



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing observes the affected areas in Inlay yesterday.

Government to deliver foodstuffs to earthquake victims for one month

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Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing made a tour of inspection in the Inlay region affected by the Mandalay earthquake and comforted residents. Accompanied by Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, council members,

Union ministers, the chief minister of Shan State, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Eastern Command and officials, the Senior General asked about damage to residential houses in Kayla Village-tract of Nyaungshwe Township yesterday and instructed officials to soonest repair the damaged houses and

rebuild necessary houses. The chief minister of Shan State and officials reported to the Senior General on the loss of lives in the incident of Mandalay earthquake in Nyaungshwe Township, loss and damage to pagodas and residential houses, and requirements of timber and corrugated iron sheets for house reconstruction. **SEE PAGE 4**

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General on his trip to the Inlay region

1. Everyone must work together in unity and harmony, without discrimination between the hills and the plains in carrying out the tasks of national reconstruction.
2. A station hospital will be built there to ensure a smooth process of healthcare services for the people.
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Police and Officials Urged to Prioritize Public Welfare and Safety Without Burdening Citizens

MEMBERS of the Myanmar Police Force and administrative officials must prioritize public welfare while ensuring the safety of the people without imposing burdens.

(Excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting hall of the Eastern Command Headquarters on 3 September 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, Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road, Yangon
 - (d) Central Store Depot (Mandalay), Disaster Management Department, 65th Street between 34th and 35th streets, Pyigy Myetshin Ward, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay

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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)

Bejewelled diamond orb, pennant-shaped vane and umbrella hoisted atop Shwephonepwint Pagoda in Taunggyi, Shan State (South)

A ceremony to hoist a bejewelled diamond orb, pennant-shaped vane and umbrella atop Shwephonepwint Pagoda took place in conjunction with the consecration ceremony in Taunggyi, Shan State (South), yesterday morning, attended by members of the Sangha led by State Ovadacariya Presiding Patron of Pahtama Mongthauk Buddhism Learning Centre of Nyaungshwe Township Abhidhaja Maharathaguru Abhidhaja Aggamaha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Sumangala Bhivamsa.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing paid homage to the Buddha image in Dhammayon of the pagoda and offered alms into the emerald alms bowl, fruits, flowers and water.

The Senior General and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla together with the congregation took the Nine Precepts from the Sayadaw.

The Senior General, his wife and families offered the bejewelled diamond orb and alms to the Sayadaw.

Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo and his wife, council members, the patron and chairman of the pagoda board of trustees, Union ministers and the Chief Minister of Shan State



Procession of the ornamented diamond orb, pennant-shaped vane, and umbrella tiers carried by palanquin, accompanied by SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and families, and the congregation.

offered pennant-shaped vane, jewellery ornaments, and religious objects as well as offertories to members of the Sangha.

They all listened to a sermon delivered by Chairman of Shan State Sangha Nayaka Committee of Taunggyi Presiding Patron of Theintaung Buddhism Learning Centre Aggamaha Pandita Aggamaha Ganthavacaka Pan-

dita Bhaddanta Tejavamta and shared merits gained.

The Senior General and his wife and families together with his entourage conveyed the bejewelled diamond orb, pennant-shaped vane, and tiers of the umbrella by a palanquin around the pagoda clockwise. The Senior General and his wife, and party, together with

attendees and ethnic people hoisted the bejewelled diamond orb, pennant-shaped vane and the umbrella atop the pagoda. The Senior General and party fixed them atop the pagoda and sprinkled scented water on these objects.

A gold plate weighing six ticals was fixed at the plantain bud of the pagoda and sprinkled

with scented water. Members of the Sangha consecrated the pagoda and the ceremony ended with a three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Ciram Titthatu.

After the ceremony, the Senior General, his wife and congregation offered day meals to members of the Sangha. — MNA/TTA

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In his instruction, the Senior General said that the Ministry of Construction and the Directorate of Military Engineers under the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) have to cooperate in the recruitment of skilled carpenters and labourers to renovate and rebuild the houses to be completed before raining season. He pledged to provide adequate timber, CI sheets and cement for the construction of buildings. A plan is underway to issue foodstuffs for earthquake-affected people for one month, and a station hospital will be built there to ensure a smooth process of healthcare services for the people.

The Senior General unveiled that the data collected this morning amounted to 3,675 dead, 5,020 injured and 141 missing. The government will provide K1 million each to dead persons and cash assistance for damaged houses.

He noted that it has already been instructed that buildings constructed from now on must be able to withstand at least a Richter scale magnitude of 8



The Senior General looks into the broken sections of the Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda.

to prevent such destruction from happening in the future.

He underscored that everyone must work together in unity and harmony, without discrimination between

the hills and the plains in carrying out the tasks of national reconstruction.

Regarding education, he stated that efforts are being made as quickly as possible to repair and reopen the

basic education schools that were damaged by the earthquake before the start of the new school term. It was also emphasized that collective efforts must be made to ensure all school-aged children have access to education.

The Senior General presented foodstuffs and cash assistance for quake victims through officials and gave cash awards to rescue teams.

The Senior General inspected the loss and damage to religious buildings at the Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda and instructed officials to provide necessary construction materials for maintenance of the main chamber of the pagoda. He stressed the need to build sheet piles at the landscape areas of the retaining wall caused by the earthquake.

During his trip, the Senior General offered gold foils to the pagoda and presented cash donations to the fund of the pagoda.

The Senior General also presented cash awards to members of the Myanmar Police Force and firefighters who participate in rescue and relief operations. — MNA/TTA

Global relief efforts swiftly reach earthquake victims

Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win received a delegation led by Ms Yasmine Praz Dessimoz, Director of Operations and Mr Regis Savioz, Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) at the SAC Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

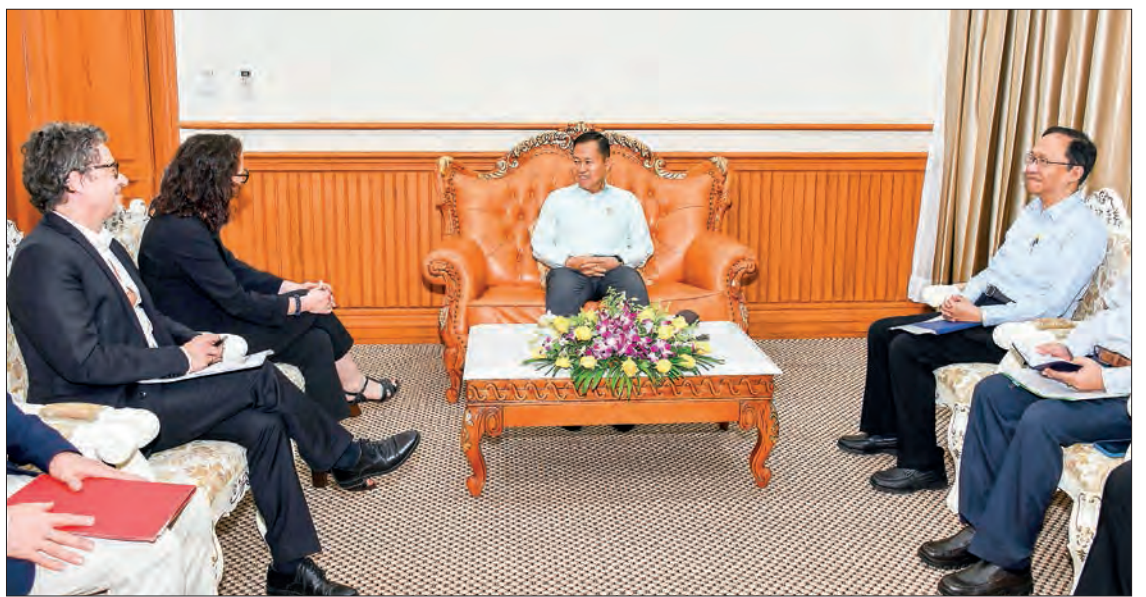
They discussed the distribution of relief supplies and aid provided by the international community to earthquake-affected people as quickly as possible.

Their discussions focused on the loss and damage to Myanmar in the earthquake, the sending of rescue teams by 32 countries to Myanmar and

the contribution of relief supplies, and the tireless efforts of Myanmar's rescue teams and volunteers in cooperation with emergency rescue teams of the international community in conducting search and rescue operations.

They exchanged views on further rescue and relief measures as well as the supply of aid by 32 countries including the AHA Centre in quake-affected areas, healthcare services provided by Myanmar's Ministry of Health, Myanmar Red Cross Society and ICRC in affected areas, and ongoing work process of ICRC in the earthquake-ravaged areas in Myanmar, and potentials for cooperation in rehabilitation measures.

Also, present at the meeting



The ICRC delegation pays a courtesy call on SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

were Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win, deputy min-

isters and officials. The ICRC delegation was accompanied by

the Resident Representative of ICRC and officials. — MNA/TTA

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Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn offers cash assistance to the IPRD staff.

Union Info Minister makes inspection tour in Nay Pyi Taw

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn inspected the construction of pavilions for ice-water Thingyan and food donation in Nay Pyi Taw Walking Thingyan area yesterday.

The Nay Pyi Taw Walking Thingyan of this year will be held to honour the traditional Myanmar Thingyan that was listed on UNESCO’s Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity and efforts for Myanmar Thanaka to be listed in the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Her-

itage of Humanity, and it will also feature different events such as applying Thanaka, washing heads and cutting nails of elderly people, free food donation including Myanmar snacks daily.

Two years ago, Nay Pyi Taw Walking Thingyan was held crowdedly, but due to the Mandalay earthquake hit on 28 March, there were losses in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Sagaing Region, Bago Region, Magway Region, Mandalay Region and Shan State. Therefore, this year Thingyan will be celebrated as a

peaceful Thingyan without any dances per the culture.

The Union minister then inspected the damage at the IPRD office in Lewe Township and made proper instructions. He also provided the staff with cash and foodstuff.

He also observed the construction of temporary shelters for the staff at Dekkhinathiri district (training school), access to electricity, water and toilets. He also provided the staff with cash and foodstuffs. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar delegates attend ASEAN-China Media and Think Tank Forum

THE ASEAN-China Media and Think Tank Forum was held at the InterContinental Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, yesterday.

At the forum, the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, the Minister of Communications of Malaysia, the Editor-in-Chief of Xinhua News Agency and the Deputy General Manager of China Communications Construction Company Limited delivered speeches.

The forum was organized with the theme ‘Strengthening ASEAN-China Cooperation’.

The forum was divided into three sessions with the titles: Promoting Civilizational Exchange, Setting an Example for the Global South, Boosting Maritime Silk Road Cooperation, Charting a New Course for Peaceful Development and Harnessing the AI Revolution, Seizing Unprecedented Opportunities.

On the occasion, 250 repre-

sentatives from over 160 media organizations, think tanks, government departments and enterprises across all ten ASEAN and China were in attendance. From Myanmar, totalling five people including U Thant Kyaw, MISIS Chairman and an MISIS Senior Researcher, U Khin Maung Zaw, Vice-Chairman of the Myanmar Press Council, Daw Thida Tin, Director-General of the Media Development Department and an official also attended the forum.

At the third plenary session, Myanmar delegate Daw Thida Tin discussed being aware of identity, civilization, and culture, to be of strength, mutual understanding and respect and resilience to challenges and destructive actions that may be faced by the Global South, to achieve peaceful development among nations via physical and social connectivity and to accelerate momentum on the “Mari-

time Silk Road” that can provide enhancement of economic and social cooperation in the region. Furthermore, she said Myanmar is strategically important for China’s regional and global development plan including Maritime Silk Road and is also crucial for connecting ASEAN countries with South Asia. Recently, a powerful earthquake that occurred in Myanmar can weaken the pace of Myanmar’s participation in regional development. Nevertheless, the Myanmar government, people and social organizations are working together to ensure the best possible recovery from the natural disaster with all available international assistance. She also added while grabbing the golden opportunities of such advanced technology, it is also needed to be cautious that it can bring negative impacts on every area if it is not effectively handled. — MNA

2,000 YBS buses ready to roll for Thingyan Festival

AROUND 2,000 YBS buses will run during Thingyan, according to the Yangon Region Transport Committee (YRTC).

To facilitate the transportation of passengers during the Myanmar New Year, the YRTC will operate 1,269, 1,192, 1,187, and 1,187 buses from 62 bus routes on 13, 14, 15, and 16 April respectively, said member 1 U Khin Maung Htwe at a press conference on 10 April.

“Normally, 131 bus lines run around 3,500 YBS buses daily. Some bus lines will be doing maintenance and drivers will be doing religious activities, so about half of all bus lines will be running 1,500-2,000 buses in Thingyan. They will serve workers in outskirts townships such as Taikkyi, Hmawby, Hlegu, Htantabin, Hlinethaya, Thanlyin, and Kyauktan,” he said.

YBS buses normally run until 8 pm, but during the Thingyan period, they are instructed to run regularly from 6 am to 6 pm depending on low passenger numbers and road conditions. Moreover, on the Myanmar New Year on 17 April, all 21 YBS companies will resume their services and except Thet Yin Aung Company’s No 63 line, all lines will arrange 10 vehicles each for free rides as a charity.

During the Thingyan Festival, drivers are instructed to drive in an orderly manner to avoid traffic accidents, and effective action will be taken against reckless driving, overcharging, and closing card readers. Commuters can report drivers who violate the rules with licence numbers and incidents to the YRTC’s Facebook page and Call Centre. — MT/ZN



The YRTC committee meeting is in progress on 10 April 2025.

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AW Foundation helps rescue operations in earthquake-hit areas with machinery.

AW Foundation delivers machinery and aid to earthquake survivors

AW Foundation donated K2 billion and supported rescue activities with over 100 machineries in earthquake-stricken Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay areas.

The foundation takes part in rescue activities with cash, workforce, machinery and technology regardless of religion, race and area. It joined hands with domestic and international rescue teams to clear rubble from the collapsed buildings of the Great Wall Hotel, Win Star Hotel and Tulip Hotel in Mandalay Region on

7 April.

It also provided 15 machineries and workforce to clear earthquake debris from Mandalay Palace moat and wall, U Hla Thein monastery and other damaged areas in collaboration with India's rescue team on 4 April.

AW Foundation was formed in 2014 to contribute towards education, health, disaster resettlement, emergency response, humanitarian aid and social work. — ASH/KK



This photo showcases some of the most damaged ancient cultural heritage sites in the Inwa Archaeological Zone.

Mandalay earthquake devastates 75% of Inwa Heritage Zone

THE Department of Archaeology and National Museum reported that the Mandalay earthquake damaged 75 per cent of the historical heritage structures within the Inwa Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone.

The earthquake caused the collapse of several pagodas, including double-structure pagodas at the following locations: Pagoda No 93 near Thawtapan Pagoda; Pagodas No 316 and 318 in the Daw Gyam Pagoda compound; Pagoda No 21 Kyeyni Mu Htaw; one near Ko San Ngwe farm, close to Mya Thein Tan Pagoda; two near U Tun Naing farm, behind Mingalar Ward; Shin Pin Khayaythi; Anauk Yeiktha compound; at

Paleik Phayasu Inyoung Pagoda compound, Kyaukse Township; Tawtwin, Kyaukse Township; and the Phayani temple, Mandalay. In total, 13 pagodas collapsed.

Additionally, the earthquake damaged four triple-structure cave pagodas, located one in Pinya, three in Myitnge, and one in Sato Myopyingyi.

While many pagodas, temples, and brick temples were previously documented in the Inwa Archaeological Zone, eyewitness accounts confirmed the absence of double-structure pagodas. These double-structure pagodas were only discovered following the Mandalay earthquake. — ASH/MKKS

Mandalay Region YMBA donates meals, water to volunteers

MANDALAY Region YMBA donated 1,000 meal boxes and 1,000 bottles of purified drinking water to Tatmadaw and civilian volunteers who made rescue efforts in earthquake-stricken areas of Mandalay Region. The donation was made on the morning of 10 April at designated locations across Mandalay.

They delivered 250 sets of meals and drinking water to Ward 4 in Myothit, 90 meals to the senior monks of the historically significant Dhekkhinayama Pagoda and U Pwar Phayagyi Monastery, and 200 meals to Tatmadaw members and 460 to the public at Maha-



The donation made by the Mandalay Region YMBA in progress on 10 April 2025.

muni Buddha Image. Altogether, 1,000 meal boxes and 1,000 water bottles were donated.

In recognition of the support, the Mahamuni Buddha Image Trustee Board presented a certificate of honour to the YMBA. — Arkar Linn/KZL

China to provide emergency humanitarian aid worth 1 billion yuan to Myanmar

THE Chinese government will provide an extra 1 billion yuan in emergency humanitarian assistance to Myanmar, according to Mr Li Min, spokesperson for the China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA).

This latest round of aid will include essential supplies such as fuel, plank houses, surgical units, medicines

and vaccines. Besides, China plans to dispatch medical teams to assist with healthcare and disease prevention efforts in the disaster-affected regions.

The support package also includes the deployment of disaster assessment teams to conduct field inspections in the earthquake-hit areas. These teams will help design and implement recovery and

disaster risk reduction plans tailored to local needs.

Moreover, China will send cultural heritage and infrastructure inspection teams to assess damage to ancient cultural relics and buildings. These experts will carry out structural evaluations, stability testing and restoration work to preserve and rehabilitate affected sites. — ASH/KZL

Global palm oil prices influence domestic palm oil

LOWER global palm oil prices weighed on domestic palm oil prices and it continues a downward trend, according to the Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar imports edible oil to meet the domestic growing demand. The imported CIF price (Cost, Insurance and Freight) for palm oil dropped to \$1,202 per tonne in the last week of March from \$1,295 in January 2025. Consequently, the wholesale reference price also declined to K6,770 per viss on 7 April from K7,280 recorded on 1 January, showing a significant decrease of K510 per viss.

The wholesale reference rate of palm oil set for the Yan-



A shopper selects a brand of cooking oil at the supermarket.

gon market was set lower at K6,770 per viss for a week ending 13 April, according to the committee.

The committee is ensuring food security, safety standards

and reasonable prices for the consumers.

The committee has been closely observing the international prices to decide the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil weekly. The committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market manipulation will face legal action under the Essential Goods and Services Law.

The committee issues reference prices weekly every Monday through the website of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Facebook pages of the department and Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association. — NN/KK

MACCS operates call centre through Thingyan festivities

THE Customs Department's Myanmar Automated Cargo Clearance System (MACCS) division will receive customer service calls through the Help Desk Section, it announced on 8 April.

MACCS users can reach the Help Desk Section through 09 757755211 during the Thingyan holidays. They can enquire through 01 379429 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm during office days.

Import and product operators can get access to the MACCS through maccsmocapi@gmail.com when calling JTS Service to check licence information or update them. — NN/KK

CBM sells US\$1.9M on 10 Apr

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$1.9 million on 10 April.

CBM announced on 7 April that it would pump \$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 injected over \$126 million, 320 million baht and 3.6 million yuan in March, over \$88 million, 7.5 million yuan and 161 million baht in February, and \$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



The facade of the Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw.

Quake reduces five cement factories to rubble



This photo reveals the Myanmar Cement Association meeting being held on 10 April 2025.

OF 9 local cement factories, 5 were destroyed during the quake struck on 28 March.

Among 5 damaged factories, four are in Mandalay Region and one in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than said in a meeting with the Myanmar Cement Association on 10 April that the ministry has managed to invite foreign experts and import necessary equipment for repairing factories.

According to a previous report, these 9 local cement factories generated more than 6.3 million tonnes of cement in

February.

The quake devastated the country and many tonnes of cement are necessary for resettlement. To fulfil the domestic cement demand and support domestic production, the government has allowed the import of foreign cement, through the Kawthoung border trade. At present, cement vessels have entered the country and a vessel carrying 2500 tonnes of cement arrived again on the evening of 9 April at Shwepyitha Shweme jetty in Yangon and distribution to the market is in progress. — Htun Htun/ZS

Change minds in Maha Thingyan festival before New Year

WITH regard to Myanmar’s Maha Thingyan festival, the entire nation has welcomed the joyous news that Myanmar’s traditional New Year, the Atā Thingyan festival, has been inscribed on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity – a decision made during the 19th session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in December 2024.

It is a great opportunity for all citizens residing in Myanmar to take pride in preserving the intangible heritage of the country’s traditional Maha Thingyan festival. Although similar water-throwing festivals are celebrated in neighbouring countries, the Maha Thingyan festival remains a uniquely cherished tradition in Myanmar. Some experts and scholars have noted that Thingyan activities may have roots in Hindu culture; however, this does not diminish

its significance as a distinct cultural expression of the Myanmar people. People joyfully participate in the water-splashing festivities to cleanse and fortify their souls, preparing themselves to enter the New Year free from anxieties and past hardships. With renewed inspiration, they seek to begin the year with refreshed spirits, leaving behind any evil deeds. They aspire to embrace both physical and mental well-being, as well as the refreshing atmosphere of the new season. Only by purifying their own minds can they help others shift their perspectives. In doing so, they open the door to experiencing the most meaningful New Year beyond the Maha Thingyan festival.

ness to the community. Moreover, this activity helps reduce the heat during the peak of summer, making the temperature more comfortable for everyone. Thanks to the water festival, the increased moisture in the environment can benefit plant growth by keeping the ground wet. In this way, the festival also contributes to environmental conservation.

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Actually, the people of Myanmar have been enjoying the water-throwing activities of the Maha Thingyan Festival for thousands of years. The festival has its roots in Hindu culture, but the Myanmar people have embraced and transformed it into a uniquely Myanmar tradition. It is celebrated not only with water-throwing but also with acts of care and respect – such as shampooing, manicuring, and bathing senior citizens – as well as offering food to people as meritorious deeds. These practices reflect the spirit of generosity and community. As such, the Thingyan Festival has evolved to embody the rich traditions of Myanmar society, involving people from various ethnic backgrounds across the country, while no longer directly reflecting its Hindu origins.

During the festival, splashing water on one another symbolizes spreading happiness and bringing cool-

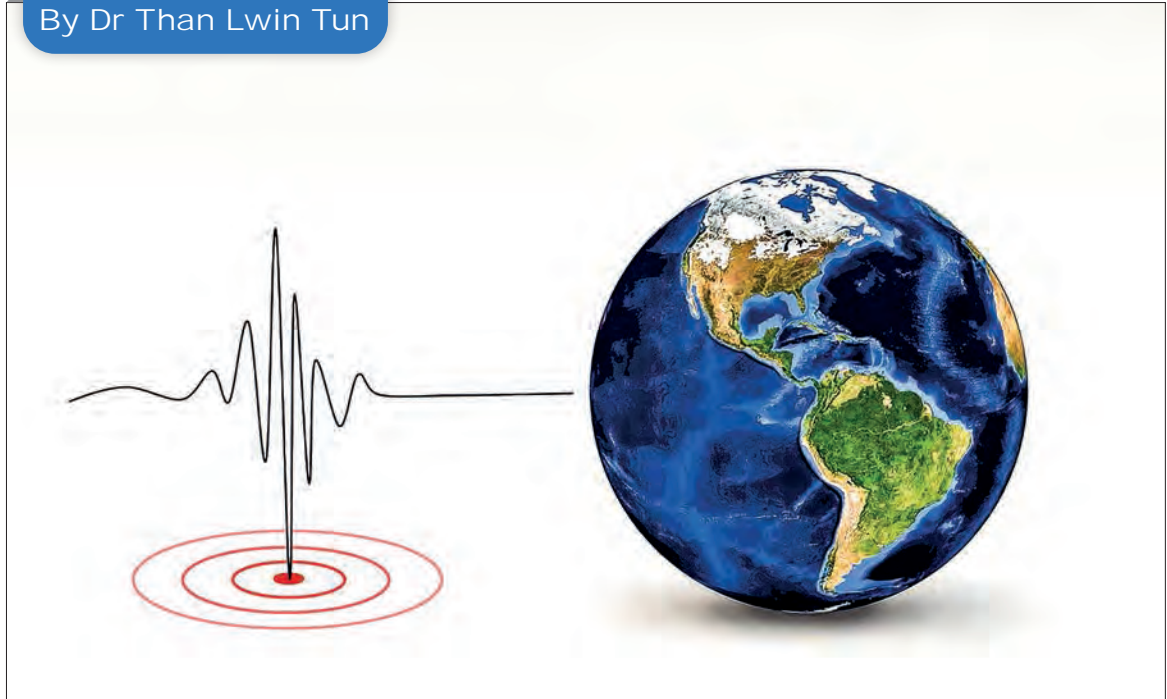
EARTHQUAKES are one of nature’s most destructive forces, capable of causing widespread devastation in a matter of seconds. While we cannot prevent earthquakes from occurring, we can significantly reduce their impact through collective awareness, preparation, and action. Natural disasters such as earthquakes strike without warning, leaving behind trails of destruction, sorrow, and loss. The ground shakes, buildings fall, and lives are changed forever within moments. In the face of such devastating events, individual efforts alone are not enough. It is only through collective action, the combined strength of communities, governments, organizations, and individuals that we can truly overcome the challenges and rebuild stronger than before.

When an earthquake hits, the immediate priority is saving lives. Rescue teams, medical professionals, and volunteers must work hand in hand to provide emergency aid. This rapid response is only possible if communities are trained and prepared in advance. Therefore, collective preparedness such as earthquake drills, emergency plans, and shared knowledge can significantly reduce the loss of life. Schools, workplaces, and neighbourhoods must unite in practising these safety measures regularly.

After the initial shock, the path to recovery requires even more co-

Let’s Overcome the Impact of Earthquake Disaster through Collective Action

By Dr Than Lwin Tun



Earthquake early warning systems leverage advanced technology to detect seismic activity and provide timely alerts, potentially saving lives and minimizing damage. ILLUSTRATION: PIXABAY

operation. Rebuilding homes, restoring infrastructure, and healing from trauma take time and effort. Governments can provide funding and policy support, while local and international organizations offer technical assistance and relief supplies. Community members can participate in rebuilding efforts,

support each other emotionally, and ensure no one is left behind. The power of unity becomes evident when everyone, regardless of their background, works towards a common goal.

First and foremost, education and awareness are crucial. Many people are unaware of the signs of

an impending earthquake or the safety procedures to follow. The offices, schools, and all communities must join forces to educate the public about earthquake risks and safety measures. Regular drills, public campaigns, and the integration of disaster preparedness into school curriculums can help

ensure that everyone knows how to act quickly and calmly during an earthquake.

Secondly, building infrastructure that can withstand seismic activity is essential. In earthquake-prone regions, strict construction standards should be enforced, and older buildings should be retrofitted to meet modern safety codes. Architects, engineers, and city planners all have a role to play in ensuring that our built environment does not become a trap during a quake. Investing in resilient infrastructure today can save countless lives tomorrow.

Community cooperation is another powerful tool. Neighbours helping neighbours can make a significant difference in times of crisis. Forming local emergency response teams, establishing communication plans, and stockpiling essential supplies can improve survival rates and reduce chaos during an earthquake. When communities come together to prepare, the impact of disasters is often greatly reduced.

Technology and science also offer valuable support. Early warning systems, seismic monitoring networks, and mobile alerts can

provide precious seconds or even minutes of warning, giving people time to take cover. Governments and private sectors should work together to invest in these technologies and ensure they are accessible to all.

Moreover, collective action plays a crucial role in reducing future risks. By learning from past experiences, communities can push for stronger building codes, improved early warning systems, and better land-use planning. Public education campaigns shared disaster data, and community-led resilience projects helped create a culture of safety and awareness.

In conclusion, while we may not be able to stop earthquakes from happening, we can certainly prevent their worst effects by preparing and acting together. Let us unite and take collective responsibility to make our homes, schools, offices and cities safer. By joining hands — before, during, and after a disaster — we can protect lives, rebuild communities, and emerge stronger. Let us all remember: together, we are resilient. Together, we can overcome any disaster.



A Requiem for 28 March

By Min Zan

On March’s end, the ground did roar,
A mighty quake tore life apart,
Over three thousand souls no more,
Mandalay mourns with a heavy heart.

To hands that dig through night and day,
From near and far - China, Russia, all -
Rescue’s hope in kind array,
We thank you for your selfless call.

Those lost remain in every prayer,
Their light forever guides our way,
Strength rises through the shattered air,
To rebuild life from this dark day.

(Falling tears for Myanmar’s 28 March 2025)

The Summer with Merits and Joyous

By Mya Thae (Research)

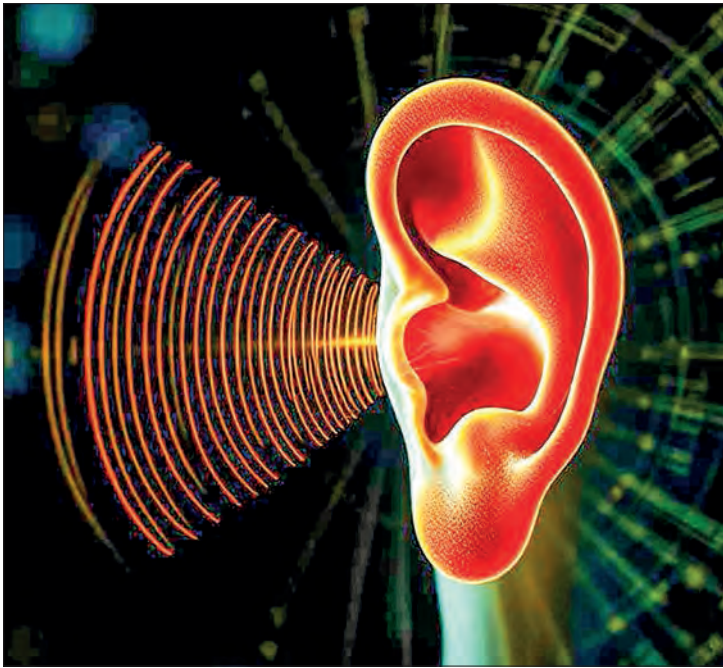
- ❖ Novitiation and Ordination ceremonies are observed in Summer every year.
- ❖ Religious people go to meditation centres to get merit cheer.
- ❖ Damsels paste on Thanaka and adorn yellowish Padauk flowers.
- ❖ They wear Myanmar costumes and jewels.
- ❖ They perform traditional Myanmar songs and dances at Thingyan festivals.
- ❖ Not only Myanmar people like Thanaka but also foreigners.



(In Honour of the Traditional Myanmar Ata Thingyan Festival on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The leaders of Thanaka organizations are exerting their efforts to become the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.)

Study finds a unique sound which alleviates motion sickness

The unique sound at a frequency of 100 Hz stimulates the inner ear, particularly the otolithic organs, which are crucial for balance and spatial orientation.



The sound levels used in the study are comparable to everyday environmental noise, indicating that this method is both safe and practical for everyday use. ILLUSTRATION: CONCEPT ART

A RESEARCH group has discovered that using a device that stimulates the inner ear with a specific wavelength of sound reduces motion sickness.

Even a single minute of stimulation with a unique sound, called ‘sound spice’, reduced the staggering and discomfort felt by people that were asked to read a document in a moving vehicle. Their findings suggest a simple and effective way to alleviate this common disorder.

A research group led by Takumi Kagawa and Masashi Kato at Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine.

“Our study demonstrated that short-term stimulation using a unique sound called ‘sound spice®’ alleviates symptoms of motion sickness, such as nausea and dizziness,” Kagawa said.

“The effective sound level falls within the range of every-

day environmental noise exposure, suggesting that the sound technology is both effective and safe,” added Kagawa.

This discovery is an important expansion of recent findings about sound and its effect on the inner ear. Increasing evidence has suggested that stimulating the part of the inner ear associated with balance using a unique sound can potentially improve balance. Using a mouse model and humans, the researchers identified a unique sound at 100 Hz as being the optimal frequency. “Vibrations at the unique sound stimulate the otolithic organs in the inner ear, which detect linear acceleration and gravity,” Kato explained.

“This suggests that a unique sound stimulation can broadly activate the vestibular system, which is responsible for maintaining balance and spatial orientation” added Kato. — ANI

NATIONAL

Telecom services rebound after Mandalay Earthquake, mobile towers



Erecting and restoring lamp posts and communication poles while clearing debris and rubble after the earthquake.

DUE to the powerful Mandalay earthquake on 28 March 2025, telecommunication services were disrupted in various regions, including the Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, Mandalay Region, and Sagaing Region. Out of more than 26,000 mobile communication towers providing services across the states and regions, over 6,730 towers experienced service outages.

Thanks to the concerted efforts of the operators to restore communication services, by 11 April, more than 6,400 towers had been brought back online while over 98 per cent of mobile towers in the Nay Pyi Taw area, over 94 per cent in the Mandalay Region, and over 96 per cent in the Sagaing Region have now resumed communication services.

Some of the mobile communication towers in Mandalay are installed as rooftop towers on high-rise buildings. Due to

structural damage or collapse of these buildings, service disruptions occurred. Therefore, it requires a certain amount of time to carry out necessary repairs and reinstallation work.

Therefore, to ensure smooth communication for the public living near the affected mobile towers, temporary solutions have been implemented depending on the situation in each area. These include setting up temporary mobile communication camps by installing equipment on trees and deploying Cell on Wheels (CoW) — mobile communication towers — to help restore connectivity for the public.

Due to disruptions in home-delivered internet services, many locations using FTTx fibre internet — including households, schools, and offices — experienced connectivity issues. However, thanks to the efforts of Internet Service

Providers (ISPs), who mobilized both manpower and equipment, FTTx internet services have now been restored in most areas within Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay.

Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications (MPT) has been actively carrying out clearance and repair works in Zabuithiri and Pyinmana townships in Nay Pyi Taw, addressing damage caused by the earthquake to telephone poles and fibre optic cables. In Mandalay, repairs are also underway on mobile towers that experienced service disruptions. Moreover, in Aungmyaythazan Township, a mobile tower has been installed and activated at the emergency relief camp near 26th Street and the west side of Thingaza Road, at Basic Education High School 21, to support emergency communication needs. — Ministry of Transport & Communications/KTZH

Daily 15,000 return home via highway buses ahead of Thingyan

THERE are about 15000 people who use the highway express bus to go back to their natives a day before the Thingyan Festival arrives, said Yangon Region Transport Committee member, U Ba Myint.

“According to data by highway bus ticket counters, around 14,000-15,000, people are returning to their natives a day before Thingyan. We thought the number of returnees would decline due to the quake. Previously, just around 10,000 people returned from two highway bus terminals,” he said.

People should be aware of fake tickets during the peak season, he warned. YRTC has already had discussions for times in March and early April to make sure that ticket fees are not to be raised higher than the normal price and the safety of the vehicle, and passengers can complain if the ticket price is raised, he said.

To provide convenient travel for passengers, 16 bus lines of Aung Mingalar Highway Bus Terminal and 7 bus lines of Dagon Ayeya Highway Bus Terminal, totalling 23 bus lines will run daily, and if it is necessary, 3 extra buses per bus line have been planned to run, he said.

From 17 April, the first day of the New Year, some highway bus lines will resume and run on their regular schedule after 23 April. – MT/ZS

Myanmar Ambassador aids four workers injured in Bangkok quake

THE Myanmar ambassador to Thailand met and provided financial assistance to four migrant workers injured in the Bangkok earthquake and collapsed building, the Myanmar Embassy announced.

On 28 March, a building under construction in Chatuchak, Bangkok, collapsed due to an earthquake, and Myanmar workers were injured and are receiving medical treatment.

Two of them are receiving treatment at Vajira Hospital and the other two at Phyathai Hospital, Ambassador U Zaw Zaw Soe visited them on 9 April, expressed his condolences, and presented them with financial assistance from the Myanmar

Embassy family and food items donated by the Thai-Myanmar Friendship Association.

Afterwards, the ambassador received separately U Aung San Oo, the brother of Daw Sein Sein Nyunt, 39, and U Tin Ngwe, the father of Ko Ko, 36, who lost their lives in the earthquake that struck Khet Chatuchak at the embassy. He expressed his condolences on behalf of the Myanmar government and presented them with financial assistance and food items. — MT/ZN



This photo highlights Ambassador U Zaw Zaw Soe speaking words of encouragement after presenting financial assistance to those injured in the earthquake and receiving treatment in the hospital.

NATIONAL

International aid lands at Yangon airport

THE government is actively inspecting damages in earthquake-stricken areas and is carrying out timely rescue and relief efforts. At the same time, international humanitarian aid continues to arrive in Myanmar. Depending on the contributing countries, rescue teams, medical staff including doctors and nurses, as well as humanitarian supplies and medicines arrive in Myanmar daily.

An aircraft from Air China, carrying humanitarian aid from the People's Republic of China arrived again at Yangon International Airport yesterday afternoon. The cargo included 14,562 packages weighing 90,893 kilogrammes consisting of mosquito nets, tarpaulins, house-

hold items and foodstuffs. Upon arrival, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, regional ministers, officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Mr Ou Yang Daobing, Economic and Commercial Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar and other officials welcomed the delivery.

A Royal Brunei Armed Forces aircraft carrying aid from Brunei arrived at Yangon International Airport at 3 pm yesterday. It brought a total of 1,080 items weighing 2,749 kilogrammes, including solar lamps, blankets, sleeping mats and tarpaulins. Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, ministers



Acceptance ceremony of China's aid in progress at Yangon International Airport, attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein.

of the regional government and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement welcomed the arrival.

Tatmadaw personnel, Yangon City Development Committee staff, and local logistic teams loaded the relief items onto vehicles. Under the supervision of

the Yangon Region government, the items were then transported onward to Nay Pyi Taw for further distribution to the quake-hit areas. — MNA/KZL

Bhutan Medical Team treats patients, donates purifiers and aid in Nay Pyi Taw monasteries



Bhutanese Royal Emergency Response Team delivers critical healthcare to earthquake survivors.

THE Royal Medical Emergency Response Team of Bhutan provided healthcare services to quake-stricken people together with the medics and nurses of Tatmadaw Medical Corps and Ministry of Health starting from 3 April at the temporary hospital (Paunglaung) established at Paunglaung Stadium in Pyinmana township of Nay Pyi Taw.

The medical team includes 87 members including specialists and performs major and minor surgeries by establishing two emergency operation rooms.

The team treated 180 students from Buddha Yadana Parahita monostatic school and over 100 people from 69 households in Zabuthiri town-

ship. Moreover, they donated a modern water purifier and a 2,000-litre water tank at the monastery. Moreover, they donated 240 packs of kid utensils and sports gear for the students, and Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pannyadipa gave back the black teak Buddha image statue for the King of Bhutan.

The medical team also installed the water purifier and 2,000 litres water tank at Khe-mathiwun Buddhism Learning Centre and Masoeyein monastery in Pyinmana Township and also donated 100 emergency personal kits, rice, cooking oil and sugar.

Similarly, the Tatmadaw medical team provided free medical services for quake-hit people and operated surgeries on 66 patients yesterday. There are about 60 inpatients and over 2,600 outpatients daily. — MNA/KTZH

Nepali SAR teams conclude earthquake mission, return home

A Nepali rescue team of 16 doctors and nurses, who diligently provided humanitarian assistance and supported rehabilitation in Myanmar's earthquake-affected areas, departed for Nepal by air from Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

They were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport by

officials from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

The Nepali teams collaborated with Myanmar firefighters, local volunteers, military personnel, and the Myanmar Police Force to provide healthcare in earthquake-affected areas during their mission. — MNA/MKKS



A warm and respectful farewell is extended at Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport as the Nepali search and rescue (SAR) teams prepare to depart.

NATIONAL

Two-day illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth K367M

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

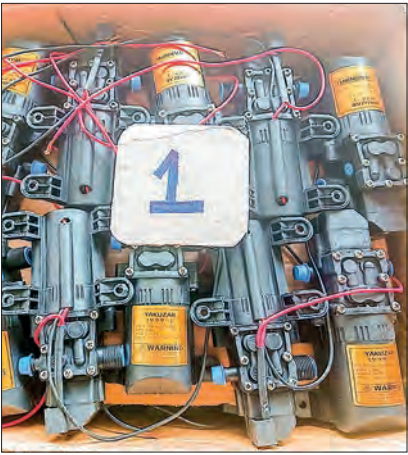
On 9 April, the combined teams impounded six vehicles carrying six kinds of foodstuffs, three kinds of consumer goods and two kinds of industrial materials worth K72.596 million without official documents on Myawady-Hpa-an-Yangon route, a wooden motor boat (approximately K1.2 million) carrying illegal other timbers weighing 7.411 tonnes with related things worth K2.38 million in Kyunsu Township, illegal timbers weighing 2.752 tonnes worth K506,701 in Bokpyin Township, three wooden boats with related things evaluated at K2.365 million in Bokpyin Township and an unregistered motorbike (approximately K500,000) in Bokpyin Township.



Photos capture confiscated illegal goods.

The action was conducted under the Forest Law, the Myanmar Marine Fisheries Law and the Export-Import Law. The combined on-duty teams seized two unregistered motorbikes worth K160,000 in Pakokku Township, a Htila truck (approximately K30 million), heading to Mohnyin from Man-

dalay, carrying five kinds of consumer goods worth K7.733 million without official documents at the Yadanabon bridge (Mandalay) checkpoint, a Mitsubishi Canter truck (approximately K29 million), travelling from Mandalay to Taunggyi, carrying three kinds of consumer goods worth K29.81 million without official



documents at the Kywetatson checkpoint and a Mitsubishi Fuso truck (estimated value of K30 million) carrying two kinds of industrial materials valued at K9.805 million without official documents near Singaing Township. The action was conducted under Customs procedures. Similarly, the combined

teams seized 36 kinds of consumer goods valued at K2.38 million that were smuggled and piled up by the roadside over the Sinphyu checkpoint in Muse Township. The action was taken per Customs procedures.

On 10 April, the combined teams nabbed an unregistered motorbike (estimated value of K600,000) in Kalay Township, two unregistered motorbikes (estimated value of K28 million) at the Yadanabon bridge combined checkpoint and illegal timbers weighing 1.159 tonnes worth K157,733 in Bago district. The action was taken under the Export-Import Law and the Forest Law. The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported 36 arrests on 9 and 10 April, seizing illegal goods worth approximately K367 million. — MNA/MKKS

3 children injured by landmine blast in Kayin State

THREE children from Ward 3 in Kamamaung, Papun Township in Kayin State suffered injuries after stepping on a landmine near the Thanlwin River bank on 10 April. They were taken to the Hpa-an People's Hospital for medical treatment. The security forces conducted security measures and investigated the offenders. – MNA/KTZH



Photos reveal the incident location and an injured child due to the mine blast.

Untimely Rainfall Warning 14

Issued at 7 pm MST on 11 April 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 6:30 pm MST today, due to the convergence of warm air from the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal and cold air from the China high-pressure system and the eastern disturbances, development of convective clouds, rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady, and Tanintharyi Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, and Shan States with like lihood of isolated heavyfalls in during tonight to 17 April 2025.

Advisory

People should be aware of untimely rainfall accompanied with strong wind, thunder, lightning, hails and landslides.

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 4 pm Friday 11 April 2025)

BAYINFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. **FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF 11 April 2025:** Rain will be widespread in Bago, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kayin, and Mon States and fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, and Magway Regions, Kachin State and scattered in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfall in Nay Pyi Taw, Magway Region. Degree of certainty is 80 per cent.

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

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 5-8 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Rain or thundershower fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, and Shan States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 April 2025: Partly cloudy and isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 April 2025: Partly cloudy and isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80 per cent.

DP World commences construction of Bharat Mart strategic trading hub in Dubai

DP World has commenced the construction of Bharat Mart, a global business-to-business (B2B) and business-to-consumer (B2C) marketplace in Dubai that is designed to facilitate trade between Indian businesses and global markets. The company unveiled the virtual model of the project in the presence of HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, and Chairman of The Executive Council of Dubai; Piyush Goyal, India's

Minister of Commerce and Industry; along with Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem, Group Chairman and CEO, DP World. Bharat Mart is set to open by the end of 2026. With construction underway, DP World is paving the way for a transformative marketplace that will redefine global trade links between India, the Middle East, and beyond. HH Sheikh Hamdan said, "Dubai's world-class infrastructure and connectivity make it a vital partner as India expands its global trade. — ANI

Direct Beijing-Tel Aviv flights resume after 18-month hiatus

DIRECT flights between Beijing and Tel Aviv resumed on Thursday, as a Hainan Airlines aircraft successfully landed at Ben-Gurion International Airport near Tel Aviv early in the morning, marking the end of an 18-month hiatus. According to Yu Chaojie, president of Hainan Airlines, the resumed Beijing-Tel Aviv route will operate two round-trip flights per week, on Mondays and Thursdays, with a flight time of approximately nine hours. The Chinese carrier currently also operates a route connecting Tel Aviv



with Shenzhen, a major metropolis in southeastern China. At a resumption cere-

mony held in Tel Aviv, Chen Arieli, deputy mayor of Tel Aviv, expressed her appreciation for the return of the

flights, emphasizing their role in strengthening the connection between China and Israel. — Xinhua

India's Airport sector to attract investment of Rs1 lakh crore over 4-5 years: ICRA

INDIA'S airport sector is set for a major boost, with capital expenditure (capex) of more than Rs 1 lakh crore expected over the next four to five years, according to a report by rating agency ICRA. The report highlighted that the sector will continue to see substantial investments due to capacity bottlenecks at several airports. The projected investments will go into developing greenfield airports and expanding existing ones. It said "Given the capacity bottleneck faced by a few airports, the sector will

continue to witness substantial capex. Investments of more than Rs/1,00,000 crore are expected over the next four-five years, including greenfield airports". Greenfield projects include upcoming airports in Jewar (Noida), Navi Mumbai, Bhogapuram, and Parandur (Chennai). Meanwhile, brownfield expansions are planned at key airports such as Bangalore, Hyderabad, Cochin, Mumbai, and Nagpur. Additionally, several airports under the Airports Authority of India (AAI) will also undergo upgradation. — ANI



Airport passenger traffic in India will witness healthy growth in the coming years. PHOTO: ANI

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY.NO. (256N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY.NO. (256N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **12-4-2025** 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.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINE

GLOBAL VIEWPOINTS:
FEATURED REPORTS FOR THIS WEEK



Japan's emperor, empress arrive in Osaka Pref for World Expo opening



Photo taken from a Kyodo News helicopter on 28 February 2025, shows the Grand Ring, a gigantic wooden structure symbolizing the site of the 2025 World Exposition, completed the same day on an artificial island in the western Japan city of Osaka. PHOTO: KYODO

JAPAN'S Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako arrived Friday in Osaka Prefecture ahead of this weekend's opening of the 2025 World Exposition, in which they are scheduled to attend an opening ceremony for the six-month-long event.

On Saturday, they will attend the opening ceremony alongside Crown Prince Fumihito and Crown Princess Kiko.

The first day of the imperial couple's two-day stay in Osaka will see them visit Yumeshima, an artificial island that serves as the venue for the expo opening Sunday, to see the Grand Ring — a vast wooden roof encircling the pavilions — as well as the Japan Pavilion and the Osaka Healthcare Pavilion.

On Saturday, the imperial couple will attend the opening ceremony with Crown Prince Fumihito, who serves as the expo's honorary president, and his wife, Crown Princess Kiko. They will return to Tokyo in the evening after visiting the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Pavilion. — Kyodo

Panama asks US to correct statement omitting country's sovereignty over canal

PANAMA has requested the US Embassy to correct and reissue a joint communique in which the US Secretary of Defence Pete Hegseth omitted a phrase acknowledging Panamanian sovereignty over the Panama Canal.

The English version of a communique published on Tuesday evening during Hegseth's visit to Panama left out the following point: "Secretary Hegseth recognized Panama's leadership

and inalienable sovereignty over the Panama Canal and its adjacent areas," according to an official note from Panama's Foreign Affairs Ministry dated Wednesday.

"The aforementioned phrase, which does not appear in the English version, is essential to accurately convey the intent and content of the communique and ensure consistency between both versions," said the ministry. — Xinhua



A Chinese container ship sails near the Cocoli locks on the Panama Canal. PHOTO: LUIS ACOSTA/AFP/FILE

South Korea's disgraced Yoon quits presidential residence

SOUTH Korea's impeached ex-leader Yoon Suk Yeol embraced supporters as he left the presidential residence in the capital Seoul on Friday, after being stripped of his duties.

The ousted politician hugged and shook hands with some in the crowd, as people clutched "Yoon Again" placards, before departing in a police-led convoy.

The 64-year-old was stripped of all power and privileges last week by the Constitutional Court over his disastrous 3 December martial law declaration.

The attempt shocked the country, with soldiers deployed to parliament, but lasted just hours.

Yoon on Friday thanked his supporters for "defending freedom and sovereignty", as they have braved freezing temperatures to protest in recent months.

"Even in the bitter cold, your warmth and dedication brought comfort, and I carry that memory deeply in my heart," Yoon said in a statement released by his



Yoon Suk Yeol (front C) left the presidential residence in Seoul to the cheers of supporters. PHOTO: POOL/AFP

lawyers.

"Now, I return to being an ordinary citizen of the Republic of Korea, and I will seek a new path in service of our country and our people," he added.

Hundreds more Yoon champions were waiting to welcome him home to Seoul's Seocho district, with some clutching flowers.

"Mr and Mrs President, thank you for your service—from the residents' association," read a banner near the entrance to his apartment complex.

"I would vote for him again if I had to, but I am worried about the security," said one of his neighbours, who gave only her surname Lee. — AFP

SPORTS

BAYERN Munich's home 'Klassiker' clash with Borussia Dortmund takes place on Saturday against the backdrop of potential Champions League elimination for both sides.

The clash, which has emerged as the Bundesliga's showpiece rivalry over the past 15 years since Dortmund won back-to-back titles under Jurgen Klopp, falls in between the two legs of both clubs' Champions League two-legged quarterfinals.

On Tuesday, an injury-decimated Bayern lost 2-1 at home against Inter Milan in the first leg.

In the second leg, Vincent Kompany's side will need to win by two goals to avoid extra time, or by one and hope to triumph

Old foes Bayern and Dortmund face off as European exit looms

on penalties.

The Bavarians can take hope from their record at the San Siro against Inter: three wins and a draw in five games. The Milan stadium was also the scene of Bayern's 2001 Champions League final victory over Valencia. The situation for Dortmund, who were Champions League finalists last season, is far more dire.

Niko Kovac's men were

thumped 4-0 in Barcelona and will need to pull off one of the biggest turnarounds in the competition's history to reach the semifinals.

Complicating matters for both Bayern and Dortmund is that there is still plenty at stake in the league. — AFP

Bayern Munich striker Harry Kane missed a golden chance in his side's 2-1 loss to Inter Milan.
PHOTO: AFP



Zirkzee hits back at 'ridiculous' criticism of Man Utd keeper Onana



Manchester United goalkeeper Andre Onana. PHOTO: AFP

JOSHUA Zirkzee has slammed "ridiculous" criticism of Andre Onana after the Manchester United goalkeeper's costly mistakes in the

Europa League quarterfinal draw at Lyon.

Onana was at fault for both of Lyon's goals as United were held to a 2-2 draw

in the first leg in France on Thursday.

The build-up to the tie was dominated by a war of words between Onana and Lyon midfielder Nemanja Matic.

Onana's claim that United were "way better" than Lyon led Matic, who had a spell with the Old Trafford club, to describe him as "one of the worst goalkeepers in Man United's history".

The 29-year-old did little to silence Matic's jibe by allowing Thiago Almada's free-kick to find the net and then parrying Georges Mikautadze's strike into the path of Rayan Cherki to snatch Lyon's stoppage-time equalizer. — AFP

China to reinforce financial support for sports industry

CHINA will continue to beef up financial support for the sports industry in a bid to promote high-quality development of the sector, according to a guideline jointly issued by four government departments.

The document, jointly issued by the People's Bank of

China, the General Administration of Sport and other departments, proposes 16 specific supportive measures, including increasing financial support for the construction of sports infrastructure, and the development of sports venues, ice and snow sports facilities, and outdoor

sports destinations. China will reinforce financial supply for the manufacturing of sports goods, leverage the financial sector's role in promoting sports consumption and improve financial services to empower the ice and snow economy, according to the guideline. — Xinhua

Alcaraz fights back against Fils to reach Monte Carlo semis

CARLOS Alcaraz battled back from a set down to beat French rising star Arthur Fils in a gripping Monte Carlo Masters quarterfinal on Friday.

The four-time Grand Slam champion, targeting his first Masters title since winning in Indian Wells last year, saved three break points in the 11th game of the second set en route to a dramatic 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 victory.

He will face unseeded fellow Spaniard Alejandro Davidovich Fokina on Saturday for a place in the final. Alcaraz's only title this season remains the ATP 500 event in Rotterdam in February

but he appears to be enjoying his return to clay.

The 20-year-old Fils, seeded 12th, suffered a third successive quarterfinal loss at Masters events this season after going out in the last eight at Indian Wells and the Miami Open.

Alcaraz is a strong favourite to lift the title after early exits for Novak Djokovic and Alexander Zverev, at an event where he had lost his only previous match in 2022. He showed all of his battling qualities to get the better of Fils, in what is likely to have been their first meeting of many. — AFP



Carlos Alcaraz battled past spirited Frenchman Arthur Fils to reach the Monte Carlo Masters semifinals. PHOTO: AFP



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CHINA will raise the additional tariffs on products imported from the United States to 125 per cent, effective from Saturday, the Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council announced Friday.

The announcement follows the US move to raise the “reciprocal tariffs” on Chinese imports to 125 per cent. The commission said the US imposition of excessively high tariffs on China seriously violates international economic and trade rules, goes against basic economic laws and common sense, and is nothing but unilateral bullying and coercion.

Also on Friday, a Chinese commerce ministry spokesperson said that the United States should take full responsibility for its unilateral tariff measures, which have caused significant disruptions and severe turbulence in the world economy, global markets and the multilateral trading system.

The spokesperson said that the US move to postpone imposing high tariffs on certain trading partners under pressure from China and other parties represents only a symbolic and minimal step, and the nature of using trade coercion by the United States for its own gains has not changed. China urges the US side to immediately correct its wrong practices and cancel all unilateral tariff measures imposed on the country, the spokesperson said.

The Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council said that even if the United States imposes even higher tariffs, it would no longer make economic sense and ultimately go down as a joke in world economic history. — Xinhua

China raises additional tariffs to 125% on US imports

The Chinese Customs Tariff Commission criticized the US tariffs as violations of international trade rules and described them as unilateral bullying.



A China Shipping cargo container sits stacked at the Port of Long Beach in California on 10 April 2025. PHOTO: PATRICK T FALLON/AFP

UK approves ‘landmark’ breast cancer drug

A new drug that helps slow the spread of an incurable type of breast cancer has been approved for use in Britain’s state-run National Health

Service, officials said on Friday.

Scientists described the approval of capivasertib by the National Institute for Health and Care

Excellence (NICE) as a “landmark moment”.

More than 1,000 women with the HR-positive HER2-negative type of the disease could benefit from taking the twice-daily pill every year, NICE said.

The drug, also known as Truqap and made by British pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca, helps slow or stop the progression of the cancer, meaning it could help some patients live longer.

“People with advanced breast cancer would value treatments like capivasertib that can be given when limited options exist and because it may delay the need for chemotherapy and its associated side-effects,” said NICE’s director of medicines evaluation, Helen Knight. — AFP



Mammography is the process of using low-energy X-rays (usually around 30 kVp) to examine the human breast for diagnosis and screening. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ CHEM

IRAN’S DIPLOMATIC PUSH

Iran says seeks ‘real and fair’ deal in nuclear talks with US

IRAN is seeking a “real and fair” agreement with the United States on its nuclear programme, a senior aide to supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Friday, setting the stage for a diplomatic showdown this weekend in Oman.

Longtime adversaries Iran and the US are set to hold talks on Saturday in Muscat, aimed at reaching a deal on Tehran’s nuclear programme.

US President Donald Trump last month sent a letter to Khamenei urging negotiations and warning of possible military action if Iran refuses.

“Far from putting up a show and merely talking in front of the cameras, Tehran is seeking a real and fair agreement, important and implementable proposals are ready,” Khamenei adviser Ali Shamkhani said in a post on X.

He confirmed that Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi was heading to Oman “with full authority for indirect negotiations with America,” adding that if Washington showed goodwill, the path forward would be “clear and smooth”. — AFP