and cancer treatment activities.

On 21 June, the Union minister and party visited the pharmaceutical production facility of Geropharm Company in St Petersburg. — MNA/KTZH



Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win attends follow-up meetings at the Drug Security Forum in Russia, 18-21 June 2025.



Chinese Ambassador Ms Ma Jia calls on Union Minister U Myo Thant yesterday.

MoC Union Minister receives Chinese Ambassador

UNION Minister for Construction U Myo Thant received Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia yesterday at the Ministry of Construction in Nay Pyi Taw.

Both sides discussed ongoing Myanmar-China cooperation based

on mutual friendship, including China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) projects, as well as strategic projects along the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor. They exchanged views openly on implementing these projects, China's possible support in reconstruction

and new construction efforts following the earthquake in Mandalay and technical and material assistance for building works. They also discussed further areas of cooperation in the construction sector between the two countries. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

UCT Chair joins AACC meeting, Public Lecture

CHAIRMAN U Aung Zaw Thein of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union virtually attended the meeting of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions (AACC) and the Public Lecture event hosted by Thailand online.

The Public Lecture was organized yesterday under the topic of “The Courts and the Protection of Human Rights”, and the representatives discussed the role of constitutional courts in protecting human rights, challenges in courts and other cases.

At noon, the meeting of AACC continued, and Chairman of Thai Constitutional Court presented the reviews on

the activities conducted during its term, the Permanent Secretary-General Offices of AACC such as AACC-SPC of Indonesia, AACC-SRD of Korea and AACC-CTHRD of Turkey submitted their progress reports, transferred the chairmanship to Uzbekistan, and discussed the application of Iraq Federal Supreme Court to be member of AACC. — MNA/KTZH

Union Constitutional Tribunal Chair U Aung Zaw Thein participates in the online meeting of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions and the Public Lecture, hosted by Thailand.



UEC holds talks with MPC on electoral media collaboration



The meeting between the Union Election Commission and the Myanmar Press Council (MPC) in progress yesterday.

THE Union Election Commission (UEC) and the Myanmar Press Council (MPC) held a coordination meeting yesterday afternoon at the UEC Office’s meeting hall.

The meeting was attended by UEC Chair U Ko Ko, along with the vice-chairpersons and commission members, as well as the chairman and vice-chairpersons of the Myanmar Press Council and officials from the UEC Office.

In his opening remarks, the UEC Chairman stated that the commission and the MPC must cooperate to ensure that accurate information is shared with the public throughout the pre-election period, election period and post-election period. He emphasized that the commission would carry out its responsibilities impartially, independently and fairly, ensuring free and fair elections. He also called on the Myanmar Press Council to support the commission’s efforts through media cooperation so that the public can access accurate and timely information.

Following this, the chairman and vice-chairpersons of the Myanmar Press Council discussed proposed updates and additions to the election media guidebook previously used for the 2020 General Election, aimed at supporting journalists.

The vice-chairman and members of the UEC then exchanged views on the necessary updates to the guidebook and other potential areas of media collaboration. The meeting concluded with closing remarks by the UEC Chairman. — MNA/KZL

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission

Statement 7/2025

- Following the devastating consequences of the world wars, the United Nations was established through the drafting of the UN Charter, with the fundamental objectives of preventing future conflict, promoting peace and security, and fostering international cooperation. The Charter emphasizes that international peace and security must be maintained through peaceful means under international law. Likewise, the Preamble of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights affirms that freedom, justice, and peace are the foundations for advancing social progress and improving living standards.
- According to the UN’s Sustainable Development Goal 16, sustainable development can only be achieved when a nation enjoys peace, stability, human rights, and good governance based on the rule of law. In conflict situations, the absence of peace leads to prolonged poverty, hindered development, and damages human dignity, affecting socio-economic progress and the ability to live a decent life.
- The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission firmly believes that human rights and peace are inseparable. Lasting peace not only reduces and resolves conflicts but also builds mutual understanding, ensures inclusive decision-making, respects diversity, and guarantees equal rights under the law.
- We are delighted to learn that the Peace Forum 2025 will bring together ethnic armed organizations, prominent figures from various fields, domestic and international experts, foreign diplomats, civil society organizations, political parties, sectoral stakeholders, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and international NGOs.
- The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission expresses its sincere hope and belief that Peace Forum 2025 will contribute to reducing conflicts and pave the way for a modern, developed, and disciplined democratic federal union – a peaceful future nation that all communities in Myanmar aspire to achieve.

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission
Date: 24 June 2025

NATIONAL

THE Sea Gypsies living in Kawthoung and Myeik districts of Taninthayi Region reap good profits for good capturing of squid.

The squid season is from April to September, and the squid is abundant between May and July. Although the Myanmar and Kayin fishermen in Myeik Archipelago do not go fishing in the monsoon season, the Salon people living on the island near the squid fishing areas hunt the squid in the daytime or at night when the weather is fine. They mostly capture the squid near the Thandani, Thandanet, Nyaungwi, Jalan and Salat Gayat islands.

The squids are usually caught using bait shaped like prawns made of rubber, which are attached to fishing lines. A piece of bait is placed on a line, and two lines are clipped to the fisher's leg while fishing. The squid tend to come out more during the waxing moon days and full moon nights, when catches are better. At those times, they are mostly caught at night under the moonlight using small canoes at sea. During the waning and new moon days, they are mostly caught during the

daytime.

The Salon fishermen skillfully capture the squids, and they transport them to Aung Bar San Pya village, where the products are exported to Ranong, Thailand. The wholesale agents in Aung Bar village purchase at K15,000 per kilogram, and the sales are good. The agents resell with baht to Thailand, and such action is a win-win situation for the squid farmers and resellers.

"The squids are abundant during these months, and the Salon people capture them even in the choppy seas. The offspring attend school in Makyone Kalet, and the parents and brothers catch the squids. Therefore, they do not live on the island for months like previously, and they send dried fish and cash. They previously lived in the sea. As



Myanmar. Although the weather was rough and fine recently, the Salon caught the squids as usual, and made profits," said U Tin Aung Moe, administrator of Makyone Kalet village.

The Salon fishermen return to their land of origin at the end of September, and they catch the spotted seer fish, giant trevally, batoid and lobster, and these products are exported to Thailand. During that season, some Salon people repair the boats and fishing nets, and some catch the squid. The Salon people use the sea as their pasture for their living, and the fragile Kaban boat as a home.

In the Kawthoung and Myeik Archipelago, Taninthayi Region, most of the Salon people live on Makyone Kalet, Lampi, Langan, Nyaungwi, Don Nyaung Hmine, Done Pale Aaw, Zardetgyi, Linlon and Kangyimaw islands, and Myanmar and Kayin people are also found there. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

Sea Gypsies see high capture of squid in sea

they have proper knowledge and so they emphasize education. The Salon people catch the squid for their living. When the squid season is over, they go fishing

or diving. The Myanmar and Kayin fishermen catch using nets. There are 96 households in Makyone Kalet village, and most of them are from Salon and



PHOTOS: KANU

500 bags of rice donated for earthquake victims in Kachin State

FOR those affected by the earthquake, Sayadaw U Ketumala and members of the Sangha from Wuntho Monastery in Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, donated 300 bags of rice (each containing 24 Pyi), and Sayadaw U Uttamasiri from Aung Zeya Yanaung Monastery donated a further 200 bags (each containing 24 Pyi), making a total of 500 rice bags.

The donation was made yesterday

afternoon to the Department of Disaster Management (DMC) under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. The donation was received by Dr Soe Win, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Vice Chair (2) of the National Disaster Management Committee, who also presented certificates of appreciation to the respective donors. — MNA/MKKS

Rescue, relief efforts ongoing in quake-hit regions

AS of 24 June, a total of 3,766 fatalities, 5,104 injuries, and 40 missing persons have been reported in six regions and states of Myanmar that were severely affected by the powerful earthquake which struck on 28 March.

The Myanmar Fire Services Department, along with local and international search and rescue teams, has been conducting emergency operations in the

affected areas promptly. To date, 653 survivors have been rescued from beneath collapsed buildings, and 844 deceased persons have been recovered.

Further announcements will continue to be released regarding ongoing donations of cash and relief supplies from generous donors both within Myanmar and abroad to support the people affected by the disaster. — MNA/MKKS

Sympathize with the lives of orphans amid armed conflicts

THE dreadful sound of gunfire signals the tragic loss of parents for many children caught in armed conflicts. Both sides in these clashes are eager to secure victory, often without considering the lives and futures of innocent children. Their focus remains solely on defeating each other. In reality, everyone must recognize that children—innocent and uninvolved in the fighting — are the ones who truly lose their future. Ultimately, the fate of these children reflects the future of the states involved.

Actually, 2024 was a year marked by the outbreak of wars and armed conflicts across the world. These conflicts left millions of people homeless and led to a rise in crime and violence. Wars and armed conflicts, indeed, posed a serious threat to global peace and stability.

Those orphans suffering from the nightmares of armed conflicts are certain to face various challenges, including mental trauma, poverty, and lack of access to basic needs such as education and healthcare services. These children are often unable to enjoy their rights fully. While some are under the care of orphanages, others live with surviving family members. However, as their lives are filled with hardship, they frequently suffer from malnutrition, exposure to serious diseases, and other unexpected difficulties.

them, about 17.6 million have lost both parents.

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Armed conflicts, wars, racial instability, and intense rivalries among countries often result in a generation of orphans. Losing parents due to armed conflicts is a profound tragedy. Therefore, everyone should show loving-kindness and compassion to these orphans, helping them regain their physical and mental strength — the greatest gift we can offer.

Although conflicts arise from various causes, the United Nations often misses opportunities to mediate and resolve them. Armed conflicts occur mostly in Asia and Africa, as well as in other regions of the world, and show little sign of ending. These conflicts contribute to shifting power dynamics and changing geopolitics globally.

Generally, wars and armed conflicts do not benefit any country. Prolonged armed conflicts lead to a growing number of orphans day by day, as many children lose their parents and family members in the violence. In addition, some children become orphans due to abandonment for various reasons. Without anyone to care for them, these children often end up facing the harsh and difficult life of war refugees. According to UNICEF estimates, there are approximately 2.2 billion children worldwide, around 150 million of whom are orphans due to armed conflicts and political crises. Among

LIKELIHOOD of confusion is determined from the perspective of an ordinary consumer, not necessarily an expert or sophisticated purchaser. Confusion can exist even if the goods/services are not identical or directly competitive. Ultimately, the concern is that consumers may incorrectly assume there is an association or affiliation between the owners of the respective marks.

The primary purpose of the Likelihood of Confusion provision in trademark law is to prevent consumer confusion in the marketplace. This standard serves to protect both consumers and trademark owners by ensuring that similar or identical trademarks are not used for related goods or services in a way that could cause confusion, mistake, or deception among consumers.

The fundamental goal is to maintain the integrity of trademarks as source identifiers. Trademarks function as symbols that help consumers distinguish the origin of goods or services, and the Likelihood of Confusion standard aims to safeguard this function. When two marks are so similar that consumers might mistake one for the other or believe they share a common source, the likelihood of confusion exists.

Addresses the issue of the likelihood of confusion in trademark registration. This section

is a crucial component of the trademark law of Myanmar and is aimed at preventing the registration of trademarks that are likely to be confused with existing trademarks.

Under the Trademark Law of Myanmar, which came into force in April 2023, the concept of likelihood of confusion plays a crucial role in determining whether a trademark can be registered or whether it infringes upon an earlier mark.

Absolute Grounds for refusal of registration of trademark, consisting of the total or partial reproduction or imitation of a flag, armorial bearings, or other emblems adopted by a State or an international intergovernmental organization; an official sign or hallmark indicating control and warranty adopted by a State; abbreviations and names of an international intergovernmental organization, unless authorized by the competent authorities of the State or of the relevant international intergovernmental organization; (Section 13 (f) of the Trademark Law of Myanmar) Specifically, Section 14 (a) and (e) states that a trademark application may be refused registration if it is likely to confuse with a prior registered or pending trademark.

Relative grounds for refusal of registration consisting of the being identical with or similar to a registered mark or earlier applied mark or priority claimed mark in



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the name of a different person, the goods or services in respect of which registration has been requested are identical with or similar to the goods or services for which the earlier mark has been registered or applied for and the use of the sign would cause a likelihood of confusion with that mark by the users. (Section 14 (a) of the Trademark Law)

Relative grounds for refusal of registration consisting of the being identical with or similar to a well-known mark, the goods or services in respect of which reg-

El DuPont de Nemours & Co, 476 F2d 1357 (CCPA 1973 held that

1. Similarity or Dissimilarity of the Marks: Examines the visual, phonetic, and conceptual similarities between the marks in their entirety.

2. Similarity or Dissimilarity of the Goods or Services: Analyzes the nature of the goods or services associated with the marks. If the goods or services are closely related, there is a higher likelihood of confusion.

3. Fame of the Prior Mark: Considers the level of recognition and reputation of the earlier mark. A famous mark is afforded greater protection against similar marks.

4. Similarity or Dissimilarity of Trade Channels: Looks at the distribution channels and marketing channels used for the goods or services. If the goods or services are sold through similar channels, confusion is more likely.

5. Conditions and Degree of Purchaser Care: Assesses the degree of care that consumers are likely to exercise when purchasing the goods or services. Higher-priced or specialized products may involve more careful purchasing decisions.

6. Strength or Weakness of the Marks: Evaluates the inherent distinctiveness or strength of the marks. Distinctive and unique marks are generally afforded stronger protection.

7. Evidence of Actual Confusion: Examines whether there is any documented evidence of confusion among consumers in the marketplace. Actual instances of confusion can be compelling evidence.

8. Length of Time During Which There Has Been Concurrent Use Without Evidence of Actual Confusion. Sabel BV versus Puma AG (C-251/95, CJEU, November 1997 held that the Court stressed a global appreciation of confusion: visual, aural, and conceptual similarities must be weighed alongside the marks’ distinctiveness and the goods involved OBJ. It held that a shared concept can contribute to confusion but is not decisive by itself. In this case, Puma’s silhouette mark was a weak, “imperfect” image and not widely known. The mere fact that both logos depicted big cats did not suffice to confuse, because the earlier mark lacked high distinctiveness [OBJ] Canon Kabushiki Kaisha v MGM Grand (C-39/97, CJEU, September 1998 held that the Court

confirmed that a trademark’s role is to signal origin and that confusion is assessed globally. Crucially, it held that if goods/services are identical or similar, confusion may exist even when the public perceives that the products come from different sources, OBJ. The decisive factors are the marks’ resemblance and the earlier mark’s distinctiveness. A highly distinctive or well-known mark can stretch protection broadly. Even if goods seem to have different origins, confusion can arise if consumers mistakenly think they come from the same or linked undertakings. Conversely, if the public clearly would not link them to the same source, no confusion.

Contorno Textil, SL versus EUIPO (Case T-773/22, GC, October 2023 held that the GC found the marks globally similar. Both depict a highly recognizable “sausage dog” breed in profile. Importantly, “dachshund” is instantly understood by consumers, and the element “TECKEL” is the word for dachshund in another language, reinforcing the shared concept. The Court noted that the dog image in each mark is not a decorative background but a dominant, distinctive element. Thus, despite some differences in style, the conceptual overlap is strong. In short, visual similarity was modest, but conceptual similarity was high.

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I Say What I See: A Thick Line or a Thin Line Between Positivity and Negativity?

By @Editor

WORDS carry weight, especially when they form the lenses through which we see the world. “Positivity” and “negativity” are two such familiar words, often casually used, yet deeply complex. Positivity suggests optimism, hope, and resilience. Negativity, on the other hand, implies doubt, pessimism, and often, resistance. But where exactly is the boundary between the two? Is it a thick line drawn by experience and clarity, or a thin one blurred by emotion, context, and perspective? As someone who has navigated both the rough seas of maritime life and the tight deadlines of newsroom editing, I’ve come to see that the line between these two states isn’t always clear, and that’s exactly

what this reflection explores.

I first understood the real strength of positivity not in a seminar room or book, but on the high seas when a storm nearly overwhelmed us. We were sailing across the Indian Ocean en route to India when we encountered a violent cyclone; its name is now lost to memory, but its force is unforgettable. As the winds howled and waves slammed into our vessel, our ship began to list dangerously – rolling from port to starboard, sometimes tipping over 45 degrees. Then, at the worst possible moment, the engine broke down.

What followed wasn’t panic. It wasn’t fear. Instead, it was a wave of determination. The engineering crew worked tirelessly to bring

the engine back to life, and we deck seafarers supported them however we could. Everyone focused on a single goal: survival. There were no doubts, no murmurs of failure – just a shared, silent agreement that we would get through it. Whether by luck, fate, or the sheer force of our combined optimism, we succeeded. The engine roared back to life, and we navigated to a shelter near the Myanmar coast.

That moment, I now realize, was more than just an operational success. It was a testament to positivity – how hope, unity, and belief in each other can steer us through storms, both literal and figurative.

If life at sea taught me the

value of shared optimism in survival, life in the newsroom showed me how fragile positivity can become when subtle negativity takes root. Unlike the physical storms we braved on deck, the editorial world brews quieter tempests – pressures of deadlines, conflicting viewpoints, public scrutiny, and the unrelenting demand for precision.

I remember moments when a single piece of feedback – meant to refine a writer’s draft – was taken as a personal attack. In an environment that thrives on editing and critique, the line between professional honesty and perceived negativity is razor-thin. I’ve seen talented writers falter not because their work lacked quality, but be-

cause the atmosphere around them lacked encouragement. A tone too harsh, a suggestion too blunt, or silence in place of support – all of it chips away at creative confidence.

As an editor, I walk that line every day. Offer too little criticism, and I fail to guide. Offer too much, and I risk dimming the writer’s voice. It’s a delicate balance: fostering growth without casting shadows. In this space, **positivity isn’t blind praise** – it’s thoughtful feedback, mutual respect, and belief in improvement. And **negativity isn’t always loud** – sometimes it’s quiet erosion, a dismissive comment, or even an absence of appreciation.

Looking back, I see how both

worlds – one forged by waves and the other by words – have shaped my understanding of positivity and negativity. At sea, the line felt thick and clear: positivity meant survival, and negativity had no place on a vessel fighting a storm. In the newsroom, however, that line is thinner, more blurred. Positivity must be measured, and negativity sometimes disguises itself as constructive critique. The same words can uplift or deflate, depending on tone, timing, and intent. What these two careers have taught me is that the boundary between positivity and negativity isn’t fixed – it shifts with context, culture, and circumstance. Perhaps the real question is not how thick or thin the line is, but how



aware we are when we’re about to cross it.

In the end, we all walk that fine line – at work, at home, and within ourselves. Whether we tilt towards positivity or slip into negativity often depends not just on what we face, but how we choose to respond. What I’ve seen –

through storms at sea and edits on land – is that awareness, empathy, and intention matter. They help us steer with clarity. And in navigating the space between criticism and care, between fear and hope, we ultimately choose which direction we sail.

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Lewis Hamilton/ HAMILTON (EUIPO BoA R 336/2022-1, October 2023 held that both signs share the dominant element “Hamilton”. The Board of Appeal found goods/services identical or highly similar (e.g. watches and retail thereof) and deemed the marks on average similar. Notably, the Board did not credit Lewis Hamilton’s fame as creating a distinguishing concept for average consumers. It held that the relevant public (average EU consumer) would focus on the shared surname. Despite high consumer attention, the Board found that “LEWIS HAMILTON” could be seen as a sub-brand or extended brand of “HAMILTON.”

Joined Cases C-449/18 P & C-474/18 P, CJEU, September 2020, held that Facts/Issue: Footballer Lionel Messi applied for an EU figurative mark “MESSI” (for clothing, sports gear, etc.). This was opposed by JM-EV on prior marks “MASSI” (for similar goods). The EUIPO Opposition Division and Board found “MESSI” and “MASSI” visually/aurally similar and likely confusing. The General Court annulled those decisions, citing Messi’s fame. The CJEU was asked whether the GC correctly allowed Messi’s mark by treating his celebrity as a differentiating factor. EUIPO versus Messi Cuccittini.

In the world of product branding and trademark law, “likelihood of confusion” plays several critical roles:

- 1. Trademark Clearance & Strategy**

Before you launch a new product name, logo or packaging, you conduct a trademark clearance search precisely to assess whether your proposed mark is likely to be confused with existing ones. If a search flags a high risk, you’ll revise your branding to avoid legal challenges down the line and to ensure your product stands on its own.
- 2. Enforcement & Litigation**

Once your product is on the market, if the owner of an earlier mark believes consumers are confusing the two, they can send a cease-and-desist letter or sue for infringement. In court, the likelihood-of-confusion test (using factors like similarity of

- marks, overlap of goods, channels of trade, evidence of actual confusion, etc.) determines whether you must rebrand or pay damages.
- 3. Consumer Protection**

The doctrine exists ultimately to shield shoppers from being misled into buying one product thinking it’s another. By policing confusingly similar marks, the law promotes honest competition and helps maintain the integrity of brand reputations.
- 4. Brand Differentiation & Marketing**

Awareness of confusion risks guides marketers in crafting distinctive names, logos, and packaging so that your product

not only avoids legal trouble but also achieves stronger shelf presence and clearer messaging in the minds of your target audience.

The likelihood of confusion is a fundamental concept in Trademark protection, which assesses whether consumers are likely to be misled about the source of goods or services due to the similarity between two marks. The critical role of likelihood of confusion can be outlined in consumer protection, brand integrity, market fairness, legal framework, brand strategy, Global application and economic development.

The Likelihood of confusion is a fundamental aspect of trademark protection that serves to protect consumers, maintain fair competition, and safeguard the integrity of brands, helping to foster a developing economic environment.

Kayakam Metta Foundation concludes annual Paṭiccasamuppāda training



This photo depicts the presentation of course certificates.

THE fourth capacity-building training course based on Pat-iccasamuppada concluded on 22 June at the Kayakam Metta Foundation Monastery in Ywa Tha Gyi, Ward 140, Dagon

Myothit (South) Township, Yangon Region.

According to Sayadaw Ashin Kusala of the Kayakam Metta Foundation, the course aimed to promote the Dhamma and support monks in carrying out charitable activities effectively.

“The Kayakam Metta Foundation holds this annual training course to enhance monks’ preaching skills and support their charitable work. We also provide cultural courses and free healthcare services for monks,” said Sayadaw Ashin Kusala.

During the closing ceremony, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kovi-da, Chairman of the Dagon Myothit (South) Township Sangha Nayaka, delivered a sermon to the trainees and guests. Offerings were then presented to the attending monks by the guests.

Certificates were awarded to 60 monks and nuns by Sayadaw Dr Ashin Suvanna of the Shwethuwun Mogok Vipassana Training School and Sayadaw Ashin Kusala of the Kayakam Metta Foundation. — ASH/MKKS

Myanmar film ‘Mingala Pwe’ to premiere in cinemas on 27 June

THE Myanmar film titled ‘Mingala Pwe’ (The Wedding) is set to premiere in cinemas nationwide on 27 June, according to actor Tyron, who plays a leading role in the movie.

The romantic comedy, produced by The Ray Film Production, features a screenplay developed by Min Ko Soe (Nathan Kwin), with the script written by Yan Naing Tun, Thar Myint Swe, and Maung Thit Sar. Min Ko Soe also took charge of the shooting script, while Academy Ko Zaw (Aryone Oo) and Nay Lin directed the film.

Speaking about his role, Tyron said, “I portray Kyaw Thu Aung, a very tidy and obsessive bachelor. The story revolves around his unexpected encounter with a carefree and quirky young woman. The film follows their hilarious misadventures while preparing for a wedding, with a colourful mix of characters leading to a series of funny events.”

The film stars a large ensemble cast including Tyron, Academy Nay Win, Academy Soe Myat Thuzar, Academy May Myint Mo, Academy Chuu Lay, Khin Hlaing, Zaw Win Naing (Mann), Thwet Hlak, Zin Myo, Super Lynn, Mommy Thet, Hla Myo Thinzar Nwe, Aye Thida, Sin Thida, Khaing Su, Thuzar Pwint and many others. — ASH/KZL

Myanmar students set for BRIDGE Summer Camp 2025 in Japan

A group of Myanmar students will participate as the Junior Ambassadors at the BRIDGE Summer Camp 2025, which will take place in Fukuoka, Japan, according to the Myanmar-Japan Friendship Association (MJA).

The BRIDGE Summer Camp 2025 is being organized by the Fukuoka-based Asian-Pacific Children’s Convention (APCC).

Basic education students Maung Aung Bhone Myat Tha, Maung Kyi Soe Han, Maung Bhone Maw Kun, Ma Khaing Wut Yee Min, Ma Kyi Phyu Chan Lin, and Ma Phyo Mon Mon Myint have been selected and are undergoing training to attend the

BRIDGE Summer Camp 2025 as Junior Ambassadors.

The six Junior Ambassadors from Myanmar will travel to Fukuoka, Japan, in the second week of July, led by the General Secretary of the MJA. During the 10-day camp, they will meet and live with 190 Junior Ambassadors from 42 other countries in the Asia-Pacific region, visit Japanese students of the same age, attend their schools, and experience homestays in Japanese students’ homes.

Of the 42 countries in the Asia-Pacific region, most allowed only four students to attend the meeting, while 11 countries, including Myanmar, allowed six students each. — ASH/TH

New Kawthoung border facility enhances Myanmar-Thailand link

FROM PAGE 1 Container ships and trawlers increasingly dock at the Kawthoung Pier. That 60-year-old building was renovated as an international border crossing facility by preserving Myanmar’s arts and culture. This 120-foot-long, 60-foot-wide, and 14-foot-high RC building was developed by Naung Yoe Myanmar Development Company with the use of K1.69 billion from the regional government budget starting from 2023. — ASH/KK

YCC to host 9th Agri Tech Myanmar on 27-29 June

THE 9th Agri Tech Myanmar will take place at Yangon Convention Centre in Mayangon Township, Yangon, on 27-29 June 2025.

The expo aims to bring together farmers and agro traders. Agricultural tractors and related equipment, fertilizers, seeds, farming equipment, agricultural industrialized businesses such as rice mills, oil mills, dryers, food processing machines, packaging equipment, generators, transformers, solar-powered systems and related equipment will be showcased.

Furthermore, fruits and vegetables from the agricultural business will be displayed as well. Those interested can join the talk shows of the experts. U Aung Aung, Managing Director of Madalar Shwe Thi Ha Engineering Co Ltd, on 27 June, will discuss the “What is Gasifier” topic.

Under the arrangement of Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producer and Exporter Association (MFVP) on 28 June, a seminar themed Safe Farm Management for all farmers will be held. The topics “Scientific Production of High-Efficiency Organic Fertilizers” by agricultural export

Dr Myint Lwin, “Growing and Exporting Guaranteed Fresh Produce (Safe, Certified and Quality)” by Dr Wunna Tun and “Crop Value Chain, including all farmers” by U Bobby will be covered. Attendees are free to ask questions and discuss with them.

Moreover, under the programme of the Myanmar Coffee Association, chairman U Myo Aye and U Htet Aung Ye will talk about Myanmar Coffee Production and New Market Potentials.

Experts from Hitachi SEM will also share knowledge of oil mills, rice mills and domestic used generators across all three days. MFVP also organized Durian, Mangosteen, Rambutan and Mango festival where fresh and quality durian, mangosteen, rambutan and mango can be purchased at a fair price.

This event is hosted by Silver Sea International Ltd, supported by Myanmar Rice Federation, MFVP, Myanmar Coffee Association and Myanmar Agricultural Machinery Entrepreneurs Association. Individuals can enquire about details through 09 409400055, 09.409400066, and 09409400077 of the Silver Sea International Ltd. — NN/KK

DUHD announces eligible buyers of housing units



This photo shows an aerial drone view of the DUHD housing units.

DEPARTMENT of Urban and Housing Development declared those entitled to draw lots to buy 249 units of Yoma Yeiktha, Yuzana Phase III, Thilawa and Kyansitmin Phase I housing under a home loan of the Construction, Housing and Infrastructure Development Bank (CHID) with a low interest rate.

A total of 2,020 people have deposited more than K3 million at the CHID Bank, and 1,165 of them applied for it. It will exercise a first-come, first-served system. Early birds are entitled to draw lots.

The drawing lots event will take place at 10 am on 27 June 2025 at the hall on the second floor of DUHD in Botahtaung Township.

Those eligible to draw lots or authorized persons on their behalf can participate in the event by providing citizenship scrutiny cards and authorization letters.

Those selected buyers will receive a statement of loan evaluation on that day. That statement can be taken out by 11 July as well. If they fail to withdraw the statement, they are no longer permitted to buy the housing unit.

The selected ones must contact the CHID Bank by 25 July to proceed with the loan in time. Individuals can enquire details through the contact number of the DUHD at 09 795824722. — NN/KK

CBM to inject US\$30M into fuel oil sector

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 23 June to pump US\$30 million into the fuel oil sector. CBM sold \$464,500 to edible oil importing companies and over \$496,000 to commodity importing companies on that day after injection of over 16,540 yuan into the market.

CBM sold over \$600,000 and 387,000 yuan on 20 June. Furthermore, it sold \$800,000 to edible oil importing companies and over \$503,000 from its designated injection to commodity importing companies.

CBM pumped over \$577,000 out of its designated \$10 million injection to commodity-importing companies on 19 June.

Moreover, CBM sold \$1.524 million from the companies working on a Cutting-Making and Packaging basis to edible oil importing companies on the same day.

CBM sold over one million dollars out of the designated \$10 million injection to commodity-importing companies on 18 June 2025. Furthermore, CBM also sold \$1.68 million from CMP companies to edible oil importing companies on that day.

CBM announced on 17 June that it would sell \$33 million to fuel oil importers. Furthermore, CBM injected over 376,400 yuan and 500,000 baht into the financial market on 17 June after sales of over \$913,000 from CMP companies to edible oil importing companies and over \$1.126 million to importers of other goods.

CBM would sell \$10 million to importers as well, according to its notification dated 16 June. CBM sold \$1.37 million from CMP companies to edible oil importing companies and over 1.05 million to importers of other goods on that day.

CBM injected over 1.7 million baht into the financial market on 13 June, in addition to sales of over \$1 million from CMP companies to fuel oil importing countries.

CBM sold \$1.3 million that were bought from CMP companies, to fuel oil importing companies on 12 June 2025.

CBM sold over 290,000 yuan and one million baht on 11 June. Moreover, CBM sold \$1.096 million that were bought from CMP companies, to fuel oil importing companies on that day.

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

CBM announced on 4 June that it would sell US\$30 million to fuel oil importers. CBM pumped US\$422,000, 345,850 yuan and over 2.1 million baht on that day into the foreign exchange market.

CBM injected over 600,000 yuan and 2.6 million baht on 3 June, 579,900 yuan and 4.7 million baht on 2 June into the financial market. CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM’s notification on 15 March, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

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MTB signs MoU with IMU

AS a new step for creating better international relations and a better future through cooperation in the education and banking sectors, Myanmar Tourism Bank (MTB) signed a memorandum of understanding with the International Management University (IMU), said MTB.

The signing was successfully made in Cambodia on 23 June, it said.

During the event, MTB's CEO U Win Lwin and IMU's president and founder Dr Soe Hein inked the MoU before witnesses -MTB's executive director Daw Theingi Lin and IMU's BOD and operation director Daw Su Myat Mon. — MT/ZS

This photo shows a group photo session after the signing.

40th Junior Golf Myanmar Championship set for June

THE 40th Junior Golf Myanmar Championship (JGM) will be held in June, Junior Golf Myanmar announced.

This tournament, organized by the Myanmar Golf Federation, will take place from 27 to 29 June at the Yangon Golf Club (Danyingon) in Yangon.

The tournament will feature men's under 12, under 14, under 18, and women's under 18 and under 14 categories. The event will be held as per the R&A Rules Limited and USGA's Rules of Golf – 2023 and the Regional Rules.

Junior golfers from all over



This image depicts an advert for the 40th Junior Golf Myanmar Championship (JGM) tournament.

Myanmar who will participate in the competition are advised to register their names by 4 pm on 25 June, and details inquiries can be made to U Htun Kyaw at 09-5193423. – MT/ZN

Southern Shan Macadamia nuts surge in global demand

ACCORDING to inquiries from macadamia growers and sellers, the foreign market is also interested in and buying macadamia nuts from southern Shan State.

Having good taste, rich nutrients and health benefits, these nuts are consumed directly as well as used in chocolate and various pastries.

“In terms of market conditions, Myanmar has a very good market. Good markets include Thailand and China. Domestic demand is high. This year, we have seen rising demand from Thailand. China has also bought a lot,” said a macadamia producer and distributor in Shan State.

In Myanmar, macadamia is mostly grown in Shan State, followed by Kachin, Chin and Mandalay. The total area of cultivation has expanded to more than 12,000 acres. There are also small-scale farmers, and macadamia nuts grown in Ywangan Township can be harvested twice a year, so they can be sold at a higher price in the market, he continued.

“Macadamia nuts are also grown in Ywangan, Tachilek, and Nawnghkio and on the Myanmar-China border. Among them, Ywangan's variety is considered to have two seasons- April to June and another one after it. In other places, it is harvested only once in August, September or October,” he explained. – Htet Oo Maung/ZN



Macadamia nuts from Ywangan, southern Shan State.

Indigenous chicken farming rises in Upper Myanmar



A poultry farm in Taunggyi Township.

THE number of local chicken breeders in upper Myanmar has increased, according to data from local sources.

Currently, the native chicken trade is at a good price, and sales are moderate, but there are

more breeders of indigenous chicken because of its popularity.

“There are many interested people. Most of them are buyers from upper Myanmar. The prices are good in Taunggyi, Kengtung and Myitkyina,” said a local chicken trader and breeder.

Raising local chickens can take from 2.5 to 4 months, and there is an advantage that they can still be kept even if they are not sold out.

“They are called local, indigenous or Bamar chickens. If they are of shorter days, the meat is soft. It also depends on the input. If you feed them company feed, they will be ready in 2.5 to 3 months. If you mix your feed, they will be ready for sale in 4 months,” he said.

As for inputs, in addition to ready-to-eat chicken feeds, breeders can prepare by mixing paddy, rice, broken rice, rice bran, cooked rice or mixture, green feed, bean meal cake and locally available silk leaves, Boscai leaves, water spinach and water hyacinth and feed them in a bowl. — Htet Oo Maung /ZN

Tokyo stocks snap 3-day losses as concerns on Mideast tensions ease

TOKYO stocks rose Tuesday to snap a three-day losing streak, as concerns eased over tensions in the Middle East after US President Donald Trump said Israel and Iran have agreed to a ceasefire.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average ended up 436.47 points, or 1.14 per cent, from Monday at 38,790.56. The broader Topix index finished 20.17 points, or 0.73 per cent, higher at 2,781.35.

On the top-tier Prime Market, gainers were led by nonferrous metal, air transport and securities house issues.

The US dollar briefly weakened to the 145 yen line in Tokyo, after it was sold back following Trump's announcement, giving up some previous gains made when tensions in the Middle East had heightened.

At 5 pm, the dollar fetched 145.30-32 yen compared with 146.08-18 yen in New York and 147.32-34 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm Monday.

The euro was quoted at \$1.1590-1592 and 168.41-45 yen against \$1.1573-1583 and 169.20-30 yen in New York and \$1.1498-1499 and 169.39-43 yen in Tokyo late Monday afternoon.



An electronic board (top) shows the closing numbers of the Nikkei Stock Average on the Tokyo Stock Exchange in Tokyo on 19 June 2025. PHOTO: AFP

The yield on the benchmark 10-year Japanese government bond ended at 1.415 per cent, up 0.010 percentage point from Monday's close, as the debt, seen as a safe-haven asset, was sold as the situation in the Middle East eased.

The Nikkei stock index briefly gained more than 600 points after Trump said on social media that Israel and Iran had agreed to a total ceasefire and crude oil prices declined sharply in New York and Tokyo, helping to ease investor concern about oil supplies. — Kyodo

Indonesia's palm oil exports plunge 39.2% in Apr amid weak global demand



This aerial picture taken on 30 May 2025 shows a general view of a factory near palm oil plantations in Meulaboh, west coast of Aceh province. PHOTO: AFP

INDONESIA recorded total palm oil exports of 1.78 million tonnes in April 2025, a sharp decline of 39.2 per cent compared to 2.88 million tonnes in the previous month, the Indonesian Palm Oil Association (GAPKI) announced on Tuesday. "The largest drop occurred in processed palm oil products, which fell by 41.7 per cent to 1.24 million tonnes from 2.13 million tonnes," said Mukti Sardjono, executive director of the GAPKI. Exports to various destination coun-

tries also saw significant decreases, particularly to the European Union (EU), India, and the United States, which declined by 156,000 tonnes, 155,000 tonnes, and 113,000 tonnes, respectively. On a year-on-year basis, palm oil exports from January to April 2025 fell by 3.08 per cent to 9.42 million tonnes, down from 9.71 million tonnes in the same period last year, with the steepest declines seen in exports to India, the EU, China, and Pakistan. — Xinhua

Air passengers up 10% in Vietnam in H1

VIETNAM'S aviation market recorded 41.3 million air passengers in the first half of 2025, up 10 per cent year-on-year, according to the Civil Aviation Authority of Vietnam. International passenger traffic reached 23 million, up 13 per cent in the six-month period, while domestic

travel came in at 18.4 million, up seven per cent, Vietnam News Agency said, citing the authority. In addition, a total of 695,700 tons of cargo were transported by air, up 14.6 per cent, including 580,000 tons on international routes and 115,700 tons domestically. — Xinhua

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Millions in US sweat out first extreme heat wave of year



A person shields from the sun with an umbrella in New York on 23 June 2025 after an excessive heat warning was issued for the New York City area. **PHOTO: AFP**

A potentially life-threatening heat wave enveloped the eastern third of the United States on Monday impacting nearly 160 million people, with temperatures this week expected to reach 102 degrees Fahrenheit (39 degrees Celsius) in the New York metropolitan area. The country’s first significant scorching heat of the year triggered health warnings as it arrived over the weekend.

Dangerously high temperatures are forecast through Wednesday in Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York City and Boston. “This extreme heat will not just be uncomfortable and oppressive for New Yorkers,” warned Mayor Eric Adams, adding that each year heat claims the lives of 500 people in this city of eight million. “It’s going to be brutal

and dangerous if you do not treat it with the understanding that we want you to,” he added. As sweltering heat baked the city, authorities urged seniors, people with health problems and those without air conditioning to stay hydrated and seek help at designated cooling centres such as libraries and recreation facilities. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cambodia records 7th human case of H5N1 bird flu in 2025

A 41-year-old woman from northwestern Cambodia’s Siem Reap province has been confirmed for H5N1 human avian influenza, raising the number of cases to seven so far this year, the Ministry of Health said in a statement Monday night. “A laboratory result from the National Institute of Public Health showed on 23 June that the woman was positive for H5N1 virus,” the statement said. “The patient has the symptoms of fever, cough, and dyspnea, and she is currently in critical condition,” it added. According to queries, there were sick and dead chickens at the patient’s home and her neighbour’s homes, and the patient had been in contact with sick and dead chickens and cooked them for food five days before she felt ill. — Xinhua

6.4-magnitude earthquake hits waters off southeastern Philippines

An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.4 hit waters off southeastern Philippines on Tuesday morning, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said. The institute said the quake, which occurred at 09:58 am local time (0158 GMT), hit at a depth of 10 kilometre, about 359 kilometres northeast of Baganga town in Davao Oriental province. The institute said the tectonic quake will not cause damage. The archipelagic Philippines has frequent seismic activities due to its location along the Pacific “Ring of Fire”. — Xinhua

S Korean president stresses need to build peace on Korean Peninsula

SOUTH Korean President Lee Jae-myung stressed the need to build peace on the Korean Peninsula on Tuesday, a day before marking the 75th anniversary of the Korean War. Lee told a cabinet meeting that security issues cannot be over-emphasized. “Making peace in which no one needs to fight is the surest security. Making peace is the job of politics,” Lee noted. The president said security is very directly linked to economic issues, stressing that the slogan of “Peace constitutes economy and peace constitutes food” has currently become a reality. — Xinhua

Japan ispace says Moon landing failure due to altimetre abnormality

JAPANESE startup ispace Inc said Tuesday its latest failure to land a spacecraft on the Moon was due to an altimetre abnormality, while vowing to pursue another attempt in 2027. The Tokyo-based company has been analyzing the cause of the apparent crash of its lunar lander, Resilience, in early June, which, if successful, would have made it the first private firm in Asia to achieve a Moon landing. Its first touchdown attempt in

2023 with a different spacecraft was also unsuccessful. Resilience began its descent shortly after 3:00 am Japan time on 6 June, but a device that uses a laser to measure the distance between it and the lunar surface did not kick into operation in time, ispace said. The so-called Laser Range Finder was expected to be operational by an altitude of three kilometres, yet it did not begin taking measurements until an

altitude of around one kilometre. Resilience was unable to decelerate to the necessary speed for the lunar landing and descended to an altitude of 192 metres at a speed of about 150 kilometre per hour, at which point flight data was lost. The lander is believed to have made impact approximately 370 metres southeast of its landing target at 4:15 am. The company believes the altimetre either performed

worse than expected or deteriorated during flight. There was no issue with the linkage between an altitude sensor and the flight system, which was the cause of the previous failure in 2023. The company said it will work on countermeasures with external experts and will seek to improve its technical capabilities with the cooperation of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency. — Kyodo



Japanese startup ispace Inc CEO Takeshi Hakamada speaks at a press conference in Tokyo on 24 June 2025. **PHOTO: KYODO**

SPORTS

Messi's Miami and PSG progress to set up Club World Cup reunion

INTER Miami's Lionel Messi faces a tantalizing reunion with former club Paris Saint-Germain in the Club World Cup last 16 after both sides on Monday progressed to the knockout phase.

Miami drew 2-2 with Palmeiras to go through second in Group A, after the Brazilian side fought back from two goals down to seal top spot.

They now face an all-Brazil clash against Botafogo, who lost 1-0 to Atletico Madrid but progressed from Group B in second at the expense of the Spaniards.

Champions of Europe PSG won the group with a 2-0 victory over Seattle Sounders, paving the way for the clash with Messi and surprise package Miami.

Goals from Tadeo Allende and Luis Suarez had Miami on course for a second victory in the

tournament after their shock win over Porto.

But Palmeiras struck twice in the last 10 minutes at Hard Rock Stadium through Paulinho and Mauricio to ensure they went through.

Suarez, Messi, Sergio Busquets, Jordi Alba and Miami coach Javier Mascherano will also face their former coach Luis Enrique, who guided them to the treble when in charge at Barcelona in 2015.

"We're talking about the champions of Europe. We know many of their players and their coach, who I was lucky enough to have coach me, and I've always said he is the best in the world," said Alba.

"I will connect with good friends there but once the game starts, we will compete, try to beat



Inter Miami's Argentine forward (10) Lionel Messi (C) fights for the ball with Palmeiras' Brazilian midfielder (30) Lucas Evangelista (2nd L) and Palmeiras' Brazilian defender (3) Bruno Fuchs (2nd R) during the FIFA Club World Cup 2025 Group A football match between US Inter Miami and Brazil's Palmeiras at the Hard Rock stadium in Miami on 23 June 2025. PHOTO: AFP

them, and why can't we do it? This is football." Mascherano said Miami's progress had elevated Major League Soccer.

"It's a historic night for MLS, because we are into the best 16

teams in the world. All of the MLS has to be proud of Inter Miami," he said.

Portuguese side Porto and Egypt's Al Ahly were eliminated after a thrilling 4-4 draw which

was not enough for either team to overhaul Palmeiras or Miami.

European champions PSG bounced back from their surprise defeat by Botafogo with a comfortable win in Seattle. — AFP

Olympics: Coventry begins term as IOC president



Outgoing IOC President Thomas Bach (L) reacts after he was awarded with the Olympic Order in Gold by IOC President Kirsty Coventry during a handover ceremony at Olympic House in Lausanne, Switzerland, on 23 June 2025. Zimbabwean swimmer who won seven Olympic medals, Kirsty Coventry, becomes the first woman to lead the Olympic movement. PHOTO: AFP

KIRSTY Coventry was officially sworn in Tuesday as president of the International Olympic Committee, becoming the first woman and the first person from Africa to take the post in its more than 130-year history.

The 41-year-old former swimmer from Zimbabwe, who won 200-metre backstroke gold at the 2004 and 2008 Olympics, succeeds Thomas Bach and begins her eight-year term amid the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war and tensions in

the Middle East.

The IOC is also tackling the issue of Russian athletes' participation in the Olympics.

In March, she was elected as the 10th president of the IOC, winning 49 of the 97 votes during the first round of the secret ballot at the 144th IOC Session in Greece.

Coventry won seven medals in total from five Olympic appearances before becoming an IOC member in 2013. — Kyodo

Spurs to sign 20-yr-old Japan defender Takai from Kawasaki

ENGLISH Premier League club Tottenham Hotspur have agreed on a 5 million pound (\$6.7 million) deal to sign 20-year-old Japan defender Kota Takai from Kawasaki Frontale in the J-League first division, the BBC reported Monday.

The 192-centimetre centre-back has four international caps with the Samurai Blue and was named the J-League's best young player in 2024.

After representing Japan at the Paris Olympics, he made

his senior national team debut in a World Cup qualifier against China last September.

The product of Kawasaki's renowned youth development programme, Takai has earned a reputation for his strong defensive play and excellent footwork.

Spurs were led until the end of last season by former Yokohama F Marinos manager Ange Postecoglou, who was replaced earlier this month by Danish tactician Thomas Frank. — Kyodo

Crespo says he chose Sao Paulo over Europe

HERNAN Crespo said Monday he gave up the possibility of managing a European club to return to Sao Paulo.

The 49-year-old told reporters he is motivated to take charge of the Brazilian Serie A club for a second time after agreeing to an 18-month contract last week.

"I'm happy to be back and to continue a story that ended too soon," the former Argentina international striker said upon his arrival in Brazil.

"There was a chance that I could go to Europe but when Sao Paulo called, there was only one option." — Xinhua



WORLD

NATO pushes 5% defence spending goal as summit opens in The Hague

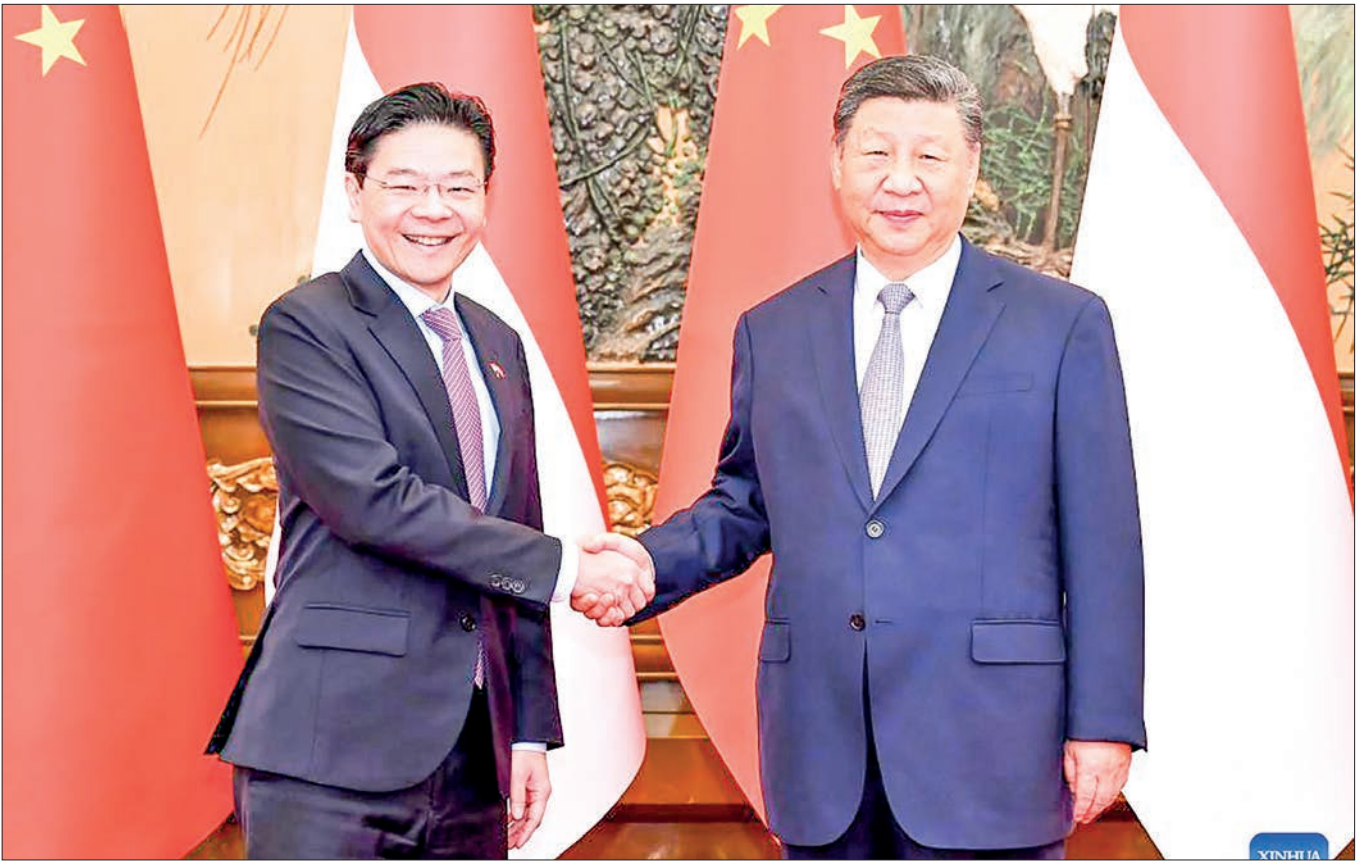
NATO's annual summit opened Tuesday in The Hague under tight security, with leaders of member states expected to approve a proposed defence spending target of five per cent of GDP.

The two-day gathering comes amid rising tensions in the Middle East, following a US airstrike on Iran's nuclear facilities. The Dutch government deployed a multi-layered defence system, including F-35 fighter jets and Patriot missile systems, turning the summit venue into a fortified zone.

Ahead of the summit, NATO's 32 member states agreed on a proposed target to raise defence spending to five per cent of GDP by 2035. The target includes 3.5 per cent for direct military expenditures and 1.5 per cent for related investments, such as infrastructure. The proposal will be submitted for approval by heads of state and government at the summit.

Eastern European countries have broadly supported the increase, while divisions remain. US President Donald Trump said Washington would not be bound by the five per cent goal, though he urged other members to meet their commitments. In the lead-up to the summit, Trump reportedly considered skipping the event to pressure allies.

Germany, France and Britain have emphasized defence autonomy and continued support for Ukraine. — Xinhua



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets Singaporean Prime Minister Lawrence Wong, who is on an official visit to China, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, 24 June 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

Xi meets Singaporean PM, calling for boosting China-Singapore cooperation

CHINESE President Xi Jinping met Singaporean Prime Minister Lawrence Wong in Beijing on Tuesday.

Xi congratulated Wong on his second term in office. Noting that this year marks the 35th anniversary of diplomatic relations between China and Singapore, Xi highlighted that the two sides have consistently upheld mutual understanding and respect, which has provided a solid foundation for the stable

and healthy development of bilateral relations.

Cooperation between the two countries has aligned with China's development priorities at various stages, yielding substantial outcomes such as the Suzhou Industrial Park, significantly contributing to each country's modernization efforts, and also setting a benchmark for cooperation among regional nations, Xi noted. He called on both sides to draw experience and wisdom from the devel-

opment process of bilateral relations, inherit and carry forward fine traditions, and enable the tree of China-Singapore friendship to thrive and bear abundant fruits.

Xi emphasized that China and Singapore should firmly grasp the general direction of bilateral friendship, and continuously observe and develop China-Singapore relations from a strategic height and a long-term perspective. — Xinhua

Trump says Iran-Israel truce holds after berating both countries

US President Donald Trump said Tuesday that a ceasefire between Iran and Israel was holding, shortly after he lashed out at both countries and cursed as he accused them of violating the truce. In a fast-moving series of declarations, the 79-year-old Republican, who was on his way to attend a NATO summit in The Hague, posted on his Truth So-

cial app that "the Ceasefire is in effect!"

"ISRAEL is not going to attack Iran. All planes will turn around and head home, while doing a friendly 'Plane Wave' to Iran. Nobody will be hurt," Trump wrote. Minutes earlier, he had castigated Iran and also close US ally Israel for violating a ceasefire he had originally announced late

Monday. The two countries have been "fighting so long and so hard that they don't know what the fuck they're doing, do you understand that?" the president told reporters at the White House. Iran violated the ceasefire, "but Israel violated it too," Trump told reporters on the White House's South Lawn as he departed for the NATO summit. — AFP



A man carrying a dog on his shoulder walks with a woman on debris in an area which was hit by an Iranian missile in Beersheba in southern Israel on 24 June 2025. PHOTO: AFP