

Repairs underway on earthquake-damaged ministry buildings

Advice from geotechnical and construction experts must be sought to ensure that buildings are designed and constructed with earthquake resilience, thereby enhancing their long-term structural endurance and safety.



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing is pictured during his inspection tours at the seismically impaired structures of the Union Supreme Court and the Ministry of Labour in Nay Pyi Taw.

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, Union ministers, the chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council and officials, yesterday afternoon inspected buildings of the Supreme Court of the Union and the Ministry of Labour damaged by the Mandalay earthquake.

The Senior General observed progress in the clearing of debris at the building of the Supreme Court of the

Union, the removal of dangerous debris, damage to buildings, and the function of office work at the prefabricated offices in front of the office buildings and gave necessary guidance to officials.

He also inspected the functionality of office work being carried out at prefabricated offices of the Ministry of Labour without interruption of office work and relevant office rooms and provided guidance.

While walking along the circular road to the building of the Ministry of

Labour, the Senior General inspected the loss and damage to the structures. The Union Minister for Construction reported on plans to repair the office building in phases under the examination of construction experts, systematically dissolving the dangerous buildings, and systematically constructing the retaining wall in the western part of the office.

In his response to the reports, the Senior General gave guidance, saying that the office buildings of the Supreme Court of the Union and the Ministry

of Labour are included in the heavily damaged list due to the impacts of the Mandalay earthquake. He stressed the need to seek advice from earth and construction experts to construct buildings with earthquake resilience for long-term endurance, conduct soil tests and systematically build infrastructures with accurate calculations. He also urged them to swiftly carry out initial works and strive to complete the construction of office buildings within a set period.

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Preserving Myanmar's Cultural Heritage: A Legacy of Art and Prestige

It is essential for everyone to cherish and preserve Myanmar's authentic traditional culture and arts, which have flourished magnificently for thousands of years. By collaborating with artistic talents, we can ensure that our national prestige and integrity continue to thrive for generations to come.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the ceremony to award winners in the 25th Anniversary (Silver Jubilee) Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition on 23 October 2024)

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council

Third Amendment to Civil Service Personnel Law (State Administration Council Law 39/2025)

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27 May 2025

THE State Administration Council enacted this law under Section 419 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

- This law shall be called the Third Amendment to the Civil Service Personnel Law.
- Sub-section (h) of Section 10 of the Civil Service Personnel Law shall be substituted as follows: -
“(h) attending advanced courses for the position of Head of Service Organization conducted by ministries and organizations in addition to the courses set for relevant ranks by the Union Civil Service Board”
Explanation: The advanced course for the position of Head of Service Organization means the courses recognized by the Union Government for these ranks and duties.
- Section 29 of the Civil Service Personnel Law shall be substituted as follows: -
“Section 29: Except for special issues, in promoting ranks of the service personnel –
(a) They must have attended the courses set for relevant ranks.
(b) They must have attended the advanced course conducted by ministries and organizations for the positions and duties of the Head of Service Organization.
Explanation: The special issues mean reviews and decisions to promote the rank of the service personnel by ministries and organizations, depending on the work performance and efficiency of those service personnel.
- The expression “Central Institutes of Civil Services” mentioned in Section 35 of the Civil Service Personnel Law shall be substituted with “State Service Academies”.
I signed this law under Section 419 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Sd/Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Chairman
State Administration Council

Myanmar Gazette

Heads of Service Organizations transferred and appointed

THE State Administration Council has transferred and appointed the following persons as Heads of Service Organizations, shown against each of their names from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(1) Dr Yi Yi Oo Rector Kyaukse University Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education	Rector Sittway University Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education
(2) Dr Lei Lei Wai Rector Bhamo University Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education	Rector Kyaukse University Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 4 pm Tuesday 27 May 2025)

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the low-pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal (Off Odisha coast) still persists. It is likely to move slowly northwards and may further intensify. Monsoon is vigorous over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF 28 May 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in northern Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Mon, and Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, southern Shan States. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Frequently squalls with rough to vigorous seas will be experience off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35-40 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 10-14 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of isolated heavy rain or thundershowers in Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, and Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 28 May 2025: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

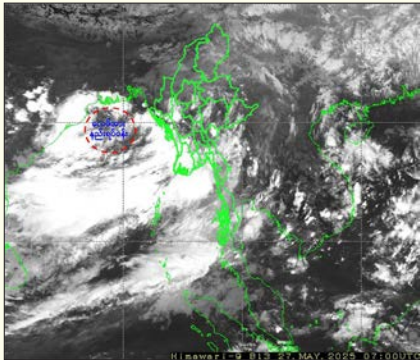
FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 28 May 2025: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 28 May 2025: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 2 pm MST on 27 May 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 1:30 pm MST today, a low-pressure area has formed over Northwest Bay of Bengal(off Odisha coasts). It is likely to move slowly northwards and further intensify. — 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)

IDC discusses industrial development measures

STATE Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo addressed the second coordination meeting of the Industrial Development Commission (IDC) yesterday.

At the meeting, the Deputy Prime Minister, who is also the Commission Chairman, discussed the sustainable development of local industrial enterprises and systematic establishment of new industrial projects, cooperation between state-owned and privately-owned factories and workshops to ensure the quality industrial products, One Stop Service (OSS) programmes, formation of focal departments or work groups to support the industrial development of the



SAC Member Deputy Prime Minister MoTC Union Minister General Mya Tun Oo presides over the second coordination meeting of the Industrial Development Commission yesterday.

country and sending of KPI and Target assessment to the Monitoring and Evaluation department.

He also added that construction materials, such as cement and steel, are now in high demand in rehabilitation

processes, so it is necessary to support the full-capacity operation of the existing factories and work hard to increase the

number of new factories. Efforts are being made to produce import-substitute products using domestic raw materials and to import the semi-products for finished product production locally. Such doing will reduce the foreign currency expenditure and create more job opportunities. He then called on the attendees to discuss the KPI, targets, objectives, and strategies to be implemented by respective ministries.

Meeting attendees discussed the activities of the commission, order lists submitted to the commission, the need for construction materials and other industrial development measures.

General Mya Tun Oo provided proper instructions and concluded the meeting. — MNA/KTZH

DPM MoFA Union Minister receives UNFPA Representative to Myanmar

U Than Swe, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, received Mr Jaime Nadal Roig, Representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

They exchanged views on matters about the activities of UNFPA in Myanmar and the provision of reproductive health kits to women and girls from the earthquake-affected areas.

Also, present at the meeting were senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA



UNFPA Representative Mr Jaime Nadal Roig calls on Deputy Prime Minister MoFA Union Minister U Than Swe yesterday.

More updates coming on local and international earthquake relief donations

AS of 27 May, the powerful earthquake that struck Myanmar on 28 March has resulted in 3,739 deaths, 5,104 injuries, and 68 people reported missing across six regions and states that were most severely affected.

Members of the Myanmar Fire Services Department, along with local and international search and rescue teams, have been carrying out operations in the affected areas without delay. These efforts have led to the rescue of 653 survivors who had been trapped inside buildings and the recovery of 816 bodies.

Donations of cash and relief supplies from both domestic and international donors continue to be provided to those affected, with further updates on these contributions to be released in due course. — MNA/MKKS

NATIONAL

Announcement for well-wishers to donate cash to severe earthquake victims

TO support those affected by the Mandalay earthquake that struck on 28 March and to facilitate rehabilitation efforts, a second donation ceremony will be held in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory on Thursday, 29 May.

Those wishing to donate are encouraged to contact the following officials from the Department of Disaster Management under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief, and Resettlement at their earliest convenience:

(1) Daw Lei Lei Aye
Director-General
09 2021491

(2) U Nyi Nyi Naing
Deputy Director-General
09-5052352

(3) Daw Phyu Phyu Win
Director
Phone number 09 43054844
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Public Notice


THE Anti-Corruption Commission has established corruption prevention units within ministries to curb corruption effectively.

The ACC used SMS on mobile phones to ask the public who sought services at an office of the department of the relevant ministries via short code No “1111” for feedback, including the public feedback programme (PFP).

According to the PFP, the proper replies of the citizens via short code No “1111” will provide the quality of services of each department and the requirements for corruption prevention to be fixed.

Therefore, the public should reply to the questions of the ACC and corruption prevention units of the ministries via

Answer “1111” to fight against corruption



Answer “1111” to improve services

SMS at short code “1111”. Such doing is a supportive measure for PFP, and the people are urged to cooperate in the operations.

Anti-Corruption Commission

DMC Vice-Chairs meet UN Myanmar Humanitarian Coordinator



Union Ministers Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung and Dr Soe Win receive the outgoing UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator and UNICEF Representative to Myanmar yesterday.

UNION Minister for Home Affairs and First Vice-Chair of the National Disaster Management Committee Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, and Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Second Vice-Chair Dr Soe Win met Mr Marcoluigi Corsi, outgoing UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator and UNICEF

Representative to Myanmar, at the Disaster Management Centre guest hall yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, both sides discussed humanitarian assistance provided by the United Nations and the international community to those affected by earthquakes, the experiences and duties carried

out by Mr Corsi during his tenure and the way forward for continued cooperation between Myanmar and the United Nations.

The director-general and relevant officials from the Department of Social Welfare were also present at the meeting. — MNA/KZL

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Humanitarian aid, medical supplies delivered to quake survivors

DUE to the Mandalay earthquake that struck on 28 March 2025, damage was reported in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Sagaing Region, Mandalay Region, Magway Region, Shan State, and Bago Region. Domestic and international donors and philanthropists have provided humanitarian assistance, including essential supplies and medicines, and an official announcement regarding these support activities from 13 to 19 May was released on 21 May.

From 20 to 27 May, out of the tents, generators, foodstuffs, commodities, electronic devices, medicines and medical supplies donated by donors from Thailand, Sri Lanka and China, the medicines and medical supplies were distributed to the Ministry of Health, while the foodstuffs, commodities and kitchen utensils to Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing Region, Mandalay Region and Shan State depending on the



A documentary photo of aid arrival from Sri Lanka.



The distribution of relief supplies in progress in Sagaing Region.

population.

On 23 March, 11,930.505 tonnes of diesel and 2,940.055 tonnes of petrol donated by China arrived at the Thilawa Port, and the Ministry of Energy stored 29,930.505 tonnes of diesel and 19,940.055 tonnes of petrol and used them in rehabilitation and reconstruction processes.

A total of 225 tonnes of ce-

ment (4,500 bags) donated by India arrived at Thilawa Port on 25 May. The Indian Ambassador handed over the donation to the Yangon Region chief minister, and they will be transported to the quake-affected areas.

Out of 500 prefabricated offices donated by China, 340 arrived on 2 May, while 160 arrived on 24 May at Thilawa Port

in Yangon, and are now being used as temporary offices in quake-stricken areas.

Out of 4,500 prefabricated houses donated by China, 1,576 houses arrived on 9 May while 1804 on 13 May and 1,120 on 24 May at Thilawa Port, and the houses are being used in quake-hit areas.

To date, 61 vehicles loaded

with relief materials have been distributed to Mandalay Region, while 32 to Sagaing Region and 11 to Shan State (South).

The inventory of distribution of donated items by international donors from 20 to 27 May is mentioned in the separate spreadsheets. The distribution processes will be released once a week. — MNA/KTZH

ACC, Russian Prosecutor-General's Office hold videoconference



The Anti-Corruption Commission and Prosecutor-General's Office of the Russian Federation meet online yesterday.

THE Anti-Corruption Commission and Prosecutor-General's Office of the Russian Federation organized the "Experts Meeting on Preventing Corruption: Addressing Conflict of Interests, Financial Disclosure, Legal Review, and Risk Assessment" online yesterday.

Permanent Secretary U Htein Lin of the Anti-Corruption Commission Office expressed willingness to cooperate effectively in promoting capacity-building measures and combatting corruption.

Deputy Head Yusuf Aslan Shikhzdayevich of the Russian Department of Supervision over Compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws served as the moderator during the meeting, and Senior Prosecutor, Venetskiy Mikhail Mikhailovich discussed under

the topic "Review of Government Officials' Expenditures with Income and the Role of Prosecutors in Exercising their Powers", Senior Prosecutor Ilyin Aleksandr Andreyevich under the topic "Prosecutorial Supervisory Practices in the Implementation of Anti-Corruption Laws in Preventing and Resolving Conflicts of Interest", Senior Prosecutor Tarasova Diana Mikhailovna "Practices of Identifying Corruption Risks in Existing Laws and Drafts", Director Daw Khin Phyu Pwint of the Anti-Corruption Commission Office "Enactment of the Anti-Corruption Law and Amendment", Director U Lin Wai Aung "Disclosure of Income and Possession", and Director Daw Nan Yadana Tun "Risk Assessment on Anti-Corruption". — MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL

YGH readies to manage over 100 emergency casualties simultaneously

YANGON General Hospital has made comprehensive preparations to treat over 100 patients simultaneously in the event of natural disasters or large-scale casualty incidents, according to Dr Aung Lin Aye, the hospital’s medical superintendent.

In line with the Ministry of Health’s guidance and the directives of the Department of Medical Services, the hospital has developed a Mass Casualty Management Plan (2025). This plan aims to ensure that emergency healthcare services are delivered in an organized and efficient manner during crises.

“Our goal is to enable Yangon General Hospital to respond quickly and effectively to save lives during natural disasters or other mass casualty events while maintaining uninterrupted care for other patients,” said Dr Aung Lin Aye.



A general view of the treatment ward at the Yangon General Hospital.

The hospital has established specific criteria for classifying emergencies. If ten or more injured patients arrive at the same time, the situation will be declared an emergency. When the

number of casualties reaches 30, the Emergency Department will lead the response. If the num-

ber rises to between 30 and 100 patients, the entire hospital will be mobilized. Should the figure exceed 100, coordination with other hospitals will be activated.

In such emergencies, a Command-and-Control Centre will be set up immediately to oversee operations. Under its supervision, six task teams and six support teams will be systematically organized to manage the situation effectively.

The task teams will comprise groups responsible for hospital security, medical treatment, emergency logistics, interdepartmental coordination, media communication, and social engagement. The support teams will include specialists from the Radiology Department, Pathology Department, Forensic Medicine, Blood Donation Bank, Blood Distribution, and the Medical Store. — ASH/KNN

Rising stars to headline live music show

SINGERS Nay Min Eain and Lainmawthee will perform in a live music show titled A Night to Remember at Judson Entertainment Bar in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Region, according to Nay Min Eain.

“This show will be an unforgettable night blending mellow tunes for those who enjoy slow songs and powerful rock numbers for those who want to feel the energy. So we invite everyone to come and enjoy the night with us,” said Nay Min Eain.

The concert is scheduled to take place on 31 May, starting at 6 pm. The Judson Band will provide live instrumental support for both singers throughout the evening, ensuring a high-quality musical experience. — ASH/KZL

‘Love Is at Fault’ to premiere on Mahar app in early June



This image portrays the poster for the movie.

THE drama series ‘Love Is at Fault’ is set to premiere in early June on the Mahar Application as an original production, according to lead actress Moe Hay Ko.

The storyline and script were written by Nyi Aung Nyi and Thuta, with the shooting script developed by Nyalettaw. The series is directed by Academy Ko Zaw (Ayon Oo) and produced by BoBo Film Entertainment.

“This drama blends a family saga with a love triangle,” said Moe Hay Ko. “It explores the emotional turmoil of children caught between self-centred parents. The two sisters, Kahlyar and Maya, grow distant from their mother due to their father’s overwhelming pride. Once a source of warmth and support to each other, their bond is tested when they both become involved with a man who plays with love rather than values it. Will they remain as close as they once were, or will their relationship fall apart? And what challenges await the three of them next? You’ll soon find out in the upcoming series.”

The cast features Academy Myint Myat, along with Charlie, Kyaw Htet, Moe Hay Ko, Saung Wutyi May, Khun Nay Kyi Cho, Nay Sun, Min Thu, Phone Hlyan, Zin Myo, Hla Myo Thin Zar Nwe, Moh Khan, Han Lay, Eaint Kya Phyu, and many others. — ASH/MKKS

Theatrical groups urged to apply for permits this season

THE Myanmar Theatrical Association has announced that it is accepting applications for theatrical establishment permits for the 2025–2026 season.

The 2025–2026 theatrical season is scheduled to run from June 2025 to June 2026. Entertainment groups performing across the country during this season must obtain theatrical establishment permits to apply for event permits.

“During the festival season, dance groups performing on stages and in public spaces can apply for theatrical establishment permits. A valid theatrical establishment permit is required for the township, district, state

and regional theatrical organizations and other relevant authorities to approve events. This permit is crucial for theatrical groups to secure the necessary permissions. We will issue theatrical establishment permits until the end of October. Without this permit, events cannot be held,” said U Ne Win, secretary of the association.

The following entertainment categories are eligible to receive event orders: drama and theatrical groups, Ferris wheels, circuses, magicians, event organizers, elephant dance performances, puppet shows, music groups, spirit medium performances, and comedians. — ASH/TH



This photo captures a Myanmar theatrical performance on stage.

Steel-reinforced concrete bridge under construction over Namkatin Creek

CONSTRUCTION is underway on a steel-reinforced concrete bridge across Namkatin Creek, located on the road linking Bamauk Township in Katha District and Homalin Township in Hkamti District, Sagaing Region.

According to the Bridge Construction Committee, the foundation was laid on 5 November 2024, and work commenced on 15 November. The bridge is funded through donations from local gold mine operators, traders and travellers from both Bamauk and Homalin townships. The project is led by Sayadaw U Meghinda of Meghindarama Monastery in Namtaw Village and Chairman of the Homalin Township Shan Literature and Culture Committee.



The structure will span 180 feet in length and 35 feet in width, with a clearance height of 20 feet. It includes two abutments and two midstream piers and is de-

signed to support pedestrian, motorcycle and vehicular traffic, including trucks with up to 20-tonne capacity. Due to annual flooding dur-



Images showcase workers laying foundations at the construction site.

ing the rainy season, Namkatin Creek had long been a major transportation obstacle between the two townships. The absence of a bridge forced both people and goods to rely on boats and rafts, causing delays and logistical challenges.

Upon completion, the bridge will enable all-season connectiv-

ity for pedestrians, motorcycles, and large trucks. It is expected to significantly ease transportation and trade between Bamauk and Homalin and improve socio-economic, education, and health-care access. Moreover, it will allow travellers from Homalin to reach Mandalay more directly. — Hline Bwa (Bamauk)/KZL

Yangon-Mawlamyine-Yangon train service resumes after derailment



MR staff pulled up the derailed carriage and conducted repair work from 25 May to date and the railway section was reopened after the trial yesterday.

TRAIN No 687 Down train, derailed between Theinseik and Donwun stations in Thaton Township, Mon State, following a mine explosion triggered by terrorists. The railway section was temporarily suspended starting from 25 May, and Yangon-Mawlamyine-Yangon passenger trains No 81 Up and No 82 Down suspended their operations.

Regional officials and security forces members proceeded to the site promptly for inspection, and MR staff pulled up the derailed carriage and conducted repair work from 25 May to date and the railway section

was reopened after the trial yesterday.

The cargo trains and gravel trains started running on the Bago-Mawlamyine section yesterday, and the passenger trains No 81 Down and No 82 Up trains will resume operations on 28 May as usual.

The Myanma Railways offer train services for Yangon-Mandalay, Yangon-Pyay, Yangon-Mawlamyine, Yangon City, Patheingyi-Hinthada-Kyangin, Pyinmana-Taunggyi, Yangon-Pyay-Bagan, Myittha-Moekung and Letpadan-Tharawaw sections. — MNA/KTZH

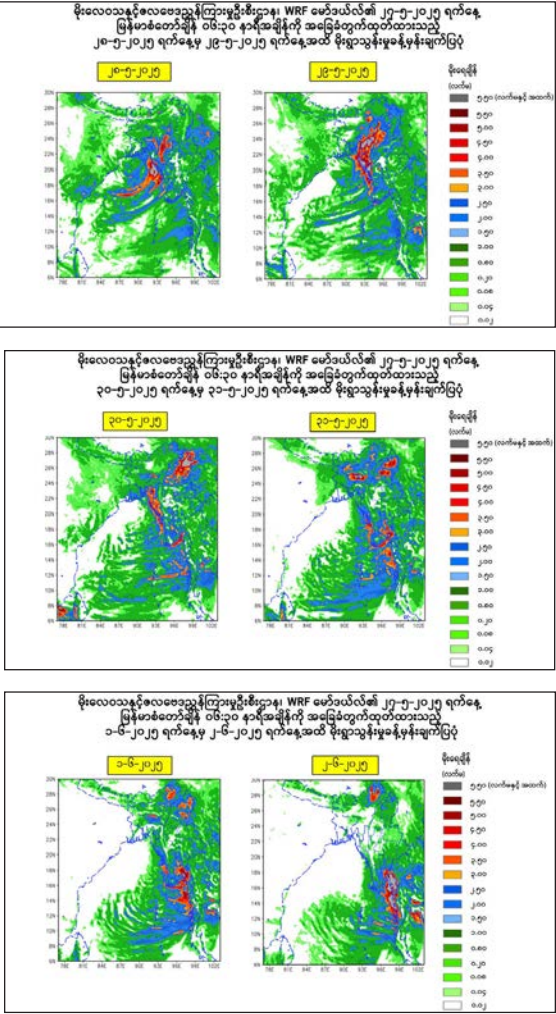
Special Weather News

Issued at 6 pm MST on 27 May 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 4:30 pm MST today, due to the low-pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal (off Odisha coasts), monsoon is strong to vigorous and development of the convective clouds, rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, and Shan States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls during today evening to 2 June 2025. Frequently squalls with rough to vigorous seas will be experience off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35-40 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 10 - 14 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

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



Initiate inclusive and accessible education for future generations

LACK of access to education for school-age children is a major challenge in today’s world. Children who miss the opportunity to pursue education may face a lower quality of life, difficulties in finding jobs or starting businesses, a higher risk of making poor life choices, and various other social problems.

According to a press release issued by UNESCO, children in conflict areas around the world are missing out on vital learning opportunities. Those outside formal education systems often become targets for armed groups and recruitment. Globally, a total of 244 million children and teenagers are not enrolled in school or are unable to complete their education. Furthermore, UNESCO reports

that 617 million adults remain illiterate. Internal conflicts, armed violence, and severe natural disasters are among the primary root causes of these educational gaps.

The 2019 interim census of Myanmar reported that the majority of students drop out of school after completing primary education. As a result, the number of students begins to decline from around age 12. By the time students complete middle school at age 14, the number drops significantly.

Among the many root causes, students miss learning opportunities due to financial hardship, poor health conditions, injuries, disabilities, the need to support their families financially, long distances between home and school, and difficulty keeping up with lessons.

According to the 2019 interim census, 8.1 per cent of the total population in Myanmar had never attended school. Among the 25.169 million people aged over 25, more than 900,000 had no formal education, accounting for 3.8 per cent. There were 12.83 million people with pre-primary and primary education (49.47 per cent), 5.46 million with middle school education (21.72 per cent), 3.34 million who had completed high school (13.3 per cent), and 2.68 million university graduates (11.47 per cent).

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In fact, education is a fundamental need for individuals to navigate life successfully. Inclusive and accessible education is the strongest foundation for the sustainable development of society. People with higher levels of education tend to possess experience, knowledge, rational thinking, foresight, and wisdom—all of which are directly linked to the economic development of their families. As such, everybody needs to consider that education is the most powerful arm to reform the world and education can empower individuals, promote social progress, and foster positive change by equipping people with the skills, knowledge, and understanding they need to make informed decisions and contribute to a better society, according to Nelson Mandela.

Radical Lunatics

By Kyaw Myint Htoon (Paris)



NOWADAYS, “Radical Lunatics” is an expression often heard of in the political arena, especially in American politics!

Myanmar knows about radical lunatics very well! They have been interfering in Myanmar’s internal affairs for decades!

There is an original colonial lunatic, who has never gotten over the fact that the sun set on the empire long, long ago! They tried to disintegrate the country before they left, but failed! (People should not forget the map of India was not the same 80 years ago! Who could have done that??)

Give them credit for perseverance. They have continued to try to break apart Myanmar for more than 8 decades! Myanmar’s immediate neighbours, regional friends and the international community should be aware that the disintegration of Myanmar is not in the interest of anyone, except THEM!!!! Divide and conquer!!!

There are also radical lunatics in the Ivory Towers in New York and Geneva!

Once they taste upper-class travel and luxury accommodation, it’s hard to let go. That red passport is addictive! They can pass through designated immigration lines! These radical lunatics even adopted SAC as

their acronym! Look at their website, it’s all “former” this, “former” that! None Is “current”! These are all “has been”! Who gives them the mandate? It must be boring sitting at home in retirement sipping green tea. Fine wine in Geneva is hard to let go! They need to feel righteous! These are the people who walk down the street in London, Paris, Geneva or New York, no one knows who they are, go to corner deli on their own, but in poor countries in the global south, they get multiple security details, drivers, maids!!! These “perks” are difficult to let go. That’s why these people can’t fade away. They hang around for potential next appointment. Just keep the name afloat! It’s all about themselves! They and their big Uncles and Aunts ran the fraudulent policies for decades under the pretence of “democracy”, bullying poor countries in the global south. But international politics have drastically shifted in the last few weeks alone.

Perhaps these SAC “has

been” live, breathe and sleep thinking about Nay Pyi Taw! Such an affection!! They have nothing else to do!

If someone really looks into each one of them, as was done to the Distinguished Prosecutor, there are skeletons in the closet for every one of them. None of them would escape the real scrutiny. These so-called investigators should be investigated.

The Distinguished Prosecutor was happily handing out arrest warrants to world leaders. Leaders who determine the sta-

bility of the world. But the cards fell apart once someone looked into his conduct. It didn’t take much at all. These are some of the sleaziest people in the world! Their Supremo in the Ivory Tower in New York remained quiet, and never called the so-called Prosecutor to step aside or resign.

Talk about Prosecutors and Judges, one of them has been indicted and sentenced for modern slavery (slavery of all things!!!), in London, for forcing a young woman to work as a domestic

servant! Not a word of condemnation from the self-righteous Supremo and his cohorts in the Ivory Tower in New York and Geneva. These are champions of pointing fingers at others, except when it comes to their own.

Then there are radical lunatics in that famous room in Geneva, where rot is dripping from the ceiling! The so-called “Rapporteur” lobs grenades from Washington DC. Only a corrupt system would appoint a person of the wrong nationality. Would Russia and China trust this person from a certain country? No!!! They don’t think rationally, because they don’t have the desire to help solve the issues facing the country. Once his term is up, he can join that self-appointed SAC group.

How’s the Envoy doing these days!!! Creating trips to justify the meaningless job must be fun. They make trips. Issue statements. That has been their strategy for decades to justify their appointment. Not a single one of them has achieved a single thing.

These radical lunatics should be swept away together with rapidly changing global politics. They had their time, but their time is up! Au Revoir. *(The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author.)*

I Say What I See: Solidarity or Unity and Both?

@Editor

THE terms “unity” and “solidarity” are often scrutinized through the lens of lexicology. According to the Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary, “unity” refers to the state of being joined together or in agreement, while “solidarity” is defined as support for a particular group or cause, especially by people outside that group. Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines “unity” as the quality or state of being one in spirit, sentiment, or purpose, and “solidarity” as unity or agreement of feeling or action, especially among individuals with a common interest. An English-Burmese dictionary further nuances these definitions in our local context. ‘Unity’ ကို တည်းဖြတ်ခြင်း၊ ညီညွတ်ခြင်း နှင့် စည်းလုံးခြင်း လို့ အင်္ဂလိပ် မြန်မာ အဘိဓာန် တွေက အကျဉ်းချုပ်အနက်ဖွင့်ကြပါ တယ်။ ‘Solidarity’ ကို တလုံးတစည်းတည်းဖြတ်ခြင်းလို့ အဓိပ္ပါယ်ဖွင့်ပါတယ်။

Beyond the confines of dictionary definitions, however, unity and solidarity take on complex meanings in real-life interactions. As someone who has been part of collective movements, I’ve witnessed firsthand how these concepts can shape relationships and outcomes. In my experience as a trade unionist, representing the interests of seafarers required more than just unity; it demanded solidarity that acknowledged and respected individual struggles. This background has led me to ponder the distinction between unity and solidarity, and how understanding this difference can impact our social and professional interactions. In this essay, I’ll explore the nuances between these two concepts, drawing from my experiences and observations.

A pivotal experience that stands out in my mind as a trade unionist was the rescue of the abandoned passenger ship, Millennium Queen, docked in a Thai port. The ship, a floating casino and cruise liner, had a diverse crew comprising Chinese, Singaporeans, Malaysians, Filipinos, and Burmese nationals. Upon receiving their distress call, our union, the Seafarers Union of Burma, sprang into action, leveraging our base in Bangkok to coordinate a response. What struck me most about this effort was not just the unity of our union and its federation, but the remarkable display of solidarity among the various trade unions and affiliates that rallied to assist the stranded crew. It was this solidarity - a collective commitment to support and uplift one another in a time of need - that ultimately made our intervention successful. In this instance, solidarity went beyond mere unity, revealing the strength that comes from actively supporting and advocating for the specific needs and struggles of each individual within the group.

The experience with the Millennium Queen’s crew also underscored the significance of unity within a group. Notably, the Filipino crew members, who formed the second-largest group on board, exemplified a strong sense of unity in their advocacy for rights. They were proactive and vocal, standing together in their demands. In stark contrast, the Chinese casino workers, predominantly female, faced significant challenges but were hesitant to assert themselves due to fear or vulnerability. Their living conditions were particularly dire, with the majority even resorting to sleeping in the aisles for lack of functional air conditioning in their cabins because of the unavailability of fuel for power generation. Meanwhile, the Burmese crew members struggled with internal divisions, marked by a disconnect between officers and the rest of the crew. This disunity hindered their collective ability to advocate for their rights effectively. The Filipino crew’s unity, on the other hand, demonstrated how a cohesive group can leverage external solidarity, such as the support provided by our union, federation, and Thai-affiliated unions, to amplify their voice and fight for their rights more effectively. This experience reinforced the value of unity within a group, paired with solidarity from broader alliances, in achieving meaningful outcomes.

Rather than dwelling on the shortcomings of others, I believe we can learn valuable lessons from the unity and solidarity displayed by other nationalities. The experience with the Millennium Queen’s crew showed that even in the face of adversity, diverse groups can come together and support one another. While the Burmese crew members were initially divided, the shared struggle ultimately brought them together, highlighting the potential for unity in the face of common challenges. This phenomenon is not unique to the maritime industry; it can be observed in various contexts, including politics and social movements. By acknowledging and appreciating the strengths of others, particularly our neighbours and ASEAN counterparts, we can gain insights into fostering greater unity and solidarity within our own communities. Instead of retelling the same stories of division, we can focus on embracing the positive aspects of collective action and mutual support that bring people together. In doing so, we may discover new ways to build stronger, more resilient communities that benefit from the power of unity and solidarity.

In the end, the adage “Divided We Fall, United We Stand” takes on a profound significance in our pursuit of collective well-being. I prefer to rephrase it as “Divided We Fail, United We Win”, encapsulating the essence of our quest for a better future. As human beings, our differences are inevitable, but it is precisely these differences that can become the foundation of our strength when aligned towards a common goal. By embracing both unity and solidarity, we can forge a path forward that benefits all members of our community, particularly the National People of Myanmar. By standing together, despite our diverse backgrounds and perspectives, we can overcome challenges and achieve triumphs that would be impossible alone. Let us strive to align our differences into a collective force, harnessing the power of unity and solidarity to build a brighter future for ourselves and for generations to come.

Study finds if mindfulness can combat anxiety

IF YOU’RE worried about job, money, the status of the world, or anything else, try a moment of mindfulness.

Paying close attention to the present moment without judgement — the basic idea behind all mindfulness techniques — can help calm anxiety and improve focus, said Resh Gupta, a postdoctoral research associate with the Mindfulness Science and Practice research cluster.

“A lot of research has shown that mindfulness can reduce anxiety symptoms,” she said.

The calming power of mindfulness is well-known to people who have made the practice a part of their daily lives. Still, experts continue to investigate how it works and which types of mindfulness might be most useful for

different types of anxiety, ranging from fleeting bouts of worry to more chronic, clinical anxiety disorders. “We all experience anxiety, but it can manifest in many different ways,” Gupta said. “It’s a tough problem to pin down.” In a paper published in Neuroscience and Biobehavioural Reviews, Gupta and co-authors laid out a new approach to understanding the relationship between mindfulness and anxiety. Instead of taking a one-size-fits-all approach, they propose that different kinds of mindfulness practices might be helpful for different varieties of anxiety. The proposed framework should ultimately help us understand how to match anxiety sufferers with more precise treatments, Gupta said. Todd Braver, the William R. Stucken-

berg, Professor in Human Values and Moral Development and a professor of psychological and brain sciences, is a co-author of the paper. The other co-author is Wendy Heller, a professor of psychology at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. The work was supported in part by the Mindfulness Science and Practice cluster and the Arts & Sciences’ Incubator for Transdisciplinary Futures.

Braver said that the new paper is emblematic of the kinds of work being done by the cluster. “There is a growing recognition that these practices can be incredibly useful in enhancing psychological well-being,” Braver said.

“But we still do not fully understand the mechanisms of

action by which mindfulness can produce beneficial effects. That’s where the scientific research can be so valuable, by helping us more precisely identify why and how certain practices are effective.”

Gupta, Braver, and Heller suggest that mindfulness combats anxiety by improving a mental process called cognitive control. “Cognitive control is the ability to regulate your thoughts and your actions in a way that helps you achieve your goals,” Gupta said. “For example, if you know you have to go to the grocery store right after work, you can keep that goal in mind during the workday and turn down an offer to do something else after work.”

As Gupta explained, mindful-

ness and anxiety have opposite impacts on cognitive control. People who are more mindful generally perform better on tasks requiring cognitive control. That observation is supported by neuroimaging studies, which have shown that mindfulness meditation can effectively modulate activity in brain regions that support cognitive control.

On the other hand, anxiety can worsen cognitive control. “Worry occupies a lot of space in the brain’s working memory system,” Gupta said. “This is where your goals are stored.” This impairment in cognitive control can intensify worry symptoms, but using mindfulness to improve cognitive control can help interrupt the harmful cycle of worry.

Source: ANI

NATIONAL



Myanmar school headteachers visit China to strengthen bilateral educational cooperation

ACCORDING to the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar, a delegation of basic education school headteachers of Myanmar visited Beijing and Tianjin, China, as part of efforts to enhance cooperation in the education sector between the two countries.

The study visit, which took place from 19 to 23 May, was organized to commemorate the 75th anniversary founding of diplomatic relations between China and Myanmar and to

promote educational exchange between the two nations.

The Myanmar delegation, comprising 14 school headteachers from both government and private schools under the Ministry of Education, represented Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, Yangon Region, Mandalay Region, Shan State, Ayeyawady Region, and Kayin State. During the visit, they toured notable sites such as the Great Wall of China, the Tiananmen Square, and the Lingguang Temple. The group also visited international schools and relevant cultural and educational institutions to observe and exchange practices.

The delegation travelled from Beijing to Tianjin by high-speed train, where they explored sites including Ancient Culture Street and the Porcelain House (also known as the China House). They also visited the Sino-German Vocational and Technical College in Tianjin and participated in a series of workshops.

During the discussions, topics such as improving national education standards, teaching Chinese as a foreign language, and vocational education for developing countries were addressed. Participants also shared their teaching experiences and educational practices. — ASH/KNN

Members of the Myanmar delegation of basic education headteachers seen during their study visit to China.

Film actress donates K50M for earthquake relief, Inlay rehabilitation



A group of artistes seen donating to earthquake relief and Inlay rehabilitation efforts.

ACTRESS Saung Eaindray Tun has donated nearly K50 million for earthquake-hit areas in Mandalay Region and the rehabilitation of the Inlay area as part of her birthday charitable efforts.

She donated K25 million for the areas affected by the recent strong earthquake in Manda-

lay Region and K3.5 million — equivalent to the cost of a house — towards the rehabilitation efforts in the Inlay area through the Myat Foundation.

In commemoration of her birthday on 22 May, she also donated food to 1,000 people at the compound of the Ngahtetkyee Pagoda in Bahan Township, Yangon Region. Each person also received K5,000 in cash.


Speaking about the donations, Saung Eaindray Tun said, “For my birthday, I donated K25 million for the earthquake relief and K3.5 million through the Myat Foundation for a house to support Inlay rehabilitation. I also felt grateful to donate food and cash to 1,000 people at the Ngahtetkyee Pagoda. Including the K1 million cash donation for that event, the total amount I donated came to around K50 million”.

Several fellow artistes including Kyaw Htet Aung, Han Htoo Zan, Thutti, Ko Thagi, Pyae Phyoe, Paing Thit, Rota and Yoon Shwe Yi attended the birthday charity event and participated in the meritorious deed. — ASH/KZL

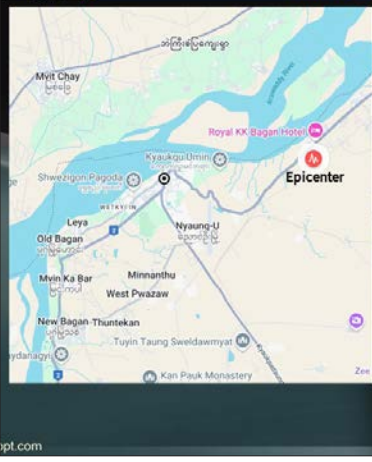
EARTHQUAKE

(Issued at 11 pm MST)

A slight earthquake of magnitude 3.8 Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about four miles east-northeast of NyaungU), latitude 21.21°N, longitude 94.98°E, depth 102 kilometres, about five miles east-northeast of NyaungU seismological observatory was recorded at 22 hours 42 minutes 29 seconds MST on 27 May 2025.



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Earthquake Information	
Date	27.5.2025
Time (MST)	22:42:29
Magnitude	3.8 (Slight)
Latitude	21.21°N
Longitude	94.98 °E
Depth	102 km
Region	About (4)miles E-NE of Nyaung U.

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<https://www.moezala.gov.mm/>

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Japan Foundation to host Surasura Tadoku event in late May

FOR students who are learning the Japanese language, the Surasura Tadoku reading event has been scheduled to be held at Japan Culture House, said the Japan Foundation in Yangon on 30 May.

Tadoku means reading any kind of book written in simple Japanese as a way of fun learning, unlike reading practice for exams.

Anyone from N5 to N1 can join, and a reading card will be provided for each participant. Presents will be given when three points are collected.

The event will take place from 10 am to 11:30 am on 30 May with free admission. Students learning the Japanese language can register at <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx>.

The application will be closed by noon on 28 May, and participants are limited to 30. Enquiries can be made through 01 430920 and 01 430921. — MT/ZS



A poster for the Surasura Tadoku reading event.

40+ rescuers trained in first search and rescue speedboat course



This photo displays the training sessions to drive speedboats in SAR operations in water.

MORE than 40 rescuers from all over the country are attending the Search and Rescue Speedboat Driving/Repair Course 1 organized by the Myanmar Social Rescue Organization (Mandalay Region Committee), the organization said.

The course began on 25 May and will be taught from 25 to 30 May in the Kandawgyi lake and Dohdawadi river with written and practical lessons. On

the first day of the course, Ko Aung Ko (YAMAHA) taught the rules, requirements, precautions, names of engine parts and basic lessons when driving rescue speedboats, while the chairman of organization, Ko Hlaing Min Oo, lectured about life jackets and regulations during the course.

On 26 May, the second day, Ko Aung Ko (Yamaha), taught rescue speedboats, stopping at a port (front/rear),

and basic speedboat driving lessons until each one could drive them professionally.

The course was attended not only by the trainees from the Mandalay Region Office but also by those from Yangon, Taungoo, Ywangan, Monywa, Meiktila, Wundwin and Myitkyina. The Htawara Waint Sein Premium Diamond, Gold and Jewellery Shop provided the main support for the course. — MT/ZN

3 more bodies recovered from collapsed Mandalay Sky Villa

THREE more women's bodies were found on the morning of 27 May, under the rubble of the Sky Villa condominium in Mandalay that collapsed due to the Mandalay earthquake, according to the Myanmar Fire Service Department.

MFSD is continuing to search and clear the rubble of buildings, and while they were working to clear the rubble of the Sky Villa with machinery, the three bodies were recovered from Complex B, Room J4, between 9:20 am and 9:45 am.

Similarly, MFSD handed over K15,900,000 and two smart cards found in Complex B, Room I3, to their owners through the Property Transfer Team on

26 May.

Due to the strong earthquake on 28 March, 3,732 deaths, 5,104 injuries and 75 missing were reported in the six regions and states as of 24 May. MFSD, together with both local and foreign search and rescue teams, have been conducting timely and coordinated operations and as of 24 May, 653 survivors have been rescued and 809 dead bodies recovered, according to the statement. — Htun Htun/ZN



Firefighters are seen retrieving three female bodies from the collapsed Sky Villa condominium in Mandalay on 27 May.

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BUSINESS

Soft areca nut sales surge on China demand



A worker seen sorting fresh areca nuts for sale.

CHINA has been increasingly purchasing Myanmar’s soft and moist areca nut, boosting sales, traders said.

There is a roaring trade of soft, moist areca nuts with water content across Ayeyawady Region. They are delivered to China after steaming the nuts.

Myanmar’s areca nut market was popular ten years ago. There was a bustling trade of soft areca nuts in 2016 in Patheingyi Township. The harvest starts when the nuts are sized around one inch. Traders prefer sharp-shaped nuts rather than round ones.

It is reported that they are processed to make a snack in

China. Areca nuts are chewed together with slaked lime and betel leaves. Growers eye soft area nut trading on account of high prices. They are more commercially valued than dried ones. The prices have also risen significantly this year compared with those of the previous years.

— NN/KK

MMFA to offer Risk Management Training (Batch 23) on 7 Jun

MYANMAR Microfinance Association (MMFA) will conduct Risk Management Training (Batch 23) online from 9 am to noon on 7-10 June.

The course is tailored to senior loan officers, supervisors, managers and those who are interested in exploring a career in the microfinance sector, covering Introduction to Risk Management, Approach to Risk Management, Credit Risk, Fraud, Internal Audit, Human Resource Risk, Liquidity Risk, Institutional & Social Performance Risk and Reputation Risk, with trainer U Naw Sai, Microfinance Professional Myanmar (MPM), Certified Trainer-Frankfurt School of Finance & Management and MMFA.

The fee is K80,000 for non-members. Members can enjoy a K20,000 discount. Trainees will receive a completion certificate. Those enthusiastic can enrol in the course by 1 June through <https://shorturl.at/Cqfef>. For further details, individuals can contact 09 965209010 during office hours.

— NN/KK

YSX stock trading amounts to K460M in Apr

THE grand trading value of the eight listed companies on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) hit K460 million from 189,408 shares traded in April 2025, according to YSX’s statistics.

At present, shares of eight listed companies – First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), TMH Telecom Public Co Ltd (TMH), the Ever Flow River Group Public Co Ltd (EFR), Amata Holding Public Co Ltd. (AMATA) and Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Co Ltd (MAEX) are traded in the securities market.

FPB topped the trading on

equity with over K237 million from 126,838 shares, followed by FMI with stocks worth K68.88 million from 9,910 shares, MAEX with K61.63 million from 19,767 shares, MTSH with K52.38 million from 17,518 shares, EFR with K14.686 million from 9,839 shares, AMATA with K11.5 million from 2,954 shares, MCB with K9.9 million

CBM sells over US\$288K, CNY300K, THB2.8M on 26 May

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) injected over US\$288,000, 300,000 yuan and 2.8 million baht on 26 May 2025 into the financial market.

CBM sold over 990,000 yuan and two million baht on 23 May, over 5.7 million baht on 22 May, \$120,000 and two million baht on 21 May, \$568,000 and 1.9 million baht on 20 May, \$3 million on 19 May and \$300,000 and 1.6 million baht on 16 May.

CBM pumped \$138,500 and three million baht on 15 May and over 4.3 million baht on 14 May into the financial market.

CBM announced on 13 May that it would sell \$23.67 million to fuel oil traders and 50 million baht to importers.

CBM sold over \$1.62 million on 13 May and over \$820,000 and 1.5 million baht on 12 May.

CBM also injected over 3.6 million baht on 9 May again in the financial market after over 5.3 million baht and 723,000 yuan on 8 May, and \$710,000 on 7 May into the financial market.

CBM announced on 6 May that

it would sell \$33 million and 200 million baht to those engaged in the fuel oil industry. CBM sold 397,843 yuan on that day.

CBM injected over \$42 million, over 20 million baht and 500,000 yuan in April, over \$126 million, 320 million baht and 3.6 million yuan in March, over \$88 million, 7.5 million yuan and 161 million baht in February and over \$124 million, over 13.8 million baht and over 4.8 million yuan in January.

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



An exchanger seen counting rolls of greenbacks.

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

Stocks climb awaiting next moves in Trump trade war

EUROPEAN and Asian stock markets mostly gained Tuesday as investors continued to react positively to US President Donald Trump’s pausing of an EU tariff threat. London led the way in Europe, up one per cent in midday deals, as trading resumed after Monday’s UK public holiday. The dollar gained solidly against main rivals, while Wall Street reopens later after US Memorial Day.

“US futures point to a higher open on indices, as optimism spreads after the holiday break,” said Susannah Streeter, head of money and markets at Hargreaves Lansdown. “Trump once again has pressed the pause button, this time on proposed 50 per cent tariffs on imports from the European Union, which caused nervousness at the end of last week.” Trump on Sunday delayed 50-per-cent tariffs on

the European Union until 9 July to give more time for negotiations. The president had sent markets into a tailspin Friday when he threatened to hit EU goods with the huge tariff from 1 June as talks were “going nowhere”. EU trade commissioner Maros Sefcovic said Monday following calls with top US officials that the bloc remains “fully committed” to reaching a trade agreement with the

United States. A key survey Tuesday showed that consumer sentiment in Europe’s biggest economy, Germany, inched up heading into June — but erratic US trade policy and a glum domestic economic outlook kept the gauge at low levels. The forward-looking indicator, published by pollsters GfK and the Nuremberg Institute for Market Decisions, came in at minus 19.9 points, a rise of 0.9 from the previous month. — AFP



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) at the opening bell on 23 May 2025 in New York City. **PHOTO: AFP**

ADB expands investment in food security in BIMP-EAGA to US\$40 bln through 2030

THE Asian Development Bank (ADB) announced Tuesday that it will scale up its investment in food security in the

Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines-East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) to US\$40 billion by

2030. Speaking at the 16th BIMP-EAGA Summit in Kuala Lumpur, ADB President Masato Kanda emphasized the importance of food security, coastal resilience, and regional energy integration as key drivers of sustainable growth and resilience in the subregion. “BIMP-EAGA is known as ASEAN’s food basket, but climate change is threatening its agriculture, fisheries, and marine ecosystems. Addressing these vulnerabilities is critical,” he said. — Xinhua



A woman walks past the logo of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) outside the bank’s headquarters in Manila on 15 April 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

28 April blackout may have cost Portuguese companies over 2 bln euros: survey

THE nationwide power outage that struck Portugal on 28 April may have cost companies more than two billion euros (US\$2.26 billion) in economic losses, according to a survey conducted by the Portuguese Industrial Association. According to the survey, 99 per cent of the participating companies said they were affected by the blackout, while 71 per cent of them reported failures in fulfilling client commitments, such as deliveries and services. The survey found

that 57 per cent of the companies lacked emergency power systems, such as generators or backup batteries, which revealed structural weaknesses in the national energy system. Also, 67 per cent of the companies believed they should be compensated in forms of direct compensation or reductions in energy tariffs or taxes. Spain’s national grid operator Red Eléctrica de España and Portugal’s Redes Energéticas Nacionais were identified

by most companies as the primary entities responsible for the damage caused by the major power blackout. The survey found that 49 per cent of the participating companies are considering filing formal complaints, while 42 per cent do not intend to do so. The survey, which assessed the impact of the 28 April blackout that affected the Iberian Peninsula, gathered responses from 1,710 businesses across Portugal between 2 May and 6 May. — Xinhua

US govt eyes “golden share” in US Steel amid Nippon Steel buyout

THE US government is considering acquiring a stake in United States Steel Corp that would give it veto power over major decisions amid plans by Japan’s Nippon Steel Corp to acquire the US steelmaker, sources familiar with the matter said Tuesday. Washington apparently sees getting a “golden share” in the US steelmaker, providing special rights to block certain actions by Nippon Steel such as slashing production capacity, as a way to assuage concerns over national security risks. The Japanese steelmaker has been planning on making its US counterpart a wholly owned subsidiary, but US President Donald Trump has yet to reveal the size of the stake he would approve of. The golden share scheme may limit the autonomy of Nippon Steel. — Kyodo

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Brunei sultan in
KL hospital for
‘fatigue’

BRUNEI’S Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah was admitted to the National Heart Institute in Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday due to fatigue, the Malaysian prime minister has confirmed.

The sultan is in Kuala Lumpur with other Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) leaders, who on Tuesday met with Chinese Premier Li Qiang and dignitaries from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

Asked at a news conference whether the sultan had been hospitalized, Prime Minister Anwar

Ibrahim said: “Well he’s feeling a bit tired, so he’s resting at the (National Heart Institute).” A Malaysian government source earlier told AFP the sultan “was hospitalized in between the ASEAN-GCC and ASEAN-GCC-China summit”. “The National Heart Institute is the designated hospital for VIPs during the course of this ASEAN summit and relevant meetings,” they said.

The hospital said it could not comment, but another Malaysian government source separately confirmed the news to AFP. The



Sultan of Brunei Hassanal Bolkiah (C) attends the 2nd ASEAN-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Summit after the 46th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit in Kuala Lumpur on 27 May 2025. Brunei's Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah was admitted to the National Heart Institute in Kuala Lumpur on 27 May 2025 due to fatigue, Malaysian government sources confirmed to AFP. **PHOTO: AFP**

78-year-old sultan touched down in Kuala Lumpur on Sunday, according to footage from Malaysia's national news agency. He was the last leader to arrive at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC) on Monday morning for the 46th ASEAN summit, but appeared in good spirits, smiling and stopping for a prolonged chat before heading into the venue with Anwar. — AFP

Japan calls on colleges to accept
students in US after Harvard ban



Education minister Toshiko Abe holds a press conference in Tokyo on 27 May 2025. **PHOTO: KYODO**

THE Japanese government on Tuesday called on domestic universities to consider temporarily accepting students enrolled at US schools after Washington's move to bar foreign students from Harvard University.

The move to support Japanese and other foreign students studying in the United States

came after the University of Tokyo said the previous day it is considering accepting international students from Harvard if they are affected by the US policy.

The Japan Student Services Organization plans to release each university's stance on providing the support, the education ministry said.

“We’d like to work with related institutions and make utmost efforts to guarantee education for young people with ambition and talent,” education minister Toshiko Abe said at a press conference.

US President Donald Trump’s administration on Thursday moved to end Harvard’s ability to accept foreign students and force current students to transfer or lose their legal status by deciding to revoke certification for the university’s Student and Exchange Visitor Program.

But international students are expected to remain enrolled at the university under a temporary injunction by a US federal district court while the legality of the administration’s decision is reviewed.

Currently, 110 Japanese students and 150 researchers are enrolled at Harvard, according to the education ministry.

The ministry will provide a consultation service on the Japan Student Services Organization’s website for students studying in the United States. — Kyodo

“Danger level” heat index forecast in
22 areas across Philippines

THE Philippine state weather bureau, PAGASA, on Tuesday warned that 22 areas across the country will experience a “dangerous level of heat index” on Wednesday.

The bureau warned that these areas are expected to see temperatures from 42 to 45 degrees Celsius, significantly increasing the risk of heat-related illnesses such as heat cramps, exhaustion, and even heat stroke with prolonged exposure.

The heat index measures how hot it feels when the relative humidity at a given location is considered. The weather bureau urges the public to limit outdoor activities, remain hydrated, and wear fresh clothes to avoid heat-related illnesses. — Xinhua

Indonesia’s Pertamina expands used
cooking oil-to-aviation fuel project to
boost sustainable energy

INDONESIA’S state-owned oil company PT Pertamina is expanding its project to process used cooking oil into sustainable aviation fuel, an environmentally friendly, low-carbon alternative energy source.

According to Pertamina’s subsidiary, PT Kilang Pertamina Internasional (KPI), the initiative, called the Used Cooking Oil to Sustainable Aviation Fuel (USAF) project, has been underway at the Cilacap refinery, Indonesia’s largest oil processing facility, in Central Java province. The project will expand to the Dumai refinery in Riau and the Balongan refinery in West Java.

“This USAF project is tangible proof of our commitment not only to maintaining national energy sustainability but also to developing a sustainable, low-carbon energy portfolio. This initiative is highly relevant in promoting the use of environmentally friendly new and renewable energy,” said KPI Executive Director Taufik Adityawarman on Tuesday, as quoted by local media. He explained that the USAF project began in 2020 when the Cilacap Refinery produced Bioavtur J2.4 from palm kernel oil. A year later, the fuel was tested in a CN-235 aircraft flight, followed by a 2023 trial on a Garuda Indonesia commercial flight for the Jakarta-Solo route. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Two Myanmar fighters to appear in ONE Friday Fights 110

TWO Myanmar fighters will compete in the upcoming ONE Friday Fights 110, scheduled to take place in Bangkok, Thailand, on 30 May.

In this event, Myanmar fighters Super Yay Chan and Tun Min Aung will face off against opponents from Japan and Thailand, respectively. Super Yay Chan is set to face Japanese fighter Muga, while Tun Min Aung will go up against Thai fighter Chapat.

Super Yay Chan has fought three matches under ONE Championship, securing one win and suffering two losses. Likewise, Tun Min Aung has also recorded one victory and two defeats in his three previous ONE appearances. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL



Myanmar MMA fighter Tun Min Aung. PHOTO: ONE CHAMPIONSHIP.



Yangon holds AFC Grassroots Football Day event

Children joyfully participate in the AFC Grassroots Football Day 2025 event. PHOTO: MFF

THE AFC Grassroots Football Day 2025 ceremony was held on the morning of 27 May at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon.

The event saw Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) Vice-President U Htaik Khun Naung Myint Wai, executive committee members, General Secretary U Htun Htun Aung, MFF officials, football coaches and students from various basic education schools.

MFF General Secretary U Htun Htun Aung delivered the opening address, followed by officials symbolically launching the event by kicking footballs on the field.

After the opening ceremony, football coaches provided basic football training sessions to the students from participating schools as part of the grassroots development programme. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Ronaldo says Al-Nassr chapter ‘over’

QUESTIONS swirled over Cristiano Ronaldo’s future in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday, hours after the superstar indicated he might be leaving Al Nassr in a social media post, just hours following the end of the Saudi Pro League season.

The 40-year-old Portuguese forward joined Al Nassr in 2022 from Manchester United and his contract with the Saudi club ends this summer.

A special transfer window runs from 1-10 June to allow the 32 clubs involved in the Club World Cup to sign players.

Al-Nassr are not at the Club World Cup unlike fellow Saudi side Al Hilal.

FIFA president Gianni Infantino last week said “there are discussions” over the former United, Real Madrid, Juventus and Sporting Lisbon star playing at the enlarged tournament in the United States starting on 14 June.

“This chapter is over,” Ronaldo cryptically said on social media with a photo of him in an Al Nassr shirt.

“The story? Still being written. Grateful to all”. — AFP

Nassr’s Portuguese forward (7) Cristiano Ronaldo runs with the ball during the Saudi Pro League football match between Al-Nassr and Al-Riyadh at Al-Awwal Park in Riyadh on 12 April 2025. PHOTO: AFP



Ancelotti unveiled as Brazil manager, eyes World Cup glory

CARLO Ancelotti said Monday that his sole aim as Brazil’s new head coach is to lead the team to its sixth World Cup title, ending a 24-year wait to return to football’s summit.

Ancelotti was officially unveiled at a news conference in Rio de Janeiro, two days after ending his tenure at Real Madrid, where he won 15 trophies across two spells.

“It’s an honour to be manager of the best national team in the world,” the 65-year-old said. “I don’t have any doubt about what is expected of me. The goal is to win the World Cup next year, to help Brazil get back to the top. I’m excited about the opportunity”.

Ancelotti was appointed earlier this month to replace Dorival Junior, who was dismissed after Brazil’s 4-1 World Cup qualifying defeat to Argentina in Buenos Aires.

The Italian said he was drawn to the job by Brazil’s footballing tradition and a longstanding affinity with the country.

“My connection with Brazil started in the 80s, playing with Falcao and [Toninho] Cerezo [at Roma],” he said. “And since then I’ve coached a lot of players from Brazil. They have always known when they need to be serious and when they can have fun”.



Carlo Ancelotti (L), head coach of Brazil’s national football team, receives a Brazil national team jersey with his name from Samir Xaud, president of the Brazilian Football Confederation, during a press conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 26 May 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

He added: “I’ve been to a lot of places but Rio had been missing. Finally I’m here and I feel at home”.

Ancelotti’s immediate focus will be Brazil’s upcoming World Cup qualifiers - away to Ecuador on 5 June and at home against Paraguay five days later.

Brazil sits fourth in the 10-team South American qualifying standings with four matches remaining. The top six teams will qualify automatically for the 2026 World Cup in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The seventh-place finisher will enter an intercontinental playoff. — Xinhua



WORLD

Sudan cholera outbreak kills 172 in one week

SUDAN'S health ministry reported on Tuesday a spike in cholera cases in the war-torn country, with 2,700 infections and 172 deaths in one week.

In a statement, the ministry said 90 per cent of cases were reported in Khartoum state, where water and electricity supply have been severely disrupted in recent weeks by drone strikes blamed on the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), at war with the army since April 2023.

Cases were also reported in the south, centre and north of the country.

Cholera is endemic to Sudan, but outbreaks have become far worse and more frequent since the war broke out, wrecking already fragile water and sanitation and health infrastructure.

Last Tuesday, the ministry said 51 people had died of cholera out of more than 2,300 reported cases over the past three weeks, 90 per cent of them in Khartoum state.

The RSF this month launched drone strikes across Khartoum, including on three power stations, before being completely pushed out of their last holdout positions in the capital last week. — AFP



Workers cast off the ropes for a ship bound for ASEAN countries at a container dock of Qingdao Port in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, 30 April 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

Upgraded China-ASEAN trade pact doubles down on inclusive, sustainable growth

IN A significant stride toward regional economic integration, China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries have completed negotiations on an upgraded free trade agreement, doubling down on their efforts to promote inclusive and sustainable growth.

The Version 3.0 China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (CAFTA) came at a critical moment, sending a clear and strong sig-

nal in support of free trade and open cooperation amid growing protectionism and trade fragmentation, analysts told Xinhua on the sidelines of the ongoing 2025 ASEAN Summit and related summits.

The deal, a pivotal enabler for ASEAN and China's sustained growth and competitiveness, marks a shift "from traditional goods to the future economy," said Tan Kar Hing, deputy chairman of Malaysia's Centre of Regional Strategic

Studies.

Beyond tariff cuts and smoother trade, the upgraded agreement incorporates nine new chapters covering such strategic areas as digital economy, green economy, supply chain resilience, small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) support and customs cooperation, reflecting "broader coverage and greater specificity", the Malaysian expert said. — Xinhua



This picture taken from a position in southern Israel, on the border with the Gaza Strip, shows an Israeli vehicle on patrol on 27 May 2025. PHOTO: AFP

EU chief slams Israel's 'abhorrent' strikes on Gaza civilian sites

EU chief Ursula von der Leyen denounced as "abhorrent" Israel's deadly wave of strikes on civilian facilities in Gaza including a school, during a call with Jordan's King Abdullah II on Tuesday.

Rescuers said Israeli strikes killed at least 52 people in the Gaza Strip Monday, 33 in a school-turned-shelter, in a renewed offensive to destroy Hamas that has drawn international condemnation.

"The expansion of Israel's military operations in Gaza tar-

geting civilian infrastructure, among them a school that served as a shelter for displaced Palestinian families, killing civilians, including children, is abhorrent," von der Leyen said, according to an EU readout of the call.

"The European Commission has always supported -- and will continue to support -- Israel's right to security and self-defence," she said.

"But this escalation and disproportionate use of force against civilians cannot be justified under

humanitarian and international law," von der Leyen warned.

The commission chief demanded that Israel "immediately restore aid delivery in line with humanitarian principles, with the participation of the UN and other international humanitarian partners". The European Union has struggled to have an impact on the conflict due to long-standing divisions within the bloc between countries who back Israel and those considered more pro-Palestinian. — AFP