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Government enhances employment prospects nationwide and overseas

Workers play a crucial role in enhancing the manufacturing sector by efficiently utilizing internal resources and helping the country to become an exporter, transformed from an importer.

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudamma Min Aung Hlaing sent a message to the ceremony to mark the International Workers' Day, which falls on 1 May 2025. The full text of the translated message is as follows: -

<p>Esteemed workers, International Workers' Day is a historically significant day that emerged from workers themselves demanding</p>	<p>their rights, and it is a historic day that is valuable for workers. International Workers' Day is celebrated in countries around the world</p>	<p>annually on 1 May. Myanmar also began celebrating it on 1 May 1938. This day is observed each year to honour workers, who are an essential force in the nation's</p>	<p>economic development. As of 1 May 2025, it will mark the 87th celebration of this occasion.</p>
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State Administration Council Chairman Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses MWVO's Special Conference (2025) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

War veterans to bolster Tatmadaw-people unity

In addition to fulfilling their individual duties, war veterans must remain constantly vigilant and committed to safeguarding the national interest.

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing underlined that war veterans have to be mindful of their words and actions so as not to harm Our Three Main National Causes as national duties.

The Special Conference (2025) of the Myanmar War Veterans Organization took place at its headquarters in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, with an address by Patron of the MWVO Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

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Investing in Agriculture and Livestock: A Path to National Prosperity and Food Security

- Agricultural and livestock products have a robust market.
- These products bolster national food security and boost income through exports.
- Entrepreneurs with financial capacity should invest in the stable agriculture and livestock sectors.

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the SAC Meeting 3/2024 on 7 June 2024)

Zomi National Party seeks political party registration

ZOMI National Party has submitted its application to form a political party under Section 3 of the Political Parties Registration Law to contest in future multiparty democratic elections.

According to the Union Election Commis-

sion, a total of 74 parties have applied so far – 24 seeking new registration under Section 3 and 50 applying for continuation under Section 25. UEC is currently reviewing the Zomi National Party's application. — MNA/KZL

MoI Deputy Minister heads to India for WAVES 2025 Summit

THE Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Tint left Yangon by air yesterday for India to attend the WAVES 2025 Summit.

The World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025 will take place from 1 to 4 May at the Jio World Convention Centre (JWCC) in Mumbai. — MNA/MKKS

Early Warning For Weather Events During Pre-Monsoon Season 5/2025

Issued on 1 May 2025

1. During the period of Pre-Monsoon Season (from May to before the onset of Southwest Monsoon into Myanmar), isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in the afternoon or evening accompanied with strong wind, hails, thunder and lightning, due to the convective cloud by gradually rising day temperatures in the whole country. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach 40 miles per hour to 50 miles per hour.
2. Public is advised to take necessary awareness with the weather events during the Pre-Monsoon Season (from May to before the onset of Southwest Monsoon into Myanmar) and domestic airlines and cruises are also advised to take precautionary measures. — DMH

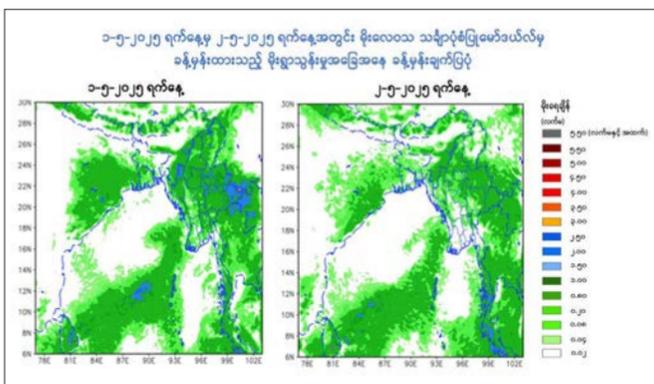
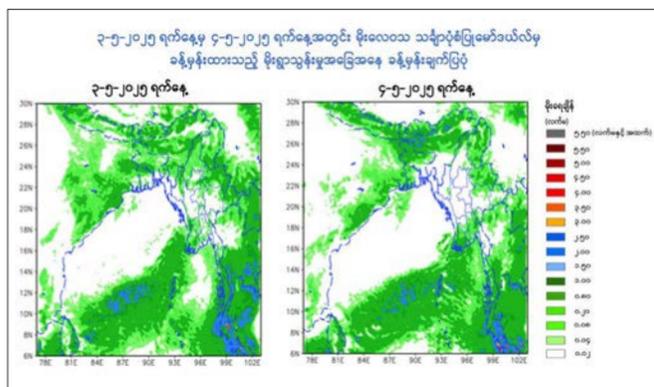
Untimely Rainfall Warning 29

Issued at 6 pm MST on 30 April 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, due to the western disturbances and the eastern disturbances, the convergence of warm air from the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, cold air from the China high pressure system and the convective cloud, rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan States with likelihood of regionally and isolated heavyfalls during this evening to 4 May 2025.

Advisory

People should be aware of untimely rainfall accompanied with strong wind, thunder, lightning, hails and landslides. — DMH



Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Wednesday 30 April 2025)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 1 May 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Taninthayi Region and Kachin, Rakhine States, fairly widespread in Sagaing Region and Kayin, Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway and Ayeyawady Regions and Shan State. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago, Taninthayi Regions and Kayin State. 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: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 5-8 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Shan States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 1 May 2025: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 1 May 2025: Some rain or thundershowers which may be heavy at times. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 1 May 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

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)

War veterans to bolster Tatmadaw-people unity

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The Senior General delivered a speech on the occasion. He said: The Myanmar War Veterans Organization is composed of former members of the Tatmadaw and maintains regular contact with the people. As such, it must serve as a bridge between the Tatmadaw and the people. In carrying out this role, war veterans have to be mindful of their words and actions so as not to harm Our Three Main National Causes — our national duties. It is also important to always remember that the words and behaviour of individuals directly affect not only the organization one belongs to but also the Tatmadaw, which is closely connected to it.

The Myanmar War Veterans Organization was constituted with the central headquarters, 21 regional and state supervisory committees and 308 township-level organizations to serve the war veteran measures nationwide. The organization is implementing four objectives and seven future tasks and participates in nation-building endeavours, local security and public interest protection as a reserved force of the Tatmadaw.

For the public to understand the genuine intentions of the Tatmadaw towards the nation and its people, it is necessary not only for the Tatmadaw alone to act, but also to effectively utilize the organizational strength of existing veteran associations among the people as a driving force. To successfully implement the “People’s Militia Strategy” established by the State, continued efforts must be made to strengthen the solid unity between the Tatmadaw and the people.

The government prepares to hold a free and fair multipar-



The Senior General warmly greets members of the Myanmar War Veterans' Organization at yesterday's event.

ty democratic general election in December this year. In the post-COVID-19 recovery period, Myanmar has faced numerous challenges, including internal and external threats, the impacts of Typhoon Yagi and floods in recent years, and the Mandalay earthquake. These events have caused significant losses and hardships for the nation. However, if all unite and work together in solidarity, the country will be able to overcome these difficulties and recover as quickly as possible.

As national peace and food security are of great importance to the country, the government is implementing two national objectives. If the country is peaceful and stable, and the people can live and work in comfort and security, then social and economic development will inevitably follow. Therefore, war veterans, in addition to fulfilling individual

duties, have to be constantly vigilant and attentive to the national interest.

The Senior General urged war veterans to consistently preserve the fine traditions of Tatmadaw as well as the prestige of the War Veterans Organization, uphold the Our Three Main National Causes, stand firmly as a strong reserve force of the Tatmadaw and actively participate in defence, security, and public welfare activities of the nation. Moreover, those members have

to faithfully implement the seven designated future work programmes and five main sectors as good soldiers and strive to become a strong bridge between the people and the Tatmadaw.

Patron of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Senior General Min Aung Hlaing cordially greeted MWVO members.

Also, present at the ceremony were SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior

General Soe Win, Union-level dignitaries, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Chairman of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Executive Committee General Khin Aung Myint (Retd) and members, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, chairmen of war veteran organization supervisory committees and delegates and officials. — MNA/TTA

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the special conference of MWVO

1. If all unite and work together in solidarity, the country will be able to overcome difficulties and recover as quickly as possible.
2. It is necessary not only for the Tatmadaw alone to act, but also to effectively utilize the organizational strength of existing veteran associations among the people as a driving force for the public to understand Tatmadaw's genuine intentions towards the nation and its people.
3. MWVO members need to always remember that their words and behaviour directly affect not only the organization one belongs to but also the Tatmadaw, which is closely connected to it.

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On this occasion of Workers' Day, I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes for good health, peace of mind, and all-round prosperity to all the people, including the esteemed workers who are contributing their physical and intellectual strength — with perseverance, diligence, effort, and goodwill — to the development of the nation and the betterment of socioeconomic life.

The government is working to promote the State economy and improve the socio-economic well-being of the people by enhancing agriculture- and livestock-based production industries, and by supporting and promoting Micro-, Small-, and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) based on locally available natural materials in different regions. At the same time, efforts are being made to develop other economic sectors. On this occasion, I would first like to respectfully honour and recognize the hardworking labourers who are contributing to national development.

Esteemed workers,

The government is promoting MSMEs (Micro-, Small-, and Medium-sized Enterprises) to increase domestic employment opportunities, reduce the unemployment rate, enhance domestic production, substitute imported goods, and enable the export of surplus local products.

The government, employers, and workers are continuing to collaborate to enhance the socioeconomic life of labour forces that play a vital role in national development, as well as to promote the development of human resources. Efforts are ongoing to upgrade vocational training schools to improve the skills of the workforce, open more training schools, open more training programmes that provide greater employment opportunities, and produce skilled workers who can compete not only locally but also internationally.

Esteemed workers,

To strengthen the role of workers in tripartite collaboration among the government, employers, and employees, the 2011 Labour Organization Law grants freedom to establish employer and worker organizations. As a result, 3,116 labour organizations and 28 employer organizations have been formed. These organizations contribute not only to increased production and national economic development but also to the protection and promotion of workers' rights.

Inspections and regulatory measures are being taken at factories, workplaces, and departments to ensure that workers receive the entitlements granted under labour laws and to promote occupational safety

and health. Furthermore, to enhance workplace safety and health standards, the Social Security Board under the Ministry of Labour has established a national-level Social Security Board. In collaboration with both local and international organizations, Myanmar has been a member of the ASEAN Occupational Safety and Health Network (ASEAN-OSHNET) since the year 2000.

Esteemed workers,

Since Myanmar is a member state of the International Labour Organization (ILO), it has been implementing and adhering to the conventions and recommendations prescribed by the ILO in accordance with the country's existing laws. Likewise, Myanmar has been cooperating with the ILO in addressing complaints related to forced labour issues.

Following ILO Convention No 182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labour, Myanmar is taking protective and preventive measures, as well as awareness-raising activities, to eliminate the worst forms of child labour. These efforts are being carried out under the National Plan of Action for the Elimination of Child Labour, in line with existing laws.

The relationship between employers and workers should be good, ensuring a peaceful work environment and resolving conflicts in a fair and just manner. This will allow workers to quickly and fairly enjoy their rights. Therefore, the establishment of 2,982 Workers' Coordination Committees, 325 Township Coordination and Mediation Groups, 15 Conciliation Teams, and one Conciliation Council plays a significant role in facilitating resolution. By providing awareness programmes at factories and workplaces, not only can the relationship in the workplace be improved, but it will also contribute to increased productivity.

The social security plan is being implemented to ensure the social and health security of workers who are the main productive force of the country. Under this plan, insured workers from a total of 126 townships are entitled to medical treatment and financial benefits. Moreover, during the COVID-19 pandemic, insured workers were provided with social security benefits amounting to K71.856 billion. Furthermore, a total of 3,394 insured workers who were affected by the flooding due to Typhoon Yagi received assistance amounting to K266.297 million. For those insured workers affected by the severe 7.7 Richter-scale Mandalay earthquake on 28 March 2025, financial assistance for family support related to natural disaster risk is being planned, with an estimated amount of K21.703 billion.

Esteemed workers,

Due to the shortage of workers in the country caused by the migration of workers abroad, it is necessary to focus on creating job opportunities within the country, where there is a safer and more secure living environment, rather than encouraging more migration. Therefore, job fairs are being organized in some regions and states, where employers collaborate to provide a one-stop service for job placements. The Labour Exchange Management System has been developed to offer effective employment services and is available on the website. In sending Myanmar workers abroad, priority is given to countries with good wages and benefits. By comparing the number of workers who return after completing their contracted period with the number to be sent, efforts are made to create employment opportunities both domestically and abroad.

To ensure that Myanmar workers have access to overseas employment opportunities, to protect workers' rights and prevent the loss of these rights, to systematically apply the experiences, knowledge, and skills gained from abroad for domestic use, and to contribute to the country's development through remittances sent by Myanmar migrant workers to their families via official channels, workers are being sent abroad under the law. To safeguard Myanmar workers abroad, labour attachés have been appointed in Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, and Thailand, while in countries without labour attachés, the relevant Myanmar embassies and consulates-general provide protection and support.

In conclusion, the government is implementing the Five-Point Roadmap and nine objectives set to foster the economic development of the country and improve the socioeconomic lives of its citizens. The role of workers is substantial in enhancing the manufacturing sector by efficiently utilizing internal resources and helping the country to become an exporter, transformed from an importer. The performance of the workforce is critical in achieving this goal. As such, I urge the workers to collaborate with the government to the best of their abilities, to serve the interests of the nation and the people in honour of International Workers' Day.

**Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu
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DPM & MoTC Union Minister tours Nay Pyi Taw-Ela Railway, inspects Pyinmana Station and staff

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo inspected the Nay Pyi Taw-Ela railway section, quake-hit Pyinmana railway station and temporary camps for the staff yesterday.

The Deputy Prime Minister first arrived at the operation site where the rail track strength was being examined using Automatic Lining, Levelling and Tamping Machine (ALLTM) machinery at the down train rail and Pyiwin railway station yard, and made proper instructions.

On arrival at Pyinmana railway station, General Mya Tun Oo reviewed quake-stricken buildings and inspected the repair work.

The General proceeded to temporary camps for the staff and families and inspected the accommodation and healthcare services.

Moreover, he also proceeded to the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications owned land area in Dekkhinathiri and inspected temporary shelters, healthcare services and other matters for the staff. — MNA/KTZH



Deputy Prime Minister MoTC Union Minister General Mya Tun Oo inspects repair work of rail tracks.

MoRAC Union Minister inspects quake-hit heritage sites in Mandalay



Union Minister U Tin Oo Lwin and officials inspect repair work of historic religious structures.

UNION Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Tin Oo Lwin, accompanied by officials from the Department of Religious Affairs, visited several historic religious structures in Mandalay Region that were damaged by a recent earthquake.

On the morning of the visit, he inspected the damage to the Nanmyo Sutaungpyae Pagoda, the Mandalay Palace walls and the Mahamuni Bud-

dha Image. They also observed repair work to broken bricks of many other religious buildings and restoration of tilted spires and wooden tiered roofs. The works are carried out by Tatmadaw personnel, Myanmar Police Force members and staff from the Department of Archaeology and the National Museum. The inspection included other affected religious landmarks such as Ananda Pagoda, Phayani Pagoda, Ayeik

Mahwet Pagoda and the damaged convocation hall of the State Pariyatti Sasana University in Mandalay. The Union Minister provided instructions for the proper implementation of necessary restoration and maintenance tasks.

Afterwards, the Union minister paid respects to the Rector Sayadaw of the State Pariyatti Sasana University (Mandalay) and donated offerings. — MNA/KZL

Global aid pours into Myanmar as quake toll hits 3,799 as of 30 April

AS of 30 April, the devastating earthquake that struck Myanmar on 28 March has left 3,799 people dead, 5,105 injured, and 106 missing across six states and regions that were most severely affected.

Search and rescue teams from the Myanmar Fire Brigade, as well as both domestic and international relief teams, have been actively conducting operations in the affected areas. As of today, 653 survivors trapped under collapsed buildings have been rescued, and the bodies of 778 deceased individuals have been recovered.

Local donors from across the country have been providing financial and material assistance to those affected. In addition, governments, organizations, and philanthropists from overseas have contributed aid in the form of cash

and essential supplies.

Between 7 pm on 29 April and 5 pm on 30 April, flights carrying a total of 66.442 tonnes of relief supplies, such as mosquito nets, blankets, solar lamps, tarpaulins, bed sheets, jerrycans, and ropes, arrived at Yangon International Airport. These supplies were sent via the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Flights also arrived carrying 0.485 tonne of dry noodles, biscuits, blankets, mosquito nets, and clothes in cartons, donated by Kri Sakthi Nyanaethira Kanimadam Yogi Ram-suratkumar Shiramam and the Persatuan Renganut Devi Shri Karumariamman Temple from Selangor, Malaysia.

The relief supplies are now being promptly distributed to the affected communities. — MNA/MKKS

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NATIONAL

Online passport appointments to resume 1 May after brief hiatus

ACCORDING to the Myanmar Passport Issuing Office, the online appointment system for applying for Myanmar passports, which was temporarily suspended, will resume on 1 May.

The system had been paused for nearly a month due to damage to telecommunications towers caused by the recent earthquake in Mandalay. With the communications infrastructure now restored, applicants will once again be able to obtain QR codes through the online system starting from 1 May.

Those who had already secured QR codes before the suspension and have appointment dates scheduled through June may proceed with their appoint-



Applicants seen at the Myanmar Passport Issuing Office (Yangon).

ments as planned. Passport issuance for these applicants is continuing as normal. Additionally, urgent passport applications related to health, education, and emergency matters are being processed through the Green Channel.

Furthermore, the passport offices in Yangon, Myitkyina, and Lashio have revised and rescheduled appointment dates to enable quicker processing for those with existing online appointments. The Myanmar Passport Issuing Office has advised applicants to check their updated appointment dates and visit the respective offices on the newly assigned dates for passport processing. — ASH/KNN

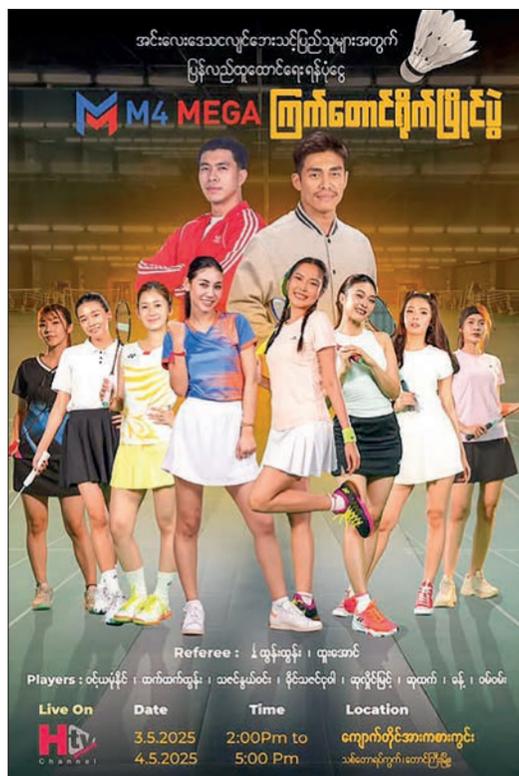
M4 MEGA badminton tourney to support Inlay quake relief

THE M4 MEGA badminton tournament, featuring film artistes will be held in Taunggyi, southern Shan State, as a fundraising event to support rehabilitation efforts for earthquake-affected communities in the Inlay region.

The tournament will take place at the Kyauktine Sports Ground in Taunggyi from 3 to 5 May, between 2 pm and 5 pm daily, with free public entry. Organized in a knockout format, the event aims to raise funds through voluntary donations from attendees and viewers. Spectators at the venue and those watching the live broadcast will be encouraged to contribute to the relief fund.

Artiste Wint Yamone Naing, one of the competitors, explained, "This is a charity event for the Inlay people. The M4 MEGA badminton competition will be held on 3 and 4 May at Kyauktine Sports Ground in Taunggyi. Admission is free, and donations will be collected from both in-person and television audiences. The event will be broadcast live nationwide on HTV Sports Channel, showcasing the matches played by participating artistes".

Academy Tun Tun and Htoo Aung will serve as chief referees. Competing in the tournament are artistes Wint Yamone Naing, Htet Htet Htun, Thazin Nwe Win, Khaing Thazin Ngu Wah, Su



This photo reveals artistes participating in the M4 MEGA badminton tournament.

Hlaing Myint, Su Htet, Khant and Wan Wan. — ASH/KZL

New TV drama to premiere on M Entertainment TV and YouTube

THE new Myanmar television drama series 'Venus Luck' is set to premiere on 10 May, according to Academy Wutt Hmone Shwe Yi, who plays a lead role in the production.

The storyline of the series was written by Moe Ni Lwin. The screenplay was co-written by Moe Ni Lwin and the Skyward Art Team, with direction by Pwint Theingi Zaw (Aron Oo).

Speaking about the series, Wutt Hmone Shwe Yi shared: "Venus Luck has already been aired on the BeeBee TV application. In the series, I portray the character of Chit Chit Htoo Zan, a young woman born under the Leo zodiac sign. The story follows her quest to find her soulmate among six charming but very different men. I'd like the audience to watch and enjoy how her romantic journey unfolds, and who she ultimately ends up with".

Alongside Wutt Hmone Shwe Yi, the cast includes Tyron and Academy Aye Chan Maung, Nay San, Nwet Nwet San, Soe Moe Kyi, Yoon Shwe Yee, Han Lay and other performers.

'Venus Luck' will air at 7 pm weekly on Saturdays and Sundays, beginning 10 May, on the M Entertainment channel and M Entertainment YouTube channel. — ASH/MKKS



This photo depicts a poster for the new series 'Venus Luck'.

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65 container vessels set to dock at Yangon Port in May

A total of 65 container vessels are scheduled to enter the Yangon Port in May 2025, the Myanmar Port Authority announced.

Fourteen container vessels run by SITC Shipping Line, ten by Cosco Shipping Line, six by Maersk A/S Line, five each by CMA CGM Line and Samudera Shipping Line, four each by MSC Line, and Ti2 Container Line, three each by Ocean Salute Shipping Line, PIL Line, and RCL Line, two each by BLPL Shipping Line, Evergreen Line, ONE Line, and Land and Sea are scheduled to call at the Yangon Port next month.

Myanmar Port Authority has arranged maritime trade channels to handle increasing imports to meet domestic demand, bolster exports, and improve port capacity for significant arrivals of ships. Myanmar Port Authority notified that it will inform exporters and importers of ship arrival schedules promptly

upon an extended schedule. A total of 62 container vessels in January 2025, 53 in February, 58 in March and 62 in April arrived at Yangon Port.

Yangon Port handled 633 container vessels in 2024 and 629 in 2023. Thanks to the draft extension, the international ocean liners can access the inner port for now, according to the Myanmar Port Authority's statement on 22 June 2022.

After the new navigation channel (Kings Bank Channel) accessing the inner Yangon River had been found, the draft extension work was accelerated. After that, the port can now handle larger ships. The container vessel MV SITC Zhaoming (185.99 metres LOA, 35.25 metres Beam, 29,232 GRT and 2,698 TEU) of Hong Kong-based SITC Shipping Line docked at Asia World Port Terminal for the first time on 22 June, which is the largest ship that AWPT Port has



An aerial drone view of Yangon Port along the Yangon River, set against the backdrop of the city skyline.

handled.

From May 2021, the arrival of the ships at terminals in Yangon has increased again. Three new container vessels by

Maersk Line Myanmar (SeaLand and Maersk) started to run to fulfil the seaborne trade requirements in 2021. Earlier, the larger ships had draft problems,

preventing sailing on the Yangon River. With the draft being extended up to 10 meters, the larger ocean liners can enter the Thilawa Port. — NN/KK

CBM sells over THB11M within two days

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) injected over 11 million baht into the financial market within two days, with over 5.1 million baht on 28 April and 6.4 million baht on 29 April.

CBM announced to sell \$25 million on 22 April and then injected over 319,900 and 106,000 baht into the financial market on that day.

CBM announced on 16 April that it would sell \$55 million to fuel oil importers and distributors.

CBM sold \$1.9 million on 10 April. CBM announced on 7 April that it would pump \$30 million into the fuel oil industry, and after that, it sold \$40 million and over six million baht on that day.

CBM injected 500,000 yuan on 4 April and over 2.35 million baht on 3 April into the market.



US dollar notes and Thai baht are seen at the foreign currency exchange counter.

CBM injected 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 \$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

MEODA launches door-to-door call centre service in 44 townships

YANGON Region Palm Oil Door to Door Distribution Committee under the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association provides call centre services to place orders in 44 townships in the region with a monthly five-litre quota per household.

This call centre service, between 9 am to 4 pm every working day, is to facilitate order placement of the consumers across the 44 townships of 14 districts in the region.

The committee receives orders through 01 4705566 (15 extension lines), 09 940171222 (15 extension lines) for Taikykyi, Hlegu, Hmawby, Htantabin, Mingaladon, Shwepyitha, Insein, Hlinethaya, Thanlyin, Thongwa, Kyauktan, Kayan, Twantay, Kungyangon, Kawhmu, Seikkyi Kanaungto, Dala, Mayangon, Hlaing and

North Okkalapa townships, via 01 4706722 (ten extension lines), 09 771002722 (ten extension lines) for Kyauktada, Pabedan, Lanmadaw, Latha, Dagon, Ahlon, Kyimyindine, Sangyoung, Thingangyun, South Okkalapa, Tamway, Yankin, Botahtaung, Dabon, Mingala Taungnyunt, Pazundaung, Thakayta, Dagon Myothit Seikkan, South Dagon, North Dagon, East Dagon, Kamayut and Bahan townships.

The price will depend on wholesale reference prices issued weekly on Monday in newspapers, and only the packaging cost will be added. The customer must bear the delivery fee. The association offers cash-on-delivery sales. The estimated delivery date is about three days after order placement. — NN/KK

OPINION

Mark International Workers' Day (May Day)

INTERNATIONAL Workers' Day, or May Day, is a historic occasion born from the sacrifices of workers around the world who fought for their rights with their lives, blood, and sweat. Like many other countries, Myanmar commemorates this important day each year on 1 May, recognizing the crucial role workers play in driving national economic development. Myanmar began officially celebrating International Workers' Day on 1 May 1938.

May Day emerged as workers became conscious of their rights and took collective action to secure them. It has become a highly significant and invaluable day for the global working class. The history of this day is marked by hardship, perseverance,

and the ultimate sacrifice of countless workers, making it a day of profound significance for the global working class. Following its independence in 1948, Myanmar joined the International Labour Organization (ILO), further committing to the promotion of workers' rights.

In terms of work, there are two types: doing one's own work for personal livelihood, and working for others in exchange for wages. Regardless of the type, physical and mental workers can be said to be those who invest their physical and mental strength with perseverance, diligence, effort, and goodwill, providing their labour to employers in order to sustain their lives. Among the workers of the world, they can be categorized into two types: blue-collar and white-collar workers.

Today, Myanmar places a growing emphasis on valuing the labour of farmers and workers, the two foundational

classes of the nation. Efforts are being made to enhance production, promote workplace discipline, and ensure that workers receive fair benefits for their contributions. Awareness of workers' rights and responsibilities has become increasingly clear and prominent in the modern era.

To foster healthy employer-employee relations, labour awareness programmes are regularly conducted across Union territories, regions, and states. These initiatives aim to enhance knowledge of leadership, supervision, labour laws, and policies among employers, workers, and their respective organizations. Labour affairs in Myanmar are addressed through a tripartite system of collaboration among the government, employers, and workers.

With the support and guidance of the Government, employers and workers are encouraged to foster mutual understanding and to work together with a spirit of unity, as one family. This approach is essential for improving workers' lives, building a peaceful and prosperous society, strengthening employer-employee relations, and boosting overall economic development. So, present workers are responsible for handing down a good legacy to new generations.

AS SUMMER is now in Myanmar, daytime temperatures are on the rise. Generally, vapour comes out from water areas and wet soil, which absorbs rainwater during the rainy season. Such vapour spreads in the atmosphere, supporting the heat of the season. As such, all living beings, especially humans, suffer the extreme heat of the season.

Types of UV

For the time being, the ultraviolet radiation rate is also rising day by day. Everybody needs to know the nature of ultraviolet radiation. In this regard, Ultraviolet (UV) radiation is a type of electromagnetic radiation emitted by the sun and is classified into three types: UVA, UVB, and UVC. UVA rays can penetrate deeply into the skin and contribute to premature ageing. UVB rays are the main cause of sunburn and play a significant role in the development of skin cancer. UVC rays are absorbed by the Earth's atmosphere and do not reach the skin, so they pose no danger to the average person.

As an advantage of UV, a small amount of exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays is beneficial because it helps the body produce vitamin D, which strengthens bones (about 15 to 30 minutes in the early morning or late afternoon). UV rays can also kill germs. However, too much exposure to UV rays can cause health problems.

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Dangerous impacts of UV

Ultraviolet (UV) rays can have the most harmful effects on the skin and eyes. UV rays can damage skin cells, causing redness, discoloration, wrinkles, dryness, and other skin conditions. In severe cases, they may even lead to skin cancer. Moreover, UV rays can also damage the eyes. They can cause inflammation of the cornea, eye infections, cloudiness, blurred vision, and in serious cases, eye cancer. Excessive exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays can lead to premature skin ageing, including rough skin texture, wrinkles, loss of skin elasticity, and the appearance of spots. It can also cause changes in the skin known as actinic keratoses, which are considered precancerous.

An important role of the UV index

Significantly, people need to consider the impacts of UV rays at different indices. If the UV index is between 0-2, everybody can move around freely outdoors without needing protection. When the UV index is 3 or above, it is considered a health risk, so appropriate protection is necessary. In such conditions, it is important for all to be cautious. If individuals are going outdoors under the sun without fail, they need to dress in a way that protects their skin from direct sunlight. Especially during the hotter parts of the day, it is best to stay in shaded areas.

People should protect themselves against UV radiation

By April Son

When the UV index rises between 6 and 7.9, the level of UV radiation becomes high. In this situation, it is important to wear clothing that fully covers the body to protect from direct sunlight, use sunglasses, carry an umbrella or wear a hat, and apply sunscreen (Sun Protection Factor-SPF) in advance. It is highly recommended to avoid going out under the sun as much as possible. If the UV radiation index reaches 11 or above, it can be said that the UV radiation level is extremely high, showing very dangerous conditions. It is a condition where everyone needs to be especially cautious.

If necessary, individuals need to check the UV Index. It is because this can help them plan outdoor activities accordingly. Higher UV index readings indicate a greater risk of overexposure. Furthermore, people need to notice that some medications and cosmetics can increase sensitivity to UV radiation. In this regard, individuals with lighter skin and hair are more susceptible to UV

damage. As people reside in Myanmar, they can take advantage of Thanaka. Hence, they need to apply a thick layer of Thanaka or sunscreen with SPF 15+ to exposed areas such as the hands, neck, and shoulders for about 15 minutes before going out into the sun. Reapply the sunscreen every two hours after the initial application. And then, children are particularly vulnerable to UV damage and should be protected from the sun.

Protection against UV

Google mentions the key points on how to prevent UV rays. To prevent ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure, individuals should seek shade, especially during peak sun hours from 10 am to 4 pm, wear protective clothing and a wide-brimmed hat, use sunglasses with 100 per cent UV protection, and apply broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher. Moreover, avoid indoor tanning and be mindful of UV reflection from surfaces like water, sand,



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SUN PROTECTION INFOGRAPHIC



TYPES OF SUNSCREEN

PHYSICAL SUNSCREEN
They use mineral-based ingredients to block UV rays.

CHEMICAL SUNSCREEN
Chemical sunscreens work like a sponge, absorbing the sun's rays.

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR SKIN

- Wear hats and sunglasses
- Reapply sunscreen every 2 hours

and snow.

Concerning a more detailed breakdown of UV prevention strategies, people need to seek shade and wear protective clothing. It

is because shade is one of the most effective ways to reduce UV exposure. Hence, people need to choose shaded areas like trees, umbrellas, or canopies, especially

during the midday hours when the sun's rays are strongest. In respect of exposed skin, people need to choose long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and skirts for maximum coverage of UV radiation, and they have to consider Ultraviolet Protection Factor (UPF) clothing. UPF indicates how much UV radiation a fabric blocks.

When choosing clothing to protect themselves from UV radiation, it is crucial to select garments that are darker in colour and have a tight weave, as these fabrics absorb more UV rays compared to lighter colours and loosely woven materials. Essentially, denser fabric with darker hues provides better sun protection.

Awareness of UV reflection

Moreover, people need to be mindful of UV Reflection. Water, sand, and snow can increase exposure to UV rays, even when individuals are in the shade. Ultraviolet (UV) rays from sunlight can penetrate through windows and reach the skin, so even if individuals are not directly exposed to sunlight, whether they are staying at home or working in the office – they can still be affected by UV rays. That is why it is essential to apply sunscreen, even indoors. They have to know the advantages and disadvantages of sunscreen. Physical sunscreen contains mineral-based ingredients to block UV rays while chemical sunscreens work like a sponge, absorbing the

sun's rays.

Young children and the elderly are more vulnerable to the dangers of ultraviolet (UV) rays, so special care and caution are necessary. Nobody takes children under one year old out into direct sunlight. Adults or parents have to let children play only in shaded areas.

Support for the Ozone layer

The impacts of UV radiation can be lessened with the collaborative efforts of the entire population. It is necessary to support the strengthening of the Ozone layer, which is primarily located in the stratosphere, a region of the atmosphere that extends from about 10 to 50 kilometres (six to 30 miles) above the Earth's surface.

The ozone layer plays a crucial role in protecting life on Earth by absorbing most of the Sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation as a shield. Specifically, it absorbs UVB radiation. As oxygen emitted by trees can support the Ozone layer; environmental conservation activities can directly prevent UV radiation as well as protect the Mother Planet against UV and other harmful radiations, as part of saving the lives of the global people as much as possible. Hence, people should participate in the conservation of the environment, including growing trees, in all seasons to leave a healthier planet for new generations.



Using Jaspe in combination with a growing method called System of Rice Intensification (SRI) obviates the need for flooded paddies. PHOTO: AFP

Less-thirsty rice offers hope in drought-stricken Chile

Innovative planting techniques have reduced water consumption by half compared to traditional flooded fields.

A COLD, dry part of Chile might not sound like the best place to grow rice, a famously thirsty grain that thrives in tropical conditions.

But a new strain of the world's favorite cereal developed by scientists in the drought-plagued South American country has generated hope that rice can be grown in seemingly inhospitable conditions.

Using an innovative planting technique, Javier Munoz has been

travelling the "Jaspe" strain created by experts at the Agricultural Research Institute's (INIA) Rice Breeding Programme.

It is one of several research efforts worldwide to come up with less resource-hungry crops at a time of increased water scarcity in parts of the world due to global warming.

Using Jaspe in combination with a growing method that requires only intermittent watering cut the Munoz family's water

consumption in half in a country that has for generations cultivated rice in flooded fields, or paddies.

At the same time, yield rocketed, with each seed yielding about thirty plants — nearly ten times more than a conventional rice field.

Irrigating rather than flooding rice fields "is a historic step... towards the future," Munoz, 25, told AFP at his farm in the region of Nuble, a nearly five-hour drive south from the capital Santiago.

Next year, he said, he hoped to increase his production area from one hectare to five.

Chile's Maule and Nuble regions contain the southernmost rice fields in the world.

Typically grown in wetter, tropical areas, rice cultivation in Chile has been hampered by an unprecedented megadrought, now in its 15th year and driven by climate change, according to scientists.

SOURCE: AFP

NATIONAL

MoHA Union Minister receives Chinese Ambassador

UNION Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung received the Chinese delegation led by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, the Union minister expressed gratitude to China for sending rescue teams to Mandalay earthquake-stricken areas and also the medical teams and for providing humanitarian aid,

including medicines for quake victims.

They also exchanged views on China's assistance for quake survivors, enhancement of bilateral cooperation in security and the rule of law, combatting transnational crimes, including online gambling and telecom fraud, stability in border areas and further bilateral cooperation.

After the meeting, they exchanged gifts. — MNA/KTZH



Chinese Ambassador Ms Ma Jia calls on Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung yesterday.

Russian, South Korean detained for illegal entry in Myawady



Immigration officers processing the deportation of foreign entrants in Myawady.

A Russian man and a South Korean man who entered Myanmar illegally were arrested yesterday in the Myawady-Kyaukkhat area of Kayin State. They crossed the border through Thailand and were involved in online gambling, scams and other crimes inside Myanmar.

After the arrests, Kayin State Social Affairs Minister U Saw Tun Aung met relevant officials and instructed them

to maintain accurate records of all foreign nationals. He also emphasized the need to ensure the detainees receive basic care and are deported promptly and in line with procedures.

Between 30 January and 30 April 2025, a total of 9,045 foreigners were arrested for illegally entering Myanmar. Of those, 7,585 were deported via Thailand, while the remaining 1,460 are held in

preparation for deportation and are currently under proper care.

The government says it is actively working with international partners and the public to tackle online crimes, including scams and gambling, which pose threats to national security. Local authorities across the country are also stepping up efforts to prevent and eliminate such crimes. — MNA/KZL

Myanmar worker repatriated from Iraq amid hardship

A Myanmar national who faced difficulties while working in Iraq returned safely to Myanmar, according to government sources.

Ma Wai Wai Khine left Myanmar for Iraq in 2024 for employment. However, she fled from her workplace after encountering problems with her employer and was later detained by Iraqi authorities. She spent three months at a detention centre while her case was processed.

Following coordination between the Myanmar Embassy, the Myanmar Consulate and Iraqi immigration authorities, arrangements were made for her repatriation. She departed Iraq on 30 April via the Bahrain-Bangkok-Yangon route and arrived in Yangon at around 6 pm the same day.



Ma Wai Wai Khine.
PHOTO: MAUNG THI

Officials said the government remains committed to assisting Myanmar citizens abroad who face hardship, ensuring their safe return whenever possible. — Kyaw Gyi/KZL

Top websites and web portals to access Military Service Rules

1. Office of the State Administration Council https://sacoffice.gov.mm	
2. Ministry of Defence https://www.mod.gov.mm	3. Ministry of Legal Affairs https://www.mlis.gov.mm
4. Ministry of Information https://www.moi.gov.mm	5. Myawady Webportal https://myawady.net.mm
6. Myanmar National Portal https://myanmar.gov.mm	

Ayeyawady Foundation restores quake-hit SunU Ponnyashin Pagoda

THE Ayeyawady Foundation, actively involved in relief efforts across earthquake-affected areas, is taking responsibility for restoring the SunU Ponnyashin Pagoda in Sagaing, which was damaged by the recent earthquake.

The foundation began clearing debris and repairing the site using heavy machinery and cranes. Since the earthquake struck on 28 March in Mandalay Region, the Ayeyawady Foundation has been supporting relief, recovery and rebuilding efforts. This includes donating free fuel for rescue equipment and ambulances, refuelling machines on-site, repairing damaged roads, and providing aid

to those affected.

The foundation also donated essential supplies such as food, drinking water and personal items, and swiftly built temporary hospitals in Mandalay and Sagaing with a combined capacity of 430 beds for the injured. The foundation continues to work with relevant organizations to clean up and restore affected areas. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

Restoration work underway at the SunU Ponnyashin Pagoda.



Fishing boats return to Yangon as offshore fishing season ends



Fishing vessels are seen docking at jetties. PHOTO: ZWE MARN

THE fish breeding season is drawing near, and the sea fishing season was suspended starting from 1 May. The fishing boats and trawlers return to the jetties in Yangon, and the capture of fish and prawns is suspended for two months, according to the Sanpya fish market in Kyimyindine township.

Saltwater fishing was prohibited for three months from 1 May to the end of July, and the fishing ban season was changed from May to June to ensure the saltwater product security in the local market. Therefore, fishing was banned in Myanmar's waters starting from 1 May.

"The fishing ban season starts tomorrow, and all the fishing boats from the sea return to the Yangon jetties. Therefore, the jetties are crowded. All the fish and prawns captured from the sea will be sold at the jetty for two days, and the fishing boats will suspend their operations. There are over a hundred types of marine products. Today, the season ends and the boats bring over 20 types of marine products. The owners of boats, workers, employees and wholesalers are all in good condition this year," said U Tun Hla

Aung from Sanpya Fish Market's MMD Company.

The fishing boats and trawlers that return to the Yangon jetty bring over 20 types of marine products and resell them to the wholesale centres. They are also transported to cold storage facilities and resold within two months.

"Although all the entrepreneurs faced losses last year, all can make profits this year. The sales are in good condition, and the consumers can buy at fairer prices so it is a win-win situation for the business people and consumers. The fish prices are not very different as the products are available in every season. During the two-month fishing ban season, one tonne of platu and goldfish and so on are kept in cold storage, and we now save the products to resell. Although we want to store more, we can store about 100,000 tonnes due to the high cost of cold storage," said Daw Tin Nwe from the Kyimyindine Sanpya fish market.

Marine products are indeed captured in both the Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions of Myanmar and distributed to fish markets across the nation. The products are also exported via the cold storage facilities. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

Gold Market Rate as of 30 April 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,670,000, 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

Answer "1111" to fight against corruption



Answer "1111" to improve services

NATIONAL

370+ Japanese firms to hire 1,400+ Myanmar workers



Foreign workers are seen in the workplace of a Japanese factory.

OVER 370 Japanese companies will recruit over 1,400 Myanmar workers, according to the job offer list released by the Myanmar Embassy in Japan on 30 April.

The embassy is scrutinizing the demand letters sent by the Ministry of Labour through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In doing so, it is scrutinizing the documents and evidence to see whether

the Japanese labour supervision company and the recruiting factories and companies are legally established in Japan. The findings and comments are being sent back to the Ministry of Labour through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Demand letters are being scrutinized in order of the date of receipt from the Japanese companies, and the embassy released information on the 379 job offers received and reviewed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as of January 29. According to the announcement, more than 250 male and 1,100 female Myanmar workers will be recruited by more than 370 Japanese companies.

According to the list released by the embassy on 15 April, more than 1,100 Myanmar workers will be recruited by more than 370 Japanese companies. — MT/ZN



Kid raincoats and umbrellas are being sold.

Rain gear in high demand

ACCESSORIES used in the monsoon season, such as umbrellas, raincoats and shoes have been selling well, according to shop owners.

It was raining in April, and there were many buyers for umbrellas and rain sandals, which are essential items for monsoon, and the trade has now sharply increased.

"Now, it was raining in Yangon, so the monsoon accessories trade has increased. Umbrella demand has been on the rise. People prefer UV protection umbrellas. Some parents have already bought kids' umbrellas, shoes and raincoats because the next academic year is also approaching," said a shop owner from Thakayta Township.

Further, parents have bought school accessories in advance such as notebooks, pencils and pens.

"We are a big family, and it has started raining, so I bought umbrellas. A quality umbrella costs around K20,000. In addition, I also bought school accessories. I saw other people buying these items on the day I shopped," said a woman. — MT/ZS

EV cars with regular prices can sell in the market

ACCORDING to the car industry, EV cars sold at regular prices are currently traded in the market.

"The current EV car trading situation is that if you sell at the market price, you can sell a lot. EVs were a little difficult to import. When the Foreign Exchange Supervision Committee allocated for EVs, the number of vehicles and companies was low, and when the exchange rate was high, some EVs were sold at more than normal prices. So, all cars above regular prices have almost stopped trading. Those who sell at regular prices can sell at a rate," said U Kyaw Swa Tun Myint, general secretary of the Myanmar Automobile Manufacturers and Distributors Association.

The current market does not completely halt, nor is it experiencing a surge in sales, but rather a normal situation. Branded cars are selling well based on



This photo captures Chinese-made EVs introduced in Yangon in 2024.

those who prefer them.

"Not everyone buys EVs. Those who prefer brand names are buying based on the brand. Sales do not either stop entirely or surge a lot," he said.

The most produced and most consumed EVs in the world are currently Chinese brands, and more than 90 per cent of EVs in Myanmar are these brands. — MT/ZN

MGMA hosts intensive one-day training on workplace safety & health

LED by the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA), a one-day training course on occupational safety and health management was conducted on 28 April at Myanmar Huayue Garment Ltd.

During the training, MGMA's labour officers gave lecture on basic workplace safety and health con-

cepts, workplace safety regulations and responsibilities and liabilities, hazards and preventive approaches in the garment industry, management systems, workplace hygiene and disposal management, preparedness for emergency, fire hazard prevention, electricity hazard management, prevention on chemical

hazard, workplace health hazards and prevention, practising good habits and assessing.

MGMA's senior labour officer U Soe Min Han presented certificates of completion to nine workers from Myanmar Huayue Garment Ltd, Hua Mian Garment Ltd and Myanmar Zande Garment Ltd. — Htun Htun/ZS



The occupational safety and health management training course is in progress.

Samsung Electronics posts 1.2% jump in Q1 operating profit

SOUTH Korean tech giant Samsung Electronics reported a 1.2 per cent rise in first-quarter operating profit, buoyed by strong smartphone sales, even

as US trade tensions loom. The firm is the flagship subsidiary of South Korean giant Samsung Group, by far the largest of the family-controlled

conglomerates that dominate business in Asia's fourth-largest economy.

The world's largest memory chipmaker reported an operating prof-

it of 6.68 trillion won (\$4.6 billion) for the January-March quarter, up 1.2 per cent on-year. Sales rose 10 per cent to 79.14 trillion won and net profit rose 21.7 per

cent to 8.22 trillion won on-year, exceeding forecasts according to Yonhap News Agency, which cited its own financial data firm.

The results comes as

Seoul and Washington work to craft a "trade package" intended to roll back new US tariffs ahead of the 8 July expiration of a reciprocal tariff freeze. — AFP

Spanish oil giant Repsol's net profit tumbles as prices fall

SPANISH energy giant Repsol on Wednesday said its net profit plunged in the first three months of the year due to lower oil prices, mirroring results by its European rivals.

The net profit of 366 million euros (\$416 million) posted in the first quarter represented a 62.2 per cent fall from the same period last year, the company said in a statement.

"The geopolitical context, volatility, lower crude oil prices, and reduced refining and chemical margins influenced the performance in the quarter," the statement said.

Repsol's results are in line with those of its main European competitors, with France's TotalEnergies and Britain's BP also reporting a plunge in net profits during the first quarter, mainly due to lower oil prices. — AFP

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V BEYPORE SULTAN VOY.NO. (25016)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V BEYPORE SULTAN VOY.NO. (25016)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **1-5-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S CONNEXT SHIPPING PTE LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V INFINITY VOY.NO. (02/2025)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V INFINITY VOY. NO. (02/2025)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **1-5-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **IBTT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Phone No: **2301928**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S WILHELSEN PORT SERVICE(S) PTE LTD

Transferring Distributor Registered Fungicide

Distributor of the registered fungicide, Kumulus DF (Sulphur 80% DF) with its registration number FFF202022-123, is transferring from **Golden Lion High Tech Agricultural Resources Company Limited** to **OMO Family Company Limited**. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayintnaung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon within 14 days.

BASF Myanmar Limited
Phone - 09 400537021

Ministry of Transport and Communications Myanma Port Authority Open Tender Invitation

- The Myanma Port Authority in order to achieve port-service objective invites qualified local and international port companies/organizations to participate in an open tender for the long-term Operation and Management of MPA International Port Limited (MIPL) located at Plot No.4 of the Thilawa Port Area. The tender evaluation and selection process will be conducted transparently in accordance with government tender procedures. The most qualified company will be awarded to operate and manage MIPL under a concession agreement.
- The port companies/organizations interested therefore are invited to submit the tender. The tender applications and forms can be purchased and submitted in accordance with the following date, time and place:
 - (a) Tender Forms Selling - 5-5-2025 to 19-5-2025 (During Office Hours: 09:30 hr to 16:30 hr)
 - (b) Selling Address - Civil Engineering Department, Myanma Port Authority (Head Office), Third Floor, No.10 Pansodan Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon.
 - (c) Pre-Bid Presentation - 20-5-2025, 13:00 hr, Meeting Room (1), Myanma Port Authority (Head Office), Second Floor, No.10 Pansodan Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon.
 - (d) Submission Date and Time - 27-5-2025, 13:00 hr
 - (e) Submission Address - Meeting Room (1), Myanma Port Authority (Head Office), Second Floor, No.10 Pansodan Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon.
- It is notified that any late tender application submitted after the due submission date and time shall not be considered.
- For detailed information, please contact phone number 09-5180487 and 09-5057957.
Tender Acceptance and Evaluation Committee
Myanma Port Authority

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY.NO. (151N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY.NO. (151N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **1-5-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SITC SHUNDE VOY.NO. (2507N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SITC SHUNDE VOY.NO. (2507N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **1-5-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SITC CONTAINER LINE CO., LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MSC SUPARNA F VOY.NO. (SB516A)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MSC SUPARNA F VOY.NO. (SB516A)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **1-5-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY S.A

ECONOMY

WORLD/AD

Trump eases impact of auto tariffs on 100th day in office

Automakers argued that the complexity of supply chains necessitated time to procure all parts domestically.

US President Donald Trump on Tuesday eased the impact of his new 25 per cent tariffs on the auto industry as part of efforts to help manufacturers relocate supply chains for car parts used in the United States over the next two years.

In another reversal of Trump's extensive additional tariffs, the relief, allowing all American and foreign automakers producing vehicles in the United States to claim some reimbursements, was announced as he marked the 100th

day of his nonconsecutive second term.

"They took in parts from all over the world. I don't want that. I want them to make their parts here, but I gave them a little bit of time," Trump said in a speech to thousands of supporters at a community college north of Detroit, home to the American auto industry.

The temporary alleviation of some of the tariff burden came after automakers argued that due to the complexity of their supply chains it would take time to pro-

cure domestically all of the parts necessary to manufacture vehicles in the United States.

Along with consumers, the auto industry has voiced concern that Trump's hefty tariffs could sharply raise car prices. Under the relief, a carmaker will be allowed to offset the tariffs for 15 per cent of the suggested retail price of an automobile assembled in the United States during the first year of the tariffs and 10 per cent in the second year. — Kyodo



New Mazda cars are transported from an automobile processing terminal at the Port of Los Angeles on 3 April 2025, in Wilmington, California. **PHOTO: KYODO**

French economy returns to thin growth in first quart



French economic growth was restrained by the reluctance of consumers to reach deep into their pockets.

PHOTO: AFP/FILE

FRANCE'S economy returned to growth in the first three months of the year but the expansion was modest, held back by sluggish household consumption and stagnant investment, official data showed Wednesday.

Gross domestic product (GDP) expanded by 0.1 per cent between January and March in the eurozone's second

biggest economy after a 0.1 per cent contraction in the fourth quarter.

In the first quarter, growth was restrained by the reluctance of consumers to reach deep into their pockets, with household consumption unchanged after growing by 0.2 per cent in the previous three months. — AFP

Japan to hold 2nd round of tariff talks with US

JAPAN'S chief tariff negotiator Ryosei Akazawa said a second round of talks with the United States over its higher duties will be held Thursday in Washington, as the Asian country seeks exemptions from the levies affecting autos, steel and other sectors. "I want to take even one or two steps forward by always keeping in mind how to create a win-win relationship" with the administration of US President Donald Trump, Akazawa, a close aide to Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba, told reporters Wednesday before leaving Tokyo.

The minister in charge of economic revitalization plans to meet with US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and others during his three-day trip, where the auto and agricultural sectors are likely to be on the agenda. — Kyodo

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SPORTS

Arsenal can win 'anywhere' says Merino after Champions League defeat by PSG

DEFIANT Mikel Merino says Arsenal have "proved we can win anywhere" and insists they can still reach the Champions League final after defeat to Paris Saint-Germain in the first leg of their last-four tie.

The Gunners face an uphill task after Ousmane Dembele scored the only goal of the game at the Emirates on Tuesday.

Merino had a goal ruled out for offside in the opening moments of the second period, though PSG went within inches of doubling their lead when they struck the crossbar towards the end.

"Paris is a tough place to go, but we have always proved that we can compete against anybody, and with all due respect, I think

we are going to win the second leg," said Merino.

"We have proved we can win anywhere, the Bernabeu (beating Real Madrid 2-1) and against any side in the Premier League, too, so that gives us a lot of confidence.

"The result (at the Emirates) changes nothing because the mentality of this team is always to win, even if we were three up going to Paris."

Merino reverted to midfield for the first leg, with Thomas Partey suspended. But with Partey available for the match in Paris next Wednesday, Merino could be moved back up front.

Both Arsenal and PSG are seeking to win the Champions League for the first time. — AFP



Arsenal's Mikel Merino had a goal ruled out for offside against Paris Saint-Germain. PHOTO: AFP

Swiatek recovers against Keys to reach Madrid Open semis



Iga Swiatek returns the ball during her Madrid Open quarterfinal defeat of Madison Keys. PHOTO: AFP

IGA Swiatek kept her Madrid Open title defence alive, as she avenged her Australian Open

defeat to Madison Keys with a 0-6, 6-3, 6-2 win against the American in the quarterfinals

on Wednesday.

Searching for her first title of the season, the second-seeded Swiatek recovered from a poor opening set to improve her clean record on clay against Keys to 4-0 and reach a third consecutive Madrid semifinal.

Keys knocked out the Pole on her way to a maiden Grand Slam title in Melbourne three months ago and seemed to have cracked the Swiatek code when she handed her a bagel in the first set on Wednesday.

But Swiatek, who was contesting a 17th consecutive quarterfinal on clay, cut down on her errors and struck back to book a last-four clash with Coco Gauff or Mirra Andreieva. — AFP

Bilbao will give 'soul' to beat Man United: Nico Williams

ATHLETIC Bilbao winger Nico Williams said his team will give their "soul" to beat Manchester United on Thursday and reach the Europa League final.

The Spain internation-

al and his team-mates are dreaming of playing in the showpiece at their own San Mames stadium on 21 May.

The winger said the team has been following his brother and team-mate Inaki Williams'

advice during their Europa League run this season.

"From the start we have been keeping a low profile — my brother said it last year, 'keep it low-key'," said Nico Williams. — AFP

Spurs captain Son out of first leg of Europa League semi-final

SON Heung-min will miss the first leg of Tottenham's Europa League semifinal against Bodo/Glimt on Thursday, manager Ange Postecoglou said on Thursday.

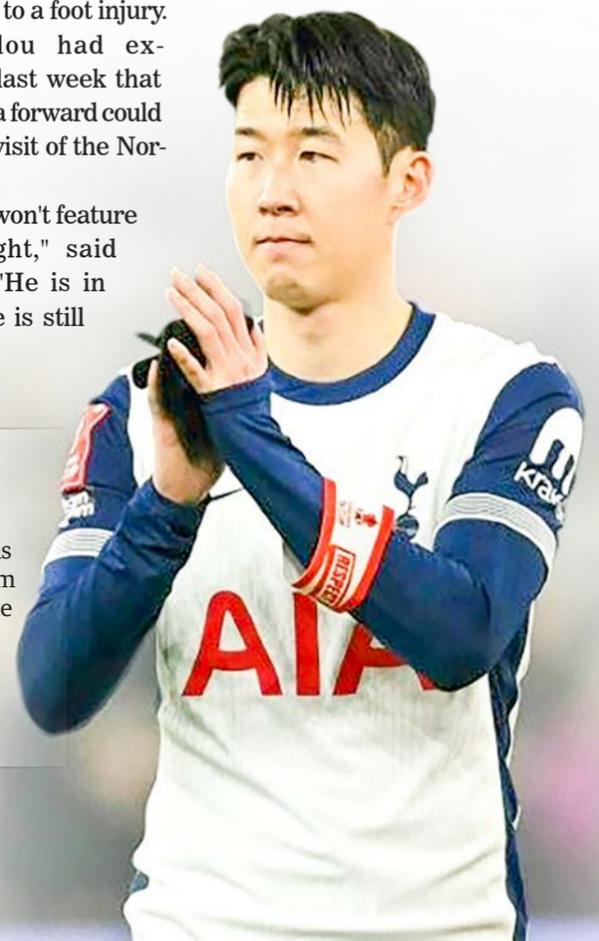
The club captain has not featured for Spurs since a 1-1 draw with Eintracht Frankfurt on 10 April due to a foot injury.

Postecoglou had expressed hope last week that the South Korea forward could return for the visit of the Norwegian team.

"He (Son) won't feature tomorrow night," said Postecoglou. "He is in training but he is still

separate from the group. He is improving and hopefully we will get him back in sooner rather than later."

Son has scored 11 goals in 43 appearances this season, but none from open play since 23 January. — AFP



Tottenham's South Korean forward Son Heung-min has not scored from open play since January. PHOTO: AFP/FILE



Grand Vietnam parade 50 years after the fall of Saigon

For the first time, Chinese troops participated in the celebrations following Xi Jinping's visit to strengthen ties.



Participants wave flags as they march during a parade marking the 50th anniversary of the fall of Saigon and the end of the Vietnam War in Ho Chi Minh City on 30 April 2025. **PHOTO: NHAC NGUYEN / AFP**

VIETNAM mounted its biggest-ever celebration of the fall of Saigon on its 50th anniversary Wednesday, including Chinese troops for the first time after Xi Jinping visited to portray Beijing as a more reliable partner than Washington.

A lotus-shaped float carrying a portrait of revolutionary leader Ho Chi Minh was near the front of the parade in the city renamed after him, AFP journalists saw, and fighter jets and helicopters carry flags flew overhead.

Thousands of people — many wearing T-shirts emblazoned with the Vietnamese flag — including families with young children and the elderly stayed out overnight in the streets, sharing food and waiting for the display.

The celebrations come half a century after tanks of communist North Vietnam crashed through the gates of the city's presidential palace, defeating the US-backed South and delivering a painful blow to American moral and military prestige.

"I am proud of having contributed to liberating the south," said 75-year-old veteran Tran Van Truong who had travelled — dressed in full military uniform — from the capital Hanoi to see the parade.

Around 13,000 people, including veterans, soldiers and members of the public, were to march down Ho Chi Minh City's Le Duan Street, a major thoroughfare which leads to the Independence Palace.

For the first time, more than 300 soldiers from China, Laos and Cambodia took part in the spectacle. — AFP

STRENGTHENING AI MANAGEMENT

China launches special crackdown on abuse of AI technology

CHINA'S top internet regulator has issued a circular announcing the launch of a three-month nationwide campaign to crack down on the misuse of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies.

According to the circular issued by the Office of the Central Cyberspace Affairs Commission and made public on Wednesday, the campaign will be carried out in two phases.

The first phase will focus on strengthening the management of relevant sources, including removing unauthorized AI applications, enhancing the regulation of AI-generated content and related technologies, and encouraging online platforms to improve their ability to identify and verify violations.

The second phase will target specific issues such as the use of AI to create and disseminate rumours, misinformation, obscene content, impersonation, and instances of "internet trolling." — Xinhua

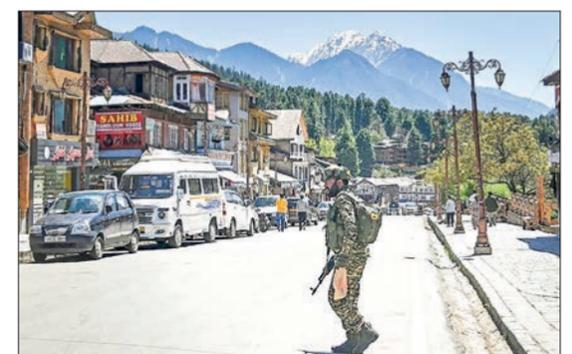
Panic in Pakistani leadership; Navy vessels on standby, airspace restricted as country expects Indian strike

AMID the ongoing stand-off between India and Pakistan over the Pahalgam attack in Jammu and Kashmir, the Pakistani military, it seems, has started preparing for Indian military action.

Sources in the country's military establishment said on Wednesday that Pakistani Navy vessels, including its frigates and submarines, have already positioned themselves in their respective harbours in the sea to be able to tackle any possible Indian movement. Meanwhile, the Pakistan Air Force has reduced flying operations by over 50 per cent, and only essential operations are being conducted to avoid confusion in the airspace, sources said.

Earlier, faced with mounting global pressure, a jittery Pakistan leadership resorted to accusations against India following the deadly Pahalgam incident that killed 26 people. The Federal Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Attaullah Tarar,

had issued a statement claiming that Pakistan has "credible intelligence" suggesting India plans to launch military action against the nation within the next 24-36 hours. — ANI



Indian paramilitary trooper patrols at a market area in Pahalgam south of Srinagar. **PHOTO: TAUSEEF MUSTAFA / AFP**