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# Myanmar, Belarus to deepen friendship and cooperation

The 4<sup>th</sup> Eurasian Economic Forum 2025 (EEF 2025) provided many opportunities for cooperation between Myanmar and the member countries of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU).



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Belarusian President Mr Alexander Gregoryevich Lukashenko exchange greetings at the Presidential Palace in Minsk yesterday.

Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, held talks with Mr Alexander Gregoryevich Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus, at the hall of the Presidential Palace in Minsk, Belarus, yesterday afternoon.

The Senior General was warmly wel-

comed by the President of Belarus.

At the meeting, the Belarusian President said that he was delighted to have this opportunity to meet once again with His Excellency, Chairman of the State Administration Council and Prime Minister of Myanmar. During this meeting, they will continue discussions on matters that remained from their previous talks. There

is a strong interest in promoting cooperation between Myanmar and Belarus, and the Action Plan for bilateral cooperation should be developed and implemented with both strategic and long-term perspectives. He said that he would like to express his intention to work not only in the sectors of politics, health, and humanitarian assistance but also in the eco-

nomie sector for the development of both countries. Belarus is currently making arrangements to implement cooperative activities in Myanmar.

The Belarusian Minister for Foreign Affairs explained ongoing cooperation in all sectors between Belarus and Myanmar and future processes.

In his response, the Senior General expressed his sincere gratitude for taking the time to meet and hold discussions amidst many responsibilities of His Excellency President, while hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Eurasian Economic Forum (EEF 2025). On behalf of Myanmar and the people of Myanmar, the Senior General extended special thanks to the Republic of Belarus for promptly dispatching rescue teams and assisting in relief efforts, as well as for providing necessary humanitarian aid during the time of the recent major Mandalay earthquake in Myanmar.

He continued that attending the 4<sup>th</sup> Eurasian Economic Forum 2025 (EEF 2025) provided many opportunities for cooperation between Myanmar and the member countries of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU). There are numerous potential areas for bilateral collaboration between Myanmar and Belarus, and such cooperation will continue to expand. During the visit to Belarus, he also had the opportunity to visit factories and workplaces, where discussions were held to explore possible avenues for cooperation.

The Senior General and the Belarusian President exchanged views on further expansion of existing friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

Also present at the meeting together with the Senior General were Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, SAC member General Nyo Saw, Union ministers, and the Myanmar Ambassador to Belarus. The Belarusian President was accompanied by senior officials from the Belarusian government and ministers.

After the talks, the Senior General and the President of Belarus had a luncheon together with Presidents of the Russian Federation, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, the Chairman of Eurasian Economic Commission Board, the EAEU observer President of Uzbekistan, and invited representatives from Mongolia and the UAE who attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Eurasian Economic Forum 2025-EEF 2025. — MNA/TTA

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## Safeguard National Unity and Resources to Ensure Long-Term Prosperity and Sovereignty

TODAY, we must prioritize the long-term prosperity of our birthplace and nation, avoiding harm to our ethnic communities and the sacrifice of regional development and resources for the benefit of domestic traitors or powerful foreign nations. I urge you to recognize that if we remain divided, the State's power will weaken, and we risk being remembered in history as a nation subservient to the whims of others ...

*(An excerpt from the message sent by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to the ceremony to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary [Golden Jubilee] of Rakhine State Day, which falls on 15 December 2024.)*

## SSMNC holds 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> 47-Member Term

THE first day of the second meeting of the Ninth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee began at the Vijaya Mangala Dhamma Thabin on Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon yesterday.

Present at the occasion were members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee led by Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Thanlyin Min Kyaung Pahtamapyan Monastery, Aggamaha Pandita, Aggamaha Saddhammajotikadhaja Dr Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Tin Oo Lwin and officials.

Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa presided

over the meeting, and Joint Secretary Sayadaw Aggamaha Ganthavacaka Pandita Aggamaha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Jotissara acted as the master of ceremonies.

The Union minister supplicated the matters related to the religious affairs, and the Sayadaws discussed Vinicchaya affairs and religious-related matters during the meeting.

Senior General Than Shwe (Retd) and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family members donated day alms to the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee member Sayadaws who attended the ceremony yesterday.

— MNA/KTZH



The second meeting of the Ninth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee in progress yesterday.

## Weather

### Special Weather News

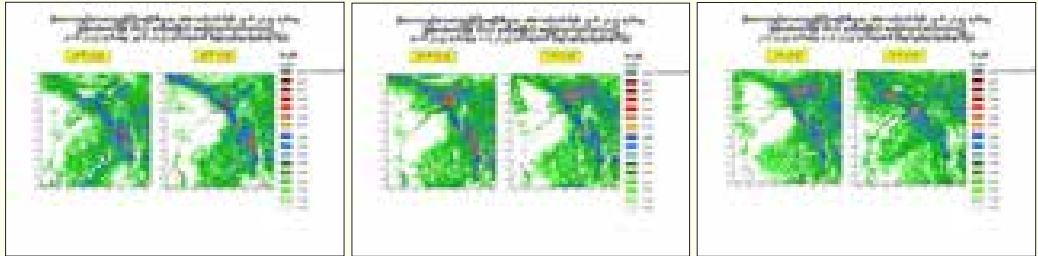
Issued at 6 pm MST on 27 June 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 4:30 pm MST today, monsoon will be strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, due to the easterly waves and westerly waves, rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Mandalay, Magway, and Lower Sagaing Regions and Kayah State, fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, Upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, and Shan States with likelihood of regionally and isolated heavy falls during today evening to 3 July 2025. Occasional squalls

with rough seas will be experienced off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 11-13 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

#### Advisory

People should be aware of natural disasters such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, thunder, lightning strikes, lightning, hail, flash floods and landslides in the hilly areas and near small rivers and to make necessary preparations for inland water transport, domestic flights and irrigation dams. — DMH



### Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 2 pm MST on 27 June 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 12:30 pm MST today, the low-pressure area over North Odisha and adjoining West Bengal, India, became less marked. — DMH

## Amarapura company gets quake insurance payout

IN response to the damage caused by the recent powerful Mandalay earthquake, insurance compensation for natural disaster damage has been provided to the owners of the UMT Co Ltd Mandalay branch building in Amarapura, Mandalay Region. Officials from Global World Insurance (GWI) handed over the compensation to the company at their office

on 27 June.

During the handover ceremony, a GWI official provided an overview of the compensation process and presented a payment of K250 million. A representative from UMT Co Ltd expressed gratitude to GWI for their prompt coordination and settlement of the claim. — Arkar Linn/MKKS



UMT Co Ltd officials receive compensation from GWI.



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)

The high-level Myanmar delegation led by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, currently in the Republic of Belarus, yesterday morning visited Minsk Tractor Works and Slutsk Cheese Factory in Minsk.

They were welcomed by Belarusian Minister of Industry Mr Efimov A V and Factory Director-General Mr Avramenko S A at Minsk Tractor Works.

The Senior General and the party interestingly observed vehicles produced by Belarus for the purpose of farmland preparations, vehicles used in cultivation, nurturing crops and broadcasting agricultural inputs, the vehicles used in the prevention of unexpected natural disasters and fire extinguishing, the vehicles and machinery used in transporting agricultural products to the market. The Senior General asked what he wanted to know.

They also viewed the assembly process of tractors at Minsk Tractor Works and discussed something he wanted to know.

At the meeting hall of the factory, the Senior General and the party held talks with the Belarusian Minister of Industry and the party. They cordially discussed the manufacturing of agricultural-use machines, vehicles and machinery by heavy industries under the Ministry of Industry of Belarus, local and international sales of these products, and potential for technological cooperation in the development of the mechanized farming sector of Myanmar and the manufacturing of agricultural machinery, vehicles and heavy machinery.

The Senior General also visited the booth of the factory and exchanged gifts with the Bela-

SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits Minsk Tractor Works and Slutsk Cheese Factory in Belarus



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views the tractors and vehicles produced by the Minsk Tractor Works in Belarus yesterday.

rusian Minister for Industry and the Factory Director-General.

Minsk Tractor Works was established in 1946 to manufacture agricultural-purpose tractors. A total of 15,377 employees are working at the factory, which plays a key role in the production of agricultural-purpose tractors in Belarus. Tractors from the factory are exported to Western European countries and ASEAN

countries. At Slutsk Cheese Factory, the Senior General and party were welcomed by Production Deputy Director-General Mr Vitaly Gennadyevich Zlobin and Commercial Deputy Director-General Mrs Ekaterina Sergeyevna Lapteva.

After visiting the factory, the Senior General discussed with officials who clarified facts about

the factory. The Production Deputy Director-General explained facts about the factory and the work process. The Senior General asked about the market shares of milk and dairy products of the factory, and the quality control process.

Slutsk Cheese Factory has been in production for more than 40 years. It is the largest

cheese factory not only in Minsk but in Belarus. It is formed with a primary company, five branch offices, five factories and three agriculture and livestock farms. The factory produces 250 tonnes of milk, 150 tonnes of milk powder, 3,000 tonnes of dairy products, 100 tonnes of butter and 100 tonnes of cheese, which are exported to 24 countries. — MNA/TTA

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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing warmly greets officer trainees in Belarus yesterday.

are encouraged to value themselves and strive for the improvement of their own lives. By conducting themselves with discipline and diligence, they are expected to contribute to the honour and prestige of both Tatmadaw and the nation.

The Senior General emphasized that holding a re-election and convening the Hluttaw is the best political solution. **A free and fair multiparty democratic general election will be held soon, and the government will ensure that all eligible voters can exercise their right to vote. Those who value democracy are expected to participate in the voting process.** The government is currently undertaking preparatory tasks to ensure that the election will be free and fair. Officer trainees need to know the accurate progress of the State and political progress.

Also, present at the meeting were Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, SAC member General Nyo Saw, union ministers, the Myanmar Ambassador to Belarus, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, deputy ministers, the Military Attache (Army, Navy and Air) and officials.

After the meeting, the Senior General presented food-stuffs and cash to the office trainees and cordially greeted them. —MNA/TTA

## Democracy supporters urged to vote

**C**hairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is currently in the Republic of Belarus, met officer trainees in Belarus yesterday evening.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said that the State has been sending students abroad for further

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studies, intending to nurture quality human resources essential for building the nation's future. Each individual

has to study relevant subjects to secure proficient and deep knowledge in their respective fields of study, and to contin-

uously put in effort to keep up with the ever-evolving advancements in technology.

He continued that trainees

## Myanmar, India ink MoU to boost seafarer simulator training

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) signing ceremony on the implementation of a "Simulator-Based System" for effective training and assessment of Myanmar seafarers was held at 10 am yesterday at the Department of Marine Administration (Head Office) in Yangon.

At the ceremony, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Abhay Thakur and Acting Director-General of the Department of Marine Administration Dr Ko Ko

Naing signed the mutual understanding document.

The MoU aims to support Myanmar's efforts to provide competency-based training, assessment, and certification to its seafarers as per the STCW Convention. With the assistance of the Indian government, the collaboration will enhance the use of simulator facilities and improve the efficiency and quality of maritime examinations and certification processes in Myanmar. — MNA/KZL



Document exchange marks India-Myanmar MoU signing.

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# Peace Forum 2025 concludes

THE Peace Forum 2025, themed “Towards a New Nation of Peace and Prosperity through the Integration of Peace, Elections and Development”, entered its third day at the Mingalar Thiri Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

It was attended by National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee Chairman Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, committee secretary Lt-Gen Min Naing, committee members, retired Tatmadaw officers, representatives of JMC, political parties, NCA-signatories and non-signatories, participants in peace processes, technicians, intellectuals, directors-general of min-

istries concerned and organizations, rectors of universities, representatives of international and local NGOs and other observers. They are divided into two discussion groups: Group 1 and Group 2.

During the morning session, both groups discussed under the theme: “Developing strategies to address humanitarian needs and tackle socio-economic challenges” and “Analyzing the various geopolitical perspectives and influences on the future of Myanmar, and developing strategies to be applied in the process of transformation.”

In the afternoon, the forum



Finale of the 2025 Peace Forum held yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

closing ceremony took place, and the chairman of the committee presented gifts to the speakers.

The secretary of the committee recorded the outcomes and suggestions received from

the forum.

In his concluding remark, the committee chairman said the forum discussed three sectors- peace, election and development. The meeting minutes

will be recorded systematically and submitted to the Prime Minister. Moreover, international experts will be invited to the upcoming peace dialogues. — MNA/KTZH

# UEC Chair vows free and fair election



The Union Election Commission and the Myanmar Press Council meet in Nay Pyi Taw on 24 June 2025.

THE Union Election Commission will ensure the election is free and fair, as well as a remarkable milestone, said UEC Chairman U Ko Ko.

He made the above statement in a meeting with the Myanmar Press Council held on 24 June at the UEC Meeting Room.

He also highlighted that UEC and MPC will need to work together to help the public awareness about the election process in three periods- pre-election, during the election and post-election. — Htun Htun/ZS

# YPS card readers checked monthly; Faulty units repaired daily

YANGON Payment Services (YPS) said that in addition to monthly inspections, they are working daily to repair out-of-service card readers on YBS vehicles to make these devices operational in a short time.

The main goal of YPS is to make the fare payment process for passengers using the YBS bus service better and smarter.

Therefore, to provide better services, YPS’s Operation Team conducts monthly inspections of YPS card readers to ensure that there are no inconveniences or difficulties in using YPS services. Moreover, YPS is working daily

to restore unusable devices in a short time by contacting relevant YBS lines.

YPS will further communicate with relevant bus lines daily to resolve any issues or inconveniences related to YPS services in a short time.

In case of any inconvenience in paying bus fares, commuters can share the cause, bus route number, and bus license number on the YPS Facebook page by posts or comments, or they can contact the call centre at 09 772666699 during office hours from Monday to Friday, YPS informed. — MT/ZN

# MGEA to host gold business development workshop

MYANMAR Gold Entrepreneurs Association will hold a workshop on gold business development at Mingala Hall of the UMFCCI from 9 am to 4 pm on 29 June, exploring ideas and suggestions for legitimate transactions of pure gold and profit margin between selling price and buying price.

Moreover, instructions and supervisions of the Monitoring and Steering Committee on the Gold and Currency Market and the department concerned, deciding domestic gold prices based on production or not, Myanmar inspection on gold bar standard, unregistered businesses, separate market for gold ingots, market supervision, legal and illegal gold production and refinery businesses, international markets and gold export matters will be elaborated at the meeting as well.

MGEA called for gold entrepreneurs and those business entities in the industry to attend the workshop. — ASH/KK



This photo shows MGEA holding the meeting on conducting the gold business development workshop on 22 June 2025.



A notice showing YPS card readers being inspected for use.

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MSME Day 2025 celebrated in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Ministry of Industry organized the MSME Day 2025 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

First Vice-Chairman of the MSME Development Work Committee Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein, Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than, Union Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Hla Moe, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Than Tun Oo, deputy ministers, departmental officials and MSES entrepreneurs attended the ceremony.

In his speech, the Deputy Prime Minister highlighted the role of MSMEs that occupy over

90 per cent of businesses, creating job opportunities ranging from 60 to 70 per cent. He stated the need to utilize a digital system that can help promote work processes, expand the local and international market, and accelerate the services and competitions.

He then pledged support for the government for MSME development in the country.

The video clip on the MSME Products Exhibition and Competition was screened, and he observed the MSME products of the Union Territory (Nay Pyi Taw).

The relevant officials reported on the work progress and participated in a paper reading session. — MNA/KTZH



Deputy Prime Minister Union Planning & Finance Minister U Win Shein looks into the MSME products at yesterday's event.

Myanmar to host Mekong Tourism Forum 2026

THE Mekong Tourism Forum 2025 and the 55<sup>th</sup> Mekong Sub-regional Tourism Board Meeting took place from 24 to 26 June in Luang Prabang, Laos. The meetings were organized by the Lao Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism, bringing together tourism leaders, officials, and representatives from Mekong sub-regional countries.

Myanmar's delegation was led by Director-General of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Maung Maung Kyaw, accompanied by representatives from the Myanmar Tourism Federation and the Myanmar Hoteliers' Association.

On 24 June, the 55<sup>th</sup> Sub-regional Tourism Board Meeting was chaired by Ms Phonemaly Inthaphome, Director General of the Lao Tourism Development Department. The meeting reviewed the outcomes of the 2024 forum and discussed progress in regional tourism cooperation, including information sharing, digital media partnerships and implementation of the Mekong Tourism Strategy 2030.

On 25 June, member coun-



The group documentary photo session is underway at the Mekong Tourism Forum 2025 in Laos on 24-26 June.

tries attended the Mekong Tourism Coordinating Office board meeting. Discussions focused on finalizing agreements for the office's formal establishment, legal processes for treaty enforcement, and promotion of the strategy to tourism-related stakeholders across the region.

The forum opened on 26 June under the theme "United Journey: Stronger Together." Lao Deputy Minister Ms Dara-ny Phommavongsa and Luang Prabang's Deputy Governor gave welcome remarks. Experts and tourism officials discussed cooperation between

the government and private sectors and explored ways to promote local food, eco-tourism, agriculture-based, and cultural tourism across the Mekong region.

During the forum, Myanmar showcased its traditional foods, handicrafts, and tourism destinations to international guests.

At the closing ceremony, Myanmar officially received the forum flag and confirmed it will host the Mekong Tourism Forum 2026 and chair the sub-regional tourism body in June next year. — MNA/KZL

MAEX to mark 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Danyingon

THE Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Company Ltd will host a trade fair at the new building 7 of Danyingon wholesale market to mark the 10th anniversary.

With two main parts, the event, which includes entertainment shows and games, has been scheduled from 29 June to 6 July at Danyingon fruit, vegetable and flower wholesale market.

As the first part, the event will take place from 8 am to 8 pm from 29 June to 1 July, including a music show by singer Zwe Pyae, Ei Si Kway and Old Flame and game activities. The public can enjoy different kinds of products with special prices offered by booths at the exhibition.

The second part will begin at 9 am from 4 July to 6 July, and singers Zwe Pyae, Nay Min Eain, and Eaint Chit will entertain in the morning. The Phoe Chit Troupe will entertain the audience with plays, operas and duo dances for three nights. Tickets can be bought at the market office and, enquiry made through 09 457020246. — MT/ZS



This image depicts the poster for the Danyingon Market Trade Fair.

**Gold Market Rate as of  
27 June 2025**

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,890,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.



NATIONAL

Discussion on resilient and strong social community

THE Committee on the Development of a Resilient and Strong Social Community and the Yangon Region Youth Affairs Committee jointly organized a discussion on developing a resilient and strong social community at the Youth Centre in Thakayta Township, Yangon, yesterday.

It was attended by Committee Vice-Chair Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, who is the chairperson of the regional youth affairs committee, and other relevant officials and students.

The Union minister and party observed the activities of youths at Lu Nge Arman library, gym and computer pool.

During the tour, the Union minister urged the youths to value and love their country, parents and social community, and read books to promote their



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn presents the flower basket and cash awards to performers at yesterday's event.

lives and have proper consideration.

He received K5 million donated by Sushi Company Limited for the centre.

He presented public science treatises and the Glass Palace Chronicle of the Kings of Myanmar for the centre through U Htay Aung, Social Affairs Minister of the Yangon Region.

The Union minister and party drew lots of 20 MRTV DTH dishes for the youths.

They watched the performance of the youths and presented cash prizes to the performers.

They proceeded to MRTV in Yangon to attend the music concert marking Myanmar Music Day.

Before the music concert, the Union minister presented the stone mosaic to Chairman U Lwin Myint of the Myanmar Music Association (Central).

Famous singers sang 14 songs at the event.

27 June has been designated and observed annually as Myanmar Music Day in honour of the distinguished musicians who fulfilled their historic duties by inspiring patriotism and national spirit among the ethnic people during the independence struggle for Myanmar.

The commemorative music concert was organized by the Myanmar Music Association (Central), and broadcast live as Friday Night Live Show on MRTV-HD Channel and MRTV Entertainment Channel. — MNA/KTZH

Relief and recovery efforts continue in quake-hit areas

COORDINATED efforts by various organizations and local communities remain in full force across the regions affected by the powerful Mandalay earthquake, which caused widespread destruction. Emergency relief and rehabilitation work continue with strong momentum, according to local sources.

Lt-Gen Thet Pon from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and officials visited several religious buildings and pagodas in Sagaing yesterday that had sustained damage. The team inspected residential buildings and roadside debris in Sagaing, coordinating with relevant authorities to ensure a clean and orderly urban environment. They provided refreshments to workers and discussed necessary support with responsible personnel.

Lt-Gen Thet Pon and party viewed the cleaning of school buildings damaged by the earth-

quake at Sagaing Education Degree College, the relocated modular houses for earthquake victims in village areas, the completed construction of modular houses in the Maha Sekongyi Pagoda compound, and the renovation of religious buildings. They worked with authorities to make additional necessary arrangements.

The team also oversaw the final clearance of residential buildings destroyed by the earthquake in Sagaing using heavy machinery. They monitored healthcare services provided to earthquake-affected monks, nuns, and residents by the Tatmadaw Mobile Medical Team and observed the purification of the Ayeyawady River by the Tatmadaw water purification vehicle to ensure the availability of clean drinking water.

Similarly, Lt-Gen Soe Tint Naing from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and his



Lt-Gen Thet Pon views medical services provided by the Tatmadaw Mobile Medical Team.

team visited reconstruction and cleaning efforts at religious buildings and pagodas in Aungmyaythazan, Mahaaungmyay and Amarapura Townships, Mandalay Region, where quake-damaged structures remained. They observed the use of heavy machinery to clear building debris and inspected the process of sorting and returning recovered materials to their rightful owners through official channels. Afterwards, they made donations to the Sayadaw.

Lt-Gen Soe Tint Naing instructed officials to strictly enforce safety measures. Additional coordination was made based on reports submitted by responsible personnel. — MNA/MKKS



OPINION

March towards a democratic nation through the peace process

ALL citizens must actively participate in the nation's development, and also work together — consulting and coordinating with one another — to address the challenges they face and to collectively build what is appropriate and necessary by recognizing the true situation of the country. They work together on the areas where they share common views and engage in dialogue and negotiation to resolve differences. Treating the nation's interests as their goal is of utmost importance. The participation of international friends who can provide valuable suggestions and assistance in the peace process also constitutes significant support for the peace-building efforts.

Building a democratic nation is not merely a public aspiration — it is a shared responsibility. When there is an opportunity to follow the democratic path,

In the effort to build a strong Union, ending internal conflicts and achieving lasting peace is of utmost, even life-or-death, importance. In order to implement national reconciliation and peace processes both before and after the election, it is essential to build mutual trust among all parties. The government has repeatedly extended invitations to resolve political issues through political means. Since political solutions can only be found through dialogue at the negotiation table, the door to peace talks is always open, and such discussions are consistently welcomed.

from internal sabotage and destructive influences. Only when ethnic brothers and sisters come together in the spirit of Union and seek solutions through political dialogue can genuine and lasting peace be successfully achieved.

The government has repeatedly invited ethnic armed organizations and other armed groups that are opposing and attacking the nation and urged them to abandon the armed struggle line and instead resolve political issues through political party activities and electoral processes by peaceful political means.

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to follow the democratic path, resorting to armed struggle to demand one's desires, especially when fueled by ethnic or regional bias, runs counter to democratic principles. This must be taken seriously by all. Aspirations should be openly discussed, agreed upon, and implemented through the respective Hluttaws.

In order to realize democracy, stability and peace are essential requirements. Everyone desires a society in which all ethnic groups enjoy unity, fairness, and economic and social security. Through peaceful living and productive work, people can achieve progress in their lives. To make this a reality, it is crucial for all parties to come together, engage in open and honest dialogue, and exchange views transparently.

In the peacemaking process, it is important to avoid foreign interference and to carry out the process free

IOMed: Mediation Body Empowering the Global South for a Shared Future

LED by China, a new chapter for the intergovernmental dispute settlement body through mediation has been reached, particularly among the Global South nations, shaping the future with a shared value and a common destiny.

The International Organization for Mediation (IOMed), the first ever inter-state organization dedicated to resolve disputes and conflicts between states, between a state and a national of another state, or in international commercial disputes, especially through mediation, mutual understanding and win-win mindset, has been established in Hong Kong, the Special Administrative Regions of the People's Republic of China on 30 May.

China and 30+ nations such as Laos, Indonesia, Cambodia and Pakistan from Asia; Cuba and Venezuela from Latin America; Belarus and Serbia from Europe; Sudan, and Alegria signed the convention on its establishment on-site, becoming the founding members of the body. This broad participation, spanning both the Eastern and Western Hemispheres, reflects a growing global shift toward multipolarization with the power of the Global South and increasing engagement of more nations in alternative international frameworks with equal rights.

High-level delegations from 85 countries across Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe and



SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE IOMED/ XINHUA

representatives from 20 other international organizations, including the United Nations, attended the signing ceremony of the convention on the establishment of the IOMed.

Compromise rather than authoritative

Core values of the IOMed vested in peaceful mediation by respecting the prides of the concerned parties rather than exerting coercive litigation which are used to be imposed by the western dominated jurisdiction

theatres such as International Court of Justice (ICJ), International Criminal Court (ICC) and Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in the Hague. In this context, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is facing unilateral prosecution made by groundless accusations, without primary investigative sources, at both the ICJ and the ICC.

The IOMed is regarded as an initiative aimed at improving global governance by filling a longstanding institutional gap in international dispute resolution mechanisms and is seen as a step toward counterbalancing unilateralism and hegemonic dominance in the current global order.

The body encourages cost-effective and flexible negotiations and compromises traditions in resolving disputes by referring to Article 33 of the United Nations Charter, which emphasizes mediation as a preferred method for resolving conflicts.

By establishing its headquarters in Hong Kong, the International Organization for Mediation highlights the city as a symbol of the successful and

peaceful return to or reunification with mainland China.

Exercising reconciliation under Confucian philosophy

The International Organization for Mediation sets to operate differently from United Nations-affiliated judicial institutions like the ICJ, ICC and PCA. Rather than adhering to the legal practices of the codified laws, the IOMed aims to exercise Confucian-influenced Chinese legal cultures, prioritizing moral education, social harmony, and mutual respect.

"China has all along advocated addressing disagreements in a spirit of mutual understanding and accommodation, building consensus through dialogue and consultation, promoting development through win-win cooperation, and solving issues with a future-oriented perspective," Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi addressed during the convention of founding IOMed, continuing that "China has been actively exploring ways of hotspot issue settlement that carry the Chinese touch, to lend our thoughts to countries seeking to resolve

problems or disagreements with others."

It is also reported that at the signing ceremony, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi shared a Chinese story from centuries ago: two neighbours who fought to each other resolved their land dispute by each yielding space, creating a two-metre-wide passage. Therefore, resolving conflicts through mediation and mutual accommodation instead of waging weapons of war can bring peace and prosperity.

Chinese Confucianism emphasizes moral education, community negotiation and reconciliation or mediation over litigious methods in resolving conflicts and disputes between different parties. This philosophy respects ethical values and social behaviour. It prefers moral correction to restore order and results instead of exerting a unilateral legal punishment system and adjudication.

From the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence to an international mediation body

The International Organ-

ization for Mediation aims to set up such a peaceful global environment to secure the intended shared interest and shared goal by practising the Chinese wisdom.

As a matter of fact, China has initiated the founding of IOMed since 2022 along with its like-minded nations, mostly the Global South countries. Historically, China, together with Myanmar and India, proposed the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence back in 1954. The Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence itself is an important foundation in the post-World War 2 international diplomatic arena for building trust and understanding between nations, promoting peaceful cooperation and development. A total of 71 years later, the newly established IOMed carries key components of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence in its foundation to shape a better global community.

Is it Global Peace Initiative following GSI, GDI and GCI?

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi highlighted in his speech at the event, "President Xi Jinping has pointed out that disagreements between countries are normal and should be properly settled through dialogue and consultation."

China introduced three major global initiatives in recent years to promote security, prosperity and peace, namely: Global Security Initiative (GSI), Global Development Initiative (GDI) and Global Civilization Initiative (GCI).

The GSI was proposed in 2022 by President Xi Jinping to promote a new model of international security based on mutual respect, security and peaceful development. It upholds the United Nations Charter and international law, respecting sovereignty and territorial integrity. It opposes Cold War mentality.

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ARTICLE  
POEM

Shinmahahtasara's Didactic Poetry

Translated by Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

A certain informative read was searched without fail; at home, studied.

If reading is done, again and again,  
Even the reader's wife and son  
With philistine attitudes, though silly,  
When words of literature are heard daily,  
They have sapience unexpectedly.

ရှင်မဟာရဋ္ဌသာရဆုံးမစာ

မှတ်ဖွယ်မှတ်ရာ၊ ထိုထိုစာကို  
ရှာ၍မပြတ်၊ အိမ်တွင်ပတ်။

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သိမြင်ကင်းကွာ၊ မလိုမှလည်း  
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ဇွေးခြင်းလိုမှာ၊ ရှိသည့်သာစာညွှန်း။



The Silent Sting

By Min Zan

When summer rains begin to fall,  
The deadly fever starts to call.  
Mosquito bites at dusk and dawn,  
Its silent threat keeps lingering on,  
A danger known to one and all.

It spreads from a still and stagnant place,  
Where water hides with silent grace.  
From flower pots to plastic bins,  
It breeds and stings with tiny sins,  
Then leaves behind a deadly trace.

So guard your homes both night and day,  
Keep standing water swept away.  
Spray repellents, sleep with care,  
And spread the word for all to share  
Prevention is the wiser way.

(Honouring those responsible and all the volunteers involved in the prevention of dengue fever)



The building of the International Organization for Mediation Headquarters in China's Hong Kong SAR/Xinhua



# NATIONAL/ARTICLE

## IOMed: Mediation Body Empowering the Global ...

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The GDI was proposed in 2021 to address development issues, especially in the Global South. It strengthens the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The GDI primarily aims to reduce poverty, to affirm food security and public health services. Infrastructure development, such as transport, fixed assets, and physical resources of the education sectors in African countries, is a solid outcome resulting from the Chinese-implemented GDI projects. Fundamental principles in the Global Development Initiative lay equality, shared future and shared development. China established the Global Development and South-South Cooperation Fund to boost projects of alleviation of poverty in third-world countries to narrow the development gap.

The GCI was proposed in 2023 by China to exchange mutual respect and cultural diversity as the foundation for, again, peace and cooperation. It encourages people-to-people ties among civilizations. It values different traditions, norms, values, characteristics and diversities that are deeply rooted in different societies and civilizations. The GCI encourages mutual understanding and mutual learning to maintain a peaceful global environment.

Without a doubt, the International Organization for Mediation also claims to resolve disputes and conflicts peacefully, through compromise and reconciliation. All these things focus on mutual respect, understanding, dialogue and humanity — all are the fundamental criteria in GSI, GDI and GCI, rather than imposing coercive decisions and activities.

Mediation is an important means of dispute settlement. Thus, Chinese-led IOMed is expected to serve as a global public good in the field of the rule of law without unilateral prosecutions.

## ‘Sugar Koko’ romantic comedy hits theatres 4 July

‘SUGAR Koko’, a love comedy film, is set to be released on 4 July in cinemas nationwide, according to Ye Yint Aung, who plays the lead role in the movie.

The story is written by Seven Day, with the screenplay by Swan Paing, and directed by Academy Nyunt Myanmar Nyi Nyi Aung for Lotus Film Production.

“This is Lotus Film Production’s second film. Sugar Koko, which revolves around beautiful girls, will premiere in cinemas this July. It is a love comedy designed to make you laugh, not just a film to amuse but one that portrays the mistakes commonly made by youth naturally and humorously,” said Ye Yint Aung.

The film stars Academy Myint Myat, Phyo Ngwe Soe, Ye Yint Aung, Tin Maung San Min Win, Khin Hlaing, Academy Soe Myat Thuza, Bobby Soxer, Kay Nyi, Sue, Myo Myo Khaing, Ye Lay Ma, and many others. — ASH/MKKS



This photo features the poster for the romantic comedy film ‘Sugar Koko’.

## K6.87B earmarked for rural projects in 458 villages



Rural Development Department officials are seen carrying out the rural development activities.

THE Rural Development Department under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development stated that the allocated budget of K6.87 billion will be disbursed on rural development in 458 villages in the 2025-2026 financial year.

Rural residents need to explore the various facets of rural life and identify

community needs to participate in drafting rural development projects. This way, rural communities can draw up community-based rural development projects by conducting need assessments, planning solutions and implementing them with the support of local and external forces.

“Transportation, security, and the interest of the locals in this project will be considered to select villages to implement the rural development project,” said Daw Nyo Nyo Win, deputy director-general of the department.

There are over 63,000 villages across the country, and rural development projects have covered 30.85 per cent of them. The Rural Development Department has implemented rural development projects in 19,061 villages starting from the 2015-2016 financial year, by utilizing the allocated budget of K205.008 billion. — ASH/KK

## No official age limit set for new seafarers, says federation

THERE is no official age restriction for new-entry seafarers, despite rumours spreading online, according to Captain Soe Min Aung, President of the Myanmar Seafarers Federation.

Recent online claims suggest that applicants must be under 24 years and five months old, with an IELTS 4 skills score of 5.0, to apply for a Seafarer Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC), and that only those under 25 years and five months may be eligible. However, the federation clarified that no such official directive has been issued.

“In practice, shipping lines often prefer younger candidates around age 20 due to the physical demands of the job. By age 40, it becomes quite difficult to secure an onboard position. So, while age preferences may exist, there is no formal rule yet,” he explained.

The federation is currently offering three free training programmes: a basic deck seafarer course, a basic engine



Seafarer trainees are seen attending both theoretical and practical training sessions.

room course, and a spoken English course for cruise ship crew members. — ASH/KZL

NATIONAL

SunU Ponnyashin trustees urge submission of historical records for archive

FOR the archive of SunU Ponnyashin Pagoda in Sagaing Region, the trustee board has requested to contact if there is anyone who has historical records of the pagoda.

Located on the Sagaing Hill and destroyed by the earthquake on 28 March, the restoration of the pagoda has been underway, led by Sitagu Sayadaw. For the compilation of the pagoda’s history, the trustee board has announced that if anyone has documents and photographs of the pagoda, they can contact 09 2130106, 09 400532773, 09 256053194 and 09 798761025.

On 22 June, Tanpawady U Win Maung, engineer Ko Cho Zaw Min, and umbrella expert U Maw Gyi came to meet the Sitagu Sayadaw and gave a presentation about Buddha images planned to be placed around four entrances of the pagoda, and the Sayadaw gave suggestions about the pagoda after the presentation. — Htun Htun/ZS



Engineer Ko Cho Zaw Min presenting the presentation about the Buddha images.

Shwezigon Pagoda Festival underway

THE pagoda festival of Shwezigon has been in progress and is planned to celebrate for 10 days, said NyaungU resident Ko Nay Myo Hlaing.

Starting 23 June, the pagoda festival has been thronged by visitors and is scheduled to continue until 2 July, he said.

“Shwezigon Pagoda Festival is very crowded with residents and visitors. There are many stalls selling food, traditional wears and toys,” said a Bagan resident.

Due to increased rainfall, this year’s festival can draw mainly residents and nearby villages, he said.

However, some visitors to Bagan also go to enjoy the pagoda festival. Visitors are invited to enjoy traditional snacks and traditional wear while walking around stalls in the festival. — MT/ZS

Mogok floods; Landslide blocks roads at Myeni Creek

STARTING from 26 June until 27 June morning, it has been raining heavily in Mandalay Region’s Mogok Township, resulting in a serious flood.

“We had to turn back this morning because of the Myeni Creek landslides in Mogok. It is alleged that the blockage will continue for about the next three days. Those who are going to Mogok will need to do an enquiry, if not you will have to stay overnight on the road,” said a resident.

Mintada, Sipinhaya, Dinshuchan, Zaythit and main streets in downtown wards, as well as Yeni Creek, have now been flooded. With riverbank erosion, some houses and roads have been damaged, said a resident. — Htun Htun/ZS



This photo shows inundated wards in Mogok.

Nutritional powder to aid malnourished children under 5



The Kyaikto Township Health Department provides healthcare to children.

FOR children aged under five years with malnutrition, nutritional powder for two months will be provided, said the Kyaikto Township Health Department.

Nutrition for children under 5 is essential for their development, and essential nutrients are for brain development, physical growth and boosting the immune system, which prevents them from being infected with viruses, it said.

Parents are invited to the department to have a check on height, weight and other healthcare so that they can know precisely about their children’s health. And if there are children under 5 who have under-nutrition, the department will give nutritional powder for two months.

This support will help improve the children’s physical and mental health, and parents are urged to bring their children to receive this nutritional support, it said. — MT/ZS

JLPT candidates must correct personal info in person on exam day only

THOSE who want to correct for name and date of birth in the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) July exam will have to do so in person after all sections are completed on the exam day only, according to the JLPT organizing committee, Myanmar Association of Japan Alumni.

Candidates will have to do corrections at the test site’s office, and original text voucher, original ID cards (passport, driving license, National Registration Card) are required.

Candidates will have to fill in the correction form in person, and only the name and date of birth are eligible to be amended, but it is not allowed if the name and date of birth are not the same on the test voucher and ID card. Candidates will need to make sure the name spelling is the same in the passport and the graduation certificate. Correction is allowed on 6 July, exam day only, and other applications for correction won’t be accepted until the exam results are released.

Applications for correction will take 2-6 months after the exam results are released, or may be longer depending on the number of applications. A certificate is allowed once and within a year. — MT/ZS



NATIONAL  
BUSINESS

CBM sells US\$1M, CNY160K on 26 June

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$1 million to commodity-importing companies after the injection of 160,000 yuan into the market on 26 June. Furthermore, CBM sold \$400,000, which was purchased from the CMP companies, to edible oil importing companies.

CBM made \$1.479 million injection from foreign currencies purchased from the CMP businesses into the edible oil-importing sector on 25 June.

CBM sold over 700,000 yuan on 24 June. Furthermore, CBM sold \$870,000, which was purchased from the CMP companies, to edible oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM announced on 23 June to pump \$30 million into the fuel oil sector. CBM sold \$464,500 to edible oil-importing companies and over \$496,000 to commodity-importing companies on that day after injecting over 16,540 yuan into the market.

CBM sold over \$600,000 and 387,000 yuan on 20 June. Further-



An exterior view of the Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw.

more, it sold \$800,000 to edible oil-importing companies and over \$503,000 from its designated injection to commodity-importing companies.

CBM pumped over \$577,000 out of its designated \$10 million injection to commodity-importing companies on 19 June.

Moreover, CBM sold \$1.524

million from the companies working on a Cutting-Making and Packaging basis to edible oil-importing companies on the same day.

CBM sold over \$1 million out of the designated \$10 million injection to commodity-importing companies on 18 June 2025. Furthermore, CBM also sold \$1.68

million from CMP companies to edible oil-importing companies on that day.

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



Trainees seen practising weaving skills.

Saungder Weaving Institute opens new trainee intake

THE Saungder Weaving and Vocational Institute is inviting enrollment of six-month weaving courses starting on 1 July, according to the SME Department under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development.

The Saungder Institute will accept five trainees for a six-month traditional Lonn Yakyaw Acheik pattern, 10 trainees for a six-month traditional weaving course and five for a three-month gold and silver embroidery course.

Other weaving and vocational training schools in Falam, Monywa, Shwetaung, Pakokku, Meiktila,

Mudon, Sittway, Taunggyi, Myitkyina, Hpa-an, Loikaw, Kyaukme and Mindat will accept a total of 130 trainees (ten trainees per school) for a six-month weaving course.

The trainees between 16-25 years with elementary school education (Grade 5) are eligible to apply for it. The trainees are at least five feet and one inch high for males and four feet and 11 inches for females. If they meet the height limit, the age limit will be eased.

Unmarried trainees can live in the dormitories provided by the school, which provide free utilities. They will receive a monthly stipend

of K30,000 and a daily food cost of K1,500. They can use the fibre internet (free) service to support the training. Married people can attend the school by arranging accommodation themselves. Those qualified persons will be hired as trainers at the schools.

Interested individuals can enquire about details through the contact numbers of the SME Department in Nay Pyi Taw at 067 410273, 067 410240, and 09 407224550, the school at 081 2121614 and 09 425888782 and the SME departments in the respective regions and states. — NN/KK

Myanmar businesses invited to 2025 Malaysia Halal Showcase

MYANMAR businesspeople are invited to take part in the 21<sup>st</sup> Malaysia International Halal Showcase 2025 that will take place on 17-20 September 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

The organizer asked to submit a list of Myanmar small and medium enterprises, especially companies run by women, and two additional companies that are willing to provide Halal products and services at the ASEAN pavilion. Items related to food & beverages, food technology & packaging, Halal ingredients, pharmaceuticals & medicals, education, modest fashion & lifestyle, e-commerce, retail & franchises, Muslim-friendly hospitality & tourism, services, Islamic finance & Fintech, media & recreation, cosmetics & personal care, Islamic arts & crafts can be exhibited. This event aims to strengthen trade relations between ASEAN and Japan, attracting international companies and Malaysian leading companies. ASEAN-Japan Centre will cover booth rent and setup costs. Participants must bear flight tickets, accommodation and cargo costs to Malaysia.

Those interested can register through the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization at 067 408623 and email event.td.myantrade@gmail.com. — NN/KK

## Brazil's Congress repeals Lula tax hike decrees

BRAZIL'S Congress voted Wednesday to repeal tax increases on international transactions decreed by President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, dealing a setback to his efforts to balance the budget of Latin America's largest economy.

It struck down in both houses three decrees signed by Lula in May that included raising taxes on credit card purchases abroad and money transfers to other countries.

Lindbergh Farias, leader of the ruling party in the Chamber of Deputies, criticized the move, saying that "the repeal of the decree will automatically mean a restriction on social programmes, harming the poorest." But the push to overturn the decrees also came from parties within Lula's leftist government coalition, who voted against the taxes imposed to comply with the country's fiscal rules. The repeal initiative was led by the party of far-right former president Jair Bolsonaro. Representative Luciano Zucco, who authored the legislation, said Lula seeks to "comply with the fiscal rule without abandoning his obsession with uncontrolled increases in public spending." — AFP

## Rice imports to Japan surge in May, 3.5 times FY 2024 total

PRIVATE sector imports of tariffed rice to Japan in May were 3.5 times the total volume brought in during all of fiscal 2024, revised government trade data showed Friday, as soaring prices of domestic rice have spurred demand for cheaper alternatives.

According to the Finance Ministry's trade statistics, revised from a preliminary report issued earlier this month, 10,605 tonnes of tariffed rice were imported in May, a sharp increase from 115 tonnes in the same period last year. The United States, which accounted for 7,894 tonnes, followed by Chinese Taipei, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Prices of domestic rice have continued to surge due in part to a supply shortage, with an auction system initially employed by the government to re-



Photo taken on 13 May 2025 in Tokyo shows US-grown rice to be sold by Japanese supermarket operator Aeon Co. **PHOTO: KYODO**

lease its stockpiles blamed for further inflating prices. Yasufumi Miwa, an expert on agriculture at the Japan Research Institute, noted that private imports may soon decline as the government has been selling stockpiled rice via direct contracts with retailers since late May, helping to ease prices. — Kyodo

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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GLOBAL VIEWPOINTS:  
FEATURED REPORTS FOR THIS WEEK

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN ISRAEL- IRAN CONFLICT



A general view of the Al-Udeid US military air base, south of Doha, on 23 October 2002 PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Khamenei: Iran ready to target US bases

IRAN’S Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei claimed US President Donald Trump had “exaggerated” the effect of strikes on Iranian nuclear sites and threatened to target American military bases again, The Times of Israel reported.

In a televised speech on Thursday, Khamenei said, “The American president exaggerated events in unusual ways, and it turned out that he needed this exaggeration.” Khamenei said the US “has gained nothing from this war”, adding that American strikes “did nothing significant” to Iranian nuclear facilities. He threatened, “Such an action can be repeated in the future, too” and mentioned that Iran has “access to key US centres in the region and can take action whenever it deems necessary”.

Tensions escalated in West Asia after the US conducted precision airstrikes early Sunday morning on three key Iranian nuclear facilities under “Operation Midnight Hammer.” Iran retaliated by launching multiple missiles at US military installations in Qatar and Iraq, including the Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar. — ANI

Iran: No agreement on talks

IRANIAN Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi said on Thursday that no arrangement or commitment had been made to resume negotiations with the United States.

In an interview with state broadcaster IRIB, Araghchi said the possibility of restarting talks was under consideration but would depend on whether Tehran’s national interests were protected.

Araghchi confirmed that the damage caused by the 12-day war with Israel was “serious” and experts from the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran were conducting a detailed assessment.

On the same day, White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt confirmed that the United States has no meetings scheduled with Iran, one day after US President Trump said that the two sides would talk and meet “next week.” — Xinhua

Over 20 research projects at UK universities halted after US funding withdrawal



A man sits on a bench on the Southbank of the River Thames, with the Elizabeth Tower, commonly known by the name of the clock’s bell “Big Ben”, at the Palace of Westminster, in the background, in central London, on 2 September 2024. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

MORE than 20 projects at Russell Group institutions, an association of 24 leading universities in Britain, have been halted following the withdrawal of US funding, local media reported Wednesday.

At least nine research projects at Russell Group universities have received formal stop notices from the US government, according to Research Professional News (RPN), a London-based outlet.

These notices, requiring a halt to work due to funding suspension, have resulted in either grant cancellations or suspensions at five Russell Group institutions.

Information requests submitted by RPN to all Russell Group institutions revealed that a further 14 projects lost funding after receiving similar notices from their US collaborators.

One researcher whose project was delayed told RPN that they “felt like their funding had been used as a pawn”.

In some instances, British universities were notified by US-based lead researchers who had awarded funding to their British collaborators, only to later inform them that the grants had been terminated. — Xinhua

Trump’s NATO spending push hits European welfare

US president Donald Trump’s demand that NATO members spend five per cent of their gross domestic product (GDP) on defense is “crazy” and will only divert funds from their welfare states, the “most important asset” of European countries, a Spanish expert said Thursday. NATO leaders met in The Hague in the Netherlands on Wednesday to endorse the higher spending goal demanded by the United States, but Spain refused and said it would not spend more than 2.1 per cent of its GDP on defense.

“It’s crazy, outrageous. We have to condemn it, because whether we like it or not, it will affect the welfare states of Europe, which is precisely the most important asset that we have built in Europe since the Second World War,” Pere Ortega, honorary president of Spain’s Delas Centre for Peace Studies, told Xinhua. — Xinhua

SPORTS

MFF signs new coach for women’s futsal, goal coach for men’s team

THE Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) signed contracts on 27 June with a new head coach for the national women’s futsal team and a goalkeeping coach for the men’s futsal team.

Thai national Pirasak was appointed as the head coach of the Myanmar national women’s futsal team. His contract runs through the end of this year, covering the upcoming

Southeast Asian (SEA) Games in Thailand. The team will enter training after the current season of the Women’s Futsal League concludes, with key players to be selected from the league.

Coach Pirasak has extensive experience managing futsal clubs in Thailand and Vietnam, and notably led the Thai women’s national futsal

team to a gold medal in the 2013 SEA Games.

Likewise, Thai coach Sokanthika has been appointed as the goalkeeping coach for the national men’s futsal team until the end of the year.

— Shine Htet Zaw/KZL



The group photo session takes place after the signing event.

Man City crush Juventus, Real Madrid reach Club World Cup last 16

PEP Guardiola’s Manchester City demonstrated their Club World Cup credentials with a 5-2 victory over Juventus on Thursday while Vinicius Junior starred as Real Madrid beat Salzburg 3-0 to secure a spot in the last 16.

Al Hilal of Saudi Arabia beat Pachuca of Mexico 2-0 to pip Salzburg to the last berth in the knockout phase, as Al Ain battled to a 2-1 win over Wydad Casablanca in the day’s other game.

City became the only side at the tournament to win all three of their group matches as they put

Juventus to the sword in front of 54,320 at the Camping World Stadium in Orlando.

City now face Al Hilal, the only Asian representative in the next round after goals from Salem Al-Dawsari and Brazilian Marcos Leonardo against Pachuca.

“We played well and I’m happy with the victory,” said City winger Jeremy Doku, who opened the scoring.

Doku pounced for the early opener after new arrival Rayan Ait-Nouri set him up with a clever ball. — AFP



Manchester City’s Norwegian striker Erling Haaland impressed in the second half with a fine outing off the bench against Juventus. PHOTO: AFP

Teqball debuts at SEA Games; Myanmar enters all events



Male Teqball players are seen training in preparation for upcoming competitions.

MYANMAR will participate in Teqball for the first time at the XXXIII Southeast Asian Games, according to the Myanmar Teqball Federation during a team selection and media event held yesterday morning at the federation’s training facility in Kyaik Kasan Compound, Yangon.

“This is our first national selection for Teqball ahead of the SEA Games. A demonstra-

tion tournament is scheduled in the second or third week of July, where about four women and six or seven men will be selected,” said U Soe Moe Kyaw, First Vice-President of the federation. “The aim is to introduce the sport to the public and showcase how it’s played”.

Teqball is a hybrid sport combining elements of football, table tennis and volley-

ball. It originated in Hungary and is now governed by the International Teqball Federation, based in Hungary, with over 120 member countries.

Host nation Thailand has put five Teqball events in the Games: men’s singles, men’s doubles, women’s singles, women’s doubles, and mixed doubles. Myanmar plans to compete in all categories. — Arkar Linn/KZL

Chelsea's Fernandez flying ahead of Benfica reunion at Club World Cup

FOR a long while Chelsea midfielder Enzo Fernandez struggled under the weight of his hefty price tag but as he prepares to face his former side Benfica on Saturday in the Club World Cup, he is finally showing why the Blues splashed out on him.

The 24-year-old set up two goals in

Chelsea’s 3-0 win over Esperance of Tunisia which sent his team through to the last 16 and a date with the Portuguese giants in Charlotte this weekend.

With England international Cole Palmer struggling for form, Fernandez has been Chelsea’s key creative influence over the past few months.

The Argentina star helped the Londoners qualify for the Champions League by claiming fourth place in the Premier League, as well as winning the Conference League in May. — AFP

Chelsea’s Argentine midfielder Enzo Fernandez has been his team’s most consistent attacking force in 2025 and faces his former side Benfica. PHOTO: AFP







# Global energy interconnection standards issued to boost green development

A SET of energy interconnection standards for wind farms, photovoltaic power plants and pumped storage units was issued on Friday, laying a solid foundation for global clean energy development and transnational power interconnectivity.

At a launch conference in Beijing, the Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization (GEIDCO) unveiled seven standards, including guidelines for planning new types of power systems, methods for assessing onshore wind energy resources, and guidelines for cross-border grid interconnection.

These standards also cover technical requirements for connecting photovoltaic power plants to the power grid, engineering standards for the handover testing of alternating current electrical equipment, and technical specifications for automatic control systems of pumped storage units.

Speaking at the event in the Chinese capital, GEIDCO Chairman Xin Baoan said the standards integrate achievements and innovative practices in energy and power technology in China and other countries. He described them as milestone accomplishments in the fields of global clean energy development and transnational power interconnection. — Xinhua

*The new standards aim to fill existing gaps in international standards and are expected to facilitate the construction of the Global Energy Internet.*



A bird's-eye view of a reservoir at a pumped-storage hydroelectric station in Huzhou, Zhejiang province. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ XINHUA/FILE

## Shubhanshu Shukla becomes first Indian to enter ISS

AXIOM-4 mission Pilot and Indian Air Force (IAF) Group Captain, Shubhanshu Shukla, has called it a “privilege” to become the 634<sup>th</sup> human in space and the first Indian to enter the Interna-

tional Space Station (ISS), saying the experience of seeing Earth from such a vantage point was “wonderful”.

He added that with the Tricolour on his shoulder and the

blessings of fellow Indians, the next 14 days of science and exploration would be “truly exciting”.

Axiom Space’s Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4) crew successfully reached the International Space Station on Thursday in a journey that lasted approximately 28 hours. The SpaceX Dragon spacecraft docked with the International Space Station Harmony module at 6:21 am ET while soaring over the expansive North Atlantic, as per Axiom’s statement.

After receiving his official astronaut pin from Ax-4 Mission Commander Peggy Whitson, Shukla said, “I am no 634, that’s a privilege.” — ANI



Shubhanshu Shukla’s journey marks a significant milestone for India, coming 41 years after Rakesh Sharma’s historic flight in 1984.

### AI-POWERED TRANSFORMATIONS

#### Japan: NTT advances digital innovation for future connectivity

At the Osaka Kansai Expo, the impressive NTT pavilion showcased IOWN technology, enabling experiences that transcend time delays and distance.

Its high speed, large capacity, and energy efficiency make this possible. The Japanese pop group Perfume, who also performed at the 1970 Expo, appears in 3D at the 2025 Expo.

Taiga Yoshida, NTT, said, “This device uses lasers to measure 3D shapes and can transmit the resulting 3D point

cloud data from a distant location to this site. The goal of this technology is to create experiences that feel as if we are physically present in that remote place. On this screen, the landscape of the distant location is reproduced and can be viewed from multiple angles.” An “alternate version of me” from the audience appears on the screen. A photo of the audience member is processed by AI to display either an aged or younger version of themselves. — ANI