

SAC Vice-Chair DPM Vice-Senior General Soe Win inspects repairs at ministries, staff housing and dormitories



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win reviews the repairing tasks at ministries 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, the Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council and the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, yesterday afternoon inspected the repair and renovation of ministerial buildings, staff housing and dormitories.

At the meeting hall of the Ministry of Energy, the Vice-Senior General heard reports by officials on damage to office buildings in the earthquake, the functionality of office work at the

prefabricated offices, and progress in the installation of modular houses for staff families. He inspected damaged parts of the Union minister's office, and office building of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, and the progress of repairing tasks.

At the Ministry of Planning and Finance, the Vice-Senior General looked into the damage to the main building and other office buildings of the ministry in the earthquake and the repairing tasks and coordinated with officials to fulfil the needs.

At Building 6209, which is marked with a blue label indicating suitability

for resettlement, located in Thukha Theikdi Ward, Zabuthiri Township, the Vice-Senior General observed the progress of repairing the damaged parts of the building by the Myanmar Licensed Contractors Association and the resettlement of staff families. He asked staff families about their daily routines and acceptance of the five basic foodstuffs provided by the State and coordinated with officials to fulfil the needs.

At Building 3107 in Nyana Theikdi Ward, Zabuthiri Township, the Vice-Senior General inspected the repair of the damaged parts of the building and apartments by the Myanmar Building

Development Association through the Stitching Method and gave necessary instructions to officials.

He also inspected the repair works being carried out by staff from the Construction Entrepreneurs Association at Building 1 of the Thazin (2) Female Dormitory and Building 11 of the Thazin (5) Male Dormitory, where some walls had been slightly damaged due to the earthquake. The repairs involved filling the cracks using a mixture of Sikalastic liquid, Sika Grout, and cement. The Vice-Senior General coordinated with officials to fulfil the requirements of the staff. — MNA/TTA

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Implement work operations in check, recheck and countercheck process

- It is necessary to implement policies so that they are well understood at all levels.
- It is necessary to collaborate for regional development.
- Success in the operations can be achieved through check, recheck and countercheck processes.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting 7/2024 of the Union government held on 21 October 2024)

Myanmar Gazette

Transfer and Appointment of Heads of Service Organizations

1. The State Administration Council has transferred and appointed U Tun Myint Oo, Director-General of the Department of Sports and Physical Education of the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, as Director-General of the Department of Labour Relations under the Ministry of Labour.
2. The State Administration Council has appointed U Nyan Zaw Oo from the Ministry of Defence as Director-General of the Department of Sports and Physical Education of the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

4 special civil appeal cases passed judgements; 5 special civil appeal cases heard

A special appeal tribunal consisting of Chief Justice of the Union U Tha Htay and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union: U Khin Maung Gyi, U Thaung Naing, Daw Thin Thin Nwet and Daw Pyone Pyone Aye was convened Monday morning at the Supreme Court of the Union and passed judgements for four

special civil appeal cases – No 5/2025 (Taninthayi), 6/2025 (Magway), 8/2025 (Shan) and 12/2025 (Yangon).

In addition, a total of five special civil appeal cases – Nos 78/2024 (Mandalay), 7/2025 (Shan), 9/2025 (Ayeyawady), 10/2025 (Bago) and 11/2025 (Shan) were heard. — MNA

UEC allows one new party

THOSE who want to establish a political party apply to the Union Election Commission by stating the name of the party they wish to establish. To date, 27 groups have applied for the right to establish a party. Among them, the Chin New Congress Party was allowed to apply for the establishment of the party as it conforms with the Political Parties Registra-

tion Law and Rules yesterday.

The Chin New Congress Party, with the right to establish a party, must apply for registration as a political party to the Commission under Rule 7 of the Political Parties Registration Rules within 30 days from the approval date. To date, 16 political parties have been approved for establishment. — MNA/KTZH

India donates 225 tonnes of cement for Myanmar quake recovery



The handover ceremony of the India-donated cement in progress at Thilawa Port on 23 May.

THE UMS Myitkyina vessel of the Tatmadaw (Navy) arrived at the Thilawa (MITT) Port at 10 am on 23 May, carrying 225 tonnes of cement (4,500 50-kilogramme bags) donated by the Government of India to assist with the reconstruction efforts following the recent earthquake in Myanmar.

A formal handover ceremony for the 225 tonnes of cement was held at Thilawa Port later in the afternoon. During the event, Mr Abhay

Thakur, Ambassador of India to Myanmar, delivered a speech explaining the donation of the cement bags.

The donation was accepted by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein. Present at the ceremony were regional government ministers, officials from the Strategic Studies and Training Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Department of Disaster Management under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and

Resettlement, as well as the Chairpersons and members of the Thanlyin District Administration Body and the Kyauktan Township Administration Body.

Following the handover, Chief Minister U Soe Thein expressed his gratitude. Then, the donated cement was loaded onto cargo trucks under the supervision of the Yangon Region government and transported to areas affected by the earthquake. — Zwe Htet Ko (IPRD)/MKKS

Flood Warning

(Issued at 1 pm MST on 26 May 2025)

ACCORDING to the 12:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of Mae Sai Creek at Tachilek (Loitawkhram Village) is observed as about 1 foot below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next 12 hours. It is especially advised to the people who settle near the river banks and low lying areas in Tachilek Township, to take precaution measure. — DMH

COVID-19 report,
26 May 2025

NEW TESTS

2,754

NEW CASES

SIX

CASUALTIES

NIL

Myanmar National Centre for Diseases Control
Department of Public Health

NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

ARMED terrorists have been launching attacks by using residential homes and administrative buildings in towns and villages as cover, where they have forcibly settled. They aim to shield themselves from Tatmadaw counterattacks while also persuading temporarily displaced persons to return to their native areas and recruiting new members. That enables terrorists to use civilians as human shields. Tatmadaw is committed to safeguarding the sovereignty of the State and will respond to these threats based on intelligence and prevailing conditions. Therefore, residents in areas where terrorists have taken control must prioritize their safety and protect themselves from being exploited by these groups.

(Excerpt from guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Shan State cabinet members and state-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)

Myanmar’s higher rank in TRACIT gears up to combat illegal trade

Ministries and government bodies must cooperate with one another by sharing information and taking joint action in combatting illegal trade with neighbouring trading partner countries.

VICE-SENIOR General Soe Win noted that if the security and inspection teams conduct thorough and systematic inspections, the efforts to combat illegal trade will be more effective and successful.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee held the 2/2025 meeting at the Ministry of Commerce in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon, with an address by Chairman of the Steering Committee Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win.

In his address, the Vice-Senior General pointed out that ministries and government bodies must cooperate with one another by sharing information and taking joint action in combatting illegal trade with neighbouring trading partner countries.

He continued that, in eco-



SAC Vice-Chair Deputy PM Vice-Senior General Soe Win chairs the 2/2025 meeting of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee yesterday.

nomic-related meetings, the Prime Minister has consistently instructed that “effective measures must be taken to prevent

illegal trade.”

He recounted that at the Security, Peace and Stability, and Rule of Law Committee meeting held on 19 March 2025, the Chairman of the State Administration Council gave guidance: “**Illegal trade leads to criminal activities, provides financial support to terrorist organizations, and undermines regional stability and security. Therefore, relevant ministries and officials from the state and regional governments must take decisive and effective action to eliminate illegal trade.**”

The Vice-Senior General underlined that if the security and inspection teams conduct thorough and systematic inspections, the efforts to combat illegal trade will be more effective and successful.

Regarding the fight against illegal trade, he revealed that Myanmar ranked 117th out of 158 countries in the 2025 Illicit Trade Index published by the Transnational Alliance to Combat Illicit Trade (TRACIT). In comparison, in the 2018 Global Illicit Trade Environment Index,

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Vice-Senior General at the 2/2025 meeting of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee

- 1. Myanmar ranked 117th out of 158 countries in the 2025 Illicit Trade Index published by the Transnational Alliance to Combat Illicit Trade (TRACIT), but in the 2018 Global Illicit Trade Environment Index, Myanmar ranked 81st out of 84 countries.
- 2. Among the seizures made over three years and four months, the highest number was unregistered motor vehicles and motorcycles.
- 3. On one hand, there must be enforcement through arrests and control, and on the other hand, strong and effective implementation through intellectual property laws and consumer protection laws.

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SAC Member DPM MoTC Union Minister inspects Yangon, Bago



State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister MoTC Union Minister General Mya Tun Oo inspects the Myanmar Shipyard in Yangon yesterday.

STATE Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo inspected the telecommunication infrastructure, communication services and work processes of Myanmar Shipyards in Yangon and Bago regions.

On 24 May, the Deputy Prime Minister arrived at the regional manager's office of Myanmar

Posts and Telecommunications in Bago and heard the reports regarding the communication services. He observed the departmental buildings and land that are in the area of the Hanthawady city wall, and gave proper guidance.

On arrival at the Bago auto-exchange office, he inspected the installation of communication devices at the auto-exchange, mobile station and microwave station and preventive measures

against flood, and made proper instructions not to occur failures in communication.

General Mya Tun Oo also met the board of directors of Myanmar National Airlines in Yangon and instructed them to prioritize aviation safety, market competitiveness, quality services and cost-effectiveness, and ensure the success and sustainability in the long run for being the country's flag carrier airline.

On 25 May, the General met officials from KDDI Sumitomo Corporation in Yangon. Moreover, he met departmental officials under MPT, and highlighted the need to study more technologies used internationally in order to improve the telecommunication services, penetrate the telecom market more effectively in line with the consumer needs, explore and implement ways to increase revenue while reducing expenses,

and use renewable energy by identifying cost-effective methods of energy consumption in respective regions.

On arrival at the Myanmar Shipyards, the Deputy Prime Minister heard reports made by the Managing Director and gave proper instructions to provide assistance by the affiliated departments. The General also inspected the workflow. — MNA/KTZH

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Myanmar ranked 81st out of 84 countries. This indicates some improvement in the 2025 index. However, among the 10 ASEAN member countries, Myanmar is ranked only ninth in terms of combatting illicit trade. Therefore, it is necessary to continue strengthening efforts to combat illicit trade with greater momentum.

The Vice-Senior General explained that the Transnational Alliance to Combat Illicit Trade (TRACIT) has identified 12 key sectors where illicit trade is rampant in its 2025 Illicit Trade Index report. These sectors include agricultural products, agricul-

tural chemicals and pesticides, alcohol, counterfeit goods, forest products, illegal fishing, petroleum products, pharmaceuticals, precious metals and gemstones, tobacco products, human trafficking, and wildlife trafficking.

He highlighted that among the seizures made over three years and four months, the highest number was unregistered motor vehicles and motorcycles. It was also found that there were imported goods related to investment, machinery and equipment, as well as other household items.

He stressed that, on the one hand, there must be enforcement through arrests and

control, and on the other hand, strong and effective implementation through intellectual property laws and consumer protection laws. It is necessary for the government, business owners, economic organizations, and the public to cooperate and work together.

He instructed the Nay Pyi Taw Council, task forces of the regions and states, and the relevant departments to carry out stronger cooperation among them in combatting illegal trade.

The Vice-Senior General underlined that the participating staff members are also encouraged to individually serve their duties with security awareness,

security caution, and responsibility, and to work within their organization and community with security awareness and security caution.

In reviewing the arrests made over three years and four months, he disclosed that a total of 22,198 cases of illegal commodities worth K576.541 billion were confiscated or seized. Among the monthly arrests, the seizures in March 2025 recorded the highest.

The Secretary of the Steering Committee reported on the accomplishment of the minutes of the 1/2025 meeting and the work process of the steering committee.

Letters sent to the steering committee were presented at the meeting.

Member of the steering committee Union ministers, the Chairman of the Revenue Appellate Tribunal and officials discussed reviews on illegal trade, seizures of prohibited chemicals, drugs, arms and ammunition, timber, vehicles, fuel, foodstuffs and cosmetics, swift addressing the cases, gathering of information, export and import measures, commodity flow at trade camps and bilateral trade with neighbouring countries.

The meeting ended with the remarks by the Vice-Senior General. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

AGTI Diploma Course 18 concludes at NYRDDC (Sagaing)

THE graduation of the AGTI Diploma Course 18 and job appointment letter handover ceremony of the Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College (Sagaing) in Ohntaw village of Sagaing, Sagaing Region, took place yesterday at the convocation hall of the Degree College.

Speaking at the event, State Administration Council Member Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae said the degree college in Sagaing has produced 2,538 degree holders to date: 560 arts degrees, 981 science degrees, 139 BTech and 858 AGTI diplomas. Moreover, there are also 111 MA, 216



The graduation of the AGTI Diploma Course 18 and employment letter presentation ceremony of the Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College (Sagaing) in progress yesterday, addressed by Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae.



The Union minister cordially met the attendees, graduates and their families, and posed for documentary photo with them.

At noon, the Union minister met the principal, vice-principal, professors and department heads at the meeting hall, and discussed the construction-related matters to be conducted with the 2025-2026 budget.

He observed the degree college compound and attended the dinner event on the same evening. He watched entertainment programmes with students and presented cash prizes and a flower basket to the students. — MAN/KTZH

MSc, 32 PhD, 625 BE, 34 ME and 207 BTech.

He also encouraged the graduates to value and preserve the literature, tradition and cultures of local ethnic people while serving duties in different border regions.

The Union minister presented awards to the outstanding students, and the representatives of six ministries presented job appointment letters to 93 students.

SAC Member attends school enrolment launch, MSME Fair wrap-up in Myitkyina

STATE Administration Council Member Daw Dwe Bu and Kachin State Chief Minister U Khet Htein Nan attended the opening ceremony for the 2025–2026 academic year student enrolment campaign at the BEHS 1 in Myitkyina Township yesterday.

After the ceremonial procedures, the SAC member and party cordially met teachers, students and parents, and observed the school enrolment processes.

The chief minister remarked during the ceremony, and SAC Member Daw Dwe Bu and the party presented the textbooks, exercise books, stationery and uniforms to students.

The SAC member watched the performance of students at the event and observed the teaching aids displayed in the hall, mini educational exhibition booths and photo galleries.



SAC Member Daw Dwe Bu and Kachin State Chief Minister U Khet Htein Nan look into the exhibits at yesterday's event.

On 25 May, the SAC member and officials attended the closing ceremony of the pre-monsoon MSME product exhibition, competition, market fair and award ceremony held at Sitapu Manaw Ground in Myitkyina.

Daw Dwe Bu also inspected the sales of products at the event, and they bought presents for departmental staff, ward administrators and educational staff.

During the award ceremony, the committee for the MSME product competition chair, Pro-Rector Dr Zin Mar Latt, explained the selection and screening process carried out to award prizes to the eleven competing entrepreneurs.

The SAC member, the Kachin State chief minister and officials then presented certificates and cash to first, second, third and special award winners. — IPRD/KTZH

SSB to provide education subsidy for children of insured workers

THE Ministry of Labour's Social Security Board (SSB) announced that full-time stipends will be supported for the children of workers who are insured with SSB.

It was stated that applications for family support benefits for the stipends of insured workers' children must be submitted to the Social Security Board within three months of the notification's issuance, as late submissions will not be processed.

The maximum wage income for social security-covered staff has been set at K300,000 to ensure their children have equal access to benefits.

"We will provide K30,000 for each insured worker's child in primary school, K45,000 for each in secondary school, K60,000 for each in high school, and K75,000 for each in university," said an official from the SSB.

The benefit is available only to insured workers who have registered, obtained a Social Security Number (SSN), are currently employed, and have been registered for 48 months with at least 36 months of contributions.

Employers must submit the necessary documents for eligible insured workers to the relevant social security offices. The Social Security Board will then verify the list of eligible workers and the approved amount before permitting the withdrawal of education subsidy funds. — ASH/TH



This photo captures the students enrolling during the enrolment week for this academic year.

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AHA Centre donates five prefabricated schools in Sagaing

THE handover ceremony of prefabricated schools for the quake-affected schools in Sagaing, donated by the AHA Centre, was organized at the basic education middle school, diesel locomotive maintenance factory, in Ywahtaung ward, Sagaing, yesterday.

Regional Chief Minister U Myat Kyaw expressed gratitude to the AHA Centre for donating prefabricated schools to five schools among the quake-affected schools in Sagaing.

Executive Director Mr Lee Yam Ming of the AHA Centre briefed the donation and handed over the prefabricated schools to the relevant officials.

The donation included five prefabricated schools — two 120 feet by 30 feet container classrooms, one 90 feet by 30



Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Myat Kyaw, Lt-Gen Thet Pon from the office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), and officials oversee the AHA-donated prefabricated schools.

feet container classrooms and classrooms. two 60 feet by 30 feet container

At noon, Chief Minister U Myat Kyaw, Lt-Gen Thet Pon from the Office of Command-

er-in-Chief (Army), observed the training camps in preparation for retaking the 2025 matriculation at Sagaing University of Education.

On arrival at the BEHS 1 in Sagaing, they inspected the emergency shelters for the quake-stricken teachers and temporary school buildings.

Moreover, they observed the temporary shelters for departmental staff of the Department of Urban and Housing Development.

They also inspected the clearing of debris at the collapsed building at the Shwehintha Taikthit monastery by Tatmadaw members, police members, firefighters and social organizations, and road paving processes beside the monastery compound. — IPRD/KTZH

4-day illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth K468M

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to combat the illicit trade are continued effectively under the law.

On 22, 23 and 25 May, the combined teams impounded six unregistered vehicles (estimated value of K40 million) in Pazundaung, Dagon Myothit (South), Dagon Myothit (Seikkan), North Okkalapa, Hmawby and Dala Townships, 1.65 tonnes of illegal teak, 5.162 tonnes of hardwood and 0.792 tonne of other timbers (worth K5.07 million) in Bago and Toungoo districts, three trucks (estimated value of K140 million) carrying consumer goods and industrial goods without official documents (worth K40.165 million) near Nyaungkhashay x-ray station. The action was conducted under the Export-Import Law, the Forest Law and Customs procedures.

Additionally, on 24 May, the combined on-duty teams seized a

Yutong bus (worth approximately K65 million) carrying industrial goods, foodstuffs and consumer goods without official documents (worth K108.96 million) at the Myitnge checkpoint, consumer goods (worth K49.8 million) from a warehouse in Kawthoung and three unregistered motorbikes (worth K1.55 million) in Hinthada, Myaungmya and Maubin Townships. The action was taken under the Export-Import Law and Customs procedures.

On 25 May, two industrial goods without official documents (valued at K17.5 million) were captured in Pauktaw Township, and the action was taken under the Export-Import Law.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported 22 arrests on four consecutive days from 22 to 25 May, confiscating illegal goods worth approximately K468 million. — MNA/MKKS

Myanmar deports 5 foreigners linked to telecom fraud, crimes

AS part of the efforts by the government, thorough investigations are being conducted to identify individuals involved in online scams, online gambling and other criminal activities. In the course of these operations, five foreign nationals – two Kazakhstan nationals and three South Africans – who had illegally entered Myanmar and engaged in online gambling, online scams, and other criminal activities in areas including Myawady-Shwekokko, Maehtawthalay, and Kyaukkhet in Kayin State, were repatriated to their respective countries via the Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge II. The repatriation was carried out according to legal procedures and with consideration for humanitarian concerns and international goodwill.

To ensure that the repatriation process is systematic and proceeds smoothly, U Myint Bhone, Deputy Director of the Ministry of Immigration and Population in Kayin State, along with responsible officials, met with departmental coordination teams this morning. During the meeting, they reviewed the ongoing repatriation procedures for foreign nationals, inspected the accuracy and completeness of records and data, and provided necessary instructions and guidance where



Immigration processing underway for the deportation of illegal entrants.

required.

Then, a repatriation ceremony was held, attended by the officials from Kayin State Immigration and Population Department, Counsellor Mr Zhenis Mambetaliyey and officials from the Embassy of Kazakhstan to Thailand, First Secretary Mr Hendrik Albertus Fourie from the Embassy of South Africa to Thailand and officials from the Immigration Department of Tak Province, Thailand. Myanmar authorities formally handed over the relevant documentation to the representatives of the respective countries.

Between 30 January 2025 and 26 May 2025, 9,102 foreign nationals who had illegally entered Myanmar were identified and detained.

Among them, 8,625 were systematically repatriated to their respective countries via Thailand as per legal procedures. Another 477 foreign nationals have been prepared for repatriation and are currently being well cared for.

The government is actively working to identify and arrest those involved in online scam operations, including foreign nationals behind the scenes, to take effective and stringent action against them. At the same time, efforts are being made in close cooperation to swiftly repatriate foreign nationals who are in distress for various reasons, as well as those who have been victims of human trafficking, to their respective countries. — MNA/MKKS

NATIONAL

Two endangered tiger species survive in northern and southern Myanmar

NINE species of tigers live in 13 countries around the world, including the critically endangered Bengal tiger in Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary in northern Myanmar and the Indonesian tiger in Taninthayi Reserved Forest in southern Myanmar.

“It is a source of pride for the country that two tiger species, which are endangered worldwide, are alive and well in the southern and northern parts of Myanmar. These rare species are invaluable wildlife for the country. While other countries have bred these species in captivity, the fact that they are naturally found in Myanmar’s protected forests and mountains demonstrates the richness of our biodiversity and ecosystems. Therefore, we must continue to work together to conserve and educate about these tiger species to prevent their extinction. We estimate that there are about 22 Bengal tigers roaming in the Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary,” said sanctuary warden U Win Hlaing.

Taninthayi Reserved For-



A hidden camera captures a rare glimpse of one of the world’s most endangered tiger species in the wild.
PHOTO: KANU

est, a tropical monsoon rain-forest rich in biodiversity, is home to Indonesian tigers, which were identified through camera traps and are slightly smaller and more colourful than Bengal tigers.

“Tiger species are found in 13 countries worldwide, but in some Southeast Asian countries, they are disappearing. In Myanmar, efforts are underway to preserve tiger population and ensure the survival and pros-

perity of other biodiversity. Across the country’s forests, only 10 per cent of the tiger population in their roaming areas can be found in nature reserves such as Hukawng, Htamanthi, and Taninthayi. According to

the National Tiger Action Plan, more than 20 Indonesian tigers survive in the Taninthayi Reserved Forest, with their presence documented through camera traps up to 2024. Community-wide cooperation is essential to combat poaching and the illegal trade of ivory and tiger skins,” said U Nyein Aung, a staff officer of the Taninthayi Reserved Forest.

Three-quarters of the world’s tiger population lives in India and Bangladesh, and wildlife experts estimate that about 100 Bengal tigers roam the 10,000-square-kilometre Sundarbans forest, which spans both countries. In line with the slogan ‘Tiger Times Two,’ Myanmar is developing and implementing a national tiger conservation plan to double the global tiger population. According to a World Bank study, Myanmar could have between 35 and 70 tigers by 2022. On 21 November 2010, Russian President Vladimir Putin and World Bank President Robert Zoellick co-chaired the ‘International Tiger Conservation Forum’ in St Petersburg, Russia. Nine species of tigers are known to inhabit Myanmar, Russia, India, China, Bangladesh, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Bhutan, Nepal, Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia. — Nyein Thu(MNA)/TH

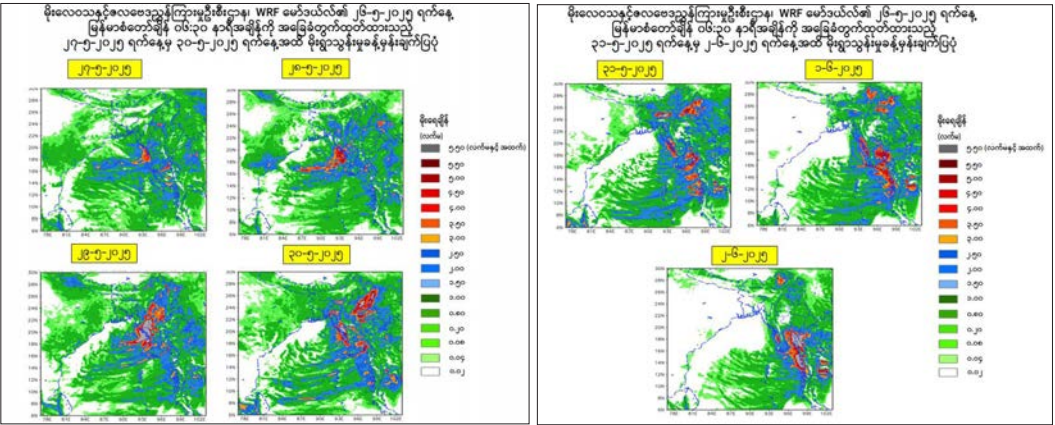
Special Weather News

Issued at 6 pm MST on 26 May 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 4:30 pm MST today, due to the unstable air condition over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, monsoon is strong to vigorous and development of the convective clouds, rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls during today evening to 2 June 2025.

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



Public Notice

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

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

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

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

Answer “1111” to fight against corruption

Answer “1111” to improve services

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

Anti-Corruption Commission

Restore Peace and Stability to Improve the Education Sector

EVERY nation seeks to improve the quality of its education system and produce well-educated individuals. An “educated person” is someone who possesses deep understanding, critical thinking skills, and the ability to judge right from wrong. Such individuals contribute meaningfully to society by making thoughtful decisions and shaping a better future.

In Myanmar’s history, the education sector has faced persistent challenges across different eras. During the reigns of ancient kings, scholars were occasionally sent abroad to study in Europe, but modern education was mainly reserved for royal princes. Even in the pre-independence period, educational access remained limited.

Moving forward, Myanmar must focus on producing more skilled professionals, particularly in agriculture and industry. With schools preparing to reopen, nationwide efforts are needed to ensure that all regions can resume education smoothly. Without this, areas that have experienced disruptions will continue to fall behind. A unified effort to raise the standard of education across all regions is essential for the country’s overall progress. Restoring peace and stability is the foundation for achieving these goals and improving Myanmar’s education sector.

Currently, the number of individuals in Myanmar who complete formal education and enter professional fields remains low compared to the overall population. Many citizens, due to economic hardships or social constraints, are unable to pursue education beyond basic levels. Some educated individuals, facing political or economic challenges, are unable to contribute fully to national development.

To address this gap, the government has introduced Polytechnic and technical education programs to support students who did not finish upper secondary school or pass university entrance exams. These programs aim to equip them with vocational skills relevant to today’s workforce.

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Take great opportunities and lessons from the Mandalay earthquake

By April Son



A file photo shows the damaged Sagaing Bridge (Inwa) following the Mandalay Earthquake, as reported in the Kyemon Daily (The Mirror) on 7 April 2025.

THE day on 28 March 2025 was an unforgettable day for all citizens of Myanmar. Ten minutes to 1 pm on that day, a devastating earthquake jolted Mandalay Region, Sagaing Region, Shan State, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and Bago Region, resulting in several casualties.

The Mandalay earthquake measured 7.7 on the Richter scale. Among the earthquakes that have occurred since the 1900s, this is the second most powerful. Out of the 18 significant quakes we’ve experienced, the one in 1912 was the strongest, at 8.0 on the Richter scale. This recent earthquake was extremely powerful and caused significant loss and damage. Over 3,700 people have died, and more than 5,000 were injured. About 70 people are still missing. Around 67,000 homes have been destroyed. Approximately 6,400 schools and around 350 hospitals and clinics were damaged. Many roads and bridges have also been destroyed. This article aims to commemorate the powerful Mandalay earthquake that struck on 28 March 2025 and to draw as many lessons as possible from the event.

Indeed, everybody can see that all-powerful earthquakes can destroy small and large infrastructures. It will be a dreadful occurrence which can leave deaths and injuries to people from the quake-affected areas. Whenever natural disasters hit any area of

all countries worldwide, they will perform search and rescue operations to save survivors from the scenes as much as possible. As one more step, international rescue teams will rush to the scenes on the humanitarian ground to save the people in rescue operations, applying their experiences. So, the Myanmar people acknowledged gratitude to foreign rescue squads and medical teams which helped quake-affected people in the recent earthquake.

It is undeniable that the devastating Mandalay earthquake has brought about immense losses for Myanmar. Alongside the tragic loss of thousands of lives, countless others were injured — an event that will never be forgotten in the nation’s history. In addition to the loss of life, homes, buildings, and infrastructure were reduced to rubble, resulting in financial losses amounting to K3,629.288 billion.

As Myanmar citizens, we suffered significant losses due to the major Mandalay earthquake. That tragedy has served as a warning light, reminding us to construct our homes and buildings according to proper standards and regulations. The earthquake has shown us the importance of systematic and standardized construction so that if a similar powerful quake strikes in the future, we will not face such severe destruction again. This earthquake has served as

a wake-up call, urging us to be more cautious and build properly. In this sense, the devastating earthquake has also provided an opportunity — a critical lesson — to help prevent further loss of lives within Myanmar society.

Due to the major earthquake, both ancient and modern buildings were extensively damaged and collapsed across the affected areas. The debris from the collapsed structures must be cleared to ensure the safety of residents. Among the collapsed buildings are cultural heritage sites, religious structures, and infrastructure such as roads and bridges used by the public.

If some of these heritage

structures — which have stood for many years — have collapsed but are located in areas that do not pose a significant risk to surrounding communities, they can be preserved in their damaged state. These ruins, created by the powerful earthquake of 2025, could be maintained as historical remnants. In doing so, they could become memorable landmarks that attract both domestic and international tourists as a form of remembrance of the earthquake. This can be considered one of the positive outcomes resulting from the major earthquake.

We must possess the ability to transform a major earthquake into a blessing for the nation. For

example, the historic Sagaing (Inwa) Bridge, whose arches have collapsed into the Ayeyawady River, once served as a vital crossing for citizens, easing transportation across the river. This bridge, which withstood the impacts of world wars, stood for many years as a valuable and essential piece of infrastructure for Myanmar.

However, the earthquake did not choose what was important or not — it brought down even this priceless bridge. Due to the collapse of the bridge’s arches into the Ayeyawady River, it has become necessary to locate and remove the fallen bridge spans in areas where water navigation cannot be blocked, ensuring the

safety of boats and ships passing through. Since the river route must not be obstructed, removing the debris is the right course of action. Only when the waterway is clear can passengers and goods travel safely and without risk.

This is merely a proposal aimed at the development of the tourism industry. The intention is that if there are prominent structures like this large bridge that the Mandalay earthquake has damaged, they should be repaired. At the same time, certain parts can be left in their damaged state as a memorial to the major earthquake, so that future generations can learn from it. This approach would benefit both historical preservation and the tourism industry. During an inspection of the damage caused by the Mandalay earthquake, the Head of State instructed that the Sagaing Bridge (Inwa) be repaired to restore smooth and efficient transportation for the public. Therefore, repairing the Sagaing Bridge (Inwa) is necessary.

A similar site is the historic Mandalay University, which has existed for over a hundred years. The 2025 Mandalay earthquake did not spare the university, which is home to many centuries-old buildings. The quake caused damage to the university’s dormitories. To ensure that students can continue their studies without difficulty, authorities are making

strong efforts to repair and rebuild. Debris is being cleared away. Tatmadaw members, members of the Myanmar police force, firefighters, departmental staff, members of social organizations, and residents are all participating in the restoration efforts to prepare the buildings of the university for the opening of the 2025-26 academic year.

While the restoration and clearing efforts are underway, it would be highly appropriate to preserve one or two earthquake-damaged buildings — without repairing or altering their original damaged state — as memorials of the powerful earthquake that struck the area. These preserved structures should be located in places where they pose no danger to the students moving around the campus. If designated as part of the university and earthquake history, they would serve as meaningful reminders for future generations. These ruins would visually convey how Mandalay University experienced the great Mandalay earthquake, and in comparison to newly constructed buildings, they would demonstrate the resilience and struggle of construction during that time as a piece of living history.

Even now, the century-old Mandalay University continues to attract tourists, and with its earthquake-damaged buildings, it is likely to draw even more visitors. As there are many travellers around the world who wish to explore Myanmar’s cultural heritage and its unique and remarkable sites, this historic university will significantly contribute to the development of Myanmar’s tourism industry.

No one wishes to experience the devastating effects of natural disasters. Everyone tries their best to prevent and avoid them. People fear natural disasters and take all possible precautions to protect their lives and property from damage or loss. Natural disasters are often more powerful than humans, so we must rely not only on our physical strength but also on our intelligence and knowledge to overcome nature’s challenges. Even when complete victory is not possible, we strive to minimize damage and loss, carefully planning and making efforts to overcome the challenges as effectively as we can.

Moreover, it is only human beings who can extract the maximum benefit from the natural forces that pose dangers to us and work to advance the well-being of humanity. After a natural disaster occurs, it is humans alone who are capable of analyzing how to prevent and overcome similar future events, and of devising protective measures. Truly experiencing a natural disaster is not something to be wished for. Natural disasters tend to occur unexpectedly, at unforeseen times and places, so constant vigilance and preparedness are necessary.

Even with such vigilance, human lives, homes, and possessions are often lost. Parents, siblings, and relatives may perish in natural disasters. Parts of the human body may be lost or damaged. Therefore, it is the responsibility of human beings to transform these highly dangerous, unwelcome natural disasters into events from which society can gain some form of benefit or lesson.

Echoes and Divergences: The Neurological and Psychological Landscape of Generations Z and Alpha

By Khin Maung Myint

THE human mind is a vast sea, each generation a new wave sculpted by the winds of technological advancement and socio-cultural evolution. Generation Z, born into the cradle of the digital age, and Generation Alpha, whose very first steps are synchronized with the rhythm of artificial intelligence and immersive reality, both share cognitive threads yet unravel in distinct neurological and psychological tapestries.

From a neuroscience perspective, these generations exhibit heightened neural plasticity, a testament to their constant en-

gagement with evolving stimuli. The incessant flow of information has refined their synaptic networks, enabling rapid adaptability and an unparalleled multitasking capability. However, as the saying goes, “You cannot chase two rabbits at once,” their heightened connectivity does not come without cost — attention spans flicker like candles in a storm, and deep cognitive processing contends with the lure of instant gratification.

Psychologically, Generation Z bears the mark of pragmatism and resilience, shaped by eco-

nomie uncertainty and social upheaval. Their minds, moulded by adversity, seek authenticity and purpose, longing for stability amidst the chaos. By contrast, Generation Alpha, nurtured by an ecosystem of personalization and algorithmic precision, exhibits a fluid identity – a kaleido-

scope in constant flux, absorbing influences at an unprecedented pace. Their needs and desires are intricately tied to the notion of self-expression and emotional validation, a reflection of the digital culture that places the individual at its nucleus.

Yet, beneath these genera-

tional layers lies the ever-present spectre of racial identity and inclusivity. The global consciousness of race, once a rigid construct, is now approached with heightened awareness and fluidity by these younger cohorts. Neuroscience suggests that early exposure to diversity fosters

empathy by strengthening mirror neuron activity, allowing for greater cognitive alignment with varied experiences. In the minds of Generation Z and Alpha, race is not merely an inherited label but a dynamic interplay of cultural narratives – an evolving script rather than a predetermined fate.

Despite their unique imprints, both generations find common ground in their intrinsic pursuit of belonging. The ancient proverb, “A tree with strong roots laughs at the storm,” encapsulates their yearning for a world that values identity without confining it. Their desires are not monolithic; they oscillate between connection and autonomy, security and innovation, tradition and disruption. And as they carve out their futures in the neuronal pathways of tomorrow, they prove that while each generation dances to its own rhythm, the melody:

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NATIONAL

Kalaw-Aungban railway coach offers daily scenic rides

THE Myanma Railway has been providing the Kalaw-Aungban railway coaches for homegrown visitors starting from April 2025 to enjoy the spectacular scenery of the Shan hills.

“This railway car runs daily on the route. It is designated for local visitors. The rent for the whole carriage that can accommodate 15 passengers is K120,000 per return trip. It can be booked in advance. If not, they need to wait for a couple of hours. The trip takes an hour and a half. It aims to run once a day in May. The passengers mostly take the train ride to take pictures of scenic views,” said an official from the Kalaw

Station.

Locals from Taunggyi, Aungban, Kalaw and other regions enjoy this railway car, costing K8,000 per ticket.

The train stops for 15 minutes for the visitors to take photos near tourist spots (Byaik Hill, Myindaik). Furthermore, Kalaw-Aungban steam-powered locomotives and carriages have arrived at Aungban station to provide Kalaw-Aungban steam train route services. — ASH/KK

The Kalaw-Aungban railway carriage carrying some passengers.



New drama series to premiere on HEY Play

THE drama series ‘Yeset Toh Thele Takhatayan Masonseetha’ (Sometimes Destinies Never Meet) is set to be released in June on the HEY Play application and HEY Play YouTube channel, according to actress Naw Phaw Eh Htar, who plays one of the lead roles in the series.

The series is based on a novel by writer La Min Mo Mo, with the script written and adapted by the Soul of Stars team. It was directed by Pyae Phyo Naing and falls within the drama genre.

“This series was completed about two years ago. Another series, ‘Kynphaw’, which was filmed after this one, was broadcast first. The series is a love-triangle drama. The story unfolds across scenic beach locations, featuring characters Yanpae, Pwint Oo Hla, and Phwe Nu Nal. Since it’s based on a successful novel by La Min Mo Mo, there’s no need to say much – it speaks for itself. Everyone involved gave it their best,” said Naw Phaw Eh Htar.

The cast includes Academy Nay Toe and Academy Aye Myat Thu, as well as Naw Phaw Eh Htar and many other talented artists. — ASH/MKKS



This photo showcases three main characters from the series ‘Yeset Toh Thele Takhatayan Masonseetha’.

Foundation provides aid to quake-affected disabled persons in Sagaing

THE Shwe Min Tha Foundation (Myanmar) is donating food and essential household items to persons with disabilities affected by the recent major earthquake in Sagaing.

The foundation has assisted 111 disabled individuals in Sagaing Township, distributing to each person: 24 Pyi of rice, 10 eggs, canned fish, instant noodles, onions, cooking oil, and salt, as well as household essentials such as stainless-steel bowls, towels, soap, toothpaste, and medicines.

Officials from the Shwe Min Tha Foundation (Myanmar) were helped in this effort by the Deputy

Director and responsible personnel from the Department of Social Welfare of Sagaing District.

Additionally, the foundation announced that it will continue to support persons with disabilities in other earthquake-affected areas in Mandalay with food supplies, emergency medicines, household items, and temporary shelter materials.

The foundation plans to provide one month’s worth of food, emergency medicine, household goods, and roofing materials to over 720 households of persons with disabilities living in regions impacted by the earthquake. — ASH/KNN

Top vocal duo to perform live at 225 Entertainment Lounge Bar

ACTRESS Yoon Shwe Yee has confirmed that She and singer Kyaw Swa will hold a live music performance on 30 May at the 225 Entertainment Lounge Bar, located in Tamway Township, Yangon Region.

“On the evening of 30 May, we’ll perform at the 225 Entertainment Lounge Bar. We’ll sing

songs that the audience loves and can sing along to. In addition, the audience will also enjoy the vibrant sound of the Vowel Music Band, which will showcase its musical talents. We warmly invite everyone to join us,” said Yoon Shwe Yee.

The show will begin at 6 pm and will feature vocal per-

formances by the artists, accompanied by live music from the Vowel Band. — ASH/MKKS

A glimpse of the promotional poster for the upcoming live music performance by actress Yoon Shwe Yee and singer Kyaw Swa.



NATIONAL

YGH Rehab Dept expands care: Now offering twice-daily outpatient services

DEPARTMENT of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation of Yangon General Hospital is offering outpatient services twice a day on business days, the YGH said.

Outpatient treatment schedule is twice a day from 8 am to 12 pm and from 2 pm to 4 pm on business days on ground floor at the YGH's four-storey new building. Physiotherapy with exercises and machines can be received regularly at the same place on regular schedule during weekdays.

The outpatient section of the Department of Physical



Medicine and Rehabilitation has been moved to the new four-story building of the New YGH since 4 April. Starting 22 April, outpatients have been seen on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and exercise therapy and machine therapy have been provided on the ground floor from 8 am to 12 pm on weekdays. — MT/ZN

The Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Yangon General Hospital.

Kyaikto Health Dept now issues same-day birth certificates for school enrolment



FOR a birth certificate, which is one of the major requirements for school enrollment, the Kyaikto Township Health Department has now provided it within a day.

Children are now building up their future under the light of learning, and the township health officials will help them with more efficient service, it said.

“One of the essential requirements for school admission is a birth certificate. Our health department, which always wants to give the best for these tender hearts, has now made sure to finish the birth certificate in a day,” it said.

Now, parents don't need to wait long for the birth certificate but have access to it in a day, encouraging children to start their education joyfully, it said. Parents are urged to come to the township health department confidently for their children's birth certificates, it added. — MT/ZS

A father looks so happy and holds his daughter's birth certificate before going to enrol.

Oyster mushroom boom: Growers reap profits as demand soars

THE oyster mushroom consumption has risen and as a profitable crop, it has helped growers making money.

At present, the oyster mushroom trade has elevated and the price is good too, said growers. “The trade has increased. My farm produces oyster mushroom 100-200 visses of oyster mushroom a day. The consumption has risen than before,” said a person who grows

and sells oyster mushroom.

Currently, small-scale oyster mushroom farms have expanded as a result of increase in market demand.

“Growing oyster mushroom doesn't need much care and as a result of wide consumption, growers have increased. Some even transport back to other regions and states from Yangon, especially the price is better in Kachin and Shan

states,” he said.

Further, growers and sellers have now expanded their farms. — Htet Oo Maung/ZS



This image depicts oyster mushrooms.

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 4 pm Monday 26 May 2025)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF THE 27 MAY 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kayah, northern Shan States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kayin, Mon and Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

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

STATE OF THE SEA: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experience off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9 - 13 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

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

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 27 MAY 2025: Some rain or thundershowers with may be heavyfalls at times. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 27 MAY 2025: Some rain or thundershowers with may be heavyfalls at times. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 27 MAY 2025: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

NATIONAL BUSINESS

Myanmar exports over 400MT shrimp in Apr

DEPARTMENT of Fisheries stated that Myanmar conveyed over 400 metric tonnes of shrimp with an estimated value of US\$1.58 million in April of the current financial year 2025-2026, beginning 1 April.

Myanmar's shrimp exports by sea earned over \$0.828 million from 323.8 tonnes, while shrimp

exports at borders were estimated at \$0.725 million from over 140.09 tonnes in April, totalling 463.97 tonnes worth \$1.58 million.

Myanmar exports fishery products to 40 international countries, including Japan, Bangladesh, China and Thailand, by sea and through land borders. — NN/KK

Dedicated workers skilfully process fresh catches along the cold storage production line.



Yangon palm oil reference price sees slight dip



A thoughtful moment in the aisle – carefully selecting the perfect cooking oil among premium brands.

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil set for the Yangon market was set lower at K6,390 per viss for the week ending 1 June, which decreased from K6,525 per viss in the previous week ending 25 May, according to the Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution.

The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs and banking services to decide the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil weekly.

Despite the reference price,

the market price is way too high.

To control overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed consumers of lodging complaints for overcharging through the call centre hotline in late August. The department urges consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices.

The Committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market manipulation will face legal action under the Essential Goods and Services Law.

The department is working together with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the

cooking oil importing companies to offer affordable rates of imported palm oil for consumers.

The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs Department, or sent to the Facebook page of the department and the region and state departments concerned.

The domestic palm oil consumption is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. About 700,000 tonnes of palm oil are yearly imported through Malaysia and Indonesia to meet domestic demands. — NN/KK

Grade 9 graduates eligible for business accounting course

COOPERATIVE Accounting Vocational Centres in Magway, Mandalay, Taunggyi, Mawlamyine and Patheingyi are accepting enrollment of freshers for a three-year Business Accounting Course that will be opened on 16 June 2025. Those who finished Grade 9 under the new curriculum are eligible to attend the course.

Upon completion of the course, a Certificate in Business Accounting will be presented. The course with internship opportunities will cover Myanmar, English, Maths, Economics under high school curriculum, computer subjects, accounting subjects and management subjects under the centre's curriculum.

There will be at least six tests in each academic year from early June to February. The students must complete 75 per cent of the attendance and internship period. Only those whose test scores are above 40 for each subject will receive a certificate.

They must be unmarried and healthy to attend the course, must follow the rules and regulations and finish the course.

Those who have passed the course will be allowed to work at banks, companies, business associations and cooperatives. Moreover, those who meet the qualifications will be allowed to attend cooperative colleges and universities.

Applications can be submitted at the respective centres in Magway at 09 254412338 and 09 691905321, Mandalay at 09 420701634, 09 692288643, 09 2110649, and 09 665691918, Shan State at 081 2121320, 09 43133243, and 09425560054, Mon State at 09 425288735, 09 423736449, 09 792181042, 09 425267008 and Ayeyawady at 042 29003, 09 697445302, 09 769232457, 09 451089404, and 09 772602927. Individuals can enquire details through the contact number 067 3410343 of the centre (head officer) by 15 June 2025. — NN/KK

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.

Indonesia to roll out economic stimulus package to boost consumption

THE Indonesian government plans to launch a new economic stimulus package on 5 June to maintain public purchasing power and drive national economic growth, particularly during the June-July school holiday period, according to Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Airlangga Hartarto.

“This stimulus package is expected to bolster economic growth in the second quarter. So we are using this momentum to set up several programmes,” Airlangga said in a statement published by the Ministry of State Secretariat on Monday.

He explained that

the programmes are being designed to stimulate growth primarily through increased household consumption. The upcoming stimulus package will focus on encouraging domestic consumption by targeting key areas such as transport, energy, and social welfare. It will include transport discounts for train, airline, and sea transport tickets during the school holidays, as well as toll road tariff reductions aimed at benefiting 110 million motorists.

In the energy sector, the government will offer a 50 per cent electricity tariff discount throughout June and July to more than 79

million low-capacity households consuming less than 1,300 VA. Social assistance programmes will also be expanded, including the distribution of basic food cards and food aid to 18.3 million low-income families.

In addition, wage subsidies will be provided to workers earning below 3.5 million rupiahs (about US\$215) per month or under the provincial minimum wage, including honorary teachers. The government will also extend the current work accident insurance premium discount programme for workers in labour-intensive industries. — Xinhua

Tokyo stocks rise as concerns over US-EU trade conflict ease

TOKYO stocks rose Monday, as buying was spurred on easing concerns over a trade conflict between the United States and the European Union after US President Donald Trump said he will delay 50 per cent tariffs on the EU imports until 9 July.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average ended up 371.06 points, or 1.00 per cent, from Friday at 37,531.53. The broader Topix index finished 16.39 points, or 0.60 per cent, higher at 2,751.91.

On the top-tier Prime Market, gainers were led by iron and steel, air transport, and service issues.

The US dollar briefly weakened to the lower 142 yen range in Tokyo as worries lingered about worsening US fiscal health, dealers said. — Kyodo

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V AS SERENA VOY.NO. (519W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V AS SERENA VOY.NO. (519W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **27-5-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP/MITT** 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.
Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY.NO. (260N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY.NO. (260N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **27-5-2025** 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.

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FINANCE INTERNAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO FILE INCOME TAX RETURN, ANNUAL SALARY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL COMMERCIAL TAX RETURN

- Income Year or the Year in which Sale proceed or Receipt is accrued:**
The period to file a tax return for the income year or the year in which sale proceed or receipt is accrued (reporting period) is from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.
- Return Receiving Offices:** Existing taxpayers have to file their returns at the respective revenue offices where their taxation matters are assessed. If the company which is not being a taxpayer yet, has to enter the IRD website to register electronically by clicking “e-Registration Button” pattern to get Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). After receiving TIN, e-Filing Management System and e-Payments System can be used. For an individual who is not being a taxpayer yet, has to file the returns to the respective township revenue offices.
- Return Filing Method:** Returns can be filed by either of the following three ways -
 - Filing in person:** In the case of filing a return in person, it is considered filed on the date it is stamped as received by the department.
 - Filing by mail:** In the case of filing a return by mail, it is considered filed on the date of the postmark.
 - Filing electronically:** In the case of filing a return electronically, it is considered filed on the date it is received electronically by the Department. If that date falls on public holidays, it is considered received on the next succeeding day. Electronic Filing is the process of submitting a tax return online through, the software (e-Filing Management System). User guide videos on how to register an account and submit an electronic tax return using the e-Filing Management System are available on the Internal Revenue Department's Website at www.ird.gov.mm. (Note: The taxpayers from Large Taxpayer Offices and Medium Taxpayer Offices are required to file their tax returns electronically.)
- The process of completing a tax return:** The followings are required to follow-
 - The tax return forms specified by the Internal Revenue Department shall be used; respective forms are available either at www.ird.gov.mm or at the respective revenue offices.
 - Since taxpayers must attest to the accuracy and completeness of their tax returns, they must fill out the returns completely and correctly.
 - The return form must be signed and submitted by the taxpayer himself. If a tax return or part of a tax return was prepared for reword by some other person, that other person must also sign the tax return.
 - In case of filing the tax return electronically through e-Filing Management System by the new corporate taxpayer, the taxpayer's signature (original) must be sent to the respective revenue offices without fail by any means.
- Due Date of Submission:** June 30, 2025 (Monday)
- Penalties:** A person who fails to file tax returns on time, he or she is liable to a penalty equal to the greater of-
 - Five percent of the amount of tax owing, plus further one percent of the amount of tax owing for each month or part of a month during which the failure to file continues, but not beyond the time when the Director General issues an assessment; and
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- Taxpayer Rights:** If the taxpayers face difficulties in filing a tax return on time, they may apply in advance to the respective revenue office, for an extension of the time for filing tax return with a sufficient reason.
- Enquiries:** If there are any unclear points, enquiries can be made at the respective revenue offices and please contact the following Taxpayer Service Offices for further questions;
 - Centralised Taxpayer Service Unit
No. 128/132, 2nd floor & 3rd floor, Pansodan Street (Middle Block), Kyauktada Township, Yangon
Ph: 01-8389311, 01-8389322
 - Taxpayer Service Unit (Naypyitaw)
Building No. 46, Internal Revenue Department, Naypyitaw.
Ph: 067-3430522, 067-3430544
 - Taxpayer Service Unit (Mandalay)
65th Street, between 22nd and 23rd Streets, Aung Myae Tharzan Township, Mandalay.
Ph: 02-4030192, 02-4030637, 02-4030638, 02-4030639

Internal Revenue Department

ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

ASEAN leaders adopt Kuala Lumpur Declaration
for next 20-year development

THE Kuala Lumpur Declaration on ASEAN 2045, a key document guiding the next 20 years of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) grouping, was unveiled here on Monday, following its endorsement by ASEAN leaders gathered at the 46th ASEAN Summit.

In his remarks following the signing ceremony of the declaration, Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim said the document would pave the way for the grouping's future direction, taking into account emerging challenges while putting sustainable and inclusive development at the forefront.

"The future we seek must rest on foundations of sustainability and inclusion. ASEAN's integration must be genuinely people-centred. That means closing development gaps, raising standards of living and in-



This photo taken on 26 May 2025 shows the opening ceremony of the plenary session of the 46th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. PHOTO: XINHUA

vesting in the human spirit and potential of all our citizens," he said.

"This shared blueprint gives shape to that belief. It is a vision anchored in realism, animated

by resolve and made possible by trust," he added. Among the key decisions

made under the declaration is the formal adoption of the ASEAN Community Vision (ACV) 2045 and its accompanying strategic plans across four pillars, namely political-security, economic, socio-cultural, and connectivity.

Meanwhile, the grouping's Secretary-General Kao Kim Hourn told a press briefing ahead of the summit that the ACV 2045 is meant to serve as pragmatic 20-year strategic roadmap to guide the region's development amid global uncertainties.

"These four strategic plans are designed to guide ASEAN on how to prioritize its work while upholding unity, solidarity, and ASEAN centrality," he said, adding that the roadmap also recognizes the need to work closely with external partners, including dialogue, sectoral, and global partners. — Xinhua

India's monsoon lashes Mumbai
as rains arrive early

LASHING rains swamped India's financial capital Mumbai on Monday as the annual monsoon arrived some two weeks earlier than usual, according to weather forecasters.

Heavy rains cooling temperatures — welcomed by farmers for their crops but which cause havoc each year in cities by flooding transport infrastructure — are normally expected in the southwestern state of Maharashtra in early June.

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) warned of "extremely heavy rainfall" in Mumbai and the city authorities said a red alert had been issued until Tuesday.

"All citizens are advised to stay indoors and avoid travel unless necessary" the city authorities said in a statement, urging people to "kindly cooperate".

The IMD said in a state-



Commuters lie stuck in traffic as they wade through a flooded street after heavy rain showers in Mumbai on 26 May 2025. Lashing rains swamped India's financial capital Mumbai on 26 May as the annual monsoon arrived some two weeks earlier than usual, according to weather forecasters. PHOTO: AFP

ment that the rains had advanced to Mumbai on Monday, "16 days earlier than usual", with rains usually expected around 11 June, the earliest for nearly a quarter century.

"This marks the earliest monsoon advancement over

Mumbai during the period 2001–2025", it said.

Across the wider state of Maharashtra, IMD weather chief in the region Shubhangi Bhute said it was the earliest the rains had arrived for 14 years. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

S Korea's Democratic Party candidate leads poll
for snap presidential election

LEE Jae-myung, presidential candidate of South Korea's majority liberal Democratic Party, led a poll for the snap presidential election on 3 June, Flower Research survey showed Monday.

Lee won a support rate of 48.9 per cent, taking a big lead over Kim Moon-soo, presidential candidate of the second-biggest conservative People Power Party who garnered 30.8 per cent of support.

The civil rights lawyer-turned-politician maintained his position as presidential frontrunner in the election, triggered by the removal of former President Yoon Suk-yeol from office over his botched martial law imposition last December. — Xinhua

Mass shooting in South Carolina leaves at least
11 hospitalized

A mass shooting in South Carolina led to at least 11 people hospitalized on Sunday night, according to local police.

The Horry County Police Department said it was responding to "an apparent shooting incident" in the town of Little River.

As of 10:20 pm Eastern time (0220 GMT Monday), 11 individuals had been transported to area hospitals by Horry County Fire Rescue, and there had been reports that others arrived at area hospitals via personal vehicles, the department wrote on social media.

"This is believed to be an isolated incident. There is no risk to the community at this time," the department said.

The shooting reportedly took place around 9:30 pm Eastern time (0130 GMT Monday). — Xinhua

SPORTS

Myanmar to face hosts Vietnam in AFF U19 Women's Championship

AS fixtures have come out, the Myanmar U19 women's football team will play against hosts Vietnam in the debut of the ASEAN U19 Women's Championship 2025, which will take place from 9 to 18 June.

The championship will be participated in by hosts Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos and Timor-Leste in Group A and Thailand, Indonesia, Cambodia and Malaysia in Group B.

Myanmar will play against hosts Vietnam on 9 June, Laos on 11 June and Timor-Leste on 13 June.

Four group matches will be held on 9, 11 and 13 June daily. Semifinal matches will take

place on 16 June, and the final and the third-placed match on 18 June.

The Myanmar U19 women's football team will participate in two international competitions this year, the first of which will be the AFF Championship. The team, comprising more than 30 tentatively selected players, is under the control of Head Coach Daw Thet Thet Win. — Shine Htet Zaw/TTA

The Myanmar U19 women's team players are seen in a training session. **PHOTO: MFF**



Roland Garros pays 'unforgettable' tribute to retired 'King of Clay' Nadal

RAFAEL Nadal was given a rousing reception as the 'King of Clay' stepped onto Court Philippe Chatrier for the final time on Sunday in an "unforgettable" ceremony to celebrate his career at the French Open.

The 38-year-old, who retired from tennis last November, was serenaded by the Roland Garros crowd, with spectators wearing different coloured t-shirts to create the message "14 RG, Rafa".

Nadal dominated the French Open after winning on debut as a teenager in 2005, lifting the trophy a record-breaking 14 times.

The Spaniard finished with a remarkable 112-4 win-loss record at the clay-court Grand Slam.

He last won the title in 2022 and played his final match on the Paris clay last year when



Roland Garros Open tennis tournament's director Amelie Mauresmo (L) and President of the French Tennis Federation Gilles Moretton (R) present a memorial trophy for former Spanish tennis player Rafael Nadal during a ceremony honouring his career during the French Open tennis tournament on Court Philippe Chatrier at the Roland Garros in Paris, France, 25 May 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

he was defeated by Alexander Zverev in the first round.

"I don't know how to start... I've been playing on this court for 20 years. I suffered, I won,

I lost. I have lived many emotions here on this court," an emotional Nadal told the crowd after watching a video of his career highlights at Roland

Garros.

Nadal's family and friends watched from the player's box, along with many of his former coaching staff, including his uncle Toni.

"It has been unforgettable, plenty of emotions for a guy like me that doesn't love these kind of things because I'm still a little bit shy for all this stuff," Nadal told reporters.

"I don't like a lot to be the centre of attention for these things. It was enough when I was playing tennis. But I enjoyed it, honestly. I suffered a little bit with the emotions, but I enjoyed a lot."

Nadal's long-time rivals Novak Djokovic, fresh from winning his 100th ATP title on Saturday, Roger Federer and Andy Murray all joined him on the main Chatrier court. — AFP

Chisato Iwai wins 1st US tour title in Mexico

JAPAN'S Chisato Iwai secured her first win on the US LPGA Tour on Sunday after topping the leaderboard by six strokes at the Mexico Riviera Maya Open.

The 22-year-old LPGA rookie started the day a shot back in second and carded seven birdies and a bogey for a 6-under 66 in the final round at the par-72 El Camaleon Golf Course in Mayakoba, wrapping up with a 12-under total of 276.

"I wouldn't have thought I'd be able to win a tournament this early (in my career). I'm really happy," said Iwai, whose celebration included a champagne shower courtesy of her team members and older sister Akie, who tied for 16th at 2 under. — Kyodo



Japan's Chisato Iwai poses for a photo after winning the Mexico Riviera Maya Open for her first victory on the US LPGA Tour at the El Camaleon Golf Course in Mayakoba, Mexico, on 25 May 2025. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Ex-Man Utd coach Erik ten Hag takes over at Leverkusen

FORMER Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag was appointed head coach of Bayer Leverkusen on Monday.

Ten Hag will replace Real Madrid-bound Xabi Alonso, who led Leverkusen to their first Bundesliga title in 2023-24 and added the German Cup.

Leverkusen were unable to keep up the same pace this season, but still finished Bundesliga runners-up to Bayern Munich and qualified for next season's Champions League.

Ten Hag has worked in German football before, spending two years in charge

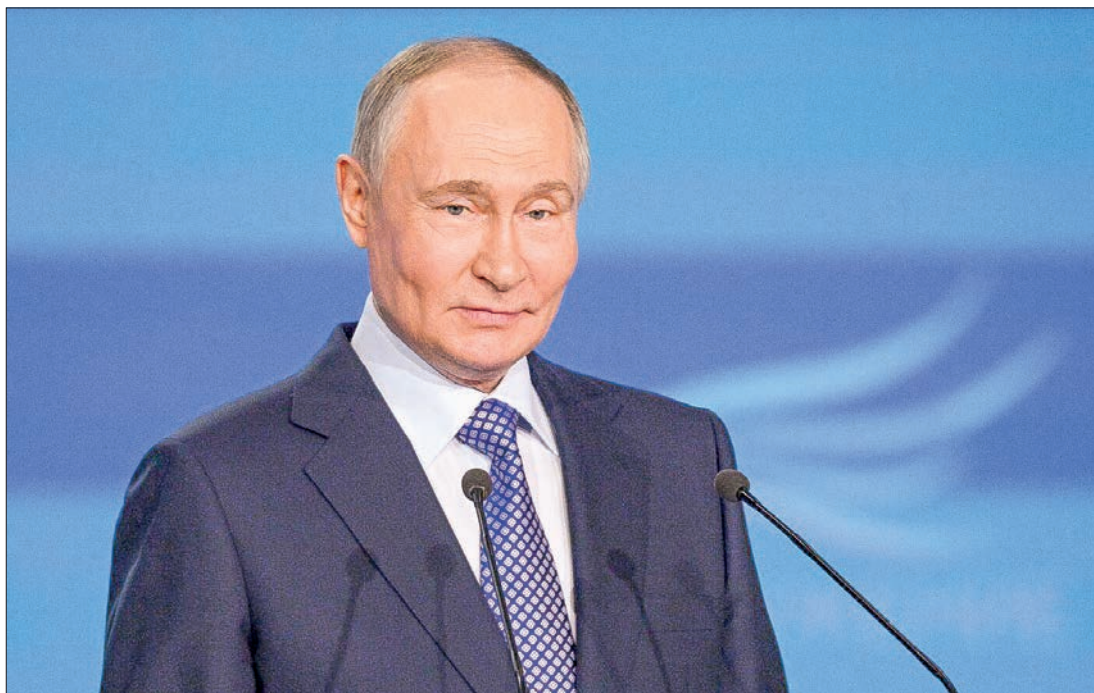
of Bayern Munich's reserve team from 2013.

The 55-year-old Dutchman won the FA Cup and League Cup in his two full seasons at United and led the club to third in the Premier League in 2022-23. — AFP



WORLD

Putin: Russia cannot achieve sovereignty without economic independence



Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks during a ceremony for the Sluzhenie All-Russian Municipal Service Awards at the Russia National Centre in Moscow, Russia. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

FOR Russia no other sovereignty is possible without its economic sovereignty, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Monday.

“Of course, I have to note the contribution that business, including the younger generation of entrepreneurs, has made to the development of the Russian economy in the 21st century

— the revival of agriculture, the construction complex, entire sectors of industry and modern services, and the strengthening of our sovereignty, including industrial, technological, and financial. And without this sovereignty, no other sovereignty is possible, because everything is based on it, it is the foundation,” Putin said at a meeting with

representatives of the Russian business community.

The country’s strong fourth place among global states in terms of purchasing power parity is an achievement of the domestic business, Putin said. Russian companies not only have strong positions in the domestic market, but are also actively developing abroad, the

president added.

Russia’s economy has been growing at an accelerated pace in difficult conditions in the last two years, Putin said.

“In the last two years, in ... rather difficult conditions, Russia’s economy has been growing, growing at an accelerated pace. You know, 4.1 per cent the year before last and 4.3 per cent last year is a good indicator,” Putin said.

The economic growth covered the widest range of industries, including agriculture, digital technologies, services, finance, the president also said.

Companies from the United States have not stopped supplying and servicing medical equipment in Russia, unlike European ones, Vladimir Putin said.

“By the way, US companies have been supplying and servicing [medical equipment] all these years without any failures, while many European companies have slipped up,” Putin said at a meeting with representatives of the Russian business community. — SPUTNIK

Smoking in Beijing drops sharply after 10 years of strict ban

BEIJING has reduced its adult smoking rate to 19.2 per cent among residents aged 15 and older, reflecting a 4.2 per cent decline since the city implemented strict tobacco control measures a decade ago, according to municipal health authorities.

Data from the Beijing Municipal Health Commission revealed significant gender disparities, with male smoking rates at 34.5 per cent compared to 3.3 per cent for females. Smoking prevalence remains highest among those aged 45 to 64 (22.9 per cent) and lowest in the 15 to 24 age group (9.4 per cent). The findings underscore progress made under Beijing’s tough smoking ban, enacted in 2015, which prohibits smoking in all indoor public places, workplaces, public transport throughout the city.

Exposure to secondhand smoke in indoor workplaces dropped to 16.7 per cent in 2025, halving pre-regulation levels. However, bars and restaurants continue to be problematic areas, though exposure rates did decline by 35.5 percentage points to 54 per cent and 30.2 per cent, respectively.

A health impact assessment co-led by the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences and the Beijing Centre for Disease Prevention and Control projected the regulation averted hundreds of thousands of smoking-related hospitalizations. Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) admissions fell by 2.6 per cent annually after implementation of the measures, while chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) hospitalizations dropped 8.8 per cent yearly.

The policy delivered rapid benefits for vulnerable groups: AMI admissions for seniors over 65 immediately declined 5.6 per cent, and COPD hospitalizations plunged 34.7 per cent after the law took effect. Pediatric asthma cases at two major children’s hospitals fell by 30.7 per cent. — Xinhua

Iran to continue uranium enrichment on its soil: FM

IRAN will welcome the launch of a uranium enrichment centre in the region, but will continue uranium enrichment on its soil, Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi said here Sunday.

Speaking at a meeting with members of the Iranian parliament’s national security and foreign policy committee, Araghchi said that regarding the Iran-US indirect talks, the Iranian side has never left the negotiating table and will continue the diplomatic path, but it will not negotiate under pressure, the official news agency IRNA reported.

He also warned of a “harsh” response if France, Germany, and Britain, collectively known as the E3, trigger the snapback



Vehicles of delegations leave the Omani embassy after a fifth round of nuclear talks between Iran and the United States in Rome on 23 May 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

mechanism and reimpose sanctions.

The mechanism is a clause in a 2015 nuclear deal, formally known as the Joint Comprehen-

sive Plan of Action (JCPOA), signed between Iran and six countries — Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia, and the United States. The mecha-

nism would allow the other parties to reimpose all international sanctions should Tehran fail to comply with the agreement. — Xinhua