

# Interest rekindles in Tabu Hla Dam, Yangon’s own Inlay Lake

Besides spotting diverse bird species, visitors can immerse themselves in local culture by enjoying traditional cuisine, taking serene boat rides, and exploring the area on leisurely walks.



A calm and green view of Tabu Hla Dam - an enchanting destination for travellers to visit. It is located 18 miles from Okkan in Yangon Region.

SOME tourism entrepreneurs said that people are interested again in visiting Tabu Hla Dam, known as Yangon Inlay Lake, which is located at the end of Okkan Sugar Mill Road, 18 miles from Okkan, Yangon Region, and has stunning scenery, seamlessly blending with the Bago Yoma mountain range. Although the trip to the dam is not currently common, there are still people who are making queries about it, and some operators want to develop a tourist

destination. “The main thing is the green forest. There are locals’ floating houses. People are interested in fish paste and fried fish businesses there. They want to study it. Interest in the dam dwindled in between. Now it has rebounded. Given the current situation, we had to make a moderate response to interested visitors,” said a tourism entrepreneur. Besides observing some bird species, visitors will be interested in activ-

ities such as eating local food, boating, and walking. “It became famous during the COVID-19 period. And the number of people coming here has increased. It has calmed down and is now booming again. In the rainy season, there is a green view. In the summer, it makes visitors feel cool and the air is clean, so it is very popular. It is a place to escape from the hustle and bustle of Yangon,” he explained. — Htet Oo Maung/ZN

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# Tatkon to welcome model tourist village within a year

A model tourist village is planned to be opened and operated within one year in Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, according to a responsible official from the Myanmar Tourism Federation.

The village in question is Nyaung-

pintha, located in Makyeepin village-tract, Tatkon Township. It was previously affected by flooding and will now be reconstructed and developed into a model tourist village.

“Around one hour’s drive from Nay

Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, Nyaungpintha village is being developed by our tourism federation as a model tourist village. During the floods, the entire village was destroyed. Now that it has been rebuilt, the federation has taken charge

of the site, reconstructed the houses, and drawn up a village plan. Construction was completed last month, and ownership has been handed back to the residents.

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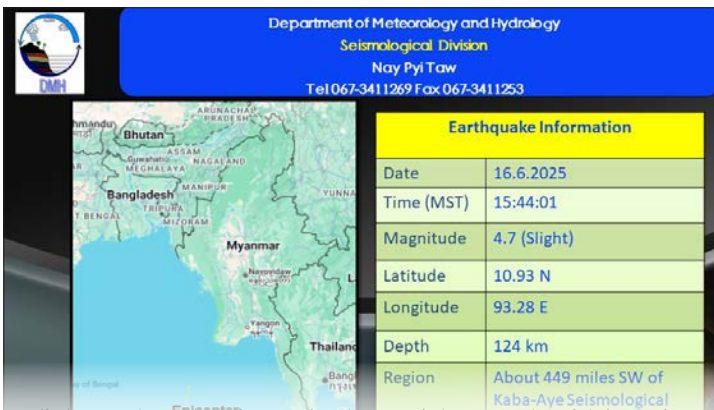
# NATIONAL

## Patriotism means willingness to sacrifice personal interests for the sake of the nation

PATRIOTISM means having a deep love and reverence for one’s own country, people, language, literature, and culture. It is the feeling of being hurt when one’s country or people are harmed, and the willingness to sacrifice personal interests for the sake of the nation.

*(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the passing out parade of the 66<sup>th</sup> Intake of Defence Services Academy on 6 December 2024)*

### EARTHQUAKE



A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.7 Richter Scale with its epicentre outside Myanmar (Andaman Islands, India Region), latitude 10.93°N, longitude 93.28°E, depth 124 kilometres, about 449 miles southwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 15 hours 44 minutes 01 second MST on 16 June 2025. — DMH

## Hotel in Kyaukse receives insurance payout for quake damage



GWI hands over the compensation to the Hotel Ever on 16 June.

During the handover ceremony, a GWI official explained the background of the compensation and presented a payment of K100 million. A representative from the hotel expressed gratitude to GWI for their swift coordination and settlement of the claim.

Following the devastating Mandalay earthquake that struck on 28 March 2025 — regarded as one of the most severe and unexpected natural disasters in recent times – GWI highlighted the importance of preparing for such losses through earthquake insurance and continues to raise public awareness of the need for disaster risk protection. — Arkar Linn/MKKS

IN response to the damage caused by the recent powerful Mandalay earthquake, insurance compensation for natural disaster damage has been provided to the owners

of Hotel Ever in Kyaukse, Mandalay Region. Officials from Global World Insurance (GWI) handed over the compensation to the hotel management on 16 June.

### Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 7 pm MST on 17 June 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, the low pressure area over southwest Bangladesh and adjoining Gangetic West Bengal (India) still persists. — DMH

## Weather

### Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 4 pm Tuesday 17 June 2025

**BAY INFERENCE:** Monsoon is strong to vigorous over the North Andaman Sea, North Bay and Eastcentral Bay of Bengal and strong over the South Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

**Special Features:** According to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the low-pressure area over southwest Bangladesh and adjoining Gangetic West Bengal (India) still persists.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF 18 June 2025:** Rain or thunder-showers will be fairly widespread in Mandalay, Lower Sagaing Regions and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, Upper Sagaing, and Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon, and Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD:** The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Bago, Magway, Upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Rakhine, 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:** Occasional squall with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach 35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 10-12 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of isolated heavy falls rain or thundershowers in Bago, Upper Sagaing, and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Mon, and Rakhine States.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 18 June 2025:** One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

### Special Weather News

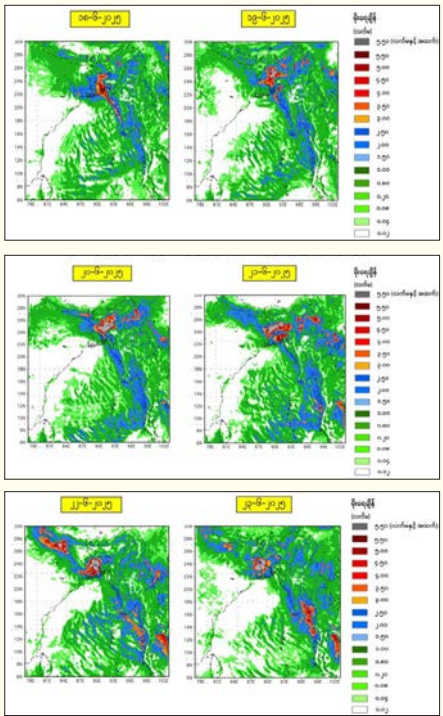
Issued at 7 pm MST on 17 June 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, due to the low-pressure area over southwest Bangladesh and adjoining Gangetic West Bengal (India), monsoon will be strong to vigorous over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, due to the easterly waves and westerly waves, rain or thundershowers are likely to be 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 regionally and isolated heavy falls during tonight to 23 June 2025. Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced in off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 10-12 feet in off and along Myanmar Coasts.

#### Advisory

People should be aware of the natural disasters such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, thunder, lightning

strikes, 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



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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)

MoEP Union Minister  
inspects power  
distribution at  
Namsang substation

UNION Minister for Electric Power U Nyan Tun, accompanied by departmental officials, inspected the power distribution processes of the Namsang main power substation in Namsang Township on 16 June.

During the inspection, the Union minister instructed those responsible to ensure continuous power supply at full voltage, reduce power outages and losses, conduct

maintenance on electrical devices, transformers and power lines and regular maintenance works.

At noon, the Union minister met the state, district and township-level electrical engineers and staff at the township electrical engineer's office in Taunggyi Township.

The Union minister heard the reports regarding the power supply, electricity bill collection, completed work processes



Union Minister U Nyan Tun meets electrical engineering personnel in Taunggyi on 16 June.

in the 2024-2025 financial year, work plans for the 2025-2026 financial year, measures to reduce power losses and outages, reconstruction of power grids and power sub-stations after the earthquake in Inlay region and electrification processes.

He then pointed out the need to reduce power losses, reduce electricity bill debts and supervise the illegal use of electricity. He also cordially met staff and presented cash to them. — MNA/KTZH

23<sup>rd</sup> AFSIS Focal Point Meeting held in Yangon

THE 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS) Focal Point Meeting was hosted by Myanmar and held on the morning of 17 June at the Sedona Hotel, Yangon, using a hybrid format.

The meeting brought together a total of 49 delegates, both in person and online, from ASEAN member states, including Myanmar, Thailand, Lao PDR, and Cambodia, as well as from the ASEAN Secretariat, the AFSIS Secretariat and the APTERR Secretariat. Opening remarks were delivered by Dr Sumanya Ngandee, Manager of



The 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Food Security Information System Focal Point Meeting underway yesterday.

the AFSIS Secretariat, and Dr Win Htut, Director General of the Department of Agricultural Land Management and Statistics under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation

(MoALD).

Dr Win Htut also chaired the meeting as the host country representative. Discussions included the progress of regional activities under AFSIS, updates on implementation status and upcoming plans. The session also presented the AFSIS 2024-2025 annual report for member states' review and confirmed the date and venue for the 24<sup>th</sup> Focal Point Meeting, which is scheduled to be held in the Philippines in 2026.

The two-day meeting will run from 17 to 18 June. — MNA/KZL

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.

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## Coordinated relief and recovery efforts reach quake-hit areas

RELIEF and recovery operations are actively underway in areas affected by the powerful Mandalay earthquake that recently struck Myanmar. Various organizations are working closely with locals to carry out these efforts with full strength.

Lt-Gen Thet Pon and officials from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) visited earthquake-affected religious buildings in Sagaing, including the SunU Ponnyash-in Pagoda, the Rajamani Sula Kaunghmudaw Pagoda, and the Mahazedi Pagoda. They inspected restoration and reconstruction works carried out by local communities and organizations. They also observed the clearance of debris



Coordinated relief and recovery efforts continue systematically in earthquake-hit areas of Sagaing and Mandalay.

and reconstruction of monasteries, pagodas and nunneries damaged by the quake, where heavy machinery is used to speed up the work. They coordinated necessary support and offered refreshments to the workers on site.

Later, the team inspected damaged residential buildings in Sagaing city and observed the use of manpower and ma-

chinery to accelerate the clearance of debris. They coordinated and gave necessary support.

Similarly, Lt-Gen Soe Tint Naing and officials from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) visited the Maha Thetkyaranthi Kyauktawgyi Pagoda in Taungthaman Village, Amarapura Township, Mandalay, which had suffered quake-related damage. They

inspected the ongoing debris clearance operations and the restoration works on the pagoda's relic chamber, including newly discovered 219 silver and 14 gold Buddha images, holy relic bottles and other sacred relics. They also examined the repairs made to sacred statues and the structure of the pagoda and coordinated any further needs.

The team then visited the Chanthagyi Pagoda in the western part of Thirimarla Ward, Aungmyaythazan Township, which had also suffered damage from the earthquake. They observed the clearance of debris by various organisations and preparations for gilding the face of the Buddha image with gold leaf. Inside the museum, they also examined ancient Buddha statues and relics and coordinated for any necessary support.

Afterwards, they inspected the demolition of dangerous and unstable buildings in both the western and eastern parts of Thirimarlar Ward in Aungmyaythazan Township using heavy machinery. They reviewed the operations and provided the required coordination and support. — MNA/KZL



## Relief and rehab efforts ongoing for Mandalay quake victims

AS of 17 June, six regions and states in Myanmar severely affected by the powerful earthquake that struck on 28 March have reported a total of 3,755 deaths, 5,104 injuries, and 51 people still missing.

The Myanmar Fire Ser-

vices Department, along with local and international search and rescue teams, has been actively conducting emergency operations in the affected areas. To date, they have successfully rescued 653 survivors trapped under collapsed build-

ings and recovered the bodies of 833 deceased persons.

Donations in cash and kind continue to be provided to those affected by the disaster. These contributions come not only from domestic donors but also from foreign countries, or-

ganizations, and international philanthropists.

Between 5 pm on 16 May and 5 pm on 17 May, a shipment of relief supplies – purified drinking water, mats, and stock pots weighing a total of 0.801 tone — arrived at Yangon

International Airport. The donation was made by Chinese donors and Myanmar nationals residing in China.

These supplies are promptly distributed to the disaster-affected communities. — MNA/MKKS

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## Traditional Myanmar boats

**T**HERE are over 100 ethnic groups living in Myanmar, and each ethnic group has its own unique culture, literature, and traditional customs. Among the rich cultural traditions of these ethnic groups, the craft of traditional boat-making is also one of them.

In the past, people travelled by using rafts for waterways. Later, they came up with the idea of making dugout canoes carved from logs instead of using rafts. This idea was inspired by the sight of logs with hollow centres floating on water. Realizing that hollowed-out canoes were lighter than solid logs and could carry more load, they began crafting and using these dugout canoes for transportation.

From there, lighter types of boats such as Laung (canoes) and combined boats gradually emerged. In the past, crafting dugout canoes was a highly labour-intensive task, often taking several

months to complete just one boat. The people used fallen trees for this purpose previously, but later they began selecting and cutting down long, straight trees specifically for making boats.

People use either paddles or oars. As is commonly known, oars are longer and broader than paddles, and they are usually used in pairs. However, the way of using oars can vary depending on the region.

In the eastern regions, oarsmen typically face toward the front of the boat while rowing. However, in Western countries, rowers usually sit facing the rear of the boat, rowing with their backs toward the direction they are heading. Although oars are generally used in pairs, in Western-style racing boats, each rower typically uses only a single oar. One unique feature of racing boats, compared to regular boats, is that small wheels are installed under the rower's seat, allowing

the seat to slide. This enables the rower to extend their reach and row with longer strokes. Racing boats come in different types, such as single, four-person, and eight-person crews.

During the reign of ancient Myanmar Kings, boat races were traditionally held as ceremonial events. These races were not only popular in Eastern countries, but are also celebrated seasonally in Western countries on a grand scale. Competitors in boat races must not only ensure that their boats are fast and well-prepared, but they themselves must also be in excellent physical condition. To build stamina and ensure harmonious rowing, they undergo strict training both on land and in water throughout the whole year.

Another type of boat race that is extremely popular in Western countries is the sailing race. These racing boats differ from ordinary boats in that they are

designed with sleek and narrow shapes. The number of sails varies depending on the type of racing boat. The sizes of these boats also range from small 15-foot vessels to large racing yachts capable of crossing the Atlantic Ocean.

All around the world, there are many different types of boats and seasonal boat races are held every year. However, for those who row or sail, it is not enough to simply understand boats and water superficially. They must have a deep understanding of water dynamics and be highly skilled in rowing. Currently, people can use small boats, large boats, ferries, motor boats, and so on easily in every season or condition. However, the traditional boats are still used for fishing, transporting fruits and vegetables and boat racing events in Waso, Wagaung and Tawthalin months. — Zeya Naing (Shwe Kan Myay)/KTZH



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Yangon’s Bogoyoke Aung San Museum to hold special exhibition for 78<sup>th</sup> Martyrs’ Day

ON the 78<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martyrs’ Day, which falls on 19 July, a special exhibition will be held at the Bogoyoke Aung San Museum (Yangon) in Bahan Township, Yangon Region, according to Daw Nyo Nyo Yinmauk, the museum’s staff officer.

The museum will be temporarily closed for approximately 20 days from 17 June to 18 July to prepare for a special exhibition to mark the 78<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martyrs’ Day.

“At the entrance to the museum, visitors will find a display of the car the General rode in. Along the pathway leading to the museum, 18 boards featuring historical records and photographs of the General will be on display. Upon entering the museum, visitors will



This photo captures an official explaining to visitors at the Bogoyoke Aung San Museum (Yangon) in Bahan Township, Yangon Region.

encounter a silicone statue of the General reclining in a chair and reading on the museum’s circular balcony. The book he was reading, a lighter engraved with his name, a cigarette, an

ashtray, and a cigarette case are also showcased.

From there, visitors can proceed to the museum’s interior, where they will see the furniture from the General’s

family dining room. In this room, five panels illustrate key aspects of the General’s life: his childhood, university years, political career, military leadership, and role as a national leader. After exploring the dining room, visitors can view two additional boards summarizing the General’s family life and his achievements, presented in both Myanmar and English,” said Daw Nyo Nyo Yinmauk.

“In addition, a brief history of the Bogoyoke Aung San Museum (Yangon) will be displayed in both Burmese and English along the walkway outside the museum. At the museum entrance, visitors will find, in the living room, a settee and furniture used by the General’s family. Items on display

include a coat gifted by Indian leader Jawaharlal Nehru, a radio the General listened to, an oil painting titled “A Backyard Market” by artist U Ngwe Kaling (painted in 1964-65), a family photo, a bust of the General, another painting, a photo of the General’s family living room, and a chair where the General used to sit while putting on his shoes,” she continued.

The museum, which was once the General’s family home, is located on a plot of land measuring 2.423 acres and was built in 1921 in a 20<sup>th</sup>-century European style combined with Western architecture. General Aung San lived in the house with his family from 1945 until his assassination on 19 July 1947. — ASH/TH

Tatkon to welcome model tourist village within a year



Reconstructed houses in Nyaungpintha village, where development is underway for a model tourist village

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We are now working to develop the area as a rural-based tourist destination where visitors can come and explore,” the official stated.

He continued, “This will be implemented step by step. When international tourists come to Nay Pyi Taw, they’ll be able to experience the charm of rural life. We’re plan-

ning for either overnight or day trips. It’s about enjoying traditional rural meals, relaxing, and receiving traditional massages. It will become an excellent destination for one-day or overnight trips in Nay Pyi Taw. We’re currently working on this. If everything goes smoothly, it should be ready for the upcoming tourism season”.

At present, efforts are ongoing to implement the tourism project. Besides enjoying traditional rural cuisine and relaxation, plans are also underway for visitors to participate in local livelihoods. The village is bordered by a picturesque stream and lush fields, offering an immersive rural experience. — ASH/ KNN

Charity live show set to rock Mandalay, all proceeds to be donated

THE Sai Sai live show by popular singer Sai Sai Kham Leng, with proceeds set to be donated to charitable organizations, will take place in Mandalay’s Chanayethazan Township at the Square Theatre Bar on the night of 29 June, according to organizers.

The show organizer stated, “To our beloved fans in Mandalay, the Sai Sai Live Show will be held on 29 June at the Square Theatre Bar. All profits from the show will be donated to social support organizations. We warmly invite everyone to come and enjoy the performance. Alongside timeless hits that have long held a place in fans’ hearts, there will also be brand new songs offering a fresh musical experience”.

The performance by Sai Sai Kham Leng will begin at 7 pm, with live backing by the Square Band, known for its energetic and polished support.

As a recent precedent on 31 May, a concert featuring Myo Gyi, Y Wine and Connie saw its proceeds donated the very next day to a range of social and religious organizations in Mandalay. These included the Mandalay Social Rescue Federation, Mani Sala Social Support Group, Tawa Metta Rescue Team, Maha Social Support Group, Music Siblings Philanthropic Association, Shwe Phone Shain Monastery, Dhamma Dhara Waso Monastery, Christ AG Church, MYC Church (Mdy) and the Sinkar Rescue Camp in Amarapura, among others. The dona-

tions were made in cooperation with Iron Cross band members, as stated by the Square Theatre Bar. — ASH/KZL



This image showcases promotional material for the Sai Sai live show.

Over 47,800 private industries registered with DISI by end of May

A total of 47,879 private industries have been registered with the Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection in April-May of the current financial year 2025-2026, the Ministry of Industry's data indicated.

The registered private industries grew to 47,609 in the previous financial year 2023-2024 from 45,015 registered in the 2022-2023 financial year. A total of 206 industries were officially listed in the past FY 2024-2025 (April-March).

Almost fifty per cent of the registered private industries are engaged in the food group.

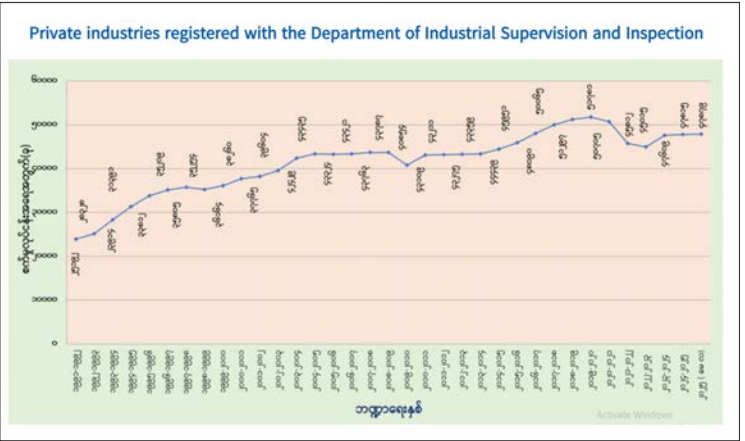
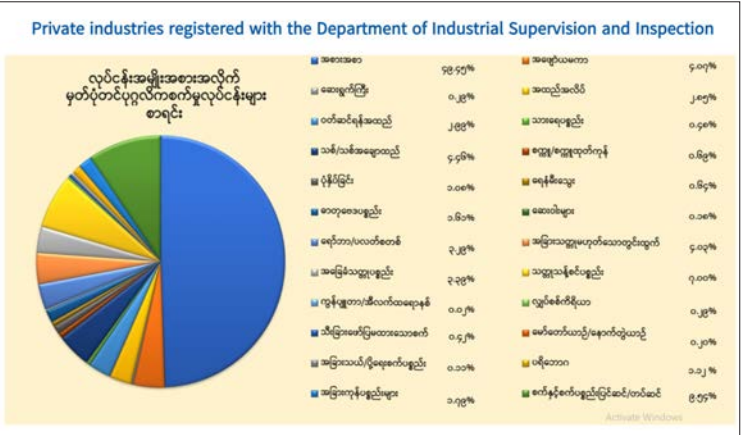
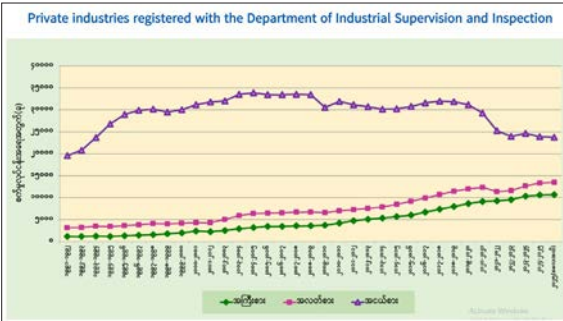
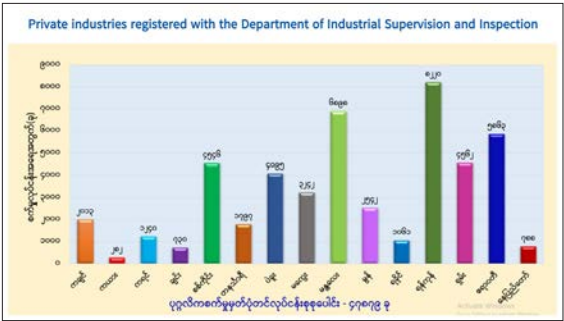
The lists of registered private industries are classified into 24 business groups; food, tobacco, clothing, wood and finished wood slabs, printing, chemical, rubber and plastic, basic mineral, computer and electronic device, unclassified machine, beverage, fabric, leather, paper and paper products, charcoal fuel, pharmaceuticals, non-metallic minerals, metal refining equipment, electronics, vehicle and trailer, furniture and machines and equipment repair and installation.

With the private industries growing domestically, the DISI

is providing services for small and medium enterprises to get access to technical assistance and funding, explore markets, register the private industrial enterprises under existing laws and conduct safety inspections of boiler and electrical usage at worksites and environmental impact assessment.

Yangon Region, a commercial hub of Myanmar, is home to private industries with 8,220 registered businesses, followed by Mandalay Region with 6,898 and Ayeyawady Region with 5,863.

— KK



Domestic maize price jumps on global cues

THE maize price in the domestic market went up following strong global market sentiments and stock shortage in the domestic market.

Myanmar's maize is primarily sent to Thailand at present with free customs duty. They are also sent to China, India, the Philippines and Bangladesh.

Thailand gives the green light for maize imports under zero tariff (with Form D), between 1 February and 31 August. However, Thailand imposes a maximum tax rate of 73 per cent on maize imports to protect the rights of their growers if the maize is imported during

the maize season of Thailand. Additionally, China has been purchasing Myanmar's maize through cross-border trade under the alternative development programme. Legitimate maize trade between Myanmar and China commenced at the end of 2022. A total of 112 Myanmar companies have been permitted for maize exports.

The maize is cultivated in Shan, Kachin, Kayah and Kayin states and Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway regions. Myanmar has three maize seasons: winter, summer and monsoon. Myanmar's annual maize output is estimated at 2.5-3 million tonnes. — NN/KK



Piles of harvested corn are loaded onto a lorry for distribution and export.

CBM to sell \$10M to importers



Container vessels laden with import-export cargo are seen on the Yangon River.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 16 June that it would sell US\$10 million to importers.

CBM pumped over \$1 million into the financial market. Additionally, it sold \$1.37 million from the companies working on a Cutting-Making and Packaging basis to edible oil importing companies and over 1.05 million to importers of other goods on 16 June.

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

porting countries.

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

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

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

CBM announced on 4 June

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

CBM injected over 600,000 yuan and 2.6 million baht on 3 June, 579,900 yuan and 4.7 million baht on 2 June, over 610,000 yuan and 2.4 million baht on 30 May after sales of 4.3 million baht on 28 May into the financial market.

CBM announced on 27 May that it would sell \$30 million to fuel oil importers.

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

## Countering hate speech to foster peace and unity

HATRED has always had harmful consequences, but modern communication technologies have amplified its reach and influence, turning hate speech into a powerful vehicle for spreading divisive ideologies worldwide. When ignored, hate speech threatens peace and development, often fueling conflict and human rights abuses. The United Nations has consistently taken a stand against hatred, working to protect human rights and uphold the rule of law, while addressing its effects on peacemaking, gender equality, and support for youth.

The UN Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech describes hate speech as communication that targets or discriminates against individuals or groups based on identity factors such as religion,

To establish a peaceful and harmonious human community, renewed strength and energy are needed. A single word of praise can be like a medicine that strengthens the foundation of a society, but everyone must understand that a single word of hatred can easily destroy all the efforts and constructions that have been made. Therefore, everyone should be careful and value the words they speak.

the world and adopted a resolution on “promoting inter-religious and intercultural dialogue and tolerance in countering hate speech”. The resolution recognizes the need to counter discrimination on gender and nationality and hate speech and calls on all relevant actors to address this phenomenon, in line with international human rights law.

In July 2021, the UN General Assembly highlighted global concerns over “the exponential spread and proliferation of hate speech” around

To establish a peaceful and harmonious human community, renewed strength and energy are needed. A single word of praise can be like a medicine that strengthens the foundation of a society, but everyone must understand that a single word of hatred can easily destroy all the efforts and constructions that have been made. Therefore, everyone should be careful and value the words they speak.

In the rapidly evolving world of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, progress pivots on innovation, and innovation is born from Research and Development (R&D). Whether it’s in science, technology, healthcare, agriculture, education, or industry, R&D serves as the backbone of advancement. To secure a prosperous and sustainable future, it is crucial that societies, governments, and private sectors come together to actively promote and invest in research and development.

Research and development progress by enabling the discovery of new knowledge, the invention of transformative technologies, and the refinement of existing systems. For instance, modern medicine owes much to decades of unrelenting research, which has resulted in life-saving treatments, vaccines, and diagnostic tools. Likewise, advancements in renewable energy, Artificial Intelligence, space exploration, and sustainable agriculture stem directly from dedicated R&D efforts. Economically, R&D drives competitiveness. Research generates intellectual property, creates high-skilled jobs, attracts foreign investment, and leads to the birth of new industries. R&D is critically important for progress in nearly every field – from healthcare and technology to agriculture and business. The following points are key reasons why R&D is important-

- Innovation and Problem Solving: R&D drives the creation of new ideas, products, and technologies, and it helps solve real-world problems by finding better, faster, safer, or cheaper solutions.
- Economic Growth: Countries that invest in R&D often see stronger economies, more jobs, and higher standards of living. New inventions and

## Let’s Promote Research and Development

By Dr Than Lwin Tun

improvements lead to new markets and industries.

- Competitive Advantage: Companies that invest in R&D can stay ahead of their competitors, it allows businesses to offer unique products or services, improving their market position.
- Improved Quality of Life: In fields like medicine, agriculture, and energy, R&D leads to better health outcomes, more food production, and cleaner energy, and it helps address global challenges such as climate change, pandemics, and food security.
- Sustainability: R&D supports the development of eco-friendly technologies and practices; it plays a key role in creating sustainable solutions for future generations.
- Education and Knowledge: R&D contributes to new scientific knowledge

and understanding, and it also improves education systems by encouraging critical thinking, creativity, and discovery.

Despite its benefits, R&D often faces significant obstacles. It requires substantial financial investment, and returns may not be immediate. Many developing nations struggle with limited funding, brain drain, and a lack of infrastructure to support research. Moreover, private companies may hesitate to invest in long-term projects without guaranteed outcomes. There is also the challenge of making R&D inclusive and ethically responsible. Innovation must consider social impact, environmental sustainability, and equitable access to its benefits.

### Approaches for Promoting R&D

- ❖ To overcome these challenges and promote R&D effectively, a multi-faceted approach is needed:
- ❖ Funding Support: Public funding

through grants, tax incentives, and national R&D policies can stimulate research, especially in high-risk or socially vital areas like climate change or public health.

- ❖ Educational Reform: Encouraging curiosity, critical thinking, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education from an early age fosters a culture of innovation.
- ❖ Industry-Academia Collaboration: Strong connections between universities and industries can bridge the gap between theoretical research and practical application, leading to faster and more relevant innovations.
- ❖ International Cooperation: Collaborative research projects that exceed borders can pool resources and expertise, tackling global issues more effectively.
- ❖ Investment in Infrastructure: Creating research centres, technological parks, and well-equipped laboratories provides the physical foundation for productive R&D.

In addition, research and development are not luxuries; they are necessities. In a world grappling with complex challenges like climate change, pandemics, and food insecurity, R&D offers the tools to find solutions. By prioritizing and promoting research and development, we not only enrich human knowledge but also pave the way for a healthier, more innovative, and equitable world. Let us commit to a future where research is not an afterthought, but a guiding principle of our collective progress. Therefore, R&D is the engine of progress and transformation essential for building a better, smarter, and more sustainable world.

## AI’s arrival at work reshaping employers’ hunt for talent



Adoption of AI could give workers “more time to do creative work” -- or impose “greater standardization of their roles and reduced autonomy,” the ILO said. PHOTO: CONCEPT ART

PREDICTIONS of imminent AI-driven mass unemployment are likely overblown, but employers will seek workers with different skills as the technology matures, a top executive at global recruiter ManpowerGroup told AFP at Paris’s Vivatech trade fair.

The world’s third-largest staffing firm by revenue ran a startup contest at Vivatech in which one of the contenders was building systems to hire out customizable autonomous AI “agents”, rather than humans.

Their service was reminiscent of a warning last month from Dario Amodei, head of American AI giant Anthropic, that the technology could wipe out half of entry-level white-collar jobs within one to five years.

For ManpowerGroup, AI agents are “certainly not going to become our core business any time soon,” the company’s Chief Innovation Officer

Tomas Chamorro-Premuzic said. “If history shows us one thing, it’s most of these forecasts are wrong.”

An International Labour Organization (ILO) report published in May found that around “one in four workers across the world are in an occupation with some degree of exposure” to generative AI models’ capabilities.

“Few jobs are currently at high risk of full automation,” the ILO added.

But the UN body also highlighted “rapid expansion of AI capabilities since our previous study” in 2023, including the emergence of “agentic” models more able to act autonomously or semi-autonomously and use software like web browsers and email.

### Soft skills

Chamorro-Premuzic predicted that the introduction of efficiency-enhancing AI tools would put pressure on workers, managers and firms to make the most of the time they will save.

“If what happens is that AI helps knowledge workers save 30, 40, maybe 50 per cent of their time, but that time is then wasted on social media, that’s not an increase in net output,” he said.

Adoption of AI could give workers “more time to do creative work” -- or impose “greater standardization of their roles and reduced autonomy,” the ILO said.

There’s general agreement that interpersonal skills and an entrepreneurial attitude will become more important for knowledge workers as their daily tasks shift towards corralling AIs.

Employers identified ethical judgement, customer service, team management and strategic thinking as top skills AI could not replace in a ManpowerGroup survey of over 40,000 employers across 42 countries published this week.

SOURCE: AFP

## Positive Peace Towards a Lasting One?

By @Editor

### Introduction

In a world often defined by what it resists - war, violence, injustice - the idea of positive peace offers a quiet but radical shift. It asks not merely for the absence of conflict, but for the presence of justice, equity, and dignity. It is not silence after gunfire, but the hum of dialogue, cooperation, and shared purpose.

Yet the question remains: can positive peace endure? Or is it a fragile bloom in a field still seeded with structural inequality and historical grievance?

### I. Echoes of the Past: What the World Wars Still Teach Us

From the devastation of World War I to the horrors of World War II, the 20<sup>th</sup> century demonstrated that war often results not from sudden hostility, but from neglected diplomacy and unresolved injustices. The world is again shadowed by rising tension - today, between states like Israel and Iran - and still, the echoes of the past whisper warnings.

As an editor and observer, I’ve read and helped shape narratives that too often rush from silence to explosion. But the real story often lies in what goes unsaid: the compromises unoffered, the dialogue unopened, the alternatives unexplored.

### II. Negotiation Beyond the Binary: Inclusion as a Peace Strategy

Peace does not happen in a vacuum or between only two headline actors. It emerges when all stakeholders - regional voices, community leaders, displaced citizens, and international mediators - are allowed to shape the terms. This calls for journalism that reframes the players not just as adversaries, but as participants in a wider human ecosystem.

Much like editing a feature story, inclusive negotiation requires attention to what is missing, not just what is present. Without broader inclusion, any agreement is little more than a temporary pause.

### III. Clarifying the Core: Understanding What “Mutual” Demands

We often invoke terms like mutual understanding, mutual trust, or mutual respect as if they are interchangeable. But the nuance matters:

- **Mutual understanding** is intellectual - it means we grasp each other’s concerns and context.
- **Mutual trust** is emotional - it means we believe the other will act in good faith.
- **Mutual respect** is ethical - it means we honour each other’s rights and dignity.

These aren’t passive conditions. They require active effort, and in negotiation, each forms a rung on the ladder to peace. Clarity in language, especially in editorials and public communication, is essential - not to obfuscate with abstract optimism, but to define the foundation of any sustainable peace effort.

### IV. From Positive to Lasting: The Responsibility of Media and Editors

Positive peace asks for more than silence between wars - it calls for fairness in institutions - inclusion in storytelling, and intentional language. That’s where we editors come in.

We can choose to write about conflict, or we can write towards reconciliation. We can select nouns that enflame or ones that explain. We can frame headlines that emphasize the adversaries or those that amplify the voices working towards healing.

Peace journalism is not activism disguised as reporting - it’s journalism with a conscience. It acknowledges complexity without resorting to caricature.

### V. A Sea’s Lesson: Peace Beyond the Horizon

Years ago, during my time at sea, I stood on the deck surrounded by crewmates from vastly different nations - some from countries once at odds. But in that tight space of shared purpose, there was no room for division. We navigated by the stars, communicated through need, and depended on each other for survival.

That ship taught me the real rhythm of peace: not treaties, but trust; not declarations, but daily conduct. We didn’t speak of peace - we lived it, without fanfare, because we had no choice.

That memory has stayed with me through decades of editorial work. Nations, like ships, require coordination to stay afloat - not ego, but empathy.

### VI. Conclusion: A Closing Word from the Desk

So, can positive peace become a lasting peace?

Yes, but only if it is made visible in headlines, held accountable in institutions, and spoken aloud in negotiations that seek not dominance but coexistence.

In my years of editing stories about conflict and recovery, I’ve found that peace is less a destination than a method. It is not waiting at the end of war - it is present in every word we choose, every gesture we extend, every silence we respect.

We may not control history’s trajectory. But we do shape the narrative. Let us shape it wisely - and peaceably.

NATIONAL

136 foreign telecom fraud suspects repatriated

A total of 136 foreign nationals who illegally entered Myanmar via border routes through neighbouring countries, including Thailand, and engaged in on-line gambling, online fraud and other crimes in areas such as Myawady-Shwe Kokko, KK Park and Kyaikhto regions in Kayin State were repatriated to their respective countries yesterday through the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge No 2.

The repatriation was carried out based on humanitarian grounds and neighbourly relations in accordance with legal procedures. Seven more foreign nationals were also identified and detained for further investigation.

The repatriated individuals include 70 Vietnamese nationals, 56 Ethiopian nationals, eight Cameroonian nationals, and two Ghanaian nationals. In order to ensure systematic and



Immigration officials processing the repatriation of foreign entrants.

smooth repatriation procedures, officials verify and inspect data and documentation for completeness and accuracy. Myanmar officials officially handed over the repatriated individuals along

with supporting documents to the respective embassy representatives.

Seven more foreign nationals were also discovered and detained yesterday for illegally

entering Myanmar through border routes in the Myawady-Shwe Kokko region. These individuals include four Indian nationals, one Nepali national, one Ugandan national and one Kenyan

national.

From 30 January to 17 June 2025, a total of 9,141 foreign nationals who illegally entered Myanmar were identified and detained. Among them, 8,906 individuals were repatriated to their respective countries via Thailand under the law and proper procedures. The remaining 235 foreign nationals are ready for repatriation and are held in proper custody.

The Government continues to investigate and take action against those involved in online scams and online gambling, including foreign nationals and collaborators. Myanmar is working actively and consistently with neighbouring countries and international organizations to uncover and take action against such illegal activities while repatriating involved foreign nationals per international and legal standards. — MNA/KZL

97 Myanmar and 41 Chinese nationals arrested for online scams in Shan State



THE combined team comprising security forces members and Myanmar Police Force members raided two houses in Swan Saw and Kaung Hmu Tone wards of Muse townships in Shan State (north) on 16 June.

During the raid at the house number Masa 400, Swan Saw ward of Muse township, they arrested 40 Chinese males, 33 Myanmar males and 10 females, who run online scams, together with 120 mobile phones, 86 computers, three Wi-Fi devices and one Crown vehicle.

At the house number Hana-8, they also arrested one Chi-



Photos depict Chinese and Myanmar arrestees alongside seized vehicles and evidence.

nese national, 26 Myanmar men and 28 women, together with 16 computers, 334 mobile phones, three Wi-Fi devices, one Crown and one Toyota Land Cruiser. The investigations are being

conducted against the house owners.

The arrestees: 41 Chinese nationals, 59 Myanmar men and 38 women will face legal action under the law. — MNA/KTZH

Uttar Pradesh ITS 2025 opens 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition to Myanmar business leaders

MYANMAR businesspeople are invited to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition UP International Trade Show, which will take place from 25 to 29 September 2025 at the India Expo Centre & Mart in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

The Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO) sent an invitation letter to MyanTrade to join the UP ITS 2025 in order for companies to showcase and source their products and services, build networks with potential partners, explore business opportunities and attend trade shows and technical workshops. The focus sectors of the trade show include agriculture & allied sectors, horticulture, automobile, EV, auto components, electronics, FMCG, engineering & manufactur-

ing, toys, textiles, glassware, handicraft, leather, IT, pharmaceuticals, and renewable energy, among others.

As per the hosted foreign buyer scheme, FIEO is offering partial reimbursement of air ticket (Economy Class), two nights' hotel stay, airport transfers and access to the Expo and Business Networking. The buyers are requested to provide their requisite details by registering online at <http://www.fieo.org/UPITS2025> by 15 July 2025. The brochure and web banner of the show are attached. Those selected individuals will be notified in mid-August.

Those interested can enquire about the 3rd Edition UP International Trade Show through MyanTrade at 067 408623 and email [td.myantrade@gmail.com](mailto:td.myantrade@gmail.com). — NN/KK

NATIONAL

K2,400  
commemorative  
stamp block to  
showcase traditional  
costumes

A special edition of the block of stamps commemorating the costumes of the past will be sold at a price of K2,400 on 20 June, according to the Myanmar Post Office.

To help collectors collect stamps that were issued to revive Myanmar’s cultural heritage and to make the public and the younger generation more aware of the costumes of Myanmar men and women throughout the ages, this special edition will consist of 12 K200 stamps, and sales will start from 9:30 am on that day.

New K2,400 stamps will be sold simultaneously at Nay Pyi Taw Central Post Office, Yangon Post Office, Mandalay Post Office and post offices in regions and states.

As a special programme, postage stamps purchased on 20 June (Friday) at Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, and Mandalay will be stamped with a date stamp.

The stamps have been distributed to post offices in regions and states. Those who wish to purchase the stamps can contact officers-in-charge: Daw Khin Nyo Nyo Myint (Nay Pyi Taw), 09 448000096, Daw Tin May Kyi (Yangon), 09 428138463, and U Tin Maung Myint (Mandalay), 09 424000515. — MT/ZN



Special stamps commemorating the costumes of the past.

Japan to hire over 1,500 workers  
from Myanmar



Myanmar workers are seen working at a Japanese company.

ACCORDING to the statement issued by the Myanmar Embassy in Japan on 16 June, over 400 Japanese companies would recruit more than 1,500 Myanmar workers.

The embassy has carried out timely verifications of demand letters received from the Ministry of Labour via the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, it said.

It verifies whether labour supervisory companies and factories or companies which offer jobs in Japan are officially established or not, and resubmits its findings and remarks to the Ministry of Labour through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

It is about 413 demand letters that the embassy submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs after verification until 10 March 2025. According to it, 250 Myanmar male workers and more than 1,300 Myanmar female workers would be employed by up to 400 Japanese companies.

According to a statement issued on 31 May, more than 390 Japanese companies would employ over 360 male Myanmar workers and up to 800 female Myanmar workers. — MT/ZS

MTB, NMA sign MoU to partner on youth affairs

AIMING to establish a partnership to help youths make their dreams possible, Myanmar Tourism Bank and the National Management Academy signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 17 June.

With MTB’s education loan programme, they will cooperate in encouraging more high-potential leaders, enhance the capacity building of young people and create job opportunities, said MTB.

In the signing ceremony, MTB’s CEO U Win Lwin and NMA College’s founder and president U Han Htoo signed the MoU, before witnesses- MTB’s chief administrative officer U Zaw Thu and NMA College’s business development manager Daw Ei Nyein Myat. — MT/ZS



This photo captures the Myanmar Tourism Bank and the National Management Academy signing the MoU.

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# ECONOMY WORLD

## Xiaomi powers EV growth through smart manufacturing



Visitors learn about a new energy vehicle at Xiaomi's automobile factory in Beijing, capital of China, 16 June 2025. Located in the Beijing Economic-Technological Development Area, China's tech giant Xiaomi's automobile factory sprawls across over 700,000 square metres. Integrating research, testing, production and sales, the factory is open to the public to showcase its cutting-edge automotive production capabilities.

**PHOTO: XINHUA**

INSIDE a workshop at Chinese tech giant Xiaomi's electric vehicle (EV) factory, the scene is a stark contrast to what one might expect to see on a factory floor.

With few workers in sight, robotic arms move with precision and speed, seamlessly assembling vehicle body components. Autonomous Mobile Robots (AMRs) glide across the floor, efficiently transporting materials to their designated stations.

Xiaomi entered the EV market in 2021, setting up a state-of-the-art factory spanning some 720,000 square metres in the Beijing Economic-Technological Development Area, also known as Beijing E-Town — a key innovation hub for China's autonomous driving industry. The market newcomer unveiled its SU7 model in March 2024.

Every 76 seconds, a new Xiaomi vehicle rolls off the pro-

duction line at the factory, with over 700 robots operating around the clock to enable the full automation of key processes such as large-scale die casting.

The factory embodies Xiaomi's vision for smart manufacturing, in which intelligent machines take the lead and automation fuels both quality and efficiency. To Lei Jun, founder and chairman of Xiaomi, the importance of sustained investment in innovation is self-evident.

"Upholding our unwavering principle of 'technology as the foundation,' Xiaomi has invested over 100 billion yuan (about US\$13.93 billion) in R&D over the past five years, making significant strides in many core capabilities. In the next five years, we plan to invest another 200 billion yuan to pursue new heights in global next-generation hard tech," Lei said. — Xinhua

## Leaders of US, Britain ink trade deal at G7 summit

US President Donald Trump and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Monday signed a trade deal at the G7 summit in Canada.

"We signed it and it's done," Trump said. Starmer noted that the deal would implement bilateral agreements on auto tariffs and aerospace.

The White House issued an executive order on Monday to implement the general terms of the trade deal announced on 8 May.

The United States will establish an annual tariff-rate quota of 100,000 automobiles, allowing a 10 per cent tariff for imports within the quota, according to the order. Meanwhile, imports of automobiles in excess of the tariff-rate quota shall remain subject to the 25 per cent tariff imposed by the proclamation on adjusting imports of automobiles and parts on 26 March.

US imports of Brit-

ain-made automotive parts for use in British automobiles would be subject to a 10 per cent tariff rather than the 25 per cent tariffs imposed by the above-mentioned proclamation.

Moreover, the United States decided to exempt British civil aircraft from the

application of steel and aluminium proclamations issued on 8 March and an executive order released on 2 April.

Trump directed US secretary of commerce to design and establish a tariff-rate quota for aluminium and steel articles and derivative articles made in Britain in the future. — Xinhua



US President Donald Trump (L) and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer speak to reporters after meeting during the Group of Seven (G7) Summit at the Pomeroy Kananaskis Mountain Lodge in Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada on 16 June 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

## India's exports rise 5.75% in April-May

INDIA'S cumulative exports, including merchandise and services, during April-May 2025 were estimated at US\$142.43 billion, up 5.75 per cent over the same period last year, according to the federal Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Monday.

The country's trade deficit for April-May widened to \$17.14 billion from \$15.12 billion recorded a year ago.

The total value of merchandise exports in April-May 2025 was \$77.19 billion, compared to \$74.89 billion in April-May 2024. — Xinhua

## Indonesia's water, non-alcoholic beverage exports surge over 34% in 2024

THE shipments of Indonesia's water and non-alcoholic beverages expanded 34.36 per cent to US\$164.21 million in 2024, according to the Indonesian Export Financing Institution (LPEI).

Senior economist at the LPEI, Donda Sarah, said she was confident the uptrend would continue for the next several years. This was due to a strong demand from trade partners, she said in a statement on Monday.

The Philippines was the

largest market, accounting for 23.61 per cent of Indonesia's total exports of water and non-alcoholic beverages in 2024, followed by Vietnam with 12.76 per cent, Singapore with 9.96 per cent, Malaysia with 8.57 per cent, and Timor-Leste with 7.23 per cent, official data showed.

Indonesia's exports of water and non-alcoholic beverages in the first four months of 2025 grew 73.45 per cent to \$77.47 million. — Xinhua

# Vietnam’s Vietjet orders 100 Airbus A321neo planes

VIETNAMESE carrier Vietjet has ordered 100 single-aisle A321neo jets from Airbus, the European plane maker said Tuesday in the latest deal announced at the Paris Air Show. The deal would be worth almost \$13 billion under 2018 catalogue prices. It includes an option for Vietjet, Vietnam’s largest private airline, to buy a further 50 of the jets at a later date.

“This new agreement marks a significant milestone in our strategic partnership with Airbus,” said Vietjet chairwoman Nguyen Thi Phuong Thao.

“These modern and efficient aircraft have been instrumental in



(FILES) An Airbus A321 neo LR takes off from the Toulouse-Blagnac airport in south-western France on 16 September 2022. Vietnamese carrier Vietjet has ordered 100 single-aisle A321neo jets from Airbus, the European plane maker said 17 June 2025, in the latest deal announced at the Paris Air Show. **PHOTO: AFP**

Vietjet’s growth, helping us make air travel more accessible and affordable for millions, while strengthening our role

as a connector for economic development, cultural exchange and global connectivity,” she added. — AFP

# Indonesia’s state-owned aluminium firm sees 27.6% rise in output in 2024

INDONESIA’S state-owned company, PT Inalum (PT Indonesia Asahan Aluminium), the country’s leading aluminium producer, recorded an output of 274,230 tonnes of aluminium in 2024, an increase of 27.6 per cent compared to the previous year, a senior official announced on Tuesday.

PT Inalum President Director Melati Sarnita reported that the company

generated revenue of US\$716.9 million in 2024. She attributed this achievement to more efficient operations and improved competitiveness amid fluctuating global commodity prices. “With the support of shareholders and all stakeholders, PT Inalum is optimistic about becoming the main driver of a strong, sustainable, and globally competitive national aluminium industry,” Sarnita said. — Xinhua

## Changing Trade Name of Pesticide

Aventine Limited would like to change the trade name of the following pesticide which is registered by Qingdao Rainbow Chemical Co.,Ltd..

No.	Old Trade Name	New Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Reg. No.
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And we would like to invite any objection for the above changing trade name within (14) days of the publication of this notice to the Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogon, Insein.

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# Malaysian central bank launches digital asset innovation hub

THE Malaysian central bank on Tuesday launched the Digital Asset Innovation Hub to stimulate financial innovation in a controlled environment for applicants to test new ideas and provide input to fine-tune regulatory and security frameworks.

Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) said that this is to support the development of digital assets and the application of leading financial technology in Malaysia.

Malaysia’s Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim said in his keynote speech that the hub is a testament to Malaysia’s commitment to ensure policy evolves alongside innovation.

“The hub will serve as a catalyst for progress, enabling innovators to test use cases such as programmable payments, ringgit-backed stable coins and supply chain financing; unlocking new efficiencies across the financial system and the broader economy,” he said. — Xinhua

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# ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

## Japan, Canada leaders discuss uncertain economy, trade



JAPANESE Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba and Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney on Monday discussed issues on the “increasingly uncertain” state of the economy and multilateral trade and agreed to cooperate in responding to global challenges.

The first in-person meeting between the two leaders came on the fringes of the Group of Seven leaders’ meeting chaired by Carney, a former central banker, at a time when US Pres-

ident Donald Trump’s tariff policy has raised concerns about the global economy and trade.

During their meeting in Kananaskis, Ishiba welcomed the strengthening of the bilateral “strategic partnership” and agreed with Carney on closer security and economic cooperation, according to a Japanese official.

The two leaders agreed to aim for the early signing of defence-related agreements on intelligence sharing and the transfer of defence equipment and technology, the Japanese official said.

Ishiba took office last October while Carney became prime minister in March. — Kyodo

Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba (L) and Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney meet in Canada on 16 June 2025. **PHOTO: KYODO**

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Typhoon Wutip leaves 7 dead in central Vietnam

HEAVY rains and flooding triggered by Typhoon Wutip have left seven people dead and caused extensive agricultural and property damage in central Vietnam, the Vietnam News Agency reported Tuesday.

Four deaths were reported in Quang Binh province and three in Quang Tri province, while one person was injured in Quang Tri, according to the Department of Dike Management and Natural Disaster Prevention.

According to reports, floods have submerged more than 33,000 hectares of rice fields, along with thousands of hectares of aquaculture ponds, while eight ships have been sunk or damaged. — Xinhua

#### Identification of Air India crash victims continues as families wait

A hospital in the western Indian city of Ahmedabad is still identifying over 270 victims of the Air India plane crash last week, with dozens of family members appearing anxious and upset as they wait to receive the bodies of their loved ones. Most of the bodies brought to the Ahmedabad Civil Hospital are badly charred. The London-bound Boeing 787-8, carrying 230 passengers and 12 crew members, crashed into a residential area of the city and erupted in flames Thursday, with only one passenger surviving. — Kyodo

#### Bangladesh records 25 new COVID-19 cases, 1 more death

BANGLADESH recorded 25 new COVID-19 cases over the past 24 hours, the Directorate-General of Health Services (DGHS) said Monday. The statistics also showed a new death case. Official data showed that 231 samples were tested on Monday throughout Bangladesh, and the positivity rate stood at 10.82 per cent. — Xinhua

## Poll finds public turning to AI bots for news updates

PEOPLE are increasingly turning to generative artificial intelligence chatbots like ChatGPT to follow day-to-day news, a respected media report published Tuesday found.

The yearly survey from the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism found “for the first time” that significant numbers of people were using chatbots to get headlines and updates, director Mitali Mukherjee wrote.

Attached to Britain’s Oxford University, the Reuters Institute annual report is seen as unmissable for people following the evolution of media.

Just seven per cent of people report using AI to find news, according to the poll of 97,000 people in 48 countries, carried out by YouGov.

But the proportion is higher among the young, at 12 per cent of under-35s and 15 per cent of under-25s.

The biggest-name chatbot — OpenAI’s ChatGPT — is the most widely used, followed by Google’s Gemini and Meta’s Llama.

Respondents appreciated

relevant, personalized news from chatbots.

Many more used AI to summarize (27 per cent), translate (24 per cent) or recommend (21 per cent) articles, while almost one in five asked questions about current events.

Distrust remains, with those polled on balance saying AI risked making the news less transparent, less accurate and less trustworthy.

Rather than being programmed, today’s powerful

AI “large language models” (LLMs) are “trained” on vast quantities of data from the web and other sources — including news media like text articles or video reports.

Once trained, they are able to generate text and images in response to users’ natural-language queries.

But they present problems including “hallucinations” — the term used when AI invents information that fits patterns in their training data but is not true. — AFP



An illustration photograph taken on 20 February 2025 shows ChatGPT app and website are displayed on a phone and laptop screens, in a residential property in Guildford, south of London. **PHOTO: AFP**

SPORTS

Myanmar to host AFC Women's qualifiers with two matches per day

MYANMAR will host the Group C matches of the 2026 AFC Women's Asian Cup Qualifiers, with two matches scheduled each day. The matches will take place on 29 June, 2 July and 5 July at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon. Each match-day will feature two fixtures: one at 4 pm and another at 7 pm. Group C consists of hosts Myanmar, Bahrain, Bangladesh and Turkmenistan. On 29 June, Myanmar will face Turkmenistan at 4 pm, followed by Bahrain versus Bangladesh at 7 pm. On 2 July, Bangladesh will play against Myanmar at 4 pm, with Turkmenistan taking on Bahrain at 7

pm. On 5 July, Myanmar will meet Bahrain at 4 pm, and Bangladesh will face Turkmenistan at 7 pm. The qualifiers are divided into eight groups, and only the top team from each group will advance. Myanmar's women's national team has been preparing for the qualifiers with a squad of over 30 preliminary players, under the leadership of head coach Yuki Tatsuro from Japan. — Chit Ko Ko/KZL

The Myanmar national women's team is seen during a training session. PHOTO: MFF



Man Utd CEO Berrada sticking to 2028 Premier League title aim

MANCHESTER United chief executive Omar Berrada is sticking to his ambitious target of winning the Premier League in 2028 to mark the club's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary despite a historically bad season for Ruben Amorim's team. The 20-time English champions endured their worst top-flight campaign since they were relegated in 1973/74, finishing 15<sup>th</sup>, 42 points behind champions Liverpool. They also lost the Europa League final to Tottenham, meaning they will have no European football next season. Berrada told staff of his "Project 150" vision in September last year, setting out his aim to win the Premier League and the Women's Super League (WSL) titles in 2028. While United's men's team have a mountain to climb, the women's side, who have never won the WSL, will have to dislodge Chelsea, who have won the past six titles. United finished third in the WSL, 16 points behind champions Chelsea, who also beat them in the FA Cup final. But Berrada, formerly chief football operations officer at Manchester City, believes a double title success within three years is possible, despite the huge challenges. "It's establishing a series of targets within a timeframe so we can focus our efforts and energy on that goal," he said in an interview with the United We Stand fanzine, to be published on Wednesday. "Can the team win the Premier League title by 2028? Of course". — AFP

Empty seats as Chelsea win opener at Club World Cup, Benfica deny Boca



Chelsea's Argentinian midfielder (8) Enzo Fernandez (C) scores a goal during the FIFA Club World Cup 2025 Group D football match between England's Chelsea and US Los Angeles FC at the Mercedes-Benz stadium in Atlanta on 16 June 2025. PHOTO: AFP CHELSEA began their Club World Cup campaign with a 2-0 victory against Los Angeles FC in a largely empty stadium on Monday as Brazilian giants Flamengo also got off to a winning start and a Benfica comeback denied Boca Juniors in a stormy encounter. As the inaugural 32-team tournament gradually kicks into gear in the United States, Chelsea followed fellow European heavyweights Paris Saint-Germain and Bayern Munich by claiming three points in their first group outing. Yet while UEFA Champions League winners PSG were ominous against Atletico Madrid on Sunday, and Bayern put 10 past Auckland City, the Premier League team were more solid than spec-

tacular against LAFC in Atlanta. Pedro Neto and Enzo Fernandez got the goals for Enzo Maresca's side in the Group D match before nearly 50,000 empty seats at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium — not a great look for the tournament organizers. New signing Liam Delap made his debut as a substitute and helped set up Fernandez's strike, with Chelsea hoping to reestablish themselves among the elite after their recent UEFA Conference League triumph and Champions League qualification. Maresca said it was a "very good result" and was happy with Delap's display following his recent arrival from Ipswich Town. "The good thing about Liam is he knows the way we want to play, so the process is quite quick," said the Italian. "The environment was a bit strange, the stadium was almost empty, not full," added Maresca when asked about the crowd, as just over 22,000 attended the 71,000-capacity venue for a game played at 3:00 pm local time on a Monday. — AFP

Plenty of interest as Real Madrid prepares for 2025 Club World Cup debut

EXPECTATIONS are high ahead of Real Madrid's debut at the 2025 FIFA Club World Cup, as they face Al Hilal at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami on Wednesday. The match marks Xabi Alonso's first official game as Real Madrid head coach. Although the former Madrid midfielder and ex-Bayer Leverkusen boss has had just over a week with the squad, all eyes will be on what early changes he has implemented. Under former coach Carlo Ancelotti, Real Madrid covered among the least distance on the pitch and rarely applied a high press, instead relying on the pace of Kylian Mbappe, Vinicius Jr and Rodrygo

to hit on the break. Alonso favoured a high-pressing style at Leverkusen, with his players disrupting opponents' buildup from the back. Whether he can instill that mentality in Madrid after only a few sessions, particularly in Miami's heat, remains to be seen. — Xinhua



# WORLD

## China welcomes joint statement by 21 Arab, Islamic countries on Israel-Iran conflict

CHINA welcomes the joint statement on the Israel-Iran conflict issued by 21 Arab and Islamic countries and is ready to work with related parties to promote the easing of the situation, a Foreign Ministry spokesperson said here Tuesday.

The joint statement, issued by the foreign ministers of the 21 countries, called for respect of state sovereignty and territorial integrity, upholding good-neighbourliness and resolving disputes peacefully.

In response, spokesperson Guo Jiakun told a regular press briefing that Israel's attack on Iran has triggered a sudden escalation of the regional situation, which has drawn high attention from the international community. He said the top priority is to cease fire and stop the war, take effective measures to prevent the escalation of the conflict, prevent the region from falling into greater turmoil, and return to the track of resolving problems through dialogue and negotiation.

Guo said China welcomes the joint statement and appreciates the efforts made by the relevant countries to cool down the situation, adding that China is willing to maintain communication with all relevant parties and play a constructive role in promoting the easing of the situation. — Xinhua



Chinese President Xi Jinping and Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev walk into the presidential palace in Astana, Kazakhstan, 16 June 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

## China, Kazakhstan to boost ties for regional, global peace, development

CHINESE President Xi Jinping said on Monday that China stands ready to work with Kazakhstan to contribute more to regional and world peace and development with stability and positive energy of bilateral ties.

Xi made the remarks when meeting with Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev ahead of the second China-Central Asia Summit.

Xi pointed out that China-Kazakhstan relations have withstood the test of

international changes and have consistently maintained a high level of development. This is due to the geographical proximity and the long-standing friendship between the two peoples, as well as the inevitable choice for the two countries to pursue development together, he said.

In recent years under joint planning of the two leaders, Xi said, the China-Kazakhstan community with a shared future has become more substan-

tial and richer in content, with tangible and people-centred outcomes continuously emerging, effectively enhancing the sense of fulfilment among the two peoples.

China has always viewed and developed its relationship with Kazakhstan from a strategic and long-term perspective, and is willing to work together with Kazakhstan to unswervingly consolidate the friendship between the two countries, he said. — Xinhua



The Group of Seven (G7) and Europe Union leaders attend a session during the G7 summit in Kananaskis in the province of Alberta, Canada, 16 June 2025. PHOTO: GOVERNMENT OF CANADA/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA

## G7 summit kicks off with emerging disagreements among leaders

THE Group of Seven (G7) leaders met for the first day of the two-day summit in Kananaskis in the province of Alberta, Canada, on Monday with emerging disagreements.

According to CNN, US President Donald Trump does not intend to sign a joint statement calling for de-escalation between Israel and Iran.

European Commission

President Ursula von der Leyen and European Council President António Costa held a press conference Sunday night saying that Israel has a right to defend itself and that Iran cannot obtain a nuclear weapon.

French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer were also hoping to finalize a

consensus among the leaders about the Middle East situation.

Trump's decision not to sign on to the statement set up an immediate divide with his counterparts, said the report, although a senior Canadian official said that European leaders are still engaged in the hopes of reaching a consensus.— Xinhua