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Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

1. To steadfastly strive for emergence of political forces and the people's representatives who can implement a genuine, disciplined multi-party democratic system while constantly emphasizing on the national interests of the State.
2. To persistently strive for promoting the socio-economic life of the people through the development of agro-based industries in improving the agricultural sector, the vital foundation of the economic growth of the State.
3. To put emphasis on enhancing the national education and health sectors for sustainable development of the State.
4. To implement multi-party democratic system, with the participation of the people, to ensure the success of multi-party democratic general election process and successfully moving towards with the multi-party democratic system aspired by the entire people.

Revamped Nay Pyi Taw National Museum Reopens to Public

Situated near the Kumudra Lotus Roundabout on Yazathingaha Road in Ottarathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw, the National Museum - one of only two such museums in Myanmar - spans 34.79 acres with five buildings, having begun construction on 3 June 2010 before officially opening on 15 July 2015.



Photos showcase the interior galleries of the National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw).

The National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) reopened Halls A, B, C, and D on 10 March following extensive renovations to repair damage caused by the Mandalay earthquake. To mark the reopening, the museum is offering free admission to both domestic and international visitors from 10 to 12 March.

With the completion of works on Halls A and B, seven galleries will now be open to the public from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm daily, except on Mondays and public holidays. Following the initial free-entry period, admission fees are set at K1,000 for Myanmar nationals and K10,000 for foreign visitors. Entry is free for monks, nuns, and students.



Situated near the Kumudra Lotus Roundabout on Yazathingaha Road, Ottarathiri Township, the facility is one of only two national museums in Myanmar. The museum complex, spanning 34.79 acres and comprising five buildings, began construction on 3 June 2010 and officially opened on 15 July 2015. — ASH/MKKS

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MRF reports over 2.5M tonnes exported by 10 Mar, surpassing last year

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MSMEs Urged to Adopt Advanced Technologies to Produce Value-Added Products

- ❖ In carrying out production activities, we must take necessary measures to ensure the development and success of small, micro, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), which constitute the most fundamental sector.
- ❖ If these enterprises are integrated with technology and can produce value-added products, they will generate greater benefits and contribute to the growth of the national economy.

(An excerpt from the message sent by Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing to the ceremony to mark the 70th Anniversary of Kayin State Day, which fell on 7 November 2025)

- Let us encourage production for prosperity of the Nation.
- Let us ensure education sector for the development of the Nation.
- Let us protect our environment for the prosperity of the Nation.

Objectives of 81st Armed Forces Day

- To participate in national politics in a leadership role of the country, not to deviate from the path of democracy in accordance with the fundamental principles of the Constitution, safeguarding the national policy, the Our Three Main National Causes
- To cooperate with the government and people in performing measures for State stability, ethnic unity and the nation's development
- To act with utmost care based on the agreements of NCA without deviating from the Our Three Main National Causes while serving duties for durable peace, as the resolution of armed conflicts play key role in moving towards a genuine and disciplined multiparty democratic pathway
- To continuously improve three main tasks of Tatmadaw – Study, Practise, Comply – and the ability to apply modern technologies in structuring Tatmadaw into a Standard Army

Myanmar, India tee off in 1st Armed Forces Friendship Golf Tournament

THE India-Myanmar Armed Forces Friendship Golf Tournament was held on 10 March at the City Golf Course in Nay Pyi Taw, with senior officers from both militaries in attend-

ance. Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Zaw Hein and Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Maj-Gen Kyi Theik, along with Tatmadaw officers and an In-

dian Army delegation led by Gp Capt Anish Sharma, took part in the event.

Lt-Gen Zaw Hein opened the tournament by hitting a commemorative smoke ball at Tee No 1. Matches continued on 10 and 11 March at the City Golf Course and Yaypya Golf Course.

A prize presentation and dinner ceremony was later held at Yaypya Golf Course, where winners of the senior and junior individual and team events received awards. Officials from both sides also exchanged commemorative gifts.

The tournament marked the first friendship golf event between the Myanmar and Indian armed forces, aimed at strengthening cooperation and mutual trust. — MNA/KZL



The exchange of commemorative gifts is underway at the first Myanmar-India Armed Forces Friendship Golf Tourney.

Myanmar-India U17 women's friendly match to air live on MRTV

THE Myanmar U17 women's football team, which has qualified for the 2026 Asian Cup, will play the first friendly match against the Indian U17 women's team at 5 pm on 12 March and the second match at 5 pm on 14 March at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon.

The matches will be broadcast live on the MRTV Entertainment Channel starting at 4:45 pm on the same days. — MRTV/TH

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FORUM ON THE DAWN OF A NEW STATE
(Trust, Stability & Development)
13-14 March 2026
MICC-1, Nay Pyi Taw

Forum on the Dawn of a New State Opening to Be Live Streamed

THE opening ceremony of the “Forum on the Dawn of a New State (Trust, Stability and Development)” will be held on 13 March at 8:30 am at the Myanmar International Convention Centre I in Nay Pyi Taw.

The ceremony will be broadcast live from 8:15 am on Myanma Radio and Television (MRTV-HD), MRTV News, MRTV NRC, MRTV Sports, MRTV Entertainment, MRTV Parliament, MITV, MWD HD Channel, MWD Variety HD Channel, Readers' Channel, Sky Net Up to Date, Channel 9, Myanma Radio, Padamyar FM, Cherry FM, Mandalay FM, Pyinsawady FM, Shwe FM, FM Bagan, Star FM and Thazin FM, as well as on the MRTV online platforms, including the MOI website, MRTV website and MRTV app. — MNA/TH

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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)

Sri Lankan Ambassador calls on MoFA Union Minister

UNION Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe received Mrs Ponnampereuma Arachchige Prabashini Ponnampereuma, Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

They exchanged views on matters of the further advancement of bilateral relations, coop-

eration in areas of common interest and collaboration between the two countries in both regional and multilateral contexts. — MNA

Union Minister U Than Swe meets Sri Lankan Ambassador Mrs Ponnampereuma Arachchige Prabashini Ponnampereuma in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.



MoEA marks 10th anniversary

THE Ministry of Ethnic Affairs held its 10th anniversary ceremony yesterday morning at the ministry's meeting hall. Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Deputy Minister U Zaw Aye Maung, senior officials and staff attended the event.

During the ceremony, attendees observed the five precepts and donated alms to monks led by Sayadaw U Baw

Bana from Ottarathiri Township.

The Union minister said that the ministry has been cooperating with the Ministry of Education since the 2017-2018 academic year to expand the teaching of ethnic languages. The ministry has also implemented translation projects, produced documentaries, organized study tours and con-

ducted vocational training programmes, including the establishment of a vocational training centre in Shan State.

The minister urged staff to follow civil service rules and further improve their performance before presenting financial assistance to staff members. The ceremony concluded with traditional ethnic performances and a luncheon. — MNA/KZL



The 10th anniversary celebration of the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs in progress in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

NDSC enacts Anti-Money Laundering Law 2026

THE National Defence and Security Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar enacted the Anti-Money Laundering Law 2026 as the National Defence and Security Council Law 16/2026, in accord with Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, dated 11 March 2026.

The law, consisting of 17

chapters, aims to implement anti-money laundering and counter-financing of terrorism, enhance the capacity of relevant organizations, exchange technological assistance, develop new technology for anti-money laundering and counter-financing of terrorism, ensure policy development and cooperate in the research process. — GNLM

Shan State govt invites bids for Inlay Tourism Zone entrance fee collection

THE Shan State government invites interested businesses to compete tendering to operate the entrance fee collection business in the Inlay Tourism zone in Nyaungshwe Township, Kalaw District, Shan State, for the 2025-2026 financial year (from April 2026-March 2027). Those interested can submit a tender to the Shan State gov-

ernment's office in Taunggyi by 13 March 2026. The opening and evaluation of those bids will take place at 10 am on 16 March at the Shan State government's office.

Individuals can enquire about details via the contact number 081 201920 of the Administrative Department's Office of the Shan State government during office hours. — 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.

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Public Notice

TO prevent fuel shortages and ensure that those who genuinely need fuel can purchase it conveniently, a verification system using a mobile phone application will be applied at the fuel stations, aiming to reduce and eliminate situations where vehicles queue to purchase fuel two or three times within a single day.

In doing so, not to burden the public and remain simple and convenient, vehicle owners will not be required to use the application or complete any registration. But the verification process will be carried out by petrol stations. For motor vehicles, the barcode on the Wheel Tax will be used, while for motorcycles, QR codes will be issued using the information contained in the Wheel Tax. The application will automatically verify the data.

For motor vehicles, the station staff will scan the barcode on the Wheel Tax, and the system will automatically check the purchase record. If the vehicle has not yet purchased fuel that day, fuel will be sold. However, if the same vehicle attempts to purchase fuel again on the same day at any station and the barcode is scanned, the system will show that a purchase has already been made that day. In such cases, the vehicle will not be allowed to buy fuel again until the next day. This system will prevent repeated purchases on the same day.

As motorcycle Wheel Tax documents do not include a barcode, QR codes will be issued at fuel stations. To obtain the QR code, motorcycle owners must present their Wheel Tax to the station staff, who will enter the vehicle number and the expiry date into the application to generate the QR code. The owner should then keep the QR code by either taking a photo with their phone or receiving a printed copy from the station. Each time fuel is purchased, the QR code must be presented to the station staff. Similar to motor vehicles, the system will automatically verify and prevent motorcycles from purchasing fuel two or three times on the same day.

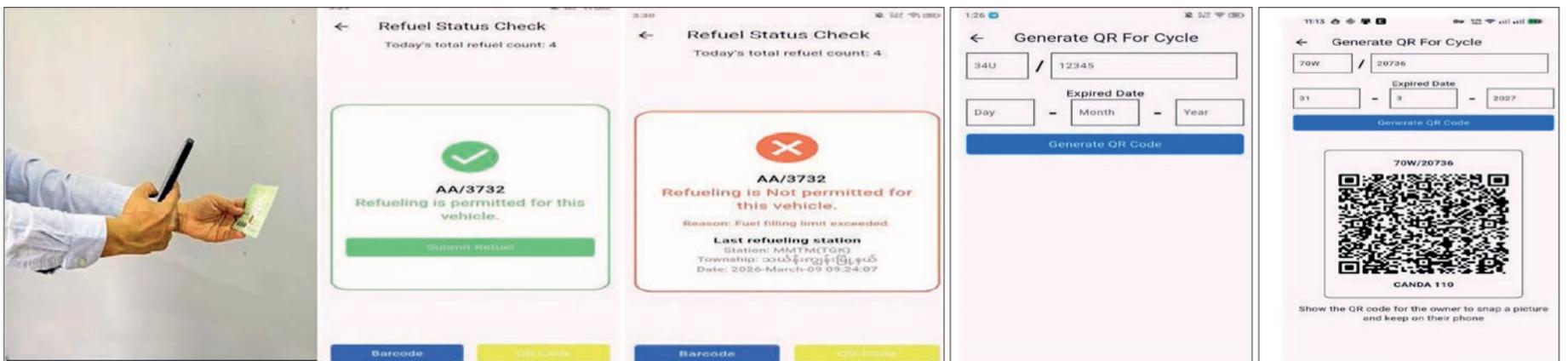
When petrol stations verify and sell fuel, they will also check whether the vehicle is permitted to operate on that particular day in accordance with government policies. Therefore, fuel will only be sold on the days when the vehicle is allowed to be used.

Starting from 12 March 2026, the automatic verification system using the application will be piloted at petrol stations in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, and Taunggyi. After necessary inspections and improvements to the system are made, it will also be implemented in other major cities.

Due to the public cooperation and participation, queues at petrol stations have decreased, and fuel distribution has returned to a normal situation.

The Ministry of Energy is also closely monitoring the entire fuel supply chain from importation, storage, and distribution to sales through the Online Monitoring Centre of the Petroleum Products Regulatory Department in Nay Pyi Taw. Moreover, the ministry is monitoring the types and registration numbers of vehicles purchasing fuel at stations in major cities, the types and quantities of fuel sold, and the selling prices in a timely manner. At the same time, special attention is being given to ensuring sufficient domestic fuel supply in accordance with planned measures.

Ministry of Energy



From left to right, the images show: a barcode being scanned; a scan indicating unpurchased fuel oil for the day; a scan showing fuel already purchased for the day; a motorcycle with its validity status; and a QR code note ready for printing.

Space technology summer class for basic education kicks off

THE first batch of summer classes on basic space technology was conducted, featuring more than 200 students from the basic education level.

Under the leadership of up to five trainers from the space agency, the class has 207 students of Grades 9, 10 and 11, based at No 2 Basic Education High School in Dagon Township, from 9 am to noon. The duration is four weeks from 9 March to 3 April.

It aims to help the country's

human resource development in space, encourage young students to have interests and ambitions in astronomy and build the foundation for continued learning about space science and technology. The Yangon Region government, the Myanmar Space Agency and the Ministry of Education are jointly organizing it.

The basic education-level space art, cartoon, and poster competition, aimed to encourage next generations to have interest in space science and

technology and inspire their science ideas developed from their artistic skills, was jointly organized by the Yangon Region government, the Myanmar Space Agency, and the Space Museum (Yangon) from 27 February to 1 March at the Space Museum, Yangon within the People's Square, and it caught about 6000 students.

The Space Museum in Yangon was open to the public on 30 November after the former Planetarium was renovated. — MT/ZS



This photo captures students in the first batch of the summer class on basic space technology.

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2026 matric, industrial-agricultural-livestock matric exams begin

The 2026 Matriculation Examination, alongside the 2026 Industrial, Agricultural, and Livestock Matriculation Examination, commenced yesterday morning across the country, including at several overseas examination centres.

For the 2026 Matriculation Examination, a total of 887 examination centres were opened, consisting of 16 overseas centres and 871 domestic centres. Out of a total of 268,753 registered candidates, 255,228 sat the Myanmar language paper

on the first day, while 13,525 were absent. This represents an attendance rate of 94.97 per cent.

For the 2026 Industrial, Agricultural, and Livestock Matriculation Examination, a total of 53 domestic examination centres were established. According to the Ministry of Education, 3,386 candidates were registered for the exam; of these, 3,364 attended the first day for the Myanmar language subject, with 22 absences, resulting in an attendance rate of 99.35 per cent. — MNA/MKKS



Monywa.



Katha, Katha District, Sagaing Region.



Moehnyin, Kachin State.



Myawady, Kayin State.



Shinbwayan, Tanai Township, Kachin State.



Sittway.



Myeik.



Lashio.



Minbu (Sagu), Magway Region.



Pathein, Ayeyawady Region.



Ye, Mon State.



Myitkyina.



Kawthoung, Taninthayi Region.



Mawlamyine, Mon State.

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49,000+ students sit on Day One of 2026 Matric Exam in Yangon Region



Students check their examination rooms and role numbers on the notice panel at the examination centre of the Basic Education High School No 6 in Botahtaung in Yangon on the first day of the 2026 matriculation examination. **PHOTO: KANU**

A total of 49,256 students sat the 2026 matriculation examination at various examination centres in Yangon Region yesterday, the first day of the exam.

There are 111 examination centres for the 2026 matriculation examination in Yangon Region. A total of 49,256 students — 22,231 male and 27,025

female — sat the Myanmar language paper yesterday.

“There are 111 examination centres in Yangon Region for the matriculation examination. Among them, students specializing in industrial, agricultural and livestock will also take the examination. The Yangon Region Government has

coordinated with the security and transport departments to ensure that students can take the examination smoothly. For external candidates, relevant departments have arranged transport facilities upon presentation of their examination admission cards. We, the Education Department, would like

to thank the Yangon Region Government and relevant departments for their support and guidance in ensuring that students can sit the examination smoothly,” said Dr Cho Cho Myat Aung, Yangon Region education officer.

The examination will be held at 107 examination cen-

tres in Yangon Region, while the industrial, agricultural and livestock matriculation examination will be conducted at four centres. Thirty-six students, 33 male and three female, reportedly sat the examination at the Insein Central Prison examination centre. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/MKKS

Traffic management enables smooth travel for matric examinees

THE 2026 matriculation examination is being held from 11 to 18 March. On the first day of the examination, when students sat for the Myanmar subject, the students in Yangon Region were able to travel conveniently and take the exam properly at 111 examination centres across the region due to the guidance of the government, supervision by the Yangon Region government and cooperation work of departmental officials.

“There are eight exam centres across five townships of our district. Since these are located in the downtown area, traffic congestion can occur. This year, in order for students to take the exam peacefully and travel conveniently, arrangements are made without restriction of any even-odd system. On the first day of the exam, the parents told us that traffic flow was fine, which made us very pleased that the children could travel conveniently to take their exams,” said U Aung Lwin,



Botahtaung District Administrator U Aung Lwin.

chairman of Botahtaung District Administration and Management Committee.

During the exam period, YBS buses and vehicles and motorcycles of the traffic police have been stationed at exam centres to assist with transportation needs for students whenever necessary.

“My elder son took the exam last year,



Botahtaung District Education Officer Dr Khin Thuzar Sein.

and we drove him to the exam centre. We left home at 7 am, but due to heavy traffic, we reached the school nearly at 8 am. Even though the distance normally takes just over 15 minutes. This year, when we drove our younger son to the exam, we left home at 7 am and arrived in only about 15 minutes. Since the roads

were clear, my son was able to review his lessons calmly and arrived at school early. Like me, many other parents also feel relieved and comfortable when taking their children to the exam. We are very grateful to the responsible authorities,” said Daw Sabei Thin, mother of a student.

“For this year’s exam, we worked in advance together with headmasters or headmistresses and relevant officials to ensure that students can take the exam in a calm environment, with clean school surroundings and comfortable seating arrangements. Compared with last year, the number of candidates has increased, and arrangements have also been made so that displaced students can take the matric exam. The road safety and convenient transport have allowed us to see students smiling, which is very heartwarming,” said Dr Khin Thuzar Sein, Botahtaung District Education Officer. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

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Over 45,000 Students Sit 2026 Matric Exam in Mandalay

THE 2026 matriculation exam commenced yesterday in Mandalay Region, with 45,635 out of 47,549 students who applied to take the exam, representing a participation rate of 95.97 per cent. The region has 108 exam centres in 25 townships.

Deputy Director-General Dr Soe Myint Tun of the Mandalay Region Education Officer Office stated that “a total of 339 students from six Industrial, agricultural and livestock centres sat for the exam. Arrangements are made to ensure access to electricity during the exam period and to facilitate transport. Under the leadership of the regional government, measures have been taken for all students to take the exam peacefully and comfortably.” He also made wishes for the students to win the distinctions.

At the 108 exam centres, each is staffed with a super-



Images capture students prepared and seated for the matriculation examination in Mandalay.

visor, a joint supervisor, and an assistant supervisor. Each exam room accommodates 30 examinees, and additional centres are set up at Mandalay General Hospital and Mandalay Central Prison.

Daw Chaw Su Lwin, supervisor at No 16 BEHS, said,

“There are 789 students at our exam centre. 92 teachers are assigned as proctors for exam rooms.” She also made wishes for the students and highlighted the arrangements conducted by the regional authorities.

Student Mg Thiha Tun said, “I am quite nervous about the

exam, but I studied well. Our teachers taught us thoroughly, and I am very grateful to them for that. I hope I will be able to do my best in the exam.”

Another student, Ma Nadi Hlaing Tun, said, “Teachers taught us well, and I also studied daily. Even though I am ex-

cited, I have confidence that I will do well. I aim to achieve six distinctions, and I will try to be a doctor as my parents desire.”

The exam will take place from 9 am to 12 noon, starting from 11 to 17 March. — Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)/KTZH

2026 matric exam begins; 14,131 students sit in Nay Pyi Taw

THE 2026 matriculation examination began across Myanmar on 11 March, with 14,131 students sitting the exam in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

A total of 6,229 male and 7,902 female students are taking the examination at 49 examination centres across eight townships in Nay Pyi Taw.

Officials and teachers

checked admission cards and explained the examination rules before the exam began, while health, security and emergency services were arranged to ensure that students could sit the examination smoothly.

The nationwide matriculation examination will run from 11 March to 17 March. — Thant Kyaw Swa/KZL



Students arrive at an examination centre in Nay Pyi Taw on the first day of the 2026 matriculation exam. PHOTO: AUNG MIN THAN

Govt to reimburse civil servants for medicines bought outside public hospitals

THE Department of Public Health and Medical Services under the Ministry of Health has announced that the cost of medicines purchased from outside pharmacies is being reimbursed when civil servants receiving treatment at public hospitals have to buy medicines externally.

Under this programme, starting from February, a Government Staff Priority Corner has been designated for civil servants in 67 hospitals under the Department of Medical Services of Yangon Region. At these designated wards, patients receive free treatment with medicines and diagnostic tests funded by the government. If medicines have to be purchased from outside sources, the cost is reimbursed under the budget head (W0316).

Similarly, civil servants are also provided with free medical treatment at public hospitals where no special priority wards have been designated. If medicines must be purchased externally, the cost of the medicines will likewise be reimbursed.

A responsible official from



This image shows members of the public receiving medical treatment at the General Hospital.

the Department of Public Health and Medical Services under the Ministry of Health explained, “Most of the medicines we have are essential medicines purchased with state funds, and these are provided free of charge. Occasionally, when additional medicines have to be purchased, there is already a designated budget heading for that purpose, and reimbursement is made through that allocation. In Yangon Region, the service has become more visible because a separate ‘corner’ has been established. Even where there is no separate corner, the main point is the service. Patients can receive our healthcare services with

reduced financial burden. Since they are civil servants, they are given priority consideration. At present, the patient may need to pay for the medicines first and then apply for reimbursement, which will be processed in accordance with financial regulations.”

It is also learnt that when medicines are purchased externally, reimbursement can be claimed by submitting the pharmacy receipt. If the cost is below K500,000, approval is reviewed and decided by the State and Regional Health Directors. If the cost is K500,000 or above, the claim is reviewed and approved by the head office, in accordance with financial procedures. — ASH/KNN

OPINION

Review development undertakings within five years

Implementing a country's development plans, lessons should be drawn from the strengths and weaknesses encountered over time, and practical, integrated measures should be taken so that the development objectives needed by the people are fully met and carefully achieved.

During the five-year tenure under the current government, significant and visible progress has been achieved. Notable improvements were made in areas such as road and transport networks, environmental conservation, cleanliness and beautification of towns and villages, alignment of urban features, and systematic management of waste. In the economic sector, small, micro, and medium-sized enterprises were supported with the necessary technology and financial assistance from their inception until they reached the market, ensuring their growth and long-term sustainability. Even amid challenges, efforts were made to provide electricity as much as possible.

On the changing path of global geopolitics and economic trends, the nation must continue to advance while prioritizing the national interest. For the 2026-2027 financial year, projects of the national plan will be implemented in accordance with the agreements of the Hluttaws. Therefore, the new government must carry out these plans to fulfil the aspirations and expectations of all citizens and ensure that the intended goals are successfully achieved.

However, there are still unmet needs to achieve the intended targets and to ensure adequate domestic consumption. According to historical experience in various sectors, there remain weaknesses in formal education and technical training. Skilled personnel in the agriculture and livestock sectors are still required. Efforts must be made to increase production in order to reduce commodity prices.

Since the nation has had to take responsibility and act amid various difficulties, while some tasks can be accomplished, some areas still require coordination and collective effort to fully achieve the intended goals. Trust between the government and the people must be firmly established, and efforts must continue in a united manner with strong discipline, dedication, and courage to strengthen political stability, economic development, national defence, national character, and patriotic spirit.

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Efforts have been expedited to ensure that everyone has access to education, that at least those who complete the KG+9 scheme can learn vocational and livelihood skills, and that youth can benefit from education, health, sports, and life-skills development, as well as participate effectively in the nation-building endeavours for the country's future. At present, just as electric vehicles are already in use, electric-powered locomotives are also now able to operate.

The government has been taking responsibility to ensure sufficient domestic cooking oil supply since its assumption. However, due to various reasons, there are still unmet needs to achieve the intended targets and to ensure adequate domestic consumption. According to historical experience in various sectors, there remain weaknesses in formal education and technical training. Skilled personnel in the agriculture and livestock sectors are still required. Efforts must be made to increase production in order to reduce commodity prices.

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In today's hyper-competitive business environment, technical expertise and hard skills are undeniably important. Financial literacy, technological proficiency, and operational efficiency drive revenue and keep organizations functional. Yet, in a world shaped by rapid change and complex human relationships, technical knowledge alone is not enough. To achieve long-term sustainability and meaningful success, business leaders must cultivate another essential dimension of capability: soft skills.

Hard skills define what you can do. Soft skills define how you think, behave, and connect with others. They are the foundation of trust, leadership, collaboration, and resilience – qualities that determine whether a business merely survives or truly thrives. Far from being optional, soft skills are the invisible force that transforms knowledge into action and short-term gains into lasting achievement. Below are the core soft skills every successful businessperson must develop.

Mastery of Communication

Effective communication is the cornerstone of success in any field. It involves more than speaking clearly; it requires active listening, empathy, and the ability to tailor messages to different audiences. Whether interacting with colleagues, customers, suppliers, or investors, a businessperson must express ideas in ways that are both understandable and persuasive.

True communication begins with listening. By genuinely hearing the concerns and perspectives of others, leaders build trust and uncover valuable insights. Politeness, clarity, and emotional awareness further strengthen these interactions. The ability to speak firmly yet respectfully can resolve conflicts, motivate teams, and secure loyal customers.

In business, persuasion often determines outcomes – closing deals, negotiating contracts, or inspiring employees. A traditional Myanmar saying humorously notes, "If you speak well, you can ride a plane for free", highlighting how powerful communication can open doors. In reality, while words may not literally earn a free flight, effective communication can certainly create opportunities

Why Soft Skills Are the Lifeblood of Modern Business

that might otherwise remain out of reach.

The Power of Problem-Solving

Every business faces challenges. Market fluctuations, operational disruptions, customer complaints, and financial constraints are inevitable. The key difference between success and failure lies in how these challenges are handled.

Strong problem-solving requires calmness under pressure and the ability to transform obstacles into opportunities. Instead of reacting emotionally, successful leaders pause, analyze, and search for constructive solutions. This mindset often turns potential losses into future gains.

Insights from Daniel Kahneman in his book *Thinking, Fast and Slow*, help explain how we make decisions. Kahneman describes two systems of thinking. System One is fast, automatic, and instinctive. It helps us react quickly to immediate situations. System Two, by contrast, is slow, deliberate, and analytical. It engages when we solve complex problems or perform careful calculations.

In business, relying solely on fast, intuitive thinking can lead to costly mistakes, especially when cognitive biases influence judgment. While intuition has value, major decisions – investments, strategic shifts, partnerships – require deliberate analysis. Effective problem-solving depends on balancing instinct with careful reasoning and remaining aware of mental shortcuts that may distort judgement.

The Strength of Collaboration

No modern business can succeed in isolation. Markets are interconnected, and success often depends on teamwork and partnerships. The ability to collaborate effectively is therefore essential.

Strong collaboration means respecting diverse perspectives, sharing responsibility, and working toward common goals. Teams that communicate openly and support one another are more innovative and resilient. When individuals contribute their strengths while compensating for each other's weaknesses, collective performance improves dramatically.

A well-known proverb captures this idea: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." While independent effort may yield quick results, sustained growth requires cooperation. Long-term profitability and expansion depend on relationships built on trust and mutual respect.

Businesses that encourage teamwork create environments where employees feel valued and motivated. This sense of shared purpose not only enhances productivity but also strengthens loyalty, reducing turnover and fostering long-term stability.

The Art of Time Management

Time is one of the most valuable resources in business. Unlike money, it cannot be replenished. Effective time management, therefore, plays a decisive role in success.

Proper time management begins with clear priorities. Leaders must distinguish between urgent and important tasks, allocate resources wisely, and maintain focus on long-term goals. Inefficient use of time, through procrastination, unclear objectives, or poor planning, often leads to missed opportunities and financial losses.

As motivational speaker Zig Ziglar once said, "We all have the same 24 hours a day. The problem is not lack of time, but lack of direction." This statement highlights that productivity depends less on available hours and more on purposeful action.



In practical terms, time management affects cash flow and profitability. Faster inventory turnover, quicker decision-making, and efficient execution enable capital to circulate more rapidly. When resources are used efficiently, profits can multiply. Respecting time, therefore, is not just a personal virtue; it is a strategic necessity.

The Foundation of Emotional Control

Emotional intelligence (EQ) has become increasingly important in modern business. While IQ reflects cognitive ability and logical reasoning, EQ governs how individuals understand and manage emotions – their own and others'.

A leader with strong emotional control remains calm under criticism, admits mistakes without defensiveness, and resolves conflicts thoughtfully. Rather than reacting impulsively, they respond with patience and

By Ms Monn

perspective. This stability builds trust and credibility.

Emotional intelligence also influences ethical decision-making. For example, a purely profit-driven approach might focus on maximizing immediate gains from every transaction. However, leaders guided by empathy may sometimes prioritize compassion over short-term profit, offering flexibility to struggling customers or supporting community initiatives. Though immediate revenue may decrease slightly, the long-term goodwill and loyalty generated often produce greater sustainability.

Modern businesses increasingly recognize that strong relationships with employees, customers, and communities are invaluable assets. Emotional control and empathy are the foundations of those relationships.

The Imperative of Adaptability

The business world evolves rapidly due to technological innovation, political shifts, cultural changes, and global events. Organizations that fail to adapt risk becoming obsolete.

Over the past decades, dramatic transformations have occurred across industries. Entire sectors have risen and fallen as technology reshaped consumer behaviour. For example, traditional print newspapers have declined as digital media has become dominant. Transport methods, communication tools, and purchasing habits have all evolved at an unprecedented speed.

Generational shifts illustrate this rapid change. The Baby Boomers witnessed the transition from early industrial systems to the digital age, experiencing the rise of computers, smartphones, and artificial intelligence within a single lifetime. Such rapid transformation underscores the importance of flexibility.

Adaptable business leaders remain open to new technologies, market trends, and regulatory environments. Instead of resisting change, they anticipate it and innovate accordingly. History consistently shows that those who embrace change survive, while those who cling rigidly to outdated models decline.

Cultivating the Roots of Success

Soft skills are not superficial techniques; they reflect deeper mindsets and values. Just as a tree's visible branches depend on strong roots, observable skills such as communication and leadership grow from internal attitudes and beliefs.

A mindset grounded in integrity, compassion, and self-awareness strengthens every external skill. By consciously cultivating patience, humility, and openness, business leaders enhance their capacity to collaborate, adapt, and make wise decisions.

Human tendencies such as greed, anger, or fear can undermine judgement if left unchecked. Continuous self-reflection and mental discipline help individuals align their actions with long-term goals and ethical principles. In this way, soft skills become authentic expressions of character rather than learned performances.

Hard skills may open doors to opportunity, but soft skills determine how far one can travel. Communication builds trust. Problem-solving transforms challenges into growth. Collaboration enables collective strength. Time management maximizes resources. Emotional control fosters stability and ethical leadership. Adaptability ensures survival in a changing world.

In the end, businesses do not grow through capital and technology alone. They flourish through trust, cooperation, wise judgement, and strong relationships. As change accelerates and competition intensifies, those who prioritize soft skills will remain resilient and competitive.

Soft skills provide the crucial edge that turns expertise into influence and profit into legacy. By nurturing the right mindset and interpersonal abilities, business leaders lay the foundation for sustainable, meaningful, and enduring success.

Who are we without emotional intelligence?

By Lynn Lynn Myat Oo

WE may win arguments but lose relationships.

We may defend our pride, but damage trust.

We may react in seconds and regret for years.

Emotional intelligence is the quiet architecture of character. It is the pause before the

outburst. The breath before the response. The awareness that not every reaction deserves expression. Without it, emotions control me instead of guiding me.

Without emotional intelligence, criticism feels like an attack. Disagreement feels like disrespect. Silence feels like rejection. Every situation becomes personal because there is no internal filter to separate perception from reality.

But with emotional intelligence, everything

shifts. We recognize our triggers instead of blaming others for them. We understand that someone's harsh tone may hide exhaustion, not hostility. We learn that listening is not surrender – it is strength. That vulnerability is not weakness – it is courage.

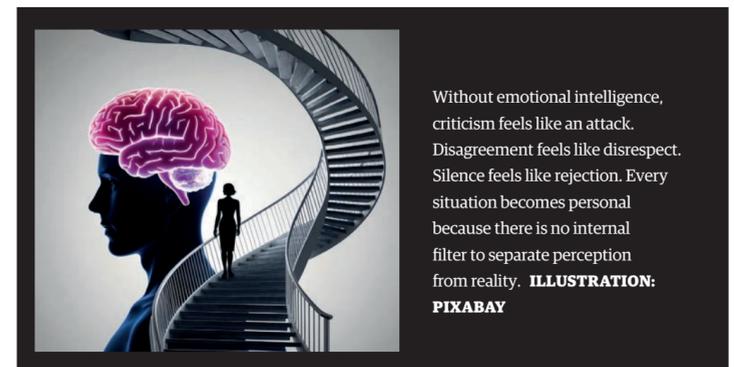
Emotional intelligence transforms impulse into intention. It refines raw emotion into thoughtful action. It allows us to disagree without dishonouring, to lead without intimidating, to love without controlling.

So who are we without emotional intelligence?

Incomplete.

Because true growth is not measured by how loudly we speak, but by how deeply we understand. Not by how quickly we respond, but by how wisely we choose our response.

Emotional intelligence is not a decoration for the personality; it is its foundation. Without it, we may exist, but we do not truly connect.



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NATIONAL BUSINESS

MRF reports over 2.5M tonnes exported by 10 Mar, surpassing last year

THE Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) has announced that 2,506,050 tonnes of rice were exported during the 2025-2026 financial year up to 10 March. This figure marks an increase compared to the same period in the previous financial year, according to a coordination meeting on rice exports.

On 10 March, the MRF's Export Promotion Working Committee held a coordination meeting with member rice exporting companies at the Park Royal Hotel in Yangon. Under the guidance of the Ministry of Commerce, special priority is being given to boosting export

volumes as much as possible before the end of the current financial year in March.

Attendees discussed export projections for the upcoming 2026-2027 financial year and strategic processes for export promotion. The meeting addressed current challenges and obstacles faced during the export process. Discussions were also held regarding the development and implementation of dedicated Rice Export Zones. During the session, the MRF president and relevant officials addressed suggestions and queries raised by the participants to streamline future operations. — MT/ZN



The Export Promotion Working Committee of the Myanmar Rice Federation and member rice exporting companies hold a coordination meeting on rice exports.



The head office of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) in Nay Pyi Taw.

CBM pumps US\$2M into edible oil import sector

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$2.1 million to edible oil-importing companies on 10 March, along with an injection of over \$450,000 and 6.7 million baht into the market.

CBM has constantly injected large amounts of US dollars into the edible oil sector on 3 to 9 March, with \$1.97 million on 9 March, \$1.96 million on 6 March, \$2.65 million on 5 March, over \$1.24 million on 4 March and \$1 million on 3 March.

Additionally, CBM pumped over two million baht on 9 April and \$220,000, 300,000 yuan and over five million baht on 6 March into the foreign exchange market, respectively.

CBM announced on 5 March that it would sell \$32 million to fuel oil businesses. Furthermore, CBM pumped \$580,000 and 2.4 million baht on

5 March and over 5.6 million baht into the forex market on 4 March. CBM injected \$1 million into the fuel oil import sector on 3 March, along with selling over 470,990 yuan and over 631,800 baht in the foreign exchange 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

DICA blacklists M Sinai Co Ltd for fraudulent practices

DIRECTORATE of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) put M Sinai Co Ltd on the blacklist until the 2026-2027 financial year as the company inflated the percentage of work from 35 per cent to 75 per cent to obtain progress payments. The company's director won the tender to construct a Double Single Bailey in Ramhtalo village in Hpalan Township with K122.5 million funds allocated by the National Disaster Management Committee in the 2020-2021 financial year. Nonetheless, the company conducted fraudulent practices by overstating the progress of the project from 35 to 75 per cent, resulting in the blacklisting until the 2026-2027 financial year, according to the Chin State gov-

ernment's meeting decision on 12 December 2025.

DICA has already notified that the registrar will publicly declare the deny list and weak compliance matters on the DICA's website if companies registered on the online registry system, MyCO, fail to comply with the existing law, rules and bylaws of the government institutions concerned and provisions stipulated in the Myanmar Companies Law.

DICA stated that the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture put two companies (MANARSIK Co Ltd and E-VISA Services & Travels Co Ltd) on the blacklist for deceptive practices in soliciting money from three companies operating Hajj pilgrimage services

and for damaging the reputation of the government and the ministry.

In early December 2025, DICA declared blacklisting of 25 companies for fraudulent addresses for registration until the end of the 2026-2027 financial year.

These 25 companies were flagged for unauthorized address as they are no longer at the registered address on the MyCO submitted by the relevant ministries: the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Bureau of Special Investigation, and the Internal Revenue Department. One was referred by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 13 by the Bureau of Special Investigation, and 11 by the Internal Revenue Department. — NN/KK

Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee to auction 200-ft by 200-ft land plots

THE Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee invited buyers to acquire the remaining 200 feet by 200 feet plots of land in Pobbathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw at its third auction.

Tender application is available at the Department of Urban Planning and Land Management starting from 9 March. Tender submission will be closed at 3 pm on 23 March. Tender opening will

be held at 10 am on 30 March in the Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee office.

Individuals can enquire about tender details through the department by dialling 09 687731344. — NN/KK

National Defence and Security Council Law 13/2026

CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY

80. Whoever is convicted of violating any prohibition contained in Section 69 shall be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or a fine of not less than K10 million and not more than K30 million, or both.
81. Whoever is convicted of violating any prohibition contained in Section 70 shall be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or a fine of not less than K2 million and not more than K5 million, or both.
82. Whoever is convicted of violating any prohibition contained in Section 71 shall be punished with a fine of not less than K5 million and not more than K20 million.
83. (a) Whoever is convicted of flagrantly failing to comply with any provision, rule, regulation, notification, order, directive, or procedure issued under this law shall be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month, or a fine of not less than K1 million and not more than K5 million.
(b) Any licensee or permit holder who, after being punished under Section 54, flagrantly fails to comply with a similar requirement shall be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month, or a fine of not less than K1 million and not more than K5 million.
84. When a court convicts someone of an offence under this law —
(a) an alcoholic beverage or intoxicating substance related to the offence shall be destroyed or confiscated as public property.
(b) the equipment or apparatus related to the offence shall be destroyed or confiscated as public property.
(c) any animals, motor vehicles, boats, or other means of transport used in committing the offence may be confiscated as public property.

Chapter XVIII Miscellaneous

85. Regarding any property related to an offense under this law, even if the offender is unknown, cannot be found, or cannot be reliably proven to be the owner, the District Excise Officer shall, based on the inspection report of the Township Excise Officer, examine the matter and confiscate the property as public property in accordance with the relevant provisions.
86. The production, possession, or use of toddy or traditional liquor for the cultural practices or traditional festivals of ethnic groups is exempt from obtaining an intoxicating liquor licence or a transportation permit.
87. A holder of a production liquor licence who wishes to distribute or sell the strong alcohol produced at their factory for purposes other than personal consumption must apply for the relevant liquor licence under Section 10.
88. If an excise licence is suspended or revoked for a fixed period, the license holder shall have no right to claim the licence fee, penalty, or compensation; similarly, if a permit is suspended or revoked for a fixed period, the permit holder shall have no right to claim the security deposit or any fees.
89. Any police officer of the rank of Sub-Inspector Police or above —
(a) who, at any public place, discovers the commission of an offence under this law other than the offences under Section 93, may arrest the offender, seize the alcoholic beverages and equipment related to the offence, and take action in accordance with the Penal Code.
(b) Regarding the arrest, search, and seizure under subsection (a), the officer must submit a report to the Township Excise Officer in accordance with the relevant provisions.
90. If there is information reasonably believed, or other sufficient grounds to believe, that an offence under this law has been committed in a place not accessible to the public —
(a) Excise officers at various levels — may, within their respective jurisdictions, personally conduct searches, make arrests, and seize evidence. may, if necessary, while acting under subsection (1), obtain assistance from the Myanmar Police Force.
(b) The Township Excise Officer or the Township Police Commander may authorize any police officer of the rank of Second Superintendent of Police or above to carry out the arrest and seizure of evidence.
91. The Department may, with the approval of the ministry, add a licence holder who has been found guilty of an offence under this law to the defaulter list or remove them from the defaulter list, and take actions in accordance with the regulations.
92. Offences under Section 73, Section 74 (a), (c), (d), and (e), Section 75 (a), (b), (d), (e), and (f), Section 78, Section 80, and Section 81 of this law are designated as offences for which the police have the authority to take action.
93. No court shall investigate or adjudicate any offense under Section 74 (b) and (f), Section 75 (c) and (h), Section 76, Section 77, Section 79, Section 82, or Section 83 of this law, unless there is a written complaint from the district excise officer or an authorized officer of the competent department.
94. Licences and permits issued under the Myanmar Excise Act remain valid until the expiration date specified therein.
95. The relevant district excise officer and township excise officer shall —
(a) Collect the excise licence fees or excise license renewal fees in accordance with the prescribed regulations.
(b) If payment of the excise licence fees or renewal fees collected under subsection (a) is defaulted, the fees shall be recovered as arrears of land revenue in the same manner.
96. Any rules, regulations, notifications, orders, directives, instructions, and procedures issued under the Myanmar Excise Act may continue to be enforced as long as they do not conflict with this law.
97. No court shall have the right to file a suit against an excise officer for any loss, damage, or destruction incurred due to actions taken in good faith or by issuing an order in good faith under this law or any other existing law related to excise duties.
98. In implementing the provisions of this law —
(a) The ministry may issue the necessary rules, regulations, and procedures with the approval of the Union Government.
(b) The ministry and the department may issue the necessary notifications, orders, directives, and procedures.
99. The Myanmar Excise Act (Myanmar Act V, 1917) is hereby repealed by this law.

I hereby sign this law in accord with Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Sd/ Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Acting President

Theatrical artistes to hold seminar on preventing illegal and inappropriate performances

THE Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central) has announced that an educational seminar will be held for performing artists to prevent undesirable, indecent, and unlawful performances.

The seminar is scheduled from 10 am to 4 pm on 14 March at the Central Thabin Office located at the corner of Insein Station Road and Lanthit Road.

The association issued a statement explaining that the event aims to ensure performers on the Thabin stage avoid acts that degrade the art form or violate

existing laws.

Association Chair U Phoe Chit previously addressed these concerns during a press conference regarding a specific theatrical troupe: "Thabin does not have a formal censorship, which makes it very risky. Movies have censorship; if something is deemed unfit for the public, it is cut, and only the approved version is shown. Once a film passes censorship, it rarely faces issues beyond general criticism. But censoring Thabin is extremely difficult. We cannot dictate every word

spoken or every move made. Because of the nature of live performance, artists must be guided by their own values, ethics, and mindfulness."

The seminar aims to disseminate these guidelines through regional, state, and township-level associations. The association has invited chairpersons, secretaries, and representatives from nationwide associations, troupe founders and managers, representatives from various academic and professional committees, and any interested Thabin artistes. — MT/ZN



Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central) Chairman U Phoe Chit is seen alongside Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization Chairman U Kyi Soe Tun.

ECONOMY WORLD

Oil crisis: Is world better placed than in 1973?

According to Leon, if the situation continues for weeks, oil prices could hit \$140 per barrel, potentially triggering a global recession.



Iranian soldiers patrol the Strait of Hormuz in southern Iran, 30 April 2019. **PHOTO: AHMAD HALABISAZ/XINHUA/FILE**

TEN days post-initial US and Israeli strikes on Iran, oil prices have dipped from \$100+/barrel surges caused by Tehran's military blockade of the Strait of Hormuz—a chokepoint for 20 per cent of world supply — contrasting starkly with 1973's political OPEC Arab embargo against pro-Israel Western states during the Yom Kippur War.

Mechanics diverge fundamentally: 1973 refused production politically; 2026 blocks

physical transit. Gulf majors Saudi Arabia, Iraq, UAE, and Kuwait possess surge capacity yet remain Hormuz-trapped, lacking ample bypass routes or storage, forcing output cuts. Rystad Energy's Jorge Leon flags potential major energy crisis if prolonged, but IRIS expert Francis Perrin's analysis rules out 1973's fourfold spike as improbable given the logistical — not diplomatic — nature.

Iran leverages high prices to strain President Trump's

Republicans before November midterms; Trump rebutted Monday, projecting quick war resolution while easing select Russian oil sanctions — already permitting India's temporary imports — to steady markets.

Post-1973 reforms arm OECD with IEA-managed strategic reserves equaling three months' imports, poised to quench speculation and gaps from the blockade — effective only briefly, Perrin cautions. — AFP

Greece caps fuel, food profits to dodge war price spike

GREECE will cap profit margins on gasoline and a range of food-stuffs for three months, the prime minister said Wednesday, as the Middle East war raised fears of a price surge.

In a meeting with the country's president, Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis said the government was “vigilant” for further effects of the conflict and warned retailers against

“profiteering”. Ministers will be fleshing out the measures later Wednesday. By capping profit the state limits the maximum profit that targeted sectors, such as gas stations and supermarkets, can make on consumer retail sales.

The aim is to prevent an artificial increase in margins when international prices rise.

Mitsotakis ruled out for the moment more far-reaching meas-

ures taken by two other European Union countries, Croatia and Hungary, which have decided to cap fuel prices outright.

Oil prices resumed their rise on Wednesday, once again driven by the war in the Middle East, which is paralysing the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial route for the transport of oil and gas, near which three more ships were hit. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Vietnam to tap emergency fund to cool surging fuel prices

VIETNAM moved Tuesday to tap an emergency fund to cool surging fuel prices, as the Middle East war has disrupted supplies and sparked long queues at petrol stations across the country.

Vietnam initially resisted dipping into its Fuel Price Stabilization Fund as unleaded gasoline rose 21 per cent and diesel spiked more than 50 per cent after the United States and Israel launched their attack on Iran in late February.

At a meeting of the country's energy security task force on Tuesday, however, the prime minister “agreed in principle” with a proposal by the trade ministry to draw from the fund, the government said on its website. “This should be implemented immediately on 10 March,” it added. — AFP

S Korea's export logs double-digit growth in 10 days of Mar

SOUTH Korea's exports logged a double-digit growth in the first 10 days of March owing to soaring demand for semiconductors, customs office data showed Wednesday.

The outbound shipment came to US\$21.47 billion in the period, up 55.6 per cent compared to the same period of last year, according to Korea Customs Service.

The daily average export jumped 31.7 per cent to 3.30 billion dollars in the cited period. Semiconductor exports surged 175.9 per cent on strong demand for chips used in artificial intelligence (AI).

Shipment for oil products, automobiles, steel products, auto parts, precision machinery and home appliances spiked in double figures, but export for ships dropped in double digits.

Imports picked up 21.7 per cent from a year earlier to \$19.37 billion in the first 10 days of March, sending the trade surplus to \$2.10 billion. — Xinhua

Germany releases part of oil reserves due to Mideast war: govt source

GERMANY is to release part of its strategic oil reserve to counter high energy prices as a result of the war in the Middle East, a government source told AFP Wednesday.

Germany's Economy and Energy Minister Katherina Reiche was due to address the media in Berlin shortly. — AFP



The government was “vigilant” for further effects of the conflict and warned retailers against “profiteering”. **PHOTO: PIXABAY**

Acknowledgement of Changing Registered Pesticides Trade Name

The trade name of the following pesticides registered at Pesticide Registration Board (PRB), Plant Protection Division (PPD) with the name of distributor by Once More Agro Co., Ltd. have been changed in reference to import and distribution.

Any objection to this trade name change can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board, West Gyogone, Insein, Yangon within 14 days.

Sr.	Trade Name (Old)	Trade Name (New)	Active Ingredient	Registration Type	Registration Number
1	Fun Thioram 80 WP	HomiTop 80 WP	Thiophanate-methyl 50% + Thiram 30%WP	Full	F2022-3888
2	G Talk	Omac Lam	Emamectin Benzoate 5% + Lambda-cyhalothrin 10% WP	Full	F2020-2939
3	G Carbo	CarboStar 20 EC	Carbosulfan 20% EC	Provisional	P2021-5237

Once More Agro Co., Ltd Ph: 09797587482

Middle East conflict clouds Malaysia's palm oil outlook, say analysts

MALAYSIA'S palm oil inventories fell in February as production eased, with analysts expecting stock levels to continue declining amid improving exports, although the escalating Middle East conflict could introduce fresh risks to demand and costs.

Data from the Malaysian Palm Oil Board showed Tuesday that Malaysia, the world's second-largest palm oil producer, saw inventories drop 3.9 per cent month on month to 2.7 million tonnes, largely due to lower output. In a note, RHB Investment Bank said Malaysia's palm oil production is likely to continue moderating while exports should pick up as crude palm oil becomes more competitive against soybean oil, which could further reduce stock levels. — Xinhua

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No	Trade Name	Active Ingredient Name	Registration Type	Registration Number
1.	Dime 400 EC	Dimethoate 40% EC	Full	F2020-2668

Royal Super Star Co.,Ltd. Tel: 09-882270702

Changing Trade Name For Registered Pesticide

The pesticide manufactured by **LionChem PTE.,Ltd** and distributed by Sunrise Agri-Science Co.,Ltd is changing trade Name as follow. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board within (14) days.

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No	Trade Name	Active Ingredients	Registration Type	Registration Number
1	BNS Full Rice 700 WP	Fenoxaprop-P-ethyl 13% + Pyrazosulfuron-ethyl 7% + Quinclorac 50% WP	Full	F2025-4857

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No	Trade Name	Active Ingredients	Registration Type	Registration Number
1	BNS Doctor 183 SE	Epoxiconazole 5% + Pyraclostrobin 13.3% SE	Provisional	P2022-6001

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SITC HUIMING VOY.NO. (2602S)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **11-3-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **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 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M 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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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SITC CONTAINER LINE CO., LTD

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

Japan marks 15 yrs since quake-tsunami, Fukushima nuclear crisis

JAPAN on Wednesday marked 15 years since a devastating earthquake and tsunami struck the country's northeastern areas and triggered a nuclear crisis, with survivors expressing ongoing pain as they called for the memories and lessons from the catastrophe to be passed down to future generations.

The triple disasters of the magnitude-9.0 earthquake, resulting tsunami and meltdown of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear complex, the world's worst nuclear accident since the 1986 Chernobyl crisis, led to the loss of more than 22,000 lives. The plant's operator is still struggling to dismantle the damaged facilities by 2051.

People across the country observed a moment of silence at 2:46 pm, the exact time the earthquake struck the region on 11 March 2011.

Prime Minister Sanae Taka-

The earthquake struck the region on 11 March 2011.



The sun rises behind the ruins of Okawa Elementary School in Ishinomaki, Miyagi Prefecture, on 11 March 2026. **PHOTO: KYODO**

ichi attended a memorial service hosted by Fukushima Prefecture, offering her condolences

and expressing hope for further efforts for recovery in the area as well as in disaster prevention.

The central government stopped hosting memorial services in Tokyo in 2022. — Kyodo

Putin holds telephone conversation with President of UAE

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin held a telephone conversation with UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Kremlin said on Wednesday.

Putin expressed gratitude to Al Nahyan for the assistance and support provided to Russians staying in the UAE, the statement said.

“Vladimir Putin warmly congratulated Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan on his 65th birthday, wished him good health, prosperity and further success, and noted his great personal contribution to strengthening the strategic partnership between Russia and the UAE,” the statement said. — SPUTNIK

War in the Middle East: latest developments

Here are the latest events in the Middle East war:

- # Iran accused the United States and Israel of striking a maritime ambulance boat at an island in the Strait of Hormuz, Mehr news agency reported. Several ships have been reported hit in the strategic waterway in recent days.
- # Germany's energy minister said it would release part of its oil reserve after the International Energy Agency (IEA) asked members to release 400 million barrels to counter soaring oil prices. Japan's prime minister said the country would start to release its reserves on Monday.
- # Iran's army said it had attacked key targets in Israel, including the military intelligence headquarters, a naval base in Haifa and a radar system. It also said it targeted US bases in Kuwait and Bahrain.
- # Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan warned: “This war must be stopped before it becomes bigger and completely engulfs the region in flames,” adding that if the conflict

continued “there will be more loss of life and property, and the cost to the global economy will increase even further”.

- # World oil prices surged, with the international benchmark, Brent North Sea crude, jumping 5.1 per cent to \$92.23 per barrel and the main US contract, West Texas Intermediate, soaring 5.9 per cent to \$88.38 per barrel.
- # The health ministry said Israeli strikes have killed 570 people in Lebanon so far, the health ministry said, including 439 men, 45 women and 86 children. 14 healthcare workers were among the dead.
- # Fresh Israeli strikes hit Beirut's southern suburbs after the Israeli military issued evacuation warnings.
- # Iran's military vowed to launch strikes against US and Israeli economic targets in the region, including banks, and urged people to refrain from going within one kilometre of banks.
- # Four people were injured after two drones fell near Dubai's airport, the government said, with air traffic operating as normal.

A second container ship was hit off the coast of the UAE by an unidentified projectile, a British maritime security agency said. All crew were safe in both incidents.

- # Iran's new supreme leader Mojtaba Khamenei is “safe and sound” despite reported injuries, the son of Iran's president said on Telegram.

Several blasts rang out across the Qatari capital Doha, AFP correspondents said.

- # An Israeli strike hit an apartment in central Beirut, state media reported, the second targeting the heart of the Lebanese capital since the start of the latest war with Iran-backed Hezbollah. — AFP



Electricity prices in Europe are linked to prices of natural gas, adding to its dependency on imported gas. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

SPORTS

MFF offers free basic football summer class

ORGANIZED by the Myanmar Football Federation, the MFF summer football skills course 2026 opening ceremony was held on 11 March at the Academy Artificial Turf in Yangon.

It aims to help young Myanmar people spend the summer holiday fruitfully and encourage the next generation of football players to appear. At the opening ceremony, Myanmar national football players and guests kicked the ball to open the course. The unpaid course will be conducted into two batches for this year in Yangon, Mandalay, Taunggyi, Patheingyi and Mawlamyine- the first batch is scheduled from 9 March to 8

April, and the second batch is scheduled from 20 April to 20 May and youths between 10 and 15 years old will be accepted, plus training uniforms will be provided free.

Altogether, 500 trainees in Yangon, 400 in Mandalay and 200 in Taunggyi, Patheingyi and Mawlamyine will be accepted. In addition, a futsal training course has also been planned to open in Yangon, and 200 trainees will be accepted.

This course is mainly designed to encourage children who have a passion for sports and wish to spend their summer holiday happily, under its theme "learn, play, enjoy". — MT/ZS



The opening ceremony of the MFF summer football skills course 2026 is underway in Yangon on 11 March 2026.

European football clubs score with stadium rebuilds

ON a former derelict dock in the British port city of Liverpool, fans of Everton throng eateries and bars at the football club's new stadium ahead of a Premier League match.

Across Europe, where income from all-important domestic television broadcasting deals has stalled or even collapsed, major football teams are revamping historic stadiums or building new larger

grounds.

This is propelling revenues thanks to improved hospitality, sponsorship and increased ticket sales -- including for premium seating -- according to a recent report from European football governing body UEFA.

For Manchester United, Barcelona, Real Madrid, Paris Saint-Germain and the two Milan giants, such costly projects are required to remain the

world's richest clubs.

For others, such as Leeds United in northern England and Spanish team Getafe, upscaling is essential to stay competitive in major leagues where player transfer fees and salaries are huge.

Everton moved in August to their £800-million (\$1.1 billion) Hill Dickinson Stadium after 133 years at Goodison Park. — AFP



Everton's new Hill Dickinson Stadium in the British port of Liverpool is drawing in the crowds, as the club seeks to boost revenues. PHOTO: AFP



This image features the launch event for the Myanmar Club Sepak Takraw League (MSL).

Myanmar's first club sepak takraw league set for Yangon

THE inaugural Myanmar Club Sepak Takraw League will be held at the Thuwunna Sepak Takraw Indoor Stadium in Yangon from 14 March to 5 April.

Myanmar will host the first Myanmar Club Sepak Takraw League (MSL) from 14 March to 5 April at the Thuwunna Sepak Takraw Indoor Stadium in Yangon.

Organized by the Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation with support from Shwe Than Lwin Media, the league will feature 10 men's teams and five women's teams competing in the men's Quadrant, men's

Regu, and women's Regu events.

Cash prizes will range from K2 million to K10 million, depending on the event. In the men's Quadrant category, the first prize will be K10 million, while second and third prizes will be K8 million and K4 million, respectively.

A total of 100 matches will be played and broadcast live on SkyNet Sports 3, Channel 9, and SkyNet's digital platforms. Spectators will also be able to watch the matches free of charge at the venue. — ASH/KZL



China's top political advisory body concludes annual session

The 14th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), China's top political advisory body, concluded its annual session on Wednesday morning.

Xi Jinping and other Party and state leaders, including Li Qiang, Zhao Leji, Cai Qi, Ding Xuexiang, Li Xi and Han Zheng, attended the meeting at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

Presiding over the meeting, Wang Huning, chairman of the CPPCC National Committee, said the top political advisory body's annual session had yielded fruitful results.

Noting that 2026 marks the first year of the 15th Five-Year Plan period, Wang said the CPPCC must uphold the leadership of the Communist Party of China, better play its role as a political organization, actively provide suggestions on state affairs, and pool strength and wisdom to ensure a good start to the 15th Five-Year Plan.

Wang called on political advisors to put forward more proposals beneficial to the people, do more practical things for their well-being, and help ensure the fruits of modernization benefit all people.

A resolution on the work report of the Standing Committee of the CPPCC National Committee, a resolution on the report on how the proposals from polit-

Wang Huning, CPPCC National Committee chairman, emphasized 2026 as the kickoff year for China's 15th Five-Year Plan (2026-2030).



The closing meeting of the fourth session of the 14th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) is held at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, 11 March 2026. PHOTO: LI HE/XINHUA

ical advisors have been handled since the previous annual session, a report on the examination of new proposals, and a political resolution of the fourth session of the 14th CPPCC National Committee were approved at the meeting. — Xinhua

NEW attacks hit three commercial ships in the Gulf on Wednesday, with one of the vessels in flames as Iran pressed its campaign against its oil-exporting neighbours, threatening shipping in the Strait of Hormuz and plunging the global energy economy into crisis.

Oil prices surged higher by more

Trade ships hit as Iran threatens Gulf oil chokepoint

that five per cent in early trading and markets have see-sawed since the end of

last month, when the United States and Israel attacked Iran, killed its supreme leader and plunged the Middle East into war. The leaders of the G7 powers were to hold a video meeting later to discuss opening their strategic petroleum reserves to counter rising prices.

Analysts say a prolonged closure of the Strait of Hormuz, which carries 20 per cent of world oil and gas supplies and a third of its fertiliser for food pro-

duction, would have a devastating effect on the world economy, particularly in Asia and Europe.

On Tuesday, the Pentagon said US forces had carried out strikes that destroyed 16 mine-laying vessels that could have been used to block the strait, but attacks with drones or missiles continued on Wednesday with at least three ships hit. "If for any reason mines were placed, and they are not removed forthwith, the military consequences to Iran will be at a level never seen before," US President Donald Trump posted on social media.

"Not seeking ceasefire" - The Israeli-US attacks came weeks after Iranian authorities ruthlessly crushed mass protests, although the United States and Israel say they are not necessarily seeking to topple the Islamic republic. In Iran, ordinary people were doing the best they could to adapt to living under frequent US-Israeli strikes. — AFP



Thailand's Navy said a Thai ship was attacked in the Hormuz Strait. PHOTO: ROYAL THAINAVY/AFP