

Historic Hsipaw Haw Palace granted ancient building status

The Ministry of Hotels, Tourism and Culture has officially designated the historic Hsipaw Haw Palace in Hsipaw Township as a protected ancient building that is more than 100 years old through a notification dated 23 July 2026, according to reports.

The Haw Palace, a unique cultural heritage site in Shan State (North), was built in 1924 in a Western architectural style by Saopha-to-be Sao Ohn Kya during the reign of Saopha Sir Sao Che. The palace was once the residence of Saopha Sao Kya Seng and his family and was later preserved by his nephew, Sao Oo Kya. Now officially designated as an ancient



This photo features the historic Hsipaw Haw Palace, which has been officially designated as an ancient building more than 100 years old.

building, the Haw Palace will be preserved as a cultural museum and opened to visitors during designated opening hours.

After Buddhist monks accepted the transfer of the Haw Palace from Sao Oo Kya, the nephew of Saopha Sao Kya Seng, the site was opened as the Hsipaw Haw Buddha College on 29 June. A Buddha College will be constructed within the palace grounds, while no buildings will be permitted within a 120-foot radius of the palace to preserve its original architecture. — ASH/TH



The image shows the 1,390-MW LNG-fired power plant project at Mee Lin Gyaing in Ayeyawady Region.

Mee Lin Gyaing LNG power project in Ayeyawady Region reaches 24% completion

THE 1,390-megawatt liquefied natural gas (LNG)-fired power plant project at Mee Lin Gyaing in Ayeyawady Region is 24.4 per cent complete, according to the Ayeyawady Region government.

Unique Environment Myanmar has submitted the findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the project's power transmission lines, which include a 189-kilometre 500-kV line from Htantabin Township to the Hlinethaya main substation in Yangon Region and a 69.9-kilometre 230-kV line from Mee Lin Gyaing to the Athoke substation. The assessment covered air, soil and water quality, noise and vibration, biodiversity, socioeconomic conditions, environmental impacts, mitigation measures and environmental management plans.

The project also includes a new Mee Lin Gyaing-Yangon natural gas pipeline and is scheduled for completion in 2029. Backed by an investment of about US\$2.504 billion, the consortium comprises Yunnan Provincial Energy Investment Group, Union Resource & Engineering, Supreme Trading and Zhefu Holding Group. — ASH/KNN



Myanmar traditional marionette making course begins in Yangon

This photo features attendees at the opening ceremony of the Myanmar Traditional Marionette Making Course.

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Agricultural technical knowledge sharing to boost long-staple cotton production in ChaungU



AN agricultural technical knowledge sharing meeting on boosting long-staple cotton production was held at the Department of Agriculture in ChaungU Township on 25 July 2026.

The township management and administration committee chairperson U Aung Kyaw Oo urged efforts to meet and exceed the cultivation target for long-staple cotton. Following that, the Head of Township Agriculture Department U Tint Swe explained fertilizer application techniques, pest management methods and intercropping practices to increase cotton yields.

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Officials stage a practical demonstration on the balanced use of chemical fertilizers and organic compost. **PHOTO: WIN MYINT AUNG (IPRD)**

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Weather

Flood Warning

(Issued at 8 am MST on 26 July 2026)

ACCORDING to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is observed as about 0.5 foot below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next 12 hours.

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

Depression News No 1, 2026

Issued at 3 pm MST on 26 July 2026

Depression Condition

According to the observations at 1:30 pm MST today, the well-marked low-pressure area over the Northwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining (North Odisha-West Bengal) Coast (India) has intensified into a Depression. It is centred at about 255 nautical miles West-Northwest of Sittway (Myanmar), 100 nautical miles East-Northeast of Paradip and 70 nautical miles South-Southeast of Sagar Island, India.

It does not intend to move towards the Myanmar coasts at the present stage and therefore the Depression is coded as yellow stage.

Position of Depression, centre pressure and wind

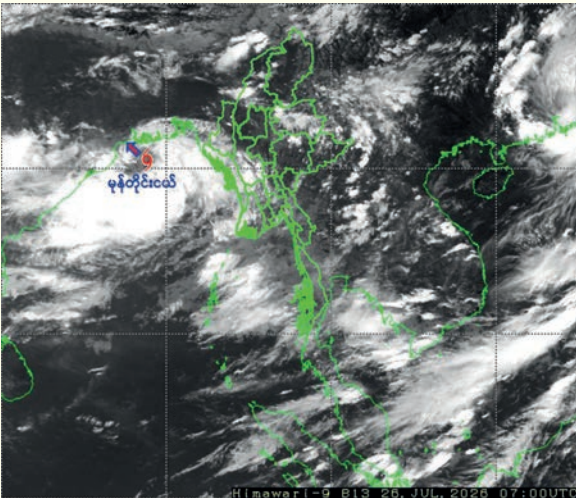
The Depression is located at Latitude 20.6 degree North and Longitude 88.4 degree East, centre pressure of Depression is 1,000 hPa and maximum wind speed near the centre is 30 miles per hour at 1:30 pm MST today.

Next 36 hours forecast

It is likely to intensify into a Deep Depression, move Northwestwards during next 24 hours and may cross North Odisha and West Bengal Coasts between Paradip and Sagar Island during next 36 hours. Squalls with rough sea are likely at times in the Deltaic, off and along the Rakhine Coasts. The surface wind speed in squall may reach 30 miles per hour. The wave height will be about 8-10 feet in the Deltaic, off and along the Rakhine 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 to make necessary preparations for inland water transport, domestic flights and irrigation dams. — DMH



Yangon water supply disruptions expected in 16 townships during Hlawga pumping station maintenance

RESIDENTS in 16 townships across Yangon may experience temporary water outages or low water pressure on the afternoon of 27 July due to scheduled maintenance at the Hlawga Reservoir pumping station, the Yangon City Development Committee's Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) announced.

The maintenance will be carried out from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm after a fault was detected in the OLTC control sys-

tem of the station's 33/6 kV, 4 MVA transformer. During the repair period, the main water pumps will be temporarily shut down.

The affected areas, which receive water from the Hlawga Reservoir, include Mingaladon, Shwepyitha, Mayangon, Hline, Hlinethaya (Industrial Zone), Insein, Kamayut, Bahan, Pabedan, Kyauktada, Lanmadaw, Latha, Tamway, Mingala Taungnyunt, Pazundaung, and Botahtaung townships.



Officials inspect facilities inside the Hlawga Water Pumping Station.

Authorities have urged residents in the affected townships to store sufficient water in advance. Those experiencing difficulties accessing water during the maintenance period are advised to contact the relevant district assistance hotlines for support. — TWA/ST

Heavy Rainfall Warning No 26

Issued at 8 am MST on 26 July 2026

ACCORDING to the observations at 6:30 am MST today, due to the strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal and the low-pressure area over West Bengal Coasts and adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal and rain or thundershowers are likely to be

fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls from today morning to 3 August 2026.

The squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. The surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30-35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-11 feet off and along

the Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

People should be aware of the strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal and the low-pressure area over West Bengal Coasts and adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal and such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, flash flood and landslide in the hilly areas and near small rivers and inland water transport and domestic flights. — DMH

Rural laterite road paved in Minhla Township

OFFICIALS of the Department of Rural Road Development oversaw the progress of paving the laterite road connecting Minhla to Uyin Village in Minhla Township on 25 July. The project is being implemented with the 2026-2027 Regional Government Capital Fund.

During the inspection, Township Engineer of the Minhla Township Department of Rural Road Development Daw Lei Lei Win, together with officials, met representatives of Ye Htut Hlaing



Officials inspect progress of paving laterite road in Minhla Township on 25 July.

Construction Company and instructed them to ensure that the project is

completed on schedule in accordance with the prescribed standards and

specifications.

The project involves widening the existing earth embankment and constructing a 16-foot-wide laterite road with a thickness of six inches along a four-furlong section of the road. The project is being implemented with a budget of K 165.27 million from the 2026-2027 Regional Government Capital Fund. The construction commenced in the first week of July 2026, and it has now 28 per cent completion. — Naw Lu (Rural)

NATIONAL

iCEEt 2026 conference focuses on Myanmar's digital future and regional collaboration

THE ICEEt 2026 conference, featuring discussions among local and international officials from the engineering, information technology, telecommunications, and business sectors on Myanmar's digital future, was held yesterday morning at the Chatrium Hotel in Yangon. U Khin Maung Htay, President of the Federation of Myanmar Engineering Societies, delivered the welcome remarks.

Next, a video address delivered by Union Minister for Industry and MSME Development Dr Charlie Than was broadcast, followed by welcoming remarks by Dr Nay Chi Lei Lei Thein, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology.

Afterward, attendees discussed the development of the Asia-Pacific engineering sector, FEIAP's vision for enhancing regional AI capacity, AI development along the Belt and Road, regional digital connectivity, and opportunities for collaboration with Myanmar.

Representatives from the Myanmar Computer Federation, the Federation of Myanmar Engineering Societies, the Entrepreneurs Association, the Myanmar Youth Entrepreneurs Association, and the Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Network subsequently held detailed discussions on their respective topics. — MNA/TH



International Conference on Engineering, Economy and Technology 2026 in progress in Yangon yesterday.

Union Minister for Labour inspects vocational training activities in Yangon



Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe observes the overseas employment guidance courses in Yangon Region yesterday.

UNION Minister for Labour U Khin Maung Soe inspected the opening of a workplace-based basic motor sewing course at the Skills Training Centre (North Dagon) in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Region, yesterday morning.

During the inspection, he instructed officials to continue offering skills training programmes regularly, ensure that the courses meet workplace

needs, and help graduates connect with employment opportunities.

He inspected overseas employment guidance courses being provided for workers planning to work in Thailand and Malaysia, as well as the issuance of Overseas Worker Identification Cards (OWICs) for workers going abroad. He gave necessary instructions regarding related operations. — MNA/KNN

Chin State rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts reviewed

DEPUTY Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Kyaw Swa Oo held discussions with members of the Chin State Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Committee at the meeting hall of the Regional Control Command Headquarters in Kalay yesterday.

During the meeting, officials reported on completed tasks and ongoing work plans related to rehabilitation and reconstruction activities. The deputy minister provided necessary



Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Kyaw Swa Oo meets members of the Chin State Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Committee in Kalay yesterday.

guidance and coordinated efforts to support the implementation of the projects.

Afterwards, the deputy minister visited staff and trainees at the Wom-

en's Domestic Vocational Training School (Kalay), delivered remarks, presented cash awards and inspected the school's dining hall and classrooms.

He met staff and students at the Border Area Ethnic Youth Development Training School (Kalay), encouraging them to strive for better training outcomes. He also presented cash awards and inspected the school's dining hall and dormitories, according to reports. —MNA/KZL

Magway Region Chief Minister oversees free medical outreach, land grant distribution and irrigation project

MAGWAY Region Chief Minister U Tin Ko Ko visited Taungdwingyi Township on 25 July to inspect a free medical outreach programme, attend a village land grant distribution ceremony, and review the completion of the Zwe sluice gate project.

At No 4 Basic Education High School (Moeh-ti), specialist doctors from the Magway General Hospital provided free medical treatment under the government's plan. The team, comprising surgeons and specialists in dentistry, dermatology,



A patient having an eyesight test at BEHS No 4 in Taungdwingyi, Magway Region, on 25 July 2026. **PHOTO: NAUNG NAUNG (BEIKTHANO LAND)**

pediatrics, orthopedics, obstetrics and gynecology, ophthalmology, and general medicine, treated 665 patients, including 113 referred cases. The chief minister met patients,

offered words of encouragement, and distributed medicines and nutritional supplies.

He later attended a ceremony where 75 residents of Natsingon Vil-

lage received village land lease certificates covering 12.75 acres under the plan.

In the afternoon, the chief minister inspected the newly completed reinforced concrete Zwe sluice gate near Thaphankon Village. Built with a K765 million Union government budget, the project is expected to improve irrigation for about 650 acres of farmland, according to the Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department. — Naung Naung (Beikthano Land)/ST

Kengtung's VDP project introduced, committee formed

A ceremony to conduct an introductory briefing on the Village Development Project (VDP) and form a project committee took place in Hwekhahawng Village, Kengtung Township, yesterday.

Kengtung Township Department of Rural Development Head U Sai Aung Kham met village elders and villagers in the village and explained the objectives, processes and expected benefits of the Village Development Project (VDP). Project staff explained the rules and regulations to be followed in selecting and forming the Village Development Committee, as well as the tasks to be carried out by the village. The villagers formed a seven-member Village Development Committee in accordance to effectively carry out village development activities.

In the village, villagers will undertake village development activities for the 2026-2027 financial year using K15 million in support funds from the Village Development Project (VDP) and contributions from residents, with technical assistance and close supervision from officials of the Department of Rural Development.— Cho Than Nyunt (Rural)

NATIONAL

Myanmar Showcases Traditional Cuisine at First-Ever National Food Competition and Expo

MYANMAR'S first-ever Traditional Food Competition and Exhibition 2026, held under the theme "Taste of the Golden Land 2026", concluded in Yangon after highlighting the country's culinary heritage and its potential to boost international tourism.

The two-day event, organized by the Ministry of Hotels, Tourism and Culture and supervised by the Myanmar Restaurant Association, took place at the Yangon Convention Centre on 25 and 26 July. It aimed to promote Myanmar's traditional cuisine on the international stage, encourage culinary tourism, and strengthen the country's food and beverage industry.

On the second day, participants showcased My-



Deputy Minister U Phyo Zaw Soe and officials visit the second-day event of Myanmar's first-ever Traditional Food Competition and Exhibition 2026 in Yangon yesterday.

anmar's traditional dishes prepared and presented to international standards. Representatives from the Myanmar Tea Association and the Myanmar Coffee Association delivered presentations on their respective sectors, while industry

experts held a panel discussion on the challenges and opportunities facing the food and beverage industry. The programme also featured cocktail-making demonstrations using locally produced Myanmar ingredients.

Deputy Minister for Hotels, Tourism and Culture U Phyo Zaw Soe, accompanied by officials from the Myanmar Restaurant Association and restaurant entrepreneurs from regions and states across the country, toured the exhibition and observed the second day's activities.

The inaugural competition attracted seven competing teams, while 120 exhibition booths displayed and sold traditional food products and related items. The event drew large crowds of visitors who came to explore, purchase and support Myanmar's traditional cuisine, reflecting strong public interest in promoting the country's culinary heritage. — MNA/ST

Myanmar traditional marionette making course begins in Yangon

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TO preserve the art of Myanmar traditional marionette making as a national cultural heritage, ensure that it is passed down to future generations, and promote the craft, the opening ceremony of the "Myanmar Traditional Marionette Making Course" was held yesterday at the State High School of Fine Arts in Bahan Township, Yangon.

The opening ceremony of the "Myanmar Traditional Marionette Making Course", jointly organized by the Ministry of Hotels, Tourism and Culture and the Myanmar Cultural Heritage Conservation



This photo shows accessories in the Myanmar Traditional Marionette Making Course.

Organization (MHCO), was attended by Union Minister for Hotels, Tourism and Culture U Maung Myint, Yangon Region Government's Rakhine Ethnic Affairs Minister U Nay Min Tun, Chair of the MHCO Daw Sanda Khin, invited guests, course sponsors, and trainees.

Union Minister U Maung Myint then delivered the opening address, followed by congratulatory remarks from Yangon Region Government's Rakhine Ethnic Affairs Minister. The Chair of the MHCO subsequently explained the objectives of the course.

Next, officials presented certificates of appreciation and honorary awards to individuals who had provided significant support for the training course, after which guests were entertained with cultural performances. Afterwards, the Union minister and accompanying officials toured the training facilities and exhibition halls, where they offered words of encouragement to the trainees. — MT/TH

Agricultural technical knowledge ...

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Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise's (MPE) fertilizers were then sold at an affordable price to cotton growers participating in India's Quality Improvement Programme (QIP). A practical demonstration than was also given on the balanced use of chemical fertilizers and organic compost.

This year's target is to cultivate nearly 4,000 acres of monsoon long-staple cotton, and over 1,700 acres had been planted as of today.— Win Myint Aung (IPRD)/KZL

Yamethin's Model Village Project introduced with formation of project committee

OFFICIALS of the Department of Rural Development conducted an introductory briefing on the Model Village Project to be implemented and formed a project committee in Thazi Village, Yamethin Township, yesterday.

At the meeting, Yamethin Township Department of Rural Development Head Daw Aye Aye Win explained the objectives, processes, guidelines for forming the project committee, and the roles to be undertaken by the village community for the Model Village Project. Following the briefing, village elders and residents



An introductory briefing on the Model Village Project is in progress in Yamethin Township yesterday.

attending the meeting selected and formed a seven-member Model Village Project Committee in accord with the wishes of the majority to effectively lead and implement village development activities.

The Model Village Project will be implemented during the 2026-2027 finan-

cial year to improve rural infrastructure, promote livelihoods, strengthen the rural economy, and establish an environmentally sustainable model village. Six key development components will be implemented through the coordinated efforts of relevant departments and residents. — Karan (Rural)

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Ayeyawady Region hosts workshop on enhancing edible oil sector

A workshop on the development of the edible oil sector was held yesterday morning at the City Hall in Pathein, with Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Aye Kyaw delivering the opening speech.

Afterwards, experts and relevant department officials held discussions on the development of the edible oil sector. The topics covered the selection and cultivation of high-yield, quality seeds and the provision of agricultural technologies; challenges in expanding the cultivation and production of oilseed crops to achieve regional edible oil sufficiency; the cultivation of oilseed crops in accordance with Good Agricultural Practices; and edible oil policies, and local edible oil prices.

Afterwards, agricultural experts, officials from the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization, local oil mill owners, oilseed farmers, and agricultural produce quality experts held group discussions on producing rice bran oil from paddy milling by-products, increasing the cultivation of oil crops, achieving target yields, and methods to reduce pesticide residue effects in oilseed crop cultivation.

The workshop focused on the acquisition and use of seeds and agricultural inputs, oilseed sales, purchasing and milling operations and market and price conditions. The workshop continues on 27 July, according to reports. — Region IPRD/TH



Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Aye Kyaw and attendees observe the displayed at the workshop on the development of the edible oil sector in Pathein, Ayeyawady Region, yesterday.

YGN AI & Digital Marketing 2026 conference held in Yangon



Participants attend the YGN AI & Digital Marketing 2026 conference in Yangon.

THE YGN AI & Digital Marketing 2026 technology and business conference, organized to mark

the sixth anniversary of DMBH Agency, was held at the UMFCCI Hall in Yangon yesterday afternoon.

Experts from various fields led discussions on topics including the future direction of artificial intelligence (AI), business strategies for the digital marketing era, AI skills required for 2027, and personal branding.

During the panel discussion, U Kyaw Zin Latt, U Lin Moe Zat, Daw Hmue Thapyay Khun Aung and U Khant Kyaw Zaw shared their insights. SME and corporate business owners, start-up founders, digital marketers and technology enthusiasts also took part, asking questions and engaging directly with the panellists. — TWA/KNN

Awareness Talk on Reducing Smoke and Air Pollution in Myothit Township

OFFICIALS of the Department of Rural Development (DRD) in Myothit Township, Magway Region, staged an awareness talk on reducing smoke and air pollution in Tatkon Village on 26 July to help create a safer and healthier living environment for rural communities.

Head of Myothit Township Department of Rural Development Daw May Thu Aung talked about the dangers of smoke and pollution, its environmental impacts, and preventive measures to reduce pollution. She also explained the importance of proper waste segregation and systematic waste disposal to prevent environmental contamination. In addition, she discussed various diseases associated with outdoor and indoor air pollution, along with preventive measures and recommended practices.

Following the presentation, DRD staff distributed informational pamphlets to the attendees to enhance public knowledge and awareness on reducing smoke and air pollution.

The awareness programme was attended by departmental officials, the village administrator, village elders, and residents of Tatkon Village. — Ah Htwe (Rural)



An official explains activities to reduce smoke and air pollution in Tatkon Village of Myothit Township on 26 July.

MRESA (Central) launches real estate and AML/CFT training courses in Yangon

FREE real estate knowledge training and Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) awareness courses were launched on 25 July at KBA Hotel in Bahan Township, Yangon.

Organized by the Myanmar Real Estate Services Association (Central), the two-day programme aims to help real estate agents better understand professional regulations, compliance requirements and industry best practices. More than 300 participants attended the opening session.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, MRESA (Central) Chair Daw Moh Moh Aung explained the

objectives of the training and highlighted the association's ongoing efforts to strengthen Myanmar's real estate sector.

The programme features lectures by Dr Thaug Kyi on The Personality of a Realtor, Dr Mya Thaug on ethics, officials from the General Administration Department and Police Major Ko Ko Lay on AML/CFT measures, and experts from the Department of Agricultural Land Management and Statistics on the 2018 Registration of Deeds Law, its rules, directives, contract law and related procedures.

MRESA (Central) has also signed memoranda of understanding with real estate associations across



Opening ceremony of the free Real Estate Knowledge Training Course and the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Awareness Course in Yangon.

ASEAN and is a member of both the International Real Estate Federation (FIABCI) and the Asia Pacific Real Estate Association. — ASH/KZL

NATIONAL

Dakkhinathiri's village concrete road projects surveyed

OFFICIALS of the Dakkhina District Department of Rural Development conducted a pre-construction field survey yesterday for paving village concrete roads in Pyinhtaung and Pauktaw villages, Dakkhinathiri Township. The projects are being implemented to improve rural transport and provide all-weather road access for local communities.

Township DRD Head Daw Lei Lei Wah and engineers conducted surveys for a 1,200-foot-long, 12-foot-wide, seven-inch-thick concrete road in Pyinhtaung Village and a 1,060-foot-long, 12-foot-

wide, seven-inch-thick concrete road in Pauktaw Village. She met local residents to explain the implementation of the projects, discuss the formation of village road committees, and emphasize the need to give priority to completing the work within the prescribed period.

The concrete road projects will be implemented by tender-winning companies using funds provided under the Union Fund for the 2026-2027 financial year, under the technical guidance and close supervision of township DRD officials. — Maung Khaing (Rural)



Officials explain measures on survey for concrete road project in Dakkhinathiri Township yesterday.

Shwe Kokko scam compound buildings completely demolished

ALL 77 illegal buildings used for online scam and gambling activities in the Shwe Kokko and KK Park areas of Myawady Township, Kayin State, have been completely demolished, according to reports.

A combined departmental team carried out the final controlled demolition of a 17-storey illegal building in the Shwe Kokko area, marking the completion of the demolition of all buildings designated for removal.

Of the 77 illegal buildings identified in the area,



Images show the update before and after the demolition of the 17-storey scam hub.

57 were demolished using heavy machinery, while 20 were destroyed through controlled explosions. The final 17-storey building was among those designated for controlled demolition.

The demolition pro-

cess began on 25 May 2026, with authorities using machinery and controlled explosions to remove buildings that had been used for online scam and illegal gambling activities.

The government stat-

ed it would continue efforts to combat online scams and illegal gambling as a national responsibility, working with domestic forces and neighbouring countries to prevent such activities from operating in Myanmar. — MNA/KZL

Community clean-up campaign launched to preserve Kayin's tourist destinations

A collective garbage collection activity was held yesterday at Kya-in Hill tourist site in Hpa-an, Kayin State, as part of a public awareness campaign to promote proper waste disposal and reduce the use of plastic products.

The activity was jointly organized by the Kayin State Environmental Management Supervision Committee, the Environmental Conservation

Department and Kya-in Hill supporters.

Kya-in Hill is one of 19 tourist destinations in Kayin State. To maintain cleanliness and preserve the beauty of tourist sites across the state, local supporters regularly cooperate with relevant departments and social organisations to conduct collective cleaning activities, particularly at weekends and on public holidays.



Locals take part in the collective garbage collection activity at Kya-in Hill tourist site in Hpa-an, Kayin State, yesterday.

The Kayin State Minister for Environmental Conservation and Natural Resources and the State Minister for Development

Affairs encouraged the ongoing cleaning activities at Kya-in Hill tourist site. — Saw Myo Min Thein (IPRD)/KZL

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Sunday 26 July 2026)

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, the Depression over the Northwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining the (North Odisha-West Bengal) Coast (India) is centred at about 270 nautical miles West-Northwest of Sittway (Myanmar), 90 nautical miles East-Northeast of Paradip and 50 nautical miles South-Southeast of Sagar Island, India. The monsoon is strong over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal. The weather is a few clouds over the South Bay of Bengal and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID NOON MORNING OF 27 July 2026: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in lower Sagaing Region and Kayah State, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayin, Mon, Rakhine and eastern Shan states. The 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, Sagaing and

Ayeyawady regions and Kachin, Kayah, Chin, Rakhine and Shan states. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hails may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: The squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. The surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30 miles per hour. The wave height will be about 8-10 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increase of rain in Bago, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 27 July 2026: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 27 July 2026: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 27 July 2026: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

NATIONAL

Sinbaungwe’s tube-well, related work inspected

OFFICIALS from the Department of Rural Development inspected the progress of tube-well sinking process and related water supply work in Innpetlet Village, Sinbaungwe Township, on 25 July. The project is being implemented to ensure year-round access to safe drinking water for rural residents.

Aunglan District Department of Rural Development Head U Win Nang and engineers looked into the construction of a 4.5-inch-diameter and 500-foot-deep tube-well, a 2,400-gallon elevated wa-



This photo shows a tube-well sinking rig at the water supply works in Sinbaungwe Township.

ter tank, the installation of a power meter and meter housing, and a 140-foot chain-link fence around the

project site in the village. He met representatives of the contractor, Myint Mo San Htar Company, and

members of the village water supply committee.

The project is implemented with K78.4 million provided under the regional government fund for the 2026-2027 financial year. The project was launched in the third week of July this year by Myint Mo San Htar Company under the technical supervision and close monitoring of township DRD officials. Upon completion, the project will provide a reliable year-round supply of safe drinking water for 120 households with a population of 509 people. — Maung Khaing (Rural)

MNMC to organize a live webinar on obstetric emergencies



MNMC’s webinar poster.

A live webinar under the theme “Decision-making on Obstetric Emergencies for Nurses and Midwives in Clinical Settings” has been planned to organize at 1 pm on 30 July via Z-waka app and Zoom platform, said the Myanmar Nurse and Midwife Council (MNMC).

The MNMC Chairperson and experienced senior nurses will share their invaluable experiences during the online seminar; “Identifying High-Risk Pregnancies in the Community: Initial Assessment, Birth Planning & Referral Decisions” by MNMC Chairperson Daw Nwe Nwe Khin; “Pre-eclampsia and Eclampsia: Severity Assessment, Nursing Management & Case-Based Clinical Decision-Making” by sister Daw Pan Ei Khine from Yangon Central Women’s Hospital; and “Case-Based Assessment and Hospital Nursing Management on Placenta Previa” by staff nurse Daw Swe Soe Mar.

Registrations can be made via the registration link of Z-waka app by scanning Zoom QR code or typing Zoom ID and passcode on the announcement poster or clicking the Zoom link.

By transferring K3,000 to KBZ Pay number 09 448 542 329 and forwarding the e-receipt to 09 420 722 496 after filling in webinar name and date, you can reward three CPD points. For any inconvenience to register in Z-waka app, people can call Z-waka phone number 09 424596300 between 9 am and 5 pm. — MT/ZS

Myanmar Embassy in Japan warns of fake notary documents

IN a statement issued on 24 July, Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo said notary documents which are being counterfeited are found among applications for the notary attestation.

Notary documents are required for study, work and doing business in Japan and the notary section under the Consular and Legal Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has attested documents only notarized by notary public lawyers who are certified by the Union

Supreme Court, said the statement.

Therefore, those who want to apply the embassy’s notary attestation are urged not to hire agents to avoid unwanted losses and protect from making fake documents, it said.

The Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo will offer the attestation for trusted documents only that are certified by MOFA in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon and have at least six-month validity. — TWA/ZS



Myanmar nationals were seen inside the airport lounge in Japan.

19 deaths and over 30 injuries in YBS accidents in six months this year

ACCORDING to the Yangon Region Public Transport Committee (YRTC)’s statistics, there were 19 deaths and over 30 injuries from YBS accidents over six months this year.

As from 1 January to 10 July 2026, there were 34 YBS accidents which left 19 dead and 35 people injured.

YRTC has taken action against accidents; such as termination for

drivers who committed fatal accident, and it has also ensured victim compensation paid by the drivers and bus companies conceded, said YRTC joint secretary U Lyan Cing Mang.

Under the leadership of the National Road Safety Council (NRSC), combined teams of NRCS officials and respective department officials have made efforts to reduce traffic

accidents. YRTC has also made sure that the YBS accident reduction and driver disciplinary plan is being implemented, imposing penalty or fine, terminating, removing driver smart card and suspending the drivers’ licence against those who violated rules for more than three times, in accordance with YRTC’s 138 types of punishment. — MT/ZS



This photo shows a YBS accident that happened in Kyauktan Township, Yangon Region, on 12 July.

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Effectively take action against electricity illegal users

The government is undertaking measures to fully meet the country's annually increasing electricity demand by upgrading and renovating power plants, constructing new power plants, building new high-voltage transmission lines and substations, and expanding and constructing new power distribution lines and substations.

In addition, the Ministry of Electricity and Energy is making efforts to increase electricity generation from various energy

sources. It is also conducting awareness-raising activities and campaigns to encourage the public to use electricity systematically and efficiently. Furthermore, measures are being implemented to reduce and eliminate technical power losses and to treat electricity theft as a non-technical power loss. In this regard, measures are being taken to eliminate non-technical power losses by forming teams to detect and take action against illegal electricity use through dishonest means. In addition, while encouraging the transition to the smart meter system, a digital system is also being implemented simultaneously, enabling the public to check their own meter readings and make payments based on the readings, while also allowing monitoring and inspection through control centres.

The ministry has announced that if electricity users have illegally consumed electricity by using dishonest methods, they are requested to contact and inform the relevant departments no later than 31 July 2026. Upon such notification, reductions and lenient measures will be provided. After the expiration of this period, if illegal electricity use is detected through control centres, actions will be taken in accordance with the prescribed laws, including imposing fines, suspending or revoking electricity usage rights for a specified period, and revoking business licences.

For the distribution of electricity, engineers and skilled workers are working under many difficulties and risks in remote jungles and mountainous areas far from populated areas. Terrorists also attack and destroy power lines, power plants, and substations constructed by the Government for the benefit of the people, thereby affecting the interests of the public. Misusing and stealing the electricity that has been generated amid such difficulties and dangers for personal gain by those living and doing business in peaceful and secure urban areas is an act of exploitation against the Government, electrical engineers, and electricians. It is also an act of disrespect and disregard towards the majority of electricity consumers.

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Electricity theft not only harms the country's economy but also poses risks of fire hazards and threats to human lives due to illegal connections and unauthorized consumption of electricity. Therefore, electricity users are urged to refrain from illegally stealing and using electricity, and the public is also encouraged to cooperate by reporting such illegal activities.

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Building a Developed Nation Through Unity

By Yin Nwe Ko



nation's independence heroes remain a lasting source of inspiration for every generation and continue to remind all citizens that unity is indispensable to safeguarding national independence and promoting national development.

This enduring message was reaffirmed during the 79th Martyrs' Day Ceremony in 2026, when the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, responded to questions from members of the media. The President emphasized that the achievement of independence alone is not sufficient to guarantee national prosperity. Rather, all citizens must continue to work together in unity, observe discipline and devote their abilities to national development. He further noted that Myanmar possesses capable and hardworking people and that, by making effective use of their collective strength, the nation can continue its development journey and confidently stand shoulder to shoulder with other countries of the world.

The President's remarks underscore a fundamental principle of nation-building. Every developed country has achieved progress not merely through abundant resources but through the discipline, diligence and unity of its people. National development requires the active participation of every citizen. Government institutions, civil servants, members of the Tatmadaw, farmers, workers, entrepreneurs, educators, healthcare professionals, youths

and community organizations all have important roles to perform. When every individual faithfully discharges his or her responsibilities with a sense of patriotism and public service, the combined efforts of the entire nation become a powerful driving force for sustainable development.

Myanmar is a multi-ethnic

historical and cultural heritage. Diversity has therefore become one of Myanmar's greatest national assets. The country's strength lies not in uniformity but in mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and cooperation among all national races in pursuit of shared national objectives.

Since ancient times, the various ethnic nationalities have coexisted harmoniously while contributing to the prosperity of successive Myanmar kingdoms. They have shared the country's rivers, mountains and fertile lands, engaged in trade and agriculture, protected their communities and preserved valuable cultural traditions that continue to enrich the Union today. This historical legacy demonstrates that unity among diversity has long been an integral characteristic of Myanmar society. Preserving and strengthening this noble tradition remains the shared responsibility of every citizen and every generation.

National solidarity has likewise been demonstrated in times of crisis. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government, healthcare personnel, volunteers, community-based organizations,

charitable associations, the people and the Tatmadaw worked together to confront an unprecedented public health emergency. Medical teams devoted themselves to treating patients, volunteers provided food and essential supplies, while communities cooperated closely in implementing preventive measures. Such coordinated efforts reflected the resilience, compassion and sense of responsibility of the Myanmar people in safeguarding public health and protecting the well-being of society.

Similarly, the country's experiences during major natural disasters have once again highlighted the value of unity. During Cyclone Mocha in 2023, government departments, the Tatmadaw, humanitarian organizations, local authorities, volunteers and the people jointly carried out rescue operations, distributed emergency relief and assisted affected communities in rebuilding their lives. Following Typhoon Yagi in 2024, cooperative efforts among various organizations enabled relief operations to be conducted efficiently in many disaster-affected areas. Likewise, after the Mandalay Earthquake in 2025,

the Government mobilized available resources while members of the Tatmadaw, rescue teams, healthcare workers, engineers, charitable organizations and residents worked tirelessly together in search-and-rescue missions, medical treatment, infrastructure restoration and rehabilitation activities. These experiences clearly demonstrate that whenever Myanmar faces adversity, unity becomes the nation's greatest strength.

Peace and stability remain indispensable prerequisites for national development. A peaceful environment enables economic activities to flourish, encourages investment, expands trade and creates employment opportunities for the people. Myanmar is endowed with abundant natural resources, fertile agricultural land, rich biodiversity, strategic geographical advantages and significant human potential. These valuable resources provide a strong foundation for achieving sustainable development. By maintaining national stability and strengthening cooperation among all sectors of society, the country can continue to improve infrastructure, modernize agriculture, promote industrial development, expand digital transformation and improve the living standards of its people.

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The Football That Drives the Tourism Economy

BY SI THU KYAW



played across 16 host cities. Of these, 11 cities were located in the United States, making it the country with the largest share of host venues.

As one of the world's most anticipated sporting spectacles, the FIFA World Cup attracts the attention of billions of viewers across the globe every four years. Beyond the excitement on the football pitch, however, an equally important question arises: What economic and tourism benefits do the host nations gain from staging such a mega sporting event?

From a tourism perspective,

the FIFA World Cup represents one of the world's most successful examples of sports tourism. Sports tourism refers to travel undertaken to participate in, watch, or experience sporting events, while also gaining knowledge, sharing experiences, and engaging with activities related to sports.

More importantly, sports tourism extends far beyond attending football matches. It provides visitors with opportunities to explore the host countries' cultural heritage, traditions, natural attractions, and unique tourism experiences. Consequently, the

World Cup enhances not only the sporting experience but also the overall attractiveness of the destination.

Hosting the FIFA World Cup brings together a vast international community, including players, coaches, medical personnel, team officials, administrators, volunteers, media representatives, gov-

ernment leaders, celebrities, and millions of passionate supporters travelling from every corner of the world. The arrival of these visitors generates substantial demand for transportation, accommodation, food and beverage services, retail businesses, sports merchandise, and tourism-related products. As a result, a wide range of industries

benefit significantly from the tournament, making the FIFA World Cup not only a global sporting celebration but also a powerful driver of tourism and economic growth.

Tourism Revenue and Economic Opportunities Generated by the 2026 FIFA World Cup

As previously discussed, the

2026 FIFA World Cup was staged across 16 cities in three host countries. With the tournament expanding to 48 participating teams and 104 matches, the scale of the event has grown considerably compared with previous editions. This expansion has created unprecedented opportunities for the host nations to maximize tourism revenue through the integration of sport and tourism.

Among the three host countries, the United States, which hosted 78 matches in 11 cities, was expected to be the principal economic beneficiary. Tourism authorities projected that approximately 1.2 million international visitors would travel to the country specifically for the FIFA World Cup. The tournament was also regarded as a valuable opportunity to offset the decline in international tourist arrivals experienced in 2025, when stricter immigration policies contributed to a 6.3 per cent decrease in inbound tourism.

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DELICACY/NEWS QUIZ

Rainy Season Laphet Thoke (Fermented Tea Leaf Salad)

Myanmar people are not only highly inventive with food but also skilled at creating dishes that are flavourful and satisfying. This week, we highlight a seasonal delicacy perfect for the monsoon: “Rainy Season Laphet Thoke” — Myanmar’s Monsoon Superfood.

What is Rainy Season Laphet? It is a salad made from tender Dantkywe leaves (a type of wild tea leaf) that sprout naturally at the start of the rainy season. Traditionally, it has been a beloved monsoon treat. In the past, vendors would walk through neighbourhoods carrying baskets, calling out, “Here’s Rainy Season Laphet Thoke; Come and try!” The tangy, salty, and spicy mix paired with hot water is especially comforting on cool, rainy days.

Ingredients

1. Fermented tea leaves (Laphet)
2. Cabbage or lettuce
3. Peanuts
4. Fried garlic
5. Fried chickpeas
6. Sesame seeds
7. Tomato
8. Chilli
9. Fish sauce
10. Chicken seasoning powder
11. Lime juice

Preparation

- Soak dried Dantkywe leaves in hot water for 10 minutes, then in cool water for about an hour.
- Drain and mix with garlic, ginger, and lime juice.
- Arrange cabbage or lettuce on a plate, place the prepared tea leaves in the centre, and surround with peanuts, fried garlic, fried chickpeas, tomato, and chilli.
- Drizzle with fish sauce, lime juice, and fried garlic oil.

Traditional Myanmar Delicacy

- Mix gently by hand, then top with fried beans, garlic, and sesame seeds. Serve as a re-freshing seasonal salad.

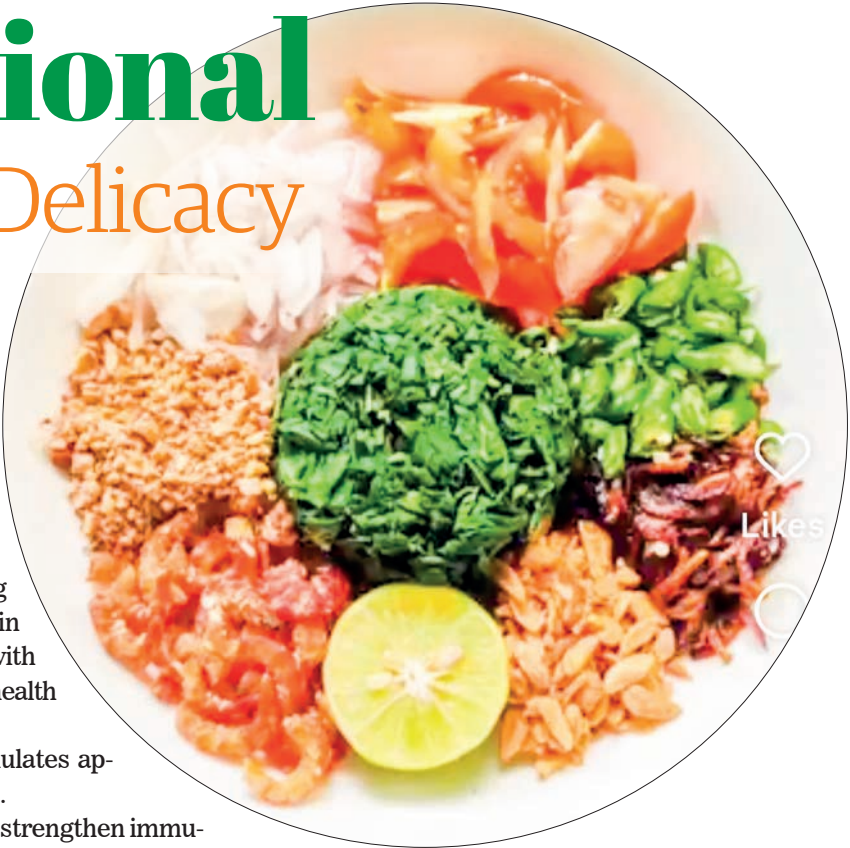
Health Benefits: Eating Rainy Season Laphet Thoke two to three times a week can be beneficial. Young Dantkywe (wild tea) leaves are rich in natural antioxidants, and combined with other ingredients, they offer multiple health advantages:

- Relieves indigestion and stimulates appetite during the rainy season.
- Antioxidants protect cells and strengthen immunity.
- Garlic and lime aid digestion and reduce bloating.
- Mild caffeine in tea leaves helps fight drowsiness and refreshes the mind.
- Peanuts, sesame, and garlic help lower cholesterol, supporting heart health.

Additional Benefits: Rainy Season Laphet is believed to: Fight parasites and remove toxins.

- Prevent infections and support liver, stomach, and skin health.
- Ease ailments like fever, cough, headache, hypertension, diarrhoea, and indigestion.
- Promote restful sleep and overall vitality.

(Note: Because of its bitterness and high tannin content, those with stomach problems or insomnia should avoid excessive consumption, especially at night.) — MOON



Weekly News Quiz

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NATIONAL NEWS QUIZ

Which country topped Myanmar’s rice buyers in the 2024-2025 financial year (FY 2024-25)?

- A. Philippines
- B. China
- C. Indonesia
- D. The Netherlands

What is Myanmar’s global rank in mangrove forest area?

- A. 1st
- B. 7th
- C. 10th
- D. 15th

GLOBAL NEWS QUIZ

What natural factor is making the Arctic route increasingly viable for China and Russia to capitalize on?

- A. The discovery of deep-water warm currents
- B. The installation of massive artificial heating grids
- C. The icy waters becoming more navigable
- D. International treaties legalizing all nuclear shipping

What is the primary intended goal of the French Parliament in passing social media bill?

- A. To reduce national electricity consumption from data centers
- B. To protect minors from anxiety-inducing or harmful online content
- C. To promote domestic European social media platforms
- D. To tax global tech companies operating in metropolitan areas

How many years passed between Spain’s first World Cup win in South Africa and this latest victory?

- A. 10 years
- B. 12 years
- C. 16 years
- D. 20 years

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WORLD

Kelly Clarkson says she is happily single and content

SINGER-SONGWRITER Kelly Clarkson has shared rare insights into her personal life, saying she is happy being single and has no desire to rush back into dating, according to E! News.

During her Las Vegas residency at Caesars Palace on 24 July, Clarkson reflected on relationships and why she is content on her own. “People are like, ‘Oh, why are you single?’ And I’m like, ‘First of all, there are a lot of people out here making single look real good,’” Clarkson told the audience.

“And if you didn’t really understand what I meant by that, it’s like you see relationships and you’re

like, ‘I am so glad I’m going home alone,’” she added, according to E! News.

The Grammy-winning singer also joked about the peace she enjoys at home. “You know what’s not happening in my house? That s–t,” she said.

Clarkson went on to speak about the challenges of maintaining long-term relationships. “If you are in a relationship, the hardest part is just keeping that fire alive and still dating, and like still making it feel magical and not monotonous,” she said, according to E! News. — ANI



Kelly Clarkson says she is happily single and not rushing to date. She also said relationships take work to keep feeling magical. PHOTO: ANI

Beijing Central Axis to mark 2nd anniversary of UNESCO World Heritage inscription

Beijing heritage sites mark UNESCO anniversary with free access.



This photo taken on 24 July 2026 shows a view of a platform on the Zhengyangmen Archery Tower with the Zhengyangmen Gate in the background in Beijing, capital of China. PHOTO: XINHUA

JOURNALISTS gathered at the Beijing Ancient Architecture Museum on Friday for an exclusive press preview of a highly anticipated exhibition set to open to the public on Monday.

The preview took place inside the historic Xiannongtan Temple, also known as the Altar of the God of Agriculture. Media members received a first look at the curated displays housed within the capital’s iconic heritage site ahead of the official

27 July launch.

Marking the second anniversary of the successful inscription of the Beijing Central Axis on the UNESCO World Heritage List, heritage sites along the Beijing Central Axis, such as the Palace Museum, Zhengyangmen Gate,

and Altar of the God of Agriculture, also referred to as the Xiannongtan Temple, will either open to the public free of charge or launch new exhibitions on 27 July. Over the past two years, efforts to conserve, inherit and make good use of the Beijing Central Axis

have advanced steadily, achieving new outcomes in areas including related legal system, UNESCO World Heritage signage, landscape improvement, creative utilization, collaborative protection and international communication. — Xinhua

N Korea holds dog meat cooking contest

A dog meat cooking contest was held in Pyongyang this week, where chefs who advanced through regional quali-

fiers competed on taste and presentation, North Korean media reported Friday. In North Korea, dog meat is enjoyed as

a nutritious food and is regarded as part of the country’s traditional food culture. The contest, held from Tuesday through

Thursday, took place at a newly opened dog-meat specialty restaurant along the Taedong River in central Pyongyang. — Kyodo

Building a Developed Nation Through Unity

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Education also serves as one of the most important pillars of nation-building. Schools, universities and vocational institutions nurture not only knowledge and professional skills but also responsible citizenship, patriotism, discipline and mutual respect. The younger generation represents the future of the nation. Equipping young people with quality education, practical skills, sound moral values and a strong sense of national responsibility will enable them to become capable leaders who can contribute meaningfully to the country’s continued development. Investment in education, science, technology and innovation will further

strengthen Myanmar’s human resources and enhance national competitiveness in an increasingly interconnected world.

Equally important is the cultivation of discipline throughout society. The rule of law and respect for regulations create an orderly environment in which development initiatives can be implemented effectively. Discipline promotes accountability, efficiency and public confidence while ensuring that national resources are utilized responsibly. Combined with unity and hard work, discipline forms a strong foundation for sustainable development and long-term prosperity. As emphasized by the President, every citizen possess-

es valuable abilities, and when these abilities are exercised with discipline and a spirit of cooperation, they become powerful assets for national progress.

Myanmar also continues to promote development through the implementation of infrastructure projects, improvements in public services, enhancement of transportation networks, expansion of electricity generation, modernization of agriculture, and efforts to strengthen social welfare. These initiatives are intended to improve the quality of life of the people and create broader opportunities for economic growth. Their successful implementation depends not only on government policies but

also on the active participation, understanding, and cooperation of the people. National development is therefore a shared responsibility requiring collective commitment from every sector of society.

The country’s future depends upon the ability of all citizens to strengthen unity while respecting diversity. Differences in ethnicity, language, culture and regional identity should never become barriers to national solidarity. Instead, they should serve as valuable components of a vibrant and inclusive Union, where every national race contributes its unique strengths towards common national objectives. Through mutual trust, understanding and

cooperation, the people of Myanmar can continue to preserve national stability while creating favourable conditions for sustained economic and social development.

The legacy left by the nation’s Martyrs continues to illuminate the path forward. Their unwavering patriotism, selfless sacrifices and steadfast commitment to national independence remain enduring examples for present and future generations. Honouring their legacy requires more than remembrance; it requires every citizen to actively contribute to nation-building through unity, discipline, diligence and responsible citizenship.

As Myanmar contin-

ues its efforts toward building a peaceful, stable and developed Union, unity must remain the guiding principle for every citizen. By strengthening solidarity among all national races, safeguarding national stability, observing discipline and making full use of the country’s abundant human and natural resources, Myanmar can continue to advance toward a brighter future. With the collective strength of the Government, the Tatmadaw and the people working hand in hand, the nation possesses every opportunity to overcome challenges, accelerate development and build a modern, peaceful and prosperous Union for the benefit of both present and future generations.

ARTICLE/ECONOMY
WORLD

Residents cash in on Dubai real estate cooldown amid Mideast war

Rents were significantly higher upon arrival in 2025 following years of rapid, foreign-driven growth.

JUST over a year after moving to Dubai, Steve found himself moving unexpectedly up the property ladder, taking advantage of a cooling real estate market amid the Middle East war.

His new apartment is larger and closer to work

than his previous resident, but the rent is nonetheless 15 per cent cheaper, he said, using a pseudonym due to Dubai's sensitivity on the matter.

When he arrived in Dubai in 2025, "it was really difficult to get a place in this area and the rents

had gone up by a lot", said the 35-year-old, who works in the media sector.

Dubai's property market — a pillar of its economy — has soared in recent years, buoyed by the arrival of international high-net-worth individuals attracted by the glamor-

ous lifestyle on offer in the emirate.

But the outbreak of the Middle East war in late February has dampened growth. Targets in Dubai came under fire in the early days of Iran's retaliation against US allies in the region. — AFP



Dubai's property market has soared in recent years.
PHOTO: PIXABAY

The Football That Drives the Tourism Economy

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According to reports released before the tournament, host cities across the United States made extensive preparations to accommodate the anticipated surge in visitors. Tourism analysts estimated that World Cup spectators would stay for an average of 12 days, with an average daily expenditure of approximately US\$400 per visitor. Based on these projections, the tournament was expected to generate billions of dollars in tourism receipts, making the FIFA World Cup one of the most economically significant events ever hosted by the United States.

The geographical distribution of the tournament across three countries and sixteen cities also presented several logistical challenges. International visitors were expected to encounter higher airfares and increased travel costs when moving between host cities. Furthermore, some host destinations, such as Kansas City in the United States and Monterrey and Guadalajara in Mexico, possess more limited accommodation capacity than major global tourism hubs. Consequently, hotel occupancy rates were expected to rise sharply, leading to significant increases in room prices throughout the tournament period.

Even in world-renowned tourism cities such as Los Angeles, New York, and Miami, where accommodation supply is comparatively abundant, securing hotel rooms during the World Cup remained both difficult and expensive due to exceptionally high demand. Such circumstances illustrate one of the most visible economic impacts of mega sporting events on the tourism industry.

Nevertheless, the host countries demonstrated considerable expertise in transforming these challenges into business opportunities. Rather than concentrating tourism exclusively within official host cities, travel companies developed FIFA Mobility Packages that encouraged visitors to stay in nearby gateway cities with convenient transport connections. These packages offered more affordable accommodation, shorter travel times, greater hotel availability, and easier access to match venues.

As a result, even destinations that were not official World Cup host cities were able to benefit from increased visitor spending. This strategy helped distribute tourism income across a wider geographical area while reducing pressure on accommodation and transport infrastruc-

ture in the principal host cities.

From this perspective, the FIFA World Cup serves not only as a successful example of sports tourism but also as a powerful catalyst for infrastructure development, improved transportation systems, and enhanced public services. The tournament stimulates economic activity across a broad spectrum of industries — from luxury hotels and fine-dining restaurants to mid-range accommodation, short-term rentals, local eateries, cafés, bars, and numerous small and medium-sized enterprises. The economic benefits therefore extend well beyond the football stadiums, creating a ripple effect throughout the wider tourism economy.

The Wider Economic, Social, and Cultural Legacy of the FIFA World Cup

Economists estimate that the 2026 FIFA World Cup could contribute approximately US\$17.2 billion to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the United States. In addition to its economic contribution, the tournament is expected to create approximately 824,000 jobs worldwide, with around 185,000 new employment opportunities generated within the United States alone. These figures demonstrate the significant influence that

sports tourism can have on sectors such as hospitality, construction, transportation, and event management.

The economic impact of the World Cup extends far beyond stadiums and football matches. Restaurants, cafés, food and beverage suppliers, souvenir retailers, transportation providers, and even short-term accommodation platforms such as Airbnb benefit from the influx of international visitors. This broad distribution of economic benefits illustrates the powerful ripple effect of sports tourism, whereby spending by visitors stimulates growth across numerous industries. Likewise, fan festivals and public viewing events contribute substantially to local economies by increasing expenditure on entertainment, food, accommodation, and retail services.

However, the FIFA World Cup is much more than an economic event. It is also a global platform for cultural exchange and international friendship. Every participating nation brings its own traditions, identity, and passion to the tournament. Brazil is renowned for its vibrant samba culture, Japan is proudly represented by the spirit of the Samurai, while supporters from oth-

er nations celebrate their heritage through distinctive customs, music, and traditions. These expressions of national identity transform the World Cup into a unique celebration of cultural diversity, fostering mutual understanding, respect, and friendship among people from different countries.

For this reason, the FIFA World Cup is widely regarded as a global phenomenon. It is not merely the world's greatest football tournament but also a powerful engine that drives tourism, promotes cultural exchange, and stimulates economic development. In its broadest sense, the World Cup demonstrates that the combination of sport, tourism, and culture can catalyze sustainable socioeconomic progress.

Looking beyond the competition itself, the stadiums become places where patriotism, passion for sport, mutual respect, joy, and peace are shared among millions of spectators. Families bring their children to experience these unforgettable moments, allowing younger generations to appreciate not only football but also the values of unity, friendship, and respect that transcend national boundaries.

Despite its many benefits, the FIFA World Cup is not without challeng-

es. Rising prices, traffic congestion, heightened security measures, waste management issues, and environmental pressures are among the common side effects experienced by host destinations. Nevertheless, these challenges do not diminish the tournament's broader significance.

Ultimately, the FIFA World Cup is far more than a competition to determine the world's best football team. It is a universal language that connects people regardless of nationality, culture, or language. At the same time, it catalyzes tourism development, economic growth, technological innovation, cultural promotion, and the enhancement of a nation's international image. In this sense, the World Cup can rightly be described as a Global Development Engine.

As a football soars through the air before reaching the back of the net, it symbolizes something far greater than a sporting achievement. It reflects the movement of the global economy, the exchange of cultures, and the shared aspirations of humanity. Indeed, one football has the power to inspire not only a game but also tourism, prosperity, and international understanding.

Antitrust penalty on travel giant underscores China’s push for healthier platform economy

CHINA’S antitrust action against leading online travel service provider Trip.com Group on Saturday underlines the country’s commitment to fostering a fairer and more innovation-driven platform economy, making it clear that market dominance and technological advantages should not be exploited to undermine competition.

The State Administration for Market Regulation announced Saturday that it has imposed administrative penalties on Trip.com Group, the operator of Ctrip travel platform, for abusing its dominant market position in violation of the country’s anti-monopoly law.

The company was ordered to forfeit 1.658 billion yuan (about US\$244 million) in illegal gains and pay a 3.521 billion yuan fine, bringing the total penalty to 5.179 billion yuan. The regulator also ordered the group to re-

fund 122 million yuan in hotel order reserve funds that had been forcibly deducted from hotel operators, undertake comprehensive rectification measures and publicly disclose its corrective actions. — Xinhua



Trip.com Group Limited (formerly known as Ctrip.com International Ltd) is one of the world’s largest online travel service providers. PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/TRIP.COM/FILE

Nissan-based OS to be developed with Honda for next-generation vehicles



Honda Motor Co. and Nissan Motor Co have decided to jointly develop an operating system that will serve as the brain of next-generation vehicles, based on Nissan’s OS. PHOTO: KYODO/FILE

HONDA Motor Co and Nissan Motor Co have decided to jointly develop an operating system that will serve as the brain of next-generation vehicles, based on Nissan’s OS, a source familiar with the

matter said Sunday. The decision is a key part of the companies’ standardization efforts and was apparently made following progress in development, with the aim of accelerating

next-generation vehicle development to compete with leading automakers in the United States and China. The automakers also plan to share electronic control units, which manage the vehicle’s systems based on instructions from the operating system. They are expected to formally agree on the move as early as August. As part of their collaborative efforts, the companies have also considered having Nissan manufacture Honda vehicles in the United States, but plan to prioritize co-operation on next-generation vehicle development, which they see as critical for the future. — Kyodo

Meta quits clean energy pledge amid gas-powered data centre push

META has abandoned a global pledge by leading companies to source all of their electricity from renewable sources, the social media giant confirmed Friday. RE100, an initiative of the UK-based nonprofit Climate Group, aims to spur corporate climate action, and counts Apple, Google and Microsoft among its 444 members.

The Climate Group’s website no longer lists Meta, the company behind Facebook and Instagram, as a member. The news was first reported by Recharge News, a renewable energy industry outlet.

Meta joined the pledge in 2016 according to a Wayback Machine archive of RE100’s website. The departure comes amid a frenzied data center buildout by leading tech companies. Meta has struck deals paying utilities to bring new natural gas power plants online, including 10 to power its Hyperion data centre in Louisiana alone. A Meta spokesperson told AFP the company is continuing to scale up investments in renewable energy, and that leaving RE100 does not change its goal of matching its electricity use with 100 per cent clean energy. — AFP



Meta joined the pledge in 2016 according to a Wayback Machine archive of RE100’s website. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

Russia creates its first unmanned naval systems regiment

Russia will build larger, ocean-going warships designed for long-term maritime deployment.



The ship pictured is the Russian Kirov-class battlecruiser Admiral Nakhimov. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

new, ocean-going frigate-class surface ship with a displacement of 9,000 tonnes. At present, the Russian navy's largest and most advanced Project 22350 frigates have a displacement of about 5,000 tonnes.

"We will build ships with a significantly larger displacement - 9,500 tonnes. The design provides for long-term deployment at sea - it will be an ocean-going warship. Russia needs such ships," Moiseyev pointed out.

THE Northern Fleet already has a regiment equipped with unmanned surface and underwater vehicles, with a similar unit planned for the Pacific Fleet next year, the Russian Navy's Commander-in-Chief, Alexander Moiseyev, told Russian media.

Moiseyev also said that Russia will build a

He said that the construction of such vessels is included in Russia's ship-building programmes. — SPUTNIK

Jingdezhen Handicraft Porcelain Industry Sites inscribed as UNESCO World Heritage

JINGDEZHEN, China's "porcelain capital" where kiln fires have blazed for over 2,000 years, has once again drawn the world's gaze with its story etched in fire, clay and endless creativity of the human hand.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) added China's Jingdezhen Handicraft Porcelain Industry Sites to the World Heritage List on Saturday during the 48th session of the World Heritage Committee held in Busan, the Republic of Korea. The inscription brings the total number of World Heritage sites in China to 61.

It marks the first time that China has nominated an industrial heritage site for World Heritage status, and it is also the first World Heritage site themed around porcelain.

Situated in east China's Jiangxi Province, Jingdezhen Handicraft Porcelain Industry Sites are a group of heritage



This photo taken on 25 July 2026 shows a scene during the 48th session of the World Heritage Committee in Busan, South Korea. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

sites representing the handicraft porcelain industry system that developed in Jingdezhen from the 10th to the 19th century. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

US military pauses strikes on Iran: reports

THE US military has paused strikes on Iran, local media reported, though explanations for the halt remain divergent.

CNN quoted a Pentagon source as saying operations were "on a hold", without specifying the duration. CBS News, citing two regional sources, said Washington had suspended attacks to avoid disrupting an Omani delegation's visit to Tehran for talks on reopening the Strait of Hormuz. Separately, The New York Times reported that President Donald Trump had set aside plans for a sharp escalation after senior advisers warned of dwindling US air-defence stocks. Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Dan Caine cautioned that renewed large-scale operations could exhaust the interceptors available to US Central Command, it said. — Xinhua

Explosive-laden drone shot down near US consulate in Erbil

A booby-trapped drone was shot down on Saturday over Erbil, the capital of Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdistan region, a Kurdish security source said.

The drone was intercepted in the afternoon by the air defence system at the US Consulate in Erbil, with no casualties reported, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Erbil has come under a series of drone attacks in recent days, with the US consulate and the international coalition base near Erbil International Airport among the apparent targets.

The incident came amid heightened tensions in the Middle East following recent exchanges of strikes between the United States and Iran. — Xinhua

Airstrikes hit Houthi military sites

AIRSTRIKES struck Houthi military sites in northern Yemen on Saturday, the state-run Yemen TV reported, as tensions further escalated following the group's attacks on Saudi-linked vessels in the Red Sea.

The strikes targeted missile and rocket launch platforms and weapons depots in Marib and al-Jawf provinces, killing several Houthi members, including missile specialists, the broadcaster said.

There was no immediate Houthi comment.

Also on Saturday, the Houthi group said it has carried out coordinated missile and drone strikes on Saudi energy facilities in Jizan and Yanbu regions in retaliation for overnight coalition airstrikes on Houthi-held areas in the Red Sea province of Hodeidah. — Xinhua

Ships continue Red Sea transit despite attacks and Houthi blockade: Report

DOZENS of vessels continue to navigate the narrow Bab el-Mandeb Strait despite persistent threats from Iran-backed Houthi rebels, according to a New York Times analysis of shipping data.

However, the report highlighted that growing uncertainty regarding the conflict and maritime safety is forcing several ships to alter course and execute U-turns before completing their journeys.

In the past week, Houthi rebels in de facto control of Yemen targeted at least three oil tankers, with the latest strike occurring on Friday.

Any sustained disruption in the Red Sea threatens to deal a fresh blow to global commerce, which is already reeling under the strain of the expanding Middle East conflict.

The war between the United States and Iran, now in its fifth month, has severely curtailed transit through the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial maritime corridor that previously carried approximately one-fifth of global oil supplies. — ANI



SPORTS

Six university teams crowned winners at Varsity Esports Championship 2026

THE Varsity Esports Championship 2026, organized by the Myanmar Esports Federation (MESF) in collaboration with PUBG Mobile, concluded in Yangon with six university representative teams earning top honours.

The tournament, held at the Yangon University RC, featured competitions in PUBG Mobile and Mobile Legends, attracting more than 1,000 university students and young esports fans.

In the Mobile Legends competition, KMD College won the championship title, while YTV (Yangon)



The Varsity Esports Championship 2026 in progress. PHOTO: ZWE MARN

finished as first runner-up and Dagon University (DGU) secured second runner-up.

The PUBG Mobile competition saw intense

matches among teams including UIT (Yangon), MMMC (Yangon), KMD College, MIC (Yangon), and TUMA (Meiktila University), with three teams ulti-

mately claiming the champion, first runner-up, and second runner-up titles.

MESF Vice-President U Kyaw Htet Lin congratulated the winning teams, saying the tournament provided opportunities for talented university players to develop their skills and potentially represent Myanmar in international esports competitions.

MESF plans to award prizes to the six successful university teams in the coming days and will organize the second season of the Varsity Esports Championship in December. — Thitsa (MNA)/ST

Mandalay-PyinOoLwin mountain bike novice cycling race to be held

UNDER the leadership of the Mandalay Region Government, the Forest Department, and the



An announcement poster regarding the mountain bike novice cycling race.

Department of Sports and Physical Education, a mountain bike (MTB) novice cycling race will be held from the Yadanabon Zoological Gardens in Mandalay to the National Kandawgyi Gardens in PyinOoLwin, at 5:30 am on 15 August, according to the Yadanabon Zoological Gardens.

Designed for those who want to take on new challenges while enjoying natural beauty, the event will start from the main gate of the Yadanabon zoo and finish at the National Kandawgyi Gardens.

It has been announced that men and

women aged 18 and above are eligible to participate in the race. Competitors are invited to join, as this is a great opportunity to showcase their physical fitness, perseverance, and cycling skills while navigating natural terrain. Participants are required to wear helmets and must strictly follow the competition rules and regulations.

Detailed registration information, the race route, and prize-awarding programmes will be announced subsequently, and special prizes will be awarded to participants. — MT/ZN

Red Bull Power Race to make Myanmar debut, registration now open

THE world's first Red Bull Power Race, a unique competition combining speed, agility and physical fitness, will make its Myanmar debut on 26 September at Myanmar Expo Hall, Fortune Plaza, Yangon.

The event will give participants the opportunity to showcase their athletic abilities, with the top performer

earning the chance to represent Myanmar on the international stage.

Registration opened on 24 July, and interested competitors can now sign up to participate in the inaugural event. — TWA/KZL

The promotional poster for the inaugural Red Bull Power Race in Myanmar.



Messi-less Miami win on Casemiro debut, Berterame suffers head blow



Inter Miami's Luis Suárez holds up the jersey of injured teammate German Berterame after converting the game winning penalty in a 1-0 MLS victory at Montreal. PHOTO: AFP

INTER Miami, with superstar Lionel Messi still resting after his World Cup exploits, won 1-0 at Montreal on Saturday on Casemiro's Major League Soccer debut.

Luis Suarez converted a penalty in the 81st minute to secure the victory after Miami's Mexico international German Berterame was injured in a sickening clash of heads.

Berterame crashed to the turf and lay motionless after Efrain Morales jumped for the ball.

Players from both teams immediately signalled for help and, after treatment by medics and

a long delay, Bertrame was taken from the pitch in an ambulance.

Miami coach Guillermo Hoyos said later that Berterame was "OK and conscious".

"His family has been informed of everything. We didn't know what to do — it was a very desperate situation."

Suarez converted the ensuing penalty and held up Berterame's jersey to mark the goal.

The Uruguayan former Liverpool and Barcelona forward extended his scoring streak to six goals in his last three matches, taking his total for the season to nine. — AFP

ANSWERS OF QUIZ FROM PAGE 10



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Answer Key

NATIONAL NEWS QUIZ

Correct Option: C
Correct Option: B

GLOBAL NEWS QUIZ

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WORLD

Iran ready to rebuild trust with immediate neighbours: Araghchi



Iran's military actions aimed to respond to US and Israeli attacks, not regional states.

IRAN'S military actions during the 40-day war were aimed at responding to US and Israeli attacks rather than targeting regional states, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told the Iran newspaper.

"I see the will to rebuild trust. We are neighbours and will remain neighbours. We must live together in peace,"

A handout photograph released by the Iranian Foreign Ministry on 8 February 2026, shows Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi speaking to a forum in Tehran. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Araghchi underscored. He stressed that Iran's military actions during the 40-day war were aimed at responding to US and Israeli attacks rather than targeting regional states. Regional governments recognize that security and stability must be achieved collectively rather than through reliance on foreign military powers, according to the top Iranian diplomat.

During the war, Iran had to expand the conflict beyond its borders, targeting a number of Gulf states that host US military bases, including Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, the UAE and Saudi Arabia. — SPUTNIK

D-Day beaches added to UNESCO Heritage List

THE iconic D-Day landing beaches in Normandy were on Sunday inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List, marking the culmination of a project launched nearly two decades ago.

Stretching for more than 80 kilometres (50 miles) of coastline in northwestern France, the beaches where Allied forces landed on 6 June, 1944, were the scene of a decisive battle to liberate Europe from Nazism and bring an end to World War II.

The nomination included the five D-Day beaches known by their code names: Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword.

"This decision places a responsibility upon us," said Herve Morin, president of the Normandy Region.

"It compels us to preserve this property, to protect it, to cherish it even more, and to promote its value," he added. The D-Day landings join more than 50 French sites already inscribed on the list, alongside the spectacular Mont Saint Michel island in Normandy and the Palace of Versailles. — AFP

India's winding wire industry is entering a strong growth phase

INDIA'S winding wire industry is entering a structural growth phase, supported by rapid electrification, rising investments in power transmission and distribution, renewable energy adoption and accelerating industrialisation, according to a report by PhillipCapital. The brokerage said winding wires, which are essential components in transformers, motors and generators, provide direct exposure to India's expanding power infrastructure and energy transition. Rising demand from electric vehicles, data centres, industrial automation and heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) is expected to support sustained volume growth and create opportunities for margin expansion among organised players. India plans to nearly double its installed power generation capacity from around 442 GW in FY24 to approximately 900 GW by FY32, supported by more than Rs 9 trillion of planned investments in transmission infrastructure. The expansion of substations, transmission lines and transformer capacity is expected to drive long-term demand for distribution, power and specialty transformers, thereby supporting winding wire manufacturers. — ANI



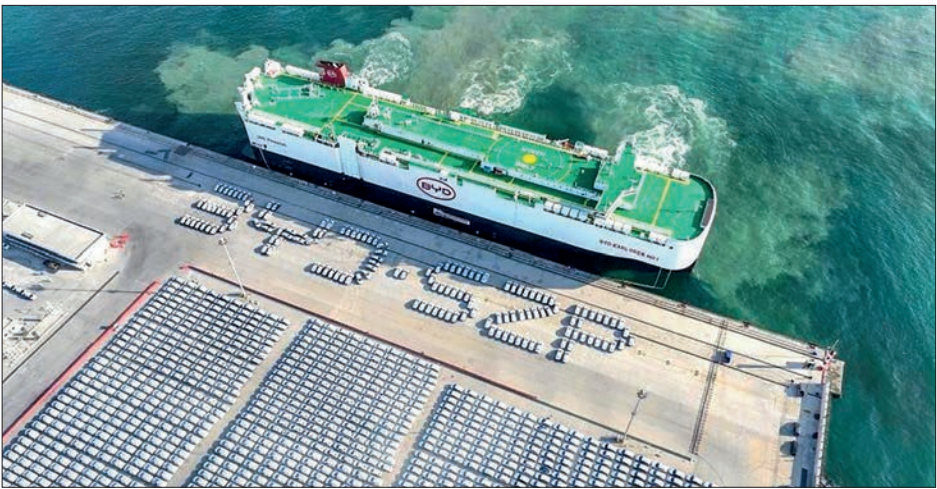
India's winding wire industry is entering a strong growth phase, driven by electrification and rising power investments. **PHOTO: ANI**

China's NEVs deliver global gains through "full-chain" expansion

IN major ports along China's southeast coast, Chinese-made electric vehicles roll nonstop onto car-carrier ships bound for every corner of the globe. But for China's new energy vehicle (NEV) industry, loading containers is no longer the endgame — it is merely the first step.

Now the world's largest NEV exporter, China is rapidly reshaping its global strategy, shifting from product exports to localized, ecosystem-driven global development. For many countries, this shift means more than just affordable electric cars. It brings fresh investment, local jobs, and a faster track toward their own green transition.

Official data from the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers (CAAM) show that China exported 2.615 million NEVs in 2025, a year-on-year increase of 103.7 per cent from 1.284 million in 2024. In the first half of



Vehicle carrier vessel "BYD EXPLORER NO1" arrives at Xiaomo International Logistics Port in Shenzhen, Guangdong province, on 14 January 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**

2026, exports reached 2.355 million units, up 120 per cent year on year. NEVs, notably, have become a major driver of China's export growth.

Chinese electric vehicles are no longer seen as cheap alternatives. They are competing strongly on performance, smart features and design.

XPENG Motors stands out as one of the front-runners. In 2025, it delivered over 45,000 overseas vehicles, up 96 per cent year on year. Europe contributed nearly half and Asia-Pacific posted strong growth, while a hub in Egypt anchored the Middle East and Africa market. In March 2026, it unveiled a three-year plan to cover Latin America by 2028, with Mexico as the first step.

This momentum is echoed by GAC Group, which regards overseas markets as a key growth driver for its transformation. In the first half of 2026, GAC Group exported 121,500 vehicles under its own brands, a year-on-year surge of 132 per cent.

In the Middle East, models such as the GAC Trumpchi and GAC HYPTEC have won the favour of local consumers with their reliable quality and advanced technology. In Southeast Asia, its knockdown plants support local production and sales, while in Europe, it targets high-end intelligent NEVs. — Xinhua