



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views round the damaged parts of the 300-bedded Nay Pyi Taw People's Hospital yesterday.

SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects quake-damaged wards at Nay Pyi Taw People's Hospital (300-bed)

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo and party, yesterday afternoon inspected the loss and damage at the medical wards and staff housing of Nay Pyi Taw People's Hospital (300-bed) caused by the Mandalay earthquake. The Senior General and party viewed round damaged parts of medical wards, intensive care units, staff housing, and operation theatres in the compound of the hospital



The damaged sections of the hospital.

where the Union Minister for Health and officials conducted the Senior General round the buildings.

In his response to the clarification, the Senior General stressed the need to systematically examine the damage and loss with the assistance of construction experts to repair necessary buildings and demolish dangerous buildings for the construction of new buildings. It is necessary to coordinate reconstruction measures among construction engineers and water and power supply officials to systematically calculate the construction of buildings with resilience to possible natural disasters. According to scrutiny over collapsed build-

ings in the earthquake, it is necessary to take lessons of dreadful losses in past events in which officials did not construct the buildings in line with the set standards. As such, officials need to supervise the construction of buildings rigorously. As the buildings of Nay Pyi Taw People's Hospital (300-bed) sustain a large number of the loss and damage caused by the earthquake, medical treatments are being given to patients at Zeyathiri Township Hospital (50-bed) temporarily. — MNA/TTA

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Boosting Agriculture-Based Industries to Strengthen the State Economy and Increase Output

TO promote manufacturing and industries rooted in agriculture and livestock farming – the country's primary economic sectors – supporting the development of the State economy and enhancing product output.

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with members of the Bago Region government on 30 August 2024)

Announcement for local and foreign well-wishers to donate cash to earthquake victims

1. An announcement has been issued that well-wishers at home and abroad can donate cash and kind to victims affected by a powerful earthquake which centred near Mandalay on 28 March 2025.
2. If well-wishers wish to donate cash through mobile payment, they can scan QR codes of KBZ Pay, CB Pay, AYA Pay, OK\$ and Wave Money or contact QR Code number of KBZ Pay 70157401001. If they wish to donate cash through Wave Money, they can pay cash to telephone numbers 09 255001542 and 09 255001543 directly. A single QR Scan can be used to pay KBZpay MMQR through any digital wallets or banking mobile application allowed by CBM.
3. If they donate cash through banking services, they pay cash in Myanmar kyat to the Account Number OA-011834 of Myanma Economic Bank in Nay Pyi Taw through the following ways: -

(a) They can donate cash at Nay Pyi Taw Branch of MEB or other MEB branches or all private bank branches.

(b) They can donate cash through the account transfer opened at State-owned or private-owned banks.
4. Moreover, those wishing to donate foreign currencies can pay cash to Foreign Account Number EDN-600018 opened at MEB in Nay Pyi Taw through the following ways: -

(a) They can donate dollar, euro and Singapore dollar in cash to the MEB directly.

(b) They can make donations through the Account Transfer from their foreign accounts.

(c) Well-wishers at home and abroad wishing to donate foreign currencies to - SWIFT CODE/BIC - MFTBMMMY
- Beneficiary Name - Natural Disaster Management Fund
- Beneficiary A/C No - EDN-600018
5. Well-wishers can inquire about and donate cash and kind to following persons: -

Nay Pyi Taw	Yangon	Mandalay
Daw Lei Lei Aye Director-General Disaster Management Department 067 3404050, 09 2021491	U Than Soe Director Disaster Management Department Yangon Region Office 09 250123885	U Aye Min Thu Director Disaster Management Department Mandalay Region Office 09 420708827
U Win Shwe Deputy Director-General Disaster Management Department 067 3404048, 09 254170011	Daw Than Than Win Deputy Director Disaster Management Department Yangon Region Office 09 420740160	Daw Thet Thet Aye Deputy Director Disaster Management Department Mandalay Region Office 09 400502056
Daw Phyu Phyu Win Director Disaster Management Department 067 3404316, 09 43054844		



6. Donations can be sent to the following addresses: -

(a) Relevant Region or State governments

(b) Office No 23, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Nay Pyi Taw

(c) Central Store Depot (Yangon), Disaster Management Department, Ward 3, Kyaukwaing Pagoda Road, Yangon

(d) Central Store Depot (Mandalay), Disaster Management Department, 65th Street between 34th and 35th streets, Pyigy Myetshin Ward, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay

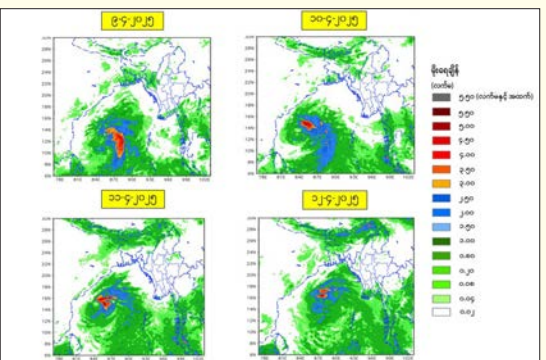
National Disaster Management Committee

Weather

Bay of Bengal Condition

Issued at 2 pm MST on 6 April 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 1:30 pm MST today, a low-pressure area may form over South Bay of Bengal during next 48 hours.



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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win honours emergency rescue teams from China

CHAIRMAN of the National Disaster Management Committee Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win expressed his thanks to the emergency rescue teams of China yesterday morning for their efforts in carrying out emergency rescue and relief operations in Myanmar.

A ceremony to honour and thank the Chinese emergency rescue teams which had completed their rescue operations in Myanmar took place at Tabaung Ground in Nay Pyi Taw.

The Vice-Senior General and all attendees observed a one-minute silence in mourning for those who lost lives and were injured in the powerful earthquake which struck on 28 March 2025.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Senior General revealed that the powerful earthquake destroyed 48,834 public houses, 3,094 monasteries and nunneries, 2,045 schools, 2,171 departmental offices and buildings, 148 bridges, 5,275 pagodas, leaving 3,550 people dead, 4,814 injured and 160 missing from 28 March to 7 April.

Emergency rescue teams saved 653 survivors and recovered 700 bodies up to now.

China earliest dispatched 265 rescuers in four teams to Nay Pyi Taw. Moreover, China International Search and Res-



State Administration Council Vice-Chair Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win speaks on the honourable accasion to the Chinese emergency rescue teams yesterday.

cue Team (CISAR) (Beijing) sent 118 rescuers and seven rescue dogs on 29 and 30 March whereas Chinese Blue Sky Search and Rescue sent 89 members and Hong Kong China Search and Rescue Team 51 members to Mandalay within 72 hours of the earthquake.

It is noted with appreciation that China was the first to send four search and rescue teams, totalling 265 personnel, to Nay Pyi Taw. On 29 March, the China International Search and Rescue Team (CISAR) from Beijing deployed 118 personnel along

with seven search and rescue dogs to Mandalay. Moreover, 89 personnel from the Chinese Blue Sky Search and Rescue Team and 51 personnel from the Hong Kong China Search and Rescue Team were also dispatched by the People's Republic of China – within 72 hours – demonstrating deep gratitude for this support.

The four Chinese teams including 265 rescuers and seven dogs arrived in Nay Pyi Taw on 29 March. Of these, three teams were deployed to Mandalay, and one remained in Nay Pyi Taw.

The teams collaborated with local Myanmar firefighters, volunteers, military personnel, and Myanmar police in the respective townships, which was witnessed with great pride and appreciation.

In Nay Pyi Taw, a 37-member Search and Rescue Team from Yunnan Province's Mining and Rescue Unit began operations on 29 March, conducting advanced search and rescue activities using specialized equipment at Pinlon Hospital in Ottarathiri Township.

Thanks to their efforts, they

were able to rescue a woman alive at 5 am on 30 March 2025. Later that day, they continued the search and rescue operations and successfully recovered the bodies of two deceased women.

Moreover, the team carried out search and rescue operations in apartment buildings located in Zabuthiri Township. On 3 April, they managed to recover the bodies of two more deceased individuals from apartment numbers 1338 and 2376 after a challenging operation.

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In total, the Yunnan Search and Rescue Team successfully rescued one person alive and recovered four deceased individuals. On behalf of the families affected by the earthquake, sincere gratitude was expressed to the team for their dedicated efforts.

Within the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, the Yunnan Search and Rescue Team led by Mr Mu Shu Yuan collaborated with members of the Fire Services Department, utilizing modern and advanced rescue equipment to conduct search and rescue operations. Similarly, a team of 15 members from the Yunnan Health Commission and the Medical Emergency Department, led by Mr Feng Zeli, also cooperated in medical treatment activities at the Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1,000-bed).

In addition, they joined hands with the Ministry of Health's Rapid Response Teams to conduct public health measures, including testing water samples, and participating in disease prevention and control activities. Their support and cooperation are deeply appreciated.

At the same time, it was also observed that members of the China International Search and Rescue Team (CISAR) (Beijing), comprising 118 personnel and seven search-and-rescue dogs, as well as 89 members of the Chinese Blue Sky Search and Rescue Team and 51 members of the Hong Kong China Search and Rescue Team, carried out tireless and



Vice-Senior General Soe Win honours the Chinese disaster response teams in Nay Pyi Taw.

dedicated search and rescue operations from 30 March to 7 April. On behalf of the affected families, deep gratitude and appreciation are extended. Thanks to these efforts, three survivors — two from the completely collapsed Sky Villa building and one from the Golden Country Hotel — were successfully rescued. On behalf of their families, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks.

Despite the extensive destruction across Mandalay, the

emergency search and rescue teams managed to recover the bodies of 51 individuals from Sky Villa, five from Win Star Hotel, four from Paragon Hotel, one from Golden Country Hotel, two from Great Wall Hotel, and one from a residential building located at the corner of 26th and 81st Streets.

At such a time when Myanmar is currently facing natural disasters, we deeply appreciate the timely assistance provided in the spirit of a good neighbour

and maintaining close, friendly, and familial relations. This includes the rescue and relief efforts extended to the people of Myanmar, medical treatments through mobile clinics, and a total of 447.69 tonnes of relief supplies sent so far by the government and the people of China. It is also learned that an additional 110 tonnes of supplies are expected to arrive today.

The government is sincerely grateful for such com-

passionate, humanitarian support, offered in the true spirit of friendship and neighbourliness, without any conditions or constraints. It especially appreciates the assistance and relief efforts extended to our earthquake-affected citizens with a full sense of empathy and solidarity.

So, the government expresses its heartfelt gratitude to Mr Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, who leads the Chinese government; the emergency rescue teams from Beijing, Hong Kong, and Yunnan Province; as well as Ms Ma Jia, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar, and all embassy staff.

The Vice-Senior General presented certificates of appreciation and gifts to members from China Search and Rescue Team, China International Search and Rescue Team and China Search and Rescue Team (Hong Kong). The Vice-Senior General provided meals to rescuers from China.

Also present at the ceremony were Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers, officials from the Chinese embassy and the Chinese military attache office and officials.

Chinese rescue teams carried out Assessment, Search and Rescue Level 4 in Myanmar. China will provide necessary aid and technologies for rehabilitation measures in Myanmar. — MNA/TTA

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Head of Republic of Tatarstan of the Russian Federation sends message of condolence to SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General for loss and damage in powerful Mandalay earthquake

ON 28 March 2025, following the powerful Mandalay earthquake that caused extensive damage, numerous casualties, and many injuries, Mr Rustam Minnikhanov, Head of the Republic of Tatarstan of the Russian Federation, sent a message of condolence to Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the State Administration Council and Prime Minister of Myanmar, expressing loss and damage and loss of lives and injuries in the powerful Mandalay earthquake on 28 March 2025.

In his message, he expresses deep sorrow over the devastation caused by the powerful earthquake that struck your country. It conveys genuine sympathy from our side to all those affected by the consequences of this disaster, as well as to all the people of Myanmar. It mentions that support is being extended to all rescue teams and the injured. The message also highlights that during such times, human solidarity plays a vital role in overcoming all challenges. Lastly, it conveys heartfelt condolences and shares in the grief and sorrow of His Excellency and the people of Myanmar over the losses they have endured. — MNA/TTA

Esteemed Senior General,

Please accept my sincere condolences in connection with the devastating earthquake that hit your country. We sympathize deeply with the people of Myanmar – with all those who have been affected by the consequences of this disaster.

I support all the rescue teams and volunteers who work tirelessly to help the injured. The solidarity we’ve witnessed in these challenging times will help us overcome all hardships and adversities. We share the anguish over these losses and mourn together with you and the people of Myanmar.

Rustam N Minnikhanov
Head of the Republic of Tatarstan
28 March 2025

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
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8 April 2025
Appointment of Vice-Chairman

THE State Administration Council has formed and assigned duties to the Union Election Commission under the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Union Election Commission Law, to be able to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election.

As the time for holding a general election draws nearer, and to ensure the duties of the Union Election Commission are carried out more effectively and to provide greater support to the Chairman of the Commission, U Than Soe, a member of the Union Election Commission, is hereby appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Union Election Commission under Article 419 of the Constitution.

Sd/
Aung Lin Dwe
General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Press Release
8 April 2025

1. Under Section 3, Sub-section (a) of the Political Parties Registration Law, the Union Election Commission has been scrutinizing and granting permissions for the formation of political parties to groups of at least 15 persons who have submitted applications to establish a political party. These procedures are being carried out in line with the relevant laws.

2. As the general elections for the year 2025 are scheduled to be held in December, the Union Election Commission will be processing matters relating to the establishment and registration of political parties including the merger of existing parties into a single entity in time for the election. This is to ensure that political parties have sufficient time to prepare for electoral activities and campaign-related organizational matters. Accordingly, the Union Election Commission hereby announces that individuals or groups intending to apply for permission to establish a political party must submit their applications no later than 9 May 2025.

Union Election Commission
Republic of the Union of Myanmar



Deputy PM MoFA Union Minister receives IOM Myanmar Chief

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs received Mr Daihei Mochizuki, Chief of Mission of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Myanmar, yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

They discussed matters related to supporting the people affected by the Mandalay earthquake in Myanmar.

Also, present at the meeting were senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA

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DPM and Union Defence Minister inspects staff housing and evacuation areas



SAC Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Defence Minister General Maung Maung Aye views round the staff's temporary relocation facility.

MEMBER of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Defence General Maung Maung Aye, accompanied by ministry officials, visited the

housing and temporary evacuation areas of the ministry's personnel and staff affected by the strong earthquake and met their families yesterday evening.

The General and his team first met and encouraged the staff and their family members of the ministry residing in the Wunna Theikdi Housing Complexes (1, 2, 3, and 4), which the inspection teams from the Ministry of Construction's Department of Buildings determined to be fit for re-occupancy, and instructed the responsible officials to take strict measures to fulfil the employees' needs, including drinking water and sustenance.

The Union minister and his team proceeded to the local training school where employees and their families from Padauk Housing Complex (603), (755), (756) and Acre Tahtaung Housing Complex (1394) were temporarily evacuated because the teams from the Ministry of Construction's Department of Buildings determined their housing complexes were not suitable for re-occupancy. The General met and spoke to the staff and their families, instructing officials to take strict measures to ensure they have access to sufficient drinking water, adequate food, medical treatment, and other necessities, and to coordinate based on the reported needs of family members. — MNA/TH

Myanmar to Rise Stronger Post-Quake, Say Global Experts

THE participants of the Forum on Myanmar 2025: Challenges and Opportunities in the Multipolar World are shocked and dismayed by the extensive loss of life and damage to property due to the strong earthquake that rocked Myanmar on 28 March 2025.

As friends and well-wishers of Myanmar, we wish to express our profound condolences on account of the tragic loss of lives and express our heartfelt empathy to the families of the victims.

We are confident that the brave people of Myanmar will stand up unitedly to fight this calamity and emerge stronger than ever before. Brick by brick, they will rebuild their beautiful country, drawing strength from their deep civilizational roots and a vision for a bright future.

International Participants at the forum of the Myanmar Narrative Think Tank
8 April 2025

Post-earthquake recovery progress in telecoms, postal services

DUE to the powerful Mandalay earthquake on 28 March, a total of 6,730 mobile communication base stations were damaged. Thanks to the restoration efforts of mobile operators, 5,999 stations had been successfully repaired as of 6 April. Nationwide, only 731 stations remain in need of repair — 62 belonging to MPT, 237 to ATOM, 164 to Ooredoo, and 268 to Mytel.

Although 15 post offices under Myanma Post were temporarily closed due to the earthquake, operations had resumed as normal by 31 March. Postal services at the central post offices in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay have also returned to regular operation.

Among the many damages caused by the severe earthquake, the quick restoration of electricity and communication services, along with the prompt construction and placement of temporary shelters, have been particularly notable achievements. These quick wins have been widely recognized and appreciated by both the general public and civil servants, who have expressed gratitude towards the government and responsible personnel. — MNA/MKKS

CECCM donates food, consumer goods to MIFER staff



Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw presents the certificate of gratitude to CECCM.

YESTERDAY, Secretary-General Mr Xu Zhanwei from the Chinese Enterprises Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar (CECCM) and Economic and Commercial Counsellor Mr Ouyang Daobing from the Chinese Embassy donated a total of five kinds of relief supplies to Office 1 of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations to support earthquake-affected staff.

Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw expressed his gratitude for the donation of essential items such as blankets, mosquito nets, generators, instant noodles, and drinking water for the earthquake-stricken staff. He also mentioned that since the rainy season is approaching, there is a need to ensure shelter for the staff, therefore, requested the donation of prefabricated houses. Furthermore, he welcomed any kind of assistance that could be provided.

Following this, the Union minister, the director-general, and senior officials received the relief supplies donated by the Chinese Enterprises Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar (CECCM) and the Union minister presented a certificate of appreciation in return. — MIFER

NATIONAL

Union Info Minister presides over News and Information Work Committee meeting

THE National Disaster Management Committee and the News and Information Work Committee meeting was held at the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, who is also Chair of the News and Information Work Committee, said the media sector is more important during the outbreak of natural disasters than at normal times. Currently, it is crucial to eliminate fake news and misinformation through the media and to issue awareness programmes on natural disasters, damage and losses, rescue operations, rehabilitation efforts, and messages of support from international countries, promptly. It is vital for both the government and the public to have access to accurate and reliable information. The committee members also should continuously monitor the statements



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn remarks at the meeting of the National Disaster Management Committee and the News and Information Work Committee in Nay Pyi Taw.

related to natural disasters and work together to carry out the necessary actions promptly.

Deputy Minister U Ye Tint briefed the international aid, damage, rescue operations, video, news and records of rescue and rehabilitation processes.

The attendees then discussed the matters related to activities of the National Disaster Management Committee, educational programmes on disasters, weather reports, communication sector, injuries, damage, losses and death tolls, and international cooperation to ensure the access the drinking

water.

After the meeting, the Union minister and party presented the donated relief items to the quake-affected staff of the Ministry of Information.

At noon, the Union minister received a Chinese delegation led by Minister Counsellor Dr Zheng Zheng of the Embassy of China in Myanmar Dr Zheng Zheng at the temporary office building of the ministry and discussed the damage after the powerful earthquake, Chinese humanitarian assistance to quake victims and further bilateral cooperation.

Afterwards the Union minister and party inspected the construction of relief camps for staff by the UAB foundation at Dhana Theikdi stadium in Zabuithiri township, food, access to electricity and clean water, and a location to establish a clinic for healthcare services.

— MNA/KTZH

Ayeyawady Foundation launches emergency field hospitals in Mandalay



This image showcases the expanded field medical facility, designed to offer enhanced care for earthquake survivors. PHOTO: KO MOE

AYEYAWADY Foundation, in coordination with the Ministry of Health, has opened two temporary hospitals in Mandalay to assist those affected

by the recent earthquake.

A 50-bed facility, including 12 HDU beds was launched at Mandalay General Hospital on 6 April. A

larger 150-bed hospital with 6 HDU beds was also opened at Kandawnadi General Hospital on 8 April.

Both hospitals are equipped with patient beds, HDU units, air-conditioning systems, medical equipment, fire extinguishers, mobile toilets and rest areas for healthcare workers. Medical teams are actively providing treatment.

To expand support, the foundation also plans to construct two additional 100-bed hospitals — each in Mandalay and Sagaing — bringing the total number of temporary hospital beds to 400. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Mandalay quake sparks 104 aftershocks, shaking region

The frequency and intensity of the aftershocks showed a steady decline, progressively diminishing with each passing day.

AFTER the strong earthquake on 28 March, there were 104 aftershocks by the evening of 8 April. The number of aftershocks decreased each day, and their strength also noticeably weakened, as stated by the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

Strong earthquakes can cause aftershocks, and aftershocks will likely continue after the main earthquake. In 2012, a strong earthquake also caused about 100 aftershocks. The shifting of the earth takes time to settle back into its normal state, which is why aftershocks can happen.

After the strong earthquake in Mandalay on 28

March, there were 104 aftershocks until the evening of 8 April. The number of aftershocks decreased each day and their strength noticeably weakened. The strongest aftershock on 8 April was a 3.9 magnitude at 5 pm.

Earthquakes are natural disasters that cannot be predicted in terms of location, strength or time. They can happen at any time, in any season. Therefore, as the Meteorology and Hydrology Department has advised, it is important to be prepared and plan for how to respond to earthquakes instead of being fearful. — MNA/KZL

The people are urged to receive vaccination of COVID-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of COVID-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increase of death rate due to the disease.

Plan for rehabilitation procedures in earthquake-affected areas

FOLLOWING the recent severe earthquake, many residents and staff have been temporarily displaced from their homes and buildings. The relevant ministry has ordered the distribution of temporary shelters to provide immediate relief. The construction of temporary hygienic toilets is necessary to maintain public health and cleanliness. To ensure access to clean drinking water, the government is distributing purified water and seeking assistance from international sources to obtain water purification equipment.

As people endure significant loss and damage, it is crucial to provide psychological support and emotional relief to those affected. Myanmar is prone to various natural disasters, with earthquakes being a recurring hazard. Over the past century, the country has experienced 18 major earthquakes with magnitudes of 6 or higher on the Richter scale. The most powerful was the 1912 PyinOoLwin earthquake, which registered a magnitude of 8. The recent 7.7-magnitude earthquake is now recorded as the second strongest in Myanmar’s history.

The earthquake that struck Sagaing on 28 March caused severe damage and loss of life. If it had occurred at night, when most people were asleep, the casualties could have been significantly higher.

Effective and transparent management of aid distribution is vital to ensure that all intended recipients receive the support they need. In line with the Head of State’s directives, it is essential to prioritize the rapid delivery of aid, swift debris removal, timely repair of damaged buildings, and the ongoing implementation of rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in an efficient and coordinated manner.

Despite the devastation, the timing mitigated an even greater tragedy. By 5 April, the reported toll had reached over 8,600 people affected: 3,455 dead, 4,840 injured, and 214 missing.

The destruction of infrastructure is extensive. A total of 5,223 buildings, 1,824 schools, and 2,752 monasteries and nunneries were destroyed. Furthermore, 4,817 pagodas and 167 hospitals and clinics were damaged. Transportation networks, including railways and roads connecting Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, and Mandalay, also sustained damage, along with multiple train stations. In total, 169 bridges, 198 dams and irrigation facilities, and 184 sections of expressways were affected.

Beyond the physical loss of homes and property, survivors are grappling with the emotional trauma of losing loved ones – parents, children, family members, and relatives. Comprehensive support is essential to help them recover and rebuild their lives. In the process of providing and donating supplies, carrying out activities according to one’s own plan without informing the relevant regional government organizations may lead to undesirable administrative issues. Therefore, it is necessary to act according to the designated procedures.

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Don’t Let Them Interfere

By Kyaw Myint Tun (Paris)

THERE will be elections in Myanmar later this year or early next year. Myanmar should carry out the elections in accordance with Myanmar values. Not imposed upon from the usual corners of the world who have been preaching the meaning of elections and democracy strictly based on their views, and imposing their values upon countries in the global South! In the case of Myanmar, it is a staunchly Buddhist country. They don’t understand Myanmar’s values and traditions.

There is a fierce debate going on in the West about the meaning of democracy. Democracy as long as there is no debate about the rules of the global order set by the globalist elitists, who have had unfettered monopolies in the past 80 years. 80 years, they have had a ride without any question to their views.

The meaning of democracy?

Just look at France! Shall we ask the courageous Prime Minister of Hungary? How about the courageous leader of Slovakia? Let’s look at what’s going on in Romania. The list just goes on and on!

At the top of the list of globalist elitists are those self-absorbed people (SAPs) from the ivory towers in Geneva and New York!

One of the main pillars of their creation was peace. Where have they brokered peace in the recent memory? Point one! There is none! They have no success record to show for years/decades in terms of brokering peace and thus, there is desperation. The dream of the Nobel Peace Prize fading away fast! When one is desperate, there is a tendency to act irrationally. Case in point their mighty leader from New York visited the camps in Cox’s Bizarre recently. The crisis erupted in 2017, his first year. All these years, there was



no visit to Cox’s Bizarre. Now that nearing the end of the term, dropped in Cox’s Bizarre for a photo op. Compassion? Please!

Myanmar suffered from one of the worst earthquakes in more than 100 years. It’s true all’s not well with Myanmar. But,

in his remarks supposedly about the earthquake, which lasted three minutes (taking no questions from the reporters), the high and mighty big Boss in New York couldn’t help but veer into politics. The remarks were not one of empathy. It was a political

statement! The announcement was made that the Humanitarian Chief would be despatched. Fair enough! It was also announced that a Special Envoy would be despatched too! For what? What is the person going to do? Again, they can’t help but mix politics in

every given opportunity. About those so-called Envoys, what have each and every one of them achieved in the last more than 20 years? These appointments have been made to park some “has beens”, to send those who are no longer wanted in New York into “exile”, a payback for someone who has done a favour, DEI, and so on. Not one single appointment is in the best interest of Myanmar people.

These people, together with usual globalist elitists are oblivious to the reality of today. Global order as it existed is not changing. It has changed drastically! But these SOPs remain in denial. They should look at the newsstands. A current issue of a leading magazine said, in relation to the US politics, “Congress’s Age of Irrelevance”. Another leading magazine said “Curtains for Europe”. These are far-left liberal magazines!! Another leading conservative newspaper ran an article with the headline “Global Economic Order Gets Reshuffled”.

Speaking of the Big Uncle, how about the “the Court”? The internal panel has claimed the self-righteous “prosecutor” tried to retaliate in connection with the sexual misconduct. Note,

that this is an “internal” investigation. There was no courage to bring in totally independent external investigators. Even then, the misconduct must be of such a scale that even the internal investigation could not shove it under the rug. This is the guy who is handing out arrest warrants left and right to the world leaders who actually matter to the fate of world peace. Anyone with the slightest of shame would have stepped aside. But not this one. No dignity! No shame! The big boss in New York has said nothing! The courageous leader of Hungary said the country would be leaving the Treaty.

They have been in Sudan for decades. Just look at what’s going on in Sudan. South Sudan was their latest “baby”. Just look at what’s going on in South Sudan. They can’t solve anything. Not especially when the “Uncles” are involved. Look at Ukraine. Look at the Middle East! Not a single thing they can do. Enter Myanmar, their usual bully target!

As for the Human Wrongs people in the ivory towers in Geneva, they live on their own planet far away from reality! The team on the ground in Myanmar,

those who witnessed the tragedy caused by the natural disaster firsthand, said they have seen no blockage of aid to the quake victims. But the Human Wrongs, far away living in luxury and out of touch couldn’t help to put out a statement that Myanmar’s military is choking aid. It’s all about their own interest. There is a glaring example of what’s wrong with the whole system. Let’s ask the big powers like the United States, Russia and China for their views on these Human Wrongs people. The fate of the world will not depend on these Human Wrongs!!!! Like the ceiling. The whole place is dripping with rot!

For the coming elections in Myanmar, don’t let any of those SOPs and countries claiming transparency, democracy and what’s fair and not fair elections come anywhere nearby. They’ll just come with ulterior motives preaching inclusive this, inclusive that. Keep them out and keep them far away. Do what’s best for Myanmar internally and with the help of friendly countries.

The views expressed in this article are those of the author.

United by Loss, Bound by Hope

By Laura Htet (UDE)

THE earth has stopped shaking in Myanmar, but the effects of the massive earthquake linger like a heavy cloud. Homes are gone, families are torn apart, and every single person feels the weight of it – some with bruises and cuts, others with aching hearts. People are tired, physically and emotionally, barely hanging on. Yet, we can’t give up now. The survivors need us to keep going, to look ahead, and to get ready for what’s coming. If we just react without planning, our efforts will be messy and weak – like trying to scoop water with a leaky bucket. Right now, we need to focus on the health problems that might hit us next and figure out how to face them together.

Imagine the aftermath: rubble everywhere, people hurt and waiting for help. Some have broken bones or deep cuts. Others were trapped under debris, their bodies crushed, or they’d hit their heads hard enough to feel dizzy and lost. Spinal injuries steal the ability to move, while burns or electric

shocks leave painful marks. These injuries can be serious – sometimes even deadly – and they’re often the first big danger after an earthquake. At first, the shock might hide the pain, but now it’s impossible to ignore. Then there’s the water and food – or the lack of it. With no clean water and trash piling up, sickness starts to spread. Diarrhoea creeps in fast when people drink or eat something bad. Crowded camps mean coughs and colds pass around easily. Dirty surroundings turn small cuts into nasty infections, and skin problems pop up without proper washing. Worse still, rats, mosquitoes, and flies show up in swarms, bringing diseases like dengue, malaria, or even something as scary as elephantiasis.

The weather doesn’t help, either. In central Myanmar, the sun blazes down, especially on those with no roof over their heads. It’s so hot that people faint from heatstroke, their muscles cramp, or they just feel too weak to move. Food goes bad quickly in the heat, and pests

love that – spreading more trouble. The longer it stays this hot, the harder it gets to cope. But the deepest scars might not show on the outside. Losing loved ones and watching everything crumble leaves people shaken in a way that’s hard to describe. Aftershocks keep the fear alive, and some feel sad, empty, or confused. Others can’t sleep, startled awake by bad dreams or memories of the ground splitting open. Over time, this could turn into something bigger – like post-traumatic stress – where worry or numbness takes over. Grief sits heavy, and it might stay for months.

So, what can we do? Right after the quake, the focus is on saving people. Rescue teams need to rush in, pulling survivors from the wreckage and treating their wounds. We should set up temporary clinics and send out mobile medical groups with bandages, medicines, and whatever else they need. Skilled helpers might be few, so why not teach regular folks some basics – like how to stop bleeding or support a broken

arm? It’s simple stuff that could save lives. More treatment spots would help, too, all stocked and ready. But it can’t be chaos. We need a clear plan to share supplies and donations fairly, so no one’s left out. This isn’t something one person can fix alone – it takes everyone working together, following a system that makes sense and keeps us connected.

Food and cleanliness matter just as much. Bad water and rotting food make people sick, and trash everywhere only adds to the problem. We need clean water – maybe with purifiers or bottles – and safe food to eat. Everyone should help keep things tidy, tossing garbage where it belongs so it can be cleared away. That one step could stop a lot of stomach bugs. Little things like soap, hand sanitizer, mosquito nets, and salts to mix with water can go a long way. If bugs or rats get out of hand, we’ll need to fight back – spraying them away and cleaning up the mess. It’s not fancy, but it keeps us healthier.

The heat is another battle. People

can’t survive under that sun without shade. Shelters have to go up – not just for a day or two, but until homes are rebuilt. Fans, even handheld ones, or cool clothes can ease the heat, along with plenty of water and salt to keep people going. Random donations won’t fix this – we need groups to team up and make a real plan. Without that, the heat will wear everyone down, bit by bit.

Then there’s the emotional side. A kind word or a helping hand can lift someone’s spirits when they’re drowning in sadness. But we need more than quick comfort. Healing those hidden hurts takes time. Hotlines where people can talk, one-on-one chats with counsellors, or even group sessions could make a difference. Gathering for prayers or small acts of kindness can remind everyone they’re not alone. The survivors have lost so much – homes, loved ones – but we can surround them with care and support. It’s about holding each other up, even when everything else has fallen.



Chinese and Russian rescuers in collaboration with Myanmar counterparts making relief efforts.

As I think about all this, I see Myanmar not just as a place of ruin, but as a land of stubborn hope. The earthquake knocked us down, no question about it. But falling isn’t the end – it’s where we start climbing. Every bandage we tie, every sip of clean water we share, every shoulder we offer to lean on builds something stronger than what we lost. These health challenges are tough, but

they’re not unbeatable. Together, we’re stitching a new story – not of a country crushed, but of people who refused to stay broken. It’s messy, it’s hard, but it’s ours. And in the end, that’s what matters: not the cracks beneath our feet, but the hands reaching out to pull us through. That’s Myanmar – shaken, yes, but standing tall again, step by step, heart by heart.

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Quake rescue and relief efforts persist

AS of 8 April, six regions and states in Myanmar that were severely affected by the powerful earthquake on 28 March have reported a total of 3,591 deaths, 4,814 injuries, and 148 people still missing.

Myanmar's Fire Brigade alongside both domestic and international rescue teams have been conducting urgent search and rescue operations in affected areas. These efforts led to the rescue of 653 survivors and the recovery of 712 deceased individuals trapped under collapsed buildings.

Generous donors from home and abroad continue to provide financial and material support to those affected. Between the afternoon of 7 April and 8 April,

five aircraft from Belarus, China, Vietnam, Singapore, and Laos arrived at Yangon International Airport and Nay Pyi Taw International Airport, carrying 60.46 tonnes of relief supplies.

Efforts are underway to ensure these donated relief items reach the hands of affected people as quickly and efficiently as possible. — MNA/MKKS



A handover event of rescue and relief supplies at the airport.

Special Thingyan Trains: Yangon - Mawlamyine - Yangon

TO facilitate the travel of departmental employees, families, tourists, and the public, the Mawlamyine Railway Station has announced that Yangon-Mawlamyine special trains will be operated on 11, 12, 20 and 21 April.

On 11 and 20 April, the AAR down-train will leave Mawlamyine at 9:10 am with eight ordinary and four upper coaches and the air-bag up-train will leave Yangon at 9:15 am with 10 ordinary and four upper coaches.

On 12 and 21 April, the air-bag down-train will leave Mawlamyine at 9:10 am with 10 ordinary and four upper coaches and the AAR up-train will leave

Yangon at 9:15 am with eight ordinary and four upper coaches.

The No 82 AAR down-train, which runs daily from Mawlamyine, will operate as usual. Down-train tickets will be sold at the Mawlamyine Station from 7 to 3 pm daily, with the upper class for three days in advance and the ordinary class for one day in advance.

The special down-train will stop at Mottama, Paung, Zinkyaik, Yinnye, Thaton, Theinseik, Hninpale, Taungzun, Mayangon, Kyaikto, Kyaikkatha, Moppalin, Theinzayet, Waw, Bago, and Todegaungkalay stations, it said. — MT/ZN



One of the special Yangon-Mawlamyine up-trains and down-trains.

Vietnam sends lifesaving aid to Myanmar's earthquake survivors



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein accepts the rescue and relief aid from Vietnam at the airport.

THE government of Myanmar has quickly assessed the damage in earthquake-affected areas and is carrying out timely rescue operations. Besides, humanitarian aid from overseas

The shipment, weighing 22,139 kilogramme, includes tarpaulins, food and medical supplies. Upon arrival, the materials were received by officials from the Yangon Region government, including Chief Minister U Soe Thein and other regional government ministers, along with representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

Lt-Gen Nguyen Tuan Ang, Director-General of the Department of Fire Fighting and Rescuing, was also present to hand over the aid materials. The Yangon Region Chief Minister officially received the aid on behalf of the government. — MNA/KZL

Australia delivers aid to quake victims

THE government of Myanmar has swiftly conducted damage assessments in earthquake-affected areas and is carrying out timely rescue operations. Meanwhile, humanitarian aid from overseas is being received for the people affected by the earthquake. The aid materials, donated by the Australian government arrived yesterday morning at Yangon International Airport.

The shipment, weighing 37,415 kilogramme, includes solar-powered lights, household items and medical supplies. Upon arrival at the airport, the materials were received by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and representatives from the Australian Embassy in Myanmar, including Chargé d'Affaires Ms Angela Jane Corcoran and Deputy Country Director of the WFP in Yangon Ms Sheela Matthew.



Relief aid from Australia being discharged upon their arrival at the airport.

The aid materials were then loaded onto vehicles by Tatmadaw men, staff from the Yangon City Development Committee and domestic cargo workers for transportation to WFP storage facilities in the BOC compound in Hlinethaya Township. — MNA/KZL

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This photo showcases donors along with donated items from the Tachua Chinese Temple in Tachilek.

Tachilek’s Tachua Chinese Temple provides nearly K400M in earthquake aid

THE Tachua Chinese Temple in Tachilek, Shan State (East), and generous donors donated food, medicine, and supplies to those affected by the Mandalay earthquake for the second time on 7 April, with the total donation amount reaching approximately

K400 million. The donated items, including relief supplies, bags for dead bodies, dry food packages, cooking oil, instant noodles, bottled water, health aids, saline solutions, and clothing, will be donated to the earthquake-affected

people through the Trustees of the Mandalay Chinese Yunnan Temple. The Tachua Chinese Temple made its first donation to the earthquake-hit areas of Mandalay Region on the afternoon of 1 April. — ASH/TH

Myanmar Theatrical Association donates K10M, rice to Mingun Monastery

MYANMAR Theatrical Association (Central) donated K10 million and 20 rice sacks to the Tipitaka Monastery in Mingun (Moemeik Hill Area), Sagaing Region on 7 April, according to Central Executive Daw Padamya Kay Khaing of the Association.

Alongside the cash and rice donation, the association also offered 100 cartons of Royal D electrolyte beverage, 100 cartons of purified water bottles and 30 sets of royal monk robes to the Tipitaka Monastery, which had been damaged in recent disasters. The donations were made in the presence of Sayadaw Bhaddanta Wunsalankara, with reverence for his blessings.

“We visited the Tipitaka Monastery in Mingun, which had been devastated and respectfully received metta from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Wunsalankara. During the visit, we donated 100 cartons of Royal D electrolyte beverage, 100 cartons of purified water bottles and 30 sets of royal monk robes,” Daw Padamya Kay Khaing said.

She also mentioned that



Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central) Chairman Mintha Phoe Chit leading donation activities.

the association carried out donations in honour of those who lost their lives in Mandalay’s Seinpan ward during the earthquake. They offered requisites to monks and shared merits, while also providing meals for over 1,200 earthquake-affected people in Seinpan ward.

Besides, she explained, “At the rescue camp opened in Mandalay, members of the theatrical community are daily offering breakfast and dinner to more than 1,000 quake victims. There’s no limit to the number

of days or the donation amount. The generosity of donors and the goodwill of the theatrical families will continue until full recovery and rehabilitation efforts are complete.”

Currently, the association is operating a rescue shelter at Basic Education Middle School 33, Padamya Ward, Seinpan Thannauk, Mandalay. For the well-being of displaced people residing there, Wiriya Mintha Winnaung has built a large, weatherproof theatre hall as a meritorious act. — ASH/KZL

Blood, funds sought for Mandalay quake relief

ACCORDING to Pacific AA Foundation and Roche Myanmar, a total of 192 donors, including members of Pacific AA Foundation, Roche Myanmar, and other contributors, donated blood at the National Blood Bank to support those affected by the recent major earthquake in Mandalay. Monetary donations were also made on this occasion.

It was also reported that Mr Daniel Derzic, Head of Mission for Switzerland in Myanmar, and staff from the Swiss Embassy personally participated in the blood donation drive.

During the event, Mr Daniel Derzic gave brief remarks about the significance of blood

donation. Professor Dr Thida Aung spoke about the establishment of the blood bank and expressed thanks to all donors. Ms Christina Yong from Roche Myanmar also delivered words of appreciation.

Additionally, Chairman U Zaw Moe Khaing of the Pacific AA Foundation and Vice-Chair Dr Saw Nay Nwe donated K5 million to the National Blood Bank. The donation was formally presented to Professor Dr L Htoo Pe.

All participating staff and donors received Feropac iron supplements (192 bottles), as well as breakfast and lunch. — ASH/MKKS



Scenes from the blood donation event held by the Pacific AA Foundation and Roche Myanmar at the National Blood Centre.

MWEA donates earthquake relief supplies in Mandalay

THE Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association (MWEA) Central and MWEA Mandalay jointly contributed cash and earthquake relief supplies to its members and residents in Mandalay.

MWEA Central and MWEA Mandalay donated K600,000 each to 28 members whose houses, shops and workshops were destroyed by the earthquake, totalling K16.8 million. Moreover, MWEA support-

ed K2 million to Orthopedic Hospital Mandalay, K300,000 to Arhawkayama Monastery, K2.7 million for medicine supplies to Byamaso Philanthropic Organization, K300,000 and plastic mat to Myawady Nunnery, K1.5

million worth food supplies to 300 earthquake victims and monks at a monastery near Taguntine Roundabout and 54 plastic mats and 10 solar light lamps to civil servants of the government housing of the

Ministry of Industry. The MWEA’s donations are planned to further reach those affected by the earthquake in Mandalay and Amara cities. — ASH/KK

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BUSINESS



This image highlights the stock shares-indexing panel at the Yangon Bourse, capturing key market data.

YSX March turnover reaches K247M

THE grand trading value of the eight listed companies on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) totalled over K247 million from 80,111 shares traded in March, according to its monthly report.

At present, shares of eight listed companies – First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), TMH Telecom Public Co Ltd (TMH), the Ever Flow River Group Public Co

Ltd (EFR), Amata Holding Public Co Ltd. (AMATA) and Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Co Ltd (MAEX) are traded in the security market.

MTSH topped the trading with 30,798 shares worth K94 million, followed by 7,679 shares of FMI worth over K54.9 million, 18,790 shares of FPB worth over K33.595 million, 6,936 shares of MAEX worth \$22.246 million, 10,086 shares of EFR worth K15.8 million, 1,658 shares of MCB worth over K12.8 million, 1,807 shares of

AMATA worth over K7 million and 2,357 shares of TMH worth over K6.75 million respectively last month.

The stock trading amounted to K513.6 million with 165,452 shares in January 2025 and K473.29 million with 156,222 shares in February, according to the monthly report released by the exchange.

The trading value in March 2025 was down by over K225 million with a decrease of 76,111 shares traded compared to those of February. — NN/KK

CBM to inject US\$30M into fuel oil industry

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 7 April that it would pump US\$30 million into the fuel oil industry and afterwards, it sold \$40 million and over six million baht on that day.

CBM injected 500,000 yuan on 4 April and over 2.35 million baht on 3 April into the market.

CBM also announced on 31 March that it would pump \$40 million into the fuel oil industry after sales of 3.22 million baht on that day.

CBM injected over \$88 million, 7.5 million yuan and 161 million baht in February and over \$124 million, over

13.8 million baht and over 4.8 million yuan in January. CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and the currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK



Vehicles being refuelled at a petrol station in downtown Yangon are captured in this image.

Fertilizer prices hold steady through Apr Q1

MYANMAR Fertilizer, Seed and Pesticide Entrepreneurs Association (MFSPEA) announced that fertilizer reference prices stayed the same in April like last month's rates.

They are set at K95,000 per 50-kilo bag of Urea fertilizer (large granular), K124,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Rock Phosphate and K135,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Di Ammonium Phosphate.

The prices may vary a bit depending on transportation charges in other regions and states as the aforementioned prices are set for Yangon Region, MFSPEA stated.

Additionally, reference prices will be further announced as per rules and regulations. For overcharging, consumers

can complain to the committee through contact numbers (067 410032, 09 988539360). MFSPEA has already asked the member companies to stick to the reference prices.

At present, the Fertilizer Committee holds a quarterly meeting to ensure quality fertilizer for growers without facing shortages. Under the approval of the Fertilizer Technology Group, 12,279 fertilizer registrations have been granted after the 43rd meeting of the Fertilizer Committee. With individuals' consent, 2,088 registrations were voluntarily cancelled. The department revoked 2,867 registrations for expiration of validity and 7,342 registrations are still under processing. — NN/KK

MPA: 62 container vessels scheduled to call in Yangon Port in Apr

A total of 62 container vessels are slated to arrive in the Yangon Port in April 2025, the Myanma Port Authority announced.

Twelve container vessels are operated by SITC Shipping Line, eight by Cosco Shipping Line, seven by Maersk A/S Line, five by MSC Line, four each by BLPL Shipping Line, Samudera Shipping Line, CMA CGM Line and Ti2 Container Line, three each by Ocean Salute Shipping Line, PIL Line and RCL Line, two each by Evergreen and ONE Line, and one by Land and Sea are scheduled to enter the Yangon Port next month.

Myanma Port Authority has arranged maritime trade channels to handle increasing imports to meet domestic demand, bol-

ster exports, and improve port capacity for significant arrivals in ships. Myanma Port Authority notified that it will inform exporters and importers of ship arrival schedules promptly upon extended schedule. A total of 62 container vessels in January 2025, 53 in February and 58 in March arrived at Yangon Port.

Yangon Port handled 633 container vessels in 2024 and 629 in 2023. Thanks to the draft extension, the international ocean liners can access the inner port for now, according to the Myanma Port Authority's statement on 22 June 2022.

After the new navigation channel (Kings Bank Channel) accessing the inner Yangon River had been found, the draft extension work was accelerated. Af-

ter that, the port can now handle larger ships. The container vessel MV SITC Zhaoming (185.99 metres LOA, 35.25 metres Beam, 29,232 GRT and 2,698 TEUs) of Hong Kong-based SITC Shipping Line docked at Asia World Port Terminal for the first time on 22 June, which is the largest ship that AWPT Port handled.

From May 2021, the arrival of the ships at terminals in Yangon has increased again. Three new container vessels by Maersk Line Myanmar (SeaLand Maersk) started to run to fulfil the seaborne trade requirements in 2021. Earlier, the larger ships had draft problems preventing sailing on the Yangon River. With the draft being extended up to 10 meters, the larger ocean liners can enter the Thilawa Port. — NN/KK

NATIONAL

Restoration efforts underway in quake-hit regions:
Telecoms and postal services resume across nation

DUE to the powerful earthquake, communication was disrupted at 6,730 mobile communication base stations out of more than 26,000 stations across 11 regions and states, including Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Mandalay Region, and Sagaing Region. Thanks to the concerted efforts of telecom operators, approximately 6,000 base stations had been restored by 7 April. As of now, mobile communication has resumed at 96 per cent of base stations in Nay Pyi Taw, over 88 per cent in Mandalay Region, and 91 per cent in Sagaing Region.

In order to ensure that people in the earthquake-affected areas have access to internet services, the Myanmar Internet Exchange Association has opened two Wi-Fi centres under the Mudra Project – one at Mingalar Yankin Public Housing and the other at the old airport in Chanmyathazi, both in Man-



Post and telecoms staff hard at work repairing systems to restore regular connectivity.

dalay Region. Internet Service Providers (ISPs) are currently providing the necessary support to ensure internet connectivity at these centres. Additionally, My Mandalay Company Limited is arranging free Wi-Fi services in Mahaaungmyay Township in Mandalay Region and Sagaing in Sagaing Region. Myanmar Post and Telecommu-

nications (MPT) reported that 95 auto-exchange units were damaged by the earthquake. As of 8 April 2025, 63 units have been repaired, while efforts are ongoing to urgently restore the remaining 32 units. Furthermore, repair work is being carried out to restore normal operations of telecom infrastructure in affected areas, including clearing damaged telephone poles and cables and servicing mobile station machinery and towers. Myanmar Post is making efforts to maintain regular operations of its services. A temporary counter has been opened at the Central Post Office in Nay Pyi Taw to receive and distribute parcels. In Mandalay, postal services are being provided smoothly via a branch counter of the General Post Office in Mandalay, handling express mail, international mail, money transfers, and other services. — MNA/MKKS

Bangladesh rushes relief, rescuers to quake-affected neighbours

IN solidarity with the people of Myanmar, Bangladesh has swiftly responded to the earthquake-affected people of Myanmar. Two consignments of relief materials containing a total of 31.5 metric tonnes of relief materials including tents, food packets, medicines, and other essential supplies have been handed over to Myanmar already. On 30 March 2025, two Bangladesh Air Force/Army aircraft (C-130 and CASA) carrying the first consignment of the relief items landed at Yangon International Airport and on 1 April 2025, similar 03 aircraft carrying the second consignment of relief materials landed at the Nay Pyi Taw International Airport. Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar Dr M Monwar Hossain handed over the relief materials to Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein in Yangon and to Ambassador at Large of Myanmar Foreign Ministry U Kyaw Tun at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport. It may be mentioned that a Bangladesh Navy Ship, carrying more than



The Bangladesh Engineer and Fire Service Team working alongside local teams to recover bodies from the rubble in Nay Pyi Taw.

111 metric tonnes of emergency relief items is set to arrive at Yangon on 11 April 2025.

Apart from the emergency humanitarian assistance, Bangladesh also sent a 55-member strong rescue and medical team to extend humanitarian assistance to the earthquake-impacted people of Myanmar. The 24-member Bangladesh Medical team on 2nd April established the Outpatient department, Medical Store, Pharmacy, and Minor Operation Theatre in Zabuthiri Hospital. This Hospital was badly damaged by the earthquake and was almost non-functional. With the Zabuthiri Hospital as the base hospital for the Bangladesh Medical Team, they also started their activities in the 1,000-bedded General Hospital and 100-bedded Lewe Hospital, Nay Pyi Taw.

The Bangladesh Engineer and Fire Service Team, side by side the medical team, and in coordination with the Myanmar Fire Services has rescued bodies from the destroyed building in Nay Pyi Taw. On 4 April the same team assessed the damaged Central Fire Service Station of Nay Pyi Taw and submitted a comprehensive written plan to the Myanmar Fire Service team and agreed to proceed with the work. Bangladesh

Rescue Team is now rescuing important documents and items from a few damaged buildings of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar. Patients, family members of the injured and deceased people, other local people, government officials and members of the Myanmar Cabinet expressed their deep gratitude for the important role played by the Bangladesh Medical & Rescue Team and Bangladesh as a whole. The Bangladesh team continues to put their highest efforts into supporting the affected people of Myanmar.

In addition to the Bangladesh Government's humanitarian assistance, Bangladesh Community members in Myanmar handed over relief items including water, dry food, sanitary and a few other emergency items to more than 500 earthquake-affected families of Boneoe village, Mandalay. The assistance items were handed over directly to the affected people by an 11-member Bangladeshi Community Team. — GNLm

Nikkei ends with 4th-biggest point gain on hope for US tariff talks

THE Nikkei stock index snapped a three-day losing streak on Tuesday with its fourth-largest point gain in history, soaring six per cent, amid hopes for progress in talks between Japan and the United States over US tariffs.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average ended up 1,876.00 points, or 6.03 per cent, from Monday at 33,012.58. The broader Topix index finished 143.36 points, or 6.26 per cent, higher at 2,432.02.

All industry sectors advanced on the top-tier Prime Market, with gainers led by nonferrous met-



A financial data screen in Tokyo shows the Nikkei stock index closing at 33,012.58 on 8 April 2025, up 1,876.00 points from the previous day. PHOTO: KYODO

al, insurance, and bank issues.

The US dollar mostly hovered around the mid-147 yen zone in Tokyo, as traders lacked incentives

to further buy the US currency with no actual shift seen by the administration of President Donald Trump over its aggressive tariff policies, dealers

said.

At 5 pm, the dollar fetched 147.39-40 yen compared with 147.75-85 yen in New York and 145.79-80 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm Monday.

The euro was quoted at \$1.0923-0924 and 161.00-04 yen against \$1.0898-0908 and 161.14-24 yen in New York and \$1.1001-1003 and 160.39-43 yen in Tokyo late Monday afternoon.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year Japanese government bond ended at 1.255 per cent, up 0.145 percentage point from Monday's close, rebounding from a drop on

the back of debt-buying spurred by concerns over the Trump administration's trade policies. Bond yields move inversely to prices.

On the stock market, the benchmark Nikkei index rebounded from its third-largest point drop on record the previous day, as sentiment improved after Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba agreed with Trump during phone talks late Monday that the two countries will further hold talks on new tariffs targeting Japan. However, he failed to secure an exemption. — Kyodo

ADB approves US\$85.4 mln loan to boost industrial growth in India

THE Asian Development Bank (ADB) said on Tuesday it has approved an 85.4-million-US dollar loan to improve critical industrial infrastructure in Tripura, a state in northeastern India, to boost competitiveness in the manufacturing sector.

"The lack of quality infrastructure significantly constrains Tripura's ability to attract private investment into manufacturing and accelerate industrialization," said ADB Senior Public Sector Economist Sameer Khatiwada. — Xinhua

Fujifilm "instax" camera series unit sales top 100 million worldwide



Supplied photo shows Fujifilm Corp's first-generation "instax" instant camera model released in 1998. PHOTO: KYODO

UNIT sales of Fujifilm Corp's "instax" instant camera series have exceeded 100 million, the

company said Tuesday, with the brand's roughly 30-year run continuing to draw interest both in Japan and abroad as new models go into production.

The first-generation instax camera debuted in 1998, becoming especially popular among young people. Even as digital and later smartphone photography became the norm, the series has endured thanks to its instant film printing function -- a nostalgic element.

For the year through

March 2024, sales reached a record of around 150 billion yen (\$1 billion). Sold in more than 100 countries and regions, over 90 per cent of total revenue was driven by overseas markets, the firm said.

Fujifilm is also expanding its product lineup with palm-sized models that are easy to carry, along with devices that print smartphone photos onto instax film. In Japan, instax is used at a variety of events, such as trips and parties including weddings. — Kyodo

Indonesia's stock market suspended for 30 minutes after sharp opening drop

INDONESIA'S stock market temporarily halted trading for 30 minutes on Tuesday morning after the main index plunged 9.19 per cent at the opening, following a long holiday for the Eid al-Fitr festival.

Trading was suspended from 09:00 to 09:30 am local time in accordance with Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX) regulations to maintain fair, orderly,

and efficient trading. The halt was triggered automatically when the index fell more than eight per cent. At the resumption of trading at 09:30, the main index fell further by 619.30 points or 9.51 per cent to 5,891.32. Meanwhile, the rupiah weakened 0.14 per cent to 16,846 against the US dollar at the opening.

IDX President Director Iman Rachman

said the trading halt and market protections were implemented to provide investors with time to assess market conditions and ensure sufficient liquidity.

"These measures are taken to anticipate ongoing market dynamics and provide more protection and transparency for investors," Rachman said at a press conference. — Xinhua

S Korea's current account surplus grows in February

SOUTH Korea's current account surplus grew in February compared to January due to export rebound, central bank data showed Tuesday. Current account balance, the broadest measure of cross-border trade, recorded a surplus of

US\$7.18 billion in February, up from \$2.94 billion tallied in January, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK). The current account balance stayed in black for the 22nd straight month since May 2023. Trade surplus for goods expanded to \$8.18 billion in

February from \$2.50 billion in January on the back of export turnaround.

Export increased 3.6 per cent from a year earlier to \$53.79 billion in February after reducing 9.1 per cent in January, while import gained 1.3 per cent to \$45.61 billion. — Xinhua

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MSC SUPARNA F VOY.NO. (SB513A)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **9-4-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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Myanmar Fight New Generation
Lethwei event held in Yangon



Mike Khae (Eagle) and Daniel (USA) are seen competing in the bout.

THE Myanmar Fight New Generation traditional Lethwei competition, jointly organized by the Department of Sports and Physical Education, the Myanmar Traditional Lethwei Federation and the Myanmar Martial Art Group (MMAG) was held yesterday at the Thuwunna Lethwei Gymnasium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township,

Yangon. A total of 12 bouts took place across three rounds, with fighters such as Pho Khwar, Kaung Gyi, Yan Paing Soe, San Myat Oo, and Kyar Man Hein securing second-round victories, while Ye Min Aung, Sa Ai Lar, Min Khant, and Arno Lay won in the first round. Three matches: Lwan Daung

versus Yan Paing Aung, Myanmar’s Mike Khae (Eagle) versus Daniel from the USA and Shwe Lin Yone vs Saw Sae Kh ended in draws. The event was mainly supported by Myanma Economic Holdings Public Company Limited, with additional assistance from the Yangon Region government. — Arkar Linn/KZL



PHOTO: ONE CHAMPIONSHIP

Myanmar’s
Sonrak to fight
at ONE Friday
Fights 104

ONE Friday Fights 104 is set to take place on 11 April in Bangkok, Thailand, and Myanmar’s Sonrak will be competing. Sonrak will face Thai fighter Khunpon Noy in a six-round bout. With a record of six wins and four losses from ten fights, Sonrak comes into the match on a five-fight winning streak. His opponent, 32-year-old Khunponnoi has secured four wins and two losses in six ONE Championship appearances. Sonrak has proven his ability, bouncing back from early losses to win his last five consecutive fights under the ONE Championship banner. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Liverpool defender Van Dijk more
positive about Anfield stay



Liverpool’s Dutch defender (4) Virgil van Dijk steps off the bus as he arrives for the English Premier League football match between Fulham and Liverpool at Craven Cottage in London on 6 April 2025. **PHOTO: AFP** LIVERPOOL defender Virgil van Dijk says there has been progress in talks over extending his contract at the club. The 33-year-old Dutch international, who has made 313 first team appear-

ances since joining from Southampton in 2017, is out of contract at the end of the season and could leave on a free transfer at the end of June. In March, the defender said he had “no idea” if he would still be at Liverpool next season, but in his remarks made on Sunday after Liverpool’s 3-2 defeat to Fulham and published in the UK sports press on Monday, he seemed to be more optimistic about staying. “There is progress, yes,” said Van Dijk when asked about his future, adding, “I don’t know, we’ll see.” “These are internal discussions and we’ll see. I love the club, I love the fans and they were there for us again,” he commented. Trent Alexander Arnold and Mohamed Salah are other vital players who could leave Anfield at the end of June and while Liverpool is still hopeful of convincing the forward to stay, Alexander Arnold looks set to join Real Madrid. — Xinhua

One doubt and tired legs as Barca
prepare to face Dortmund in
Champions League



Barcelona’s German coach Hans-Dieter Flick gives a press conference on the eve of the UEFA Champions League quarterfinal first leg football match between Barcelona and Borussia Dortmund at the Joan Gamper training ground in Sant Joan Despi, near Barcelona, on 8 April 2025. **PHOTO: AFP** FC Barcelona hosts Borussia Dortmund in the first leg of their Champions League quarterfinal on Wednesday night with one major question to resolve. Barcelona coach Hansi Flick has tried

to rotate his side as much as possible since returning to action after the international break. But four games in 10 days looked to take its toll as Barca was held to a 1-1 draw at home to Betis on Saturday, despite Flick trying to refresh his side. With Dani Olmo still out with a muscle injury, Flick’s main dilemma is whether to play Gavi or Fermin Lopez in an attacking midfield role, with both players offering something similar to the team in terms of work-rate and goals. Whoever Flick chooses will start behind a front three of Robert Lewandowski (who has scored 27 goals in 27 games against his former club), Raphinha and Lamine Yamal. The teenager is so important to Barca that he is certain to start despite looking tired against Betis on Saturday, although Ferran Torres will get on as a replacement at some time in the game. — Xinhua

Nikkei ends with
4th-biggest point gain on
hope for US tariff talks
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Iran confirms “indirect talks” with US in Oman Saturday

IRAN'S Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi confirmed on Tuesday that he would engage in “indirect talks” with US Special Envoy to the Middle East Steve Witkoff in Oman on Saturday.

In a post on social media platform X early Tuesday, Araghchi said Iran and the United States would meet in Oman on Saturday for “indirect high-level talks.”

He added, “It is as much an opportunity as it is a test. The ball is in America's court.”

His remarks came hours after US President Donald Trump, during a meeting with visiting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House, claimed that direct talks with Iran were set to take place. “We're having direct talks with Iran,” Trump said. “It's getting to be very dangerous territory, and hopefully, those talks will be successful.”

He also disclosed that a “very big meeting” involving “very high-level” officials would be taking place this Saturday. The discrepancy over whether the talks are direct or indirect has persisted since early March, when Trump stated he had sent a letter to Iranian leaders — via the United Arab Emirates — proposing direct negotiations on Iran's nuclear programme. — Xinhua



(FILES) This aerial view shows the water-filled streets of the town of Tipuani after heavy rains in the north of La Paz on 12 March 2025. PHOTO: AFP

World's ‘exceptional’ heat streak lengthens into March

GLOBAL temperatures hovered at historic highs in March, Europe's climate monitor said on Tuesday, prolonging an unprecedented heat streak that has pushed the bounds of scientific explanation.

In Europe, it was the hottest March ever recorded by a significant margin, said the Copernicus Climate Change Service, driving rainfall extremes across a

continent warming faster than any other.

The world meanwhile saw the second-hottest March in the Copernicus dataset, sustaining a near-unbroken spell of record or near-record-breaking temperatures that has persisted since July 2023.

Since then, virtually every month has been at least 1.5 degrees Celsius hotter than it was before the industrial revolution, when humans began burning mas-

sive amounts of coal, oil and gas.

March was 1.6C above pre-industrial times, extending an anomaly so unusual that scientists are still trying to fully explain it.

“That we're still at 1.6C above pre-industrial is indeed remarkable,” said Friederike Otto of the Grantham Institute for Climate Change and the Environment at Imperial College London. — AFP

Trump says EU tariff proposal ‘very, very bad to us’



US President Donald Trump looks at attendees after delivering remarks on reciprocal tariffs during an event in the Rose Garden entitled “Make America Wealthy Again” at the White House in Washington, DC, on 2 April 2025. PHOTO: AFP

US President Donald Trump said Monday the European Union's proposal for an exemption from tariffs on industrial products, including cars, is not enough to account for the transatlantic trade deficit.

“The European Union has been very, very bad to us, they don't take our cars, like Japan in that sense, they don't take our agricultural product. They don't take anything practically,” Trump told reporters at the White House.

Last week, Trump announced a 20 per cent tariff on European goods, in his all-out protectionist offensive, which is set to take effect 9 April.

Trump's comments came in response to the proposal announced Monday by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, seeking a bilateral tariff exemption for cars and other industrial goods.

“We have proposed zero tariffs on industrial products... Europe is always ready to strike a good deal” with the United States, von der Leyen said during a press conference in Brussels.

But “we are also ready to respond with countermeasures and defend our interests” against Trump's trade offensive, she warned. In comments Monday, Trump added that the EU's trade

deficit would “disappear fast” if European countries moved to purchase American energy.

“They have to buy and commit to buy a like amount of energy (to this trade deficit),” Trump said.

Trump, who did not specify if such a purchase would mean the lifting of tariffs against the EU, said a deal would have to be worth \$350 billion to cancel out the United States' trade deficit with the EU.

But the US goods trade deficit with the EU was only \$235.6 billion in 2024, according to the US Trade Representative office. — AFP