

Citizens urged to uphold loyalty and serve the nation

Young people are encouraged to apply their knowledge in meaningful ways and strive to become dependable citizens who contribute to the nation’s future.



State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla warmly greet the student trainees at yesterday’s event.

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing stated that the State Administration Council has been striving to ensure peace and stability of the State with overall development while emphasizing the role of youths.

As now is the time to turn out human resources for the State, trainee youths have to expedite their efforts of studies applying experiences from the basic ideologies from the training, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in his meeting with trainees, administrators and instructors from the basic and advanced maritime and aviation courses 1/2025 at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

He continued to say that the original objectives of opening the training course were not only successfully achieved, but during the training period, young people from various regions of the country had the opportunity to attend the course

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Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the meeting with youth trainees

1. Those born and raised in this land have a duty and responsibility to remain loyal and grateful to the nation.
2. New generation youths have to strive to be loyal and respectful to their motherland, apply the knowledge they have learned, and become future citizens whom the nation can rely upon.
3. Every citizen should be aware of the true historical events of their country and participate as leading youths in building a modern, progressive nation through a genuine, disciplined, multiparty democratic system.

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People need to encourage agriculture and livestock

ONLY when domestic production is strong will exports increase. Therefore, we need to actively support and promote our country’s main production sectors — agri-culture and livestock.

(An excerpt from the speech of gratitude delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to well-wishers at the third cash donation ceremony for rescue and rehabilitation operations in the flooded areas triggered by Typhoon Yagi on 9 October 2024)

Rain-soaked Hpa-an attracts visitors with stunning scenery

WITH its natural scenery looking beautiful in the rain, Hpa-an, the capital of Kay-in State, is a famous destination for tourists during the monsoon, said travel companies.

Hpa-an, where visitors can feel nature, is the best place to visit, especially for local tourists.

“The natural landscape in Hpa-an is so attractive in the rain. Mountains look green just when the rain stops, and it is perfect to take photos with mountains, lakes, valleys and a viewpoint. Visiting in the rainy season gives a cosy taste, which is why tourists enjoy visiting Hpa-an,” said a travel planner.

There are many tourist

destinations in Hpa-an, such as Mount Zweekabin, Thabawa Cave, Yathepyan Cave, Taung-wine, Sadan Cave, Kawkathaung Cave, Htuntpataing Lake, night market stalls, Kyainn Mountain and Bayinnyi Cave.

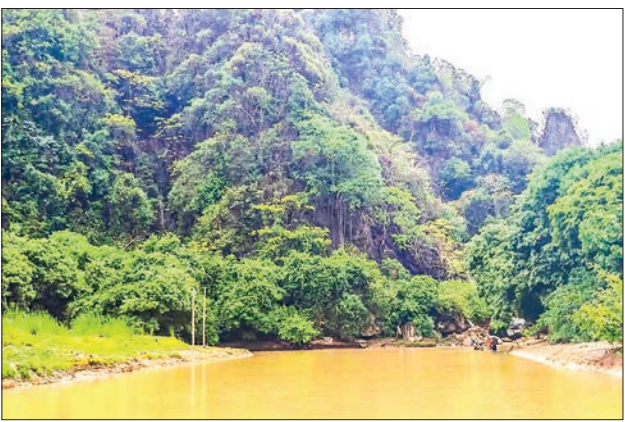
Travelling in heavy rains isn’t convenient, so families and friends have now gone on vaca-tion in Hpa-an in early monsoon, just before schools reopen.

“Now it’s started raining, so I visited Hpa-an with my friends because it is very beautiful in the rain. It is so elegant just after rained and can make us relaxed, and it is so good for taking photos,” said a tourist.

— MT/ZS



Photos depict Hpa-an looking so beautiful in the rain.
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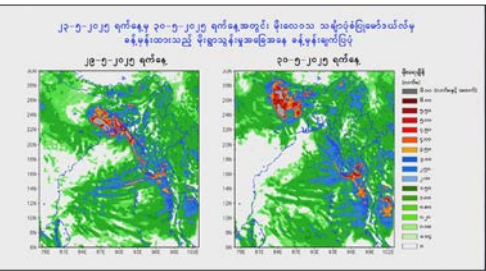
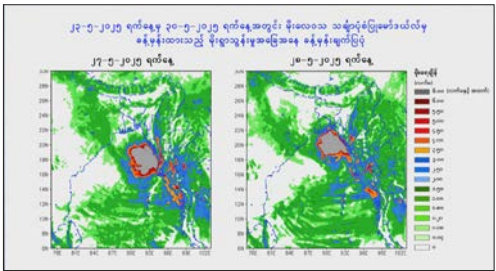
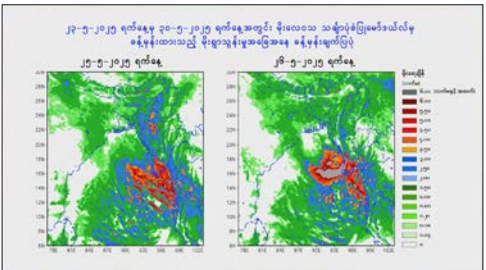
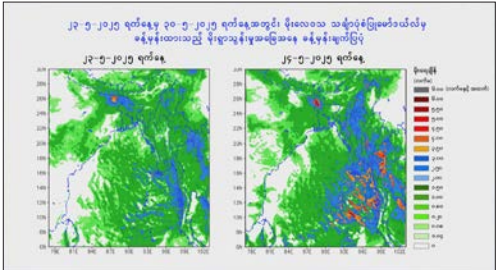
Special Weather News

Issued at 10 am MST on 21 May 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 9:30 am MST today, due to the unstable air condition over the Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal, monsoon will be strong and development of the convective clouds, rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered to fairly widespread in Kachin and northern Shan States and widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, (southern and eastern) Shan States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls during 23 May 2025 to 30 May 2025.

Advisory

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



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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)

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together, collaborate, and exchange knowledge and experiences. As a result, they developed strong friendship and valuable connections, which represent an invaluable opportunity. Through this network of friends, they will expand their social circles even further by connecting with their friends' networks. This will ultimately lead to broader social relationships in their youth, he added.

The Senior General recounted that when significant damage and losses occurred due to the recent major earthquake in Mandalay, friendly nations that promptly arrived to assist in rescue and relief efforts, national leaders who sent messages of condolence, and organizations and countries that provided support in various sectors such as healthcare, food, and shelter for the earthquake-affected people — all of them must be recognized as true friends of our nation, he noted.

He highlighted that the countries possessing sea coasts understand the value of maritime and aerospace constantly research maritime and aerospace technologies to improve their defence power. Strengthening defence capability contributes to the development of the State, so everybody needs to know the value of the technologies they studied.

The Senior General underscored that youths need to read fiction, which can soften the souls of humans and non-fiction, which adds more knowledge to the people to constantly improve their lives.

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He emphasized that saboteurs understand that only when they can undermine these harmonized situations will they implement their conspiracy to break up the State and control regional countries, showing Myanmar as an example. Hence, all Myanmar citizens need to raise awareness of their attempts.

The Senior General underlined that **every citizen should be aware of the true historical events of their country and participate as leading youths in building a modern, progressive nation through a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system.**

He stressed that **those born and raised in this land have a duty and responsibility to remain loyal and grateful to the nation.** Similarly, only by continuously acknowledging all the genuine acts of kindness received can one become a dignified human being who is recognized and respected by society.

The Senior General urged new generation youths have to strive to be loyal and respectful to their motherland, apply the

knowledge they have learned, and become future citizens who the nation can rely upon.

The Senior General presented gifts to youth trainees who returned commemorative

gifts to the Senior General. Two trainees from the maritime and aviation courses recounted their experiences from the courses. The youths joined the tea party hosted by the Senior General.

The Senior General cordially greeted the trainees, administrators and instructors.

The trainees viewed round arms and weapons produced by Myanmar Tatmadaw, uniforms, communication devices, small scales of vessels, naval equipment, small scales of aircraft and helicopters, uniforms of pilots, and flying a flight simulator displayed at Zeyathiri Beikman.

So far, a total of 8,466 trainees were trained in nine basic maritime and aviation courses and 1,644 trainees in the ad-

vanced courses, totalling 10,090 trainees.

Also, present at the meeting were Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Senior General, SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and his wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin and his wife, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Htein Win and his wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung and his wife, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, and Union-level dignitaries and their wives. — MNA/TTA



Youth trainees enthusiastically explore exhibits at yesterday's event.

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Taikkyi Livestock Farming Zone: A vision for regional consumption and export potential

STATE Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win emphasized that to ensure the food, beverages, and consumer goods produced within the region are sufficient for the local population, the Taikkyi Livestock Farming Zone must be envisioned not only as a resource for regional consumption but also as a potential export hub, achievable through the yearly establishment and implementation of systematic and effective plans.

The Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council made these remarks during his visit yesterday to the Taikkyi Livestock Farming Zone, which is currently under construction, to meet with entrepreneurs authorized to operate livestock businesses in the zone, as well as departmental officials from Taikkyi Township. The zone, spanning 2,101.04 acres, began livestock activities in sections on 3 September 2023, and is currently conducting ongoing farming operations. The Deputy Prime Minister was accompanied by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the Yangon Command Commander and officials.

He stated that, with two political objectives and two national objectives guiding its efforts, the council is successfully implementing the national goals of prosperity and food security, emphasizing the need for the successful implementation of the Taikkyi Livestock Farming Zone to support regional food security, especially



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win is pictured during his inspection tour in the Taikkyi Livestock Farming Zone yesterday.

because Yangon Region, with over 7.3 million people, relies on agricultural and livestock products from other regions due to insufficient local production, and the Prime Minister has instructed the systematic expansion of agricultural and livestock activities by zone to address this issue.

He also emphasized that relevant departmental staff should provide necessary assistance, suggestions, and arrangements to facilitate smooth livestock operations for entrepreneurs investing in the livestock zone, while also urging officials to collaborate in preventing diseases in livestock farming. Since animals are raised, biosecurity is of paramount importance, requiring an understanding of the ecosystem and the implementation of preventive measures from the outset to address biological

infections transmitted through unregulated human movement and animal-to-animal contact.

The Deputy Prime Minister instructed that sufficient food must be provided for animals raised using free-range, battery, and hybrid systems, emphasizing the need to continuously grow and produce necessary animal feed and supplements within the zone, while urging entrepreneurs to focus on systematic and scientific livestock breeding aligned with their designated business sectors to promptly fulfill the zone's targets and ensure activities remain relevant.

He remarked that the regional government has provided water and electricity, suggesting that entrepreneurs independently generate solar energy if electricity is insufficient, and emphasized the need, as directed by the

Prime Minister, to begin planting large, fast-growing trees in a zigzag pattern this rainy season to protect animals and buildings from natural disasters.

He encouraged utilizing regional government capital, MSME loans, and national economic development funds to implement activities within the zone, emphasizing the importance of repaying loans within the specified period and urging all parties to collaborate with determination, diligence, and hard work to develop the zone to meet international standards.

The Deputy Prime Minister and his party inspected the construction sites of relevant companies in the zone, including poultry farms and other livestock facilities, before proceeding to Yangon Command's No 4 Agriculture and Livestock

Camp.

The commander reported on the multi-purpose farming and livestock camps at the regional headquarters, the implementation of the Head of State's instructions, the command's agricultural and livestock activities, and the distribution of meat, fish, vegetables, eggs, and milk at reasonable prices to officers, military families, veterans, police, and residents.

After hearing the report, the Deputy Prime Minister emphasized the need for food products from the camps to be fresh and nutritious, the importance of multi-agricultural and livestock activities aimed at providing goods to military personnel and civil servants at prices lower than the external market, prioritizing welfare over profit, feeding animals systematically, taking measures to prevent infectious diseases, consulting medical and livestock experts for healthy products, and systematically planning and implementing strategies to increase production to ensure sufficient food and water for all military personnel and their families within the command, ultimately achieving a surplus, while also providing necessary guidance.

The SAC Vice-Chairman and his party inspected the dairy cattle rearing conditions at the No 4 Agriculture and Livestock Camp, as well as the Novogen Brown layers, high-quality meat pigs with an evaporated cooling system, and Khaki Campbell ducks at the No 3 Agriculture and Livestock Camp, providing instructions to responsible persons to take necessary measures. — MNA/TH

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MoD provides children with stationery

STATE Administration Council Member, Deputy Prime Minister, Union Minister for Defence General Maung Maung Aye, attended the stationery handover ceremony for students of the 2025-2026 academic year yesterday.

The event was attended by the officials of the ministry, students and parents who are the staff of the ministry.

Speaking at the event, the Union minister highlighted the school enrolment week that begins on 22 May for 2025-2026 academic year, provision of stationery, text books and school uniforms by the government for the students, free admission activities, and the need to follow the school rules, to be healthy and to



State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister General Maung Maung Aye presents the stationery to students of the 2025-2026 academic year yesterday.

study well. He also urged the parents and teachers to guide the children to be smart people with five essential skills and to be reliable ones for the country. He presented the stationery to the children of the staff. — MNA/KTZH

SAC member inspects Grade 12 student training camps

STATE Administration Council (SAC) Member Daw Dwe Bu arrived in Myitkyina, Kachin State, yesterday morning and visited local high schools where Grade 12 students are undergoing subject-specific camp-style training for the upcoming matriculation examinations.

Accompanied by Kachin State Chief Minister U Khet Htein Nan, state-level officials and departmental heads, the SAC member inspected the Matriculation Exam refresher courses conducted at the Myitkyina Basic Education High School No 3. A total of 410 Grade 12 students from eight high schools in the town are being trained by subject teachers. Officials also inspected arrangements made for providing lunch and dinner to boarding students.

The team then visited Myitkyina No 1 Basic Education High School in Thida Ward, where 421 students from six local schools are also attending training camps. Daw Dwe Bu instructed education officials to ensure that all Grade 12 students are given the opportunity to retake



State Administration Council Member Daw Dwe Bu observes the Grade 12 students undergoing subject-specific camp-style training for the upcoming matriculation examinations in Myitkyina, Kachin State.

the exam as per the initial list of candidates. Later, the SAC member attended a donation ceremony at the Kachin State Government Office in Myitkyina, where the People's Government of Mangshi Prefecture under Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China, donated 100 prefabricated shelters and 312 tarpaulin sheets for earthquake-affected people in Kachin State. The state government expressed appreciation by presenting certificates of honour to the Chinese delegation.

In the afternoon, the State Administration Council member and party visited the "Phyo Wai Wai" paper and book production facility, located in the Myitkyina Industrial Zone. The business was expanded with over K200 million from the first- and second-year national economic development funds. At the factory, they inspected the ongoing production of school notebooks, rough notebooks, drawing books and thick cardboard.

The delegation also visited an area near the Kachin State Hluttaw Office in Man Khein Ward, where displaced families from San Kaar Village in Waingmaw Township, who fled recent

terrorist violence, are temporarily resettled. These households were provided space through the state government's resettlement programme.

The SAC member and the state chief minister distributed emergency supplies to 50 households, comprising 281 individuals. Relief items included 50 bags of rice from the National Disaster Management Committee, as well as 50 bottles of cooking oil, 50 water purifiers, 50 packets of instant noodles, 12 packets of ready-to-eat rice and 10 packets of preserved meat from the Kachin State Government. Camp officials also briefed them on further needs, and the SAC member coordinated with relevant departments to fulfil the requirements.

Finally, the delegation inspected the construction of temporary shelters in the same area for departmental staff from Chipway District. Officials were instructed to complete construction before the rainy season and systematically allocate housing for staff as quickly as possible. — IPRD/KZL

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MoBA Union
Minister inspects
emergency shelters

STATE Administration Council Member Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, accompanied by Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Phyo Thant, inspected the newly constructed emergency shelters for the quake-stricken staff yesterday.

They inaugurated the water purifying machines and Kyauk Sein housing temporary emergency shelters.

They observed the relocation of the staff and families at the shelters, and highlighted the needs regarding water, electricity, sanitation and healthcare services. They cordially met the families of the staff.

The Union minister and party inspected the compound of temporary shelters and made proper instructions. — MNA/KTZH



State Administration Council Member Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae looks into the relocation of the quake-stricken staff in emergency shelters in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

MIFER Dy Minister attends Special AEM-MOFCOM Consultation, Special AEM-CER Consultation, Special AEM-METI Consultation

THE delegation led by Dr Wah Wah Maung, Deputy Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, attended the Special ASEAN Economic Ministers-Ministry of Commerce (AEM-MOFCOM) Consultation, the Special AEM-Closer Economic Relations (AEM-CER) Consultation and the Special AEM-Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (AEM-METI) Consultation via videoconference on 20 May 2025.

The meetings were co-chaired by Minister for Investment, Trade and Industry of Malaysia, Minister of Commerce of China, and Minister for Trade and Tourism, Australia, Minister for Trade and Investment, New Zealand and Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan and also participated by the Economic Ministers, Deputy Ministers from ASEAN Member States, the ASEAN Secretary-General and the repre-



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The meetings exchanged views on the recent global economic situation and implications for trade, investment, and economic integration. The meetings also discussed ways and means, including supporting the Multilateral Trading System and addressing global trade tensions, to strengthen ASEAN-China economic partnership, ASEAN-CER economic partnership and ASEAN-Japan economic

partnership amid the emerging global economic landscape.

The meetings reaffirmed the central and indispensable role of the WTO at the core of the rules-based multilateral trading system, which provides a predictable, transparent, non-discriminatory and open global trading system. The meetings also reaffirmed the commitment to address trade concerns with relevant countries and resolve differences through consulta-

tions based on equity, mutual respect, and mutual benefits.

During the meetings, Deputy Minister Dr Wah Wah Maung underscored the challenges facing regional supply chains due to the current global trade tension and the necessity to work together in the region to strengthen the rules-based trading system to address the challenges. She also highlighted that deepening cooperation could enhance supply chain connectivity, pro-

mote innovation, and ensure more competitive and inclusive economies. She further said that Myanmar supports a rules-based multilateral trading system as a means to address current trade challenges, seize opportunities, and uphold fair global trade, and reaffirms to work together with other ASEAN Member States. She added that the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement, ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA) 3.0, the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA) and ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCEP) could be utilized for the future economic resilience in the region.

The meetings adopted the Joint Statements of Special AEM-MOFOM Consultation, the Special AEM-CER Consultation and the Special AEM-METI Consultation. — MIFER

Quake toll rises to 3,729 dead, 5,104 injured

MYANMAR was severely affected by a powerful earthquake on 28 March. As of 21 May, in the six regions/states most impacted, there have been 3,729 fatalities, 5,104 injuries, and 78 people reported missing.

The Myanmar Fire Brigade, along with domestic and international search and rescue teams, have been carrying out timely operations in the affected areas. So far, 653 survivors have been rescued from collapsed buildings,

and the bodies of 806 deceased have been recovered. Updates will be provided regarding monetary and in-kind donations from both local and international benefactors to the affected population. — MNA/MKKS

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.

NATIONAL

59th ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting & related meetings held in Yangon

THE 59th ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting and the 4th ASEAN-United States Senior Transport Officials Meeting, hosted by Myanmar, were held yesterday morning at the Wyndham Grand Yangon Hotel. The meetings were led by the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Aung Kyaw Tun said he was pleased with the efforts to strengthen transport cooperation in the ASEAN region. He highlighted that ASEAN member states must work together to achieve the bloc's shared goals, including regional connectivity, long-term development, and resilience. He added that Myanmar actively contributes to ASEAN's strategies in line with the bloc's vision, and is working to improve its multimodal transport infrastructure through priority



Attendees of the 59th ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting pose for a group photo during their meetings in Yangon yesterday.

programmes under the National Transport Master Plan. He also noted Myanmar's efforts in international commitments such as environmental protection, sustainable development, resilience

and digital transformation.

According to reports, the meetings included discussions on several key issues: the signing of the ASEAN-New Zealand air services agreement, drafting a

regional roadmap for the implementation of electric vehicles, formulating a regional maritime waste management strategy, and finalizing the ASEAN Transport Cooperation Work Plan for the

2026-2030 period.

The Deputy Minister expressed confidence that these meetings would bring about meaningful outcomes. He said ASEAN's goal of a seamlessly connected, continuously developing, and integrated transport network could be achieved through ongoing cooperation and mutual support among member states. He also thanked ASEAN partners for their assistance to the areas in Myanmar affected by the recent earthquake.

Myanmar previously hosted the ASEAN Transport Ministers and Senior Transport Officials Meetings in 2014 as the rotating chair. With the 2025 chairmanship falling again to Myanmar, the country is once more leading the event. Senior officials from ASEAN member states, the ASEAN Secretariat and dialogue partners such as China and Japan attended the meetings. — MNA/KZL

Humanitarian aid, medical supplies delivered to quake survivors



Officials inspect the prefabricated houses donated by the Chinese government upon their arrival in Nay Pyi Taw.



Officials provide foodstuffs to quake-affected people in Sagaing Region.

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

these support activities from 5 to 12 May has been released.

From 13 to 19 May, out of the foodstuff, commodities, medicines and medical supplies donated by India, Malaysia, Russia and Singapore Lotus Charity Society, the medicine and medical supplies were distributed to the Ministry of Health, while the foodstuff, commodities and kitchen utensils were to the ministries in

Nay Pyi Taw.

Out of 500 prefabricated offices donated by China, 340 arrived in the country and were used as temporary offices. Similarly, out of 4,500 prefabricated houses donated by China, 1,576 houses arrived at Thilawa Port on 9 May, while 1,804 on 13 May, and they were distributed to Sagaing Region, Mandalay Region and Nay Pyi Taw.

To date, 57 vehicles load-

ed with relief materials have been distributed to Mandalay Region, while 29 to Sagaing Region and nine to Shan State (South).

The inventory of distribution of donated items by the international donors from 5 to 12 May is mentioned in the separate spreadsheets. The distribution processes will be released once a week. — MNA/KTZH

Phyu Maha Si Sayadaw, donors give K16.7M for Mandalay quake relief

YESTERDAY afternoon, Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Aggavara of Phyu Maha Si meditation centre, along with various groups of devotees, including lay disciples, monks, local and international well-wishers, visited the office of Disaster Management Centre (DMC) of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

They donated K1 million in cash, and an additional K6.7 million worth of food and consumer goods, to support the affected communities and facilitate rehabilitation efforts in the wake of the Mandalay earthquake.

Union Minister Dr Soe Win accepted the donations, expressed his gratitude, and presented certificates of appreciation to the donors. — MNA/MKKS

Shape better nature through the strength of biological diversity

EVERYTHING exists as an integral part of nature. Since all things are interconnected, if any one element is weakened or harmed, it can disrupt the entire balance of nature. Therefore, it is essential for all living beings and nature to coexist harmoniously, and it is the responsibility of all humankind to strive to maintain this balance.

To enable all global people to value the better relations between living beings and the nature, this International Day for Biological Diversity, under the theme “Harmony with nature and sustainable development”, highlights how this plan for nature connects with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), showing that both agendas must advance together as they support one another.

Indeed, nature is a family with all-inclusive of living and non-living beings. Of them, it is impossible to remove anything from nature because all things and all beings are contributing to the society of nature. All biodiversity species, including humans, have to enjoy opportunities to reside in nature without harming each other through harmony and sustainable development. All species of biological diversity possess an equal chance of supporting the peaceful co-existence of nature as well as themselves. As such, everybody needs to join hands in protecting all biological diversity species for long-term existence to be able to shape a better nature.

nature in 25 years. Among its goals: restore 20 per cent of degraded ecosystems and reduce the introduction or settlement of invasive alien species by 50 per cent.

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Toxic Tactics: Gaining Power Through Misinformation

By Ko Yay Chan

WHEN it comes to the piece of news that has been continuously and repeatedly shared every day on various social media platforms from 12 May to date, it would undoubtedly be the widely known incident that took place on 12 May in Ohtainkwin Village, Dabayin Township, Sagaing Region. Everyone who understands that the news was managed to spread not only locally but also internationally, even reaching the UN stage without considering whether it was true or false, but with the powerful influence of journalism skills.

News release

The malicious media outlets intentionally spread false information, claiming that the security forces launched an airstrike on a school in Ohtainkwin Village, resulting in the death of about 50 students, including two teachers. According to the regional security officer, such news was invalid, and security forces conducted proper security measures to protect the lives and prosperity, and did not conduct an airstrike

targeting non-military places. Currently, terrorists intentionally launch actions deteriorating the State’s stability, roads, towns and villages, murder and kidnap civilians, ask for money, recruit, illegally trade the natural resources, and also commit drug cases and violence. When people come to know their doings, they can distinguish between the good guys and bad guys, and what is right and what is wrong. Regarding this case, the people can consider whether it is right or wrong with the shreds of evidence.

Difficult to find the truth

On the other hand, it is clear now that the truth and false have become distinct because of the official domestic media – those who love and value the nation and Tatmadaw, and who prioritize the country’s interests, write and broadcast news truthfully and promptly respond to the misinformation. This time, malicious media and terrorists cannot stand it, and they attempted to change the right ones into wrong ones and the wrong ones into the right ones. An or-

ganization conducted a field study to collect data from different points of view, whether the case is right or wrong. However, locals are in the same regions where terrorists are residing, and so it is difficult to find the truth.

However, it seems that terrorist groups and their allies are hastily fabricating stories and false news with the intent to blame security forces, without clear evidence. They fail to realize that the so-called “evidence” they present is vague. In the classrooms where the bomb exploded, there were no desks, chairs, or damage on the wall, but the ceilings were broken into pieces and the roofs were turned up, and the cupboard, wallpaper and flower vases were in normal condition, and there were no stains on the bags of the students. Therefore, such evidence showed that it was not a bombing attack but the explosion of homemade mines.

Homemade mine explosion

Based on the information and photo evidence obtained from residents, there is no indication that security forces carried out an airstrike. If it had indeed been a bombing from above, the school building and all the school facilities would have been destroyed into pieces by pieces. Similarly, when people are hit by a bomb, it is not easy to recover with an intact body. In reality, terrorists had been making handmade mines at that school, and due to the extreme heat on that day, it appears that those mines caused a chain reaction. As a result, 22 young students and two female teachers who had arrived at the school tragically lost their lives.

According to photos spreading online, a video file featuring terrorists making homemade mines at that school was spreading on social media in advance. In that video, terrorists cut out PCP pipes to make a homemade mine. They create the homemade mines using the daily-use materials that can be easily found. It was malicious media that called for mine risk awareness under the campaign “Let’s protect from the dangers of mines” and also warned that homemade mines can explode due to remote control, timed det-



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onation or physical contact.

Covering their sins

If we examine the situation more broadly and thoroughly, it will become even clearer and more understandable. In this case, the security forces did not conduct an airstrike, and the explosion of homemade bombs caused the deaths of innocent children. Terrorists and their supporters colluded with malicious media outlets to cover up their actions and defame security forces.

The plot calling for international assistance regarding the incident is obvious. In reality, homemade bomb explosions aren’t unusual in the field of terrorism. Many terrorists have lost their lives due to such

explosions. This time, however, it tragically involved children as well. Terrorist groups, especially, establish terrorist camps at schools in countryside areas and commit destructive actions frequently.

They commit terrorist attacks, taking cover in schools. When security forces launch counterattacks against terrorists who reside in schools, they will release news that security forces murder the innocent children brutally without any reason. Now, the explosion caused by the homemade bomb they created is being twisted by terrorists and their allies to falsely blame security forces and portray themselves as victims.

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I Say What I See: Sensitivity and Sensibility in Social Response

@ Editor

IN our social dealings, two qualities often guide our behaviour – **sensitivity** and **sensibility**. While they may sound similar, their impact on how we respond to others can be vastly different. Sensitivity allows us to feel the emotions of those around us, to empathize and care. It is a spontaneous human response to another’s suffering, happiness, or fear. Sensibility, on the other hand, equips us to assess a situation with reason, judgement, and balance. It is what prevents us from reacting purely on impulse and helps us offer measured, effective support.

These two traits are not enemies, though they can pull in opposite directions. Sensitivity without sensibility can lead to overreaction, burnout, or decisions clouded by emotion. Sensibility without sensitivity can seem cold, calculated, even indifferent. But when they work together – when we feel deeply and still think clearly – we become better companions, colleagues, and citizens. This balance becomes especially crucial in social spaces where emotions run high and decisions carry consequences for others.

During my years with the **Seafarers Union of Burma** in exile in Bangkok – from 1992 to 2014 – I often stood at this intersection of feeling and judgement. We were a small group working on behalf of seafarers who found themselves abandoned, exploited, or lost in foreign ports. Many came to us in moments of crisis: unpaid wages, shipowners who had vanished, vessels stranded at sea without fuel, food, or legal protection. Their stories were heartbreaking. As fellow Burmese, as fellow humans, we felt their distress – deeply. Our sensitivity told us we must act.

But emotion alone was not enough. To be useful, we needed sensibility – an understanding of international maritime law, negotiation tactics, diplomatic constraints, and the harsh realities of transnational labour. We couldn’t simply rage against injustice; we had to plan, speak carefully, act wisely, and often wait patiently. It was through this pairing – **sensitivity to their suffering and sensibility in our strategy** – that we were able to help them.

One morning, I received a call that I will never forget. The captain of a vessel – abandoned in Bangkok by its Singaporean owner – was on the line. His voice carried both urgency and quiet desperation. “We don’t even have toothpaste to wash in the morning,” he said, “let alone enough food.” The crew was stranded, neglected, and running out of basic necessities. Though their ship was still afloat, their dignity and well-being were sinking fast.

At the time, our organization operated out of a small rented room offered by the Christian Society **Mission to Seafarers**. We had limited space and even more limited resources. But when I relayed the crew’s condition to the local Father and his staff, something remarkable happened.

They responded immediately. Without hesitation, they gathered supplies, organized a visit to the ship, and brought comfort and aid to those onboard.

That response was born from **sensitivity** – the human instinct to answer suffering without delay. They didn’t ask for paperwork. They didn’t wait for approvals. They simply saw people in need and moved towards them with compassion.

Meanwhile, our union – bound by protocols – had to consult with our affiliated federation and coordinate support through the proper legal channels. That was **sensibility** – not hesitation, but responsibility within a structure designed to ensure sustainable and just outcomes.

In today’s world, where interactions are often rushed or reactive, we need both **sensitivity and sensibility** more than ever. Sensitivity keeps us human – it allows us to notice, to care, and to act when someone is in pain. Sensibility helps us act wisely – it ensures that our response is not just well-meaning, but also meaningful.

My time with the Seafarers Union taught me this lesson through real lives and urgent situations. When compassion arrived swiftly, as it did through the Mission to Seafarers, it brought immediate relief. When structure and strategy were followed, as our union ensured through proper channels, it brought longer-term justice.

As members of society – whether in professional roles or simply as neighbours and friends – we should learn to cultivate both: the heart that feels and the mind that thinks. Only then can we respond not just kindly, but constructively.

NATIONAL/ARTICLE

Myanmar-China cultural bridge built through language school MoU

THE signing ceremony for a Memorandum of Understanding on friendly cooperation and partnership between the Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central) and the Golden Education Sharing Centre (GESC) Chinese Language School was held at the association's meeting hall on 19 May.

During the ceremony, GESC donated K10 million to support the association's ongoing activities. The donation was received by the association's chairman, who, in return, presented a certificate of appreciation.

The ceremony was attended by U Tin Oo, Chairman of the association, along with vice-chairmen, secretaries, and responsible personnel from GESC.

Similarly, a separate MoU signing ceremony between the Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central) and partner associations and companies



The signing ceremony of the MoU on friendly cooperation and partnership between the Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central) and the GESC Chinese Language School is in progress on 19 May. The signing ceremony of the MoU on friendly cooperation and partnership between the association's central office meeting hall. — ASH/KNN

Shwe Minn Tha Foundation extends quake relief to 850+ people with disabilities



The Shwe Minn Tha Foundation (Myanmar) is seen on the ground for donations to people with disabilities in the earthquake-impacted areas.

THE Shwe Minn Tha Foundation (Myanmar) will provide food, emergency medications, household items and tents to the earthquake victims with disabilities in earthquake-battered areas.

The food, medications, household items and tents will be distributed to over 720 households of people with disabilities in the earthquake-stricken areas over the next two weeks for one month.

To date, the Shwe Minn Tha Foundation (Myanmar) has provided food, emergency medications, household items and tents to a total of 4,540 quake-impacted households, including 850 people with disabilities in the earthquake-stricken areas. The assistance will reportedly continue to be delivered to people with disabilities.

In addition, the total amount of donations that have been sent from 29 March to 15 May to help the people with disabilities in the earthquake-hit areas is K195,709,858. — ASH/MKKS

Hip hop showdown coming to Mandalay at RK event

SINGER Myo Kyawt Myaing, together with Yatha, G-Tone, Jauk Jack, and Sandy Myint Lwin, will perform at the RK Hip Hop Show to be held at RK Bar & Music Theatre in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Region, on 23 May, according to Myo Kyawt Myaing.

He stated, "The RK Hip Hop Show will be held at Mandalay's RK Bar & Music Theatre as a fundraising event for people affected by the major earthquake. It will feature five hip-hop artistes. We're planning to make this a memorable night for Mandalay locals with a mix of nostalgic classics and newly released captivating songs".

This concert will serve as a charity event, and the five artistes will take the stage at 4 pm on the day, raising funds for those affected by the recent earthquake in Mandalay. — ASH/KZL



Five hip-hop artistes set to perform at the RK Hip Hop Show are seen on an event poster.

Toxic Tactics: Gaining Power Through Misinformation

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Schools and violence

On 13 January, security forces cleared PDF terrorists who established camps to commit destructive actions in the primary school in Marathein Village, Sagaing Region. Terrorists covered the school with sandbags, planted the mines and created the training ground in the school compound. Security forces seized the bolt-ac-

tion, percussion lock firearm, homemade guns, grenades, iron mines, guns for practice sessions, gunsmithing lathe, TNT gunpowder, explosive materials, iron pipes and guerrilla garments.

Educational staff and buildings constructed by the government are an investment to create a better future for the country, as well as for students and young people. However, NUG and their subordinate PDF

terrorists, who emerged with the aim of revolution, changed the schools into their camps, and such evidence can be seen. They use the schools as their terrorist camps and have destroyed the education sector. They committed 123 arson attacks on schools, 449 threats to educational staff and murdered 77 teachers from 1 January 2021 to the end of April 2025.

All people know that the government prioritizes promot-

ing the education level of new generations and students. Terrorists launched attacks using heavy weapons, bomb drops and drones in the villages where residents do not support them, and they also abducted the villagers and killed them frequently. Terrorists imposed fear among the villagers using their weapons and persuaded them.

In the current situation, terrorist groups are using rural civilians to spread false and harm-

ful news. Their goal is to cover up their own violent and inhumane actions. They also want to mislead the public concerning Tatmadaw and security forces. These terrorist groups aim to gain a political advantage, while anti-government media outlets try to create profits from the situation. All of these actions are part of a deliberate plan to manipulate public opinion.

Translated.

NATIONAL

Locals secure jobs in Mandalay rebuilding boom

GRASSROOTS have been employed in construction during the Mandalay reconstruction period, according to locals.

The earthquake that struck in March destroyed houses and buildings in Mandalay Region, and now, as reconstruction work is underway, construction-related jobs such as masonry, earthmoving, and bar-bending have increased, creating more jobs for the grassroots, said a local.

“We are consulting with engineers and experts to repair the houses. Some houses have just minor damage, so they can be repaired without demolition. After the earthquake, there are more jobs for grassroots such as masonry, earthmoving, and bar-bending,” he said.



People are seen building new houses during the reconstruction period in Mandalay.



During the reconstruction period, it is difficult to recruit skilled workers, and some workers even have to share the workload, while some places have returned to normal operations.

“Some houses were hit by the earthquake and some were not, so some places are operating normally. The Manaw Raman Night Market is bustling again,” he added. — MT/ZN

Overseas employment agencies must submit U-Turn lists for Japan-bound workers

SAFE Migration said overseas employment agencies will need to submit a U-Turn or non-U-Turn list after making amendments.

For the financial year of 2024-2025, overseas employment agencies will need to submit documents again on sending workers to Japan by amending

categories such as technical intern, specified skilled workers and U-Turn or non-U-Turn, along with OWIC copies by 15 May, said Safe Migration. However, there are 58 lists which failed to re-submit, it added.

The tax gap between Technical Intern Training and Specified Skilled Workers is nearly

half, which is why agencies will need to do the submission as soon as possible to avoid losses, it said. Calculation will begin when the Central Bank announces the exchange rate, causing difficulty for amending, therefore, agencies will need to make submissions in time, said Safe Migration. —MT/ZS

Memorial honours literary giant Tekkatho Phone Naing

THE Hlaing Township Writers’ Association will hold a memorial event to honour and commemorate the late Tekkatho Phone Naing, one of Myanmar’s most famous writers.

It will be held on 1 June at noon at the Aung Chan Tha Monastery, Munsalindar Dhamma Hall in Hlaing Township.

The ceremony will feature reciting of an article published in the Yokeshin Amhutae magazine and saying words of remembrance by author Min Set Paing, and reciting by Sayama Tin Tin (Yangon), Sayama Myat Thazin, Sayama Nan Hin Pyin and the team of poems written in honour of Tekkatho Phone Naing.

Moreover, singer Min Min Oo (Gita Nat Than) will sing the song “Thangegyin Lo Bae Set Ywei Khaw Myi Khaing (Will Continue to Address You as My Friend, Khaing)”, and Mandolin U Hla Tun will honour by playing and singing “Kabar Kone Kyal Tha Ywei (As far as the world goes)”, which was composed by Tekkatho Phone Naing. The attending authors will also recite the famous quotations of Tekkatho Phone Naing.

Sayagyi Tekkatho Phone Naing, who died in 2002, is a national literary award winner, scriptwriter, and composer, and served as a rector in the Ministry of Education. — Htet Oo Maung/ZN

Pinpat Steel Mill nears completion in final installation phase



An aerial drone view of the No 2 Steel Mill (Pinpat) in Taunggyi.

THE No 2 Steel Mill (Pinpat) in Taunggyi Township, Shan State, is prepping for operation with final installation works being done.

Russian experts from TPE Co Ltd are on site to inspect the Air Separation Unit process and complete equipment installation.

Under the Steel Mill (Pin-

pat) project, pig iron will be produced by utilizing low-grade iron ore from the Pinpat area. Nineteen out of 22 sub-workshops are already operating without load. Efforts are being exerted to test and operate the remaining three sub-workshops so that the production will be simulta-

neously done with the other 19 workshops.

The No 2 Steel Mill (Pinpat) is located on 5,260 acres in the Pinpat area, which is eight miles away from Taunggyi city, Shan State. It is a joint venture between Myanmar Economic Cooperation and Russian state-owned TPE Co, Ltd. The mill’s production target is 200,000 tonnes of raw steel and 720,000 tonnes of iron ore to support downstream production at Myingyan Steel Plant.

The geological research pointed out that mineral resources near the mill are 10/7 million tonnes of Hematite ore, including 56.4 per cent iron (Fe) content, and 59.3 million tonnes of Limonite ore with 42.6 per cent Fe content. — ASH/KK



Great writer Sayagyi Tekkatho Phone Naing.

Oil millers to get access to low-interest loan

THE Oil Mills Development Loan Management Task Force is providing low-interest loans to oil millers for working capital and fixed capital to expand, upgrade, and develop necessary equipment and new mills, allocated from the State Economic Development Fund.

Those oil millers who meet the following conditions; owning operational mill, having valid licence, presenting immovable property with ownership and land use certificate Form 7 as collateral, providing separate collateral for the loans if the owner has already borrowed from private and public banks, holders of FDA certificates, small industrial enterprise registration certificates. Members of the Myanmar Edible Oil Millers' Association and the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association will be prioritized as well.

Loan amounts are set at K10 to K500 million for working cap-



Inside a local oil mill: A close-up of machinery at work.

ital and K20 to K500 million for fixed capital investment. Those who wish to borrow more than K500 million must apply directly

at the Secretary's Office of Oil Mills Development Loan Management Task Force, Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank

(Head Office). Repayment periods are one year for working capital loans and three years in three instalments for fixed capi-

tal loans with an annual interest rate of five per cent.

Oil millers can apply for a loan at the respective offices of Myanmar Edible Oil Millers' Association, Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association, the Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection and branches of Myanmar Economic Bank and Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank

The application can be downloaded from the websites of the Ministry of Planning and Finance, www.mopf.gov.mm, the Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection <https://msmewebportal.gov.mm/>, the Myanmar Edible Oil Millers' Association <http://www.meoma.org>, the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association <http://meoda.myanmarwebtraining.com>, Myanmar Economic Bank www.meb.gov.mm, and Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank www.madb.gov.mm. — NN/KK

CBM sells US\$568K, THB1.9M on 20 May

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$568,000 and 1.9 million baht on 20 May again, after the sale of \$3 million on 19 May and \$300,000 and 1.6 million baht on 16 May.

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

CBM announced on 13 May that it would sell \$23.67 million to fuel oil traders and 50 million baht to importers. CBM sold over \$1.62 million on 13 May and over \$820,000 and 1.5 million baht on 12 May.

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

CBM announced on 6 May that it would sell \$33 million and 200 million baht to those engaged in the fuel oil industry. CBM sold 397,843 yuan on that

day.

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

CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

MMFA to offer Loan Officer Training (Batch 17) on 31 May

MYANMAR Microfinance Association (MMFA) will conduct Loan Officer Training (Batch 17) from 9 am to noon from 31 May to 2 June.

The course is tailored to loan officer & senior loan officer, and those who are interested in exploring a career in the microfinance sector, covering concept of microfinance, Lending Methods, Client Identification

and Group Formation, Understanding Credit Risk, Marketing and Selling Skills, Loan Assessment, Measuring Credit Risk, Loan monitoring and client retention, Communication skills, and Client protection principles (CPP), with trainer U Naw Sai, Microfinance Professional Myanmar (MPM), Certified Trainer-Frankfurt School of Finance & Management and

MMFA.

The fee is K60,000 for non-members. Members can enjoy a K15,000 discount. Trainees will receive a completion certificate. Those enthusiastic can enrol in the course by 25 May through <https://shorturl.at/ISZU5>. For further details, individuals can contact 09 965209010 during office hours. — NN/KK

Myanmar cuts RCEP tariff for nine member countries

MYANMAR will implement tariff reduction for nine member countries of Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) including Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Brunei, Laos, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and China, according to Myanmar Automated Cargo Clearance System (MACCS) Division's announcement (009/2025) under the Department of Customs.

According to notification (29/2025) of the Ministry of Planning and Finance, Tariff Reduction Schedule (TRS) with HS 2017 under the RCEP has been exercised starting from 7 May 2025.

Nine members must submit Form RCEP of the respective countries and select Customs Duty Type Code "R" (R: RCEP) in the IDA Screen to enjoy the preferential rates.

HS 2017 Version has already been updated with RCEP Master Table Setting for seamless processing. Myanmar will offer reduced import tariffs for imports from RCEP members starting from 14 May 2025.

Individuals can enquire for any convenience at the MACCS division (Help Desk Section) via 01 379429, the Customs Department. — NN/KK

Foreign visitors to Japan in Apr set monthly record at 3.9 million

THE number of foreign visitors to Japan in April hit a single-month record of 3.91 million, government data showed Wednesday, as arrivals were bolstered by the weak yen and high travel demand due to the country's cherry blossom season and Easter holidays overseas.

Foreign arrivals surged 28.5 per cent from a year earlier, surpassing the previous record of 3.78 million in January, according to the Japan National Tourism Organization.

Japan received some 14.45 million foreign arrivals from January to April, exceeding the 11.60 million recorded in the same period in 2024.

Foreign visitors to Japan topped 36 million last year, with authorities struggling to take measures against overcrowding in popular areas and encourage tourists to disperse into the countryside. — Kyodo

EU plans to slash red tape for medium-sized companies



The European Commission wants to make it easier for mid-sized businesses to operate across the EU. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

THE EU unveiled plans Wednesday to cut red tape for medium-sized companies and abolish barriers for businesses to sell goods across the bloc as part of its efforts to catch up with China and the United States.

The European Union wants to make doing business in the 27-country bloc easier and attract investment, as US President Donald Trump pushes an America First policy.

The latest raft of proposals come after the EU said earlier this year it would simplify environmental rules for farmers and businesses to boost economic growth. Brussels wants medium-sized businesses to benefit from some of the same exemptions -- including on data protection rules -- previously enjoyed only by smaller firms, to reduce their administrative burden. — AFP

Intl defence expo MILEX-2025 kicks off in Minsk

THE 12th International Exhibition of Arms and Military Machinery MILEX-2025 kicked off here on Wednesday.

The exhibition features over 150 exhibitors from both within Belarus and abroad, showcasing more than 750 models of weapons and military hardware made in Belarus and a wide range of exhibits from other countries.

In his greeting message, Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko said the expo will allow a wide range of specialists and experts to get acquainted with the most advanced achievements of both Belarusian manufacturers and foreign partners. — Xinhua

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Price adjustment announced for Global New Light of Myanmar

Due to the rising costs of newsprint, ink, and printing plates for the daily newspaper, the price of The Global New Light of Myanmar Daily will be set at K500 per copy starting from 1 June 2025. Delivery charge will be collected separately, and such a rate will depend on the location.

We respectfully request that the readers understand the unavoidable circumstances of a changing price, and we are grateful for the support from our valued readers.

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Han & Adams Marriage Announcement

With immense joy and heartfelt gratitude, we are delighted to announce the marriage of

daughter of the late U Than Tun and Daw Khin Than Win

Myat Su Han

(B.Pharm, MBA, Ph.D. in Business Management)
Associate Professor, Capital University of Economics and Business, Beijing, China

and

son of Mr. Amidu Adams and Ms. Mabel Ninson

Francis Adams

(B.Sc. in Psychology, M.A. in Comparative Education, Ph.D. in Teacher Education)
Associate Researcher, Nanjing Normal University, Nanjing, Jiangsu, China

Their union was solemnized on Friday, 9th May 2025, at the Sunyani District Court, Bono Region, Ghana, in the presence of family and friends.

ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

Trump Organization breaks ground on \$1.5-bln Vietnam project

The resort will be built in Hung Yen province, 40 kilometres (25 miles) southeast of Hanoi.



Eric Trump, son of US President Donald Trump, makes a speech during the groundbreaking ceremony for the Trump International, Hung Yen resort and golf course project in Hung Yen province on 21 May 2025.
PHOTO: AFP

ERIC Trump attended a groundbreaking ceremony in Vietnam Wednesday for a \$1.5-billion luxury resort and golf course due to be developed by his father US President Donald Trump's real estate group.

The Trump Organization, which builds luxury developments around the world, has come under scrutiny, with critics accusing Trump of lever-

aging his political position for personal financial gain.

Eric Trump, an executive vice-president of The Trump Organization, and his wife Lara attended the event, as well as local partner the Kinhbac City Development Corporation (KBC).

Heavy security surrounded the event in Hung Yen province, 40 kilometres (25 miles)

southeast of Hanoi, where the complex, reportedly featuring a 54-hole course and residential villas, will be built.

Hundreds of farmers watched the event from afar, mostly standing on a dyke overlooking the farms of oranges, pomelos, peach blossoms and kumquat trees that will be cleared for the luxury complex. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Trump unveils plans for 'Golden Dome' missile shield for US

PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Tuesday unveiled a \$175 billion plan to build a "Golden Dome" missile defence shield within three years, pledging to protect the US from global and space-based threats as critics warn the system could spark a new era of military competition in space.

US President Donald Trump has announced new details and initial funding for his "Golden Dome" missile shield system, with geopolitical rival China accusing Washington on Wednesday of undermining global stability.

Trump on Tuesday announced \$25 billion earmarked for the project, which he said could eventually cost a total of around \$175 billion and would be operational in about three years. — AFP

Germany reports 40% jump in politically motivated crime

GERMANY saw a 40 per cent jump in politically motivated crime last year, official data showed Tuesday, with the federal police chief warning of a growing "radicalisation in society".

The number of such offences, which range from hate speech to acts of physical violence, reached a record high of 84,172, almost half of them motivated by far-right ideology.

Interior Minister Alexander Dobrindt said political tensions were heightened in 2024 amid European and regional elections, including one in which the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) topped a state vote for the first time. He noted a rise in crimes directed against politicians, activists and party offices. — AFP

Panama reaffirms canal's neutrality at UN Security Council

PANAMA reaffirmed its commitment to preserving the neutrality of the Panama Canal for all ships from around the world in peacetime and times of conflict, Panama's Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Carlos Hoyos said Tuesday.

"Panama, as sovereign administrator of the Panama Canal, solemnly declares that the canal, as a waterway for international transit, will be permanently neutral so that, both in times of peace and war, the canal remains safe and open for the peaceful transit of all ships around the world under conditions of complete equality and without discrimination of any kind," Hoyos said during a debate on strengthening maritime security at the UN Security Council. — Xinhua

EU pushes to review trade pact with Israel in wake of humanitarian concerns

THE EU on Wednesday decided to review Article 2 of its trade agreement with Israel, which was signed in 2000. The EU in its statement noted that Humanitarian principles matter for every conflict around the world and should be applied consistently in every warzone.

"Whilst we acknowledge indications of a limited restart of aid, Israel blocked humanitarian

aid entering Gaza for over two months. Food, medicines and essential supplies are exhausted. The population faces starvation. Gaza's people must receive the aid they desperately need," the statement said.

"This means that if Israel is found to have breached its human rights obligations, it will face sanctions. But for the time being, the EU is just trying to

put further pressure on Israel, hoping that it will one day allow more aid into Gaza," the statement added.

Kallas, speaking to reporters after a meeting in Brussels, said that pressure is necessary to change the situation and that a strong majority of the bloc's nations favour this review, Al Jazeera reported. — ANI



The Israeli military has expanded its offensive against Hamas across the Gaza Strip. **PHOTO: AFP**

SPORTS

39th Junior Golf Myanmar Championship award ceremony held

THE Myanmar Golf Federation hosted the second day and award ceremony of the 39th Junior Golf Myanmar (JGM) Championship on 21 May at the Myanmar Golf Club in Nine Mile, Yangon.

After the tournament, the award ceremony was held with opening remarks delivered by Myanmar Golf Federation President U Aung Kyi. As a sign of appreciation, commemorative gifts were presented to the Myanmar Golf Club for hosting the event, and to Kings International School and HAN Golf Master Pte Ltd, which contributed gifts for the players. The gifts were handed over by the federation's Joint Secretary General and JGM Chairman U Myint Aung and received by Myanmar Golf Club Secretary U San Lwin, Kings International School Business Development Manager Laurel and HAN Golf Master Director



Myanmar Golf Federation President U Aung Kyi presents the gold medal to Kaung Htet, the boys' under-18 category winner. **PHOTO: MGF**

U Aung Htun Oo.

JGM Joint Secretary U Myint Zaw then presented awards to three players who showed strong effort over the two-day competition: Phone Myint Myat San, Chit Khun Thi Aung and Su

Yati Htet.

In the under-12 boys category, JGM Secretary U Kyaw Min Min Lat awarded bronze to Kaung Khant Zaw with 228 strokes, silver to Aung Soe Htun with 192 strokes and gold to Htoo

Myat Aung with 151 strokes.

For the under-12 girls, JGM Executive Daw Su Yamin awarded bronze to Yadana Aung (207 strokes), silver to Thiri Khine Zaw (200 strokes), and gold to Choi Hui (176 strokes).

In the under-18 girls' category, Myanmar Golf Club Vice-Chair U Aung Khine presented bronze to Hnin Shwe Yee Win (191 strokes), silver to Su Hnin Phyu (157 strokes), and gold to Cho Thar Aung (153 strokes).

In the under-14 boys' category, Myanmar Golf Club Chairman U Aye Ko Ko Soe awarded bronze to Kyaw Than Lwin Hein (161 strokes), silver to Naing Oo Ko (159 strokes), and gold to Aung Thant Htut (157 strokes).

Lastly, Myanmar Golf Federation President U Aung Kyi presented awards in the under-18 boys category, giving bronze to Khant Phone Hlyan (160 strokes), silver to Choi Hwan (159 strokes), and gold to Kaung Htet (155 strokes).

The 39th Junior Golf Myanmar Championship took place over two days on 20 and 21 May. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Contenders lining up, eyeing Swiatek's French Open crown

THE French Open women's tournament gets under way this weekend without a clear favourite for the first time in several years, with a clutch of players in strong form and Iga Swiatek enduring an unprecedented slump.

Jasmine Paolini became the eighth different player to reach a WTA 1000 final this season at last week's Italian Open before defeating

Coco Gauff to clinch the biggest title of her career.

Aryna Sabalenka has solidified her position as world number one while Swiatek, winner of four Roland Garros titles in the last five years, has failed to reach any tour-level final since lifting her third successive French Open almost 12 months ago.

Sabalenka briefly dropped off from her best form after a surprise

Australian Open final loss to Madison Keys before bouncing back with the Miami and Madrid Open titles. "I got really hungry and angry – angry in a good way and I think at the end, the Australian Open final pushed me to work even harder," she told the WTA.

"(It) kind of explained to me that you have to really work hard in finals and you have to earn your victories. It was a good push for me." — AFP

Myanmar Women's Team gears up for 2026 Asian Cup qualifiers

THE Myanmar women's national football team is currently in training camp in preparation for the 2026 AFC Women's Asian Cup qualifiers, which are set to be held at the end of June.

Training began on 8 May, with over 30 preliminary players selected for the squad. The team is focusing on long-term preparations to achieve success in the qualifiers. Striker Win Theingi Tun, who is currently playing for an overseas club and forward May Htet Lu, who plays for a college team in the United States while pursuing her studies, are expected to join the team in June. Players selected for the Myanmar U20 women's national team will also rejoin the squad after completing the ASEAN U19 Women's Championship.

Captain Khin Marlar Tun, who is recovering from an injury, has not yet joined the training squad, but may participate depending on her recovery progress. The team will run under the management of Japanese head coach Yuki Tatsuro, and is mainly composed of players who were part of the squad that won the Nepal Four Nations Invitational Tournament in February.

Myanmar is placed in Group C of the 2026 AFC Women's Asian Cup qualifiers. Group matches will be held at Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon from 29 June to 5 July, with Myanmar competing alongside Bahrain, Bangladesh and Turkmenistan. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Euro 2028 hosts must qualify but two places reserved for them

DESPITE co-hosting Euro 2028, England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales will still have to earn their places on the pitch, UEFA confirmed Wednesday.

Euro 2028 hosts England, Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Wales will compete in qualifying for the tournament, UEFA said Wednesday.

The European football govern-

ing body confirmed the qualification format for the 24-team tournament, reserving two places for host nations who do not qualify.

"(The) hosts... will also participate in qualifying, drawn into separate groups," said UEFA in a statement after an executive committee meeting in Bilbao ahead of the Europa League final.

"The 12 group winners and eight best runners-up (20 teams) will advance directly to the EURO 2028 final tournament. — AFP

England midfielder Jude Bellingham and his team-mates will take part in qualifying for Euro 2028. **PHOTO: AFP**



Russian nuclear shield at full readiness, no one dares attack – Rosatom Chief



Rosatom maintains Russia's nuclear deterrent at full readiness. PHOTO: SPUTNIK

CEO Alexey Likhachov highlighted this significant market share, emphasizing Rosatom's leadership in international nuclear technology and construction projects.

In the near future, Rosatom State Corporation will have several more facilities abroad — both with neighbouring countries and in more distant states, said Likhachov. He stated that several negotiations are in their final stages. Cooperation in the nuclear field was a key topic of Russia's "diplomatic marathon" talks with leaders of Egypt, Brazil, Mongolia, and European countries, Likhachov stressed. "I can say that Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin's talks with Egypt, Brazil, Mongolia, and European countries this time were largely focused on nuclear issues," he reported.

Recently, Likhachov also told journalists that Brazil "confirmed fruitful cooperation in uranium supply" from Russia and that the country plans to build new "powerful" nuclear blocks. "Accordingly, negotiations have started in this area," he said, also noting that Brazil is interested in small nuclear blocks — both land-based and floating. According to him, Brazilian enterprises could potentially manufacture the reactor vessels. — SPUTNIK

ROSATOM accounts for about 90 per cent of the world's export nuclear power plant construction abroad. This was stated by the CEO of the state corporation Rosatom, Alexey Likhachov, during a session of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation. "Rosatom maintains Russia's nuclear deterrent at full readiness — ensuring no one dares to attack us with

nuclear weapons," Rosatom chief Alexey Likhachev said. He also pointed out that: Russia is open to cooperate on uranium supplies with the US. Rosatom have kept most of its civilian nuclear market share — but now projects with other regions dominate. Finland must compensate Rosatom for illegally cancelling the Hanhikivi-1 Nuclear Power Plant contract.

AI INTEGRATION

Abu Dhabi to launch world's first AI cognitive city by 2027

Abu Dhabi is poised to unveil the world's inaugural AI cognitive city, Aion Sentia, in a groundbreaking effort that seeks to transform urban living through cutting-edge artificial intelligence and cognitive technology.

With a target completion date of 2027, this initiative is part of the emirate's plan to weave AI into all sectors, revolutionizing how residents experience life, work, and engage with their environments, as reported by Khaleej Times.

Aion Sentia will use AI to provide predictive services, automate infrastructure management, and optimize energy use in real time. "This city will not merely be intelligent; it will be cognitive, learning and adapting alongside its residents," stated Daniele Marinelli, CEO of My Aion Inc, the Italian company behind the project, Khaleej Times reported.

The cognitive city platform will also feature MAIA, an innovative AI-driven mobile app intended to connect residents directly to city services. From automating public transport schedules to integrating smart home technology and offering AI-enhanced healthcare assistance, MAIA aims to provide every citizen with a streamlined, technology-oriented lifestyle. — ANI

Oil prices jump on report of Israel prepping Iran strike

CRUDE prices rallied Wednesday following a report that US intelligence suggested Israel was planning a strike on Iranian nuclear facilities, which would send geopolitical tensions into overdrive and fuel regional conflict fears.

While safe haven gold pushed higher, the news from CNN appeared to be having little detrimental effect on Asian equities, with most extending the previous day's rally.

European stock markets faltered, however, with the Paris CAC 40 down almost one per cent in midday deals.

London fell and the pound strengthened against the dollar after UK inflation data came in well above forecasts in April.

The dollar also lost pace against the euro and yen ahead of an upcoming G7 finance ministers meeting this week, with speculation growing that President Donald Trump is open to a weaker greenback to help US exporters.

"Middle Eastern tensions are driving price action in the commodity space," noted Kathleen Brooks, research director at XTB trading group. — AFP



Oil prices have rallied on a report that US officials had intelligence suggesting Israel was considering an attack on Iranian nuclear facilities. PHOTO: AFP