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Military parade members from Myanmar join international contingents saluting President Mr Vladimir Putin on the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great Patriotic War Victory, attended by SAC Chair and Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

# SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing leads Myanmar delegation to Russian military parade marking 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WWII Victory

**C**hairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the military parade to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 of the Russian Federation, together with Heads of State and officials from international countries, at the Red Square in Moscow yesterday morning.

President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Putin warmly welcomed the

Prime Minister and Heads of State from other countries at the Senate Place of the Kremlin Palace. The Russian President, together with the Prime Minister and Heads of State of international countries and officials, arrived on the dais where they will view the military parade to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945.

Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Ground Forces Army General Oleg Salukov took the position while the clock tow-

er from the Kremlin Palace rang rings of 10 o'clock. The military parade was launched, and all participants saluted the flag of the Russian Federation and the flag to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War.

Russian Minister of Defence Mr Andrei Ramovich Belousov took the salute of the parade units and inspected them in a motorcade. He delivered a speech in honour of the 80<sup>th</sup> Victory Day, and the parade units shouted Hooray three times.

They all observed a one-minute silence in memory of heroes who were posthumous in the Great Patriotic War and the heroes who sacrificed their lives for Russia.

Supreme Commander-in-Chief Mr Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin delivered a speech in honour of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War, while the military parade units shouted Hooray three times. The military band played the national anthem of Russia, and then, guns were fired. **SEE PAGE 4**

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## Cooperative System: Key to Economic Development in Myanmar

- The cooperative system is the most suitable approach for Myanmar to develop its economic sector under current conditions.
- This system fosters collaboration among entrepreneurs and farmers who share common goals and ideas.

*(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to the Union government meeting 6/2024 on 29 July 2024)*

## Press Release

HIS Excellency Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, sent a Message of Congratulations to His Holiness Pope Leo XIV on the election as Supreme Pontiff of Vatican City. — MNA

# Ghanaian President sends message of condolence to Myanmar’s Head of State

PRESIDENT of the Republic of Ghana Mr John Dramani Mahama sent a message of condolence to State Administration Council Chairman, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing for the extensive loss and damage, in addition to loss of lives and injuries, in the powerful Mandalay earthquake.

The message stated that on behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of Ghana, deep sorrow and condolences were expressed to Your Excellency and the people of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar regarding the powerful earthquake that struck Myanmar on Friday, 28 March 2025. The message conveyed heartfelt sympathy for the loss of lives, homes, and property, as well as for those injured and affected by the disaster. Thoughts and prayers were extended to the bereaved families and the injured. The Government of Ghana affirmed its solidarity with the Government and people of Myanmar during this difficult time, and expressed sincere wishes for the health and well-being of the people of Myanmar, with continued respect and goodwill towards His Excellency. — MNA/TTA

**Senior General Min Aung Hlaing,  
Prime Minister and Chairman of the State Administration  
Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar,  
Nay Pyi Taw,**

Your Excellency,  
On behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of Ghana, I extend our heartfelt condolences and sincere sympathies to Your Excellency and the people of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in the wake of the devastating earthquake that occurred on Friday, 28 March 2025.  
We are deeply saddened by the immense loss of life, injuries and the widespread damage resulting from this tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved families, the injured, and all individuals whose lives have been disrupted by this disaster.  
The Government of Ghana expresses solidarity with the Government and the people of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in this time of hardship.  
Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration as well as my sincere best wishes for the well-being and prosperity of the people of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

*HE John Dramani Mahama  
President of the Republic of Ghana*

## Political party applys for registration

THE Lishaw National Party, which seeks to form a political party to compete in general elections, applied for party registration at the Union Election Commission yesterday under Section 3 of the Political Party Registration Law.

To date, 27 political parties have applied for registration under Section 3 of the Political Party Registration Law. Under Section 25 of the same law, 50 political parties have applied for continuation and registration, bringing the total to 77 political parties. The Union Election Commission is currently processing and reviewing the application from the Lishaw National Party. — MNA/KZL

### Top websites and web portals to access Military Service Rules

1. Office of the State Administration Council <a href="https://sacoffice.gov.mm">https://sacoffice.gov.mm</a>	
2. Ministry of Defence <a href="https://www.mod.gov.mm">https://www.mod.gov.mm</a>	3. Ministry of Legal Affairs <a href="https://www.mlis.gov.mm">https://www.mlis.gov.mm</a>
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# 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)*



State Administration Council Chairman Premier Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds a meeting with Chinese President Mr Xi Jinping in Moscow yesterday.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who attended the military parade to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 of the Russian Federation held a meeting with President of the People's Republic of China Mr Xi Jinping at the Beijing Hall of Soluex Hotel Moscow yesterday evening.

At the meeting, President of the People's Republic of China Mr Xi Jinping expressed his deep condolences to the government and people of Myanmar for the damage and losses caused by the recent major earthquake in Mandalay, Myanmar. He stated that he firmly believes the government and people of Myanmar will work hand in hand to carry out reconstruction and recovery efforts effectively. He also affirmed that China will provide necessary assistance as needed. He noted that this year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of China-Myanmar relations and reaffirmed China's consistent support for Myanmar's development, sovereignty, and stability. Furthermore, he pledged continued Chinese assistance in Myanmar's development and peace-building efforts.

## Myanmar backs China's vision for shared future and regional cooperation

President Mr Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China reaffirmed China's consistent support for Myanmar's development, sovereignty, and stability.

In his response, the Senior General said that during this difficult time in Myanmar caused by the natural disaster of an earthquake, China has expressed its deep condolences and solidarity with the people of Myanmar. As a close friend, China offered heartfelt sympathy and best wishes for a swift recovery. Furthermore, recognizing the 'Golden Hour' – the most critical time for rescue efforts after an earthquake — Chinese rescue teams arrived in Myanmar just 18 hours after the quake and immediately began carrying out necessary relief operations.

The Chinese government also provided emergency humanitarian assistance to Myanmar. The government and people of Myanmar remain deeply grateful for China's continuous support. Since reconstruction is a long-term process, Myanmar earnestly hopes to continue offering support and assistance from China as needed in the days to come. He continued to say that Myanmar expresses gratitude to China for its support of Myanmar's stance on regional and international fronts regarding the country's affairs. Myanmar is currently

undertaking preparations to successfully hold a multiparty democratic general election by the end of this year and is also planning to invite international observation missions during the election period. Myanmar also supports China's efforts to build a community with a shared future with its neighbouring countries and to establish new foundations for cooperation with neighbouring states. Today's meeting has been very beneficial for enhancing bilateral relations and cooperation, and both countries will be able to continue working closely together in the future. The Chinese President discussed that it is following the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence in international relations, continues to stand by Myanmar both regionally and internationally, and supports and encourages Myanmar's preparations for the upcoming multiparty democratic general elections.

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Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, offers alms meals to members of the Sangha at the Myanmar Theravada Buddhist Vihara Centre in Moscow.

## Daw Kyu Kyu Hla offers alms to Sangha at Moscow Theravada Vihara

DAW KYU KYU HLA, currently in the Russian Federation along with his husband Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by Daw Nilar, wife of the SAC Joint Secretary, the wife of the Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air), Vice-President of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin May Soe, the wife of the Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation and officials, visited the Myanmar Theravada Buddhist Vihara Centre in Moscow yesterday morning.

She paid homage to Centre Abbot Sayadaw Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Dr Ashin Icchariya and members of the Sangha and offered offerings.

They listened to a sermon delivered by members of the Sangha and shared merits gained. Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and party offered day meals to members of the Sangha. — MNA/TTA

## SAC Chair PM Senior General ...

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Military parade units, including those from foreign countries, led by the Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Ground Forces, marched past the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of Russia. Also, tanks, armoured vehicles, artillery units, air defence units, and strategic ballistic missile corps marched past the Supreme Commander-in-Chief while aircraft from the air force flew over the parade. Meanwhile, the military band played the honorary song to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War.

After the ceremony, Supreme Commander-in-Chief Mr Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin greeted leaders of parade units from the Russian Federation and foreign countries.

The Prime Minister, Heads of State of foreign countries and officials proceeded to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier near the wall of the Kremlin and waved to attendees to the parade.

The Prime Minister, Heads of State from foreign countries, officials and Russian President Mr Vladimir

Putin laid wreaths at the Tomb. They all had documentary photos taken.

At the Office of President Putin of the Kremlin Palace, they had a luncheon hosted by President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Putin.

While attending the military parade and related ceremonies, the Senior General cordially greeted Heads of State from foreign countries and officials and reciprocally discussed diplomatic relations, friendship and promotion of cooperation with these countries.

The Soviet Union participated in the Great Patriotic War in 1941-1945 to drive out invasion of Fascist Nazis on 11 June 1941. On the morning of 9 May 1945, Nazi Germans signed the German Instrument of Surrender in Berlin of Germany, and the Second World War came to an end. At about 2 am on 9 May 1945, the people living in the Soviet Union learned of Nazi Germany's defeat in the war. That afternoon, Soviet citizens gathered in Moscow's Red Square to celebrate by singing songs, playing musical instruments,

dancing, launching fireworks, and firing 36 celebratory salutes into the sky using guns. The Victory Day celebrations were filled with joy and enthusiasm. As a result, the Soviet Union officially designated 9 May as a public holiday known as Victory Day, commemorating their triumph over Fascist Nazi Germany. After the collapse of the Soviet Union, starting from the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Victory Day celebration in 2005, the 9<sup>th</sup> May Victory Day has become one of the most popular ceremonies and a public holiday in the Russian Federation. It is commemorated as the day of victory in the Great Patriotic War, 1941-1945, and military parades are held to mark the occasion. It is a tradition for military parade units from various countries to participate in these events. Military parade members from Myanmar also marched for the first time alongside contingents from other countries in this year's military parade commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 of the Russian Federation. — MNA/TTA

## Myanmar backs China's vision ...

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The Senior General and the Chinese President exchanged views on promoting bilateral relations, enhancing cooperation in all sectors, initiating a Pauk-Phaw relationship between Myanmar and China, shaping a society through thick and thin, and cooperating in regional stability and peace.

After the meeting, the Senior General and the Chinese President cordially greeted each other.

Also, present at the meeting were Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, Council members General Maung Maung Aye, Dr Ba Shwe and Khun San Lwin, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, deputy ministers, the Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation, and officials.

The President of PRC was accompanied member of the Standing Committee of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, member of the Secretariat of the Chinese Community Party, Head of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China Mr Cai Qi, member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China Head of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Wang Yi, ministers and senior officers of China, the Chinese Ambassador to Russia and officials. — MNA/TTA

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SAC Vice-Chair DPM Vice-Senior General Soe Win attends Russian WWII Victory 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

A dinner to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 of the Russian Federation took place at the Lotte Hotel in Yangon yesterday evening, attended by State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win and his wife Daw Than Than Nwe.

Ambassador of the Russian Federation of Myanmar Mr Iskander Azizov, Russian Military Attaché Colonel Eduard Okladnikov and officials cordially welcomed attendees to the dinner.

The ceremony was opened with the national anthems of Myanmar and the Russian Federation, while Russian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Iskander Azizov extended greetings.

A video clip on the address delivered by President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Putin at the parade to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 of the Russian Federation held on 9 May 2025, and the history of the victory was presented.

The Russian Ambassador



State Administration Council Vice-Chair Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win joins the commemorative dinner for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Russian WWII Victory yesterday.

hosted a dinner for the attendees. During the dinner, a cultural troupe of the Russian Federation performed traditional songs and dances.

The Vice-Senior General and the Russian Federation had documentary photos taken together with attendees.

The dinner was also attended by SAC member Mahn Nyein Maung, Union ministers and their wives, the Yangon Region Chief Minister and his wife, the commander of Yangon Command and his wife, senior Tatmadaw officers, Ambassadors and Chargés d'Affaires from foreign

embassies in Yangon and Military Attachés.

The Soviet Union (Russia) participated in driving out invasion of Fascist Nazi in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 starting from 22 June 1941. At night on 8 May 1945 (the morning of 9 May, Moscow Standard Time), a Ger-

man Instrument of Surrender was inked in Berlin of Germany, and With the signing of the German Instrument of Surrender by the fascist Nazis, the Second World War officially came to an end. The Soviet Union designated Victory Day on 9 May as a public holiday. — MNA/TTA



Myanmar parade unit joins 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Great Patriotic War Victory

THE military parade to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 of the Russian Federation took place at the Red Square in Moscow yesterday morning.

Military parade units from various countries participated in the military parade to mark the victorious ceremony.

Members of the Parade Unit from Myanmar, together with those from other countries, participated for the first time in marching in the military parade to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945.

— MNA/TTA

The Myanmar parade unit is seen participating in yesterday's event in Moscow.

NATIONAL

DPM Union Minister inspects exam camps, aids IDPs in Sagaing

STATE Administration Council Member, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Admiral Tin Aung San inspected training camps for matriculation exam students in Monywa Township, Sagaing Region, yesterday.

The Deputy Prime Minister first went to No 2 BEHS (Ahlon) in Monywa and inspected training processes and met professors, faculty members and students.

He then presented K30 million and books for students.

On arrival at No 2 BEHS in Monywa, he offered comfort to teachers and students, and provided them with K50 million, books and stationery.

Admiral Tin Aung San proceeded to the Public Garden project being implemented by

the Sagaing Region Development Committee in the 2024-2025 financial year.

At noon, he met the internally displaced people in Monywa District, Sagaing Region, and presented K1,746.08 million of the National Disaster Management Fund to the regional chief minister.

He also attended the work coordination meeting on the re-taking of the 2025 matriculation examination at the meeting hall of the Sagaing Region government.

After he heard reports made by the relevant officials regarding training camps for students, he made proper instructions highlighting access to clean drinking water, electricity and proper security measures. — MNA/KTZH



SAC Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister Admiral Tin Aung San (R) views the training camp for matric examinees in Sagaing.

SAC members visit Exhibition of Achievements of National Economy (VDNK)



SAC Members, who are Myanmar delegates to Russia, view around the Exhibition of Achievements of National Economy in Moscow.

STATE Administration Council Members and officials who accompany State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is currently in the Russian Federation, yesterday morning visited the

Exhibition of Achievements of National Economy (VDNK) in Moscow.

They observed the booth on the construction of the scale model of Moscow, the booth on technologies to be applied in shaping the mod-

ern smart city and other booths.

Curators of the exhibition conducted around the booths. The SAC members and party raised questions about what they wished to know. — MNA/TTA

DPM MoPF Union Minister meets staff in Mandalay



Deputy Prime Minister Union Planning & Finance Minister U Win Shein greets staff in Mandalay.

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein inspected the quake-stricken offices and met the affiliated departmental staff in Mandalay Region yesterday.

The Deputy Prime Minister first visited the Myanmar Economic Bank Branches 1, 2, and 3, the Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank and the Central Statistical Organization in Mandalay and inspected the quake-hit buildings.

He proceeded to the Kyaukse Internal Revenue Department office, Pyawbwe Myanmar Economic Bank and Planning Department, Yamethin Myanmar Economic Bank and Township Internal Revenue Department office.

During the inspection tours, he met staff and encouraged them to serve in unity per procedures and regulations. It is also necessary to solve difficulties through close cooperation between different ranks promptly. He also provided them with cash and commodities.

The maintenance work is underway systematically for the quake-hit buildings of the affiliated Internal departments in Sagaing and Mandalay regions. Services are offered to the public as usual without delays. — MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL

DPM MoTC Union Minister meets staff in Taunggyi

STATE Administration Council Member, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo comforted the staff of the affiliated department, inspected the Typhoon Yagi-destroyed Pawmu and Htithin railway stations on the Taunggyi-Shwenyaung railway section and a steam locomotive to run on the Kalaw-Shwenyaung section yesterday.

On 7 May, the Deputy Prime Minister arrived at the Road Transport Administration Department of Shan State (Taunggyi), and met the staff and instructed them to work together in unity through proper cooperation.

On 8 May, General Mya Tun Oo visited the Htithin railway station on the Taunggyi-Pawmu section, and highlighted the need to complete the operations within the fixed period, meeting the standards, and ensuring the safety.



SAC Member Deputy Prime Minister MoTC Union Minister General Mya Tun Oo inspects the quake-battered areas in Taunggyi.

At noon, he went to the Kalaw station and inspected the steam locomotive that would run on the Kalaw-Shwenyaung section. He then met the MR staff and highlighted the need to conserve the building of the railway station and to ensure

the cleanliness of the station to attract local and foreign travellers.

The General proceeded to the Bawa Thantaya bridge between Heho and Shwenyaung railway stations in Kalaw Township and inspected the location.

On 9 May, he inspected the Thazi railway station and met the quake-affected staff from Thazi, Pyawbwe and Yamethin townships at the town hall of Thazi.

He went to the Central Institute of Transport and Com-

munications in Meiktila Township and met the staff from Meiktila, Thaeday and Wundwin townships. He provided them with foodstuffs and cash and observed the school compound. — MNA/KTZH

Chinese Embassy, Jiangsu Chamber of Commerce donate supplies to quake-affected MIFER staff



THE representatives of the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar and Myanmar-China (Jiangsu) Chamber of Commerce donated eight kinds of relief supplies for consumer goods to support earthquake-affected staff of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations at Office 1, yesterday.

Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw expressed thanks for the donation of essential items such as airconditioners, electric kettles, solar lights, mosquito nets, blankets, straw mats, shower gel and shampoo for the earthquake-affected staff. He also mentioned that the staff still need relief supplies, and Chi-

na is the largest contributor to Myanmar.

Following this, the Union minister, the director-general, and senior officials received the relief supplies donated by the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar and Myanmar-China (Jiangsu) Chamber of Commerce, and the Union minister presented a certificate of appreciation in return.

Afterwards, the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers Association donated cash in kind for earthquake-stricken staff members of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations in the evening, the Union minister received and expressed his gratitude for the donation and presented a certificate of appreciation. — MNA

Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw accepts the donations from the Jiangsu Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Embassy.

OPINION

Host migratory birds at the best habitats in Myanmar

THROUGH activities conducted along these three flyways and the resulting exchange of information, World Migratory Bird Day aims to raise awareness of the threats – both general and specific – that birds face. By comparing experiences, sharing stories, and highlighting local actions, people around the world can amplify their voices and extend their impact across the flyways, emphasizing that bird conservation is truly a global concern.

UNEP stated that in 2025, World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) will focus on raising awareness about the numerous challenges migratory birds face due to human activities and expanding urban development.

The theme for World Migratory Bird Day 2025 is “Creating Bird-Friendly Cities and Communities.” This theme highlights the challenges migratory birds face due to human activities and urban development. It advocates for urban planning and conservation efforts that prioritize bird-friendly practices. In Myanmar, while conserving the natural environment, it is crucial to maintain habitats for migratory birds, creating opportunities to expand tourist destinations. Bird-friendly cities and communities will benefit both migratory birds and the cities of Myanmar, contributing positively to the socioeconomic life of the people.

along the Central Asian Flyway and the East Asia-Australasian Flyway. These flyways are part of a broader network of routes that birds use to migrate between their breeding grounds and wintering areas. Myanmar plays a significant role as a stopover point for these migratory birds, with notable sites such as Moeyungyi Lake in Bago Region, Inlay Lake in Shan State, Sunye Lake in Mandalay Region, Indawgyi Lake in Kachin State, and others. The migration period in Myanmar typically lasts from November to March, with birds arriving to escape the harsh winter cold.

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WE LIVE in a vibrant world of colours, don't we? Colours surround us, shaping our perceptions and emotions in ways we often take for granted. We describe a clear blue sky, a deep red rose, as white as snow, or as black as coal. These phrases are so common that we rarely pause to consider how deeply colours are woven into the fabric of our language and culture. In English, many everyday expressions draw from colours to convey emotions, situations, and identities. Beyond English, colours hold profound meanings in various cultures, including Myanmar, where they carry spiritual, social, and historical significance. Now, let's explore the world of colours, their universal expressions, and their unique role in Myanmar's rich tapestry.

Colours in Emotions and Expressions

Colours often serve as metaphors for our feelings. When we say we're feeling blue, we mean we're sad or lonely, a sentiment echoed in the soulful genre of music called the blues, born from the hardships of African-Americans. The phrase “out of the blue” describes something unexpected, like a sudden phone call from an old friend, while “once in a blue moon” refers to rare events, such as a family reunion after years apart. In professional contexts, “blue-collar” workers are those in manual labour; distinguished from “white-collar” office workers, a distinction rooted in the uniforms worn historically.

In my country, the colour blue holds a serene significance. It is often associated with peace and tranquillity, reflected in the calm waters of Inlay Lake or the clear skies above Bagan's ancient pagodas. Blue is also prominent in traditional attire, such as the longyi worn by both men and women, where soft blue hues symbolize modesty and harmony. During festivals like Thingyan, the Myanmar New Year water festival, blue decorations adorn homes, signifying renewal and purity as people cleanse the old year's troubles.

Moving to pink, the colour carries political and personal connotations. Calling someone “pink” in English suggests mild socialist leanings, while “in the pink” means being in excellent health, as celebrated in the 1950s

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song lyric, “Enjoy yourself while you're still in the pink”. Interestingly, the little finger is nicknamed a “pinkie”, a term of endearment for something small yet significant.

However, here, pink is less political but deeply cultural. It is a popular colour for women's clothing, especially in delicate shades worn during religious ceremonies. Pink flowers, like lotuses, are offered at pagodas, symbolizing purity and devotion in Buddhist traditions. During the Tazaung-dine Festival, when pagodas are illuminated, pink lanterns often glow alongside golden lights, creating a festive atmosphere that blends joy and spirituality.

Red, a bold and fiery colour, is loaded with meaning. Politically, being “red” denotes strong leftist or communist views. Emotionally, to “see red” is to be consumed by anger. In business, being “in the red” signals financial loss, while in sports, a red card in football means ejection for rule-breaking. To “paint the town red” is to revel wildly, perhaps bar-hopping late into the night. Red also appears in positive contexts: we “roll out the red carpet” for VIPs, celebrate

“red-letter days” for special occasions, or describe vibrant music as “red hot.” To be “caught red-handed” is to be nabbed in the act of wrongdoing, a phrase rooted in the imagery of blood-stained hands.

Similarly, in our country, red is a colour of passion and reverence. It dominates religious settings, where red robes worn by monks signify their spiritual commitment. Red is also prominent in Nat (spirit) worship, where offerings of red cloth are made to appease guardian spirits. During weddings, brides often wear red accents in their attire, symbolizing love and prosperity. The red of the Myanmar national flag represents courage and solidarity, a reminder of the country's struggle for independence. In rural markets, red betel leaves are sold widely, their vibrant hue a staple in daily life as people chew betel quid for its stimulating effects.

Yellow, meanwhile, can carry contrasting meanings. Calling someone “yellow” in English implies cowardice, a lack of bravery. In football, a yellow card serves as a warning for minor infractions. Yet, yellow ribbons in the United

States symbolize welcome, tied around trees to greet returning soldiers. Yellow is also the colour of sunshine and optimism, brightening moods universally.

However, yellow, in Myanmar, is sacred and royal. Saffron and golden yellow hues are associated with Buddhism, seen in the robes of monks and the gilded domes of pagodas like Shwedagon in Yangon. During the full moon of Kason, yellow flowers are offered to commemorate the Buddha's birth, enlightenment, and passing. Yellow also appears in traditional astrology, where it is linked to specific days of the week, influencing decisions like what to wear or which rituals to perform.

Black is a colour of contrasts. In fashion, it's timeless and chic, the go-to for elegance and martial arts' highest belts. Yet, black also evokes mystery or fear, as in black holes, black magic, or black spirits. Positively, a company “in the black” is profitable, but a “black sheep” is an outcast, someone who deviates from family norms.

In Myanmar, black is less common in daily attire but holds cultural weight. Black ink is used in traditional tattoos, believed

to offer protection from harm, a practice rooted in ancient warrior traditions. Black is also the colour of mourning, worn during funerals to express grief and respect for the deceased. In contrast, black stones like jade are prized in Myanmar's gem markets, symbolizing wealth and endurance. The black of a starry night sky inspires awe, often depicted in local art as a backdrop to golden pagodas.

Colours as Identity and Communication

Colours also define group identity. School uniforms, military attire, or sports team jerseys use colours to foster belonging. National flags, with their unique colour schemes, encapsulate a country's history and values. In Myanmar, the national flag's yellow, green, and red stripes, with a central white star, represent unity, peace, and bravery. During international events like the Southeast Asian Games, Myanmar fans wave these colours proudly, signalling their national pride.

Colours communicate instantly. Traffic lights use amber, red, and green to guide drivers with clear instructions: slow down, stop, go. In business, colour choices are strategic – a bank's calm blue logo projects trust, while fast-food chains use red and yellow to stimulate appetite and urgency. In Myanmar, businesses often incorporate gold in their branding, evoking prosperity and divine favour; a nod to the country's Buddhist heritage. During festivals, colourful *kadaw* cloths – offered to monks—signal respect and generosity.

Colours in Myanmar's Cultural Fabric

Myanmar's relationship with colours extends beyond universal metaphors, deeply rooted in its spiritual and social life. The country's astrology system assigns colours to each day of the week, influencing personal choices. For example, Monday is linked to cream or white, encouraging people born on that day to wear light colours for luck. Saturday, associated with black or dark purple, might inspire someone to choose

darker tones for important occasions. This practice underscores how colours guide daily decisions, from clothing to rituals.

Festivals in Myanmar are a riot of colours. During Thingyan, streets come alive with multi-coloured water balloons and vibrant decorations, symbolizing joy and renewal. The Thadingyut Festival of Lights sees homes adorned with green, yellow, and white lanterns, celebrating the Buddha's return from the heavens. These colours aren't arbitrary – they carry spiritual weight, connecting participants to their faith and community.

In traditional arts, colours tell stories. Myanmar's *yoke thé* (marionette) puppets are painted in vivid reds, blues, and golds, each hue reflecting a character's role – red for passion, blue for wisdom, gold for divinity. Similarly, *thanaka*, the yellowish paste applied to faces, is both a beauty mark and a symbol of protection, its earthy tone blending with the skin to create a unique cultural signature.

Colours also mark life's milestones. At a Myanmar wedding, the bride's golden jewellery and the groom's green *taikpon* jacket symbolize wealth and fertility. In contrast, white dominates funerals, representing purity and the soul's journey to the next life. Even in cuisine, colours play a role – think of the vibrant green of tea leaf salad or the rich orange of mohinga, Myanmar's national dish, each hue inviting the senses.

The Power of Colour

Colours shape our world, from the words we use to the identities we embrace. They convey emotions, signal intentions, and bridge cultures. In Myanmar, colours are more than visual – they're spiritual, historical, and personal, woven into the nation's festivals, beliefs, and daily rhythms. Without colour, life would indeed be dull, stripped of the vibrancy that defines our experiences. By understanding what colours represent, we deepen our connection to the world, appreciating the hues that paint our lives with meaning.



Physicists snap first images of ‘free-range’ atoms: Study

Researchers use a lattice of light to briefly freeze the atoms, followed by finely tuned lasers to illuminate them for imaging.

PHYSICISTS captured the first images of individual atoms freely interacting in space. The pictures reveal correlations among the ‘free-range’ particles that until now were predicted but never directly observed.

MIT physicists have captured the first images of individual atoms freely interacting in space. Their findings, appearing in the journal Physical Review Letters, will help scientists visualize never-before-seen quantum phenomena in real space.

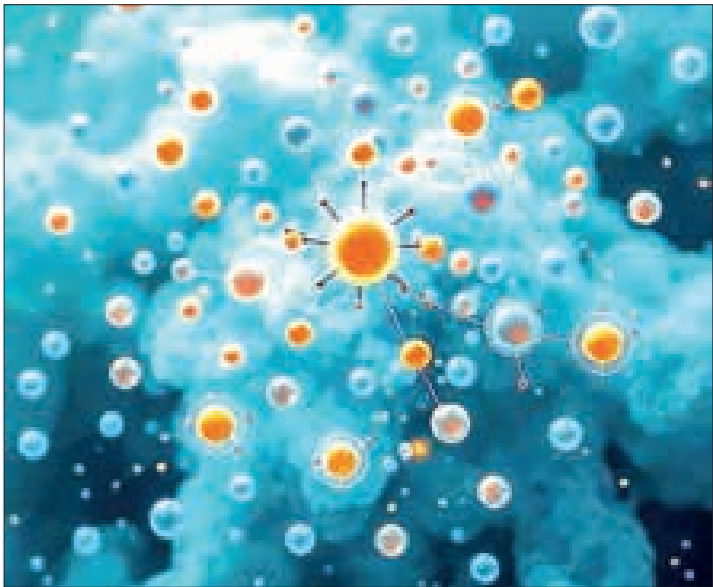
The images were taken using a technique developed by the team that first allows a cloud of atoms to move and interact freely.

The researchers then turn on a lattice of light that briefly freezes the atoms in their tracks, and apply finely tuned lasers to quickly illuminate the suspended atoms, creating a picture of their positions before the atoms naturally dissipate.

The physicists applied the technique to visualize clouds of different types of atoms, and

snapped a number of imaging firsts. The researchers directly observed atoms known as “bosons”, which bunched up in a quantum phenomenon to form a wave. They also captured atoms known as “fermions” in the act of pairing up in free space — a key mechanism that enables superconductivity.

“We are able to see single atoms in these interesting clouds of atoms and what they are doing in relation to each other, which is beautiful,” says Martin Zwierlein, the Thomas A. Frank Professor of Physics at MIT. In the same journal issue, two other groups report using similar imaging techniques, including a team led by Nobel laureate Wolfgang Ketterle, the John D MacArthur Professor of Physics at MIT. Ketterle's group visualized enhanced pair correlations among bosons, while the other group, from Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris, led by Tarik Yefsah, a former postdoc in Zwierlein's lab, imaged a cloud of noninteracting fermions. — SOURCE: ANI



Types of Atoms Visualized: The technique was applied to visualize different types of atoms, including bosons and fermions. ILLUSTRATION: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/CONCEPT ART

ARTICLE

NATIONAL

MIFER Union Minister attends Second Virtual Ministerial Meeting on ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) Upgrade Negotiations



Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw joins the Second Virtual Ministerial Meeting on ATIGA Upgrade Negotiations yesterday.

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and AFTA Council Minister of Myanmar Dr Kan Zaw attended the Second Virtual Ministerial Meeting on

the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) Upgrade Negotiations, which was held on 9 May 2025 at Office 1, Nay Pyi Taw. The meeting was chaired

by Gan Kim Yong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry of Singapore and also attended by AFTA Council Ministers from ASEAN Member States, the

Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN and representatives. In the meeting, the Ministers discussed and provided guidance on the outstanding issues, including the provisions

relating to export restrictions on food and agricultural products, remanufactured goods, further liberalization of Customs duties and entry into force modality. They also deliberated on matters concerning the rules of origin and the necessary arrangements for the signing of the Second Protocol to Amend the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement. The ATIGA Upgrade Negotiations are expected to be completed by May 2025, and the protocol is planned to be signed within this year. The meeting was also joined by the deputy minister and officials from the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, together with the Union Minister. — MIFER

Global aid pours into Myanmar as quake toll hits 3,720

AS of 9 May, 3,720 people died, 5,104 were injured, and 86 remain missing across 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. To date, 653 people have been rescued alive from collapsed buildings, and the bodies of 797 deceased individuals 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 governments, international organizations, and charitable donors have been offering monetary and material assistance. Between 5 pm on 8 May and 5 pm on 9 May, various forms of international assistance arrived at Yangon International Airport. Medications weighing 0.855 tonne were delivered by the Japan Red Cross Society through the Myanmar Red Cross Society. Likewise, on the morning of 8 May, blankets, mosquito nets, medications, canned food, sanitary pads, and consumer goods weighing 27.1 tonnes were delivered to earthquake victims by the Thai Red Cross Society through the Myanmar Red Cross Society. These items were transported by two special Thai military aircraft and arrived at Mandalay International Airport. These relief items will be swiftly distributed to the affected communities to ensure timely support. — MNA/MKKS

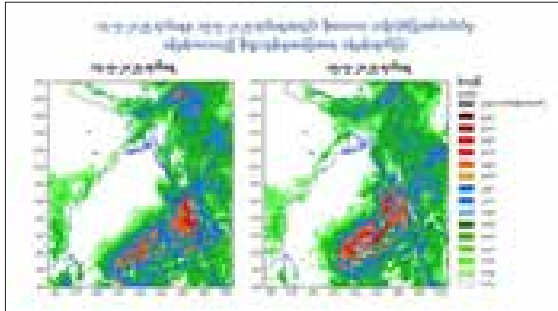
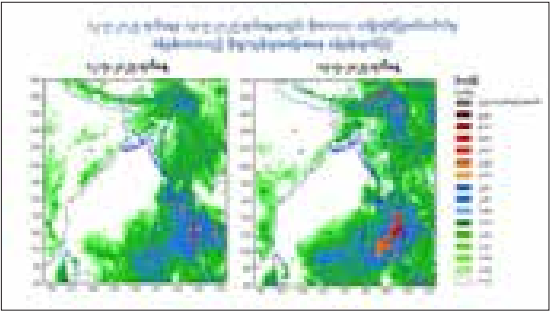
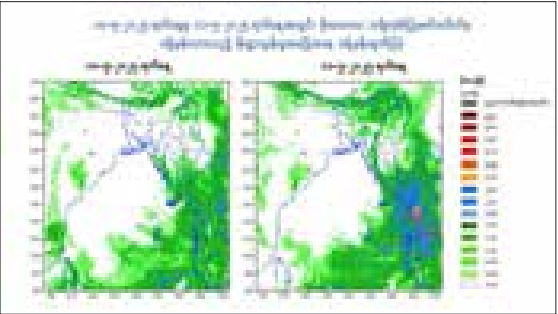
Heavy Rainfall Warning 3

Issued at 5:30 pm MST on 9 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 isolated to scattered in Mandalay, Magway and Lower Sagaing Regions, fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, Upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan States on during 10 May 2025 and 11 May 2025, fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan States with likelihood of regionally and isolated heavyfalls during 12 May to 17 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. — DMH



NATIONAL

Sitagu Sayadaw to restore quake-damaged pagodas in Sagaing

THE renovation of pagodas in Sagaing destroyed by the earthquake, including SunU Ponnyashin Pagoda, will be headed by Sitagu Sayadaw, according to the Sitagu Dhamma Thabin Service Team.

Sitagu Sayadaw, now 89 years old, visited the SunU Ponnyashin Pagoda on 8 May after alms breakfast.

The Sayadaw discussed with engineer Ko Cho Zaw Min and officials from the Ayeyawady Foundation on the renovation of the pagoda and went to the damaged Thitsa Pagoda near the new Sagaing Bridge in the evening.

Many pagodas in Sagaing, including SunU Ponnyashin, Kaunghmudaw, Yadana Htut-



Sitagu Sayadaw is seen visiting the damaged area of Sagaing's Thitsa Pagoda on 8 April. PHOTO: SITAGU DHAMMA THABIN

khaung, Sinmyashin, Htupayon, Zedihla, Mashikhana (aka) Mahiyaginna, Mahazedi, Shinpin Nankaing and Thitsa have been damaged due to the Mandalay earthquake that struck on 28 March. Their renovations will

be conducted under the leadership of the Sitagu Sayadaw with the support of donors. The Sitagu news team has announced that meritorious people from all over the country are invited to contribute. — Htun Htun/ZN

Myanmar Music Association to stage fundraising concert for quake relief

THE Myanmar Music Association (Central) will perform at a fundraising concert for earthquake victims on 11 May, according to Myanmar Music Association (MMA) Chair U Lwin Myint.

“The fundraising concert will be held over three days, with MMA members entertaining the audience on 11 May,” said U Lwin Myint.

The concert will start at 5:30 pm on 10, 11, and 12 May at the National Theatre in Yangon.

During the event, MMA members, including Nwet Yin Win, Bo Bo Han, Khin Maung Htoo,



This photo captures an honourable certification ceremony for fundraising efforts benefiting earthquake victims, organized by the Myanmar Music Association (Central), held on 19 April.

Kaing Zar, Si Thu Lwin, Zaw Paing, Wai La, Pu Su, Sai Sai Kham Leng, Hel Lay, Hlwan Paing, May Khalar, L Sai Zi, and other vocalists, will perform. — ASH/MKKS

Danish Red Cross donates mental health kits to Myanmar

THE Danish Red Cross donated psychological support kits to the Myanmar Red Cross Society to assist in the mental health and psychological support activities undertaken following the Mandalay Earthquake.

This donation is designated to provide mental and psychological support to children from the earthquake-stricken households in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Sagaing and Bago regions and southern Shan State, said Country Manager Mr Fabio Beltramini at the handover ceremony of the kits.

Officials of the Myanmar Red Cross Society and the Danish Red Cross were present at the ceremony. Those mental health and psycholog-

ical support kits will be utilized in social charities of the Myanmar Red Cross Society.

Additionally, the Danish Red Cross provided children's products weighing 0.777 tonne to Myanmar.

Myanmar exerted concerted efforts to provide immediate rescue activities to the quake-hit areas in regions and states, and local and international rescuers have saved 653 survivors trapped under the debris caused by the Mandalay Earthquake and also 797 bodies have been retrieved as of 8 May 2025. The death toll reached 3,795 on 8 May 2025. The earthquake caused 5,104 people to be injured and 86 are still missing, according to official figures. — ASH/KK



The Danish Red Cross are seen transferring psychological support kits to the Myanmar Red Cross Society.

MoHT welcomes tourists back to quake-stricken areas

THE Ministry of Hotels and Tourism has announced that domestic and international tourists can resume travelling to earthquake-hit areas and tourist destinations as before.

Relief and rehabilitation efforts in quake-hit areas are being carried out vigorously with the cooperation of the Union Government, region and state governments, local and foreign relief organizations, charitable organizations and Myanmar people, and hotels, travel agencies, and tourism associations that were not damaged by the earthquake in these areas are resuming normal operations, it stated.

By visiting the quake-affected areas of Myanmar, local and foreign tourists can gain knowledge about earthquake hazards, and on the other hand, it can help the hospitality industries, increase employment opportunities and income for residents, and support the local economy.

Therefore, travellers are invited to tour destinations of Myanmar, including those in quake-hit areas as before, and advised to observe the official news and timely announcements from relevant local authorities and follow area-wise instructions during their trip, it said. — MT/ZN



Some beautiful scenes of a resort in the Inlay Lake that attracts tourists. PHOTO: YOLO TRAVEL4U

# NATIONAL

## BUSINESS

FUEL oil prices declined a bit in the domestic market.

The set fuel prices dipped to K2,825 per litre of Octane 92, K2,885 for Octane 95, K2,415 for diesel and K2,980 for premium diesel during a week from 9 to 15 May. The prices were K2,885 per litre of Octane 92, K2,940 for Octane 95, K2,470 for diesel and K3,055 for premium diesel this week ending 8 May, showing a decrease of K55-K75 per litre compared to those of the previous week.

The price index set by Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS), the pricing basis for many refined products in Southeast Asia, influences the domestic fuel prices, according to the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil.

Under the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil, the Petroleum Products Regulatory Department has been issuing daily reference wholesale

## Fuel prices dip slightly



Vehicles refuelling at the petrol station in Dagon Myothit (North) Township.

prices to ensure price stability for energy consumers.

The committee is inspect-

ing the fuel stations to see whether they are overcharging.

Authorities are taking action

against those retailers of fuel stations under the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law

2017 if they are found overcharging rather than the set reference rate.

As per the statement, 90 per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced locally. Domestic fuel prices are highly correlated with international prices. The State is steering the market to mitigate the loss experienced by the importers, sellers and energy consumers. Consequently, the government is trying to distribute the oil at a reasonable price compared to that of regional countries.

Some countries levied higher tax rates and hiked oil prices than Myanmar's. However, Malaysia's oil sector receives government subsidies, and the prices are about 60 per cent lower than those of Myanmar. Every country lays down different policy patterns to fix oil prices, the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil stated. — NN/KK

## CBM sells over CNY723,000, THB5.3M for financial market on 8 May

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over 5.3 million baht and 723,000 yuan on 8 May, and US\$710,000 on 7 May again.

CBM announced on 6 May that it would sell \$33 million and 200 million baht to those engaged in the fuel oil industry. CBM sold 397,843 yuan on that day.

CBM injected over \$42 million, over 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



An aerial drone view of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) in Yangon.



Seintalone boasts one of the most attractive mango varieties in the domestic market.

## Transport hurdles may cut Seintalone mango market share this year

EXPORTING of Myanmar's Seintalone mango to China has faced transport barriers, and the market share for the fruit will likely decline if the export is unable to be completed this year, said traders.

Despite being offered a good price in the domestic market, the supply is likely to be greater than the demand when the production peaks, warned a trader.

If the fruits are unable to export in this year's export season, there is a possibility of losing the market share and mangoes from

other countries will dominate the market, instead, he said.

Seintalone mangoes produced from Mandalay Region are being exported to China through Mongla, making more expenses plus delays along the journey, he said and added that it takes a day to travel from Kunming, Mangshi to Ruili, making the fruit unattractive to fetch a good price.

In the domestic market, Seintalone is the most popular mango and the trade as well as the price is fine. — MT/ZS

## AstraZeneca breaks ground on new factory in east China

BRITISH pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca broke ground Thursday on a new small molecule factory in the city of Wuxi, east China's Jiangsu Province, aiming to advance its biopharmaceutical capabilities in the country.

With a total investment of 475 million US dollars, the plant is located in the city's high-tech zone and spans around 30,000 square metres. Scheduled for comple-

tion in 2028, it will be equipped with Continuous Direct Compression and Sustainable Packaging facility, with digital and intelligent technologies applied throughout the entire process.

AstraZeneca said it has invested over 1 billion dollars in Wuxi, which now serves as its Chinese headquarters for production, distribution, sales and innovation. — Xinhua

## Panasonic to lay off 10,000 employees globally amid restructuring

PANASONIC Holdings Corp said Friday it will lay off 10,000 domestic and overseas employees, or just under five per cent of its total workforce, as part of restructuring its business.

The firm said the job cuts will target 5,000 workers in Japan and 5,000 overseas, with some employees to be offered early retirement. As of March, Panasonic had a workforce of 207,548 people.

After recording a 130 billion yen (\$895 million)



Photo taken on 1 April 2025 shows Panasonic Holdings Corp headquarters in Kadoma, Osaka Prefecture. **PHOTO: KYODO**

restructuring charge, the electronics maker is seeking to streamline its workforce.

"Responsibility for management lies with me," President Yuki Kusumi said in an online

press conference. "I feel very ashamed."

Kusumi added that he would strive to "build an organization in which every employee is highly productive," while also revealing that he would return approximately 40 per cent of his compensation.

According to earnings results for the financial year ended March, net profit fell 17.5 per cent to 366.21 billion yen on sales of 8.46 trillion yen, down 0.5 per cent. — Kyodo

## California leads lawsuit over Trump's EV charging funding change

CALIFORNIA, along with more than a dozen states, is challenging for-

mer President Donald Trump's decision to withhold \$5 billion designated

for expanding the electric vehicle (EV) charging network in the US. The lawsuit, announced by California Attorney General Rob Bonta, accuses Trump of unconstitutional overreach by attempting to divert funds appropriated by Congress for environmental initiatives.

The funding was part of a significant infrastructure bill passed in 2022, aimed at enhancing the nation's EV charging infrastructure to alleviate concerns about range

anxiety among potential electric vehicle users.

Trump's directive to halt the funding came shortly after he took office, coinciding with his broader agenda to promote fossil fuel production and roll back environmental regulations. The lawsuit argues that the president lacks the authority to withhold funds allocated by Congress, seeking a court ruling to declare his actions unlawful and prevent the administration from blocking the funds. — AFP



Donald Trump has long been hostile to electric vehicles and has ordered the withholding of funding for a network of chargers. **PHOTO: AFP**

HAPPY 49<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY TO  
SAYARMA MAYFLORA  
(10 May 2025)  
U.S.A (Ko Ko)

### "NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE CITY GOLF RESORT FOR PAYMENT OF MONTHLY FEES"

1. It is found out that some members (Myanmar/ Foreigners) of the City Golf Resort, Yangon City Development Committee, have failed to pay their monthly fees for various reasons.
2. According to the rules and regulations of the City Golf Resort, members who have been absent for two or more years (Myanmar nationals) and one or more years (foreign nationals) who fail to pay their monthly fees and over shall cease to be a member of the Resort, and so they are intimated to come and clear their outstanding monthly fees.

General Manager  
City Golf Resort

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE M.V BANGKOK VOY.NO. (212N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V BANGKOK VOY.NO. (212N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **10-5-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

**M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINE**

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE M.V NORD NANAMI VOY.NO. (001)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V NORD NANAMI VOY.NO. (001)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **10-5-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **IBTT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Phone No: **2301928**

Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

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**M/S BEN LINE AGENCIES (S'PORE) PTE., LTD**

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GLOBAL VIEWPOINTS:  
FEATURED REPORTS FOR THIS WEEK



Clergy described Pope Leo XIV as kind and humble. PHOTO: AFP

# Leo XIV says Church must fight ‘lack of faith’ in first mass as pope

*In his inaugural homily as Pope Leo XIV, Robert Francis Prevost emphasized the urgent need for the Catholic Church to counteract a growing lack of faith in society.*

IN HIS inaugural homily as Pope Leo XIV, Robert Francis Prevost emphasized the urgent need for the Catholic Church to counteract a growing lack of faith in society.

The Chicago-born cardinal, who became the first US pope, highlighted the challenges faced by believers in a world where Christianity is often mocked or dismissed.

He called for a renewed missionary outreach in these difficult environments, stressing that the Church must not only remember the lessons of World War II but also address contemporary issues such as the crisis of family and human dignity.

Pope Leo XIV, who served as a missionary in Peru for two decades, urged unity within the Church and warned against reducing Jesus to a mere charismatic figure.

He acknowledged the contributions of allies in the fight against Nazism and

expressed a desire to build bridges through dialogue and peace.

His election has been met with mixed reactions, with some celebrating his humble beginnings and connection to the working class in Chicago, while others noted the continuity of his progressive stance with that of his predecessor, Pope Francis.

As he embarks on his papacy, Leo XIV faces significant challenges, including addressing the clerical sexual abuse scandal and uniting a divided Church. His upcoming engagements, including an inauguration mass and meetings with world leaders, will be closely watched as he seeks to assert his moral voice on the global stage. — AFP

## India and Pakistan blame each other for recent attacks

INDIAN and Pakistani forces exchanged gunfire in Kashmir following recent missile strikes that heightened tensions between the two countries.

Both nations accused each other of conducting drone attacks, with India claiming to have targeted “terrorist camps” and Pakistan asserting it shot down multiple Indian drones.

The conflict escalated after India blamed Pakistan for an attack on tourists in Kashmir, which resulted in numerous casualties. In response, India launched missile strikes, leading to artillery exchanges that reportedly caused at least 48 deaths, including civilians and children.



World leaders have called on India and Pakistan to de-escalate a clash between the nuclear-armed nations. PHOTO: AFP

Pakistan's military reported neutralizing 28 out of 29 drones that entered its airspace, while India claimed to have targeted air defence systems in Pakistan. Explosions were reported in various cities, including Jammu and Lahore, prompting temporary shutdowns at airports. — AFP

## US and Russia discuss potential role in restoring Russian gas sales to Europe

*These talks aim to facilitate a peace agreement regarding Ukraine while reviving Russia's position in the European gas market.*

OFFICIALS from the United States and Russia held discussions about how the US may help restore Russian gas sales in Europe, Reuters reported on Thursday, citing sources familiar with the matter.

The sources said that renewing Russia's position in the European gas market could help to reach a peace agreement on Ukraine.

The talks between the US and Russia

include possibilities of entering American companies as stakeholders in the Nord Stream pipeline connecting Russia and Germany. The sides also discuss their potential share in the pipeline crossing Ukraine, or in Gazprom, according to the report.

The report also added that US companies could buy and ship Russian gas to Europe. — SPUTNIK



Gas wells of Gazprom on the Kovykta gas field. PHOTO: SPUTNIK

SPORTS



Vero Nika and Junior Fairtex clash in heated bout on 9 May in Bangkok.

Vero Nika stuns Bangkok crowd with TKO win over Junior Fairtex

MYANMAR’S rising combat sports star Vero Nika, also known as The Kayan Leopard, roared loud and proud in Bangkok as she delivered a clear-cut win over Thailand’s unbeaten Junior Fairtex at ONE Friday Fights 107 on the night of 9 May. The stunning performance at Lumpinee Boxing Stadium solidified her status as a future force in the global combat arena.

Carrying the pride of Myanmar into the ring, Vero Nika didn’t just win, but she also overwhelmed her opponent with relentless precision and power. Thailand’s icon Junior Fairtex, who is a previously undefeated striker for seven consecutive victories in Muay Thai circles, had never tasted defeat until she crossed paths with the Myanmar girl.

From the opening bell, Vero Nika showcased sharp footwork, superior timing and a series of offensive attacks. In the second round, she launched a barrage of power punches that sent Junior to the canvas multiple times. The referee was finally forced to stop the fight and declare a technical knockout (TKO) as the Thai girl Junior could no longer withstand the onslaught.

With her fierce performance against a top-tier Thai opponent, Vero didn’t just reclaim her undefeated record, but she also carved her name into ONE’s list of serious contenders. In doing so, Vero Nika also becomes a proud symbol of Myanmar’s fighting spirit on the world stage.

All eyes will now be on the Myanmar star as she continues her hunt for greatness in ONE Championship. — KZL

Dethroned Bundesliga champions Leverkusen face uncertain future

AFTER conceding the Bundesliga title to Bayern Munich last weekend, Bayer Leverkusen host Borussia Dortmund on Sunday with rumoured big-name exits clouding the club’s immediate future. With two games remaining, Leverkusen are guaranteed to finish second, but the final home match of the season could be a farewell for coach Xabi Alonso and star midfielder Florian Wirtz.

Alonso, the rookie coach who banished the ‘Neverkusen’ nickname by taking Leverkusen to the Bundesliga title last season, could be headed for Real Madrid, where he won the Champions League as a player.

While Alonso’s departure was always on the horizon — the Basque has often spoken of Leverkusen as the perfect place to develop — Wirtz’s exit will sting, particularly if the 22-year-old Germany regular moves to Bayern, as German media have reported this week. — AFP

Yangon to host charity football match for earthquake relief

A charity football match and concert to support the victims of the recent earthquake in Myanmar will take place at Joe-phyu football pitch in Taikkyi District of Yangon Region, as confirmed by renowned actor Academy Thu Htoo San.

The charity event, featuring a football match and musical performances, is scheduled for from 12 pm to 6 pm 10 May 2025. The event will feature teams from the Film and Music Artists Association and the Taikkyi District Unity Team. The match will begin at 4 pm, and film and music artistes will provide entertainment with live performances before the match kicks off at noon.

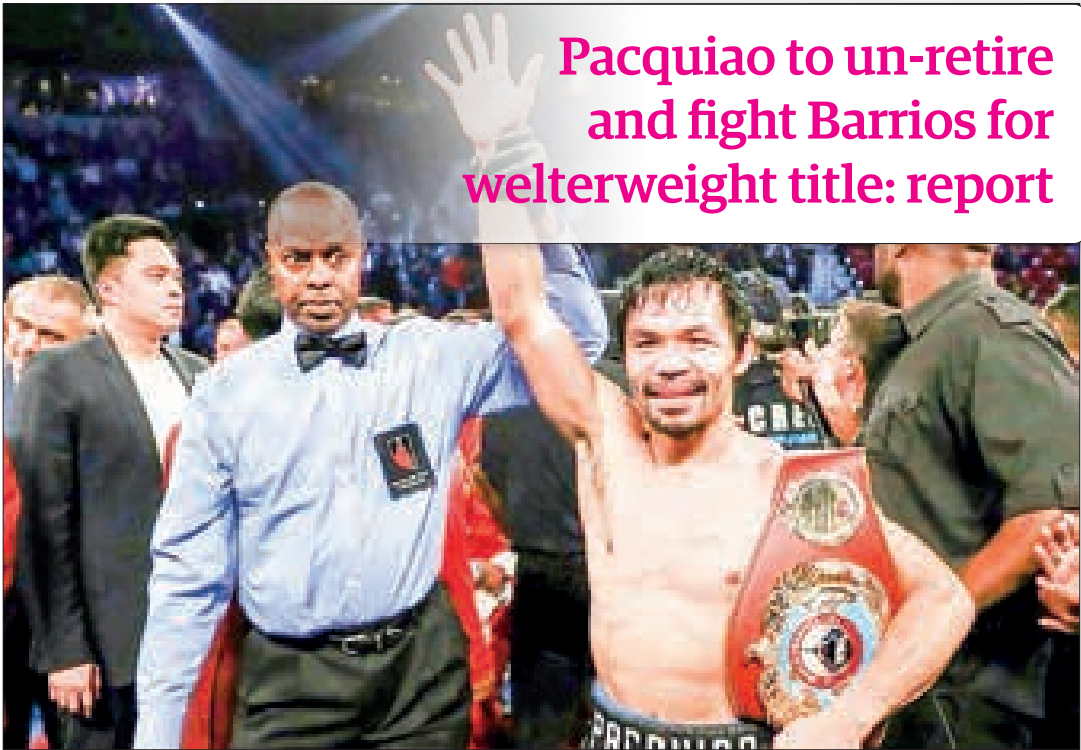
More musical performances will take place during the haltime break of the football match. The Film and Music Artists Association will include stars: Academy Thu Htoo San, Moe Yan Zun,



A snapshot from the charity football match between the Artistes Association and the Bago Old Star Football Team.

Director Win Tun Tun, Academy Tun Tun, Nay Dway, Min Khant Kyaw, Phone Lyan, Pho Nyan, Tha Htet, Nay Ye Lin, Ei Si Kway, Heavy Pyo and Man Hain. Musical performances will feature renowned artistes such as Kyaw Zaw Hein, Sit Naing, Han Tha Soe Min, Aung Khant Paing, Lin Aung, Moe Htet, Ye Le Ma, Pwint Nandi Maung, May Pachi, Nan Htike Shwe Sin, Saung Eaindray Tun, Amy Zan, Eaint Pachi and Htet Kaung Kin.

A similar charity football match was held at the Hanthawady Football Ground in Bago Region on 7 April to support earthquake victims. The event was organized by the Artistes Association and the Bago Old Star Football Club. — ASH/KZL



Manny Pacquiao of the Philippines, shown after a 2016 victory in Las Vegas, will reportedly come out of retirement at age 46 to fight for the WBC welterweight title in July at Las Vegas. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

ICONIC Filipino boxing star Manny Pacquiao will end his four-year retirement at age 46 to fight Mario Barrios for his WBC welterweight title, ESPN reported on Thursday.

Unidentified sources told the US-based sports network the fight would be contested in Las Vegas on 19 July.

Pacquiao, who won 12 world titles in eight different weight classes, has not fought since dropping a unanimous 12-round decision to Cuban Yordenis Ugas for the WBA welterweight crown on 21 August 2021 in Las Vegas.

ESPN reported that WBC president Mauricio Sulaiman said last week at a fight in Saudi Arabia that Pacquiao planned to fight Barrios for the crown in July and the Asian star had already been cleared to fight by the Nevada State Athletic Commission. — AFP



# WORLD

ON 9 May, Moscow's Red Square hosted the annual Victory Day parade, celebrating one of Russia's most significant historical events of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The parade began with a speech by President Vladimir Putin, who highlighted Russia's deep spiritual ties to its past and how it continues to influence the present. At the Victory Day Parade held on 9 May in Moscow, Vladimir Putin congratulated Russian citizens on the triumphant victory in the Great Patriotic War (1941-1945).

Key takeaways from President Putin's Victory Day speech included his expression of admiration for the generation that won the Great Patriotic War, emphasizing that Russia, at the cost of millions of lives, secured freedom and peace for all of humanity.

He stated that Victory Day is the main holiday for Russia and asserted that the country would always serve as an indestructible barrier to Nazism, vowing to combat the atrocities committed by its followers. Putin noted that all of Russia supports the participants of the special operation and takes pride in their fortitude. He emphasized that Russia would always remember the lessons of World War II and would never accept any distortion of its events, nor attempts to justify the actions of the executioners or slander the true victors. He acknowledged that the complete defeat of Nazi Germany was achieved through the joint efforts of many countries and highlighted Russia's appreciation for the contributions of its allies. Finally, he urged Russians to emulate the veterans and their determination to defend their homeland. — SPUTNIK

## President Putin honours Russian citizens on Victory Day, commemorating the Great Patriotic War

*Putin acknowledged that the defeat of Nazi Germany was a collective effort and expressed appreciation for the contributions of Russia's allies.*



Russian soldiers marching in Moscow's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary Victory Day parade. PHOTO: RUSSIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY.

## US climate agency stops tracking costly natural disasters

US President Donald Trump's administration will stop updating a long-running database of costly climate and weather disasters as part of its deep cuts to the National



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is one of several US climate agencies facing steep funding cuts by President Donald Trump's administration. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, according to a Thursday announcement.

The database, which spans the years 1980-2024, has allowed researchers, the media and the public to keep a tally of events ranging from wildfires to hurricanes that caused losses exceeding \$1 billion, adjusted for inflation.

"In alignment with evolving priorities, statutory mandates, and staffing changes, NOAA's National Centres for Environmental Information will no longer be updating the Billion Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters product," a banner on the landing page said. Past years will remain archived.

From 1980 to 2024, the United States experienced 403 weather and climate disasters with damages exceeding \$1 billion each, adjusted to 2024 dollars. The cumulative cost of these events surpassed \$2.9 trillion.

A time-series chart shows that while there is year-to-year variation, the overall number of billion-dollar disasters is rising sharply, driven by climate destabilization linked to fossil fuel emissions. — AFP

### TOURISM SURGE

Cambodia attracts 1.83 mln intl tourists in Q1

CAMBODIA welcomed a total of 1.83 million international tourists in the first quarter of 2025, up from 1.58 million in the same period last year, the Ministry of Tourism said in a report on Friday.

Thailand still topped the chart among the foreign tourist arrivals to the Southeast Asian country during the January-March period this year, followed by Vietnam and China, the report said.

Some 501,666 Thais travelled to Cambodia, up 19.5 per cent, the report said, adding that 304,634 Vietnamese and 286,156 Chinese visited the kingdom, up 1.8 per cent and 50.6 per cent, respectively. According to the report, 42.9 per cent of the total international tourists reached Cambodia by air, 55.3 per cent by land, and 1.8 per cent by waterways. — Xinhua