

# The Global **NEW LIGHT** of MYANMAR

## Myanmar high-level delegation led by SAC Chairman PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing arrives in Russian Federation to attend parade to mark 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victory in Great Patriotic War

**A** Myanmar high-level delegation led by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla left Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport by special aircraft yesterday morning to attend the parade to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War (1941-1945) to be held in the Russian Federation at the invitation of President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Putin.

The Senior General and his wife and party were seen off at the airport by SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win and his wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Council Secretary General Aung Lin Dwe and his wife, council members, Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, officials from the Embassy of the Russian Federation to Myanmar and the Military Attache Office to Myanmar.

The Senior General and his wife were accompanied by Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo and his wife, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Defence General Maung Maung Aye, Dr Ba Shwe and Khun San Lwin, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, and entourage are welcomed by Russian Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Andrey Rudenko, officials, and the State Guard of Honour of the Russian Federation.

for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe, Navy and Air) General Kyaw madaw officers from the Office Chief of the General Staff (Army, Swa Lin and his wife, senior Tat- of the Commander-in-Chief, dep-

uty ministers and military and civilian officials.

During the trip, the Senior General will attend the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War (1941-1945) and related ceremonies, and hold separate meetings with attendees to the ceremonies. Moreover, the Senior General will carry out cementing strategic cooperation measures in friendly relations, economic and security sectors and other sectors between governments and people of both countries.

Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, the wife of the Senior General, will hold meetings with Speaker of the Federation Council Mrs Valentina Matvienko and Chairperson of the Russian Chapter of the BRICS Women's Business Alliance Ms Anna Nesterova.

The Myanmar high-level delegation led by the Senior General arrived at Vnukovo International Airport in Moscow in the afternoon and was welcomed by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Andrey Rudenko and officials of the Russian Federation, Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Thit Linn Ohn and Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Soe Oo.

At the welcome ceremony, the Senior General and party were flanked by the State Guard of Honour of the Russian Federation along the passage. — MNA/TTA

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# NATIONAL

## Youth: Balancing Self-Interest with Charity for Nation-Building

- All youths should balance self-interest with a spirit of charity.
- They must strive for personal improvement while fostering a commitment to public welfare and nation-building efforts.

*(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the ceremony of presenting awards to out-standing students who passed the matriculation examination 2024 with distinctions in all subjects on 22 July 2024)*

## Historic armours from four eras recreated

ARMOURS from four ages have been re-created now, said Myat Thinga Nge from Myat Taw Win traditional outfit making service.

There is attention to the creation of traditional outfits in Myanmar’s ancient stories, and armours used in the Bagan era, Pyu era, Toungoo era, and Inwa era will be remade in line with the history of Myanmar, she said.

“Lately, we have offers from photographers and models for making ancient outfits, that is why we have a project to remake armour over the ages. Now, we have created armour in the early Konbaung era, and the creation of armours in the Bagan, Pyu, Toungoo and Inwa eras will be continued,” she said.

Not the whole suit, armour that kings wore in battles and hunting, will be created, she added. At present, the wearing style of Sudhanu, prince of the Ayutthaya kingdom and archer in Myanmar mythical stories, when he went on hunting, has been recreated, she said. — MT/ZS



Wearing style of a young woman in Yadanapura Inwa City.

## Weather

### Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Wednesday 7 May 2025)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Weather is cloudy over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and a few cloud to partly cloudy elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 8 May 2025:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw, Kayah State. Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Region, fairly widespread in Kachin, Kayin and Mon States, scattered in Mandalay and Upper Sagaing Regions and Northern Shan State and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is 80 per cent.

**THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD:** The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kayin and Mon 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 of these phenomena.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 4-8 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Scattered to fairly widespread rain or thundershowers in Yangon, Bago, Upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon and Rakhine States.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 May 2025:** Partly cloudy.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 May 2025:** Partly cloudy and likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 May 2025:** Partly cloudy. — DMH

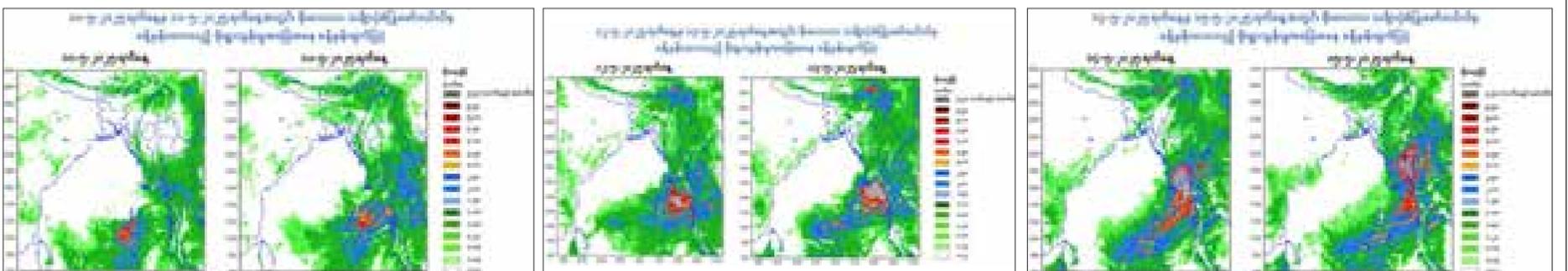
## Heavy Rainfall Warning 1

Issued at 5:30 pm MST on 7 May 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 4:30 pm MST today, due to the unstable air condition over the Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal and likelihood of advancement of southwest monsoon, rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered to fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing regions and Kachin, Chin, Rakhine and northern Shan states and widespread in Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayah, Kayin, Mon and (southern and eastern)Shan states with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls during 10 May 2025 to 15 May 2025.

### Advisory

People should be aware of the natural disasters such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, thunder, lightning strike, lightning, hails, flash floods and landslides in the hilly areas and near small rivers and inland water transport and domestic flight. — DMC



# NATIONAL

## Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

## DPM MoPF Union Minister meets staff in Mandalay, Sagaing

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein inspected the quake-affected offices of affiliated departments in Mandalay and Sagaing regions yesterday.

The Deputy Prime Minister first met the staff of affiliated departments from Sagaing, Amara-pura and Mandalay. During the meeting, he inspected the accommodation and office conditions of the staff and instructed them to solve the difficulties together like

family members, cooperate with the officials at different levels and encourage the staff who faced losses. He also reviewed the Regional Revenue Department Office, Regional Customs Office, Financial Regulatory Department, Myanmar Investment and Commercial Bank, Chanayethazan Revenue Department Office, regional Pension Department and MTO (5). Union Minister U Win Shein comforted the staff and provided them with cash and commodities. — MNA/KTZH



Deputy Prime Minister Union Planning & Finance Minister U Win Shein meets office staff members in Mandalay yesterday.

## MoI Union Minister-led delegation attends 17<sup>th</sup> AMRI in Brunei

MYANMAR delegation led by the Union Minister for Information attended the opening ceremony of the 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministers' Responsible for Information and its related Meetings (17<sup>th</sup> AMRI) in Bandar Seri Begawan of Brunei Darussalam yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah Ibni, Crown Prince of Brunei Darussalam and Senior Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, and officials from the Brunei Darussalam government, Ministers of Information, Deputy Ministers, Information Officers and delegations from ASEAN member countries and the three dialogue partners, U San Lwin, Deputy Secretary-General of the ASEAN Social and Cultural Community (ASCC), and officials from the ASEAN Secretariat, while members and officials from Timor-Leste attended as observers.

The 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Information Ministers' Meeting's rotating chair Mr Pehin Dato Halbi Yussof, Minister 2 of the Ministry of Defence and the Prime Minister's Office of Brunei Darussalam, and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Senior Minister of the Prime Minister's Office delivered welcoming remarks, followed by the Deputy Secretary-General of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community, delivering remarks.

The 17<sup>th</sup> AMRI focused on the theme "Media Advancing Joint Understanding:

Transforming Media's Role in Advancing Cooperation and Mutual Understanding". The theme of the meeting was discussed and recommended by the Ministers of Information, Deputy Ministers and the Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN from ASEAN member countries.

Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn (centre left) speaks at the 17<sup>th</sup> AMRI and related meetings in Brunei yesterday.

discussed the crisis situation, such as the Mandalay earthquake, and the media plays a crucial role in disseminating accurate and timely information. The effective reporting of news by ASEAN media channels has helped raise awareness of the needs of the people and has helped secure international and regional support.

He also continued that, as stated in the theme of this year's meeting, through the joint efforts of the media, all can promote mutual understanding and tolerance and bridge differences. All should not be satisfied with cross-border cooperation in the ASEAN media landscape that all will jointly implement, but

should also work together to bring many benefits to future generations.

The meeting then continued with the review and approval of the reports of the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting on Information and Communications and the 22<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting on Information and Communications, the implementation of the Action Plans on

Media and Communications Cooperation between ASEAN and the three dialogue partners, the reading and discussion of the ASEAN Committee on Culture and Information (COCI) Progress Report on Media and Communications, and the adoption of the Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration, the ASEAN Ministers of Information Declaration on the Safe and Responsible Use of Social Media Platforms, and the Joint Statements of the 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministers of Information Meeting and Related Meetings.

The 8<sup>th</sup> ASEAN and Dialogue Partners' Information Ministers' Meeting (8<sup>th</sup> AMRI+3) was held and attended by the Ministers of Information and Representatives of ASEAN Member States, Dialogue Partners China and Japan, the Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN and officials, and a delegation from Timor-Leste attended as an observer.

In the evening, a dinner was held in honour of the representatives of ASEAN member states attending the 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministers of Information Meeting and related meetings, hosted by the Crown Prince of Brunei Darussalam and the Senior Minister of the Prime Minister's Office.

The 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Information Ministers' Meeting was held on 7 May, and the 22<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting on Information and related meetings were held on 5 and 6 May. — MNA/KTZH

# NATIONAL

## Union Minister inspires quake-hit students retaking matric exam

NATIONAL Security Adviser and Union Minister for the State Administration Council Chairman's Office Ministry 1 Admiral Moe Aung met and encouraged students preparing to retake the 2025 matriculation examination at several high schools in Mandalay Region on 6 May.

The Union minister visited No 3 and No 1 Basic Education High Schools in Kyaukse, Basic Education High School in Singu, No 16 and No 1 Basic Education High Schools in Chanayethazan Township. He met with university lecturers, teachers and students who are currently conducting intensive exam preparation pro-

grammes at these schools.

During his remarks, the Union minister said the earthquake was an unexpected natural disaster, and praised the courage and determination of students who have returned to their studies. He also acknowledged the encouragement of parents, the dedication of teachers, and the systematic efforts of regional officials. He expressed confidence that the students, with such resilience, would be able to successfully pass the Grade 12 matriculation examination. He also encouraged them to become future leaders who will serve the interests of the country, people,



The coordination meeting on retaking the 2025 matriculation examination in progress in Mandalay yesterday.

and religion. He then presented snacks and essential supplies to the students.

Later, the Union minister and the delegation inspected arrangements for the students' food, health and safe learning environment. Officials reported that 94 per cent of eligible stu-

dents have already re-enrolled in the exam programme and that efforts are ongoing to help the remaining six per cent rejoin. He instructed local authorities to continue supporting those efforts.

Afterwards, the Union minister visited Mandalay Masoeye-

in monastery, which had been damaged by the earthquake, and donated supplies. He also held a coordination meeting with regional officials regarding the status of students retaking the matric exam during the earthquake recovery period. — MNA/KZL

## MoH Union Minister attends farewell for Samaritan's Purse team

UNION Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win attended the farewell and donation ceremony for the Samaritan's Purse International Relief medical team yesterday on behalf of the Chair of the National Disaster Management Committee. The American medical team had completed emergency healthcare operations following the recent earthquake.

Attendees observed a minute of silence for earthquake victims. In his speech, the Union Minister noted that over 350 hospitals and clinics were damaged, and the government declared a state of emergency by inviting international humanitarian aid. A total of 28 medical teams from 17 countries, including Samaritan's Purse, supported Myanmar's re-



Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win gives the Samaritan's Purse International Relief medical team the honorary document during the donation event for handing over the emergency hospital.

sponse.

Samaritan's Purse collabo-

rated with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Defence to

open a temporary field hospital at Shwekyapin Sports Ground in

Nay Pyi Taw from 5 April. The facility treated over 5,000 patients and performed 303 surgeries.

The organization also provided solar lights, water purifiers, and household items for 5,000 affected families. The field hospital has now been officially transferred to the Ministry of Health. The Union Minister expressed gratitude on behalf of the government and people of Myanmar.

Samaritan's Purse leaders Mr John Melton and Mr Peter Horst discussed their emergency healthcare efforts and the handover process. The donated facility includes emergency wards, operating theatres, a pharmacy, a laboratory and water purification systems valued at approximately US\$1.5 million. — MNA/KZL

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## Aid received for Mandalay quake-hit staff



Union Minister Dr Soe Win accepts the donations from the Tzu Chi Charity Foundation.

TO provide support and rehabilitation for staff affected by the Mandalay earthquake, the Tzu Chi Charity Foundation donated K200 million, 920 six-Pyi

bags of rice, and 920 one-litre bottles of oil at the office of the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettle-

ment. Union Minister Dr Soe Win accepted the donation, expressed his gratitude, and presented a certificate of appreciation. — MNA/TH

## Mandalay quake toll hits 3,791 as global aid flows in

AS of 7 May, 3,791 people have died, 5,106 have been injured, and 88 remain missing in six regions and states of Myanmar that were 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. So far, 653 people have been rescued alive from collapsed buildings, and the bodies of 795 deceased persons have been recovered.

Both local donors and philanthropic individuals have been providing financial aid and relief supplies to those affected by the disaster.

Similarly, foreign countries, international organizations, and charitable donors have been offering monetary and material assistance.

Between 5 pm on 6 May and 5 pm on 7 May, various forms of international assistance arrived at Yangon International Airport. This included 0.5 tonnes of instant noodles, biscuits and clothing, donated by Kri Sakthi Nyanaethira Kanimadam Yogi Ramsuratkumar Shiramam and Persatuan Renganut Devi Shri Karumariamman Temple of Malaysia, through the Myanmar Embassy in Malaysia.

Relief items are being swiftly distributed to the affected communities to ensure timely support. — MNA/MKKS

## Quake relief, recovery efforts ongoing in Mandalay, Sagaing

RESCUE, relief and rehabilitation operations are being carried out on the damaged roads, bridges and buildings affected by the powerful Mandalay earthquake.

Lt-Gen Thet Pon from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) yesterday observed the clearing of debris at damaged religious buildings at SoonU Ponnyashin and Shinphyuhla pagodas in Sagaing.

He also inspected the distribution of commodities, kitchen utensils provided by AHA Centre and personal equipment provided by Brunei to the quake victims of Shweminwun, Nilar, Padamya, Phyukan, Siti and Meeyahta wards at the 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Stadium in Parami Ward, Sagaing.

He then observed heavy machinery clearing debris at Pabedan ward and the construction of a new temporary school building at No 2 BEHS in Poetan ward. He instructed officials to ensure healthcare services for the quake victims at No 1 BEHS.

He proceeded to BEMS (branch) in Chinsu ward to inspect the construction of a new



Lt-Gen Thet Pon presents relief supplies quake survivors in Sagaing.

temporary school building.

Similarly, Lt-Gen Myo Moe Aung from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) inspected the quake-stricken school buildings at No 20 BEHS between 16<sup>th</sup> and 86<sup>th</sup> streets in Aungmyaythazan township, Mandalay, and observed the assessment procedures of engineer PE members and post-earthquake assessment after the level-1 test. He also provided cash for the teachers.

On arrival at No 21 BEHS

at the corner of 26<sup>th</sup> Street and Strand Road, he inspected the clearing of debris and post-earthquake assessment, and instructed officials to complete the operations as quickly as possible.

Moreover, Lt-Gen Soe Tint Naing from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) inspected the clearing of debris at No 15 BEHS in Aungmyaythazan township. He then proceeded to the relief camp at No 17 BEHS in Aungmyaythazan

township to console and present relief items to the quake victims.

He observed the construction of modular houses in front of the school compound. He went to Shwelinpin Pagoda in Amarapura township, and observed the clearing processes and donated cash to Sayadaw.

Meanwhile, Lt-Gen Myo Thant Naing from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) inspected the clearing of dangerous buildings on Taso-e-Min Su Road in Aye Mya Kyi

Lin ward of Kyaukse township, and left necessary instructions.

A total of 645 buildings in Kyaukse District were examined under the SOP system, and it was found that 6,146 can be repaired, while 305 must be demolished, and 277 of them were demolished.

He proceeded to the Land Records Office in Singaing and inspected the quake-battered buildings. He chose the location to construct two modular houses and instructed to seek directives from the relevant ministries regarding the quake-affected buildings.

He also donated offerings and cash at Myat Mingalar Nunnery school in Singaing. He also suggested constructing the buildings should be constructed to withstand earthquakes, and the construction materials are also sold at fair prices by the District Administrative Department.

He then inspected the selling of construction materials at fairer prices for 14 monasteries and one nunnery school in Kyaukse district yesterday. — MNA/KTZH

# NATIONAL

## PDF drone strike kills civilian in Sagaing village



The location map of the PDF terrorists' bomb drops at Thinbaungkyin Village in Kanbalu Township.

PDF terrorists carried out a bomb attack on Thinbaungkyin Village in Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Region, on the morning of 6 May, resulting in civilian casualties. The attack occurred at around 10:45 am, when terrorists dropped explosives from a drone flying approximately 800 metres above the southern part of the village. A man was killed and another man was injured in the blast while they were peacefully going about their daily lives.

Residents strongly condemned the terrorist act, expressing anger and fear over such bombings in peaceful villages. They stated that they could never accept these brutal actions and continued to support Tatmadaw's counter-terrorism operations. — MNA/KZL

## Illegal trade crackdown yields K10B+ in seizures in Apr



Photos show confiscated illegal items in April.

SUPERVISED by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, inspection teams under the state and regional illegal trade eradication special task forces, together with one-stop services from respective departments, consistently and effectively crack down on illegal trade. These efforts take place at border trade offices and stations, permanent checkpoints along land and sea trade routes, and ports and airports.

Information is crucial to these operations.

In April 2025, responsible citizens submitted 101 reports, of which five were inaccurate and four were late, leading to 92 successful arrests. A total of 207 cases involved the seizure of illegal goods, including timber, industrial products, consumer goods, and foodstuffs, with an estimated value of K10,592.854 million. In addition, vessels, vehicles, fishing boats, and unreg-

istered vehicles and motorbikes were also confiscated.

Those who provided information leading to seizures will receive twenty per cent of the estimated value of the seized items (K2,118.57 million) as rewards.

Responsible citizens can report illegal trade by contacting the following phone numbers: 09-404-339-969, 067-409-883, or by emailing [antiillegaltradeinfo@gmail.com](mailto:antiillegaltradeinfo@gmail.com). — MNA/MKKS

## Anti-drug police seize meth, pills in Shan and Mandalay



Offenders are seen alongside confiscated stimulant tablets, motorcycles and vehicles.

ACTING on a tip-off, a combined team comprising members of the Anti-Drug Police Force stopped and searched a Toyota Revo driven by Lelauksae, who was accompanied by Lauksan, in Tachilek Township, Shan State (East), at 7:30 am on 5 May. The search led to the seizure of 198 kilogrammes of crystal methamphetamine (Ice), valued at over K1.5 billion.

In a separate incident, at 4 pm on 4 May, the police stopped a three-wheeled motorbike driven by San Win Naing in Mahaaungmyay Township and discovered 0.05 kilogramme of "Happy Water" valued at K6 million. Following further interrogation, the police seized an additional 2.483 kilogrammes of Happy Water, valued at K297.9 million, from the house of Thet Min Swe (aka) Kyan Kyaung in Chanmyathazi Township.

Based on further information, the combined team searched a motorbike driven by Soe Lwin near Yinmabin Village, Thasi Township, at 3 pm

on 2 May. The team discovered 270,000 stimulant tablets worth K405 million. Subsequently, the police arrested Tin Maw Htun (aka) Maw Gyi, Thein Zaw, Wai Phyo Kyaw (aka) Ko Phyo, Thet Aung, and Thet Naing Soe (aka) Ah Nge Lay, who were expecting to receive the drugs. The arrests took place near Thahtaygone Village in Thasi Township at 4 pm, along with the seizure of a Toyota Wish and a motorbike.

In a related operation, police arrested Maung Maung Htay and Zaw Latt Min with 200,000 stimulant tablets worth K300 million, as well as a Mark II vehicle, between Mileposts 261/5 and 261/4 on the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway. Additionally, drug hawkers Ma Hla Nyunt Sein, Ma May Kyi Htay, and Thant Zin Phyo (aka) Htay Win were apprehended with 135 stimulant tablets valued at K67,500 at a guesthouse in Taunggyi.

The offenders have been prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. — MNA/MKKS



Suspects are seen alongside confiscated ice (crystal methamphetamine) and vehicle.

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## Tiger prawn exports boost global seafood market

MYANMAR'S marine resources contribute to domestic seafood sufficiency and export revenue. Myanmar abundantly produces both freshwater and saltwater fish. Wild-caught tiger prawns are exported to foreign markets, with the export price of K200,000 per viss.

The three-month fishing close season starts in May. Trawlers and fishing boats called in Yangon city on 30 April to supply saltwater shrimp and seafood, including tiger prawn, to Sanpya and Shwepadauk fish markets and other ports.

"Tiger prawns fetch a high price in the market. They are designated only for exports. Exporters buy them once they are unloaded from the ship. They are exported depending on the size, order placement and food safety standard of the importing countries. The saltwater fish

stored in cold storage facilities will be sold gradually during the close season," said Daw Tin Nwe, a saltwater fish exporter engaged in the Sanpya fish market.

Myanmar exports wild-caught tiger prawn and Panamei white shrimp, farmed in Taninthayi Region, to foreign

markets.

"Myanmar's tiger prawn and Panamei white shrimp generate export earnings. Fostering Good Aquaculture Practice and Best Aquaculture Practices is required for sustainable seafood. This way, we can protect fish resources from reaching yellow levels that pose some

environmental concerns. Once, Myanmar's tiger prawn export businesses with genetic moni-

toring flourished.

Myanmar possesses vast marine resources. If it can bolster livestock breeding, the export might double, said Dr Toe Nanda Tin, senior vice president of the Myanmar Fisheries Federation.

Wild-caught tiger prawns are processed in cold storage in Yangon Region and then primarily exported to China, Singapore, Thailand and the Republic of Korea. Seafood prices usually go up during the closed fishing season.

Myanmar's fisheries exports included over 9146.615 metric tonnes of shrimp in the 2024-2025 financial year. Various types of Myanmar's shrimps are placed on foreign markets, yet foreign trade partners prefer tiger prawns as it has grasped a firm market share in the seafood industry. — Thitsa (MNA)/KK



Fishing boats dock at the port (above) and a vendor shows samples of export tiger prawn (inset). PHOTO: ZWE MARN

## DAR, seed firms unite for hybrid corn drive



A corn farm in Shan State and freshly-harvested corns.

THE Department of Agricultural Research and seed companies will collaborate in hybrid corn seed production.

A coordination meeting was held at the Nawarat Hall of the department on 6 May, with presence of the Director-General, Deputy Director-General, researchers and representatives from Ayeayawady Seed Co Ltd, New Asia Hi-Tech Seed Co Ltd, Top Partner Co Ltd, Agro Yadana Co Ltd, Royal Farm Co Ltd and Avetine limited Co Ltd.

Dr Naing Kyi Win, Director-General of the Agriculture Department, addressed that the department focuses on developing parent lines. It will help distribute these new parent lines developed from the research department to farmers, in cooperation with the Agriculture Department and private seed companies. The department is committed to adaptation to scientific and technological innovation. It also pledged to provide cultivation techniques, fertilizer protocols,

and agronomic support to companies for optimizing seed production beyond the distribution of the seeds, he continued.

The department will work closely with companies to implement best practices from planting to harvest to enhance the Myanmar agriculture sector, he added.

Dr Khin Nyein Chan Myae from the Crops Research Division presented ongoing collaboration efforts on hybrid corn production and plans in detail.

Deputy Director-General Dr Aung Moe Myo Tin also urged companies to commercialize new hybrid corn seed developed by the DAR and maintain a long-term partnership to enhance agricultural productivity. Seed companies are encouraged to select promising hybrid seeds for large-scale production and join field trials for demonstration to farmers to promote the adoption of new varieties and techniques. — NN/KK

## Fertilizer prices hold steady in first five months



A farmer applying fertilizer in a paddy field.

THE Myanmar Fertilizer, Seed and Pesticide Entrepreneurs Association (MF-SPEA) announced that fertilizer reference prices have been stable in the first five months (January-May) of 2025. The reference prices for May 2025 stay the same as the rates registered in January and April. They are set at K95,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Urea fertilizer (large granular), K124,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Rock Phosphate and K135,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of

Di Ammonium Phosphate. The prices may vary a bit depending on transport charges in other regions and states, as the aforementioned prices are set for the Yangon Region, MFSPEA stated. Additionally, reference prices will be further announced as per rules and regulations. For overcharging, consumers can complain to the committee through contact numbers 067 410032 and 09 988539360. MFSPEA has already asked the member companies to stick to the reference prices.

At present, the Fertilizer Committee holds a quarterly meeting to ensure quality fertilizer for growers without facing shortages. Under the approval of the Fertilizer Technology Group, 12,297 fertilizer registrations have been granted after the 43rd meeting of the Fertilizer Committee. With individuals' consent, 2,088 registrations were voluntarily cancelled. The department revoked 2,867 registrations for expiration of validity, and 7,342 registrations are still under processing. — NN/KK

# OPINION

## Honour the recordable efforts of Red Cross members

WORLD Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is an annual celebration of the principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. It is observed on 8 May every year, marking the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, who was the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the first recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, awarded in 1901.

World Red Cross Day is a global observance that celebrates the humanitarian efforts of the Red Cross and Red Crescent movements. It honours the tireless work of volunteers and staff who provide vital assistance to those in need, especially during emergencies and natural disasters. The day also aims to raise awareness of the movement's core principles: neutrality, impartiality, and humanity.

Those Red Cross members participated in search and rescue operations in different natural disasters, especially severe storms in Myanmar. This year, Red Cross members had a remarkable opportunity to demonstrate their heroic efforts in rescuing people from the damaged and collapsed buildings caused by the Mandalay earthquake. Their noble actions will be remembered as a significant part of national history. The sacrifices they made, including their lives, blood, and sweat, are worthy of recognition for helping the quake victims survive and rebuild their lives.

tress, without discrimination based on skin colour, age, gender, race, religion, or social status.

Red Cross members carry out their duties not for personal gain, but out of a deep desire to heal and ease the suffering of patients through their care. They are unwavering in their commitment, even tending to the wounded on battlefields. In general, they take pride in their success in helping patients recover through healthcare services and in extending support to those affected by various natural disasters.

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MYANMAR border regions are like the wild west of the past. And the wild part has exploded exponentially in these semi-autonomous regions, governed by warlords, crime lords and drug lords. The contagion has shifted from the previously confined boundaries of the Golden Triangle to even mushrooming to penetrate the centre of the business hub of Yangon.

Now mesmerizing casinos, illegal gambling dens, scam operations, human trafficking, drug paddling, kidnapping, and gun violence can be seen from Pan Shang in Wa region, Namkhan in northern Shan, Myawady right opposite Mae Sot, Three Pagoda pass in the South, to Hlinethaya FMI estate and famous towers of Golden City and Myanmar Plaza. Obviously, the latter three are in Yangon municipality, hence the activities there are more supervisory and management in nature, rather than openly engaging in these underworld activities.

And the leadership might have been aware of these for decades, yet taking effective action is easier said than done. With peace between the central government and the ethnic regions on thin ice, getting rid of obvious criminal activities has taken a back seat, compared to preserving stability, hoping for the dawn of a development era.

Such a significant day is celebrated in unity, highlighting the spirit of service that transcends borders. Emblems of these societies are globally recognized symbols of protection and hope. In 191 countries, national Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, established by relevant governments, are actively providing humanitarian aid through dedicated volunteers. Similarly, in Myanmar, the Myanmar Red Cross Society continues to deliver humanitarian assistance in accordance with Red Cross principles, reaching people in need across the nation.

A total of 97 million members worldwide have joined the organization established to protect human life and health. It is founded on the principle of promoting respect for all human beings and protecting them from suffering and distress.

Yet, the results have not been encouraging at best. Violence spread more, peace accords were as fragile as a rosebud, and regions under the control of the central government got smaller and smaller. The government is fighting back. Recent speeches by the Senior General highlighted a shift towards a more decisive and heavy-handed approach to dissidents and unruly EAOs.

### The sudden change in attitudes

The fact is that the government has been aware of these for at least a couple of decades. Our big brother China has also been pushing the government to take decisive action in the border regions for many years. Yet, the resolute measures did not happen until like a couple of months ago.

Between the second and third weeks of February, the government papers pages are full of crackdowns on scam centres and returns of illegal migrants, who settled here to do nothing but crime. The front pages were also occupied with news of a similar nature.

### Actions followed

5 February: Acting on the tip-off, security forces raided the places where the online gambling and scams are concentrated in Mong Yai Township, Shan State

(North), and an armed engagement occurred with security personnel of 'telecom fraud' in the southeast of Mong Yai. During the clash, security forces discovered two dead bodies, arrested five 'telecom fraud' security personnel, seized six weapons and detained eight Chinese nationals and seven Myanmar nationals.

Security forces also seized seven buildings and 181 mobile phones, 25 laptops, 21 desktops, 28 keyboards, two Wi-Fi devices, two Starlink devices, one gun, five bullets and other gambling materials near Naungghan village.

6 February: Security forces arrested nine Chinese nationals — eight males and one female, 18 Vietnamese females and 27 Myanmar nationals — two males and 25 females — near Naungghan village in Mongha area together with 72 computers, five Starlink devices, 79 mobile phones, five fish gambling machines and two vehicles.

7 February: 12 Chinese males were arrested with one Alphard vehicle and one generator near the vicinity of Naungghan village.

Prosecution will be made against the offenders, and foreigners will be transferred to their respective countries on bilateral relations between the countries and humanitarian grounds.

Minister of Home Affairs also met the Chinese Ambassador on 14 February, probably to explain

# We are Like Rockets

By U AC



The urgency for decisive action has led to a rapid response from the government, highlighting the need for immediate measures to combat the escalating influence of criminal gangs in Myanmar. ILLUSTRATION: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/PIXABAY

the 'urgent' enforcement measures being undertaken to rid the country of gang lords' escapees from China. The talks focused on the expulsion of foreigners in Myawady, Kayin State, as per the procedures, arrests of online scammers and gamblers in the Mongha region of Mongyai Township in Shan State (North), transfer of Chinese fugitives, holding of China-Myanmar-Thailand senior officials meeting to combat online scams and gambling in Myawady, ongoing cooperation between the two ministries and future coop-

eration. **3,000+ captured and extradited so far**

Shortly after the get-together, Myanmar authorities transported 300 Chinese nationals, who illegally entered the country via border routes to run online gambling and telecom fraud in Myawady, Shwe Kokko and KK Park areas, to China on 23 February.

The detainees admitted in media interviews that they illegally entered Myanmar, passed through some neighbouring countries and were forced to work in telecom fraud and online gambling in the Myawady and KK Park areas.

On 24 February, another batch of 22 foreigners were arrested and deported again from the Myawady area and handed back to the welcoming hands of China's Ministry of State Security.

All in all, within February and March, 3,000+ illegals were arrested and extradited to their respective countries. And the world wonders why it is taking so long to do such a quick job.

### Why Such an Abrupt Change of Heart?

The change in attitudes and prompt actions came after various countries, including China, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Thailand, publicly or privately asked the government to act. After initially blaming Kayin EAOs for what's

been happening and Thailand for the supply of infrastructure, the latter cut off the electricity, fuel and internet infrastructure within one month, depriving the residents of essential services except for a few houses powered by solar energy. The Thais acted swiftly. Within another week or so, the BGF Chief Saw Chit Thu held a press conference, right after the Thai government designated him as a fugitive with an immediate warrant of arrest. He amazingly claimed to be totally oblivious of such scams and illegal activities being carried out by his tenants in the Shwe Kokko compound and audaciously blamed one of the ministers in the current cabinet for introducing him to the scam gang. You can see in Saw Chit Thu's actions too, on the expert application of the blame game and acting blur amid all arrows being pointed at him.

With that, the government's strategy of pointing fingers at others fell short of credibility, and they ended up being put in a corner. There was now an urgent need to be decisive in our initiatives. All stars got aligned from mid-February onwards in salient to push back the invading forces of scam gangs.

As one of the DAs (Defence Attachés) in Myanmar said, the Myanmar people are like rockets. When their asses are on fire, they will act really fast.

# The Deadly Risk of Indoor Generators

By Laura Htet (UDE)



To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, it's crucial to never use generators indoors or in garages, even with windows and doors open. Always use generators outdoors, at least 20 feet away from windows, doors, and vents. ILLUSTRATION: CONCEPT ART

IN TODAY'S busy world, many of us are constantly seeking comfort — especially when the weather turns extreme. We crave cool air during heat waves, cosy warmth during winter, and uninterrupted power when blackouts hit. But sometimes, in our efforts to make life easier, we overlook silent dangers hiding in plain sight.

According to a news report, a tragic incident happened in Sanchaung where four family members died after running a generator and using the air conditioner while sleeping. The neighbours noticed a foul smell, opened

the room, and discovered that all the family members had passed away. It is suspected that carbon monoxide poisoning was the likely cause of death.

Can you imagine the shock and grief in that neighbourhood? A family, perhaps just like yours or mine, went to bed expecting to wake up refreshed the next day. They never expected that the generator they turned on for comfort would quietly take their lives.

This heartbreaking story is sadly not a rare case. Every year, countless lives are lost around the world because of a quiet killer: **carbon monoxide**. And while people often associate this danger with cold weather and heating systems, it's during hot seasons and power outages that the risk

becomes even more widespread — especially when people turn to generators for relief.

So, why does this happen? And more importantly, how can we prevent such tragedies? **Understanding the Danger**

First, let's understand what's going on behind the scenes when a generator is running. A generator is an incredibly useful tool. It can power our lights, fridge, fan, or air conditioner when the main electricity supply is cut off. But like many fuel-powered machines, it comes with a hidden risk.

In simple terms, when the generator burns fuel to produce energy, it doesn't just create electricity — it also creates exhaust gases, including carbon monoxide (CO). This gas is often called

the "silent killer" for a reason: **it's colourless, odourless, and tasteless**. We can't see it, smell it, or taste it. We won't even know it's there — until it's too late. If we're outdoors, these gases can usually dissipate harmlessly into the air. But the moment we bring a generator inside or use it near enclosed spaces, we create a deadly situation.

### Why Generators and Homes Don't Mix

The tragic incident in Sanchaung happened in a fourth-floor apartment. Apartments in Yangon typically have poor ventilation. Generators are designed to be used outdoors. When used inside, carbon monoxide can build up to toxic levels. That's

why warning labels on generators advise against indoor use. Many people think, "If I just open a window, it'll be fine," or "I can't smell anything, so it's safe." But this is a dangerous misconception.

Unlike smoke or gas leaks, carbon monoxide doesn't give us any warning signs. We won't see a cloud of gas. We won't notice a strange smell. We will just go on with our activities, unaware that each breath is bringing us closer to danger. The scary thing about carbon monoxide is not just that it's silent, but that it works against our body in a very specific and deadly way.

Carbon monoxide binds to the body more easily than oxygen. Even in small amounts, the body absorbs it more readily than oxy-

gen. A person will keep inhaling it without realizing it, leading to oxygen deprivation. Gradually, they will start to feel drowsy, become disoriented, lose consciousness, and eventually die as their organs are deprived of oxygen.

This gas isn't just dangerous — it's lethal.

### It Happens More Often Than We Think

Unfortunately, these accidents are not isolated events. It happens often — During hot weather and power outages, people often run generators inside to use air conditioning. Sadly, this kind of incident is quite common and has led to entire families losing their lives.

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# NATIONAL



## MMPO to provide uniforms, supplies for members' children

THE Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO) has announced that members of the film industry and donors are providing financial support to the organization to supply school uniforms and stationery for the children of film industry workers. This information was shared by U Aye Kyu Lay, Vice-Chair of the organization.

To receive this support, film industry workers who are members of the organization and have school-age children are encouraged to apply by 9 June. Applicants should submit a copy of their membership card, a copy of the household registration, and original supporting documents from the relevant basic education schools.

Aung Thiri Film Production donating to officials from the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization.

The MMPO aims to ensure that all eligible children of film industry workers receive school uniforms and stationery. All members of the organization are welcome to apply.

"This June, as in previous years, we are making arrangements to support film industry workers with school-age children. Together with donors and supporters, we plan to provide complete sets of school uniforms, blank notebooks, pencils, pens, and other essential items. At present, film industry workers and major film companies are also making contributions," said U Aye Kyu Lay.

Currently, donations have been received from several individuals and companies. Academy Award-winning actor Khant Si Thu donated K5 lakh, actress Saung Yoon San K5 lakh, Aung Thiri Film Production K5 lakh, and Sein Htay Film Production 106 drinking water bottles. — ASH/KNN

## MSF to support families hit by Mandalay quake

THE Myanmar Seafarers' Federation (MSF) will assist seafarers' families whose homes were damaged in earthquake-stricken areas by providing reconstruction support, according to the organization.

"For this purpose, the federation has established a fund of K10 million, with donations from donors totalling over K3 million so far. Recently, we provided K3.50 million per house to rebuild two houses belonging to a seafarer

family impacted by the earthquake in Mandalay," said MSF President Captain Soe Min Aung.

Families of sailors in earthquake-battered areas can submit evidence of damage to their homes and request assistance from MSF. After the cost of rebuilding is determined in consultation with the homeowner, construction experts, and the construction team, MSF will provide financial assistance. — ASH/TH



Photos capture a construction team renovating a house damaged by the earthquake.

## Actor-cum-director Maung Maung Myint passes away



VETERAN actor-cum-director Maung Maung Myint died of old age at 10:15 am on 7 May at his residence in Yangon, according to U Aye Kyu Lay, Vice-Chair of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization.

He passed away at 93. The veteran ac-

tor-cum-director composed poems under his pen name, poet Maung Maung Myint (Thukhuma). He was born in 1933, and he started his career in the Myanmar film industry in 1956.

"U Maung Maung Myint passed away at 10:15 am today. We are sorry to hear that. Officials from MMPO visited him in recent days. At that time, he slightly recovered and talked with us. Now, as he passed away, we are sorrowful for the loss of a professional from the film industry," said U Aye Kyu Lay.

U Maung Maung Myint was the father of the late popular actor Pyay Nyein, and both father and son were well-known actors.

Veteran artiste Maung Maung Myint acted in and directed the films titled "13 Hours, 13 Persons, 13 Days", "Dangerous Area" and many other films. He also directed a large number of movies and videos. — ASH/TTA

## Solo concert set to rock Yangon

MYANMAR pop star Ni Ni Khin Zaw will perform a solo concert at the Transporter Restaurant in South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region, according to the artiste.

Speaking about the upcoming event, Ni Ni Khin Zaw said, "At my solo concert on 11 May, I will be performing alongside key vocalists and DJs from the Transporter Band. The renowned Transporter Music Band will provide full instrumental

support to make the performance the best it can be. The Secret Pieces Dance Group will also be part of the show with their impressive dance performances."

Ni Ni Khin Zaw's solo concert titled 'Galbel, Galbel' is scheduled for 11 May at 7 pm. She will present a selection of her popular tracks with live musical backing by the Transporter Music Band. — ASH/KZL

### Daily newspapers available online

FOR those who would like to read the Myanma Alinn, the Kyemon and the Global New Light of Myanmar, published daily by the Ministry of Information, please visit [www.moi.gov.mm/mal](http://www.moi.gov.mm/mal), [www.moi.gov.mm/km](http://www.moi.gov.mm/km), [www.moi.gov.mm/nlm](http://www.moi.gov.mm/nlm) and [www.gnlm.com.mm/e-paper](http://www.gnlm.com.mm/e-paper).

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## Lashio General Hospital resumes public services on 5 May

THE emergency and outpatient departments of Lashio General Hospital in northern Shan State reopened at 8 am on 5 May and are providing treatments to patients, according to locals.

“I am very happy that the hospital has reopened. I thank all the doctors and staff,” said a local.

On that day, the hospital treated 96 patients: 73 females, including 39 pregnant women, and 23 male patients, according to the Ministry of Health.

“Anyway, government hospitals are better. People have to pay a lot of money for a visit to the private clinic. I am preg-

nant and it cost me K 100,000 today visiting a private clinic,” said a local woman.

The outpatient department of the hospital is open from 8 am to 12 noon and from 1 pm to 5 pm. It will also inform the public in advance about the vaccination schedule for children and the medicines that will be available, a source close to the Lashio Hospital said. — Htun Htun/ZN

After the reopening of the Lashio General Hospital, patients are seen coming to receive treatments on 5 May. **PHOTO: NAY MYO**

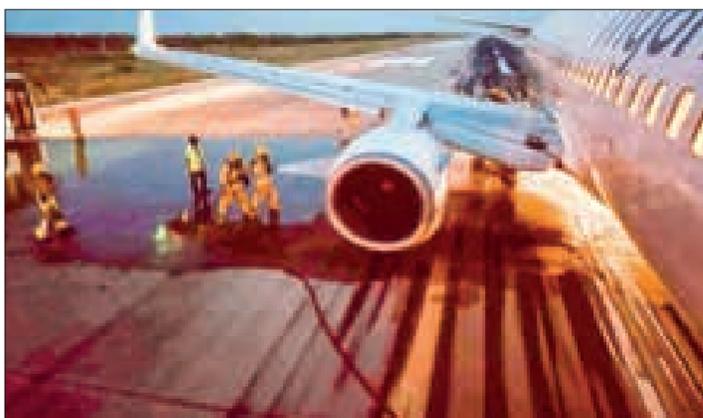


## MNA plane catches fire on runway; No casualties

A passenger plane by Myanmar National Airlines flying to Yangon from Mandalay caught fire on the runway and reported no casualties, said MNA.

In the statement released by MNA, the UB-812 Boeing XY-ALV carried 143 passengers, alarmed unusual signal was emitted when it was taking off on 6 May.

During take-off, fire broke out in the left tyres due to brake overheating. However, the fire was put out in time, and the plane stopped safely at the north of the runway, it said. All passengers and the



MNA aircraft caught fire on the Mandalay-TadaU airport runway.

crew were safe, and MNA now carried out a thorough investigation into the accident. — MT/ZS

## CBM to inject US\$33M, THB200M to fuel oil industry

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 6 May that it would sell US\$33 million and 200 million baht to those engaged in the fuel oil sector. CBM sold 397,843 yuan on that day.

CBM also announced on 30 April to inject \$38 million into the fuel oil industry.

CBM injected over \$42 million, 20 million baht and 500,000 yuan in April, 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 over \$124 million, over 13.8 million baht and

over 4.8 million yuan in January. CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and 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



A flyer announcing the “Origami & Colouring for Recovery and Healing” event.

## Japan Foundation to host healing event for Myanmar quake victims

THE “Origami & Colouring for Recovery and Healing” event will be held on 10 May at the Japan Foundation, Yangon, to help those impacted by the Mandalay earthquake recover and to bring comfort to the survivors.

Crane was considered a mythical creature of longevity in some ancient Asian countries, including Japan, and there are Japanese folk tales that believe if one folds a thousand paper cranes and prays, their wishes will be fulfilled. After World War II, cranes have become a symbol of hope, recovery, and healing in disaster areas.

Many Myanmar people have been directly or indi-

rectly affected by the tragic Mandalay earthquake, and many Japanese organizations are working to help those victims. On Saturday, 10 May, it will hold a workshop to fold Origami cranes and pray, as well as a painting workshop to calm their minds. After the event, a mental health support event with experts will be held next week.

The event will be held on two times on that day from 10 am to 2 pm at No 70, Natmauk Lane 1, Bahan Township, Yangon. Those who wish to attend can register for free at the link (<https://forms.office.com/r/7MvT0Dvh-CU>). Attendees will be notified by phone, and priority will be given to those who register first. — MT/ZN

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## The Deadly Risk of Indoor Generators

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When the electricity goes out, people instinctively look for solutions. They plug in a generator, and maybe place it in a hallway, a balcony, or even inside a room. They want their fans, air conditioning, or fridge to work. And who can blame them? We're all just trying to get through the heat.

But this is where tragedy strikes. Without realizing it, they create a deadly trap inside their own homes.

### Why Do People Take the Risk?

One reason is a lack of awareness. Many people simply don't know the dangers of indoor generator use. There's often a false sense of security that if something were really wrong, they would smell it or feel it.

Another reason is desperation. During extreme weather,

people want immediate relief. When temperatures reach unbearable levels, the priority becomes finding comfort — and safety protocols are sometimes ignored.

### What Makes Apartments Especially Dangerous?

Apartments, especially older buildings in cities like Yangon, are often poorly ventilated. Windows may be small or kept shut for security, and rooms may not have proper airflow.

On top of that, many people believe that placing the generator "by the window" or "in the hallway" makes it safe. But carbon monoxide easily seeps into living spaces. And once inside, it has nowhere to go.

Because apartments stack people close together, one family's mistake can even put neighbours at risk.

### How Can We Protect Ourselves and Our Loved Ones?

Here's the most important part of this conversation — how to prevent it.

- Never use generators or fuel-burning equipment indoors or in enclosed spaces. This includes garages, balconies, hallways, and even near open windows. Generators should be placed far away from the building, ideally outside and at least 20 feet away from any door or window.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors. These inexpensive devices can alert you when CO levels start to rise. Place one near bedrooms and one near common areas. Check the batteries regularly.
- Learn the symptoms

of CO poisoning. These include headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. If several people in the same space start to feel unwell, leave immediately.

- If we suspect CO poisoning, get fresh air immediately. Even if there's no smell, if we see a generator running indoors, be aware that carbon monoxide may be present.
- Educate others. Share the knowledge with family, friends, and neighbours — especially during hot seasons or in places prone to power cuts.

Reading about the Sanchaung tragedy hit me hard. I kept imagining the final moments of that family — parents thinking they were doing the best for their kids, never realizing

they were walking into a fatal trap. It's devastating because it's preventable.

I also thought about my own home. Do I have a carbon monoxide detector? Do I know where I'd place a generator if the power went out? Have I ever assumed, It's just one night; it'll be fine?

We often rush to solve short-term discomfort without considering long-term consequences. But tragedies like this remind us to pause and think carefully.

Extreme weather can bring out both the best and the worst in human behaviour. We all want to stay cool during hot weather and warm during cold snaps. But sometimes, in our rush to survive and stay comfortable, we make decisions that can quietly put us in harm's way. Let's remember that using a generator inside the house can release toxic fumes and lead to death. One warning could be enough to save a life. In the end, the most important thing we can power up — is our knowledge.



Methane leaks from energy production, transport infrastructures — such as gas pipelines — and from deliberate releases during maintenance. **PHOTO: UNEP**

## World energy methane emissions near record high in 2024: IEA

*Methane is the second-largest contributor to global warming after carbon dioxide.*

RECORD fossil fuel production kept planet-heating methane emissions near historic highs last year, the International Energy Agency said Wednesday, warning of a surge in massive leaks from oil and gas facilities.

Slashing emissions of

methane — second only to carbon dioxide for its contribution to global warming — is essential to meeting international targets on climate change and one of the fastest ways to curb temperature rise.

But the IEA warned that

countries are considerably underestimating their energy sector methane pollution, estimating that emissions are around 80 per cent higher than the total reported by governments to the United Nations.

— AFP

## SpaceX gets US approval to launch more Starship flights from Texas

ELON Musk's SpaceX on Tuesday received approval from the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to increase the number of annual Starship rocket launches from five to 25 at its Texas base, marking a major boost for the company's ambitions.

Following a multi-year environmental review, the FAA concluded that the expanded cadence of launches and landings would not significantly affect the environment, overruling objec-

tions from conservation groups who warned the move could endanger species such as sea turtles and shorebirds.

Musk's massive campaign donations and close ties to US President Donald Trump have raised concerns over possible conflicts of interest, particularly given the influence of the Department of Government Efficiency — an entity Musk led — which exerts significant sway over federal agencies. — AFP



Federal authorities will allow more rockets to be launched from the SpaceX launchpad on Boca Chica Beach in Brownsville, Texas. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

# New direct air route links south China's Haikou, London

*The route is operated by Hainan Airlines using a Boeing 787 wide-body aircraft, with one round trip scheduled per week.*

A new direct air route linking Haikou, capital city of China's southernmost island province of Hainan, and London in Britain was launched on Wednesday.

The route is operated by Hainan Airlines using a Boeing 787 wide-body aircraft, with one round trip per week scheduled.

Outbound flight HU7911 departs from Haikou Meilan International Airport at 13:45 Beijing Time on Wednesday and arrives at London Heath-



A general view of the Heathrow Airport is pictured in west London. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

row International Airport at 19:30 local time the same

day. Return flight HU7912 departs from London

Heathrow at 22:00 local time and arrives in Haikou at 16:55 the following day, Beijing Time.

Meanwhile, the airport authority also revealed that it plans to further increase the frequency of flights between Haikou and Kuala Lumpur, capital city of Malaysia, and between Haikou and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, as part of its aim to continuously expand its network of both international and regional routes. — Xinhua

# Hollywood rocked by Trump's film tariffs

US President Donald Trump announced on Sunday that he plans to impose a 100 per cent tariff on films produced overseas, which sent shockwaves through Hollywood and the global entertainment industry. The immediate reaction on Wall Street was also negative, with shares of Netflix and Warner Bros. Discovery Inc as well as other entertainment firms falling.

Executives from major studios and streaming platforms said that the pol-

icy could cripple a vital and thriving sector of the US economy.

Industry officials and observers did not respond well to the initial plan, reported NBC News on Monday. In a note to clients, analysts with Morgan Stanley called the idea "ill-defined", noting 100 per cent duties on some or all of the cost of a Hollywood production "would lead to fewer films, more expensive films, and lower earnings for all in the business." — Xinhua



Industry officials and observers did not respond well to the initial plan. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

# Laos tightens controls to prevent anthrax spread

LAOS is intensifying surveillance of anthrax following outbreaks in neighbouring countries, with authorities closely monitoring livestock in several districts and focusing on animal health and movement to prevent any potential spread.

Lao authorities are closely monitoring livestock farming, particularly in large farm districts, with strict inspections on animals' origins and health before and after slaughter, ensuring immediate disposal of any diseased animals to maintain food safety, the Vientiane Mai newspaper reported on Wednesday. — Xinhua

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

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# ROLLING UPDATES

## WORLD

## Russia 'deeply concerned' about escalating military confrontation between India, Pakistan

*Russia hopes that differences between New Delhi and Islamabad can be resolved through political and diplomatic means.*

RUSSIA is deeply concerned about the escalating military confrontation between India and Pakistan, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Wednesday.

"We are deeply concerned about the escalation of military confrontation between India and Pakistan following the terrorist attack in Pahalgam. Russia strongly condemns acts of terrorism, opposes any manifestations of it and emphasizes the need to unite the efforts of the entire international community to effectively combat this evil. We call on the parties involved to exercise restraint in order to prevent further deterioration of the situation in the region," Zakharova said in a statement.

Russia also hopes that differences between New Delhi and Islamabad will be resolved through political and diplomatic means, the spokeswoman said.

In the early hours of Wednesday, the Indian Defence Ministry announced the launch of Operation Sindoor, targeting "terrorist infrastructure" in Pakistan.

It later said that 70 "terrorists" were eliminated and stressed that no Pakistani military facilities were attacked. Pakistan's military reported 2 + 6 people killed and 46 others injured as a result of Indian strikes. Pakistani media reported that the country's air force shot down five Indian fighter jets. — SPUTNIK



Workers paint a red cross symbol over the roof of a hospital as a preventive measure amid the ongoing border tensions, in Srinagar on 7 May 2025. PHOTO: SAJJAD HUSSAIN / AFP

## China says Egypt's sovereignty, management over Suez Canal beyond dispute



Egypt's Suez Canal Authority (SCA) on 23 April 2025 launched two domestically built tugboats as part of its strategy to modernize its maritime fleet using the latest global technologies.

PHOTO: AHMED GOMAA/XINHUA

EGYPT'S sovereignty and management over the Suez Canal are beyond dispute, Chinese foreign ministry

spokesperson Lin Jian said on Wednesday.

Lin made the remarks at a regular press briefing in response to a media query about US President Donald Trump's recent post on the Truth Social platform, in which he called for free transit for American commercial and military ships through the Panama and Suez canals, a stance that drew strong opposition from Egypt.

"China firmly supports the Egyptian government and people in safeguarding their sovereignty and legitimate rights and interests, and opposes any bullying words or deeds," Lin said, noting that Egypt's sovereignty and management over the Suez Canal are indisputable. — Xinhua

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### UK set to restrict visas for nationalities most likely to claim asylum

BRITAIN'S Labour government plans to restrict visa applications from nationalities considered most likely to overstay and claim asylum, a government official said Tuesday, as it faces pressure from hard-right populists.

Applications for work and study visas from Pakistanis, Nigerians and Sri Lankans are among those set to be curbed, The Times daily reported and an official confirmed to AFP on condition of anonymity.

The plans are expected to be laid out in a policy paper next week that will detail the government's next steps to reduce net migration, which reached 728,000 last year. — AFP

#### Iran says no definite date, venue set for 4<sup>th</sup> round of talks with US

IRAN'S Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei said on Wednesday the definite date and venue of the fourth round of the indirect nuclear talks between Iran and the United States have not been determined yet.

He made the remarks while responding to a question by the official news agency IRNA regarding the timing and location of the next round of Omani-mediated negotiations on Tehran's nuclear programme and the removal of Washington's sanctions. Baghaei said Oman would announce the date and venue for the next round once confirmed, noting that Oman had proposed holding the talks in the coming days, a suggestion currently "under review". — Xinhua

# SPORTS

## Man Utd seek to finish off Athletic Bilbao in chase for Europa glory

MANCHESTER United are preparing for the second leg of their Europa League semifinal against Athletic Bilbao knowing only a calamity will prevent a likely showdown with Tottenham later this month.

Ruben Amorim's men came away from the first leg in northern Spain last week with one foot firmly in the final, also in Bilbao, after an impressive 3-0 win.

It was an extraordinary result in a season of ceaseless turmoil at United and the club reverted to type on Sunday, crashing to their 16<sup>th</sup> Premier League loss of a miserable season at Brentford.

United have now suffered their highest number of league defeats in a campaign for 35 years. They are 15<sup>th</sup> in the Premier League — on course for their worst finish since they were relegated in 1974, though this time they are safe from the drop.

Amorim has made no secret of his priorities for the rest of the season, making eight changes to his starting team at Brentford, naming the third-youngest side in Premier League history.

"We are losing games in the Premier League, we are fighting for the Europa League, so we need to accept that and to think about Thursday as the most important game for us," said the Portuguese boss.

"Thursday is the most important game. The end of this season is very important." — AFP



Thitsar Arman and ISPE FC players in action during their Myanmar Women's League match. PHOTO: MWL

## MWL: Thitsar Arman beat defending champions ISPE

THE 2025–2026 season of Myanmar Women's League continued on 7 May at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre 1 and Thitsar Arman secured a 1-0 victory over defending champions ISPE FC.

ISPE FC, who finished last season unbeaten and won the championship, suffered their first loss of this season in only their third match. Thitsar Arman, on the other hand, is in fine form this season and remains undefeated after four games by bagging a total of 10 points.

The winning goal came in 12 minutes through Myat Noe Khin. ISPE FC pushed hard for an equalizer throughout the match, but Thitsar Arman's defenders and goalkeeper Thuza Aung held firm to preserve the clean sheet and claim all three points.

After Fixture IV, both Ayeyawady and Thitsar Arman have 10 points from four matches. Yangon United have nine points from four matches, Young Lionesses have six points, Shan United have four points, ISPE FC have four points from three matches, YREO have three points from three matches, while Myawady and Yangon Royal have yet to earn a point from their three games. — Shine Htet Lwin/KZL

## Inter seek Champions League final redemption after winning Barca epic

INTER Milan are one victory away from Champions League redemption after Tuesday's chaotic, mesmerising win over Barcelona which propelled the Italians into their second final in three seasons.

Simone Inzaghi's team had been in a fragile state in recent weeks after their treble bid went up in smoke, surrendering top spot in Serie A to Napoli and being dumped out of the Italian Cup

by local rivals AC Milan. But beating star-studded Barca, and the incredible manner in which they did it, has completely changed the atmosphere at Inter who are now bullish about their chances of being crowned kings of Europe for the fourth time.

Inter will take on either Arsenal or Paris Saint-Germain in Munich knowing their task will be nowhere near as diffi-

cult as it was two years ago, when they were narrowly beaten by possibly the best Manchester City team of the Pep Guardiola era.

That single-goal defeat to City in Istanbul was a bitter one for Inter who felt they were the better team on the night, bridging a monstrous financial gap with the mega-rich Premier League club with tactical nous and desire. — AFP

## Trump vows 'seamless' experience for 2026 World Cup fans

US President Donald Trump said Tuesday that all fans from across the globe would be welcome at the 2026 World Cup despite concerns over his border crackdown impacting the tournament.

Trump, who has appointed himself chairman of the White House task force for the tournament, said visitors to the United States could expect a "seamless" experience. The United States is co-hosting the 2026 World Cup with neighbouring Canada and Mexico.

"We can't wait to welcome soccer fans from all over the globe," Trump said at a White House briefing alongside FIFA president Gianni Infantino. "Every part of the



FIFA President Gianni Infantino speaks during a meeting with US President Donald Trump's White House Task Force on the 2026 World Cup. PHOTO: AFP

US government will be working to ensure that these events are safe and successful, and those travelling to America to watch the competition have a seamless experience during every part of their visit." — AFP

## Defending Rome champion Zverev blames burn out on poor run of form

DEFENDING Rome Open champion Alexander Zverev said he is now on a "good path", putting a poor run of form following his defeat in the Australian Open final down to burn-out.

The 28-year-old world number two put an end to the dry run — which included opening round defeats in Indian Wells and Monte Carlo — by winning the ATP title in Munich in mid-April.

The German, who is still seeking his first Grand Slam title, said he should in retrospect have taken time off after losing to Jannik Sinner in straight sets in the Australian Open final at the end of January.

"Before Munich obviously my level of play wasn't great," he said at Tuesday's press conference.

"There are reasons for it. I think not taking time off after Australia was a big reason for it. I felt like I burned out a little bit."

Zverev said the life of a professional tennis player was an incessant cycle of travelling and playing without any time to rest. "Tennis is a tough sport," he said. — AFP

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# WORLD

## Indian PM Narendra Modi monitors Op Sindoor through the night, 9 targets—all successful

**P**RIME Minister Narendra Modi has been constantly monitoring the Operation Sindoor throughout the night, sources said to ANI.

The strike called by the Indian forces on all the nine targets has been successful, sources further revealed. The Indian forces had selected the location for strikes with the intent of targeting top Jaish e Muhammed and Lashkar leadership for their role in sponsoring terrorist activities in India.

In the early hours of Wednesday, Indian Army launched the Operation Sindoor, hitting infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir from where terrorist attacks against India have been planned and directed," said an official statement from the Ministry of Defence.

"Our actions have been focused, measured and non-escalatory in nature. No Pakistani military facilities have been targeted. India has demonstrated considerable restraint in the selection of targets and method of execution," the statement said. According to the Ministry, these steps come in response to the "barbaric" Pahalgam terrorist attack, in which 25 Indians and one Nepali citizen were killed. The government reiterated its commitment to hold those responsible accountable.

Precision strike weapon systems from the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force, including loitering munitions, were employed in Operation Sindoor, which successfully targeted nine terror camps across Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK), sources confirmed to ANI. — ANI

*An official statement from the Ministry of Defence emphasized that the actions were focused, measured, and non-escalatory, with no Pakistani military facilities targeted.*



Smoke rises in the main town of Poonch district on 7 May 2025. India fired missiles at Pakistani territory early on 7 May. PHOTO: PUNIT PARANJPE / AFP

## Brazil eyes Russian energy ties with Uranium pact and LNG talks

BRAZILIAN President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, during his upcoming visit to Moscow, plans to sign



An oil pump jack operated by the Yamashneft Oil and Gas Production Division of Tatneft, are seen in Almetyevsk District of Russia's Republic of Tatarstan. PHOTO: SPUTNIK

an agreement with Russia on joint uranium exploration and mining activities in Brazil, Brazilian magazine Exame reported, citing governmental sources. Other agreements that Brazil expects to sign with Russia during the president's visit include a memorandum of understanding on exploring the possibility of creating a liquefied natural gas infrastructure in Brazil and attracting investments, the magazine reported late on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, Kremlin aide Yury Ushakov said Russian President Vladimir Putin will hold talks with his Brazilian counterpart on 9 May, where they will discuss Ukraine, among other things. O Globo newspaper reported, citing sources within the Brazilian government, that Lula was also planning to offer Putin mediation in negotiation process with Kiev. — SPUTNIK

### STRENGTHENING TIES

## Xi leaves for state visit to Russia, Great Patriotic War victory celebrations in Moscow

CHINESE President Xi Jinping left Beijing on Wednesday for a state visit to Russia and the celebrations marking the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the victory of the Soviet Union's Great Patriotic War in Moscow, at the invitation of President Vladimir Putin of the Russian Federation.

Xi's entourage includes Cai Qi, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and director of the General Office of the CPC Central Committee, and Wang Yi, a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and foreign minister. — Xinhua