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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views the scale model of the layout plan of Hlinethaya Township in Yangon yesterday.

# Call for social security support for Hlinethaya residents

Town plan and development plan must be formulated with markets, schools, administrative offices and sports grounds for the development of Hlinethaya Township.

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing made an inspection tour of Hlinethaya Township of Yangon Region to look into the implementation

of urban development projects and the West Yangon Technological University yesterday morning. Accompanied by Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo and the Commander of Yangon Command, the

Senior General inspected the scale model of the layout plan of Hlinethaya Township and discussed the potential for the development of urban areas at Bayintnaung Park.

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## Salient points from speeches delivered by the Senior General on his tour of Hlinethaya Township

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- 2. As Yangon-Pathein road is a main facility for transport, both sides of the road must be beautified with a proper drainage system to uplift the prestige of Hlinethaya Township.
- 3. West Yangon Technological University needs to supervise groups of final-year civil major students to conduct such research on the proper drainage system of Hlinethaya Township in relevant sections.

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# NATIONAL

## Shaping Responsible Citizens: Instilling Discipline and Civic Values in Schools

AS the saying goes, “School initiates national discipline”. Teachers play a crucial role in instilling school discipline in students, helping them gradually adopt the practices of responsible citizens who abide by laws, rules, and regulations. To achieve this, educators must guide and train students, applying the knowledge they have acquired and mastered to shape them into principled individuals who contribute positively to society.

*(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with students from the five-year BEd course No 6 of the University for the Development of National Races of the Union held on 25 October 2024)*

## Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Statement on Temporary Ceasefire

5<sup>th</sup> Waxing of Nayon 1387 ME  
31 May 2025

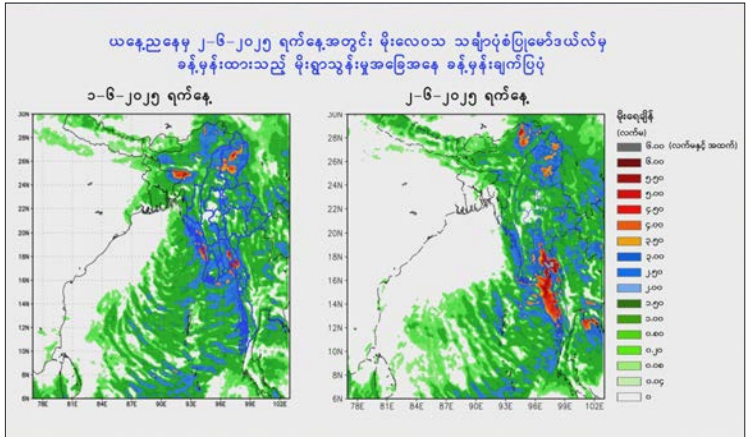
1. Tatmadaw has stated a temporary ceasefire from 6 to 31 May 2025 with the aim of leveraging rescue, relief and rehabilitation operations in the areas affected by the powerful Mandalay earthquake, leaving extensive loss and damage.
2. Currently, the government is tirelessly carrying out reconstruction and rehabilitation measures for quake-affected government offices and departments, public houses and road transportation facilities with the assistance of the international communities.
3. Moreover, the State emphasizes preparations to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election without fail this year under the Constitution. During the electoral period, peace and stability must be restored in relevant regions to enable all eligible people of the entire nation to cast their votes.
4. As such, for the State to continue implementing reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts in the earthquake-stricken areas with momentum, to successfully hold a free and fair multiparty democratic election, to more swiftly serve the interests of the State and all its citizens, to restore a genuine and durable peace, and to maintain peace and stability, Tatmadaw has announced a further extension of the temporary ceasefire period from 1 to 30 June 2025.
5. During the declared period of the temporary ceasefire, ethnic armed organizations and other armed groups are urged not to disrupt or attack and destroy communication routes used by the general public, cause harm or destruction to the lives and property of the people, attack camps of security personnel serving security and rule of law measures, disrupt and attack military headquarters, recruit or mobilize forces that could undermine peace, engage in preparations or territorial expansion. It is also announced that if such actions are carried out, Tatmadaw will take necessary response measures as part of protecting the public.

Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

## Special Weather News

Issued at 4 pm MST on 31 May 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, due to the monsoon is strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal and remnant clouds of the low-pressure area crossed Assam (India), rain or thundershowers are likely to be 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 isolated heavy falls during today evening to 2 June 2025. Occasionally squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-13 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.



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

## Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 7 am MST on 31 May 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 5:30 am MST today, the Depression that crossed to the interior regions of the north of Dhaka (Bangladesh) has moved north-northeastwards and weakened into a Low-Pressure Area to the interior regions of Assam (India).  
This is the last news for the Deep Depression. — DMH

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

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| 1. Office of the State Administration Council<br><a href="https://sacoffice.gov.mm">https://sacoffice.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)*

### FROM PAGE 1

The Yangon Region chief minister and the mayor reported on the accomplishment of the guidance given by the Senior General on his inspection tour of Hlinethaya Township for the development of the urban area, construction of the concrete drains for proper flow of water in the township, clearing of bushes and garbage, installation of the valves in drains along Yangon-Pathein Road, construction of RC box culverts, the proper drain system for Nyaungdon Road, outlet channels to Hline River, digging of drains in the West Yangon University, placing of pedestrians on both sides of Yangon-Pathein Road and Nyaungdon Road, construction of overpasses and placing asphalt concrete on the circular road to West Yangon Technological University.

In his response, the Senior General said that emphasis must be placed on a better drainage system in Hlinethaya Township. The urban area must be beautified and people have to live there under relevant disciplines systematically. Drains must be built with systematic calculation of water flow. The Yangon-Pathein Road and the Nyaungdon Road must be facilitated with modern pedestrians. Overpasses must be built under relevant criteria.

He continued that the relevant development department needs to supervise systematic disposal under the law for beautifying the urban area. He stressed the need to draw a systematic town plan and develop a plan formulated with markets, schools, administrative offices and sports grounds depending on population for the development of Hlinethaya Township. YCDC needs to formulate a plan to generate electricity from solar energy for the township.

Moreover, he underlined that it is necessary to consider safe living and sales of foodstuffs at fair prices for the people from various regions working at factories in Hlinethaya Township.

The Senior General inspected placing the new pedestrians on Yawatwinwun U Pho Hlaing Road near Bayintnaung Bridge and upgrading of drains along both sides of the road.

He gave guidance to officials that it is

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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects the West Yangon Technological University in Yangon yesterday.

necessary to continue dredging silt from the drains and strengthening the creek in Hlinethaya Township. He stressed the need to research to seek the best way of proper flow of water without blockage. As Yangon-Pathein road is a main facility for transport, both sides of the road must be beautified with proper drainage systems to uplift the prestige of Hlinethaya Township, he added.

He also observed progress in building an overpass at the corner of Kanaung Minthagyi Road and Yangon-Pathein Road, placing the new pedestrians, and drainage system.

The Senior General also inspected the drainage system under Thaunggya

Creek and gave necessary instructions.

On arrival at West Yangon Technological University, the Senior General viewed round the entrance road to the university, placing the pedestrians, and thriving trees and flowery plants along the entrance road.

In a meeting with Rector Dr Kyi Soe and faculty members, the Senior General asked about the learning of students. After hearing the reports of the rector and officials, the Senior General stressed the need to emphasize the convenience of students in transport and dormitories. Officials of the university need to research on proper flow of water in a drainage system in Hlinethaya Township. In this

regard, he instructed officials to divide groups of final-year civil major students to research the proper drainage system of the township in relevant sections.

The Senior General viewed the construction site of the flying bridge on Tab-inshwehti Road near Aungzeya Bridge by car.

The Senior General and party visited Shwepyitha, Mingaladon, North Okkalapa, Dagon Myothit (North) and South Okkalapa townships in Yangon Region by car to inspect systematic road areas, operations of shops in road areas, systematic drainage systems along both sides of roads, enforcement of traffic rules and proper landscape. — MNA/TTA



# NATIONAL

## DPM MoPF Union Minister inspects Customs at Yangon Ports

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein, along with officials, inspected Customs clearance operations at Yangon's international ports, including Asia World Port, Hteedan Port, and Myanmar Industrial Port, yesterday afternoon.

He first met departmental officials from the Myanmar Port Authority, Customs Department, Trade Department, Immigration Department, and Myanmar Police Force, as well as officials from Yangon's international ports, at the Asia World Port Conference Hall.

During the meeting, Director-General U Thein Swe of the Customs Department explained the status of Customs inspection work at international



Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein observes the combined team's cargo inspection at Asia World Port's Container Freight Station (CFS) in Yangon yesterday.

ports, while representatives from various departments and international ports outlined their work status and needs.

The Union minister emphasized the importance of increasing exports for economic development, streamlining

import and export processes, facilitating port services in line with the State Administration Council's economic objectives,

preventing the illegal trade of goods such as drugs, resolving administrative obstacles, and conducting systematic product inspections to ensure efficient and lawful trade operations. He agreed to coordinate the discussions with the relevant departments and organizations.

He inspected the combined inspection of goods at Asia World Port's Container Freight Station (CFS) and the container inspections conducted using X-ray machines.

Port operations at Hteedan Port and Myanmar Industrial Port were also inspected, including joint goods inspections and container inspections using X-ray machines, followed by the Union Minister's review and coordination of needs. — MNA/TH

## MoHA Union Minister inspects temporary shelter progress

UNION Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, accompanied by Myanmar Police Force Chief Police Lt-Gen Win Zaw Moe and the ministry's Permanent Secretary U Khaing Htun Oo conducted an inspection tour yesterday morning to assess the rehabilitation status of earthquake-affected buildings under the Ministry of Home Affairs, including temporary shelters and container houses constructed for staff members and their families.

The Union minister and the delegation first visited an open plot near Office 45 in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, where temporary shelter buildings are being erected and checked on the construction progress. They



Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung looks into temporary shelters and container houses for staff members and their families in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

also observed the renovation works undertaken at Office 10 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, which sustained damage during the earthquake. They also reviewed the placement and

installation of temporary shelters at the nearby vacant plot of land.

The inspection continued to the DNA Forensics Office compound in Wunnatheidi

Ward, Zabuthiri Township, where further temporary shelters are under construction. The Union minister and officials then proceeded to Dekkhinathiri Township, where they inspected the installation of container houses on land owned by the Myanmar Police Force inside the Gems and Jewellery Market compound.

Furthermore, the team visited Ywathit Village in Pyinmana Township, where completed temporary shelters and ongoing installation of container houses were observed within the police outpost and entertainment sub-office compound. Officials on the ground provided detailed briefings at each inspection point.

Following the presenta-

tions, the Union minister stressed that all reconstruction of ministry buildings must meet standard operating procedures (SOPs) and prescribed quality benchmarks. He emphasized that all temporary shelters and container houses must be equipped with proper access to water, electricity and sanitation systems. He also instructed officials to ensure proper drainage systems to prevent waterlogging and to reinforce access roads using graded soil materials.

The Union minister urged the timely completion of all construction works and called on relevant officials to coordinate closely and address any emerging needs during the rebuilding process. — MNA/KZL

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Myanmar attends 13<sup>th</sup> International Meeting of High Representatives for Security Issues in Russia

MYANMAR delegation led by National Security Adviser, Union Minister at the State Administration Council Chairman's Office Ministry 1 Admiral Moe Aung, attended the 13<sup>th</sup> International Meeting of High Representatives for Security Issues held in Moscow of Russian Federation from 27 to 29 May.

The representatives from 105 countries and 15 international organizations attended the meeting in which Russian President Mr Vladimir Putin made a speech via video message, Russian National Security Council Secretary Mr Sergei Shoigu and Russian Foreign Minister Mr Sergey Lavrov made remarks respectively.

At the meeting, the Union Minister participated in the meeting under the topic of "Challenges and opportunities for Global South and Global East", and participated in the "Information security and international cooperation" sector.

The Union Minister attended the Fifth ASEAN-Russia Consultations of the High Representatives for Security Issues, and co-chaired together with Mr Sergei Shoigu, Security Council Secre-



National Security Adviser Union Minister at the State Administration Council Chairman's Office Ministry 1 Admiral Moe Aung participates in the 13<sup>th</sup> International Meeting of High Representatives for Security Issues held in Moscow, the Russian Federation.

tary of the Russian Federation.

The Union minister and delegations of SAEAN member states discussed cooperation in security affairs of the Asia-Pacific regions, information exchange and potential responses to traditional and non-traditional security threats.

The Union minister and party laid a wreath at the National

Victory Museum and attended the scientific seminar focusing on global security issues.

The Union minister received delegations led by Russian President's Advisor Mr Nikolay Patrushev, Russian Security Council Secretary Mr Sergei Shoigu, Deputy Chairman of the State Duma Mr Sholban Valerievich

Kara-ool and Russian Security Council Deputy Secretary Mr Alexy L Shevtsov, and discussed the bilateral cooperation, further cooperation, combating violence and cooperation on security affairs between Myanmar and Russia, which were already discussed by SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung

Hlaing and Russian President Mr Vladimir Putin.

Moreover, he met Mr Chen Wengqing, a member of the Communist Party of China's Central Committee, Political Bureau and chairman of the Political and Legal Affairs Committee, and discussed the bilateral cooperation and ongoing border security measures, which were already discussed by the SAC Chairman and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

He met Thai delegation leader, National Security Council Secretary Mr Chatchi Bangchaud and Cambodian leader Lt-Gen Ke Da.

Then, during the meeting with Belarusian National Security Council Secretary Mr Alexander Grigoyevich Volfovich, the Union minister discussed bilateral relationship, ongoing cooperation, implementation of the five-point roadmap of SAC, including rehabilitation processes after the quake, and preparations for holding free and fair elections, which were discussed by the SAC Chairman and Belarusian President Mr Lukashenko. — MNA/KTZH

Rescue, rehab efforts ongoing in quake zones

TATMADAW members, Myanmar Police Force members, foreign rescue squads and volun-

teers are ramping up concerted efforts in rescue and rehabilitation operations in the Mandalay

earthquake-affected areas.

Lt-Gen Thet Pon from the Office of the Command-

er-in-Chief (Army) inspected the clearing of debris at the religious sites in Sagaing and maintenance work.

He also inspected the cleanliness activities in drains and debris in Sagaing, as well as the Sagaing iron furnace of Crown Prince Kanaung, constructed in June 1874. Additionally, he observed the water purification processes using Ayeyawady River water and other clearing activities at the 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gymnasium in Parami Ward.

Lt-Gen Soe Tint Naing from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) also inspected the clearing of debris, demolition of buildings and safe transportation on the main road in Aungmyaythazan and Amarapura townships of Mandalay.

Lt-Gen Myo Thant Naing

from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) attended the handover ceremony of rice to 20,733 quake survivors in Kyaukse Township and comforted the people.

He also inspected the clearing of debris at the religious sites in Kyaukse township, power distribution at Ingone sub-power station in Koebin village-tract, staff housing and warehouses, and provided foodstuffs to those involved in the working process.

He then observed the cleanliness of debris at the religious site in the Shwebontha monastery in Kume, Myittha Township, the opening of the temporary clinic with modular houses in the compound of the Byamapala social welfare organization, and the sale of construction materials in Kume. — MNA/KTZH



Lt-Gen Thet Pon looks around the Tatmadaw Water Purifier in Sagaing yesterday.



NATIONAL

Forum on Rebuilding Myanmar: Post-Earthquake Economic Recovery enters second day

THE Forum on Rebuilding Myanmar: Post-Earthquake Economic Recovery continued in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the event, Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn said the Head of State values the outcomes of the forum, and all the discussions are energetic, contributing to the economic sector and political affairs.

Economics and politics are intertwined and mutually dependent; all must accurately reflect on the current political situation in the country and think and act responsibly as truthful citizens for the sake of the nation's interests. The results will be reported to the Head of the State to carry out for the development of the nation,



Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn joins the Forum on Rebuilding Myanmar: Post-Earthquake Economic Recovery in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

he added.

Union Minister for Commerce U Tun Ohn said efforts

are being made for the farming products, meat, fish, industrial and tourism sectors through

government-private cooperation to double the export volumes. The ministry also drafts

the National Export Strategy (2026-2030).

Dr Zaw Oo, director of the Myanmar Narrative Think Tank, discussed the matters related to reforming processes, financial, trading, occupation, employees, insurance system, investment, education and healthcare sectors based on three major sectors like quake-stricken areas, manufacturing sector and infrastructure.

He also briefed the principles, approaches, working procedures, international criteria, priorities, short-term measures and outcome-based implementation achieved from the forum.

After the talk show, Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn concluded the forum. — MNA/KTZH

Weekly Roundup

25 May

SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets town elders in Kengtung

Educated minds must drive national development, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Haing at the meeting with departmental officials and town elders at the city hall in Kengtung to talk about regional development.

SAC Chair Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits Triangle Region Command HQ

Regiments and units coordinate with one another in military operations, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in inspecting functions and duties of the Triangle Region Command Headquarters.

26 May

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives NDAA (Mongla) delegation

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing stressed that as Myanmar is a union nation, all have to move forward with a union system based on genuine multiparty democracy and a federal system, at the meeting with a peace delegation led by Vice-Chairman of the Peace and Unity Committee of the National Democratic Alliance Army (NDAA) U San Pae at the Golden Triangle Avenue of the Triangle Region Command Headquarters.

Kengtung-Loimwe road under maintenance

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspected maintenance of the Kengtung-Loimwe road for its long-term existence in the Loimwe region of Shan State (East).

Damaged parts of Hluttaw buildings inspected

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspected repairs and renovations of damaged Hluttaw buildings caused by the Mandalay earthquake in Nay Pyi Taw.

27 May

Quake-affected ministries, staff housing and dormitories under repair

Chairman of the National Disaster Management Committee Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win inspected the repair and renovation of ministerial buildings, staff housing and dormitories in Nay Pyi Taw.

Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee meets

Ministries and government bodies must cooperate with one another by sharing information and taking joint action in combating illegal trade with neighbouring trading partner countries, said Chairman of the Steering Committee Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, at the committee meeting 2/2025 in Nay Pyi Taw.

28 May

Repairs underway on earthquake-damaged

ministry buildings

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspected buildings of the Supreme Court of the Union and the Ministry of Labour damaged by the Mandalay earthquake.

Third Amendment to Civil Service Personnel Law enacted

The State Administration Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar enacted the Third Amendment to Civil Service Personnel Law as the SAC Law No 39/2025 under Section 419 of the Constitution on 27 May 2025.

30 May

EAOs urged to weigh ceasefire for rehab efforts

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing urged ethnic armed organizations and relevant parties to give serious consideration to this temporary ceasefire, and to comply and cooperate, keeping in mind the interests of the nation and the people in light of the rehabilitation of earthquake-affected areas at the second cash donation ceremony for quake victims.

31 May

Three key pillars to revive post-quake economy

Providing humanitarian assistance does not end with mitigation, but it should be integrated into the social protection system, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the opening of the Forum on Rebuilding Myanmar: Post-Earthquake Economic Recovery at Mingala Thiri Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw. — GNLM/TTA



# CBM injects CNY610K, THB2.4M into financial market on 30 May

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) injected over 610,000 yuan and 2.4 million baht on 30 May after sales of 4.3 million baht on 28 May into the financial market.

CBM announced on 27 May that it would sell \$30 million to fuel oil importers.

CBM sold over \$288,000, 300,000 yuan and 2.8 million baht on 26 May, over 990,000 yuan and two million baht on 23 May, over 5.7 million baht on 22 May, \$120,000 and two million baht on 21 May, \$568,000 and 1.9 million baht on 20 May, \$3 million on 19 May and \$300,000 and 1.6 million baht on 16 May.

CBM pumped \$138,500 and three million baht on 15 May and over 4.3 million baht on 14 May into the financial market.

CBM announced on 13 May that it would sell \$23.67 million to fuel oil traders and 50 million baht to importers. CBM sold over \$1.62 million



A counter staff is pictured counting greenbacks at the money exchange outlet.

on 13 May and over \$820,000 and 1.5 million baht on 12 May. CBM also injected over 3.6 million baht on 9 May again in the

financial market after over 5.3 million baht and 723,000 yuan on 8 May, and \$710,000 on 7 May into the financial market.

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

## Guangdong-Macao Products Fair 2025 welcomes Myanmar entrepreneurs

MYANMAR entrepreneurs are invited to participate in the 17<sup>th</sup> Guangdong and Macao Branded Products Fair 2025 (GMBPF) that will be held from 24 to 27 July at Cotai Expo Hall D, the Venetian Macao Hotel, Macao, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

The fair was organized by the Commerce and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) of the Macao Special Administrative Region and the Department of Commerce of Guangdong Province. It will be a great platform to promote the brand and explore business opportunities and Singapore will be invited to participate this year.

Moreover, in order to promote trade between China's mainland and ASEAN countries along the Belt and Road, the Macao Region will

provide preferential treatment opportunities for Myanmar exhibitors at the exhibition, and Myanmar companies are invited to participate in the Myanmar exhibition area to promote and sell their products. The last GMBPF in 2024 showcased a variety of high-quality products, including electric vehicles, home appliances, clothing, scientific and technological innovation products, daily necessities, and jewelry, attracting 100,000 attendees and holding 400 business matches and resulting in 65 agreements.

At the 2025 GMBPF, 20 booths (three by three metres) will be available for exhibition. Each booth will cost MOP1,400 (approximately US\$174.25), and each exhibitor is entitled to receive one booth.

Each booth will be provid-

ed with an MOP3,000 for the export of goods to be exhibited, excluding return transportation. This subsidy can be withdrawn by the exhibition organizers by presenting the export receipts.

Furthermore, exhibitors will be provided with accommodation for a maximum of 5 nights at designated hotels, and transportation between hotels and the exhibition will be provided. Myanmar entrepreneurs who wish to exhibit at the Myanmar Exhibition Area in the Belt and Road Pavilion of the exhibition can contact the organizer through email at info@guangdongmacaofair.com, 0853 87989636 and fax: 0853 28976197 or register through Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization at 067 408623 and email event.td.myantrade@gmail.com. — NN/KK

## Registration Board approves 4,393 pesticides

THE Pesticide Registration Board has issued permits for 4,393 pesticides after its 45<sup>th</sup> meeting held in Nay Pyi Taw on 29 May, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

Deputy Minister Dr Tin Htut, chair of the board, gave a remark that the department is ensuring safe and effective use of quality pesticides to increase the yield and exports. He asked the board members to review each type of pesticide from various perspectives to prevent export rejections due to residue violations, ensure high-quality and low-residue pesticides amid detection of pesticide residues, have systemic pesticide registration procedures and protect trade opportunities amid residue issue risks. Moreover, he instructed officials concerned to cultivate pest-disease-resistant crop varieties for sustainable agriculture rather than spraying pesticides, and conduct farmer-led campaigns with the efforts of community-based pest control.

Manual Online (Myanmar Agricultural Import Registration System (MAIRS) Online System is implemented to streamline the pesticide registration process. The Pesticide Registration Board was attempting to process 185 types of pesticides during its 45<sup>th</sup> meeting. — NN/KK



A pesticide shop is seen in Hinthada Township, Ayeyawady Region.



Leverage up rehabilitation of disaster-affected areas

Due to the Cyclone Mocha strike in Rakhine State, damage and losses amounting to over K534 billion occurred in 2023. Reconstruction efforts were promptly carried out, and rebuilding was completed within six months. In 2024, damage and loss caused by flooding from Typhoon Yagi were also quickly restored. Recently, restoration of the damage and losses triggered by the Mandalay earthquake has been carried out as quickly as possible.

Myanmar has faced various natural disasters such as cyclones, floods, and earthquakes, as well as threats from terrorist acts. The damage and losses caused by these dangers have been experienced not only by the State but also by the affected people.

Not only individual businesses but also MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises) have suffered damages, causing impacts on the local economy in the recent earthquake. The relevant organizations, together with the government, must cooperate and work jointly to address this damage. If effective actions are not taken promptly to restore the economy after a natural disaster, the impact on impoverished communities within the country could worsen significantly. To enable rapid physical and psychological assistance for reconstruction and economic recovery, individuals and organizations will be able to provide efficient and sincere support to all communities affected by natural disasters.

regions are continuously arriving. It is necessary to deliver supplies as quickly as possible to those in need. Taking lessons from the losses, future constructions must be planned and built to be long-lasting and resilient.

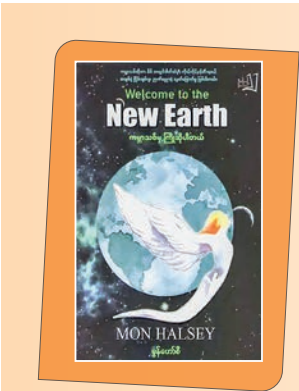
Not only individual businesses but also MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises) have suffered damages, causing impacts on the local economy in the recent earthquake. The relevant organizations, together with the government, must cooperate and work jointly to address this damage. If effective actions are not taken promptly to restore the economy after a natural disaster, the impact on impoverished communities within the country could worsen significantly. To enable rapid physical and psychological assistance for reconstruction and economic recovery, individuals and organizations will be able to provide efficient and sincere support to all communities affected by natural disasters.

However, without losing hope or giving up, the country has united its available forces to overcome the challenges and dangers faced and continues to do so.

When the damage and losses from the Mandalay earthquake occurred, friendly countries came to provide timely assistance and rescue operations, national leaders sent condolences and messages of sympathy, and various organizations and countries offered support in healthcare, food, and shelter for the earthquake victims have all become good friends and allies of Myanmar.

If other countries also show compassion and offer genuine, heartfelt assistance, then their citizens should also help one another even more sincerely. Citizens should also have love and compassion for one another and help each other more earnestly. All sufferings affect not only the nation but also its people, with hope for a better future.

Efforts must be made to ensure that no truly suffering people are left behind. Rescue and relief supplies from other



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Kaba Thit Hma Kyosopatel (Welcome to a New Earth)

THIS week, the book we bring to you starts with “This book serves as a guide to begin creating a new world based on a positive mindset. It is not about fantasy. It is about discovering on your own situations and events you encounter every day. Going to the new world is like pushing a door called the mind. When you pick up the book called “Welcome to a New Earth”, you have already begun a journey to create and build your new world.”

The author of the book is Sayama Mon Halsey. This book was written just eight days after the Mandalay earthquake, and the author has also added some reflections and content related to the earthquake.

In the preface, the author says, “When the world is facing a large-scale crisis, both the best

and the worst people begin to emerge. Masks start to fall away. Human compassion, understanding, attitudes, and empathy are tested amid such massive disruptions and changes, almost like taking an exam. No matter what happens, when the old collapses, we have to rebuild something new. In our own lives, many things may have changed. The people we loved may no longer be with us. We may have lost things we once owned. We may find ourselves in a new environment, having to start life all over again. We must move forward, adjusting to new ways of living with a “New Normal Life”.

Moreover, in America, even Hollywood burned to ash. In Myanmar, when the Sagaing Fault shook, cities in the central region were damaged one by one. These

events are examples of transformation. Even though we may not want to accept them at all, we are forced to do so with pain in our hearts. Only by accepting can we move forward. Only then can we truly move on. There are also lessons to be learned from these events.

The author also reflects on the remaining live event ... during the COVID-19 pandemic, we survived. During the floods, we made it through. Even in the recent earthquake, nothing happened to us. Those who are reading this book now are the ones who made it through. You are the ones for whom death has not yet arrived. The fact that you are still here, untouched by disaster, is in itself an opportunity to do more good things. Each day is like a reward. You are still here because

there is still something left for you to do. And that something is something good or what else could it possibly be?

She also clarifies the word “new Earth” likes it does not mean dramatic scene changes or shifts in colour like in the movies. But, it is something like compassion, love, forgiveness, empathy, generosity and wisdom that begin to rise in people’s minds like a unified force, a collective energy. When goodness takes root deep within us, we begin to connect more. We become more peaceful, feel safer, experience a sense of inner freedom and intend to do good things. It can be supposed as a process of human consciousness evolving and transforming.

She also defines it as “the new world does not mean a world where the colours and shapes of your surroundings magically change just like in animated movies. The new world is something you create by upgrading or elevating your mindset and behaviour”.

The book carries eight chapters for the readers: Chapter 1 Human Awareness, Chapter 2 Positive Mindset and Power, Chapter 3 Voices of Thoughts, Chapter 4 Emotional Balance, Chapter 5 Gratitude and Transformation, Chapter 6 Nature and Surroundings, Chapter 7 Communities for a New Earth, and Chapter 8 Letting Go of the Old.



Across our land, so vast and wide,  
Where diverse hearts in peace reside,  
We stand as one, hand in hand,  
A united, strong, and sacred band.

Through trials fierce and storms  
we face,  
No force can break our bonded grace.

(In Tribute to All Those Who Fulfil National Duties...)

For unity’s the shield we raise,  
To guard our future, light our ways.

Oh Myanmar, proud and free,  
One voice, one dream, one destiny.  
Together we shall rise and shine,  
In harmony, our fate is divine.



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Happy Brain, Successful Life

Rick Hanson by Just One Thing: Developing a Buddha Brain, One Simple Practice at a Time

“SOUND, sensations, thoughts and desires based on underlying neural activities are interconnected and significantly influence brain function, impacting everything from sensory perception to higher cognitive functions. It is the little things that count. A book sheds light on how little daily practices can change the way your brain works, protect against stress, lift mood and build emotional resilience.

The book illustrated 52 practices in the psychological field to better retain positive emotions and experiences. The strategies are grouped into five sections: “Be Good to Yourself”, “Enjoy Life”, “Build Strengths”, “Engage the World”, and “Be at Peace”. Each practice takes only a couple of minutes, contributing to relieving stress, boosting the mind and calming down emotional reactions.

The original author, Rick Hanson, explained how to train the brain and emotions effectively under the well-referenced research in the positive psychology field, focusing particularly on neuroplasticity. For instance, the “Taking in the Good” practice will help enhance the ability to capture posi-

itive experiences and create a welcoming and positive atmosphere. It offers simple brain training practices that you can do every day to be good to yourself, enjoy life as it is build on your strengths, be more effective and make peace with your emotions.

The readers will find it effective and valuable. This book will guide you on what you can do daily to reduce your stress, a reader shared. Another reader remarked that this book offers you practices to support and increase your well-being and inner peace.

Everyone can follow its practices in their daily life to increase their sense of security and worth, resilience, and effectiveness. Each chapter shows the power of these seemingly simple practices. But they will offer practical advice and steps on how you can deal with adversities.

It is a must-read to improve mental health and well-being.

Time of the Sunset

By Maung Swan Yi, Translated by Myint Zan

although there are similarities between the times (of occurrences) the sun rises are initially hazy the sunsets somewhat darkened, and the sun disappears; the sun rises, augur day break the sun sets bring forth the night (hence) the ‘aims’ of the sunrises and sunsets are strikingly different

while a person who wakes up late mistakenly thinks that the setting of the sun, the disappearance of its rays is the time of sunrise, welcoming the dawn: such illusions give birth to false hopes as the sun does set over the horizon and the environs are all dark

Composed on 2 February 1963  
Translated on 30 May 2025

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Sorrow in Silence Edge of the Farm

By Chit Ko Pe

Perching on the tender cheek,  
is a tear-drop, a tiny bead,  
and visible outwards, indeed.  
No one thinks of the feel,  
that silently overwhelms me,  
is vast like a sea.



# NATIONAL

## Entertainment

### Academy actor donates cash to film crews

**ACADEMY NAY TOE**, who won the Best Actor Academy Award for 2024, will provide financial assistance for artistes from different levels as his second donation, said the actor.

The financial assistance for health-care will be provided to film industry workers aged 55 and above, particularly

those from the grassroots level of the film industry.

"This is my second donation, representing the second academy donation. I will present cash for healthcare to senior film industry workers aged 55 and above. The ceremony will be on 1 and 3 June at Aung Pyae Sone film pro-

duction on 35<sup>th</sup> Street," said Nay Toe.

The actor also donated K20 million to Ko Lu Chaw's group and other film crews at Story Book Studio in Yangon on 12 February. — ASH/KTZH

Academy Nay Toe presents cash to Ko Lu Chaw's group and other film crews.



**Zarganar**  
VETERAN artiste Zarganar, who writes book reviews on his Facebook page, picks the 'So Tee Ka Kyanaw Bawa Pone Yeik Myar' book by Saya Chit Oo Nyo. "Saya is familiar with Thukhuma, and he writes his life experiences artistically in a comedic version. He also expressed that I teased him as he sang the songs on the stage during the talk show. Saya is good at singing, possesses a beautiful tone colour, and everyone can know whether he can sing or not as soon as they hear his voice," said Zarganar.



**Thae Su Nyein**  
MISS Thae Su Nyein attended a press show for the All for Love Wedding Fair 2025 at Novotel Yangon Max Hotel in Yangon on 26 May. Novotel and My Dream arranged a birthday surprise event for her. She joined the two-day event.



**Academy Zaw Myint Oo**  
THE Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization will open an acting class soon. Director Academy Zaw Myint Oo said, "The number of applications for the course is 10,000. The in-person test is on 9 June, and we will select 50 trainees. The fee is K1.5 million for three months. It is a five-day course per week. It will start from 9 am and end at noon. Trainers are U Hein Soe, U Htoo Thar, U Thiha Kyaw Soe, Maung Thi and Daw Shwe Zin Htike."



**Phoe Chit**  
REGARDING the recent sale post for 'Thabin Chan' made by Myanmar traditional dancer Phoe Chit, the dancer said it has not yet been sold. He decided to sell to repay some debts. Interested buyers can contact, and it is called 'Thabin Chan' for personal admiration. It is not owned by the theatrical association, and he purchased it with his own funds.

**Poe Mamhe Thar**  
THE series 'Achit Nyi Hmya Chin' with Nay Toe and Poe Mamhe Thar is broadcast on the CANAL+ channel daily. The actress shared photos of her character 'Hsu Lin' on her Facebook page and urged her fans to support her. — Htun Htun/KTZH



**Aye Myat Thu**  
THE ASEAN All-Stars team became popular with a goal scored by Myanmar player Maung Maung Lwin against the Manchester United team. Actress Aye Myat Thu congratulated Myanmar team captain Maung Maung Lwin for his unique skill in scoring a goal against Manchester United. Player Maung Maung Lwin is the first Myanmar player to score a goal against Man United.



NATIONAL

FDA warns of unapproved Thai-labelled Sprite in market

THE Department of Food and Drug Administration of the Ministry of Health announced that Sprite soft drink bottles with Thai language labels that are not FDA-approved have been found in the market.

The FDA is continuously conducting inspections to ensure that the public can consume authentic and safe foods, and such illegal soft drinks without FDA approval were found to be distributed in the markets.

Therefore, consumers are advised not to purchase such illegal food items that may harm public health and undermine quality assurance and responsibility. Furthermore, distributors and sellers must avoid distributing or selling that food product in the market and action will be taken under Section 28 (a) of the National Food Law if they fail to comply, the FDA said. — MT/ZN



Myanmar-China Friendship Association, North Petroleum ink partnership MoU



Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central) and North Petroleum & Chemical Group Co Ltd (NPCC) officials are seen signing an MoU.

THE Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central) and North Petroleum and Chemical Group Co Ltd (NPCC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 30 May at the meeting hall of the association, in the presence of the vice-chair, secretary and officials concerned.

U Tin Oo, chair of the association and Mr Li Li, chair of the NPCC, gave opening remarks and signed an MOU. The NPCC chair contributed K20 million to the association, and the chair of the association presented a Certificate of Appreciation. — ASH/KK

Global aid pours into Myanmar as quake toll hits 3,740

AS of 31 May, a total of 3,740 people died, 5,104 were injured, and 67 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. To date, 653 individuals have been rescued alive from collapsed buildings, and the bodies of 817 deceased persons have been recovered.

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 contributed monetary and material assistance.

Between 5 pm on 30 May and 5 pm on 31 May, 0.315 tonne of hand sanitizer arrived at Yangon International Airport, donated by the Fo Guang Shani Buddha's Light International Association and Yayasan Sin Chew groups from Malaysia.

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

Insurance key to coping with natural disasters

WHEN people suffer loss of life and property in natural disasters, insurance can help them cope with it, said Daw Marla Nyunt, vice chair-person of the Myanmar Insurance Association at the opening of the Rebuilding Myanmar Post Earthquake Economic Recovery held at the Mingalar Thiri Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on 30 May.

"There are insurance companies in Myanmar. They will have the opportunity to discuss what challenges and opportunities there will be after the earthquake. Internationally, quake insurance is sold separately, not together with fire. We are considering such a scheme. As the industry is naturally prepared to have

the strength to pay, there was no case of collapse," she said.

Some owners of collapsed buildings in the Mandalay earthquake received insurance compensation, but some without policies did not. Customers had to purchase fire and quake insurance together, and those with fire-only policies were not entitled to compensation.

"The premium rate for quake is only 0.1 per cent of the building value (insured value), say, K100,000 a year for a K100-million building. For starters, they can buy it from an insurance company. If you already have fire insurance, you can make it include quake coverage. You need to ask

your insurance company," said insurance consultant U Kyaw Kyaw.

The different amounts between claims and compensation are due to the variable PAE depending on time.

"I had quake and fire insurance for my house, some walls of which cracked due to the quake. I claimed over K13 million, and First National Insurance (FNI) Company paid over K9.2 million today. I would like to thank all of them," said Ko Myo Thant Zaw, an insurance agent.

Among insurance types in Myanmar, the bestselling policies include life, quake, vehicle and fire insurance. — Htun Htun/ZN



Insurance companies are paying compensation to homeowners who suffered losses in the Mandalay quake and have insurance policies.



ECONOMY

WORLD

# Leaders: Sino-UK trade ties gain momentum amid global uncertainty

*Despite geopolitical and economic uncertainties, participants identified opportunities for expanding trade between the two nations.*

BUSINESS leaders and industry representatives expressed optimism about the evolving trade relationship between Britain and China on Thursday, speaking on the sidelines of the Global Britain Trade Expo 2025, an annual trade forum designed to help businesses expand internationally.

Held at London's Queen Elizabeth II Centre, the forum drew senior decision-makers and executives from more than 36 countries. Despite mounting geopolitical and economic uncertainty, many participants

saw continued opportunities for expanding trade between Britain and China.

Marco Forgione, director general of the Chartered Institute of Export & International Trade, told Xinhua that while recent global disruptions have presented challenges, there remains significant potential in bilateral trade. "It would be foolhardy to imagine that the future of electric vehicles (EVs), or many other sectors, doesn't herald a partnership between the UK and China," he said.



The Global Britain Trade Expo 2025 is held in London, Britain, on 29 May 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

"If we are to address climate change, economic deprivation, health inequalities, and educational exclusion... the only way we do that is through collaboration,"

Forgione added.

John McLean, chairman of the China-Britain Business Development Centre, described the trade atmosphere between

the two countries as having "markedly changed" since mid-2023, following visits by several senior British officials to China. — Xinhua

## Germany considers 10% tax on internet giants

GERMANY is weighing plans for a 10 per cent digital tax for internet giants such as Alphabet and Meta, a senior official said Friday, despite the risk of stoking further trade tensions with the United States.

"This is a question of tax justice," parliamentary state secretary in the digital ministry Philip Amthor told Die Welt newspaper.

"Large digital corpora-

tions in particular are cleverly engaging in tax avoidance" while German businesses are "treated with no mercy, everything is taxed".

"A fairer system must be created here so that this tax avoidance is addressed," he said about the plan to tax advertising revenue from platforms such as Meta's Instagram and Facebook.

Germany's media and cul-

ture commissioner Wolfram Weimer said earlier the government was drafting a proposal for such a digital tax but would first invite Google and other big tech companies for talks.

Weimer — the former editor of Die Welt and other media — on Thursday told Stern magazine that "the large American digital platforms like Alphabet/Google, Meta and others are on my agenda".

He said he had "invited Google management and key industry representatives to meetings at the chancellery to examine alternatives, including possible voluntary commitments".

"At the same time, we are preparing a concrete legislative proposal," Weimer added.

This could be based on the model in Austria, which has a five per cent tax, he said, adding that in Germany "we consider a 10 per cent tax rate to be moderate and legitimate". — AFP



German official Philip Amthor said 'large digital corporations in particular are cleverly engaging in tax avoidance'. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### India's GDP growth in FY25 because of good domestic consumption & government investment

THE robust GDP numbers of the Indian economy in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year 2025 are because of good domestic consumption, government investment, and relatively lower dependence on exports, say experts reacting to the numbers.

Manoranjan Sharma, Chief Economist at Infomeric Valuations and Ratings said "India's economy rose by 6.5 per cent in FY 25, in line with the estimates making it once again the world's fastest-growing major economy. This strengthens the thought that India is once again one of the fastest-growing major economies in the world. Growth outlook has remained robust because of the domestic consumption, govt investment and relatively lower dependence on exports." — ANI

#### Trump says will double steel, aluminium tariffs to 50%

PRESIDENT Trump announced plans to double tariffs on steel and aluminium imports to 50 per cent, to protect US industry, while promoting a controversial partnership between US Steel and Japan's Nippon Steel.

US President Donald Trump said Friday that he would double steel and aluminium import tariffs to 50 per cent from next week, the latest salvo in his trade wars aimed at protecting domestic industries.

"We're going to bring it from 25 per cent to 50 per cent, the tariffs on steel into the United States of America," he said while addressing workers at a US Steel plant in Pennsylvania.

"Nobody's going to get around that," he added in the speech before blue-collar workers in the battleground state that helped deliver his election victory last year. — AFP



# China’s auto industry association warns against destructive “involution” in NEV market

THE China Association of Automobile Manufacturers (CAAM) has announced an industry-wide initiative urging automakers to avoid disorderly competition in the country’s booming new energy vehicle (NEV) market.

The statement emphasized that while China’s NEV industry has seen rapid growth, with new energy vehicles accounting for over 40 per cent of new car sales, the industry has experienced

declining profitability recently, largely due to the rise of “involution-style” competition marked by disorderly price wars.

Continuous investment is essential to ensure product support and drive innovation, yet disorderly price wars are severely disrupting business operations, threatening the stability of industrial and supply chains, and dragging the sector into a vicious cycle, the CAAM said.



A journalist records a Volkswagen ID.AURA on display at the 21<sup>st</sup> Shanghai International Automobile Industry Exhibition in east China’s Shanghai, 23 April 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

The CAAM noted that recent sharp price cuts, initiated by a major carmaker on 23 May and subsequently followed by others, have sparked market panic.

Such price wars, the association warned, are squeezing profit margins, undermining service quality, and putting the industry’s development at risk. They also endanger consumer rights and could lead to broader safety issues. — Xinhua

## Seoul subway fire set by man, 400 passengers evacuate through tunnel

A man started a fire inside a moving subway train in Seoul around 8:40 am on Saturday, forcing about 400 passengers to evacuate on foot through the tunnel, according to South Korean media.

The incident occurred near the center of the capital. The suspect fled the scene but was apprehended at a nearby station. Police are investigating his motives, as he appears to have started the fire using gasoline he brought with him.



Supplied photo shows passengers evacuating after a fire started inside a subway train in Seoul on 31 May 2025. PHOTO: YONHAP/KYODO

Around 20 people were taken to hospital with smoke inhalation and other injuries, most of them believed to be minor. Service on the line where the fire broke out was suspended for about an hour. — Kyodo

## California governor says small businesses devastated by Trump’s tariffs

FOLLOWING rulings by two federal courts blocking key tariff measures enacted by the Trump administration, California Governor Gavin Newsom praised the decisions but warned that the damage to small businesses had already been severe and would only worsen if the tariffs remain in place.

“This has already had an impact, and the impact would be even

more acute as it relates to shortages and supply constraints that are inevitable if this continues,” Newsom said during a podcast interview with Ben Meiselas, co-founder of Meidas-Touch Network.

“We’re in this chaotic moment. It’s self-inflicted by the Trump administration. That chaos continues. The damage has been done,” he said.

Newsom said he

had met more than a dozen small business owners and found that the tariffs had caused “complete devastation” to their operations. He shared the story of one such entrepreneur, a woman who sells baby products, who said she might lose her home because of the levies.

“That’s because of Trump’s unilateral policies, illegal,” he added.

— Xinhua

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# WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



The port of Singapore is a major hub for Asia trade. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

May 31

## Asian leaders voice concerns over US tariffs

**POLITICAL** leaders and former heads of state from across Asia have expressed concerns over the US government's tariff policies, calling for greater unity among Asian nations to overcome shared challenges.

Speaking at the 30<sup>th</sup> "Future of Asia" international forum held in Tokyo from 29 to 30 May, Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister Gan Kim Yong warned that the current global trade order is under threat.

He urged Asian countries to stand united in addressing trade issues arising

from the US tariffs and emphasized the importance of expanding cooperation through the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), particularly in trade and industry.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet said that trade wars undermine a free, open, inclusive, and rules-based multilateral trade system, disproportionately affecting the most vulnerable.

— Xinhua

May 30

## US implements extra visa vetting for Harvard

THE US Department of State on Friday ordered all US embassies and consulates worldwide to "immediately begin additional vetting" for anyone seeking a visa to travel to Harvard University for "any purpose".

According to a diplomatic cable signed by Secretary of State Marco Rubio and seen by local media, the "additional vetting" comprises "a complete screening of the online presence" of the applicants, and "such applicants include, but are not limited to prospective students, students, faculty, employees, contractors, guest speakers, and tourists".

The word "any" is underlined with bold font in the passage, while the cable states that the screening applies to "any" nonimmigrant visa applicant for "any" purpose. The US government on Tuesday suspended scheduling new interviews for student-visa applicants. — Xinhua

MAY 29

## Israel announces creation of 22 settlements

ISRAEL announced on Thursday the creation of 22 new settlements in the occupied West Bank, risking further strain on relations with the international community already taxed by the war in Gaza.

Israeli settlements in the West Bank are regularly condemned by the United Nations as illegal under international law, and are seen as one of the main obstacles to a lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

The decision to establish more, tak-

en by the country's security cabinet, was announced by far-right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, himself a settler, and Defence Minister Israel Katz, who is in charge of managing the communities.

In a statement, Hamas condemned the move as "further confirmation that the criminal Zionist occupation continues to impose facts on the ground by accelerating steps to Judaize Palestinian land within a clear annexation project". — AFP

May 28

## Mexican voters to elect all judges

**MEXICO** is set to become the world's only country to let voters elect all of their judges, sparking sharp disagreement about whether the reforms will diminish or strengthen criminal influence over the courts.

The government says the unprecedented popular vote for judges and magistrates at all levels — including the Supreme Court — is needed to address rampant corruption and impunity.

Critics argue it will undermine the judiciary's independence and warn the participation of controversial candidates — such as a former lawyer for notorious drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman — means it is doomed to backfire.

On Sunday, voters will choose several thousand federal, district and local judges and magistrates. Another election for the remainder will be held in 2027.

Not just anybody can run for one of these jobs. Candidates must have a law degree, experience in legal affairs, what is termed "a good reputation", and no criminal record. — AFP

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## Greece vows 'full transparency' in EU farm subsidy row

**GREECE'S** agriculture minister on Tuesday promised "full transparency" in the disbursement of EU farm subsidies after a top Greek official was sacked in a fraud probe row with Brussels.

Costas Tsiaras said the Greek authority for the payment of common agricultural policy aid (OPEKEPE) would enter a "new era with full transparency". Tsiaras on Friday fired the head of OPEKEPE, retired judge Nikolaos Salatas, following a raid at the OPEKEPE offices in which EU prosecu-

tors said there was a "lack of sincere cooperation". The European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) in a statement last week said "gathering digital evidence at the headquarters of OPEKEPE proved particularly challenging and was significantly delayed" until the early hours of the morning.

The prosecutors said "a significant number" of individuals had obtained payment entitlements between 2019 and 2022, mostly by staking false claims on public lands. — AFP

May 26

## Israel marks second Jerusalem Day under shadow of Gaza war

**ISRAELI** police deployed near the walls of Jerusalem's Old City on Monday ahead of annual celebrations marking Israel's capture of east Jerusalem, held this year under the shadow of the war in Gaza.

Jerusalem Day commemorates what Israel considers the reunification of the city under its control following the Arab-Israeli war.

Every year, thousands of Israeli nationalists, many of them religious Jews, march through Jerusalem and its annexed Old City, including in predominantly Palestinian neighbourhoods, waving Israeli flags, dancing and sometimes shouting inflammatory slogans. The route ends at the Western Wall — the last remnant of the Second Temple destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD — the holiest site where Jews are allowed to pray. — AFP

May 25

## In India's congested cities, delivery apps cash in

**IN** India's sprawling financial hub of Mumbai armies of "dabbawalas" have for decades crisscrossed the city by foot and bicycle, delivering home-cooked food to office workers who are keen to avoid the searing heat and traffic-snarled streets.

Now, across the country, young entrepreneurs are taking that tradition to the next level with the explosion of shopping apps that allow customers to

get hold of not only food and drink but anything else from clothes to iPhones — within minutes.

The so-called quick commerce apps are redefining the retail game, not only disrupting e-commerce titans such as Amazon with their speed and efficiency but also long-established "mom and pop" stores which are no longer convenient enough. — AFP



SPORTS

Myanmar sports talents embark on study tour to Guangzhou, Shenzhen

A Myanmar sports talents delegation composed of both current and former national athletes visited Guangzhou and Shenzhen, China, as part of a study tour, according to the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar.

Deputy Director-General U Kyaw San Oo of the Department of Sports and Physical Education under the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs led the delegation. It included elite athletes and officials from sports federations such as athletics, wushu, shooting, chinlone, table tennis and badminton, as well as from sports training institutions.

The tour was organized and sponsored by the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar. The delegation arrived in Guangzhou on 26 May and visited Shameen Island, Bruce Lee's former residence, Guangzhou Sport University, Guangzhou Gymnasium and several sports-related facilities. They also observed demonstrations of wushu and curling.

The group travelled between

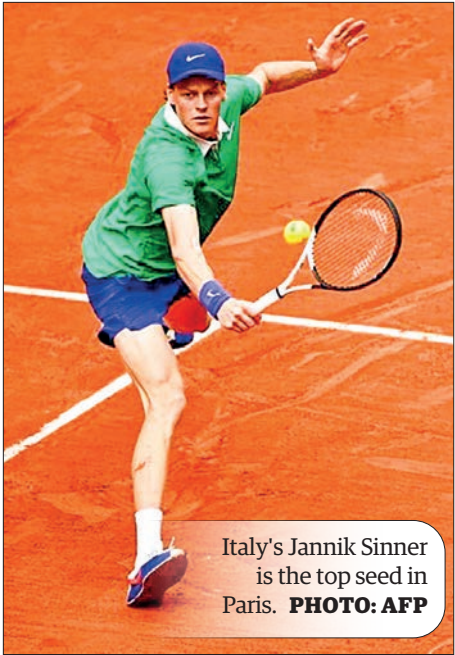


Myanmar sports talents are pictured during their study tour to China.

Guangzhou and Shenzhen via high-speed rail and toured key sites, including Window of the World, the Luohu shopping mall and cultural and sports venues, to study the current development progress of major Chinese cities.

On 29 May, Deputy Director-General

Mr Yang Hai of the Guangdong Provincial Sports Bureau received the delegation to discuss China-Myanmar sports cooperation and exchange. The study tour concluded successfully on 30 May with the delegation's return to Yangon. — ASH/ KZL



Italy's Jannik Sinner is the top seed in Paris. PHOTO: AFP

Ruthless Sinner marches into French Open fourth round

TOP seed Jannik Sinner dismissed world number 34 Jiri Lehecka in straight sets on Saturday at Roland Garros as the Italian booked his place in the fourth round.

Sinner delivered a dominant display of power-hitting as the first-ranked men's player beat his opponent 6-0, 6-1, 6-2.

"Today I was playing really, really well, especially during (the first) two-and-a-half sets... so very happy," said Sinner, who dedicated the victory to his coach Simone Vagnozzi whose birthday it was Friday.

The 23-year-old will next meet 17<sup>th</sup> seed Andrey Rublev in the last 16 after the Russian was given a bye through the third round following Frenchman Arthur Fils' withdrawal due to injury.

Sinner is yet to drop a set in the French Open this year as he continues his impressive return to action following a three-month doping suspension. He returned in time for the Italian Open earlier in May, eventually losing the final to Carlos Alcaraz in straight sets, after confidently navigating his way through the first five matches.

Sinner has now racked up four sets without conceding a game since his comeback in Rome.

And on Saturday he won the first 11 games in a row against Lehecka before the Czech got on the scoreboard to make it 5-1 in the second set.

The three-time Grand Slam champion hammered 31 winners on his way to victory on Court Suzanne Lenglen and only faced one break point, which he saved. — AFP

Myanmar men's U22 faces China U22 in friendly today

AS part of its preparation for international competitions scheduled for this year, the Myanmar men's U22 national football team, currently training in China, is set to play a friendly match against the China U22 team today.

The Myanmar U22 team is holding a training camp in China from 31 May to 4 June. During the camp, it will play

two friendly matches against its Chinese counterpart — the first today and the second on 4 June.

The team is training with more than 30 preliminary players in preparation for three international competitions this year. For the current tour, a 24-member squad has been selected.

Earlier in March during the FIFA in-

ternational window, Myanmar U22 played two friendly matches against Hong Kong U22 in Yangon. Both matches ended in draws. The Myanmar U22 team is preparing to compete in the ASEAN U22 Championship in July, the AFC U23 Asian Cup qualifiers in September and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Thailand SEA Games in December. — Shine Htet Zaw



The Myanmar men's U22 team is seen during its training session in China. PHOTO: MFF



## Sicily requires hospitals to hire doctors who perform abortions

*In Sicily, only 47 per cent of hospitals with gynaecology departments perform abortions, below the national average of 61 per cent.*

**S**icily has passed a law requiring public hospitals to hire doctors who do not object to performing abortions, amid difficulties across Italy in accessing terminations.

The measure was adopted by the assembly of the right-winged regional authority on Tuesday, in what its main proponent described as a “historic moment”.

Abortion has been legal in Italy since 1978 but doctors can

refuse to perform the procedure by citing conscientious objections.

In practice, this means abortion access can be difficult in many areas of the Catholic-majority country — including in Sicily.

Of the 55 hospitals on the island with a gynaecology department, abortion is performed in 47 per cent of them, below the national average of 61 per cent, according to Italy’s health ministry.

In 2022, 61 per cent of all gy-

naecologists across Italy were conscientious objectors, rising to 81.5 per cent in Sicily. The law change was proposed by Dario Safina, a member of the regional assembly for the centre-left Democratic Party, who hailed it as a “historic moment”.

“Our goal is that the right to abortion is real, not just theoretical,” he wrote on Facebook.

“With this rule, we lay the foundation for a health system



Italy’s far-right Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni opposes abortion but has said she will not change the law.

that is fairer, more efficient and respectful of the rights of all,” he added. Italy’s far-right Prime

Minister Giorgia Meloni opposes abortion but has said she will not change the law. — AFP



Recent tourism surges have raised environmental concerns for marine life and coastal ecosystems. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Booming tourism takes its toll on Croatia’s coast

*Sakarun beach on Dugi Otok island is known as “Croatia’s Caribbean”.*

IN recent years, particularly to popular spots like Sakarun beach on Dugi Otok island, often dubbed “Croatia’s Caribbean”.

However, the surge in tourism has raised environmental concerns, particularly regarding the impact on marine life and coastal ecosystems. Experts warn that the removal of Posidonia, a vital Mediterranean seagrass, has led to the degradation of sandy beaches, which are already scarce in Croatia.

Geologist Kristina Pikelj

has initiated a project to monitor Sakarun and educate both locals and tourists about the importance of Posidonia, which plays a crucial role in carbon storage, oxygen production, and beach erosion prevention. For the past three years, efforts have been made to leave Posidonia on the beach to protect the ecosystem. Students like Marija Meklav are actively participating in fieldwork to raise awareness and promote sustainable practices among visitors. — AFP

## UAE airports set global benchmark in digital efficiency

*Cybersecurity remains a top priority within the UAE’s airport digital strategies.*

SELIM BOURI, President for the Middle East and Africa (MEA) at SITA, a global leader in air transport IT and communications, has confirmed that airports in the UAE, particularly those in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, have established new global benchmarks in innovation, efficiency and passenger experience.

He noted the country’s clear commitment to digitalisation and the adoption of

cutting-edge technologies, particularly in light of the increasing challenge of managing growing passenger volumes.

In remarks to the Emirates News Agency (WAM), Bouri explained that SITA works closely with UAE airports to understand their unique needs and opportunities, providing tailored technology solutions, pointing to the implementation of the Smart Travel system at

Zayed International Airport in Abu Dhabi — a fully integrated platform for biometric identity processing.

This system, he noted, reduces congestion and waiting times while enhancing airport capacity to handle the rising number of international flights. Zayed International Airport experienced strong growth in flight traffic in 2024, making it essential to adopt digital solutions to meet this surge. — ANI



Zayed International Airport, also known as Abu Dhabi International Airport, is the primary international airport serving Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates. **PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**