

Repairs underway at Ottarathiri Dam and Labour Ministry buildings

SAC Vice-Chairman DPM Vice-Senior General Soe Win coordinated with officials to fulfil the need for the repair of the Ottarathiri Dam, buildings of the Ministry of Labour, and a retaining wall in Ottarathiri Township.



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win alongside officials concerned is pictured during his inspection tour of the repair work in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

CHAIRMAN of the National Disaster Management Committee, Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council, Deputy Prime Minister, Vice-Senior General Soe Win, accompanied by Union ministers and the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, yesterday afternoon inspected repairs of Ottarathiri Dam, the office circular road of the Ministry of Labour and retaining walls damaged by the Mandalay earthquake in Nay Pyi Taw.

At Ottarathiri Dam located on Kyaukoh Creek in Ottarathiri Township, the Vice-Senior General heard reports on water inlet channels to the dam, conducting geological survey and soil test

to repair the embankment, leakage of the conduit of the dam, and repairs of the soil-filled embankment by Union Minister U Min Naung and officials. The Vice-Senior General asked what he wanted to know and gave necessary instructions.

The Vice-Senior General inspected the removal of the damaged building inside the dam and the installation of the valve at the emergency spillway as a diversion channel.

Concerning repairing the dam, efforts are being made to build a reserved spillway channel, dig a 1,350 feet route of the water inlet channel heading to Chaungmagyi Dam, place concrete on

the low-laying area of the main spillway, remove water and silt between the temporary dyke and the original embankment, and construct a ring bund to protect the tower against the inflow of water. Moreover, the concrete tower was demolished to carry out cleansing tasks, including removing the valves of the sluice gate, permanently closing the conduit damaged by the earthquake, filling soil on the eastern part of the embankment with banquette to ensure long-term strengthening, and removing the soil from the landslide areas downstream of the dam. In addition, the embankment was refilled with soil in its original state with the construction of a

concrete valve with 6 feet by 8 feet in size at the diversion channel. The conduit was drilled to have a hole to fill with concrete into the concrete pipe, while a socket is being made to be installed to block the concrete pipe, and the design is being formulated swiftly to install the valve in the diversion channel.

Ottarathiri Dam is of earthen embankment, covering 1,500 acres of watershed. Its embankment is 60 feet in height and 1,120 feet in length. It was built in the 2008-2009 financial year to supply sufficient drinking water to dwellers in Ottarathiri Township. Now, the dam is 17 years.

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Boosting agriculture and livestock key to regional socioeconomic growth

- ❖ With the development of agricultural activities, livestock production will improve, leading to socioeconomic growth in the region.
- ❖ Therefore, local administrative officials must create opportunities to support the successful implementation of agriculture-based businesses in the region.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at a meeting with district and township level department officials and micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) entrepreneurs in Meiktila District on 10 January 2025 to discuss regional development issues)

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Appointment of Head of Service Organization

THE State Administration Council has appointed Professor Dr Kyaw Tint, Pro-Rector (Admin) of the University of Dental Medicine (Yangon) of the Department of Human Resources for Health under the Ministry of Health, as Rector of the University of Dental Medicine (Mandalay) on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

More political groups seek registration after party formation approval

AS of today, 27 groups have submitted applications to the Union Election Commission (UEC) seeking permission to form political parties, specifying their intended party names. Among them, the UEC has already approved 19 groups to form political parties.

Of these 19 approved parties, the Pa-O National Unity Party, led by Khun Than Myint, has submitted a formal application yesterday to register as a political party within the 30 days allowed from the date of party formation approval, under Section 7 of the Political Parties Registration Law.

The UEC has so far granted registration to 15 of the 19 approved political parties, while it continues scrutinizing the remaining applications for potential registration, according to official sources. — MNA/KZL

Communal Waso robe offering ceremony held at Pyay BEMS 3



The communal Waso robe offering event in process in Pyay on 15 July 2025.

A collective Waso robe offering ceremony was organized at Lunge Ahman Hall of the Basic Education Middle School No 3, Pyay, on 15 July. During the ceremony, Headteacher Daw Shwe Sin Ei offered Waso robes to member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Administrator Sayadaw of Bayanathi Monastery, Aggamaha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Silasara. — Maung Shwe Win (Pyay)/KTZH

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Tuesday 15 July 2025)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate to strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 16 July 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Mandalay, Magway and Lower Sagaing Regions and Kayah State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin, Kayin, Mon and eastern Shan States. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ay-

eyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine, and (southern and eastern) 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: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 25-30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 7-9 feet in off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Like-

lihood of increase of rain in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin and (northern and eastern) Shan States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 16 July 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 16 July 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 16 July 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — 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.

(An 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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The Vice-Senior General and party arrived at the Ministry of Labour where Union Ministers U Chit Swe and U Myo Thant reported on conducting

the soil test for reconstruction of the office building and the office circular road damaged by the earthquake, placing an earthen road with 12 feet in width in the place of the damaged concrete

facility, construction of new gravel-filled retaining walls with reinforced concrete and bored piles, building of a temporary water outlet channel and other plans. The Vice-Senior General

coordinated with officials to fulfil the needs. The Vice-Senior General inspected preparations to drive bored piles for the construction of the RC retaining walls, and the

functioning of the office works at the 40 feet by 40 feet and 40 feet by 60 feet prefabricated offices in the office compound and gave necessary instructions. — MNA/TTA

Russians show keen interest in Myanmar at food and tourism fair

AT the “In Siberia – THERE is!” Gastronomic and Tourism Fair held in Novosibirsk, the Russian Federation, from 11 to 13 July, the Myanmar tourism promotion booth, representing the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, attracted significant interest from Russians and locals of Novosibirsk, drawing a large number of visitors and creating a lively atmosphere.

The visitors to the Myanmar tourism promotion booth showed great interest in the country’s travel destinations and tourist attractions.

At the booth, Myanmar scholarship students and families from the consulate office performed traditional Myanmar dances such as the Thungetaw Dance, the male solo dance, the U Shwe Yoe

and Daw Moe Dance, Myanmar marionette, and traditional cane ball demonstrations. These performances were warmly enjoyed by the residents of Novosibirsk, and the booth was especially lively with the participation and enjoyment of the Russian audience.

Moreover, the experienced cook of Myanmar and Myanmar families cooked Myanmar traditional food, and the visitors enjoyed the food, especially Mohinga and tea leaf salad, and also Myanma wine.

The event took place at the Mikhaylovskaya Embankment Park, located on the Ob River in Novosibirsk. During the three-day festival, the Myanmar booth received thousands of visitors.

The Myanmar participants also took part in the amateur



Enthusiastic Russians crowd the Myanmar tourism booth at the Gastronomic and Tourism Fair in Novosibirsk, the Russian Federation, from 11 to 13 July 2025.

cooking contests organized by the festival holding committee, and the people showed their great interest in Myanmar traditional food.

By participating in this event, Myanmar was able to directly showcase its tradi-

tional foods, cultural arts, and prominent tourist destinations to visitors. It also provided an opportunity to invite Russian tourists to learn more about Myanmar and consider visiting. Moreover, the event allowed for the distribution of

information about Myanmar to international and Russian travel businesses, as well as to the residents of Novosibirsk, helping to promote and strengthen tourism in the Russian tourism market. — MNA/KTZH

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MIFER Deputy Minister attends 3rd ASEAN Geoeconomic Task Force Meeting

DEPUTY Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, ASEAN Geoeconomics Task Force Leader of Myanmar, Dr Wah Wah Maung, attended the 3rd ASEAN Geoeconomics Task Force Meeting, which was held virtually on 15 July 2025.

The meeting deliberated on key issues, including the implications of the US tariff measures, the development of the ASEAN Integration Report in response to emerging geoeconomics challenges, the deepening ASEAN-US Strategic Economic Partnership and the plans of the Task Force.

During the meeting, the deputy minister highlighted the importance of building resilience and inclusive economic integration in response to the emerging geoeconomics challenges. She also emphasized the need for enhanced synergy between Economic and political streams to ensure a more coherent and effective regional approach. In addition, the deputy minister underscored the need to consider ASEAN



The third ASEAN Geoeconomics Task Force Meeting in progress online yesterday, attended by Deputy Minister Dr Wah Wah Maung.

centrality, enhance regional resilience, and secure the supply chains' connectivity by advancing competitiveness in the formulation of the ASEAN Integration Report (AIR). Furthermore, she also stressed the importance of data inclusivity in the analytical foundation of the ASEAN Integration Report (AIR). She also mentioned the necessity of reviewing the TIFA Workplan to identify oppor-

tunities for further strengthening. She also reaffirmed strong commitments to continued collaboration with other ASEAN Member States in advancing the region's shared economic visions.

The ASEAN Geoeconomics Task Force was established based on the consensus of the Special ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting, which was held virtually on 10 April 2025, to provide

real-time analysis, strategic foresight, assess the potential benefits and vulnerability arising from current global trade changes, and provide actionable policy recommendations to the ASEAN Economic Ministers. The Task Force is composed of two representatives from each member state, at the deputy minister level and a senior economic expert level. — MIFER

46 Vietnamese telecom fraud suspects repatriated

AUTHORITIES repatriated 46 Vietnamese nationals involved in online gambling, telecom fraud and other crimes, who had illegally entered Myanmar through border routes via neighbouring countries, including Thailand. These individuals had operated in areas such as Myawady, Shwe Kokko, KK Park and Khaukkhet in Kayin State.

Officials carried out the repatriation through the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge II, in line with legal procedures and with consideration for humanitarian principles and international goodwill.

To ensure a systematic and smooth repatriation process, U Myint Phone, Deputy Director of the Ministry of Immigration and Population for Kayin State, met with relevant departmental teams to inspect documentation and verify the accuracy of data. The handover ceremony



Immigration processes are underway for the deportation of 46 Vietnamese telecom fraud suspects.

followed, with official documents transferred to respective representatives from Thailand and the Vietnamese Embassy to Thailand. Attendees included Mr Hoang Minh Hai, First Secretary of the Vietnamese Embassy to Thailand, and officials from Thailand's Tak Province Immigration Office.

From 30 January to 15 July 2025, authorities apprehended a total of 9,224 foreign nationals who had illegally entered Myanmar. Of these, 9,055 individuals were repatriated to their respective countries through Thailand, while 169 remain to be transferred and are currently held under proper care.

The State is actively pursuing action against those involved in online scam operations and foreign masterminds, while also cooperating to repatriate foreign victims of trafficking or hardship as quickly and responsibly as possible. — MNA/KZL

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Broader outlook and farsightedness

Everyone who knows the world’s history can consider that the nation-building task is too difficult to avoid encountering various kinds of ups and downs in this mundane world. Therefore, with a broader outlook and farsightedness, we shall seize whatever opportunity we have. That’s the way we love Myanmar. We can build our Myanmar.

(Excerpt from the broadcasting speech made by Bogyoke Aung San to the national peoples in November 1944)



Bagan welcomes tourists despite monsoon



LOCAL travellers visit Bagan’s Ancient Cultural Zone in the July monsoon period, and they also enjoy applying Myanmar Thanaka and hand painting.

“Bagan ancient cultural zone hosts travellers even in the rainy season, and also on the full moon day of Waso. Those joining the Bodaw festival at Mount Popa

in September also visit Bagan. It is not as crowded as the peak season, but there are still travellers. In October, the foreign visitors do start coming,” said U Win

Aung, Deputy Director of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism (Bagan).

There are 3,822 ancient pagodas, temples and stupas in Bagan, while 15 pagodas are in the Tantkyitaung area, totalling 3,837 pagodas. Among these pagodas, 18 famous pagodas and temples receive the highest number of travellers. The young visitors like wearing Thanaka and hand painting, whereas the adults and elderly like riding a horse cart and E-bikes.

“There are visitors in the rainy season, but the number is still lower than the previous year. There are Thanaka and hand painting services at every pagoda and temple. The youths especially like them. Both young and old people like Anya Thanaka for its fragrance. Even the tourists like it,” said Ko Zeyar, a hand painter at Htilominlo temple.

The visitors from Mandalay Taungpyone festival held in Wagaung and those from Bodaw festival at Mount Popa in Tawthalin visit Bagan. The Bagan cultural zone is packed with visitors in Waso, Wagaung, Tawthalin, Thadingyut and Tazaungmone. The Thadingyut festival hosts the highest number of visitors, and the Arnanda temple festival, held on the full moon day of Pyatho, is the last festival of Bagan.

There are 153 hotels and motels, and 75 guesthouses operated under the municipal department in Bagan. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH



Photos capture the enchanting charm of cultural tourism in the Bagan-NyaungU Ancient Heritage Zone. PHOTOS: KANU

NATIONAL

Myanmar exports over 400 tonnes of honey in April-May

MYANMAR exported over 480.82 metric tonnes of honey valued at US\$0.72 million in the first two months of the current financial year 2025-2026 beginning 1 April, said U Myo Tint, Deputy Director of the Apiculture Division under the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department.

Myanmar delivered over 279.8 metric tonnes of honey worth \$419,730 to Japan, and 201 tonnes worth \$301,500 to Thailand in the April-June period, the Apiculture Division's data showed.

Myanmar's Apiculture business started in 1979, and honey export began in 1985. Myanmar's honey mostly went to China, Japan, South Korea, Singapore and Thailand. Myanmar produces sesame honey, jujube



One of the beekeeping and crop-integrated farming businesses in Myanmar.

honey, Niger honey, sunflower honey, lychee honey and flower honey. Sunflower honey, jujube honey and niger honey are mostly in demand.

Vietnam, Myanmar and Thailand are the leading honey-producing states in the region. Myanmar is exerting concerted efforts to boost honey

production. Beekeeping and crop farming integration practices are found in the central Myanmar regions, focusing on sustainable and profitable pro-

duction. Myanmar's honey production is estimated at over 4,000 metric tonnes annually. Sixty per cent went to foreign markets while the remaining was designated for domestic consumption. Honey is utilized as a traditional medicine in the country.

There are some state-owned beekeeping stations with 6,200 beehives in 31 townships and over 950 private beekeeping businesses operating with nearly 200,000 beehives.

Moreover, two million acres of crops contribute to bee pollination every year. The beekeeping businesses near the crop fields contribute to the successful yield of the crop as well as quality bee production. — ASH/KK

'Nga Bayinma' drama series press show held in Yangon

A press show of the drama series Nga Bayinma (I Am the Queen) was held on 13 July at the Novotel Hotel in Kamayut Township, Yangon.

The drama is based on the novel written by author Shinma, with the screenplay co-written by Ngwe Sin Thoon, Thin Nant Thar and Nya Hmway Pan. Academy Wyne directed the series for Mahar Application.

"At first, I didn't buy the two-volume novel. But when Mahar approached me and offered to make Nga Bayinma into a drama series, I accepted.

I only show my work to the public when I'm fully satisfied with it. This series took a lot of time and effort – nearly eight to nine months. The cast also stayed very focused and committed," said director Academy Wyne.

Starting 15 July, Nga Bayinma will air in HD quality as a Mahar original series on the Mahar Application. The cast includes Alin Yaung, Academy Khin Wint Wah, Htet Htet Htun, Academy Min Oo, Kyaw Zay Ya, Wai Phyto, Hein Thitsa, Htoo Naing Lin, Ye Yint Sithu Aung, Soe Moe Kyi and Academy Khin Moh Moh Aye — ASH/KZL



Cast members, director Academy Wyne and the production team seen at the Nga Bayinma press show event.

Northern City Project to launch this year, creating over 2,000 jobs

SHINE Group, the developer of the Northern City Project, announced that it will launch the project this year, creating over 2,000 job opportunities.

The Northern City Project will be developed near Panglong Road in Ward 33, Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Region.

"The Northern City Project will be implemented in Dagon Myothit (North) Township. Shophouses will be constructed first, followed by the opening of offices and shops, which are expected to create between 2,000 and 3,000 job opportunities for residents. Additionally, once the project begins, it will also provide employment opportunities for people at the



This photo features a miniature replica of the Northern City Project to be developed near Panglong Road, Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Region.

grassroots level. The project will enhance the beauty of the city," said Ma Kyawt Kyawt Wai, an official at Shine Group.

The Northern City Project launch ceremony was held on the evening of 13 July at the

Esperado Lake View Hotel on Kanyeiktha Street (Kanpat Street) in Bahan Township, Yangon Region, where it was also announced that the project will be implemented in October 2025. — ASH/TH

Film 'Kha Khayay Kone Malay Pyone' launched at press event

THE press launch ceremony for the movie titled Kha Khayay Kone Malay Pyone was held on 13 July at the Sedona Hotel in Yankin Township, Yangon Region.

The story was written by cast member Phu Sone, while director Kaung Myat Kyaw Thu wrote the screenplay and also

directed and produced the film for Bawat Film Production.

"Kha Khayay Kone Malay Pyone is a story I wrote six years ago," said lead actress Phu Sone. "At first, I wanted to turn it into a series, but that idea didn't materialize. Later, when Ma Padamya expressed interest in making a series, I re-

visited the story. After finding a director and producer, it eventually became a film instead".

The film 'Kha Khayay Kone Malay Pyone' will be shot in both Thailand and Myanmar, featuring Phu Sone, Shwe Thamee, May Toe Khaing, Aye Thanda Bo, Poe Mi, and many others. — ASH/MKKS



Myanmar exports fishery products to 40 international countries, including Japan, Bangladesh, China and Thailand.

Shrimp exports reach almost 2,000 MT in Q1

MYANMAR shipped 1,975.39 metric tonnes of shrimp in the first three months of the current financial year 2025-2026, beginning 1 April, generating an income of US\$5.468 million, Department of Fisheries statistics indicated.

Myanmar sent over 1,800 metric tonnes of shrimp worth \$4.56 million by sea and 166.32 metric tonnes of shrimp worth \$0.904 million at its borders.

More than 9,000 tonnes of shrimp exports valued at nearly \$30 million were placed in the international market in the past financial year 2024-2025 (1 April 2024-31 March 2025), according to the Department of Fisheries.

Myanmar exports fishery products to 40 international countries, including Japan, Bangladesh, China and Thailand, through maritime and border trade channels. — NN/KK

CBM sells over \$757,000, CNY1.4M on 14 July

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) injected over US\$757,000 and 1.4 million yuan on 14 July into the financial market, along with selling \$1.58 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$359,230 to commodities-importing companies.

CBM also sold over \$1.7 million to edible oil-importing companies.

CBM sold over \$1.5 million purchased from CMP companies to edible oil-importing companies on 10 July, in addition to an injection of \$621,000 and 600,000 yuan into the financial market.

CBM announced on 8 July that it would sell \$30 million to fuel oil importers. CBM also sold \$885,100, which was purchased from the CMP companies, to edible oil-importing companies.

CBM sold \$1.8 million and 1.3 million yuan on 7 July. Furthermore, CBM sold over \$1.87 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$912,150 to commodities-importing companies on the same day.

CBM sold \$1.75 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$481,540 to commodities-importing companies on 4 July, in addition to an injection of \$578,542 and 900,000 yuan into the financial market.

CBM sold \$678,000, 1.24 million yuan and 2.94 million baht on 3 July. CBM sold \$3.346 million to edible oil-importing companies, over \$578,400 to commodities-importing countries on that day.

CBM announced on 2 July that it would sell 10 million yuan to importers. CBM sold over \$1.593 million to edible oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM announced on 1 July that it would pump \$33 million into the fuel oil sector. CBM sold over \$1.15 million that purchased from CMP companies to edible oil-importing companies.

CBM sold \$8.4 million, 13.9 million baht and 5.2 million yuan in June 2025, in addition to an injection of \$14.9 million that was purchased from the CMP enterprises into the financial market.

CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March 2024, 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



The facade view of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) in Yangon.

Myanmar ships 6.4 tonnes of pineapples to Wang Ding

MYANMAR has exported 6.4 million tonnes of pineapple to Wang Ding, according to the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar.

Myanmar's pineapple was given the green light to be exported to China on 11 November 2024. Yunnan Province brought in Myanmar's pineapples for the first time.

After classifying pineapples by size in Wang Ding, they are delivered to Kunming, Chengdu and other big cities. Pineapples are in high demand in July and August. Consequently, 500 more tonnes are expected to be exported to China during that period, said a representative from a Shweli trading company.

According to the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Protocol between Myanmar and China, inspection procedures are undertaken yearly to verify compliance with the standards.

The General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) announced on 11 November 2024 that Myanmar's pineapple will be allowed to be imported to China, following the Phytosanitary regulation.

Myanmar's pineapple is cultivated in northern and southern Shan State. The harvest season is in June-September. Earlier, Myanmar's pineapple export to China was conducted via a green channel under a cross-border trade plan. Yet, China halted this trade route on 16 June 2019, affecting Myanmar's pineapple industry adversely.

Myanmar's exporters explored new markets in Thailand, Singapore and other countries. However, the market share is quite low. A series of negotiations between Myanmar and China in the past years reaped a fruitful result, and Myanmar's pineapple is now allowed to be exported to China via sea trade.

According to GACC's notification, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation needs to forward the list of pineapple farms and processing factories to the Chinese side to seek approval from the GACC. The approved list will be disclosed on its website.

Myanmar's growers are required to strictly adhere to good agricultural practices and implement quality management, a tracking system for food security and integrated pest management measures.

Packing fresh fruits includes washing fresh fruits with high-pressure spray and checking and removing debris to be free from insects, snails, invasive grass seeds, soil, crop residue, weeds and dirt.

Infestation of the spiralling whitefly (*Aleurodicus dispersus*), grey pineapple mealybug (*Dysmicoccus neobrevipes*), Passionvine mealybug (*Planococcus minor*), Jack Beardsley mealybug (*Pseudococcus jackbeardsleyi*) and the fungal plant pathogen *Fusarium sacchari* are considered devastating pests.

Therefore, Myanmar's relevant authorities are asked to check samples of not less than two per cent of export volume within the first two years of pineapple trade. Inspection of food samples will be reduced to one per cent if pests cannot be detected in two years. — NN/KK



This image showcases Myanmar's export-quality Pineapples.

Encourage reading to help reduce digital addiction in children

READING can systematically improve knowledge and skills, as well as develop critical thinking. Although reading is a simple activity, in this rapidly advancing technological age, traditional book reading and online reading are becoming competitors. As a result, parents and guardians are facing challenges in cultivating reading habits in children.

Developing reading skills in childhood is an important part of a child’s growth. Reading skills typically build upon speaking skills. To begin reading literature, children need to have reached a certain level of physical development and mental readiness. Therefore, parents should provide age-appropriate books, assist their children in reading, and take part in the reading process to show interest and encouragement.

According to some surveys on digital addiction, children are becoming less interested in school education. Their behaviour is gradually becoming more detached from the natural world. A 2022 study by Common Sense Media reported that 64 per cent of children under eight years old spend more than two hours of screen time per day. Additionally, a 2021 UNICEF press release confirmed that children who have prolonged screen time are more likely to experience increased stress.

access to technology. As a result, excessive use of digital devices may negatively affect their brain development, mental health, and social relationships.

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As such, parents should encourage their children to read literary works to open their minds and hearts. This will help children develop stronger critical thinking skills, guiding them toward success in life. Parents need to nurture the habit of reading from an early age. Moreover, they should choose appropriate books, interestingly discuss the topics their children have read with their children, and limit screen time as part of responsibly shaping their children’s future.

Reading helps children develop language skills, critical thinking, rationality, better concentration, and also enhances their politeness and moral values. However, many parents are facing challenges due to their children’s digital addiction. Children who become addicted to digital devices often struggle to control their use of mobile phones, tablets, video games, social media, and other digital tools. Without proper guidance, they may suffer from depression, anxiety, mental health issues, and may become disappointed or resentful toward their parents.

Generally, Myanmar children are not yet mature enough to resist the attraction of social media and advanced digital devices, as they lack sufficient technological knowledge and the ability to distinguish right from wrong in the digital world due to limited

(Continued from yesterday)

Application to the intellectual property rights court against a decision of the Agency (Judicial Review)

A person who is not satisfied with a decision of the Agency may apply to the relevant intellectual property rights court according to section 66 of the Law within 90 days from the date of having received the notice of the decision. (Article 34 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

The person who may apply to the intellectual property rights court against a decision of the Agency shall have been a party to the appeal filed with the Agency [against a decision of the Registration Officer]. (Article 35 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

The intellectual property rights court’s judgement on an application against a decision of the Agency is binding on the Agency, and the Agency and the beneficiaries of its decision shall be included as respondents. (Article 36 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

Regarding the person who will act as representative in the application to the intellectual property rights court against the Agency’s decision, the Code of

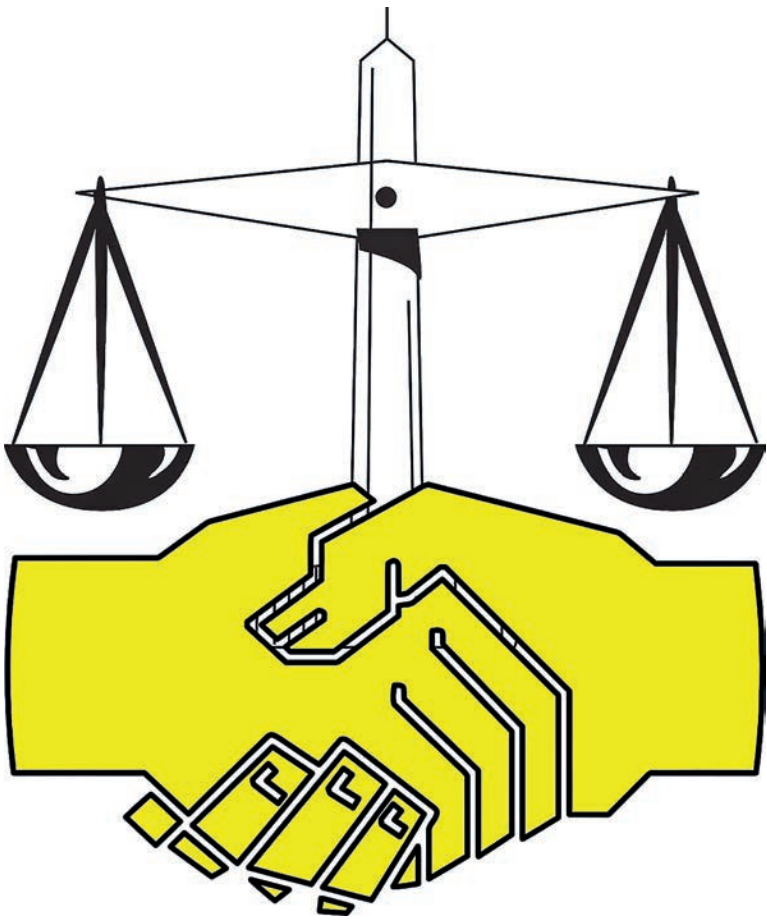
Civil Procedure and other relevant laws in force shall be complied with. (Article 37 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

The intellectual property rights court shall enter the applications for amendment and cancellation of the Agency’s decision in the “Registration Book for Intellectual Property Rights Applications”. (Intellectual Property Rights Form-5) (Article 38 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

Certified copies of the decision or order of the Agency that the intellectual property rights court should review and decide about, and of the case file, shall be enclosed with the application, as well as an affidavit or affidavits supporting the application. The affidavit shall state that the facts presented in the application are true. The applicant shall submit the required documents to the intellectual property rights court at the time determined by the intellectual property rights court. (Article 39(a) of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

Upon receipt of the application, the intellectual property rights court shall verify whether the elements in sub-section (a) are fulfilled, and if they are, shall open

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miscellaneous civil proceedings. The case numbering shall follow the format “Miscellaneous Civil

Case No. - .../2023”. (Article 39(b) of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

Then, the intellectual property rights court shall instruct the applicant to serve the writ of summons on the respondent. (Intellectual Property Rights Form-6) The applicant shall serve the writ of summons on the respondent at his own costs, and together with it, he shall send to the respondent copies of the application and of the affidavits in support of the application, a copy of the Agency’s decision [or?] order, and a copy of the case file or case record. (Article 39(c) of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

The applicant shall submit an affidavit to the intellectual property rights court stating that he served the writ of summons on the respondent on or before the date set by the intellectual property rights court. If he fails to do so, the intellectual property rights court may reject the application or set a new suitable date. If the respondent fails again to do so on the newly set date, the intellectual property rights court shall reject

the application. (Article 39(d) of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

The respondent(s) shall submit two sets of replies to the intellectual property rights court before the hearing date. (Intellectual Property Rights form-7) Together with it, the respondent shall submit an affidavit that the respondent believes all elements in the reply to be true to the respondent’s knowledge. The respondent may enclose documents and evidence that the respondent wants to submit. If the respondent fails to submit a reply by the date set by the intellectual property rights court, the respondent may be treated as if no defence was made in the respondent’s absence. A reply may be amended or substituted for another reply with the permission of the intellectual property rights court. (Article 39(e) of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

Apart from the evidence presented at the Agency, no oral or

By Kyaw Kyaw (Dominance Literature)

written evidence shall be admitted. However:

(a) The intellectual property rights court may, for making an order or for any other valid reason, if necessary, allow the presentation of evidence and documents and allow the cross-examination of witnesses.

(b) The intellectual property rights court shall give the reasons in writing when allowing additional evidence to be presented.

Impact and binding effect of the intellectual property rights court’s judgment on the Agency’s decision. (Article 40 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

If the intellectual property rights court approves the Agency’s decision, it shall reject the applicant’s application. If the intellectual property rights court grants the applicant’s application, it may issue an order cancelling the Agency’s decision or any other order it deems appropriate. (Article 41 of The Procedures for

Adjudicating Cases under TML)

If the intellectual property rights court issues an order cancelling the Agency’s decision, a copy the intellectual property rights court’s order shall be sent to the Agency. Chapter 7 (Article 42 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

(4) Application to the Intellectual Property Rights Court against a suspension order of the Director General of the Customs Department (Judicial Review)

The intellectual property rights court shall open miscellaneous civil proceedings for applications according to section 72 of the Law to review a suspension order of the Director General of the Customs Department. (Article 43 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

The intellectual property rights court’s judgement on an application against a suspension order of the Director General of the Customs Department is binding on the Customs Department, and the Director General of the Customs Department and the beneficiaries of the suspension order shall be included as respondents. (Article 44 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)

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I Say What I See: The Forgotten Glory of the W (Double U) Football Match

By @Editor

IN THE Yangon of the 1960s and 70s, where one-storey homes lined quiet streets and private cars were a rare luxury, a unique sporting tradition thrived in the heart of our communities. It wasn’t played in stadiums or watched on television. It lived in the lanes of Kyaukmyaung Ward, Tamwe Township, and was known simply and fondly as the W (Double U) football match.

We didn’t know what the “W” stood for—it might have come from a brand or marking on the ball itself. What mattered more was what it meant to us: a small-sized football game, fast-paced and fiercely loved. The W ball was smaller than a regular one, perfect for the 20-foot-wide streets that served as our play-

grounds. With no cars, no shops, and few passersby, those streets became our open fields. Dagon Thiri Street, Thadipahtan Street, Myothit 1 Street, and Kyakwetthit Street were the heartlands of this joyful tradition.

Our matches had simple but unique rules. Teams were made up of three or four players, and the most important condition: you had to be under four feet nine inches tall to play. This rule ensured that the game belonged to children, mostly 13- and 14-year-olds like I was then. The taller boys, even the talented ones, had to sit out. We guarded that boundary proudly. It was a game of and/or for our age.

At the time, I was attending Basic Education State High

School 5, Tamwe (BEHS 5), just a short walk from our home on Dagon Thiri Street. Most of my teammates were also my classmates. We studied together, played together, and grew up together. After passing the eighth standard, I moved to Basic Education State High School 2, Tamwe (BEHS 2), which was even closer to our house.

Outside the official community tournaments, we played W football almost every day, especially during the Rainy Season, one of the three seasons in Myanmar, along with Summer (the Hot Season) and the Cold Season. The Rainy Season was our favourite. Slippery streets, flying mud, wet hair, and laughter; it was pure joy. And when the matches were

over, we went home drenched and smiling, sometimes limping, but always fulfilled.

The goals for official tournaments were carefully built by organizers, using wood frames and cotton nets, and later, iron frames replaced the wood. On regular days, we made our own: using bricks, schoolbags, slippers, or whatever was around. The creativity was part of the fun. We didn’t need standard gear – we just needed space, a W ball, and each other.

These weren’t just neighbourhood kickabouts. Community tournaments were held regularly, with shields and trophies for the winners. Kids from other townships came to play. I still remember the thrill of competing, the cheers of neighbours, and the pride of representing your street or groups of friends. My friends and I – our team – won first prize two or three times. Those trophies weren’t just metal and wood. They were symbols of

belonging, friendship, and youthful triumph.

Kyaukmyaung back then was different. Most houses were one-storey, with just a few two-storey homes scattered about. Families who owned private cars usually kept them in godowns or garages inside their compounds. My grandparents lived in a two-storey house – part woodpile, part concrete – on Kyaukmyaung Street, just steps from our home on Dagon Thiri Street. They owned a Holden car, a European model, I believe. On Sundays, we would drive around Yangon with them – a memory I still cherish. They passed away when I was still young, sometime during the late 1960s or 70s. That house is now gone, but I live in the apartment building that stands in its place – a living link to the past.

Today’s Kyaukmyaung looks very different. The humble one-storey homes have mostly disappeared, replaced by apart-



ment buildings constructed by private developers. The open lanes are narrower, busier and more crowded. The streets where we once dived for the ball or sprinted in bare feet are no longer free of cars or noise. The W ball is nowhere to be found in shops. The game has vanished

– quietly, without fanfare – just like the old brick goalposts and wooden shields.

But to those of us who played it, the W football match remains alive in memory. It was our game, our community’s invention, shaped by the spaces we had and the dreams we held. We

learned how to work as a team, how to lose with grace and win with modest pride. We didn’t need coaches or uniforms – just friendships, laughter, and a ball.

Today, our sons, daughters, and grandchildren grow up in a very different world – one filled with digital games, smartphones, tablets, and online competitions. They build teams on screens, play matches in virtual stadiums, and win battles without stepping outside. While technology brings new forms of entertainment, I sometimes wonder what they might be missing: the thrill of kicking a ball under the rain, the warmth of shared laughter on sun-soaked streets, and the unspoken bond formed when you pass, run, and score together – on real ground, with real friends.

Some games are never televised, never recorded, and never return. But the best ones don’t need to. They live on, wherever we remember them.

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Sejong Cultural Academy opens 2025 Korean course to all interested learners

APPLICATIONS are now open for the 2025 Sejong Cultural Academy Korean language course scheduled in August, said the Myanmar Embassy in the Republic of Korea.

The course will be conducted at the embassy's training hall.

The duration is from 11 to 13 August, and anyone who is interested in Korean culture can join, it said. Applications can be sent until 27 July

to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9oU_sqdIQ98nTtdCoexIqK-xRLiLx-zqxnKShUBJa2mcFg/view-form?usp=headerLink.

Candidates will be selected based on their applications due to the seating capacity and limited time, but applications are required to be filled out correctly, despite some likely inconvenience, said the embassy. — MT/ZS



A completion ceremony of the K Beauty training course conducted by the Sejong Cultural Academy in Nepal.



This photo depicts the facade view of the Bagan Archaeological Museum.

Bagan Museum draws 18,700+ visitors, earns K22M in 6 months

IN the six months from January to June 2025, the Bagan Archaeological Museum has earned more than K22 million from over 18,700 local and foreign visitors, according to an official.

During the six months, the museum had 18,370 domestic visitors and 402 foreign tourists, earning more than K18 million and K4 million respectively.

“Locals outnumber foreigners who usually visit in the cold season from October to February, and make fewer visits in the hot season. 113 foreigners visited in January, and 93 in February,” the official told the GNLN.

During this rainy season, the museum is more crowded on weekends and holidays than on weekdays.

“Now is the time of fewer visitors. Foreigners are only in two digits. Locals are about 50 to 80 on weekdays and more than 100 on weekends. On holidays such as the full moon of Waso, the museum is also closed, so there are no visitors,” he added.

The Bagan Archaeological

Museum is open from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm every day except Mondays and public holidays. The museum entrance fee is set at K1,000 per domestic tourist, K10,000 per foreigner, and it is free for children under 12 years old, students who come with a school official letter, and monks.

Despite few visitors in the rainy season as well as school time, it is expected that the number of visitors will be higher during the upcoming open season starting Thadingyut.

— MT/ZN

Nearly 60 households in Kanma evacuated as Ayeyawady River rises

ABOUT 60 households in Kanma Township of Magway Region have been evacuated due to the rising tide of the Ayeyawady River, according to the Department of Myanmar Fire Services.

With the rising river starting on 13 July, Wards 1 and 2, and houses in Kanna Street were flooded.

“Due to rising Ayeyawady, water entered into houses in Kanma Ward 2 and Kanna Street,” said a local.

244 people from 58 households



Members of the fire brigade from Kanma Township and responsible personnel help evacuate the flood victims to safety.

holds were rescued by fire brigade members, ward administration staff, and officials and relocated to areas of higher ground, such as the Shwekhayau Pagoda, the Maygawady Monastery, and the Three-story Monastery.

According to a flood warning issued by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology on the morning of 15 July, the water levels of the Ayeyawady River in Chauk, Seiktha and Hinthada were about half a foot below the danger level, and were expected to rise to their danger level in one day or 36 hours while that in Zalun was about one and a half feet below danger level and was expected to reach its danger level in next three days, so residents near the river banks and in the lowlands are warned to take precautions and avoid in time if the river rises. — Htun Htun/ZN

Over 370 Japanese firms to hire 1,300+ Myanmar workers



This photo shows foreigners at workplaces in Japan.

ACCORDING to a statement on demand letters issued by the Myanmar Embassy in Japan on 15 July, over 370 Japanese companies will employ more than 1,300 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 371 demand letters that the embassy submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs after verification until 9 April 2025. According to it, more than 300 Myanmar male workers and up to 1000 Myanmar female workers, totalling more than 1,300, would be employed by 371 Japanese companies.

According to a statement issued on 30 June, the embassy said up to 360 Japanese companies would recruit more than 1400 Myanmar workers. — MT/ZS

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The suspension order of the Director General of the Customs Department shall be enclosed with the application. In addition, other documents required to support the applications of the applicant (importer) may also be submitted. **(Article 45 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)**

The application shall be entered into the registration book for intellectual property rights applications of the Intellectual Property Rights Court. (Intellectual Property Rights Form-5) The case numbering shall follow the format “Miscellaneous Civil Case No. - .../2023”. **(Article 46(a) of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)**

Then, the intellectual property rights court shall instruct the applicant to immediately serve the writ of summons on the respondents, unless it deems that the application should be heard ex parte. (Intellectual property rights form-6(a)) The applicant shall serve the writ of summons on the respondent at his costs, and together with it, he shall send to the respondent copies of the application and of the affidavits in support of the application, a copy of the suspension order of the Director-General of the Customs Department, and a copy of the case file or case record. **(Article 46(b) of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)**

The applicant shall submit an affidavit to the intellectual property rights court stating that he served the writ of summons on the respondent on or before the date set by the intellectual property rights court. If he fails to do so, the intellectual property rights court may reject the application or set a new suitable date. If the respondent fails again to do so on the newly set date, the intellectual property rights court shall reject the application. **(Article 46(c) of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)**

The respondent(s) shall submit two sets of replies to the intellectual property rights court before the hearing date. (Intellectual property rights form-7(a)) Together with it, the respondent shall submit an affidavit that the respondent

believes all elements in the reply to be true to the respondent’s knowledge. The respondent may enclose documents and evidence that the respondent wants to submit. If the respondent fails to submit a reply by the date set by the intellectual property rights court, the respondent may be treated as if no defence was made in the respondent’s absence. A reply may be amended or substituted for another reply with the permission of the intellectual property rights court. **(Article 46(d) of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)**

If so, instructed by the intellectual property rights court, the Customs Department is responsible for sending the required documentary evidence to the intellectual property rights court. **(Article 47 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)**

According to section 72 of the Law, the intellectual property rights court shall amend, cancel or confirm the suspension order within 30 days from the date on which a review of the suspension order of the Director General was requested. **(Article 48 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)**

If the intellectual property rights court issues an order cancelling the suspension order of the Director-General of the Customs Department, a copy of the intellectual property rights court’s order shall be sent to the Customs Department. **(Article 49 of The Procedures for Adjudicating Cases under TML)**

Applicable Laws

The Intellectual Property Court may apply the provisions in the Evidence Act, the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Code of Civil Procedure and other relevant existing laws if it is not provided expressly in this Law in respect of the enforcement actions for infringement of a mark. **(Section 86 of The Trademark Law)**

(5) Essential elements of civil litigation

Civil litigation is governed by the Civil Procedure Rules and involves each party trying to prove their right on a balance of probabilities, usually before a judge. Parties to the civil litigation must comply

with the Civil Procedure Rules, although these Rules vary depending on the type of case and value of the relief.

Framing of issues is a very important stage in civil litigation, and it is the bounden duty of the Court that due care, caution, diligence and attention must be bestowed by the Presiding Judge while framing issues. Framing issues entirely depends on material propositions of which are disclosed in the pleadings.

The essential elements of civil litigation are (1) Right to sue, (2) Cause of action, and (3) Form of suit. In many cases, the Courts frame preliminary issues regarding the maintainability of the suit.

The first essential element of civil litigation is that the plaintiff must have the right to sue. The word right to sue, or right to file a lawsuit in Court, is the right to seek relief by means of a legal proceeding.

The Courts shall have jurisdiction to try all suits of a civil nature, excepting suits of which their cognisance is either expressly or impliedly barred.

The question as to when exactly the right to sue accrues depends upon the particular facts of the case.

The second essential element of civil litigation is that the cause of action must be disclosed in the plaint.

The cause of action is a set of facts or circumstances that a plaintiff is required to prove; all essential facts establish the right.

The expression “the cause of action”, in a comprehensive sense, includes “the right to sue” within the meaning of Article 120 of the Limitation Act, and it comprises.

Cause of action means every fact which, if traversed, will be necessary for the plaintiff to prove to support his right to the judgment of the Court. The cause of action must be antecedent to the institution of the suit. When the plaintiff files his suit for any relief before he is entitled to it, his suit is bound to fail for want of a cause of action. Order 7 Rule 11 in very clear terms lays down that the plaint shall be rejected where it does not disclose a cause of action.”

The third essential element is that the form of the suit must be correct. The form of suit means the remedy must be

consistent with the legal situation. The question of whether the form of suit is correct or not must be judged only on the basis of the pleadings and not on the evidence taken. 10

The court has the power to pass an order regarding maintainability of premature suit, adjusting equities and satisfying ends of justice, as it may deem fit in its discretion.

(6) Different Stages of a Civil Regular Suit in the Myanmar Judiciary

A civil suit is a private suit where someone sues someone else.

To institute a civil regular suit, some legal criteria shall be observed the Code of Civil Procedure, which must have a cause of action. There are some stages of civil proceedings that can be broadly categorized into (14) stages as follows:

(1) Presentation of the plaint (CPC: Section 26 & Order 4 Rule 1), (2) Issue and service of summons (CPC: Section 27 & Order 5 Rule 1). The appearance of the parties and Ex-parte decree (CPC: Order 9, Rule 6(1)), (3) Discovery (CPC: Order 11, Rule 1), (4) Filing of the written statement by the defendant (CPC: Order 8, Rule 1), (5) Examination of parties by the Court (CPC: Order-10) (6) Disposal of the suit at the first hearing (CPC: Order 15), (7) Framing of issues (CPC: Order 14), (8) Hearing of the suit and examination of witness (CPC: Order 18 & 16), (9) Hearing to continue from day to day till completion (CPC: Order 17 and BCM para 157(10)), (10) Argument (BCM para 154(12)), (11) Judgment when pronounced (CPC: Order 20), (12) Contents of decree (CPC: Section 2(2) & Order 20), (13) Execution of Decree (CPC: Order 21)

(7) Resolving disputes
The disputes on the trademark rights may be settled by means of mutual consultation, amicably or arbitration, or by judicial proceedings. (Section 104 of TML) (Court-led mediation)

“I would like to conclude this article here. I trust that the insights shared will contribute meaningfully to supporting IP litigation and enhancing awareness in both civil litigation and Intellectual property enforcement.

Australian scientists develop weekly shot to transform Parkinson’s care

AUSTRALIAN scientists have developed a weekly injectable drug that could transform care for the more than 8.5 million people worldwide living with Parkinson’s disease.

The new weekly injectable maintains steady levels of key Parkinson’s medications

for seven days, potentially replacing multiple daily pills and improving both treatment consistency and patient quality of life, scientists at the University of South Australia (UniSA) said on Monday.

Hailed as a game-changer for Parkinson’s care, the biode-

gradable formulation is injected under the skin or into muscle, steadily releasing medication to ensure consistent therapeutic levels and reduce the burden of frequent dosing, especially for elderly patients or those with swallowing difficulties, according to the UniSA study. — Xinhua



Sanjay Garg (R), lead researcher Professor from University of South Australia (UniSA)’s Centre for Pharmaceutical Innovation, and PhD candidate Deepa Nakmode hold the injectable gel in the University of South Australia, in Adelaide, Australia, 8 July 2025. **PHOTO: UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA**

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Nissan to end vehicle production at Oppama plant by end of FY 2027



File photo taken in May 2025 shows Nissan Motor Co's Oppama plant in Yokosuka, Kanagawa Prefecture. **PHOTO KYODO**

NISSAN Motor Co said Tuesday that it will end vehicle production at its flagship Oppama plant in Kanagawa Prefecture near Tokyo by the end of fiscal 2027, transferring the operation to a factory in southwestern Japan, as part of restructuring efforts.

The struggling automaker will consolidate the production of current models and those set for production at the Oppama plant at its subsidiary, Nissan

Motor Kyushu Co.

“Nissan made a tough but necessary decision... but I believe it’s a vital step toward overcoming our current challenges and building a sustainable future,” Nissan CEO Ivan Espinosa said in a statement.

The company is also slated to shutter the Shonan plant of its unit, Nissan Shatai Co, located in Hiratsuka, also in Kanagawa, but does not plan on closing or

integrating any other domestic locations, Espinosa said during a press conference.

Nissan has said it aims to reduce its global production capacity from 3.5 million units excluding China to 2.5 million units and cut 20,000 jobs globally. The automaker logged a net loss of 670.90 billion yen (\$4.5 billion) for fiscal 2024, hit by poor sales in the United States and China. — Kyodo

Reforms could help transform Philippines into middle-class society by 2040, World Bank says

STRATEGIC reforms to boost job creation could help transform the Philippines into a middle-class society by 2040, according to a new World Bank report released on Tuesday.

The report said that a new playbook focused on creating more and better-paying jobs is increasingly urgent as the country confronts a new global context characterized by glob-

al uncertainty, rapidly evolving technologies with significant implications for jobs, and recurrent climate shocks.

To achieve the goal of becoming a middle-class society, the report said the Philippines needs to sustain annual growth of 6-10 per cent for decades.

“Challenges remain,” the World Bank said in a press

release. “The Philippines still underperforms its peers in Asia and the Pacific.”

Productivity has not been a large contributor to growth, limited competition in key sectors constrains the growth and job creation of top-tier firms, and complex permitting processes in enabling services dull the effects of past reforms, the report said. — Xinhua

China’s retail sales up 5% in H1

CHINA’S retail sales of consumer goods, a major indicator of the country’s consumption strength, expanded five per cent year on year in the first half of this year, official data showed Tuesday.

The pace is 0.4 percentage points faster than the growth recorded in the first quarter, according to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

In the first six months, China’s total retail sales of consumer goods reached about 24.55 trillion yuan (about US\$3.43 trillion), the NBS data showed.

Driven by a series of policies aimed at promoting consumption and expanding domestic demand, China’s consumer market sustained sound momentum of growth in the first half of the year, Sheng Laiyun, deputy head of the NBS, told a press conference.

Retail sales in the country’s urban regions rose five per cent year on year in the first half of 2025, while those in rural areas expanded 4.9 per cent. Online

retail sales went up 8.5 per cent year on year.

Backed by the government’s consumer goods trade-in programme, retail sales of home appliances and audiovisual equipment surged 30.7 per cent year on year in the January-June period, and sales of cultural and office goods jumped by 25.4 per cent.

In June alone, China’s retail sales of consumer goods increased by 4.8 per cent year on year.

Tuesday’s data also showed that China’s gross domestic product (GDP) grew 5.3 per cent year on year in the first half of 2025. Domestic demand contributed 68.8 per cent to GDP growth, with final consumption expenditure contributing 52 per cent, serving as the main driver of economic growth, Sheng said.

He noted that policies to promote consumption will be further strengthened in the second half of the year. — Xinhua



People shop at a duty-free shopping mall in Sanya, south China’s Hainan Province, 29 May 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Vietnam’s textile, garment exports hit nearly US\$22 bln in H1

VIETNAM’S textile and garment exports reached nearly US\$22 billion in the first six months of the year, up 10 per cent from the same period last year, local daily newspaper Nhan Dan (People) reported on Tuesday.

Amid global uncertainties, Vietnamese enterprises have ramped up production to meet delivery deadlines and maximize tariff advantages ahead of potential new US trade measures, the report added.

Vietnamese textile and garment products have been exported to 132 countries and territories, with many firms having secured orders through September and currently negotiating contracts for the year-end season, the report noted.

According to authorities’ forecasts, export revenue from the industry could reach 46 to 47 billion dollars in 2025, given the current momentum, the state-owned media reported. — Xinhua

Indonesia aims for milk self-sufficiency by 2029 with 1 mln imported cows

THE Indonesian government has set an ambitious target to achieve milk self-sufficiency by 2029 and plans to import 1 million dairy cows over the next five years, according to Agung Suganda, director general of animal husbandry and animal health at the Ministry of Agriculture.

Efforts to boost national milk production have been included in the government's list of national strategic projects. As part of this initiative, the government

has developed a roadmap for fresh milk supply from 2025 to 2029, Suganda said on Tuesday in Probolinggo, East Java.

"To achieve the 2029 milk self-sufficiency target, we need to ship 1 million dairy cattle from abroad over the next five years," he said.

In addition to cattle imports, the Ministry of Agriculture is promoting higher dairy cattle productivity, including through artificial insemination programmes. — Xinhua

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Upcoming expo in Beijing to foster global supply chain stability, resilience

CHINA will open the third China International Supply Chain Expo (CISCE) in Beijing on Wednesday, rallying multinational giants including Nvidia, Apple, and Airbus to showcase industrial resilience and cross-border collaboration.

With 651 enterprises and institutions from 75 countries, regions and international organizations participating — including a notable 15 per cent year-on-year increase in US exhibitors — the event signals robust international commitment to stabilizing supply chains.

Global giants are actively engaging. US tech giant Nvidia is expected to make its debut at the expo, presenting cutting-edge robots featuring Nvidia chips. Airbus will also make its



Staff members work at the booth of Nvidia at the digital technology section of the upcoming third China International Supply Chain Expo (CISCE) in Beijing, capital of China, 14 July 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

inaugural appearance, bringing its global supply chain collaborators to present the comprehensive ecosystem of the large aircraft industry. Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang will attend the opening ceremony of the expo on Wednesday and participate in related activities, according to the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), the event's organizer. — Xinhua

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Marga Min Co., Ltd., 09-455557861

Sr. No.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Type of Pesticide	Registration No.
1.	Marga Tri	Tebuconazole 50% + Trifloxystrobin 25% WG	Provisional	P2021-5450

PESTICIDE DISTRIBUTOR CHANGING

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Sr. No.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Type of Pesticide	Registration No.
1.	Paung Master	Bispyribac-sodium 20% WP	Full	F2023-4093

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Myanma Port Authority

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

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M/S CONNEXT SHIPPING PTE LTD

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M.V MSC SUPARNA F VOY.NO. (SB527A)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MSC SUPARNA F VOY.NO. (SB527A)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **16-7-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

UN report shows insufficient progress on SDGs

WITH only five years to go, merely 35 per cent of the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are on track, while nearly half are stalling and 18 per cent have regressed, according to a UN report released on Monday.

In the past decade since the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted, notable global achievements have been made in health, education, energy and digital connectivity, said “The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2025.”

New HIV infections have declined by nearly 40 per cent since 2010. Malaria prevention has averted 2.2 billion cases and saved 12.7 million lives since 2000. Social protection now reaches over half the world’s population, up significantly from a decade ago. Since 2015, 110 million more children and youth have entered school.



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres (3rd R, Rear) speaks at the launch of the Sustainable Development Goals Report 2025 at the UN headquarters in New York, on 14 July 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

Child marriage is in decline, with more girls staying in school and women gaining ground in parliaments around the world, the report said. In 2023, 92 per cent of the world’s population had access to electricity. Internet use has

surged from 40 per cent in 2015 to 68 per cent in 2024. Conservation efforts have doubled protection of key ecosystems,

contributing to global biodiversity resilience, the report said.

However, the pace of change remains insufficient to meet the SDGs by 2030.

More than 800 million people still live in extreme poverty. Billions still lack access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene services. Climate change pushed 2024 to be the hottest year on record. Conflicts caused nearly 50,000 deaths in 2024. By the end of that year, over 120 million people were forcibly displaced. Low- and middle-income countries faced record-high debt servicing costs of US\$1.4 trillion in 2023, according to the report.

The document called for action across six priority areas -- food systems, energy access, digital transformation, education, jobs and social protection, and climate and biodiversity action. — Xinhua

India’s civil aviation watchdog orders fuel switch locking system checks on Boeing airplanes

INDIA’S civil aviation watchdog, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), on Monday asked airlines to inspect the fuel switch locking system in their Boeing airplanes.

The DGCA said airlines should complete the inspection and confirm compliance by 21 July in line with the Special

Airworthiness Information Bulletins (SAIB) issued by the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The SAIB was regarding the potential disengagement of the fuel control switch locking feature.

The move came days after India’s Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB), in its preliminary report on last

month’s B787-8 aircraft crash in the western state of Gujarat, found that the fuel to the engines of the plane was cut off following confusion over the engine switch movement in the cockpit between pilots.

“DGCA issues mandatory modifications for aircraft/engines/components registered in India based on the Airworthiness Directives issued by the State of Design/Manufacture. It has come to the notice of DGCA that several operators, internationally as well as domestically, have initiated inspections on their aircraft fleet as per the SAIB NM-18-33 dated 17th December 2018,” the aviation regulator said.

Fuel control switches regulate the flow of fuel into aircraft engines.

Reports say Air India, Air India Express, Akasa Air and SpiceJet are among domestic carriers operating Boeing 787 and 737 aircraft. — Xinhua



People stand beside the debris of an Air India plane crashed in Ahmedabad of India’s Gujarat state, 13 June 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

Typhoon Nari makes landfall on Japan’s Hokkaido, 1st time since 2016

TYPHOON Nari crossed Hokkaido on Tuesday, the first landfall by a typhoon on the northern main island of Japan since 2016, according to the weather agency.

The typhoon made landfall near Cape Erimo at the southern tip of Hokkaido around 2 am and moved northward. The Japan Meteorological Agency is warning of strong winds and high

waves in northern Japan.

The typhoon, which formed over the weekend around 200 kilometres south of Chichijima Island in the Pacific, moved along the eastern side of the Japanese archipelago before approaching Hokkaido. It was the first landfall in Hokkaido by a typhoon in July since the country began compiling statistics in 1951. — Kyodo

Vietnam’s capital to trial ban on single-use plastics in inner city

RESTAURANTS, coffee shops and beverage outlets in the inner area of Hanoi, Vietnam’s capital, will begin piloting a ban on single-use plastics in the fourth quarter of this year, Lao Dong (Labour) newspaper reported Tuesday. The pilot programme is expected to expand citywide according to a phased timeline.

From 1 January 2026, hotels and resorts will be prohibited from using or distributing single-use plastic items, including

toothbrushes, razors, cotton swabs, shower caps and plastic packaging for personal care products. Starting 1 January 2027, markets and convenience stores will no longer be allowed to offer non-biodegradable plastic bags free of charge.

By 1 January 2028, these establishments will be fully banned from circulating or using single-use plastics, plastic bags and non-biodegradable packaging materials. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Myanmar rowing team wins 15 medals at Singapore Sprint Cup

THE Myanmar canoe and kayak team returned home to a hero's welcome after securing 15 medals: ten golds, one silver and four bronzes at the 2025 Singapore Sprint Cup, held from 12 to 13 July in Singapore.

The event featured ten teams representing six countries: Singapore, Australia, Hungary, Myanmar, Malaysia and Chinese Taipei. Myanmar's athletes, representing the Myanmar Rowing Federation, delivered a standout performance in multiple categories.

On the first day, Myanmar won gold in the men's canoeing single 1000-metre, U18 men's canoeing single 1000-metre,

and U18 men's canoeing single 500-metre events. The team also claimed one silver and one bronze in the U18 men's kayak single 500-metre race.

Their success continued on the second day with gold medals in the men's canoeing double 200-metre, men's canoeing four 200-metre, men's canoeing single 200-metre, U18 men's canoeing single 200-metre, men's canoeing single 500-metre, and men's canoeing double 500-metre events. The team also earned bronze in the men's canoeing four 500-metre and men's kayak four 500-metre races. With this overall performance, Myanmar ranked first among the partici-



The triumphant Myanmar canoe and kayak team are seen being warmly welcomed at Yangon International Airport on 14 July 2025.

pating nations.

A delegation of 11, including team leaders, coaches and athletes, returned to Yangon International Airport at 10:30 pm on 14 July. Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, regional ministers, the Director-General of the Department of Sports and Physical Education, officials from related departments, the chairman and members of supporting sports associations, representatives from the Myanmar Rowing Federation, fellow athletes, trainees from the Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon), and families of the athletes gathered in large numbers to offer a warm and proud welcome. — MNA/KZL

LA28 reveals initial Olympic schedule on 3-year countdown



The Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum will co-host the opening ceremony of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games on 14 July 2028. PHOTO: XINHUA

WITH three years to go, the organizing committee of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games unveiled the first version of the competition calendar on Monday.

The Games will commence on 12 July with events across seven sports, including hockey, handball, and cricket. The opening ceremony will take place two days later on 14 July, uniquely split between two iconic venues: the historic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and the Stadium in Inglewood.

The quest for the first medals is expected to begin early on 15 July with the triathlon held along the shores of Venice Beach.

Organizers have highlighted 29 July as "Super Saturday", a day featuring 16 team sport gold and bronze medal matches alongside 19 individual sport finals.

A notable change from the Paris 2024 schedule is the concentration of swimming events in the latter half of LA28, while athletics will take place earlier in the program. Despite these adjustments, the marathon races will still be held at the traditional end of the Games.

The closing ceremony is scheduled for 18:00 local time on 30 July, bringing the 19-day event to a close. — Xinhua

Ancelotti hails Brazil's rise at Club World Cup

BRAZIL manager Carlo Ancelotti has hailed the performances of the country's clubs and individual players at the FIFA Club World Cup in the United States.

The Italian said he was impressed by Fluminense while also praising the feats of Palmeiras, Flamengo and Botafogo, saying they showed Brazilian teams could challenge Europe's best.

"Fluminense had a great campaign, reaching the semifinals, and Botafogo beat PSG," Ancelotti told the Brazilian Football Confederation's official website.

"Palmeiras and Flamengo also proved they can compete with the best European teams," he added.

Brazilian players also caught the attention of the 66-year-old, who was appointed Brazil manager in May after leaving Real Madrid. Among those singled out were Chelsea's Joao Pedro and Andrey Santos, Real Madrid's Eder Militao and Palmeiras' Chelsea-bound teenager Estevao. — Xinhua

Barca snap up Copenhagen's Bardghji, sell Torre to Mallorca

BARCELONA signed right winger Rooney Bardghji from FC Copenhagen and sold midfielder Pablo Torre to Mallorca, the La Liga champions said Monday.

The 19-year-old Sweden Under-21 international joined for around 2.5 million euros (\$3 million) according to reports in Spanish media.

"(Bardghji) has signed for the next four seasons, until 30 June 2029," said Barca in a statement, without specifying the cost of the deal.

Bardghji scored 15 goals in 84 games for Copenhagen after reaching the first team in the 2021/2022 season.

He suffered a severe knee injury in May 2024, which kept him out of action for nearly a year, with the youngster making his return in March 2025. — AFP



WORLD

Minor party head calls Japan foreign labour intake “national doping”

SOHEI Kamiya, head of the ultraconservative minor party Sanseito, likened Japan's intake of foreign workers to “national doping” in a speech Tuesday on the House of Councillors election campaign trail.

Sanseito has made responses to the country's foreign population a key issue in the upper house election, and its “Japanese First” banner has gained traction with conservatives holding nationalist or anti-establishment views.

The government is “trying to keep the country running by injecting foreign labour and capital. It's like national doping,” Kamiya said in a stump speech in Tottori, western Japan.

His remarks came on the same day the government launched a new office to review and rework its approach to perceived issues with the foreign population. Comparing Japan to a body dependent on energy drinks, Kamiya said that “using power from outside to run the country is heretical” and called for a change in economic policy. Founded in 2020, Sanseito blames globalization for Japan's economic woes.

Saying his statement was “an example,” Kamiya maintained it was “not discrimination” to put forward policies on immigration.

The party currently has two seats in the upper house and won three in the more powerful House of Representatives in last October's election. — Kyodo



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets foreign ministers and heads of standing bodies of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) who are in China to attend the Meeting of the Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of SCO Member States at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, 15 July 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

Xi meets heads of foreign delegations attending SCO council of foreign ministers meeting

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Tuesday met in Beijing with foreign ministers and heads of standing bodies of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) who are in China to attend the Meeting of the Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of SCO Member States.

He noted that over the past 24 years since its founding, the SCO has always upheld the Shanghai Spirit, grown into a mature and robust organization, and demonstrated strong vitality.

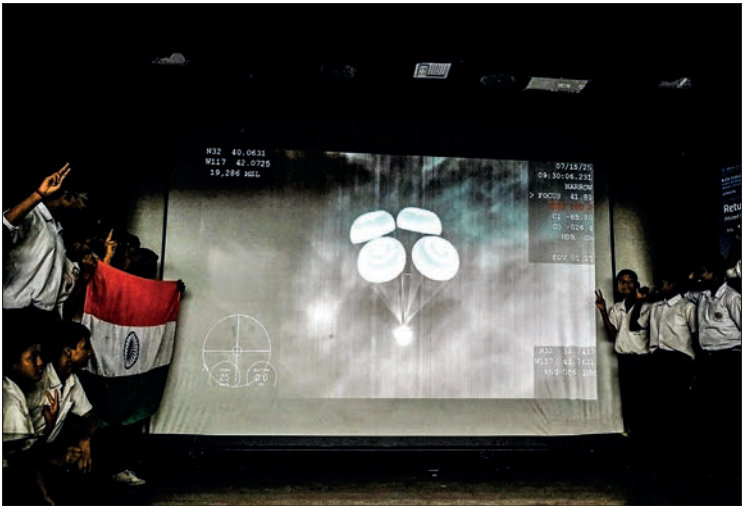
China has always prioritized the SCO in its neighbourhood diplomacy, and is committed to making the organization more substantive and stronger, safeguarding regional security and stability, promoting the development and prosperity of member states and building a closer community with a shared future, Xi said.

He added that since China assumed the rotating presidency last July, it has actively carried out activities and advanced cooperation, with all parties taking solid steps to jointly build a better home for

the SCO.

With the SCO Summit set to take place this year in China's Tianjin, Xi expressed his hope to meet the leaders of other member states at the event to discuss the future development of the SCO.

He stressed that in the face of a turbulent and changing international landscape, the SCO must stay focused, remain confident, act efficiently and play a more proactive role in injecting greater stability and positive energy into the world. — Xinhua



School students watch a live stream of the SpaceX capsule returning to Earth from the International Space Station, at a science museum in Kolkata on 15 July 2025. PHOTO: AFP

Astronauts from US, India, Poland, Hungary on SpaceX capsule return to Earth

A SpaceX capsule carrying astronauts from India, Poland, Hungary and the United States splashed down off the California coast Tuesday, completing Axiom Mission 4 and capping 20 days in space.

The Ax-4 crew undocked from the International Space Station at 7:15 am EST on Monday (1115 GMT) for a 22.5-hour journey, landing in the Pacific Ocean at around 5:31 am EST (0931 GMT) on Tuesday. The capsule performed its de-orbit burn before descending toward Earth, deploying drogue and main parachutes ahead of splashdown.

“Thanks for the great ride. ... happy to be back,” Commander Peggy Whitson, an Axiom employee and former NASA astronaut, said after the splashdown in the Pacific Ocean off San Diego.

Also aboard were pilot Shubhanshu Shukla of India and mission specialists Slawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski of Poland and Tibor Kapu of Hungary.

Axiom Space is a private company that organizes missions to the International Space Station, flying both wealthy individuals and, as in this case, astronauts sponsored by their governments. — AFP