

The **Global** **NEW LIGHT** of **MYANMAR**



This photo showcases one of the scenic destinations with natural beauty in Hpa-an.

Early monsoon tourists flock to Hpa-an

PEOPLE are taking vacations in Hpa-an, which is rich in natural scenery, according to residents. Generally, in early monsoon months of June and July, many visitors flock to the city to enjoy its beauty, said a resident.

“Hpa-an is very beautiful in the early monsoon. When it rains, the weather is cold and all are green. In monsoon, Hpa-an looks the most beautiful and is better

During the monsoon season, Hpa-an reveals its greatest beauty, making it the perfect time to capture stunning photos of its lush valleys and dramatic caves.

to take photos with the valleys and caves. Now, visitors from different locations have visited. Some who want to explore nature visit the city in monsoon,” he said. The majority of visitors come from Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw, and

popular tourist destinations in Hpa-an are Kawgun Cave, Rathapayan Cave, Sadan Cave, Kawkathaung Cave, Bay-innyi Cave, Kya-in Hill, Kawkhameik Bridge, Htuntpataing Lake, Naunglon Valley, Kawntantha Creek, Phoetakhit Pagoda, Zweekabin viewpoint and Kyaukkalat Pagoda.

Visitors tour the city by three-wheelers or rent a car, helping residents enjoy more job opportunities. — MT/ZS

Global aid pours into Myanmar as quake toll hits 3,839

AS of 2 May, a total of 3,839 people died, 5,105 were injured, and 101 remained missing across six regions and states in Myanmar severely affected by the powerful earthquake that struck on 28 March.

Search and rescue teams from the Myanmar Fire Brigade, along with local and international rescue organizations, have been conducting emergency operations in the affected areas without delay. To date, 653 people have been rescued alive from collapsed buildings, and the bod-

ies of 786 deceased individuals have been recovered.

Local donors and philanthropic individuals have been providing financial aid and relief supplies to support those impacted by the disaster. Similarly, foreign governments, international organizations, and charitable donors have contributed monetary and material assistance.

Between 1 and 2 May, various items of international aid arrived at Yangon International Airport. This included 23.211 tonnes of bedding and shelters

from the International Organization for Migration (IOM), 4.736 tonnes of portable toilets from the World Health Organization (WHO), and 0.491 tonne of instant noodles, biscuits, and clothing from KRI Sakthi Nyanaethira Kanimadam Yogi Ramsuratkumar Shiramam and Persatuan Renganut Devi Shri Karumariamman Temple of Malaysia.

These relief items are reported to be swiftly distributed to the affected communities to ensure timely support. — MNA/MKKS

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Engineers deployed for quake repairs at Mandalay University

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Education as a Catalyst: Building Myanmar's Future through Qualified Educators

COUNTRIES with the highest levels of education among their citizens are also the most developed.
A well-educated population signifies both competence and quantity.
Myanmar must cultivate a large number of qualified educators to drive progress.
(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the opening of the Myanmar National Education Conference 2024 on 25 June 2024)

Interfaith Group aids quake-hit UEC staff and families



The donation event in progress yesterday.

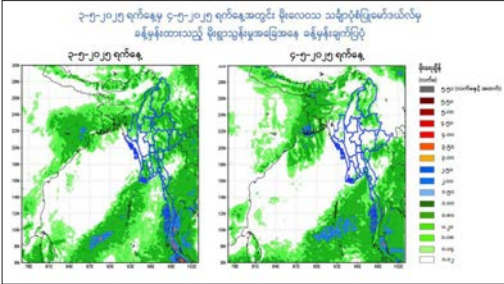
THE Interfaith Dialogue Group donated yesterday to earthquake-affected staff and their families from the Union Election Commission Office at the office meeting hall.
The donation ceremony was attended by Union Election Commission Chairman U Ko Ko, Vice-Chairman U Than Soe, commission members, officials from the Union Election Commission Office, and representatives from the Interfaith Dialogue Group.
During the ceremony, representatives from the Interfaith Dialogue Group donated six-pyi-weight bags of rice and 200 bottles of oil, with a total value of K7.5 million. The Chairman of the Union Election Commission accepted the donation and presented a certificate of honour, expressing his gratitude. — MNA/MKKS

Untimely Rainfall Warning 31

Issued at 5:30 pm MST on 2 May 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 4:30 pm MST today, due to the western disturbances and the eastern disturbances, the convergence of warm air from the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, cold air from the China high pressure system and the convective cloud, rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Magway Region and Rakhine State and scattered to fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon and Shan states with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls during this evening to 4 May 2025.

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



New Minimum Temperature Record of May

Issued at 2 May 2025

| Sr No | Station | Date of New Record | New Tmin Record | | Date of old Record | Old Tmin Record | | Past Years of opening station |
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| 1 | Myitkyina | 2-5-2025 | 14.5 | 58.1 | 3-5-2024 | 16.2 | 61.2 | 59 |
| 2 | Haka | 2-5-2025 | 7.0 | 44.6 | 15-5-2011 | 7.5 | 45.5 | 45 |

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Friday 2 May 2025)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is a few clodu to partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.
FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 3 MAY 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin and Rakhine states, fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region and Kayin, and Mon states and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway and Lower Sagaing regions and Shan State. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.
THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Yangon, Bago, Magway and Taninthayi regions and Kayah, Kayin, Mon and (southern and eastern) Shan states. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance 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 thundershowers will be isolated in Magway Region and Rakhine State and scattered to fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Shan states.
FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 MAY 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.
FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 MAY 2025: Partly cloudy and isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80 per cent.
FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 MAY 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.
WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND: Weather will be scattered to fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Regions. — DMH

Top websites and web portals to access Military Service Rules

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| 1. Office of the State Administration Council https://sacoffice.gov.mm | |
| 2. Ministry of Defence https://www.mod.gov.mm | 3. Ministry of Legal Affairs https://www.mlis.gov.mm |
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| 6. Myanmar National Portal https://myanmar.gov.mm | |

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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 Member DPM Union Minister at Prime Minister’s Office inspects solar-powered plants in Meiktila

STATE Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office Admiral Tin Aung San, in his capacity as Chairman of the Electricity and Energy Development Commission, yesterday inspected the solar-powered plants in Meiktila District and checked the damage and repairs in the aftermath of the Mandalay earthquake, and the new solar-powered plants which are under construction.

The Deputy Prime Minister first went to the Thazi 30-megawatt solar-powered plant of Great Success Energy Co Ltd in Thazi Township and heard the report of relevant officials regarding construction of Thazi 30 MW, Thabyaywa 30 MW and Thabyaywa-3 30 MW, quake-stricken solar panels,



SAC Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister at Prime Minister’s Office Admiral Tin Aung San views the solar-powered plants.



Pile Cap Foundation, completed and ongoing repair works, and power connection with National Grid, Thazi 40 MW and Thabyaywa 40 MW power plants.

After the reports, Admiral Tin Aung San urged officials to complete the operations in time

and store the reserve materials in case of natural disasters. Then, he observed the compound of the power plant.

On arrival at Thabyaywa-3 30 MW and Thabyaywa 30 MW solar-powered plants, he inspected the power transmission

and expansion of solar panels in the new Thabyaywa 40 MW plant and provided the staff with foodstuffs.

Due to the Mandalay earthquake, Thazi 30 MW, Thabyaywa 30 MW and Thabyaywa-3 30 MW power plants were affected, and

the power generation rate declined. After the rapid repairs, 80 per cent of electricity can be generated and transmitted to the National Grid. The remaining recovery measures are now ongoing to supply electricity in full. — MNA/KTZH

Deputy Information Minister attends Global Media Dialogue in India

DEPUTY Minister for Information U Ye Tint attended the Global Media Dialogue for the second-day event of WAVES 2025 held at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai, India.

Information Ministers and leaders of different organizations from respective countries posed for a documentary photos. Indian Information and Broadcasting Minister Mr Sh Ashwini Vaishnaw then made a speech urging all to cooperate in innovation and cultural exchange.



The Global Media Dialogue in progress yesterday in India, attended by Deputy Minister U Ye Tint.

Indian External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar also remarked, highlighting the systematic regulations as today’s technology rapidly evolves alongside young people, it is also swiftly transforming creativity and innovation.

During the event, Deputy Minister U Ye Tint discussed technological exchanges to narrow the gaps between technologies supporting the developing countries, Indian rescue teams, medical teams and about 750

tonnes of relief items from India for the quake victims and expressed willingness to promote the innovation sector together with India and participant countries through the constructive outcomes of WAVES 2025 and Global Media Dialogue.

Afterwards, video messages sent from countries were played. The joint statement of the Global Media Dialogue was released, and the event was concluded. The WAVES 2025 will continue until 4 May. — MNA/KTZH

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Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn meets staff members, who returned to their housing, yesterday.

Union Information Minister offers consoles to staff

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn inspected the accommodation of staff at quake-affected blue-coded housing for female staff in Nay Pyi Taw.

The Union minister first met staff members who returned to live at Thazin 7 and Thazin 1 dormitories for female staff in Zabuthiri and Bawga Theikdi wards and inspected the damage, relocation, and access to

electricity and water.

The Union minister also talked about the cleanliness activities in quake-hit areas, rescue works with local and international organizations, rehabilitation processes, the government's assistance for government employees, the need to watch true and accurate news about the earthquake, and to cooperate in serving different duties. — MNA/KTZH

Myanma Post to release K2,000 worth special block stamp on 5 May

MYANMA Post, under the Ministry of Transport and Communications, will issue a special block stamp worth K2,000 to commemorate the “Ten Flowers” (Pansemyo).

This commemorative stamp will be available for purchase starting at 9:30 am on Monday, 5 May 2025 (9th waxing of Kason, 1387 Myanmar Era), at the Central Post Office in

Nay Pyi Taw, general post offices in Yangon and Mandalay, as well as major post offices across regions and states nationwide.

As part of a special arrangement, date-stamp seals will be applied to stamps purchased on Monday, 5 May 2025, at the Central Post Offices in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, and Mandalay. — MNA/MKKS



Ten traditional Myanmar classical arts.

Relief and rebuilding ramp up in quake-damaged zones

RESCUE and rehabilitation efforts are actively underway in regions affected by the recent Mandalay earthquake, with support from Tatmadaw personnel, police, firefighters, international rescue teams, departmental staff, volunteer groups and residents.

Lt-Gen Thet Pon and Lt-Gen Myo Moe Aung, Lt-Gen

Myo Thant Naing and Lt-Gen Soe Tint Naing from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) inspected the damage in Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, such as factories, housing, pagodas, and monasteries, while coordinating closely with engineers and authorities on structural assessments and restoration

plans.

They also visited shelters for displaced people to review health measures and support activities, including child trauma care. Efforts continue to clear debris, assess dangerous buildings, and rebuild affected religious and residential structures. — MNA/KZL



Lt-General Myo Thant Naing inspects removing debris efforts in Kyaukse.

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Merits shared in honour of 51 monks and layperson killed in earthquake

IN dedication to 51 monks and a layperson who died in the Mandalay earthquake while the monks were sitting an examination at U Hla Thein Thathana Beikman building, a one-month memorial ceremony was held on 28 April.

The ceremony was held at the U Hla Thein Thathana Beikman location on 85th street (between 34th street and 35th street)

During the ceremony, food and donated items were offered to 20 monks headed by Sayadaw Bhaddanta Ardissawuntha, Patron of Helping Hand Social Assistance Association, and attendees shared merits to the deceased.

— Htun Htun/ZS



Food offering and merit sharing to deceased quake victims, including 51 monks and a layperson, in progress.

Heroes on track:
Train crews
honoured for
quake-landslide
saves



The ceremony to honour engine drivers and assistants who saved the lives of passengers onboard during the recent Mandalay earthquake.

MTB & TrueMoney forge strategic MoU



This photo captures Myanmar Travel Bank and TrueMoney signing the MoU.

WILL cooperate to legally obtain licenses and permits, integrate deposit/withdrawal services, manage money transfer services and foreign exchange, and provide cash disbursement services such as door-to-door home delivery and disbursement through agent-based services.

The MTB announced on 1 May that the signing

ceremony was held at the MTB Head Office on Sule Road, Yangon, at the end of April. It was signed by U Win Lwin, CEO of the MTB, and U Htun Htun Lin, Managing Director of True Money, and witnessed by U Khin Pe Oo, CCO of the MTB and Daw Naw Thae Su Htoo, CBO of TrueMoney.

— MT/ZN

MYANMA Railways has honoured an engine driver and an assistant who saved lives by stopping in time before quake landslides, according to Dr Than Min Htut, a well-known Mee Eain Shin doctor.

The incident occurred while the train was running between Magyibin and Nyaunglon stations on 28 April, and many passengers were rescued from the Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay airbag train. Engine driver U Than Win and assistant driver U Zin Paing Soe were honoured at the 148th anniversary of the Myanmar Railways under the Ministry of Transport and Communications in Nay Pyi Taw on 1 April.

“They felt that the train was not normal. It was shaking. They couldn’t control it well. At first, they did not know it was an earthquake. They just noticed something strange. While they were watching, they could see that the ground in front of them was going to collapse. The speed at that time was 70 kilometres. There were many passengers and goods on the train. The tracks were curved. A train cannot brake immediately like a car. It takes skill. It takes timing. The two of them understood the situation and immediately tried to slow down the train,” he wrote on his social media page about the efforts of the two people.

“Not only them but also those who tried to prevent the train from overturning that day, U Thet Zaw Myo and U Thant Zin, engine driver and assistant of the Bilin-Mahlwagone freight train, who were able to stop in time when the Samon Bridge collapsed, were also awarded honorary awards,” he wrote. — Htet Oo Maung/ZN

Myanmar companies
eye exporting Seintalone
mangoes to Russia

LOCAL companies in Myanmar are now preparing to export Seintalone mangoes to the Russian market by sourcing high-quality produce directly from mango farms, according to U Kyaw Soe Naing, Secretary of the Myanmar Mango Market and Technology Development Association.

He explained that starting this year, the Russia-Myanmar Business Council and its member companies will begin purchasing both fresh and dried mangoes from Myanmar. Companies intending to export to Russia are encouraged to contact the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations for necessary arrangements.

“This year, Russia is in a position to purchase as many fresh and dried mangoes from Myanmar as it can receive. This is essentially a new export market. Exporters and companies are now inspecting farms to secure quality mangoes. They are assessing which farms produce good quality, which do not, the best harvest times and the number of mangoes



Myanmar’s prized Seintalone’ mangoes are neatly arranged for sale.

they can buy. Based on these findings, purchase orders will be placed. From what I know, around three companies are currently preparing to export mangoes to Russia,” he said.

Currently, Seintalone mangoes are in their early harvest period and fetching favourable prices. Companies preparing for export are actively visiting farms during the peak mango season to negotiate prices and purchase quality mangoes suitable for the Russian market. — Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Subprinting House)/KZL

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Engineers deployed for quake repairs at Mandalay University

CONSTRUCTION professionals, including foreign experts, visited quake-stricken Mandalay University on 1 May 2025 to assess damage and repair the main building engulfed by fire.

The inspection tour was accompanied by officials from the university and the Federation of Myanmar Engineering Society.

That building marked a century on 22 December 2024. Furthermore, the centennial celebration is planned to be held in October this year.

Mandalay Intermediate

College was opened on 4 July 1925 and then upgraded to a university college with prestigious degrees in arts and science in June 1948. It has been independently standing as a university starting from 1 June 1958. — ASH/KK

Construction professionals, accompanied by foreign experts, are seen to assess the main building of Mandalay University.



Myanmar film ‘Great Master’ to premiere in cinemas this month

THE Myanmar film ‘Great Master’ is set to be screened in cinemas in early May.

The story was written by Thet Oo Maung, with Thet Oo Maung and Lu Nyo Chaw contributing to the screenplay. Director Academy Ko Zaw (Aryon Oo) dedicated significant effort to bringing the movie to life under Aung Thiri Film Production.

“This film portrays situations often seen in the world where people claim to be masters but repeatedly make mistakes. It is a romantic comedy that will make you laugh out loud,” said Htoo Aung, one of the film’s stars.

The cast includes Academy Award winners Kyaw Ye Aung, Soe Myat Thuzar, and Ye Aung, along with Tyron, Htoo Aung, Academy Chuu Lay, and several other talented actors and actresses. — ASH/MKKS



This photo showcases a poster of artists who played the film ‘Great Master’.

MFB donate 5 mln gallons of water to quake-impacted areas

THE Myanmar Fire Brigade donated more than five million gallons of drinking water to regions affected by the recent powerful earthquake centred in Mandalay, including Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing Region, Bago Region, Mandalay Region and Shan State.

The donation efforts be-

gan on 28 March and continued through 29 April. According to the Brigade, Nay Pyi Taw received over four million gallons, Sagaing Region nearly 550,000 gallons, Bago Region over 350,000 gallons, Mandalay Region over 180,000 gallons, and Shan State over 60,000 gallons.

Beyond water donations,

over 160 personnel from Yangon Region, Ayeyawady Region, and Bago Region were deployed to Nay Pyi Taw to assist with recovery efforts. These teams used equipment to retrieve valuable items from damaged buildings and returned them systematically to their owners. — ASH/KZL



This photo displays the Myanmar Fire Brigade providing drinking water to earthquake-stricken areas. PHOTO: FSD

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CBM sells US\$42M, THB20M, CNY500,000 in April

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$42 million, 20 million baht and 500,000 yuan in April 2025.

CBM announced on 30 April that it would sell \$38 million to those engaged in the fuel oil industry.

CBM sold over 5.1 million baht on 28 April and 6.4 million baht on 29 April.

CBM announced on 22 April to sell \$25 million on 22 April and then injected over 319,900 and 106,000 baht into the financial market on that day.

CBM announced on 16 April that it would sell \$55 million to fuel oil importers and distributors.

CBM sold \$1.9 million on 10 April. CBM announced on 7 April that it would pump \$30 million into the fuel oil industry, and it sold \$40 million and over six million baht on that day, afterwards.

CBM injected 500,000 yuan on 4 April and over 2.35 million



An exchanger is counting banknotes of US dollars at the exchange counter.

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 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

Myanma Port Authority eyes MP terminal deal

MYANMA Port Authority under the Ministry of Transport and Communications, invited qualified local and international port companies and organizations to participate in an open tender for the long-term operation and management of MPA International Port Limited (MLPL) located at Plot 4 of the Thilawa Port Area, according to the Tender Acceptance and Evaluation Committee.

The tender evaluation and selection will be conducted transparently as per government tender procedures. The most qualified company will be awarded to operate and manage MIPL as an edible oil and goods handling port under a concession agreement. Those interested are invited to purchase and submit the tender forms and application from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm between 5 and 19 May 2025 at the Civil Engineering Depart-

ment of Myanma Port Authority (head office), on the third floor at No 10 on Pansodan Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon.

Pre-bid presentation will be held at 1 pm on 20 May 2025 in meeting room 1 of the Myanma Port Authority. Tender



The facade view of the Myanma Port Authority office building in Yangon.

submission will commence at 1 pm on 27 May 2025. Late tender submission will not be considered anyhow, the committee notified. Individuals can enquire about details through the contact numbers of the committee at 09 5180487 and 09 5057957. — NN/KK

MMFA to offer Small Enterprise Lending Training (Batch 10)

THE Myanmar Microfinance Association (MMFA) will conduct a Small Enterprise Lending Training (Batch 10) from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on 23-25 May.

The course is designated for loan officers and above positions, credit officers and individuals engaged in the finance departments and microfinance companies and those who are interested in exploring a career in the microfinance sector.

This training will cover Loan Purpose, Analysis of the loan request, Interview with the Loan applicant, Constructing Financial Statement of the Loan applicant, and Ratio and Trend Analysis, with U Nay Lwin, Microfinance Consultant and Freelance Trainer, Microfinance

Professional Myanmar (MPM) and Certified Trainer-Frankfurt School of Finance and Management.

The training fee is K60,000 for non-members. Members can enjoy a K15,000 discount. Furthermore, they offer an early bird enrolment discount (five per cent) for the first five comers and a group buy discount (10 per cent) for a group with at least five trainees.

Trainees will receive a completion e-certificate. Those enthusiastic can enrol in the course by 19 May 2025 through <https://shorturl.at/8ybCR>. Individuals can enquire about details via the contact number of MMFA at 09 965209010 during office hours.

— NN/KK

Gold Market Rate as of 2 May 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,670,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

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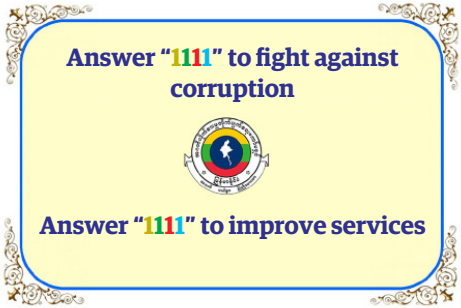
THE Anti-Corruption Commission has established corruption prevention units within ministries to curb corruption effectively.

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

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

Therefore, the public should reply to the questions of the ACC and corruption prevention units of the ministries via SMS at short code "1111". Such doing is a supportive measure for PFP, and the people are urged to cooperate in the operations.

Anti-Corruption Commission



OPINION

AI: A New Initiative for Freedom of Expression

THE theme for World Press Freedom Day 2025, “Reporting in the Brave New World: The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Press Freedom and the Media,” highlights how AI is reshaping journalism, media viability, and freedom of expression. This year’s focus also reaffirms the vital role of independent media in informing the public, holding power accountable, and strengthening open societies.

Around the world, nations are working to keep pace with the rapid development of technologies, particularly Artificial Intelligence (AI). Many see AI as a tool to enhance freedom of expression through journalism, aiming to safeguard people’s rights. Yet, it’s undeniable that AI is steadily transforming the media landscape, bringing both promising advancements and serious concerns.

The United Nations pointed out that AI’s rapid growth is profoundly affecting journalism and media freedom. While core principles like independence and pluralism remain essential, AI’s role in gathering, processing, and distributing information is opening both exciting possibilities and critical challenges.

On one hand, AI supports freedom of expression by making information more accessible and facilitating global communication. It has improved media presentations, broadened access to information, and has the potential to create a brighter future for upcoming generations. AI helps journalists reach wider audiences and innovate in storytelling.

On the other hand, AI introduces new risks. It can spread false or misleading information, increase online hate speech, and create sophisticated censorship tools. Governments and tech companies sometimes use AI for mass surveillance, intimidating journalists and restricting freedom of expression. Moreover, AI-powered platforms control content visibility, concentrating power in a few hands and endangering media diversity. There are growing concerns that AI could homogenize global media, diminish diverse perspectives, and harm smaller, independent outlets.

AI also boosts newsroom efficiency by automating tasks. However, the financial stability of many media organizations is under threat. Generative AI tools often reuse journalistic work without proper compensation, draining revenue from independent outlets and enriching major tech firms.

While it aids fact-checking and counters disinformation, it also enables the creation of deepfakes and other manipulative content, threatening trust in democratic processes. Addressing these challenges requires cooperation among governments, the media, technology companies, and civil society. As AI continues to evolve, safeguarding press freedom and promoting responsible use of technology is more important than ever. Individuals need to take care of their expression through AI technology, not to leave disadvantages for society and not to harm global people while enjoying the fruits of technological advancement of AI.

(CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY)

THE assistance provided by a foreign country to another should be non-attached, and the receiving country should only accept assistance that is clean and trustworthy. Such assistance should be the one based on practical policies that are mutually beneficial for both sides. It should be a kind of assistance that prioritizes stability rather than genuine support for the development of the country, democracy or human rights issues.

Learn what the changing US administration works

When looking back at the world, it can be seen that the United States itself has gradually stopped many of the democracy- and human rights-focused aid programmes it had consistently implemented since the end of World War II. This shift reflects a move away from impractical and ineffective democracy and human rights agendas, toward prioritizing American interests first and emphasizing stability. The news of Reuters released a few days ago stated that the US Department of State shut down 132 divisions and reduced its workforce by up to 15 per cent, and it reflected this shift.

This factor also shows that it is part of the current actions taken by the nationalism of President Trump regarding organizations like USAID and NED. What I want to emphasize is that even the American people and their leaders have now abandoned the idea of using the appealing terms “democracy” and “human rights” as tools for political manipulation. At the same time, I wish to highlight the public desire to learn from the painful political history of Myanmar and to build a future political landscape that is stable

Rise from darkness into light, and from light into ever-greater brilliance – never turning back to the shadows

By Moe Myint

and promising.

Negative consequences of being manipulated in the political arena

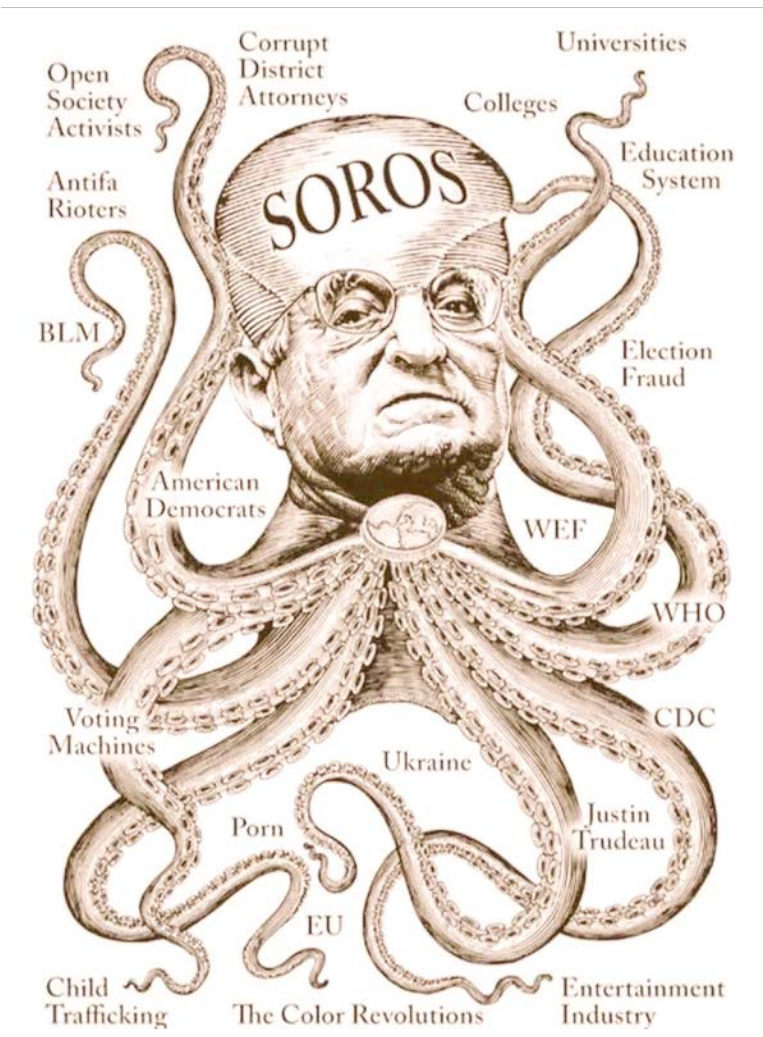
If so, what was right and what was wrong in Myanmar’s political history? From the writer’s perspective, I believe that there were more wrongs than rights. It seems that we, the people, are more inclined to support corrupt and theatrically staged politics, and the public is also responsible.

Theatrical politics means reliance on others’ manipulation and a lack of qualifications. Governments that are receiving assistance from over 100 foreign advisers like Sean Turnell, much like the puppet-like figures in the lives of those manipulated by the US, the UK, and George Soros, that have appointed former advisers of Soros to key positions in the administration, governments whose intelligence services, like MI5 and MI6, are closely connected with hostile foreign powers, and that are ridiculous to share the actions leaders, national level policies, political and economic facts and top military secrets with the advisers, and such actions of government are right or wrong? Due to the advisers appointed in various Union-level organizations and ministries, the country’s secrets have been exposed. During

this time, both military representatives and civilian members of parliament have raised questions at the Hluttaw.

Diversities under liberal waves

In a country, religion, ethnicity and nationalism, patriotic spirits for the country and people are of great importance. However, when these beliefs and sentiments are systematically destroyed under the influence of democratic standards and neoliberal waves, even the noble teachings of Buddha cannot save them. Neoliberalism is a subtle, modern form of colonial governance. This was particularly evident during the term of the NLD government. Being manipulated, the liberal education they introduced was also accepted. When cultural values are systematically poisoned through education, trust and understanding are lost between the government and the people, between Tatmadaw and the people, among political parties, among students, among members of the Sangha, and finally between teachers and students, and between parents and children. Emotions take precedence over reason. Divisions emerge. Political ideologies become distorted. Nationalism is dismissed as outdated, leading to the disap-



pearance of patriotism. Disintegration and conflicts emerged.

Example of the Indian BJP and Hungary

Who made it happen like this? Who created it? Among the

director, the main characters, the supporting characters, and the extras, how were the world-famous billionaire George Soros and his son Alexander Soros involved as supporting characters? Who was the real director behind

the scenes – was it the CIA, MI6, or someone else? By studying this carefully, I believe we can get lessons that will help us be more thoughtful in future political issues. Let’s take an example regarding George Soros’s entanglement in India. The ruling BJP officially labelled George Soros as the country’s number one enemy and blocked US\$18 billion that his Open Society Foundation (OSF) had secretly invested in India. Soros, who hated Prime Minister Modi, has long been involved in India’s political scene by connecting and sponsoring the opposition Congress Party of the BJP. He accused Modi of being a Hindu nationalist and showed support for the Muslim community. This involvement also included racial and religious division.

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán recently criticized George Soros, who is considered the king behind many malicious conspiracies around the world. Prime Minister Orbán strongly disapproved of Soros’s activities, especially after his country was pressured to accept migrants and refugees from various parts of the world, and he was not satisfied with Soros for interfering in legislation related to financial matters. Similarly, President Donald Trump also frequently criticized Soros and expressed his disap-

proval of George Soros’s actions.

Soros and the Myanmar political issue

Politics that receive financial support in the form of donations and funding cannot be expected to be entirely independent. Here, Hungarian financier, philanthropist, and global tycoon George Soros, along with his son Alexander Soros, are considered masters. Known for his strong opposition to communism, Soros is an active political player who has been involved in promoting democratic transitions.

However, being a literal and capable of influencing democratic elections to defeat those he opposed, and such a case can be seen in the 2004 election with the loss of presidential candidate George W Bush. Through widespread donations, Soros became involved in the affairs of about 60 countries and achieved many of his desired successes. His vision was to create a society free from centralized control, and in pursuit of that, he promoted globalization, aiming to transform the world into a single, borderless village.

Due to the excessive love for the environment of Soros’s group, development slowed down in some countries. By putting individual rights at the forefront, people began to resist everything.

Promoting the idea that all humans must be completely equal (equity) caused divisions within societies. When religious freedom was emphasized, people’s respect and faith in their own traditional religions started to decline.

With political neoliberalism, a free-market economy was promoted, and people were encouraged to think freely according to their beliefs – even to the extent of supporting the freedom to choose same-sex relationships, gender diversity, and gender transitions. No discrimination and tensions grow between parents and children, friends, and even countries. Eventually, divisions deepened, with hostility rising between groups labelled as red and green, “Disloyalty Civil Servants (DCS)” and loyal civil servants (Non-DCS).

When liberals prioritized equality in race, religion, and gender, and in all matters, important laws like the “overnight guest registration law” and other subsidiary laws were abolished, leading to a loss of control. This situation even opened the door to accepting illegal Bengali immigrants.

Due to the “Child Adoption Law”, which does not truly benefit the public, ethnic identities and religious traditions are at risk of disappearing. Moreover, spending around K64 billion to control the voices of opposition groups on the public platform of Facebook raises the question of whether this still counts as media freedom. Although the answer is unclear, it has certainly been very effective in suppressing dissent. It shows how liberal ideology is intertwined with security measures, and it shows a reflection on how these actions seem to have been pre-planned for shaping the future political landscape of the country.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

AI breakthrough could revolutionize diagnosis, treatment of genetic diseases: Australian scientists

ARTIFICIAL intelligence (AI) could soon play a pivotal role in diagnosing and treating genetic disorders, a study by the Australian National University (ANU) said on Thursday. The study marks a significant step towards more

precise, personalized medicine by harnessing the power of new data tools, according to an ANU news release.

Published in Nature Communications, the study combines AI-powered protein models with genome sequencing to better un-

derstand how mutations affect human health.

It uncovered why some proteins are more vulnerable to harmful mutations than others, through the use of Google DeepMind AlphaFold’s cutting-edge AI to analyze the effects of every

possible mutation across the full range of human proteins, said the release.

“Our study reveals that evolution has built resilience into the most essential proteins, shielding them from harmful mutations that disrupt protein

stability. Less critical proteins seem not to have evolved this inherent ability to absorb damage,” said ANU Associate Professor Dan Andrews, the research lead.

SOURCE: Xinhua

KEY POINTS

- A study from the Australian National University (ANU) shows that Artificial Intelligence (AI) could help diagnose and treat genetic disorders.
- The research combines AI with genome sequencing to understand how mutations affect health.
- It found that some proteins are better at handling harmful mutations than others, which can help in choosing the right treatments.
- The goal is to create automated systems that suggest effective treatments based on a person's unique genetic information.

NATIONAL

Sheet pile reinforcement underway at Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda

REINFORCEMENT works are continuing at the Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda compound to address damage caused by the recent strong Mandalay earthquake. The ongoing projects include sheet pile reinforcement of the pagoda platform and concrete reinforcement of the main monastery's supporting pillars.

Steel sheet piles are transported from the hotel zone jetty to the pagoda compound using large motorboats, and installation works have commenced from the northern side of the pagoda. Heavy machinery is used daily for this operation.

Similarly, concrete is poured to reinforce the columns of the main monastery structure.

The renovation works of the pagoda platform and main monastery are accelerated with the collective efforts of engineers, Tatmadaw members, police members, fire brigade members and volunteer donors. The aim is to complete the project before the upcoming Thadingyut Buddha Pujaniya Festival.

Donations from across the country are flowing in to support these restoration works. As of today, a total of K170.7 million has been donated. Those who



Restoration efforts are underway at Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda.

wish to contribute to this merit-making effort may contact PhaungdawU Pagoda Board of Trustee Chairman U Win Myint at 09 771497838. — Sai Elbel/KZL

Naval and aviation youth training courses underway



Photos above showcase youth trainees engaged in naval and aviation training programmes.

TO help students and youth develop their knowledge and skills during the summer holidays, and to cultivate a new generation of maritime and aviation professionals for the country, the Tatmadaw (Navy) and Tatmadaw (Air)

are currently conducting basic and advanced youth training courses in relevant townships.

Tatmadaw (Navy) began basic and advanced maritime youth courses on 22 April across 11 training camps,

with a total of 800 trainees. In Nay Pyi Taw Council Area's Training Branch 2, 100 trainees are receiving instruction in naval knowledge, rowing, and swimming. Similarly, 65 trainees from the maritime youth camp in Hainggyi Island, Ayeyawady Region, 40 from Heinze area camp and 50 from Myeik, Taninthayi Region, are undergoing practical training conducted by instructors from each area.

Meanwhile, under the supervision of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), Tatmadaw (Air) is conducting basic and advanced aviation youth courses 1/2025 at 15 training camps with a total of 804 trainees. These include 50 trainees at the Upper Myanmar camp in Meiktila, 57 in Taunggyi, 53 in Pyay, 52 in Myeik and 61 at the Lower Myanmar camp in Hmawby.

Trainees are learning subjects such as basic military training, aviation history, principles of flight, aviation-related general knowledge, airfield procedures, the history of the independence struggle, patriotism, remote control aircraft and helicopter piloting and simulator operation by qualified instructors. — MNA/KZL

K910M worth of meth pills seized in Kunhing



Offenders are seen alongside seized drugs and vehicles.

A combined anti-narcotics team seized over K910 million worth of stimulant tablets near Takaw village in Kunhing Township, southern Shan State, at around 10 am on 30 April.

Acting on a tip-off, officials intercepted two Nissan Diesel 12-wheeled trucks – one driven by Kyaw Swa Myint (aka) Lin Aung and the other by Sai Pyinya – en route from Mongping to Kali. A search uncovered 1.39

million stimulant tablets, 2.725 tonnes of caffeine and 600 litres of chemical scent solution on board.

According to the investigation, the drugs were trafficked from Kengtung to Kali via Kunhing. Legal action was taken against the suspects, with efforts ongoing to apprehend others involved, according to the Myanmar Police Force. — MNA/KZL

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Nepal’s ‘Red God’ chariot festival kicks off with traditional rituals

THE Rato Macchindranath or Bunga Dugh in Newa chariot festival, one of Nepal’s most revered festivals, has begun in the ancient town of Patan, Lalitpur, traversing through the sea of devotees on Thursday, the longest chariot procession of Nepal.

The festival, which honours the God of Rain and Harvest, features a 42-foot-tall chariot carrying the deity through the streets, accompanied by traditional music and rituals.

The festival is deeply rooted in Nepalese culture and folklore. According to legend, the chariot procession was started in 897 AD to commemorate Lord Macchendra-nath’s feat of bringing rain to the city of Patan after a severe drought. The festival celebrates

the deity’s power to bring prosper-ity and rainfall to the region.

The chariot is constructed annually by the Newa commu-nity using wooden beams and traditional craftsmanship, with-out using a single nail. The pro-cession runs for over a month and is led by troupes of musical performers and features tradi-tional rituals and ceremonies.

“The preparations start a month before. Jatra brings vi-brancy and cheerful moments to us. We are always happy to be involved and hold training to play the musical instruments, which gives us the satisfaction and continues the tradition,” Ujjwal, one of the members of the performing musical troupe, told ANI. — ANI



The procession lasts over a month and includes musical performances and various traditional rituals and ceremonies. **PHOTO:ANI**

Study shows young adults not as happy as before

YOUNG adults across the world between the ages of 18 and 29 were struggling, not only with happiness, but also with their physical and mental health, their perceptions of their own charac-ter, finding meaning in life, the quality of their relationships and their financial security, accord-ing to a new study.

The data, collected by Gal-lup primarily in 2023, was derived from self-reported surveys of more than 200,000 people in over 20 countries and published in the

journal Nature Mental Health on Wednesday. The study was one of a collection of papers based on the inaugural wave of data from the Global Flourishing Study, a collaboration between research-ers at Harvard and Baylor Uni-versity.

The study participants had relatively low measures of flour-ishing on average until age 50, the study found. This was the case in a number of countries, including the United Kingdom, Brazil and Australia. — Xinhua



The event took place at the Jio World Centre in Mumbai on Thursday. **PHOTO: ANI**

WAVES 2025: PM Modi releases commemorative postage stamps of Guru Dutt, other Indian cinema legends

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released commemorative postage stamps honouring five legends of Indian cinema at the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit 2025.

PRIME Minister of India, Nar-endra Modi, released com-memorative postage stamps in the names of five legends of Indian cinema, including Guru Dutt and P. Bhanumathi, at the World Audio Visual and Enter-tainment Summit 2025.

PM Modi inaugurated WAVES 2025 at Jio World Centre

in Mumbai on Thursday.

After his keynote address to a packed auditorium of global delegates, PM Modi released postage stamps in memory of the Indian cinema legends.

The postage stamps have been issued in the name of five renowned and transformative figures of Indian cinema. It in-

cludes filmmaker Guru Dutt, actress P. Bhanumathi, director Raj Khosla, filmmaker Ritwik Ghatak and music composer Salil Chowdhury. In his keynote address, PM Modi also reflect-ed on India’s growing cultural influence, citing examples of renowned figures in Indian cin-ema from time to time. — ANI

Shogun’ season 2 begins filming in Jan 2026

FX has revealed more details about the upcoming second season of its Emmy-winning drama series ‘Shogun’, which will begin filming in January.

Cosmo Jarvis has closed a deal to reprise his role as English pilot John Blackthorne, joining Hiroyuki Sanada, who will return as Lord Yoshii Toranaga, as per Deadline.

The second season will be “a wholly original new chapter to the first season”, taking place 10 years after the events of the first season.

The new chapter will continue the historically inspired saga of Lord Toranaga and John Black-thorne, whose fates are inextricably entwined.

According to Deadline, production on season 2 is slated to begin in January in Vancouver, where the first instalment was shot.

Hiroyuki Sanada has been upped to executive

producer for season 2, and Cosmo Jarvis will join the series’ producing ranks as co-executive producer. — ANI



FX is moving forward with the second season of its Emmy-winning series ‘Shogun’, which will introduce an original storyline set 10 years after the first season. **PHOTO: ANI**

ECONOMY
WORLD

Japan PM vows to protect national interests
in tariff talks with US

Ishiba described the recent ministerial talks as “very positive and constructive”, but noted that gaps remain between the two countries.



No significant agreement was reached, but another round of negotiations is planned for mid-May. **PHOTO: AFP**

PRIME Minister Shigeru Ishiba said Friday Japan will not sacrifice its national interests to conclude ongoing tariff negotiations with the United States, following the end of another round of ministerial-level talks.

Ishiba said the talks were “very positive and constructive” but there remain gaps between the two nations, telling reporters that “maximum efforts” are needed from both sides to reach any deal. During the roughly two-hour meeting in Washington with US government officials, including Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, Japan’s top negotiator Ryosei Akazawa called for a review of the tariff policy undertaken by President Donald Trump.

While no substantive agreement was reached, the ministers agreed that another round

of negotiations will be held from mid-May onward, according to Akazawa, who serves as Japan’s economic revitalization minister.

Ishiba said “the sooner, the better” when asked about the prospect of a bilateral deal. “That said, we should avoid undermining national interests at the expense of prioritizing speed over the substance” of any agreement, he told reporters at his office.

“They have issues that they want to point out and we have our own,” the prime minister said. “We haven’t reached a point where we can find common ground yet.” Japan is among the first nations that the United States has begun negotiations with over higher tariffs on US imports, which Trump is using to rectify what he sees as imbalanced trade. — Kyodo

China denounces US ‘reciprocal tariffs’ at WTO meeting

CHINA has refuted the accusations of “overcapacity” made by the United States and some other countries at a World Trade Organization (WTO) meeting and condemned US “reciprocal tariffs” and discriminatory subsidy policies for seriously undermining WTO rules.

Speaking at a meeting on Tuesday of the Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, the Chinese delegation pointed out that there is no universally recognized standard or methodology to

define overcapacity.

The delegation highlighted that a WTO member’s production can not only meet its own needs but also enable it to participate in global trade and market competition based on its comparative advantages.

For example, the United States exports large quantities of semiconductor chips, airplanes and soybeans, while Germany and Japan are both large automobile exporters. — Xinhua

Adani Ports registers records
net profit worth Rs11,061 crore
in FY25, up 37%

ADANI Ports and SEZ on Thursday reported an all-time high net profits in the just concluded financial year 2024-25, the company’s earnings results showed. The Adani Group’s ports business logged a net profit (profit after tax) worth Rs11,061 crore in the entire fiscal, up 37 per cent. In the January-March quarter, the net profits rose 50 per cent to Rs3,023 crore. In the January-March quarter of 2023-24, the net profits were at Rs2,015 crore.

Coming to revenue from operations, Adani Ports and SEZ reported a 16 per cent rise in revenue to Rs31,079 crore, as against Rs26,711 crore in 2023-24.

In the January-March 2025 quarter, the revenue from operations were at Rs8,488 crore, up 23 per cent from Rs6,897 crore in the year ago period.

The ports business of Adani Group reported an all-

time high cargo volume at 450 million tonne; Mundra became the first port in India to cross 200 million tonne in a single year.

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (AP-SEZ) announced results for the quarter and twelve months ending March 2025.

“Our record-breaking performance in FY25 — crossing Rs11,000 crore in PAT and handling 450 MMT cargo — is a testament to the power of integrated thinking and flawless execution,” said Ashwani Gupta, Whole-time Director and CEO, APSEZ, as per a company statement. — ANI



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Trump threatens sanctions on countries
purchasing Iranian oil, petrochemicals

US President Donald Trump has threatened to impose sanctions on the ‘countries or individual’ found buying Iranian oil and petrochemical products.

Trump said such countries will face secondary sanctions, and these nations won’t be allowed to do business with the United States going forward.

In a post on his social media account Truth Social, “ALERT: All

purchases of Iranian Oil, or Petrochemical products, must stop, NOW! Any Country or person who buys ANY AMOUNT of OIL or PETROCHEMICALS from Iran will be subject to, immediately, Secondary Sanctions.”

“They will not be allowed to do business with the United States of America in any way, shape, or form. Thank you for your attention to this matter,” it added. — ANI

Indian companies drive Asia Pacific growth in value creation: BCG report

ASIA-PACIFIC region has surged past North America and Europe, occupying 68 spots in the top 100 value creating companies globally according to a report by Boston Consulting Group titled, 'Value Creators Report'.

This significant out-performance has been driven largely by India. Indian companies alone account for 29 of the top 100 value creators, as well as 72 companies ranking in the top 10 across all 35 industries.

"This 'India phenomenon' spans 35 different industry sectors in our study, highlighting that India's accelerated path to long-term value cre-

ation has been broad-based and consistent — and reflects investor confidence across both new-age technology spaces as well as more traditional manufacturing domains," said Akshay Kohli, India Leader — Corporate Finance and Strategy, BCG.

"And even with recent market corrections and some investor conservatism, long-term expectations remain at near all-time highs — reinforcing the high bar on public market capital in India and the ask of corporate executives to deliver on both near-term fundamentals as well to invest for long-term growth," said Kohli. — ANI



India is the sixth largest producer of chemicals in the world and third in Asia, contributing seven percent to India's GDP. PHOTO: ANI

Japan's jobless rate in FY 2024 falls to 2.5% amid labour shortage

JAPAN'S average unemployment rate in fiscal 2024 fell 0.1 percentage point from a year earlier to 2.5 per cent, marking the first improvement in two years, amid a labour shortage, government data showed Friday.

In the fiscal year through March, the number of unemployed people decreased 30,000 to 1.75 million and the number of those with jobs grew 370,000 to 67.93 million, the highest level since comparable data became available in 1953, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications said. Among those not in work, the number of people dismissed by employers fell 20,000 from fiscal 2023 to 220,000. The number of individuals who left their jobs voluntarily, typically in search of better opportunities, remained unchanged at 750,000.

A ministry official explained that job seekers were able to find new positions even after being laid off as the labour shortage persists. — Kyodo

Singaporean PM: Full-blown recession cannot be ruled out following US tariffs

Prime Minister Lawrence Wong warned of the possibility of "a full-blown recession" during the May Day Rally.

SLOWER economic growth is being felt in Singapore following global tensions after the recent US tariffs, with the possibility of "a full-blown recession" not being ruled out, Singapore's Prime Minister Lawrence Wong said Thursday during the May Day Rally.

"So far, Singapore has not come under the spotlight, but you can be sure we will be put under greater scrutiny as well," he said. In April, US President Donald Trump introduced a 10-per-cent "minimum baseline tariff" on all imports, including those from Singapore.

The effects on businesses are "real and growing," Wong noted, pointing



Wong highlighted that businesses are facing "real and growing" challenges, including cancelled or delayed orders and postponed investments. PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ SHENG SIONG

out cancelled or delayed orders, postponed investments, and scaled-back operations. "America is already feeling it. It will be felt

around the world, and it will hit Singapore too," he added. Wong cautioned that the crisis "will not pass quickly," similar to the COVID-19

pandemic, which some believed would resolve within a few months, but instead led to repeated waves of outbreaks. — Xinhua

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GLOBAL VIEWPOINTS:
FEATURED REPORTS FOR THIS WEEK



This photo taken on 23 March 2025 shows a view of the Ritz-Carlton hotel, venue of the talks between US and Ukrainian delegations, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. **PHOTO: WANG DONGZHEN/XINHUA/FILE**

US VICE-PRESIDENT JD Vance said Russia and Ukraine know each other's terms for peace, and it is up to Moscow and Kyiv to reach a deal.

"For three years, these sides have fought, and each of them has said, no peace, we're going to fight until the other guys are basically knocked out. What we've seen now in the last couple of weeks is each side has put down.

This is our peace proposal. The Ukrainians did it. The Russians did it. And now I think the question is to see whether we can actually find some middle ground here for these guys to bring this conflict to a close," Vance boasted about a 'deal' that doesn't exist. He said it would be up to Russia and Ukraine to decide.

"It's not going anywhere. It's not going to end any time soon," Vance emphasized.

"When I say this deal, I mean getting

Ukraine conflict 'not going to end any time soon': Vance

Recently, both Ukraine and Russia have presented their peace proposals.

these guys to actually propose a peace settlement," Vance said — blissfully unaware that Ukraine ditched the 2015 Minsk Agreements and the 2022 Istanbul peace deal, and has repeatedly ignored Russia's calls for talks — including President Vladimir Putin's 2024 peace proposal.

Russia has been conducting its special military operation since 24 February 2022. President Vladimir Putin has said the operation aims to "protect people subjected to genocide by the Kyiv regime." According

to the president, the ultimate goal of the operation is to completely liberate Donbass and create conditions that guarantee Russia's security: Ukraine must undergo demilitarization and denazification.

Moscow says arms supplies to Ukraine hinder the settlement and directly involve NATO countries in the conflict. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has stressed that any cargo containing weapons for Ukraine will be a legitimate target for Russia. — SPUTNIK

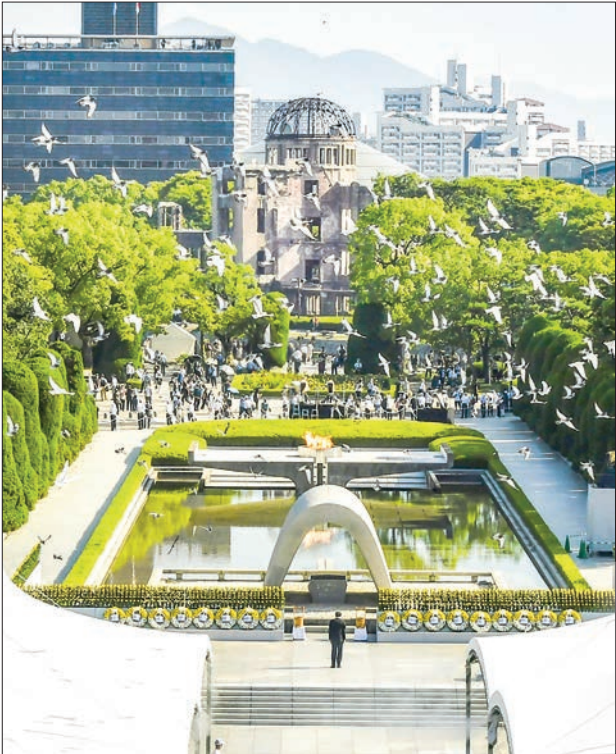
Large crowds turn out for Intl Workers' Day rally in Los Angeles

THOUSANDS of people gathered in downtown Los Angeles, US state of California, on Thursday for International Workers' Day rallies and marches, organized by the Los Angeles May Day Coalition, to advocate for workers' and immigrants' rights.

International Workers' Day, also known as May Day in the United States, happens every year on 1 May. May Day also has American origins. It started after Chicago's 1886 Haymarket Affair where workers joined a national strike advocating for an 8-hour workday. Typically, May Day protests and rallies in Los Angeles commemorate the achievements of labour unions and workers. This year, the planned demonstrations are expected to become a platform to protest the Trump administration's deportation push aimed at immigrant communities. — Xinhua



Demonstrators rally in downtown Los Angeles, California, the United States, on 1 May 2025. **PHOTO: QIU CHEN/XINHUA**



Over 90 nations call for preserving A-bomb memories in UN meeting

OVER 90 countries including Japan called for preserving the memories of the devastation caused by nuclear attacks on Thursday during a preparatory meeting for next year's UN nuclear disarmament review conference.

The move to issue the joint statement was led by Japan, with

this year marking the 80th anniversary of the US atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. From among nuclear weapons states, Britain was the only one that joined.

"Among the disarmament education efforts around the world, the invaluable testimonies of those who experienced and witnessed the devastation caused by nuclear explosions and its aftermath have played an indispensable role," the 94 state parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty said, touching on the contribution

of Japan's leading atomic bomb survivors' group Nihon Hidankyo, which received the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize.

But the statement warned that "With time, it is becoming more and more difficult to have the opportunity to hear firsthand accounts," making each remaining testimony "even more precious".

All NPT members were encouraged to "ensure the stories and memories of those affected are preserved and passed on to future generations", the statement said. — Kyodo

Pigeons are released in the annual ceremony at the Peace Memorial Park near ground zero in Hiroshima on 6 August 2021. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/KYODO/FILE**

SPORTS

Ayeyawady, ISPE FC share spoils in thrilling 3-3 draw

AYEYAWADY United and reigning champions ISPE FC battled to a 3-3 draw in a dramatic encounter of the Myanmar Women's League at Padonma Stadium in Yangon yesterday.

Both teams exchanged goals in the intense contest. ISPE FC initially took control with a hat-trick from Shwe Yee Htun, who scored in 12, 45 and 56 minutes. However, Ayeyawady fought back with Phyu Phyu Win finding the net in 39 minutes and San Thaw Thaw scoring in 83 minutes, ensuring the match ended level.

Meanwhile, at Thuwun-na Training Ground 1, Shan United and Thitsar Arman FC played out a goalless draw. Shan United ended their two-match losing streak, while Thitsar Arman FC managed to grab a point after previous defeats to Ayeyawady and ISPE FC.



Ayeyawady and ISPE FC players in action during their high-scoring league clash. PHOTO: MWL

At Yangon United Sports Complex (YUSC), Yangon United triumphed over Myawady FC with a commanding 6-0 victory, securing their second straight win. Myawady, on the other hand, suffered its third consecutive defeat.

After Matchday III, Ayeyawady and Thitsar Arman FC are tied at the top with sev-

en points from three games. Yangon United and Young Lionesses follow closely with six points each. ISPE FC has four points from two matches, while YREO FC has three points from two games. Shan United has only one point, and Myawady remains with zero points from three matches. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Bruised Real Madrid must stay in title fight against Celta

AFTER crushing defeats by Arsenal in the Champions League and Barcelona in the Copa del Rey, Real Madrid have one remaining ambition — defending their La Liga title.

Los Blancos host Celta Vigo on Sunday aiming to stay hot on league leaders Barcelona's tail, despite bruises from the cup final fallout this week.

Real Madrid defender Antonio Rudiger was banned for six matches for throwing an object at the referee, and also chose to undergo a knee operation, meaning he is out until the end of the season.

Ferland Mendy and David Alaba were also ruled out injured for the rest of the campaign, joining long-term absentees Dani Carvajal and Eder Militao on the sidelines.

Carlo Ancelotti's defence, one of the team's weak points in general this season, is in tatters as a Celta side hoping

to secure European football next season visit the Santiago Bernabeu.

Madrid, second and trailing Barcelona by four points, have lost five matches in La Liga this season after stumbling just once in their previous campaign, as they lifted

the title. Coach Carlo Ancelotti, poised to leave the club at the end of the season, still believes his team can defend their crown. Out of the Champions League, Madrid have had a week to rest and recover from the Copa final defeat on Saturday. — AFP



Kylian Mbappe and Real Madrid are fighting to stay in the title race behind Barcelona. PHOTO: AFP



Sein Lone Chaw and Yodsetsan exchange blows during their match. PHOTO: ONE CHAMPIONSHIP

Sein Lone Chaw falls short in ONE debut by decision

MYANMAR fighter Sein Lone Chaw faced a tough challenge in his promotional debut at ONE Friday Fights 106, held on 2 May in Bangkok, Thailand, where he lost points after a full three-round battle against Thai fighter Yodsetsan.

Despite an aggressive showing throughout the match, the bout went the distance and was decided by judges' scores, favouring Yodsetsan. Sein Lone Chaw had a promising start as he could manage to trade blows effectively in the first

round. However, from the second round onwards, Yodsetsan gained control and delivered cleaner strikes, gradually taking the upper hand.

This marked Sein Lone Chaw's first fight under the ONE Championship banner. While he displayed potential, he showed gaps in experience and strategic execution, ultimately leading to his defeat. His performance hinted at a foundation to build on for future bouts. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

Howe urges Newcastle to be ruthless in transfer market

EDDIE Howe has urged Newcastle to be ruthless in the summer transfer window as their Premier League competitors attempt to comply with strict spending rules.

Twelve months ago the Magpies found themselves reluctantly having to sell Elliot Anderson to Nottingham Forest and Yankuba Minteh to Brighton in order to comply with profitability and sustainability restrictions (PSR).

This time around they are in a significantly stronger position ahead of the 30 June deadline, having not made a major signing in three transfer windows.

With suggestions that clubs such as Aston Villa, Bournemouth and Forest may have to sell players in order to comply, Howe wants the club to be ready to pounce.



Eddie Howe's Newcastle are third in the Premier League. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

"The PSR deadline plays a huge role for clubs, both those clubs with PSR issues and those without, because those without may potentially look to try to sign players.

"They will look to take advantage of other clubs, as clubs did to us last year, quite rightly.

"It's a really interesting dynamic and one that we're really aware of and that we'll try to use to our advantage if we can. — AFP



Holy relics of Lord Buddha from Sarnath arrive in Vietnam for UN Vesak Day celebrations

The relic was escorted by a high-level Indian delegation led by Union Minister Kiren Rijiju and received at the Vietnam Buddhist University.

IN A profound gesture of peace and spiritual unity, the sacred Buddha Relic from Sarnath arrived in Vietnam on Friday for public exposition coinciding with the United Nations Day of Vesak 2025.

The relic, escorted with reverence by a high-level Indian delegation led by Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, was ceremonially received at the Vietnam Buddhist University, where a solemn ceremony took place before a grand procession carried it to Thanh Tam Pagoda for public veneration.

The International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) announced the relic's arrival on X, stating, "The Holy Buddha Relic from India arrived in Vietnam, was taken to the Buddha Hall at the Vietnam Buddhist University for a sacred ceremony and then brought through a grand procession to Thanh Tam Pagoda, where the Public Exposition of the Sacred Relic will take place."

The Consulate-General of India in Ho



The sacred Buddha Relic from Sarnath arrived in Vietnam on Friday for public exposition, coinciding with the UN Day of Vesak 2025.
PHOTO: ANI

Chi Minh City announced the arrival of sacred Buddha's relics from India, which will be displayed in Vietnam as part of the UN's Vesak Day celebrations. Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, leading the delegation, expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to carry the "holy relic" to Vietnam, where it will remain until 21 May. — ANI

BORN IN 1909

English great-grandma becomes world's oldest person at 115

A British woman, Ethel Caterham, became the world's oldest person aged 115 on Thursday after the death of a Brazilian nun who had held the record, according to research groups.

Caterham was born in a village in Hampshire on 21 August 1909, the second youngest of eight children. She lives in a care home in Surrey, also in southern England, having outlived her husband and both her daughters.

She is now the oldest person in the world according to the US-based Gerontological Research Group (GRG) and the LongeviQuest database, after the death of 116-year-old Inah Canabarro Lucas from Brazil.

The great-grandmother is the last living subject of King Edward VII, according to the GRG, and is also the oldest British person ever, according to the "Oldest in Britain" database. — AFP

China, Russia to hold art exhibition marking 80th anniversary of WWII victory

AN art exhibition will be held in Beijing to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the victory of the World Anti-Fascist War and promote art exchanges between China and Russia.

The exhibition, themed "Peace and Friendship — Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory of the World Anti-Fascist War," is co-organized by the Beijing People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and the Beijing Russian Cultural Centre, among others.

Artists aged 18 to 45 from China and Russia have been invited to submit their works. The submission period runs until mid-June, with the evaluation to be conducted at the end of June. An offline exhibition will take place at the China Millennium Monument in Beijing from 7 to 16 August.

A total of 80 participants will receive awards, comprising 15 first-place, 25 second-place, and 40 third-place winners from each country. — Xinhua

Guests visit a photo exhibition marking the 80th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War held at the Chinese Embassy in Moscow, Russia, 18 April 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

