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MyanTrade eyes opportunities at CAEXPO

MYANMAR Trade Promotion Organization will host the City of Charm and Myanmar pavilion at the 22nd China-ASEAN Expo, which will be held on 17-21 September in Nanning, capital city of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China.

Myanmar will participate in the expo as the Country of Honour and explore market access for Myanmar’s agro-based SMEs’ products into the Chinese market

through the CAEXPO platform and display Myanmar’s high-quality gemstones, according to Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization (MyanTrade).

The 22nd CAEXPO Global Roadshow (Myanmar) was held on 30 May at Wyndham Grand Hotel in Yangon, and Mr Zheng Zhihong, Minister Counsellor of the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in Myanmar and Director Dr Thet Lwin Oo on behalf of the director-gener-

al of the MyanTrade, gave the opening remarks.

Mr Liang Yiguang, Deputy Secretary-General of the China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) Secretariat, explained plans for the successful holding of the CAEXPO, and Vice-President U Mya Han of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry also discussed cooperation channels.

U Maung Lwin, Managing Director

of TGT Tea Co Ltd, also shared his experiences of joining the previous CAEXPO and responded to the questionnaires of the attendees.

Officials of the Ministry of Commerce, the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China, the CAEXPO Secretariat, representatives of the UMFCCI and affiliated associations and interested merchants attended the 22nd CAEXPO Global Roadshow (Myanmar). — NN/KK



This photo showcases some locations seen during the Bodh Gaya trip.

Fly now, pay later: Travel loans launch for local tourists

MIN Kyan Sit Travel & Tours has partnered with Mahar Bawga Finance Co Ltd and signed an MOU to enable tourists to explore international destinations by obtaining travel loans and paying for their trips in instalments.

If the cost of a trip exceeds K5 million, travellers must provide proof of their assets. For trips costing less

than K5 million, no asset verification is required. Travellers are required to repay the loan to the finance company in instalments.

“This arrangement is designed to make travel accessible to our customers. The interest rate is three per cent, and the service charge is seven per cent. We organize monthly trips for our customers, and the upcoming Gaya

trip is scheduled for October. We plan to implement the loan system for this trip,” said an official from Min Kyan Sit Travel & Tours.

These loans can be repaid in instalments over six to twelve months. The required documents include an employment verification letter, a copy of the household list, and a copy of the citizenship scrutiny card. — ASH/TH

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All people urged to embrace cultural pride and spirit of Union

ALL people, regardless of ethnicity or religion, who share this land, water, and air must live with love for the country and its culture, united in spirit within Myanmar.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the ceremony to mark the Deepavali Day of Hinduism people on 2 November 2024)

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Order 39/2025

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Appointment and Duty Assignment of Deputy Minister

THE State Administration Council has appointed and assigned Dr Than Soe to the duties of Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement under Section 419 of the Constitution.

By order,
Aung Lin Dwe
General
Secretary

NAY PYI TAW WEATHER

Maximum Temperature	- 28.0°C	82°F	2-6-2025
Minimum Temperature	- 24.0°C	75°F	3-6-2025
09:30 hours MST Relative Humidity	- 92%		3-6-2025
Rainfall	- 0.43 inch		3-6-2025

NAY PYI TAW Airport (Ela) WEATHER

Maximum Temperature	- 28.8°C	84°F	2-6-2025
Minimum Temperature	- 25.0°C	77°F	3-6-2025
09:30 hours MST Relative Humidity	- 92%		3-6-2025
Rainfall	- 0.48 inch		3-6-2025

RAINFALL			
Date	Naypyitaw	Yangon (Kaba-Aye)	Mandalay
3-6-2025	0.43 inch	0.87 inch	0.24 inch
Total Since 1-1-2025	12.04 inches	27.05 inches	15.31 inches

Maximum wind speed in Nay Pyi Taw was about 5 miles per hour from Southeast 12:30 pm MST on 3 June 2025. — DMH

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Tuesday 3 June 2025)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is strong over the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and moderate to strong elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 4 June 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Mandalay, Magway Regions and Kayah State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kayin, Mon, (northern and eastern) Shan States. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30-35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-11 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay of Bengal. **FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4 June 2025:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4 June 2025: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4 June 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

EARTHQUAKE

A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.6 Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about seven miles east-southeast of Kengtung), latitude 21.25 °N, longitude 99.71 °E, depth 10 kilometres, about eight miles east-southeast of Kengtung seismological observatory was recorded at 19 hours 58 minutes 56 seconds MST on 3 May 2025. — DMH

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

SAC Member MoBA Union Minister inspects quake-hit staff’s relocation

STATE Administration Council Member and Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae inspected the relocation of quake-stricken staff and families to the newly constructed temporary shelters yesterday.

After the ceremonial procedures, the Union minister inspected the accommodation and instructed the staff to follow the regulations, stay in unity, utilize the water, electricity and sanitation system systematically and

other cleanliness activities.

He also checked the compound of temporary shelters, electrification, waste systems and pathways.

The Union minister and his wife, accompanied by the deputy minister, attended the handover ceremony of Buddha images and cooking oil for the quake-impacted staff by the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers Association held at Ayeyawady Hall of the ministry.

— MNA/KTZH



SAC Member Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae meets staff members during his inspection tour yesterday.

MSWRR Union Minister inspects Nay Pyi Taw temp school building



Union Minister Dr Soe Win looks around the temporary school structures in Nay Pyi Taw.

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win visited the Basic Education Middle School (Branch) in Thit Tat Village, Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday morning to inspect the completion of a temporary school building and observe students’ learn-

ing.

The temporary structure, donated by international donors through the AHA Centre, is a container-type facility measuring 90 feet in length and 30 feet in width. It is designed for immediate use and was constructed in around 10 days.

According to reports, five similar temporary school buildings were established in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, with an additional five each in Sagaing Region, Mandalay Region, and Shan State – totalling 20 structures. The total project cost was estimated at around US\$600,000. — MNA/KZL

Bangkok Bank donates K140M for earthquake relief in Myanmar

BANGKOK Bank PCL (Yangon Branch) donated K140 million on 30 May to the Yangon branch of the Myanmar Red Cross Society to support the society’s ongoing earthquake response operations.

The donation was formally received by President Dr Myo Nyunt of the Myanmar Red Cross Society, along with executive members and officials. Words of gratitude were expressed, and a certificate of appreciation was presented in recognition of the contribution. — MNA/MKKS



The donation event of Bangkok Bank in progress on 30 May 2025.

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Central Body on Anti-Money Laundering holds meeting

THE Central Body on Anti-Money Laundering held its first meeting yesterday.

Speaking at the event, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, who is also chairman of the central body, said Myanmar has been included in the list of countries and jurisdictions under increased monitoring (Grey List) by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) since February 2020. Therefore, the country is implementing its Action Plan with a strong focus on the key points outlined therein. This includes submitting progress reports and participating in face-to-face meetings every four months.

He continued that, to effectively implement the points included in the Action Plan, a task force for combating money laundering and the financing of



The 1/2025 meeting of the Central Body on Anti-Money Laundering in progress yesterday, addressed by Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung.

terrorism has been formed and assigned responsibilities, led by the Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar. Out of the 15

points in the Action Plan, only six remain to be fully completed at present. Therefore, relevant departments and agencies are

urged to work collaboratively to ensure the successful completion of the remaining points. Moreover, five work com-

mittees were also formed to implement the National Strategy (2024-2028), and these committees should draft the Annual Work Plan, submit a progress report once every three months and carry out the Mid-term Review.

Moreover, it is scheduled to undergo the third round of the Mutual Evaluation (ME) process on anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) in 2029, the respective committees should begin early preparation and planning for the necessary ME processes. He also highlighted the role of the private sector and the participation of UMFCCI in the central body.

Attendees coordinated the discussion, and the Union minister concluded the meeting. — MNA/KTZH

Taunggyi launches sports training and 2025 volleyball tourney

THE opening ceremony of the Sports and Education Combined Training Course for the 2025–2026 academic year was held yesterday at the Sports and Physical Education Institute (Taunggyi) in Shan State. Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Jeng Phang Naw Taung, Shan State Chief Minister U Aung Aung, the chief justice of the State High Court, state government members, departmental officials and guests attended the event.

In his opening address, the Union minister stated that Myanmar has been consistently organizing these integrated training programmes with annual budget allocations to promote national sports development through the growth of sports and physical education institutions. He highlighted that the number of Sports and Physical Education Institutes has expanded to six, including the



Union Minister Jeng Phang Naw Taung warmly greets the student trainees.

one in Taunggyi. For the 2024-2025 academic year, training was provided to 91 students in seven sports disciplines up to Grade 11, and for this academic year, training will continue up to Grade 12 with 120 students.

Following this, the Shan State chief minister delivered a speech and presented sports equipment and food supplies, including rice and cooking oil donated by the Shan State government. These items were re-

ceived by the director-general of the Department of Sports and Physical Education and relevant officials.

Afterwards, individual donors contributed monetary donations, which were received by the

State Minister for Social Affairs, who then presented certificates of honour. A group photo was taken to commemorate the occasion.

The Union minister then visited the school's multipurpose hall and addressed the principal, staff, and trainees. He also inspected the 400-metre running track and volleyball court, as well as the judo and taekwondo halls, dormitories, classrooms, dining hall and the school clinic.

Subsequently, the Union minister attended the opening ceremony of the 2025 Inter-State and Region Men's and Women's Volleyball Tournament at the Shan State Training Sports Hall. He delivered an opening speech and inaugurated the competition. He also watched a match between the Nay Pyi Taw men's volleyball team and the Kayah State men's volleyball team. — Maung Maung Than (TGI)/KZL

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THANAKA trees in Myanmar have been discovered and used for more than 2,000 years. People have valued and used Thanaka for its many beneficial properties, such as refreshing and purifying the mind, its pleasant fragrance, its ability to moisturize and cool the skin, and its ability to smooth and beautify the complexion. Due to these qualities, Thanaka has been highly valued and widely used. Therefore, cultivation has expanded, and more than 35,000 acres of Thanaka are now grown throughout the country.

Thanaka trees are also found in countries such as Sri Lanka, western India, Thailand, and Pakistan. However, they are most widely cultivated in the central dry zone of Myanmar with little rainfall. Due to their ability to withstand drought and intense heat, Thanaka trees are considered valuable treasures of the Dry Zone regions.

Thanaka trees can grow to a height of 20 to 30 feet, and their trunks and branches are covered with hard, sharp thorns about half an inch to one inch long. In their early stages, the trees have smooth bark, but as they mature, the bark becomes thicker and rougher. The leaves are compound with multiple leaflets, and the tree produces small, pale-yellow flowers.

When the fruits ripen, they can be harvested for seeds. After harvesting, the Thanaka fruits are soaked in water and only the seeds that sink are used for cultivation. The seeds that float are typically not viable.

Over 300,000 acres of Thanaka trees cultivated nationwide

The best soils for cultivating Thanaka are loamy and gravel soils. Although it can be grown in various soil types, it does not thrive in clay, saline, or waterlogged soils. As Thanaka can be planted in the sands, the survival rate of young trees is low, and growth is usually poor.

Thana-



ka trees can be cultivated in regions with annual rainfall ranging from 10 to 40 inches. Transplanting can begin after the seedlings are about 45 days old. For intercropping purposes, the spacing between trees can be eight feet by four feet or eight feet by five feet. Intercropping with crops such as sesame, green gram, or groundnuts, which are compatible with the local soil and climate conditions, is also practised. In some cases, people grow Thanaka trees individually in their home compounds on a manageable scale.

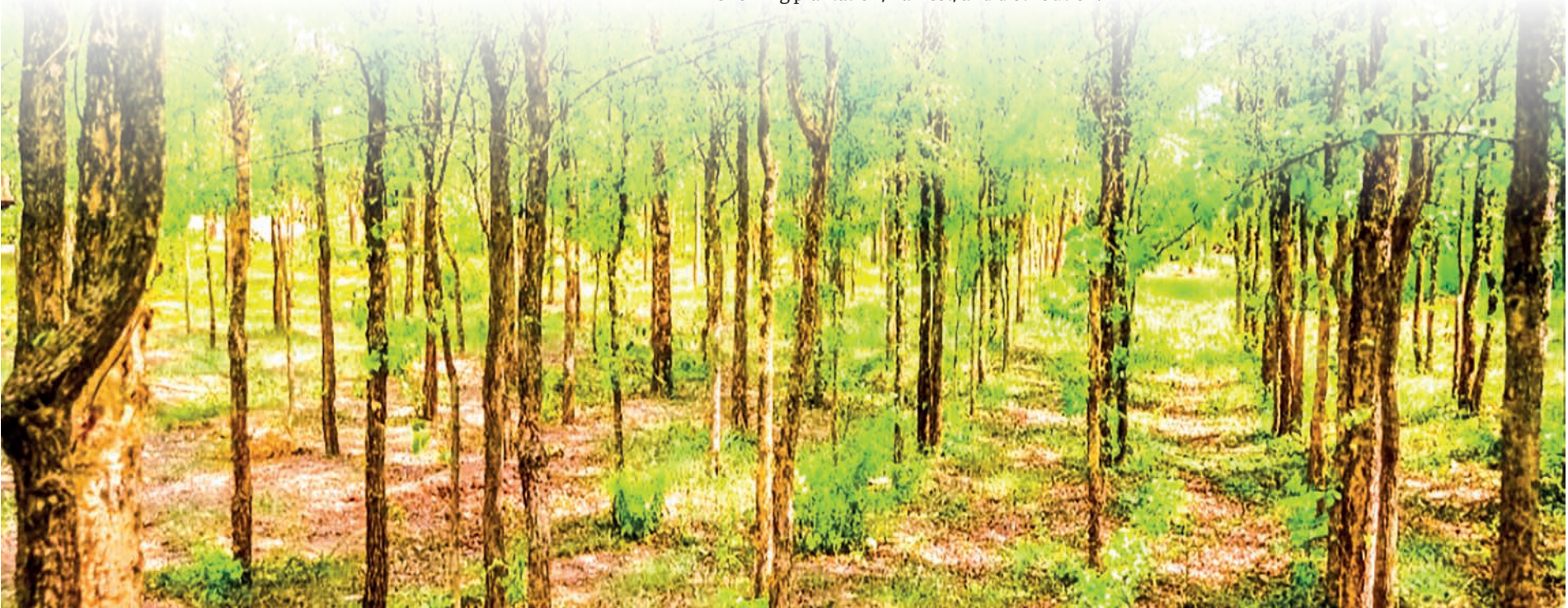
After planting, it is necessary to clean the grass at least once a year and apply both chemical and organic fertilizers. Though the trees can be harvested for sale at the age of 8 to 10 years, the best quality Thanaka wood comes from trees that are about 30 to 35 years old.

If harvested at around 10 years of age, the tree may regrow one or two shoots from the stump. However, harvesting at 30 to 40 years results in better quality but reduced regrowth due to the age of the tree.

Thanaka is a part of Myanmar's traditional cultural heritage and a source of national pride due to its high quality and versatile properties. The main cultivation areas include Ayadaw, Myaing, Yesakyo, Pakokku, Shwebo, Pauk, Butalin, Yinmabin, and Monywa townships. More than 350,000 acres of Thanaka are currently being cultivated in Myanmar. — Zeyar Naing (Shwe Kan Myay)/KTZH



Thanaka is a part of Myanmar's traditional cultural heritage and a source of national pride due to its high quality and versatile properties. From tree to truck: A glimpse into Thanaka's production line—showing plantation, harvest, and distribution.



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2025-2026 sports-academy training programme launches



THE Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Yangon) under the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs held the opening ceremony for the 2025–2026 academic year's integrated sports and academic training programme at 8 am yesterday at the Union Hall of the Kyai-kkasan sports compound in Tamway Township, Yangon Region.

At the event, Chief Minister U Soe Thein of the Yangon Region government, who also serves as the patron of the Institute of Sports and Physical Ed-

ucation (Yangon), and Deputy Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Thein Lin delivered opening speeches.

During the ceremony, various donors contributed a total of K93 million in cash, 200 dozen propelling pencils worth K1 million, and 11 Bovinam martial arts uniforms. The donations were formally received by the Chief Minister of Yangon Region, the Deputy Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, and other Yangon Region government ministers, who in turn presented certificates of appreciation to the donors.

Following the ceremony, officials inspected the sports equipment and facilities arranged by category for demonstration and use in the programme. — Arkar Lin/MKKS

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein and officials view the display at yesterday's event.

12 illegal foreigners arrested in Myawady for online scams

TWELVE foreign nationals — ten from the Philippines and two from Ghana — were detained in the Myawady-Maethawtalay (KK Park) area, Kayin State, for illegally entering Myanmar and engaging in online gambling, scams, and other cybercrimes.

Officials from the Kayin State Immigration and Population Department led by Deputy Director U Myint Bhone conducted inspections and are now processing their deportation. The authorities are working to collect personal data and documentation for immediate repatriation to their

respective countries.

Between 30 January and 3 June 2025, a total of 9,114 illegal foreign entrants were apprehended across Myanmar. Of these, 8,699 were deported through Thailand, while 415 are currently prepared for repatriation.

The government continues to intensify efforts against online scam and human trafficking networks by targeting both foreign perpetrators and their local facilitators, while also ensuring that trafficking victims are swiftly returned to their home countries.

— MNA/KZL

Rescue and rehab efforts in progress in quake zones



Lt-Gen Myo Moe Aung inspects reusable materials at Mandalay University.

TATMADAW members, Myanmar Police Force members, foreign rescue squads and volunteers 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 Commander-in-Chief (Army) inspected the clearing of debris and maintenance at the religious sites in Sagaing.

He also checked the drinking water distribution processes through Tatmadaw water purification equipment, construction of modular houses in NanU Myo Thit, landfilling processes in Sagaing and the lower area of the Ayeyawady River crossing

bridge (Sagaing) in Tagaung ward and food and accommodation of quake survivors at the 700th Anniversary Gymnasium in Parami ward.

Lt-Gen Myo Moe Aung from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) inspected the clearing of debris at Mandalay University, the moving of teaching equipment and aids, and provided the faculty members with foodstuffs.

Lt-Gen Soe Tint Naing from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) visited Mandalay Traditional Medicine Hospital and Jivita Dhana Sangha Hospital in Mandalay and inspected the removal of debris at the wards. He also proceeded

to the Aungchanta Pagoda in Amarapura Township and observed the cleaning processes.

Lt-Gen Myo Thant Naing from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) inspected the maintenance works at Kyaukse University in Singaing Township in Kyaukse District, exam retaking processes for the students and construction of temporary school buildings at the University of Computer Studies (Mandalay), and damage and medical treatment at Eye Hospital in Tayokesu ward.

He also inspected the repair works at Shwekyauung Monastery in Yanaungmyin ward and offered donations to the monastery. — MNA/KTZH



Immigration process is underway for the deportation of undocumented foreign entrants.

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H1 fertilizer prices hold steady

THE Myanmar Fertilizer, Seed and Pesticide Entrepreneurs Association (MFSPEA) announced that fertilizer reference prices have remained stable in the first half of 2025.

The reference prices for June 2025 stayed the same as those of the previous months. They are set at K95,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Urea fertilizer (large granular), K124,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Rock Phosphate and K135,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Di Ammonium Phosphate.

The prices may vary a bit depending on transport charges in other regions and states, as the aforementioned prices

are set for the Yangon Region, MFSPEA stated.

Additionally, reference prices will be further announced as per rules and regulations. For overcharging, consumers can complain to the committee through contact numbers 067 410032 and 09 988539360. MFSPEA has already asked the member companies to stick to the reference prices.

At present, the Fertilizer Committee holds a quarterly meeting to ensure quality fertilizer for growers without facing shortages. Under the approval of the Fertilizer Technology Group, 12,297 fertilizer registrations have been granted after



A farmer is seen applying fertilizers across the field.

the 43rd meeting of the Fertilizer Committee. With individuals' consent, 2,088 registrations

were voluntarily cancelled. The department revoked 2,867 registrations for expiration of

validity, and 7,342 registrations are still under processing. — NN/KK

CBM sells CNY579K, THB4.7M on 2 June



A general view of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) in Yangon.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold 579,900 yuan and 4.7 million baht on 2 June.

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 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

Gold Market Rate as of 3 June 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,800,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

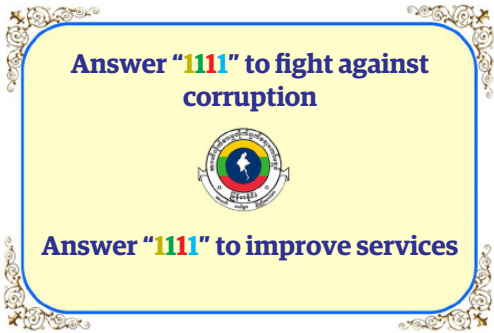
Public Notice

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

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

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

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



Anti-Corruption Commission

Prepare well to overcome monsoon challenges

POTENTIAL atmospheric instability over the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea is expected to cause strong monsoon winds, active cloud formation, and scattered to widespread rainfall across various regions, according to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

The forecast warns that some areas may face heavy rain along with thunderstorms, lightning, strong winds, and even hail. This severe weather may also lead to flash floods and landslides. People living in highland areas are particularly advised to watch for landslides, while those near rivers and streams should remain alert for flooding. The department has already issued early warnings to help the public take preventive measures.

Recent weather updates report flooding and rising water levels in the upper reaches of the Ayeyawady and Chindwin Rivers, as well as other parts of central Myanmar. These developments

Cholera, a severe diarrhoeal disease, can spread through food and water contaminated by *Vibrio cholerae*, a bacterium found in the faeces of infected individuals. Typhoid fever spreads similarly and can be life-threatening if not treated promptly. Hepatitis A, another highly contagious illness, is also transmitted through contaminated food and water and can result in sudden, severe illness or even death. Mosquito-borne diseases like DHF and chikungunya are also a concern following flooding, as stagnant water becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes. This increases the risk of disease outbreaks in affected areas.

Floodwaters can contaminate water supplies, giving rise to various diseases. These include diarrhoea, typhoid fever, hepatitis A, dengue haemorrhagic fever (DHF), bird flu, and skin infections such as scabies and boils. Many of these illnesses are communicable and can spread quickly if precautions aren't taken.

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To reduce health risks after flooding, residents are urged to ensure their food and drinking water are clean, practice good personal hygiene, dress appropriately for the weather, avoid mosquito bites, and remain cautious of additional dangers such as snakes, exposed electrical wires, and collapsing homes. Taking these steps can help communities stay safe and healthy during the monsoon season.

signal that the monsoon season could bring natural disasters such as floods, prompting the need for communities to prepare in advance. Furthermore, residents are advised to remain cautious about health risks associated with inundated towns and villages, especially in rural areas. Hence, authorities need to stockpile hygiene and safe food in advance for flood-affected people, while health officials need to raise public awareness of how to resolve health problems during flood times.

HEALTH is the foundation of a strong, vibrant, and productive community. When people in a community are healthy, they can work, learn, and live to their full potential. However, achieving good health for all is not automatic; it requires a planned and united effort. The way towards community health is a journey that involves education, prevention, access to care, and active participation from every sector of society.

Community health is the cornerstone of a prosperous society. It represents the collective well-being of individuals living in a particular area and involves the prevention of diseases, promotion of healthy lifestyles, and access to essential health services. Community health goes beyond treating illnesses; it focuses on the broader social, economic, and environmental factors that influence well-being. Issues such as poor sanitation, lack of clean water, malnutrition, low health literacy, and limited access to medical care all contribute to poor health outcomes in many communities. Therefore, the ways towards community health must address both direct healthcare services and these underlying social determinants.

Building a better community health framework involves not just treating illness but also creating environments that promote well-being for everyone. This can be achieved through a combination of preventive care, access to resources, education, and support systems. The following points are the important steps and approaches to consider:

- (1) **Access to Healthcare**
 - Affordable and Accessible Services: Health services should be affordable and available for all members of the community, regardless of their socioeconomic status. This could mean expanding insurance coverage,

lowering healthcare costs, or providing free health clinics in remote areas.

- Telemedicine: The expansion of telemedicine services makes healthcare more accessible, especially in rural areas. It can reduce the burden of distance, cost, and time on patients.

- (2) **Preventive Care and Education**
 - Health Education: Educating people about healthy lifestyle choices (like exercise, healthy eating, and mental health practices) can help prevent diseases before they occur. Schools, workplaces, and local governments can work together to promote health awareness programs.
 - Screenings & Vaccination: Regular screenings for chronic diseases and vaccinations are key in preventing illnesses. Community outreach programs to ensure people get vaccinated or screened for various conditions are vital.

- (3) **Mental Health Support**
 - Reducing Stigma Around Mental Health: Mental health is just as important as physical health. Creating spaces where people can talk openly about mental health without judgment is crucial.
 - Access to Counselling and Support: Integrating mental health care into primary care and offering

The Ways Towards Better Community Health

By Dr Than Lwin Tun

community-based support networks helps to create an environment where mental well-being is prioritized.

- (4) **Healthy Environments**
 - Clean Water and Sanitation: Access to clean water and sanitation is essential for preventing infectious diseases. Local governments should ensure that these basic needs are met for all members of the community.
 - Safe Housing: Housing is directly secured to health outcomes. Substandard housing can contribute to a range of health issues, including respiratory conditions, injuries, and mental health challenges.
 - Parks, Green Spaces, and Active Transport: Accessible green spaces and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure encourage physical activity and provide mental health benefits.

- (5) **Social Determinants of Health**
 - Addressing Poverty: Economic stability plays a large role in health outcomes. Communities should work on reducing poverty by improving access to jobs, education, and social support programmes.
 - Nutrition Security: Access to affordable, nutritious food is key. Community gardens, food banks, and food assistance programmes can support healthy eating for low-income families.

- (6) **Community Engagement**
 - Collaborative Initiatives: Communities should involve residents in health initiatives, allowing them to have a say in policies that affect their well-being. This ensures that interventions are culturally appropriate and tailored to the needs of the community.
 - Volunteering & Social Support Networks: Encouraging volunteerism and building social networks of support (like neighbourhood groups or support circles) helps foster a sense of belonging and improves mental and emotional well-being.

- (7) **Environmental Sustainability**
 - Reducing Pollution: Ensuring that the environment is clean – free of pollution, hazardous chemicals, and waste – plays a critical role in community health.
 - Sustainable Food Systems: Promoting local, sustainable agriculture can reduce environmental damage and also make healthy food more accessible.

- (8) **Health Equity**
 - Focusing on Marginalized Groups: Health interventions should specifically address the needs of marginalized groups, including low-income communities and people with disabilities.
 - Culturally Competent Care: Healthcare providers should be trained in cultural competence to ensure

they meet the diverse needs of a community.

- (9) **Technology and Innovation**
 - Data-Driven Solutions: Using health data to track community health trends can help identify areas that need attention, such as outbreaks, health disparities, or emerging threats.
 - Health Apps and Wearables: Technologies like health apps or fitness trackers can empower individuals to take charge of their health and well-being, making it easier for them to monitor their habits and make informed decisions.

The ways towards better community health are multifaceted and involve collaboration between governments, healthcare providers, community organizations, and individuals. Fostering an environment of care, support, and education can help create communities where health is prioritized for all.

In addition, the way towards community health is a shared journey, requiring the cooperation of individuals, communities, governments, and global partners. It is built on the foundation of knowledge, access, participation, and equity. By walking this approach together, we not only improve health outcomes but also create stronger, more vibrant communities where everyone has the opportunity to live a healthy and dignified life.

I Say What I See: Synchronization - A Workplace Imperative in the Modern Age

By @Editor

every article aligned seamlessly with the publication's standards.

Working alongside editors in the same room fostered an environment of real-time collaboration. A proofreader's role extended beyond solitary corrections – we engaged in active discussions with editors, clarifying phrasing, questioning ambiguities, and ensuring the integrity of each story before it reached the printing press. Synchronization in this process was paramount. Without it, miscommunication could lead to inconsistencies, delays, or, worse, factual inaccuracies. **Synchronization in Foreign News Reporting: The Editorial Assistant's Journey**

In the bustling foreign news desk of the News Agency of Burma (NAB), synchronization was more than a matter of efficiency – it was a structured system ensuring the timely dissemination of international news to the public. As an editorial assistant, my role was deeply intertwined with a meticulous process that began with the teleprinter, which delivered global news from agencies like Reuters, AP, and TASS.

Once received, these wire reports underwent an essential transformation. After the initial editorial review, we typed the news onto stencil papers using

Olympia-brand typewriters – a manual yet precise task requiring coordination with editors. These stencils then circled back for further proofreading and refinement before reaching the Gestetner machine, which printed the bulletins. Three times a day – at 9 am, noon, and 3 pm – these foreign news bulletin booklets were distributed to the Burma Broadcasting Service's English section, serving as a vital conduit of global affairs at a time when television news had yet to emerge.

Synchronization was paramount at every step. The rapid turnaround demanded seamless cooperation, ensuring stories were processed, edited, and printed without disruption. Any delay in proofreading or misalignment in editorial decisions risked compromising the accuracy of reporting. While the newsroom was yet to integrate visual media into its workflow, its structured processes exemplified the essence of synchronized journalism – where every contributor played a vital role in maintaining the rhythm of news delivery.

Synchronization in News Selection and Editorial Precision

Transitioning from an editorial assistant to an editor at the News Agency of Burma further deepened

my understanding of synchronization in journalism. While editorial assistants ensured the technical flow of wire reports from sources like Reuters, AP, and TASS, editors bore the responsibility of selecting, refining, and shaping news stories to fit multiple platforms – from broadcasting to English and vernacular newspapers.

Each day, a curated selection of foreign news bulletins was prepared – not only for publication but also for State-level review. These bulletins reached the head of state as well as six newspapers operating at the time, including The Guardian and The Working People's Daily for English-language audiences. The editorial process demanded close coordination: refining teleprinter-sourced reports, adapting them for Burmese and English readerships, and ensuring clarity for radio broadcasts. Synchronization between editors, proofreaders, and reporters was essential to maintain consistency across mediums, ensuring that news remained timely and accurate.

Unlike newsrooms solely focused on print journalism, our workflow required an understanding of different audience needs. A story refined for an English daily necessitated a slightly different approach when translated into Burmese – requiring precision not only in language but in editorial framing. The same applied to radio broadcasting, where conciseness and clarity were prioritized. Without synchronization among editors, reporters, and proofreaders, the integrity of news delivery risked fragmentation.

This editorial refinement was not merely about textual accuracy – it was a coordinated effort to en-

sure that the public, governing bodies, and media outlets received well-structured, relevant, and truthful reporting. Synchronization was the backbone of this operation, ensuring that news remained a trustworthy conduit of information for all stakeholders involved.

The Lasting Role of Synchronization in Journalism

Throughout my journey in the newsroom – from proofreader at The Guardian to editorial assistant and eventually editor at the News Agency of Burma – one truth remained constant: synchronization is the invisible force that holds journalism together. It is not merely about deadlines or workflows; it is about trust, precision, and the collective effort to ensure that the truth reaches the public in its most accurate form.

In an age where news moves faster than ever, the principles of newsroom synchronization remain just as vital today as they were in the days of typewriters, teleprinters, and Gestetner machines. From the careful refinement of wire reports to the meticulous collaboration between editors, proofreaders, and reporters, synchronization ensures that journalism remains a beacon of reliability and integrity.

More than a technical necessity, synchronization represents the essence of teamwork. It allows journalists to function as a unified force, transforming raw information into compelling narratives that inform, educate, and shape public discourse. As media continues to evolve, the newsroom's ability to synchronize – across languages, formats, and platforms – will determine its capacity to uphold truth in an ever-changing world.

NATIONAL

Parahita Group: Plant native trees alongside commercial teak

WHILE planting teak trees, it is recommended to plant trees that will be suitable for and remain in natural forests, said Ko Yenantha Dinga, founder of the Yenantha Dinga Brothers Planting Parahita Group.

A few days ago, he visited the border of Magway Region and Nay Pyi Taw, and he was happy to see fresh green teak plantations, but since it is commercial cultivation, they will be felled when the time is right, he wrote on his social media page.

“The land has already been cleared of all the original trees, so I think only the stumps will remain after the teak trees are cut down. In addition to commer-



Teak and other trees planted by the Yenantha Dinga brothers.

cial teaks, the authorities should also plant large trees like red silk cotton trees that can reproduce very far and Calabura trees that can reproduce through birds, which are less commonly cut down,” he wrote.

It would not be convenient to plant only large trees for people’s economy, but it would be better to include plant species that are food for birds and animals in the long run, he said.

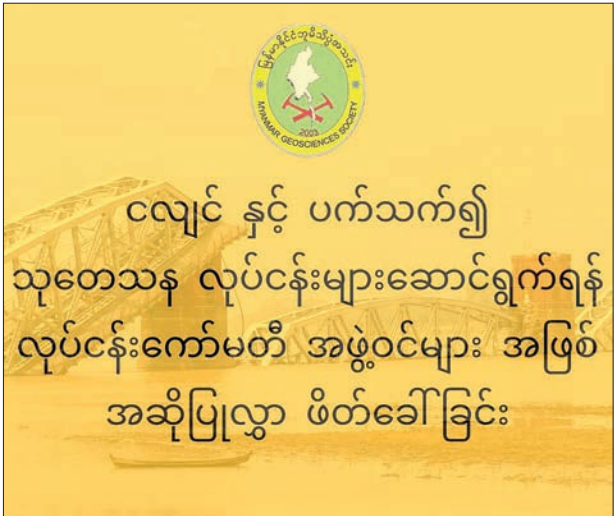
“Commercial trees are trees that will be cut down someday. I found a space and planted a banyan tree, which is shady, provides food for birds, and people are less willing to cut down,” he said. — Htet Oo Maung/ZN

MGS seeks members for Mandalay earthquake study

ACCORDING to data released by the Myanmar Geosciences Society, a wide-ranging survey and research project on the Mandalay earthquake is being planned to start. MGS said graduates in geology are welcome for this project.

Requirements are a graduate with a Bachelor of Science (geology), must be interested in the project and must be an MGS member or can apply for membership as a non-member.

For MGS membership, one must be free from any political activities, able to contribute actively participation to the project, and be able to go on short or long field trips when it is necessary. Applicants are required to follow MGS’s rules, and the working group must be accountable to the MGS executive committee. — Htet Oo Maung/ZS



This image reveals an announcement by the Myanmar Geosciences Society on membership invitation.

MMA launches Microfinance Management Certificate course

MYANMAR Microfinance Association said applications are open for an online course on Microfinance Management Certificate to be conducted this month.


It will run from 20 July until 13 September on Saturdays and Sundays by Zoom.

The syllabus, drafted by the Frankfurt School of Finance and Management (Germany) and the Myanmar Microfinance Association, will cover international microfinance practices.

It is specially designed for those who wish to start a microfinance professional career, those who are currently working in the microfinance field but have a wish to enhance their knowledge and skills and entrepreneurs who wish to build a start-up in the microfinance industry.

It aims to fulfil the skills and knowledge required for a successful microfinance company. Contents of the course are Introduction to Microfinance, HR and Leadership, Credit and Delinquency Management, Saving and Liquidity Management, Compliance and Internal Control and Product Development. — Htet Oo Maung/ZS

Applications are open for the microfinance management course.



Microfinance Management Certificate Course(MFMCC)
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- လူမှုစီးပွားအရင်းအမြစ် စီမံခန့်ခွဲမှု နှင့် ခေါင်းဆောင်မှု (HRM and Leadership)
- ချေးငွေ နှင့် နောက်ကျချေးငွေဆိုင်ရာ စီမံခန့်ခွဲမှု (Credit and Delinquency Management)
- စုငွေ နှင့် ငွေကြေးလည်ပတ်ခြင်း(Liquidity) စီမံခန့်ခွဲမှု(Saving and Liquidity Management)
- စည်းမျဉ်းလိုက်နာမှု နှင့် လုပ်ငန်းတွင်း ထိန်းချုပ်မှုစနစ် (Compliance and Internal Control)
- ချေးငွေ/စုငွေ အမျိုးအစားများ ဖန်တီးခြင်း (Product Development)
- မဟာဗျူဟာမြောက် စီမံခန့်ခွဲမှု (Strategic Management)
- စွမ်းဆောင်ရည် စီမံခန့်ခွဲမှု (Performance Management)
- ဒီဂျစ်တယ်ဘဏ္ဍာရေးဆိုင်ရာ အသိပညာ (Digital Financial Literacy)
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NATIONAL

89+ vocational high schools to launch nationwide in 2025-2026

ACCORDING to the Department of Alternative Education under the Ministry of Education, a total of 89 technical, agricultural, and livestock breeding high schools will be opened nationwide for the 2025–2026 academic year.

Students who have completed Grade 9 are eligible to enrol at these vocational high schools.

Although the application period initially ran from 22 May to 1 June, the department has announced that late applications will still be accepted from students who were unable to apply within the designated timeframe due to various circumstances.

In addition, textbooks tailored to each vocational specialization will be provided. Students attending these schools will also receive monthly stipends of

K10,000 for ten months to support their education.

The Department of Alternative Education was established by the Ministry of Education to ensure that individuals who are eager to learn or further their education but who have been unable to follow the formal education system for various reasons still have access to learning opportunities. The department is focused on delivering literacy and alternative education programmes for those who have been excluded from formal education.

These vocational high schools were first introduced in the 2023–2024 academic year. It is reported that more than 9,200 students have already enrolled for this school year. — ASH/KNN



A vocational upper secondary school in basic education, industry, agriculture, and livestock breeding in Oakpho Township.

Maha Samaya Day to celebrate at Shwedagon



This photo shows the Maha Samaya Day held in the previous year at the Shwedagon Pagoda.

THE Shwedagon Pagoda holds twelve monthly festivals every year, and the Maha Samaya Day will be celebrated on the full moon day of Nayon (10 June) this year at the Shwedagon Pagoda.

“As usual, the annual Maha Samaya Day ceremony will be organized by the Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees at 5:00 am. The early morning alms will be offered to the Shwedagon Pagoda at

6:00 am. Afterwards, Sayadaws led by the Shwedagon Pagoda Ovadacariya Sayadaw will be offered alms and other offerings. At 6:30 am, alms will be offered to the monks led by the Shwedagon Pagoda Ovadacariya Sayadaw at the Ancient Buddha statues on the Shwedagon Pagoda grounds, where a sermon will be given on the Maha Samaya Day. After the ceremonial procedures, they shared merits,”

said U Bo Thin, a member of the Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees.

At the ceremony, at 7:00 am, Buddhist religious groups and staff, divided into two groups, worship the pagoda by going around it in a clockwise procession and reciting the Maha Samaya Sutta. Then, the participants will recite the Maha Samaya Sutta at the Chanthagyi prayer hall. — ASH/MKKS

Shooting starts for new detective series ‘The Cases Uncovered’

THE opening ceremony for the filming of the television series titled “The Cases Uncovered by Myinmaha Min Maung” was held on 1 June at the Kyaikkasan Pagoda in Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region, according to reports.

The original story and screenplay were written and directed by Dhanoke Ko Ko Zaw, while the scene scripts were written

by Hayman Hein and Pyae Oo Ngwe. The series will be directed by Kyaw Za for Hunk Film Production and will consist of 10 episodes.

“This is a detective crime series. As it’s set in a historical period, we have carefully planned the costumes and filming locations in great detail. Although it’s a serial, each episode will feature

its self-contained storyline. It’s a drama that the audience is sure to enjoy,” said actor Sitt Naing.

The cast includes Sitt Naing, Su Pan Htwar, Pwint Nandi Maung, Shwe Kainayi, Htoo Char, Phone Lyan, Kyaw Zin Htut, Daung Wai, Han Set Lu, Myo Ko, John, Academy Award winner Wa Wa Aung, U Win Myaing, and many others. — ASH/MKKS



Actors and production crew members are seen at the opening ceremony of the television series.

Phoenix album launch & fan meet event held

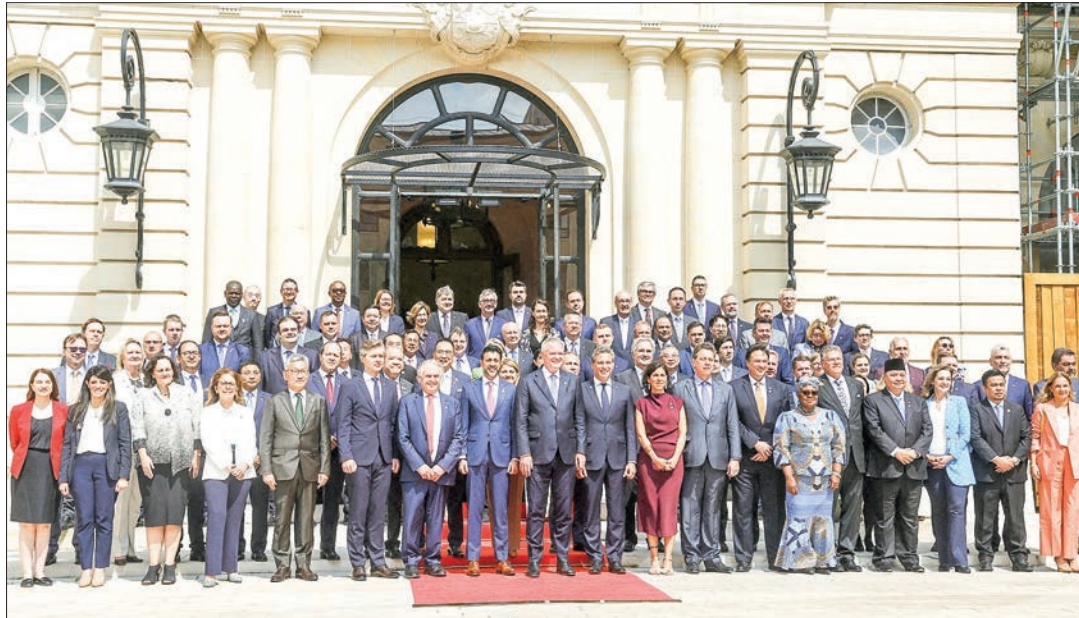
THE album launch and fan meet and greet ceremony for “Phoenix,” the fifth studio album by Myanmar pop singer Ni Ni Khin Zaw, was held on 1 June at the indoor promotion area of Time City Jewellery Mall in Kamayut Township, Yangon Region.

The ‘Phoenix’ album features ten songs, with most tracks composed by Shwe Jaw Jaw, A Lin and Ni Ni Khin Zaw herself.

Regarding the album, Ni Ni Khin Zaw said, “The Phoenix album has been in preparation since 2019. It reflects my life as it’s a special album. Phoenix is a part of me; it’s my expression. It’s made of my energy. I can say that I’m now handing over this energy-packed album to fans in 2025. It contains songs that fully express my feelings. I wrote the title track, which includes meaningful and reflective lyrics. I’m truly grateful to all the Ninians who came to support after such a long time and to everyone who contributed from all sides”.

Many fellow artistes, including Aung Htet, The Sai, Hae Lay, Phyo Pyae Sone, Daung Way, Mi Sandi, Rebecca Win, Htet Izali, Jewel and Zin Aung attended the event. They signed autographs and performed songs for fans while also handing out commemorative gifts. — ASH/KZL

ECONOMY WORLD



Participants pose for a family picture following the opening session of the OECD ministerial Council meeting at OECD headquarters in Paris, on 3 June 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

Trade war cuts global economic growth outlook: OECD

THE OECD slashed its annual global growth forecast on Tuesday, warning that US President Donald Trump's tariffs blitz would stifle the world economy -- hitting the United States especially hard.

After 3.3-per-cent growth last year, the world economy is now expected to expand by a "modest" 2.9 per cent in 2025 and 2026, the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development said.

In its previous report in March, the OECD had forecast growth of 3.1 per cent for 2025

and 3.0 per cent for 2026.

Since then, Trump has launched a wave of tariffs that has rattled financial markets.

"The global outlook is becoming increasingly challenging," said the OECD, an economic policy group of 38 mostly wealthy countries.

It said "substantial increases" in trade barriers, tighter financial conditions, weaker business and consumer confidence, and heightened policy uncertainty will all have "marked adverse effects on growth" if they persist.

The OECD downgraded

its 2025 growth forecast for the United States from 2.2 per cent to 1.6 per cent.

The world's biggest economy is expected to slow further next year to 1.5 per cent.

Trump, who has insisted that the tariffs would spark a manufacturing revival and restore a US economic "Golden Age", posted on his Truth Social platform before the OECD report's publication: "Because of Tariffs, our Economy is BOOMING!"

The OECD holds a ministerial meeting in Paris on Tuesday and Wednesday. — AFP

Eurozone inflation slows sharply in May

INFLATION in the eurozone eased in May to its lowest level in eight months, back below the European Central Bank's two-per-cent target, further raising expectations for another interest rate cut this week.

Year-on-year consumer price increases in the single currency area slowed more than predicted by analysts for FactSet to 1.9 per cent, down from 2.2 per-cent in April, the EU's official statistics agency said.

Core inflation — which strips out volatile energy, food, alcohol and tobacco prices and is a key indicator for the ECB — also eased more than expected to 2.3 per cent in May, down from 2.7 per cent a month earlier.

The ECB is expected to deliver its seventh-straight interest rate cut Thursday as the

United States' volatile trade policies hang over the sluggish eurozone economy.

"This won't have much of a bearing on Thursday's ECB decision, which already looked almost certain to be a 25 basis point cut," said Jack Allen-Reynolds, deputy chief eurozone economist at UK-based investment research group Capital Economics.

"But May's inflation data strengthen the case for another cut at the following meeting in July," he said.

Eurozone inflation is at its lowest point since September last year, when it stood at 1.7 per cent.

The slowdown in inflation was thanks to prices for services easing to 3.2 per cent from 4.0 per cent in April, Eurostat said. — AFP



People walk in to the headquarters of the European Central Bank (ECB) in Frankfurt am Main, western Germany, past a giant Euro logo on 17 April 2025 ahead of the Eurozone's monetary policy meeting. **PHOTO: AFP**

Chinese tourist arrivals to Cambodia's iconic Angkor up 30% in Jan-May period

CAMBODIA has reported a remarkable rise in the number of Chinese tourists to its famed Angkor Archaeological Park in the first five months of 2025, said an official report on Tuesday.

A total of 43,193 Chinese visitors visited Angkor during the January-May period, up 30 per cent from 33,292 over the same period last year, said the state-owned Angkor Enter-

prise's report.

China was the fourth largest source of international tourist arrivals to Angkor after the United States, the United Kingdom, and France, it added.

According to the report, a total of 527,577 foreigners toured the ancient park in the first five months of this year, generating a gross revenue

of US\$24.5 million from ticket sales.

Thong Mengdavid, a lecturer at the Institute for International Studies and Public Policy of the Royal University of Phnom Penh, said that, with 2025 being designated as the Cambodia-China Tourism Year, a significant surge in Chinese tourist arrivals to the Angkor Archaeological Park is predicted. — Xinhua

Rising dairy prices drive New Zealand Q1 export prices

NEW Zealand's export prices jumped 7.1 per cent in the March 2025 quarter, fuelled by strong gains in dairy, according to the statistics department Stats NZ on Tuesday.

Export prices have been on an upward trend since March 2024 and are now 17 per cent higher than a year ago, said Stats NZ international accounts

spokesperson Viki Ward.

As the country's top export sector, dairy rose 10 per cent over the previous quarter, with milk powder prices up 13 per cent, Ward said, adding the increase in dairy prices was shared across all of the major dairy categories, such as butter with prices surging 38 per cent year-on-year. — Xinhua

Toyota Industries to accept tender offer by Toyota group



File photo shows a Toyota Motor Corp flag at its headquarters in Toyota, Aichi Prefecture, on 1 March 2022. **PHOTO: KYODO**

TOYOTA Industries Corp said Tuesday that it will accept a tender offer by the Toyota Motor Corp group to take the maker of auto parts and lift trucks private. A special purpose company backed by Toyota Fudosan Co, Toyota and Toyota chairman Akio Toyoda will offer 16,300 yen (\$114) per Toyota Industries share, beginning early December.

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Toyota Industries, one of the Toyota group's core companies, had faced a flurry of proposals by activist shareholders in recent years, and the group aims for a more stable management by delisting.

Toyota, the world's largest automaker by volume, was spun off from Toyota Industries in 1937. It holds 24.66 per cent of Toyota Industries as the largest shareholder, while other Toyota group companies, such as Denso Corp. and Toyota Tsusho Corp hold smaller stakes. — Kyodo

Final phase trial begins for Parkinson's drug to treat Alzheimer's

THE final phase of a clinical trial aiming to treat familial Alzheimer's disease using existing medication for Parkinson's disease has been in progress since May, a Japanese research institute involved in the project said Tuesday.

Led by drugmaker Towa Pharmaceutical Co and Kyoto University's Centre for iPS Cell Research and Application, the project utilizes induced pluripotent stem cells to identify effective treatments, known as "iPS drug discovery." The clinical trial being conducted until March 2028 using bromocriptine, a drug used to treat Parkinson's, at several medical institutions



Haruhisa Inoue, deputy director of Kyoto University's Centre for iPS Cell Research and Application, speaks at a press conference in Kyoto on 3 June 2025. **PHOTO: KYODO**

including Mie University Hospital aims to enrol 24 patients suffering from familial Alzheimer's disease who carry mutations of a specific gene, with half of them receiving a placebo. — Kyodo

Laos ships 1st mango export to China, boosting agricultural trade

LAOS has officially launched its first shipment of 90 tonnes of fresh mangoes to China, marking a significant milestone in the country's agricultural trade ambitions.

According to Lao Economic Daily report on Tuesday, a ceremony marking the inaugural shipment was held in the Lao capital Vientiane on 30 May.

The export marked a significant step in strengthening agricultural cooperation between Laos and China. It followed the 2023 agreement by both governments to export fresh Lao mangoes to the Chinese market, a deal that opened the door to expanded trade and investment opportunities. In his speech, Bounchan Kombounyasith, director general of the Department of Agriculture under the Lao Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, emphasized that the ministry is focused on promoting high-potential agricultural products to reduce the country's reliance on imports, generate foreign exchange, and encourage value-added export processing. — Xinhua

Indonesia seeks US\$182 bln investment to push electricity production

INDONESIA currently needs an investment of 2,967 trillion rupiahs (around US\$182 billion) to boost its electricity production until 2034, according to the state-owned electricity company PT PLN PLN President Director Darmawan Prasodjo said on Monday that the details of the investment funding needs included for project investment at 2,699 trillion rupiahs, as well as for capex maintenance and interest during construction at 268 trillion rupiahs.

"It all requires investment up to almost 3,000 trillion rupiah. PLN certainly cannot carry out this agenda alone," Prasodjo said in Jakarta as quoted by local media. — Xinhua

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Palestinians wait to receive free food at a food distribution centre in the al-Shati refugee camp, west of Gaza City, on 28 May 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

THE Israel Defence Forces (IDF) said in a recent statement that it did not shoot civilians near or within a humanitarian aid centre in the southern Gaza Strip during an incident on Sunday, which resulted in the deaths of at least 31 Palestinians.

In the statement, the IDF said it was working with the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation and international relief organizations to enable the

distribution of aid to the residents of the Gaza Strip, while ensuring that “it does not fall into the hands” of Hamas. The Israeli military blamed Hamas for “doing everything in its power to prevent the distribution of humanitarian aid in the Gaza Strip”. A drone video footage released later by IDF spokesperson Avichay Adraee showed what it claimed were armed, masked men firing at

civilians trying to collect aid in a distribution centre in Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip.

Gaza-based health authority said Sunday that at least 31 people were killed and dozens of others seriously injured when Israeli forces opened fire near a humanitarian aid distribution point in Rafah, southern Gaza, where residents were gathering to receive aid. — Xinhua

Nearly 200 dead, over 1,000 missing in
central Nigeria floods

WITH close to 200 confirmed fatalities, authorities in Nigeria’s north-central Niger State are still searching



A general view of damaged buildings in Mokwa on 1 June 2025 after the town was hit by torrential rains overnight Wednesday into Thursday, with the flooding displacing more than 3,000 people. **PHOTO: AFP**

for more than 1,000 people believed to have been swept away by devastating floods triggered by heavy rains over the past week.

The torrential downpours on Wednesday night wreaked havoc across Mokwa, a bustling market and farming town in Niger, submerging and washing away dozens of residential homes, some with occupants still inside, local officials said earlier.

Yakubu Garba, deputy governor of Niger, told reporters late Monday that nearly a week after the disaster, hundreds remained unaccounted for despite ongoing rescue efforts. “For now, we do not know where they are. Those people have been swept away by water. We have reviewed house-to-house and based on that, the number of people yet to be seen is more than 1,000,” Garba said, adding that the flooding has displaced over 3,000 residents, affected at least 2,000 properties, washed away roads, and caused the collapse of three bridges. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

5.8-magnitude quake rattles
Türkiye’s southwestern resorts

A 5.8 magnitude earthquake struck the Marmaris area of southwestern Türkiye early on Tuesday, killing one teenager and injuring dozens of people, the interior minister said.

The quake, which Türkiye’s AFAD disaster agency said struck at 2:17 am (2317 GMT on Monday) some 10 kilometres (six miles) off the coast of Marmaris, was also felt in Greece and as far away as Egypt.

A 14-year-old girl died following a panic attack and some 70 people were hurt in the Mugla province as they rushed to find safety, including “some who jumped from a height”, Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said on X.

There were no initial reports of buildings destroyed in residential areas, he said.

“In Fethiye, a 14-year-old girl named Afranur Gunlu was taken to the hospital due to a panic attack but, unfortunately, despite all interventions, she passed away,” Yerlikaya said. Fethiyeh lies around 100 kilometres to the east of Marmaris. — AFP

Japan’s top negotiator to visit US this
week for 5th tariff talks

JAPAN’S top tariff negotiator is scheduled to visit the United States from Thursday for a fifth round of ministerial-level talks, his third visit in as many weeks, aiming to narrow differences ahead of a bilateral summit eyed for mid-June.

On Tuesday, the Japanese parliament approved Ryo-sei Akazawa’s itinerary. The minister in charge of economic and fiscal policy, known as a close aide to Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba, is slated to return to Japan on Sunday.

The upcoming ministerial talks could address US President Donald Trump’s recent announcement of a doubling of tariffs on all steel and aluminium imports to 50 per cent, effective Wednesday, after the plan went undiscussed in the previous round of talks in Washington last week. — Kyodo

Indonesia to launch salt farm project
to end salt imports by 2027

INDONESIA will soon begin constructing its new salt farm in Rote Ndao Regency, East Nusa Tenggara province, as part of a strategy to eliminate salt imports by 2027, Minister of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Sakti Wahyu Trenggono announced on Tuesday.

The government has allocated a budget of up to two trillion rupiahs for the project, which will be developed over the 2025-2026 period. The first phase is set to begin this year and be completed in early 2026.

“This salt farm is targeted to produce 200 tonnes of salt per hectare per year, amounting to a total of 2.6 million tonnes annually,” Trenggono said, adding that the production value is expected to reach 2.6 trillion rupiahs per year.

He highlighted that this project is not only expected to meet national salt demand but also create significant employment opportunities on a large scale. He estimated that it could absorb up to 26,600 workers from upstream to downstream sectors. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Maung Maung Lwin wins K100M for ASEAN heroics



The Myanmar Football Federation Executive Committee honours Maung Maung Lwin with K100 million in recognition and a commemorative award for his match-winning goal against Manchester United.



National teammates gather to honour Maung Maung Lwin before training, following his winning goal against Manchester United.

MYANMAR national team captain Maung Maung Lwin received a K100 million reward and a commemorative trophy from the

Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) Executive Committee for scoring the winning goal against Manchester United in a recent

friendly match.
Maung Maung Lwin wore jersey 11 and scored the only goal in the match between ASEAN All Stars and Manchester United on 28 May, leading his side to a 1-0 victory. The Myanmar Football Federation Executive Committee 2/2025 Meeting decided to honour him with the award.
The MFF Executive Committee Meeting 2/2025 also reviewed preparations for the upcoming 33rd Southeast Asian Games, focusing on the men's U22 team, the women's national team and both men's and women's futsal squads. Committee members discussed training plans and competition goals for Asian and ASEAN tournaments across all age groups.
Maung Maung Lwin now trains with the national squad ahead of the AFC Asian Cup Qualifier match against Pakistan. — Htun Htun/KZL

Asian Cup Qualifier: Myanmar to face Pakistan on 10 June



Myanmar and Afghanistan in action during the third-round AFC Asian Cup qualifier. **PHOTO: THAW GYI**
MYANMAR will host Pakistan in the second match of Group E in the third round of the 2027 AFC Asian Cup Qualifiers on 10 June.

Originally scheduled to take place in Pakistan, the match was relocated to Yangon's Thuwunna Youth Training Centre at 5 pm, following a request from the Pakistan Football Federation. As a result, Myanmar will now play the home leg first and travel for the away fixture later.
Myanmar is grouped with Syria, Afghanistan and Pakistan. In the group opener, Myanmar beat Afghanistan 2-1 at home, while Pakistan lost 2-0 to Syria away.
To prepare for the upcoming match, the Myanmar national team began training on 23 May with a 31-player preliminary squad under the guidance of head coach U Myo Hlaing Win. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

Sonrak to rematch Petwichit at ONE Friday Fights 111



PHOTO: ONE CHAMPIONSHIP
MYANMAR fighter Sonrak is set to compete in ONE Friday Fights 111, which will take place in Bangkok, Thailand on 6 June.
He is scheduled to face Thai fighter Petwichit in a rematch bout. Their first encounter was in December 2024, when Sonrak claimed a victory by decision. The upcoming fight marks their second meeting after nearly six months.
Since joining ONE Championship, Sonrak has fought 11 times, recording six wins and five losses. Petwichit, on the other hand, has had eight fights under ONE, with four wins and four draws. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

Chelsea signs midfielder Essugo from Sporting CP

CHELSEA has finalized the signing of Portuguese midfielder Dario Essugo from Sporting CP. The 20-year-old joins the newly crowned UEFA Conference League winners for a fee of 18 million pounds (US\$24.3 million) and has signed a contract through June 2033. Essugo, known for his tough tackling, spent last season on loan at La Liga side Las Palmas, where he made 27 appearances and was a bright spot in an otherwise difficult campaign that ended in relegation.
The Portugal under-21 international made history as

the youngest ever player to debut for Sporting's first team, breaking the record previously held by Luis Figo when he took the field at 16 years and six days old. He also spent the 2023-24 season on loan with Chaves, appearing in 14 matches.
The deal was initially agreed upon in March but was completed with the reopening of the transfer window ahead of the FIFA Club World Cup. Essugo will join Chelsea's squad for the tournament, which kicks off with a match against Los Angeles Galaxy on 16 June. — Xinhua

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Kremlin says meeting between Putin, Trump, Zelensky unlikely soon

A meeting between Russian President Vladimir Putin, US President Donald Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky is unlikely to take place anytime soon, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said Tuesday.

Peskov said that while the Russian leader remains open to holding high-level talks, he believes that such a meeting should only happen after agreements have been reached and worked out at the technical level.

Russian and Ukrainian delegations met in Istanbul on Monday for a second round of direct talks, during which the two sides agreed to a major prisoner swap, discussed humanitarian issues, and exchanged draft peace proposals outlining concrete terms for settling the Ukraine crisis.

"Of course, it would be wrong to expect any immediate decisions or breakthroughs," Peskov said when commenting on the latest meeting.

Peskov stated that certain important agreements were reached on Monday in Istanbul and that Moscow will await Kyiv's response to the peace memorandum that Russian officials handed to the Ukrainian side. — Xinhua

South Korea's centre-left Lee poised to win presidency



Election officials sort through and count the ballots at a counting station in Seoul on 3 June 2025 after voting in the presidential election was closed. **PHOTO: AFP**

SOUTH Korea's centre-left presidential candidate Lee Jae-myung hailed voters' "great decision" as he was poised early Wednesday to win a snap election by a wide margin, capping months of political chaos.

Six months to the day after ex-president Yoon Suk Yeol plunged the country into crisis with his disastrous declaration of martial law, all three major broadcasters projected Lee as the likely winner, with voter turnout the highest in nearly

three decades.

With most votes counted, Lee of the left-leaning Democratic Party was well ahead, all but guaranteeing victory against challenger Kim Moon-soo of the conservative People Power Party (PPP), who conceded the race.

"I will humbly accept the choice of the people. Congratulations to the elected candidate Lee Jae-myung," Kim said as the last ballots were still being counted.

Lee thanked voters for placing their trust in him, saying he would do his "utmost to fulfil the great responsibility and mission entrusted to me, so as not to disappoint the expectations of our people."

In a nod to South Korea's growing partisan divide, exacerbated by the chaos after Yoon's martial law bid, Lee said those that did not support him remained "fellow citizens" and promised to "move forward with hope and make a fresh start from this moment on". — AFP



A press conference on the 2nd Belt and Road Conference on Science and Technology Exchange is held by the State Council Information Office in Beijing, capital of China, 3 June 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

2nd Belt and Road Conference on Science and Technology Exchange to open in Chengdu

THE second Belt and Road Conference on Science and Technology Exchange will take place in Chengdu, the capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, from 10 to 12 June, the State Council Information Office said at a press conference on Tuesday.

Vice-Minister of Science and Technology Chen Jiachang said that the conference, themed "Building the Innovation Silk Road for Shared Development: Working Together

for a Belt and Road Science and Technology Community", will champion the concept of a community with a shared future for all.

The conference will uphold the principles of extensive consultation and joint contribution for shared benefit, aiming to strengthen exchange, build consensus, deepen cooperation, and provide strong sci-tech support for high-quality Belt and Road cooperation, Chen noted.

The conference will fea-

ture 38 events across five categories: major events, thematic activities, special events, roundtables, and technology matchmaking sessions. Discussions will cover academic exchange, industrial innovation, international mega-science projects, artificial intelligence, and Belt and Road sci-tech planning and policy coordination. The event will gather attendees from over 100 countries and international organizations. — Xinhua