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The Ministry of Electric Power and the Ministry of Industry need to cooperate in the development of solar panel production.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, the Yangon Region Chief Minister, the Commander of Yangon Command and officials, inspected the production of the Solar Panel Factory, Tyre Factory (Ywama), No 3 Steel Mill (Ywama) and No 2 Steel Mill (Myaungtaga) in Yangon Region yesterday morning.

At the hall of the Solar Panel Factory of Shwe Katha Company Limited under the Electronic Accessories and Electric Motor Workshop of the No 2 Heavy Industries Enterprise, Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than reported to the Senior General on facts about the Electronic Accessories and Electric Motor Workshop, the Solar Panel Factory of the No 24 Heavy Industry (Dagon), the market



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing observes solar panels produced at the Solar Panel Factory of Shwe Katha Company Limited under the Electronic Accessories and Electric Motor Workshop of the No 2 Heavy Industries Enterprise in Yangon Region yesterday.

# Renewable energy drive powers solar factories

## Salient points from the speeches delivered by the Senior General on his inspection tour of factories

- 1. Businesspeople must be encouraged with incentives to invest in generating electricity through solar power.
- 2. Efforts must be made to increase the production of tyres and tubes for motorcycles and tri-wheeled cycles to meet the domestic demand.
- 3. It is necessary to produce high-quality steel products specifically for construction purposes to ensure strong and durable construction.
- 4. As the steel production industry is an essential sector for the nation, the steel mill is necessary to systematically continue the production of tower poles and steel bridge frames.

of solar panels, import of solar panels, generating electricity from solar power with the use of solar panels and the managing director of Shwe Katha Co Ltd on production process of solar panels, and year-wise increased production.

In his guidance, the Senior General said that locally-made solar panels must meet the quality of the imported ones. Necessary raw materials used in solar panels must be produced at home. It is necessary to seek ways to produce silicon in the country. Sufficient production of solar panels can contribute much to generating electricity.

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5D LED Suspension Glass Bridge

Merry-Go-Round

Tea Cups

Bumper Car

Roller Coaster

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Clever Little Elephants

**Pwe Gauk**  
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**Pyin Oo Lwin**

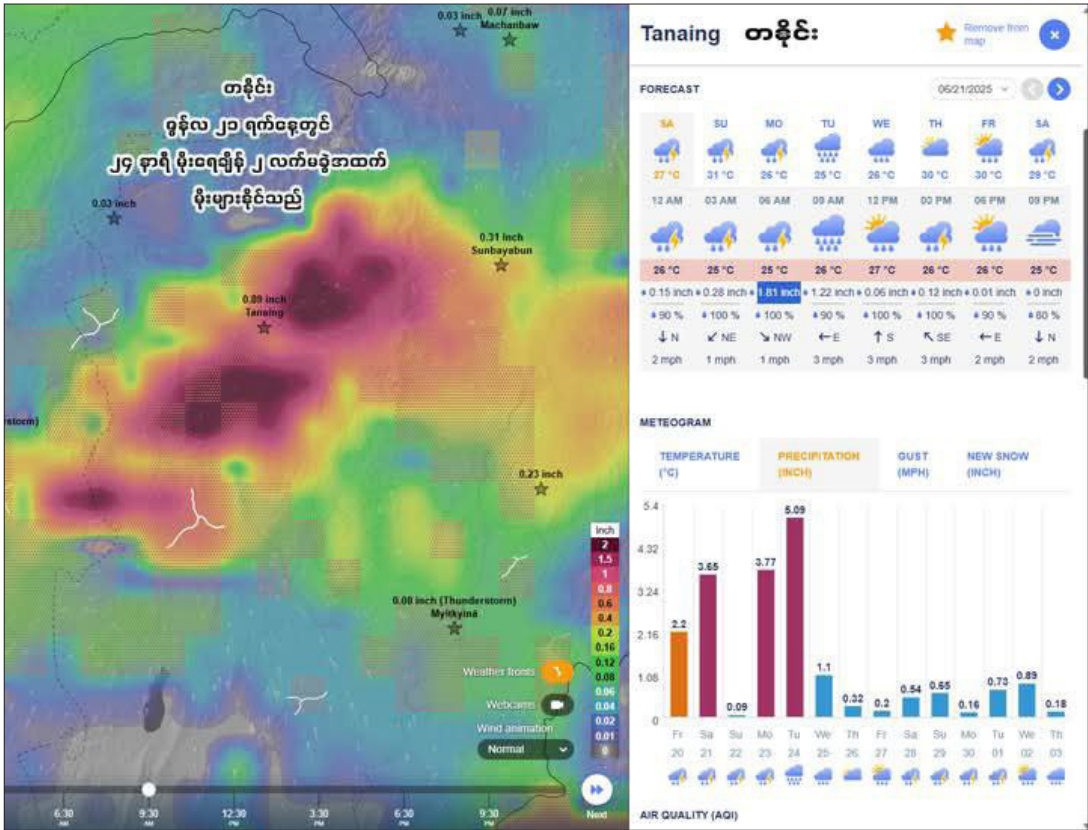


# NATIONAL

## Sports activities to enhance health and fitness of entire people

ENGAGING in sports fosters patriotism, national spirit, and national character, while also enhancing the health and fitness of the entire population.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the opening of the 5<sup>th</sup> National Sports Festival 2024 on 9 December 2024)



The weather forecast shows the possibility of rain on 21 June 2025.

# DMH warns of river flood risk in July

IN July, there is a possibility of a river flood approaching the danger point, and the public will need to watch reports of water level issued by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology daily, said meteorologist U Win Naing.

It will rain heavily with high rainfall in the Ayeyawady River and Chindwin River from 21

June to 2 July, and the water level will continue rising, it said. From 30 June afterwards, until 31 August, during the mid-monsoon, the level of rivers generally rises; therefore, the public will need to watch cautiously DMH's daily weather reports on rivers, he said.

In high rainfall areas, floods have just started in the early

monsoon; therefore, those living near rivers and areas where mountain streams flow in will need to be alert in mid-monsoon.

In July, rivers will flood, reaching their danger points, so he urged the public to pay close attention to weather reports as well as four-day weather forecasts for regions and states. — MT/ZS

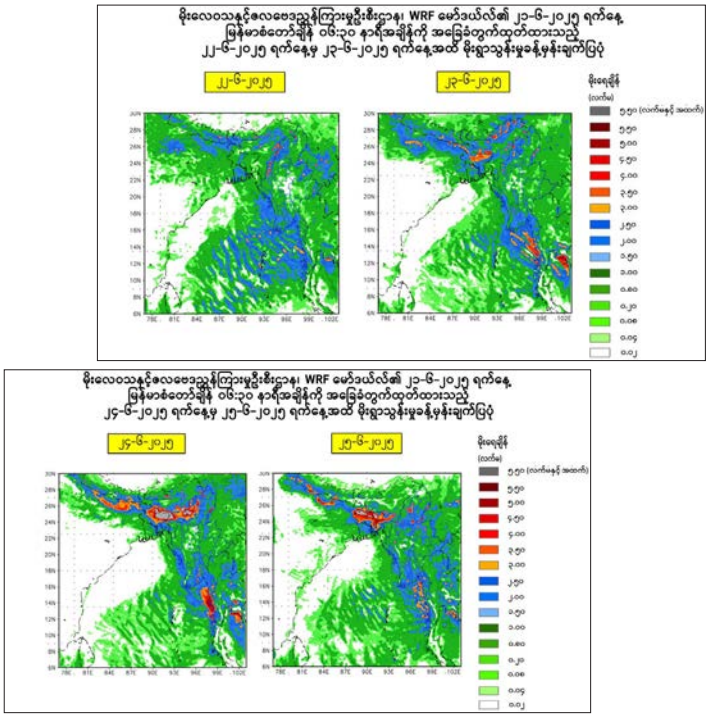
## Special Weather News

Issued at 7 pm MST on 21 June 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, the monsoon is strong over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal, due to the easterly waves and westerly waves, rain or thunder-showers are likely to be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi regions, and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, and Shan states with the likelihood of regionally and isolated heavy falls during tonight to 25 June 2025. Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 10-12 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

**Advisory**

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



## Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 7 pm Saturday 21 June 2025

**BAY INFERENCE:** Monsoon is strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 22 June 2025:** Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing regions and Kayah, Chin and (northern and eastern) Shan states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions, and Kachin, Kayin, Mon and Rakhine states. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD:** The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Mandalay, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions, and Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and eastern Shan states. The area along the cumulonimbus

clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 10-12 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Increases of rain in upper Sagaing and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon and Shan states.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 22 June 2025:** One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 22 June 2025:** Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 22 June 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)



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects the breeding of pigs in the Shwepyithar agriculture and livestock zone in Hmawby Township of Yangon Region, yesterday.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, the Yangon Region Chief Minister, the Commander of Yangon Command and officials, inspected the implementation of the Shwepyithar agriculture and livestock zone of Myanmar Economic Corporation in Hmawby Township, Yangon Region, yesterday afternoon.

At the briefing hall of the zone, the in-charge of the zone reported to the Senior General on raising layers and future plans, breeding of pigs and piglet production, cultivation of hybrid maize, construction of the feedstuff factory and efforts to produce high-yield maize seeds.

Speaking on the occasion,

Fair prices depend on balanced production and consumption

Implementation of agriculture and livestock zones in Yangon Region aims to supply livestock, fish, eggs and vegetables for the more than seven million population of the region daily.

the Senior General stressed that systematic arrangements must be made to sell fresh livestock, fish, eggs and vegetables produced from the agriculture and livestock zone to the market.

He added that the implementation of agriculture and livestock zones in Yangon Region aims to supply livestock, fish, eggs and vegetables for the more than seven million population of

the region daily.

The Senior General highlighted that only when production and consumption are balanced will commodity prices be fair.

He continued that it is necessary to systematically calculate the daily meat consumption of the more than seven million population in the region, and the relevant zones needed to pro-

duce agriculture and livestock products to meet the demand.

He underscored that efforts must be underway to further develop agriculture and livestock farms for residents of the region to purchase commodities at fair prices.

The Senior General gave guidance that it is necessary to swiftly distribute livestock, fish, eggs and vegetables to the mar-

kets for consumers.

The Senior General viewed the layout of the Shwepyithar agriculture and livestock zone and gave guidance for the development of the zone.

In visiting the zone, the Senior General inspected the raising of layers in the fully automatic system and the breeding of pigs and left necessary guidance. — MNA/TTA

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# NATIONAL



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing is pictured during his inspection tour of steel mills in Yangon Region yesterday.

## Renewable energy drive powers solar factories

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The Senior General stressed the need to generate electricity through solar power, both on a manageable scale and a commercial scale, to operate factories. If so, these factories can reduce production costs. Businesspeople must be encouraged with incentives to invest in generating electricity through solar power. The ministry needs to strive to generate electricity through solar power to ensure small-scale electricity for household use as well as large-scale electricity for factory use. Hence, the Ministry of Electric Power and the Ministry of Industry need to cooperate with each other in the development of solar panel production.

He continued that Myanmar has a sufficient volume of copper to be used in the production of wires for electricity installation. Hence, wires must be produced at home sufficiently.

The Senior General and the party inspected the production process of solar panels at the solar panel factory, the solar panels purchased from the market in 2021 for test production of solar panels, and the products of the company and gave necessary guidance to officials.

In inspecting the workshop of the Tyre Factory (Ywama) of Myanmar Economic Corporation, which produces motorcycle tyres and tubes, the factory manager and officials reported to the Senior General on the production of tyres and tubes for motorcycles and tri-wheeled cycles.

In his response, the Senior General gave guidance on making efforts to increase the production of tyres and tubes for motorcycles and tri-wheeled cycles to meet the domestic demand, to ensure the production of quality products and sufficiency of the domestic market, and to seek market share and other

necessary measures.

At the meeting hall of No 3 Steel Mill (Ywama) of MEC, the Senior General heard reports by SAC member MEC Chairman General Nyo Saw and the mill manager on efforts to produce high-quality steel products, conducting quality control, reinstallation of machinery for the production machine which declines production capacity and upgrading of the machine, production of steel and related accessories, bolt and nuts, production of steel products, machine capacity, systematic production of quality products, control of quality for deformed bars which are higher than the set quality, iron melting video documentation, and sending HRB-500 steel billets from the mill to the No 1 Steel Mill (Kyauksewekyo).

After hearing the reports, the Senior General stressed the need to encourage domestic steel production as construction

sites in the country require steel products. Production must meet quantities and quality.

The Senior General inspected the quality of steel products produced by the mill and foreign-made ones. He also observed the production of HRB-500 Steel Billets and gave necessary guidance to officials.

At the No 2 Steel Mill (Myaungtaga) of MEC in Hmawby Township, SAC member MEC Chairman General Nyo Saw reported on the accomplishment of the guidance given by the Senior General. The mill manager also presented a report production of steel frames used at river crossing bridges, the manufacturing of steel frames for overpasses, the production of tower poles, the coating of products, and efforts to produce steel frames for bridges and related accessories.

In his speech, the Senior General said that as the steel production industry is an essen-

tial sector for the nation, the mill is necessary to systematically continue the production of tower poles and steel bridge frames. If steel products for construction projects have to be imported every year, it will result in a significant financial burden for the country. Therefore, it is necessary to systematically utilize the available domestic iron resources to meet production needs. Priority should be given to producing steel billets, from which deformed bars used in construction can subsequently be manufactured. Efforts must also be made to upgrade existing domestic steel mills. During the Mandalay earthquake, inspections revealed that some construction steel products lacked sufficient quality, which served as a lesson. To ensure strong and durable construction, it is necessary to produce high-quality steel products specifically for construction purposes.

The Senior General visited the mill and inspected the production process of bridge frames and iron wares, inspected the jetty of the mill, and gave necessary guidance to officials. — MNA/TTA

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# MoE Union Minister observes Day 6 of matriculation re-exam

UNION Minister for Education Dr Nyunt Phay, accompanied by deputy ministers and officials, visited a matriculation exam centre at Basic Education High School Branch in Yan Aung Myin Village-tract, Dekkhinathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning to encourage students sitting the sixth and final day of the 2025 matriculation examination.

During the visit, the Union minister cordially met and spoke words of encouragement to students taking the Biology and Economics subjects. He also observed the exam process and confirmed that the supervising and assistant supervisors were carrying out their duties following the rules and guidelines, while students were answering calmly and peacefully.



Union Education Minister Dr Nyunt Phay views round the examination room yesterday.

Later, the Union minister visited the Affiliated Basic Education High School 3 and the Basic Education High School 5 in Zabuthiri Township and observed the exam conditions and students' participation. Necessary assistance was provided

as needed.

In Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, a total of 47 exam centres were designated for the examination on that day, with 12,531 students registered to sit. Among them, 12,406 students sat for the exam, result-

ing in a participation rate of 99 per cent.

A total of 195 examination centres in 29 districts and 58 townships across Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, Kachin State, Sagaing Region and Mandalay Region conducted the Biology and Geography subjects on the sixth day of the examination. According to official figures, 63,673 students registered and 62,788 students sat for the exam, making the attendance rate 98.61 per cent. — MNA/KZL

# MPT holds 16<sup>th</sup> blood drive for World Blood Donor Day



Employees of MPT donate blood to mark World Blood Donor Day in Yangon on 20 June 2025.

TO mark World Blood Donor Day, which falls on 14 June, the 16<sup>th</sup> blood donation event organized by MPT was held on 20 June across seven regions and states: Yangon Region, Ayeyawady Region, Taninthayi Region, Kayah State, Mon State, eastern Shan State, and northern Shan State. More than 230 MPT staff and voluntary donors participated in the event.

World Blood Donor Day was first observed in 2004 following a declaration by the World Health Organization and

was officially designated by the 58<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly in 2005. Since launching its blood donation initiative in 2017, MPT has now reached its 16th event.

“MPT’s collective blood donation programme provides essential support for patients in need of emergency transfusions and contributes positively to society. Our staff and volunteers have continued to support this noble cause, and with this year’s event, we have organized 16 blood donation drives. To date, we have donated over

9,200 bags of blood to hospitals and the National Blood Centre across the country. We express our heartfelt thanks to all MPT staff and voluntary donors from various regions and states who participated,” said Mr Naoki Shimane from the MPT-KSGM Joint Operations Department.

MPT is also collaborating with the government on other corporate social responsibility initiatives, including nationwide collective blood donation and tree planting campaigns. — Thitsa (MNA)/KZL



The 11<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga celebration.

# Yangon marks International Yoga Day

ORGANIZED by the Embassy of India to Myanmar, the celebration to mark the 11<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga took place at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon on 21 June morning.

Yoga is an internationally recognized workout which can help all ages stay healthy, and it is a practice to improve physical and mental health as well as longevity by regularly doing.

“Yoga is a practice that can help harmonize the mind and the body, and I appreciate all who are doing yoga enthusiastically,” said Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Abhay Thakur at the event.

At the event, yoga trainer

Ankita Sood gave a yoga demonstration to attendees.

The theme of the 11<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga is “Yoga for One Earth, One Health”, meaning that only if everyone in the world is healthy, the world is healthy too.

The deputy minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, Yangon Region cabinet members, the Indian ambassador to Myanmar, embassy officials, yoga trainers, and yoga enthusiasts attended the event.

The 11<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga, which falls on 21 June, is celebrated in more than 170 countries, including Myanmar. — Htun Htun/ZS



NATIONAL

Weekly  
ROUNDUP

16 June  
Myanmar currently retains 42.15% of forest coverage

The first monsoon tree-growing ceremony in 2025 in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory took place at Yanaungmyin Forest Reserve in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw, attended by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

19 June  
Appointment of DPRK's Ambassador to Myanmar agreed on

The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Kim Chong IL as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, with residence in Yangon.

Appointment of Brunei Ambassador agreed on

The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of Captain (Navy Retired) Haji Mohamad Sarif Pudir bin Matserudin as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brunei Darussalam to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Yangon.

20 June  
SAC amends UEC Law

The State Administration Council hereby enacts the Third Amendment to the Union Election Commission Law as the State Administration Council Law 40/2025 under Section 419 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.—GNLM/TTA

Drug traffickers caught with K920M worth of heroin

THE police seized drug traffickers who transported narcotics from Mandalay to Sagaing, confiscating heroin worth K920 million, weighing over 24.35 kilogrammes, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

The seizure occurred at around 8 pm on 10 June near Tagaung Ward in Sagaing Township. A combined task force intercepted a Pajero heading to Kalay from Mandalay, driven by Kyaw Swar Lin, and discovered 6.93 kilogrammes of heroin powder.

Following the initial inspection, the combined task force arrested Kyaw Gyi (aka Kyaw Min Aung), who delivered the drugs, at 9:30 pm on the same day at a bus station in Aungmyaythazan Township. They then searched the house of Than Than Moe in

Mahaangmyay Township at 9:00 am on 11 June, seizing 17.424 kilogrammes of heroin. Later, at 5 pm the same day, police arrested Ma Aye Myint (aka Ma Lu), who transported the drugs.

Acting on a tip-off, police arrested Daw Tin Oo (aka Daw Ohn) for transporting drugs from Mandalay to Kalay. They also apprehended Hein Latt, a wanted drug trafficker from Ohn Chaw Police Station, along with his wife, Aye Aye Aung (aka Ma Pi), at 5:00 pm on 14 June in Chanmyathazi Township.

The police are continuing their investigation to apprehend additional suspects. Legal action is being taken against the arrestees under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. — MNA/MKKS

Rescue, rehab operations ongoing in quake zones

RESCUE and rehabilitation operations are being implemented in the areas facing extensive loss and damage caused by the Mandalay earthquake.

Yesterday, Lt-Gen Thet Pon from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and relevant officials inspected the assessment of soil condition to expand the pagoda platform, renovation work and cleanliness activities at SunU Ponnyashin, Yaza Mani Cula Kaunghmutaw pagodas and Metta Lake in Sagaing.

They also inspected the demolition of damaged buildings and removal of debris at Thak-yadita nunnery and Tawlayhtet, and reconstruction processes.

They proceeded to Sagaing Education Degree College and observed the removal of debris from damaged buildings.

They inspected the health-care services provided by Tatmadaw medics and water purification processes using Ayeyawady River water.

Lt-Gen Soe Tint Naing

from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and officials oversaw the clearing of debris at the collapsed building at religious sites in Mandalay and donated cash to Presiding Sayadaw of Shin Pin Ohn Inn Monastery.

They went to the Wahkhinnon public playground in Chanayethazan township and inspected the installation of container houses for quake-affected staff and public and roadbed levelling operations. — MNA/KTZH

MFF to celebrate 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary



The Myanmar Fisheries Federation (MFF) office in Insein, Yangon.

THE 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Myanmar Fisheries Federation will be organized on 28 June under the theme “double export production through production of value-added marine products”, and the event will feature 23 booths of marine products.

The Myanmar Fisheries Federation was organized in 1989, and it was reformed into the Myanmar Fisheries Organization in 1994 and became the Myanmar Fisheries Federation (MFF) on 1 December 1998.

The freshwater and salt-water products are captured as per the objective of the Fisheries Department, and the country produces Export Income of US\$1 million up to over \$800 million through collaboration with the federation. The federation makes efforts to double the production, which is the guidance of the government, to implement new projects aiming to reach US\$150 million. Due to the ease in work

processes, the entrepreneurs increase their investment, and such actions can reach the goals in a short time, the federation considered.

During 26 years, under the leadership of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, the Myanmar Fisheries Federation (MFF), in collaboration with 10 fisheries-related associations, has been actively implementing various efforts aimed at achieving the comprehensive development of the national fisheries sector, contributing to the country's economic growth, ensuring food security for the people, increasing employment opportunities, and boosting foreign income. It also works hard to implement its five main objectives and two-point roadmap.

“This year, the federation arranges transportation and food for the state and regional federations. Therefore, the number of attendees will be higher

than at the previous event. There might be at least 200 attendees. We also invite the special guests. The galleries will be open on 27 and 28 June. Under the guidance of the government, to double the farming and livestock products, the federation will discuss the measures to promote the fishing and livestock sectors,” said an official of the federation.

The Fisheries Department established a non-fishing season and specific no-fishing zones in 1993-1994, and the federation participated in that action.

In the scope of the Fisheries Department, there are 13 regional and state federations, 10 district and township federations and partner associations comprising 83 central executives, 189 executives and 38,355 members. The 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the federation will be on 28 June, and the galleries will open to the public on 27 June. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH





A group of farmers diligently planting paddy in a field.

# MMFA to open Agricultural Loan Training (Batch 1) on 25 July

THE Myanmar Microfinance Association (MMFA) will conduct Agricultural Loan Training Hybrid (Batch-1) from 9 am to 4 pm on 25-26 July.

It will provide special knowledge and training regarding Introduction to Agricultural Financing, Understanding the Agricultural Sector, Risk Assessment in Agricultural Lending, Loan Appraisal Process, Agricultural Loan Products and Structuring, Monitoring Agricultural Loans and Portfolio Management, Effective Client Relationship Management in Agriculture Loans, Best Practices and Innovations in Agricultural Lending, with U Thurein Htoo, Freelance Microfinance Trainer and Consultant.

The agriculture sector is the backbone of Myanmar. It is also the second largest recipient of businesses lent by microfinance institutions.

The objective behind this training is to enhance microfinance services in the agriculture sector. Moreover, agribusinesses are different from other businesses. Therefore, microfinance agents need to study this distinct sector due to their unique role in delivering financial services. The training will offer how to bring financial access to those farmers and business persons engaged in the agriculture sector, and the nature of agricultural financing and its distinctness will be observed as well. This hybrid training is tailored to those engaged in the microfinance industry and those who want to pursue a career in the sector. The training fee is K120,000 for non-members. Members can enjoy a K20,000 discount. Completion certification will be received. Those interested can also register via <https://shorturl.at/6GHDr> by 20 July and enquire through the contact number 09 965209010. — NN/KK

## YSX stock trading totals K619M in May

THE grand trading value of the eight listed companies on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) amounted to over K619 million in May from 176,845 shares traded, according to YSX's notification.

At present, shares of eight listed companies — First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), TMH Telecom Public Co Ltd (TMH), the Ever Flow River Group Public Co Ltd (EFR), Amata Holding Public Co Ltd. (AMATA) and Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Co Ltd (MAEX) are traded in the securities market.

The trading value in April was K460.116 million from 189,408 shares traded.

The trading value in May 2025 was down by over K159 million, with a decrease of 12,563 shares traded compared to those of April.

MTSH topped the trading on equity with K212.545 million with 71,316 shares, followed by FMI with K119.8 million (17,939 shares), MAEX with K114.296 million (37,033 shares), MCB with K82.554 million with 10,254 shares, TMX with K25.6 million with 9,002 shares, AMATA with K24.35 million with 6,432 shares, EFR with K23.545 million with 15,620 shares and FPB with K16.5 million with 9,249 shares. — NN/KK

### Gold Market Rate as of 21 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.

## CBM sells over US\$600K, over CNY387K on 20 June

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$600,000 and 387,000 yuan on 20 June. Furthermore, 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 announced on 17 June that it would sell \$33 million to fuel oil importers. Furthermore, CBM injected over 376,400 yuan and 500,000 baht into the financial market on 17 June after sales of over \$913,000 from CMP companies to edible oil importing companies and over \$1.126 million to importers of other goods.

CBM would sell \$10 million to importers as well, according to its notification

dated 16 June. CBM sold \$1.37 million from CMP companies to edible oil importing companies and over 1.05 million to importers of other goods on that day.

CBM injected over 1.7 million baht into the financial market on 13 June, in addition to sales of over \$1 million from CMP companies to fuel oil importing countries.

CBM sold \$1.3 million, which was bought from CMP companies, to fuel oil importing companies on 12 June 2025. CBM sold over 290,000 yuan and one million baht on 11 June. Moreover, CBM sold \$1.096 million, which was bought from CMP companies, to fuel oil importing companies on that day.

CBM pumped over 400,000 yuan on 9 June, over \$501,000 on 6 June and 364,400 yuan on 5 June into the foreign exchange market.

CBM announced on 4 June that it would sell \$30 million to fuel oil importers. CBM pumped \$422,000, 345,850 yuan and over 2.1 million baht on that day into the foreign exchange market.

CBM injected over 600,000 yuan and 2.6 million baht on 3 June, 579,900 yuan and 4.7 million baht on 2 June into the

financial market.

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



The front view of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) office in Yangon.



OPINION

Avoid nuclear wars to save the lives of global peoples

SINCE the beginning of humanity on Earth, whenever disagreements cannot be peacefully resolved between individuals, conflicts have often led to warfare. As a result, all living beings are likely to have experienced the effects of war in some form. Therefore, from prehistoric times to the present day, wars have continued to occur in human societies, and efforts must be made through negotiation and time to bring about peace and resolution to such conflicts.

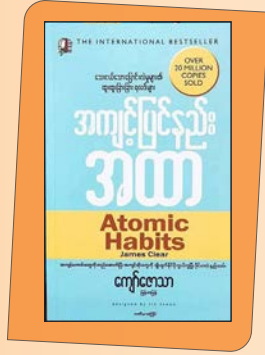
Bringing wars to an end through peace not only saves the lives of soldiers on both sides of the battlefield but also protects the lives, homes, and possessions of civilians from both sides. If wars are allowed to continue without cessation, countless deaths and injuries may occur. For the families of the deceased, this leads to irreplaceable grief and sorrow. Therefore, the loss is not only borne by each individual family but also by the nations in which those families reside.

Whenever wars intensify, the number of deaths may increase significantly. The longer wars last, the more likely it is that both sides will develop and use more powerful weapons. Nowadays, since powerful nations possess nuclear weapons, it is the responsibility of every country in the world to sincerely prevent the outbreak of wars in order to avoid the threat of nuclear weapons usage.

According to the annual report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), the total number of nuclear warheads possessed by all nuclear-armed countries in the world is 12,241. The report also states that global nuclear disarmament agreements, which had been made after the end of the Cold War, are gradually declining.

After the end of World War II, the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were bombed with powerful nuclear bombs. As a result of these two bombs, over two hundred thousand Japanese people died, and thousands more were injured. Survivors also suffered from long-term illnesses caused by radiation exposure. Therefore, to prevent similar incidents from occurring again, countries around the world have been striving for nuclear weapons control. However, in today’s world, many people live in countries that possess nuclear weapons or are allies of such countries.

The dangers of nuclear bombs, which possess far greater destructive power than conventional bombs, along with the tragedies of war, have remained as severe historical events that serve as warnings for future generations. Therefore, whenever wars arise, all nations around the world must strive to prevent them from escalating from conventional warfare into nuclear warfare.

	Book Title	-	Akyint Pyinnee Ahta
			Atomic Habits by James Clear
	Translator	-	Kyaw Zaw Thar
	Publishing House	-	Gangaw Wuttyi
	Publication Date	-	January 2025 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition)
	Price	-	K15,000

Akyint Pyinnee Ahta  
Atomic Habits by James Clear

THIS week, we bring the book that urges the readers to say “Let’s welcome the new year 2025 with Atomic Habits. May we leave behind the old habits of the past.” The Atomic Habits of James Clear is a best-selling book on habit formation that has been translated into more than 40 languages and has sold over 20 million copies worldwide. The book was translated into Myanmar by Saya Kyaw Zaw Thar, and the first and second editions were reprinted many times due to high demand, and it is now being released as the third edition.

There might be a questionable section for the title of the book ‘Akyint Pyinnee Ahta’, like what kinds of habits or behaviours we are aiming to reform? It highlights the need to correct the bad habits that hinder or even ruin personal development in areas such as finances, social life, health, education, or spiritual growth through Vipassana. Everyone tends to carry certain negative habits that can slow down or obstruct their path to success and fulfilment. The book serves as a guide, showing readers how to cultivate good habits, how to sustain them, and how to recognize and eliminate the destructive ones.

The key message of the book is that the changes that seem small and unimportant at first will compound into remarkable results.

forming small actions over time leads to remarkable results. To build better habits: Cue (Make it obvious) → Craving (Make it attractive) → Response (Make it easy) → Reward (Make it satisfying).

Moreover, it also references and presents psychology, neuroscience, and stories of athletes. Moreover, readers have to read the ways of Habit Stacking and Environment Design.

Some of the famous motifs from Atomic Habits are ...

“You do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems.”

“Every action you take is a vote for the type of person you wish to become.”

“Habits are the compound interest of self-improvement.”

“Small changes often appear to make no difference until you cross a critical threshold.”

“Environment is the invisible hand that shapes human behaviour.”

This book is a must-read for anyone who wants to make progress in their success, those who tend to easily break their resolutions, those who need stability to build a new habit, and anyone who wants to create a new habit in their life.

	Book Title	-	Aung Myinthu Doh Kayee Lan
			The Four: The Hidden DNA of Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google by Scott Galloway
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	Publishing House	-	Mahar
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	Price	-	K9,500

Aung Myinthu Doh Kayee Lan  
The Four: The Hidden DNA of Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google by Scott Galloway

THERE are four most influential companies on the earth: Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Google that shape human behaviours. This week’s pick will reveal how these technology companies enormously influence human life, manipulate fundamental human instincts and achieve unprecedented control over our minds behind the power and staggering success.

Ko Nay (Y.I.E) translated the book titled The Four: The Hidden DNA of Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google by Scott Galloway into the Myanmar language as Aung Myinthu Doh Kayee Lan (The Path to Becoming a Successful One).

Scott Galloway is well known for his sharp insights, straight-up critique and pragmatic approach.

Scott Galloway is a professor of the NYU Stern School of Business, an author and an entrepreneur. This book will provide detailed facts, fascinating insights and decode the DNA of each company’s dominance.

Scott Galloway pointed out how big tech companies have deeply embedded themselves in our daily routines through technology and services, shaping how people communicate, access information and make transactions beyond their core businesses and how people trade policy and are inevitably dominated by social media influences of those companies with government-granted monopoly in the Four.

Furthermore, the book will help readers to have a deep understanding of Amazon, Apple, Facebook (Meta) and Google (Alphabet) tech emperors’ strategic brilliance.

The author compared Amazon to the Dragon that fulfils consumer hope and builds trust with consumers within a decade to dominate the market. He described how Apple is the longest-running tech company, earning the reputation of a high-quality brand. It exploits emotional needs for status via design theology under a strategy. Facebook (Meta), the largest social platform, reveals emotions by leveraging various tools and

strategies and controlled privacy settings and makes addictions. Google becomes the search emperor and the world’s brains, providing worldwide information with its cutting-edge technology.

Those four inspire joy, connections, prosperity and discovery and create the modern marketplace by working from home. Nonetheless, Scott Galloway analyzed the disadvantages after deconstructing their strategies in the book. The Four will guide how one can apply the lessons of their ascents to your business.

The book is a must-read for those interested in business technology. Galloway’s sharp critique will prompt readers to raise the question: “What is the future of the tech titans?” and sparks thought-provoking questions.

Readers can explore the success of Amazon, Apple, Facebook (Meta) and Google (Alphabet), power dynamics in tech and hidden mechanisms beneath their shiny veneers.

It will be worth reading for entrepreneurs, technophiles and media enthusiasts. Readers will wonder whether technology will be beneficial for human beings in the future or whether tech dominance will control human decision-making and behaviour. You will burn the midnight oil for this translation book for sure.

Century

By Chit Ko Pe



The literature is produced, out of a hobby imbued. Imparting knowledge anew, it carries fiction, too. With this piece reaching a hundred due, the literary garden looks beautiful!

ရာပြည့်

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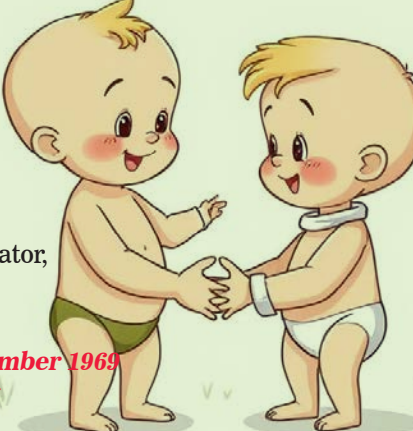
(In commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> entry of the writer's literature in this newspaper)

New Year Wish for the Scientific Age

By Maung Swan Yi (Translated by Myint Zan)

with advances in biology and biochemistry using scientific methods ‘artificial’ life is created from inside the test tube: a human has ‘descended’ viola!

may the human born out of a test tube have compassion and metta for the human worldlings born out of the of the breast of the creator; dispenser of loving-kindness



သိပ္ပံခေတ် နှစ်သစ် ဆုမွန်

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Poem composed on 8 November 1969  
Translated on 19 June 2025

Sleepless Nights

(Translated by Inori)


These sleepless nights ...

Allow me to drift into a dimly lit reverie - Flickering, faltering games, And the meandering mind of a lone light bulb Makes my lips curve as my brows twist.

With each ticking, twitching second, The watch keeps reminding me: ‘Ah ... what I deem my show and stage - With or without me - they go on ...’

And my quiet hobby tempts me to write ... These restless nights Ensnare my wandering melodies, Seeking sanctuary In the Notebook my beloved once entrusted to me.

And my ink flows - dark and deep.



အိပ်မရည

ညတွေကအိပ်မရ ... အတွေးတွေ သိပ်ကနော့တယ် ... ..” ဖျတ်ခနဲလင်း ဖျတ်ခနဲမှိတ်သွားတဲ့ မီးသီးရဲ့ စိတ်ကစားမှုဟာ ... ငါလိုလူကို ပြုံးတစ်ချက် ခွဲတစ်ချက်ဖြစ်စေပြီ။

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# NATIONAL

## Entertainment

### Live show set to thrill fans

SAI SAI Live Show of singer Sai Sai Kham Leng will take place at 7 pm on 24 June at The Heart of Rangoon (THOR) in Yangon. The advertisement for THOR reads, "It is just a quick heads-up for those who feel like missing Sai Sai Kham Leng's concert, even though they knew about it, hurts more than breaking up with their first love".

"I have live shows in Yangon and Mandalay. The shows cancelled for disaster are rearranged, and so those waiting for us will be satisfied with it," said Academy Sai Sai Kham Leng. He also urged his fans to support his new film 'Pyinsalet Moe' (Magical Rain) which will be screened soon. — ASH/KTZH



Swe Zin Htike

13 JUNE marked the birthday of Academy Swe Zin Htike, and her protegee Jue Jue Pan Htwar made a birthday wish on social networks, and veteran actress fans also made birthday wishes. A 72-year-old actress started her career with the 'Say Lo Yar Say' film directed by Shumawa U Kyaw in 1971.

Kyaw Kyaw Bo

THE film 'Gaung Gyi Doh Ywathaywa', in which actor Kyaw Kyaw Bo takes the main lead, will be streamed on HEY Play Application and HEY Play YouTube channel from Monday to Friday starting 26 June. The actor portrays the Gaung Gyi character as a troublemaker. It was created by director Khin Hlaing (Nyan Gyi Shin), and the cast includes Academy Kyaw Kyaw Bo, Ei Chaw Po, Zaw Win Naing, Academy Soe Moe Kyi, Academy Wah Wah Aung and other artistes.



Myat Wutyi Thin

MISS Universe Mudon Myat Wutyi Thin won the Best National Costume at the National Costume event of Miss Universe Myanmar. Na Na (Haka) won the People's Choice Award, and Thet Htet Htet San (Thingangyun) won the National Director's Choice Award.

Chaw Yadana

ACTRESS Chaw Yadana shared a knowledgeable quote regarding goodwill on Facebook. Her post reads, "If your intention is genuine, the benefit will come truly. However, sometimes the person you help out of goodwill may not only fail to appreciate it but may even insult you in return. If that happens, don't feel sad. Instead, smile. If they are mean, and your intention is truly pure, smile even more. From my own experience, benefit out of genuine goodwill may not come from the person you helped, but it would often return from others like many times over".



Myo Myo Khine

VETERAN supporting actress Myo Myo Khine chanted 'Sadhu' three times, for the donation made by son Phoe Pyae and daughter Thu Thu Zaw Linn. It was dedicated to their deceased father, actor Zaw Lin, and mother, actress Sanda.

Hsaung Wutyee May

THE film 'Hngyo', in which actress Hsaung Wutyee May leads the cast, was broadcast starting from 21 June, at 7 pm on every Saturday and Sunday. The actress portrays the Sue character. The movie was directed by Snow Mily, and the cast members are Aye Chan Maung, Hsaung Wutyee May, and Phone Thiri Kyaw, among others. — Htun Htun/KTZH



NATIONAL

Mandalay earthquake: KBZMS insurance payouts exceed K3.5B

TO accelerate the recovery efforts of insured individuals in areas affected by the Mandalay earthquake, KBZMS General Insurance has paid out over K3.5 billion in earthquake-related insurance benefits as of 19 June, according to a statement from the company.

Additionally, since 29 March, insured individuals in earthquake-affected areas who face difficulties paying their premiums have been granted an automa-

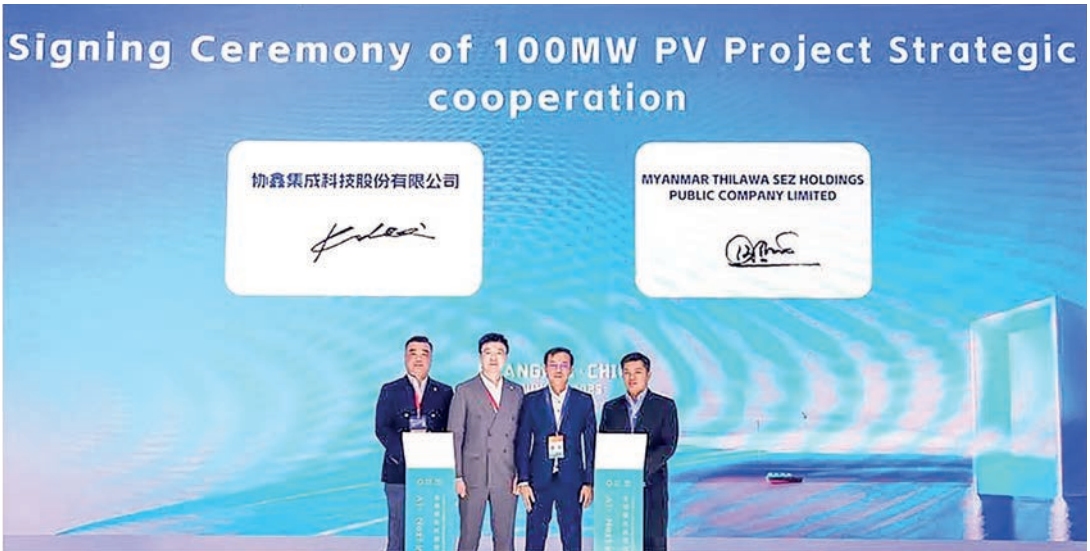
tic one-month extension of their insurance term, ensuring they receive full benefits within the expiration month. To better support customers in these areas, the insurance company is also working to provide timely assistance by gathering situational information.

Similarly, the staff at KBZ Centre Mandalay are providing consultations on all insurance-related matters for individuals affected by the Mandalay earthquake. — ASH/TH



This photo captures KBZMS General Insurance officials distributing benefits to insured individuals from earthquake-hit areas.

MTSH, China’s GCL SI ink MoU for Myanmar’s RE sector



This image captures the MTSH and China’s GCL SI Company after signing the MoU.

MYANMAR Thilawa SEZ Holdings Public Co Ltd has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Myanmar’s renewable energy sector with Chinese energy company GCL System Integration Technology Co Ltd (GCL SI), MTSH said.

The MoU was signed in Shanghai, China, on 11 June, and MTSH informed shareholders on 16 June.

According to the MoU, GCL SI and MTSH intend to jointly conduct the feasibility of

building solar power systems (including Floating Photovoltaic Power Plant and Centralized Photovoltaic Power Plant) with a capacity of up to 100 MW from renewable energy in Myanmar and establish a joint working group to effectively assess the feasibility of the project.

Through this collaboration, it will be possible to jointly carry out the feasibility study of power projects in Myanmar, as well as learn a lot of technical support, and will be able to address the electricity needs

of the company’s subsidiaries and affiliates, including MTSH.

GCLs main activities include generating electricity using clean and renewable energy technologies, manufacturing solar PV materials, oil and gas production, construction of Green Smart Cities and provision of financial services. Golden Concord Holdings Limited (GCL Group) is a major Chinese energy company, founded in 1990 and headquartered in Hong Kong. — Htun Htun/ZN

29 foreign nationals illegally entering Myanmar apprehended

AUTHORITIES successfully detained 29 foreign nationals who illegally entered Myanmar via border routes, passing through neighbouring countries including Thailand, and were reportedly involved in online gambling, scams and other criminal activities in the KK Park (Myawady-Maethawtalay), Kayin State.

Among those detained were

26 Chinese nationals, one Indian, one Nepali and one Indonesian. These individuals were discovered during a follow-up inspection and are currently held in custody.

Relevant interdepartmental teams are collaborating to ensure prompt and lawful deportation to their respective countries.

From 30 January to 21 June

2025, a total of 9,170 foreign nationals who illegally entered Myanmar were identified and detained. Of this number, 8,906 individuals were already repatriated via Thailand to their home countries through official procedures, while preparations for the deportation of the remaining 264 foreign nationals are reportedly in the final stages. All detainees are properly safeguarded and held as per legal standards.

The State is actively identifying and arresting those involved in online scam centres, including foreign masterminds and operatives behind such operations. At the same time, officials are coordinating with relevant embassies and agencies to ensure the swift and safe repatriation of foreign nationals who are victims of trafficking or in distress. — MNA/KZL



Immigration process is underway for the deportation of foreign entrants.

Yangon hosts Myanmar Power & Machinery Expo 2025

THE Myanmar Power and Machinery Expo 2025 is scheduled to take place at the Yangon Convention Centre in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, from 27 to 29 June 2025, according to an event organizer.

Alongside the main exhibition focusing on the power and machinery sector, a series of related expos will also be organized. These include the Myanmar Power and Machinery Shows, AgriTech Myanmar, which highlights agricultural technologies, Food and Beverage Myanmar, and HoReCa Myanmar 2025, which features hotel, restaurant and café equipment and services.

“The primary focus will be the Myanmar Power and Machinery Expo 2025. Exhibits will include transformers, generators, solar systems and services, power banks, batteries and other essential equipment for the energy sector under the Myanmar Power and Machinery Shows. Moreover, other sections such as AgriTech Myanmar, Food and Beverage Myanmar, and HoReCa Myanmar 2025 will also be featured,” a representative of the organizing body said.

The event will showcase over 100 booths, featuring a variety of industrial machinery and packaging equipment essential for rice and oil milling, food and beverage production and hospitality operations across the country. The exhibition will be open daily from 9 am to 5 pm. — ASH/KZL



ECONOMY  
WORLD

Qatar engages with major energy companies to address escalating risks to gas exports



South Pars Onshore Facilities near Asaluyeh City. PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS/FILE

Qatar has been developing its portion of the gas field since the 1990s and has established itself as a leading global liquefied natural gas (LNG) producer.

QATAR held urgent talks with major energy firms following Israeli strikes on Iran’s portion of a massive shared gas field in the Persian Gulf, according to Reuters.

Saad Al Kaabi, Qatar’s energy minister and CEO of state-owned QatarEnergy, reportedly urged representatives of Exxon-Mobil and other giants to press Western governments – particularly the US, UK, and EU – about the rising threat to gas exports from Qatar amid Israel’s strikes.

The gas field, known as South

Pars in Iran and North Dome in Qatar, straddles the two nations’ maritime border. Qatar began developing its side in the 1990s and has since emerged as a global LNG powerhouse. The world’s largest gas field, estimated to contain around 1,800 trillion cubic feet of gas, accounts for approximately eight per cent of global reserves. This vast resource serves as an economic lifeline for Qatar, underpinning its economy and solidifying its dominance in the global liquefied natural gas (LNG) market. — SPUTNIK

Global FDI fell by 11% amid uncertainty: UNCTAD

GLOBAL foreign direct investment (FDI) fell by 11 per cent to US\$1.5 trillion in 2024, marking the second consecutive year of decline, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said on Thursday.

Geopolitical tensions, trade fragmentation, and intensifying industrial policy competition, combined with elevated financial risk and uncertainty, are reshaping global investment, the UNCTAD said in its World

Investment Report 2025.

The decline was driven largely by a 22 per cent drop in FDI to developed economies, including a 58 per cent plunge in Europe, the report said.

In developing countries, capital inflows appeared broadly stable with regional divergence. However, in many economies, capital is “stagnating or bypassing” key sectors like infrastructure, energy, technology, and job-creating industries, it highlighted.

“Too many economies are being left behind not for lack of potential — but because the system still sends capital where it’s easiest, not where it’s needed,” said UNCTAD Secretary-General Rebeca Grynspan.

Digital economy investment is the only growth sector, which saw a 14 per cent rise in FDI led by Information and Communication technology (ICT) manufacturing, digital services, and semiconductors, the report said. — Xinhua



A drone photo taken on 19 June 2025 shows smart transport robots at a container terminal of Tianjin Port in North China’s Tianjin, on 19 June 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

NEWS IN BRIEF

World Bank approves US\$150 mln to boost Sri Lanka’s clean energy shift

THE World Bank on Friday approved a new US\$150 million programme to support Sri Lanka’s move towards clean, reliable, and affordable energy.

A World Bank statement said the programme titled Secure, Affordable, and Sustainable Energy for Sri Lanka will support the country in reducing its reliance on expensive fossil fuel imports and accelerate its shift towards solar and wind.

The programme will help deliver clean, affordable electricity to families and businesses across Sri Lanka, said David Sislen, World Bank division director for the Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka. The programme also expects to mobilize more than \$800 million in private investment, helping lower electricity costs and improve reliability for families and businesses, the statement said. — Xinhua

Water diversion dam construction begins in S Afghanistan

CONSTRUCTION work on a water diversion dam has begun in Afghanistan’s southern Kandahar province, local media outlet Tolonews reported on Saturday. With a cost of over US\$380,000, the networks would provide clean water to around 10,000 families in the Arghandab district, the report said, adding that the provincial government would continue to provide potable water to the people across the province. Afghanistan has been suffering drought for years, and many cities and provinces, including the capital, Kabul, have been facing extreme potable water shortages.

To overcome the water scarcity, the interim government is digging wells and launching water supply networks in rural areas to reduce a serious challenge that has harmed the agricultural sector and significantly reduced groundwater levels. — Xinhua





This photo shows Megapack energy-storage batteries in east China's Shanghai, 21 March 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

# Tesla to build grid-side energy storage station in Shanghai

US carmaker Tesla on Friday inked a deal with Chinese partners to build a grid-side energy storage station in Shanghai using its Megapack energy-storage batteries.

The deal, with a total investment of four billion yuan (about US\$556 million), marked Tesla's ex-

pansion into China's burgeoning energy storage market, paving the way for its facility to connect with the country's vast power grid, the largest in the world.

The giga-watt-hour-scale energy storage station is to be located in the Lin-gang Spe-

cial Area of China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone, as per the deal signed by Tesla, the administrative committee of the Lin-gang Special Area, the people's government of Shanghai's Fengxian District, and China Kangfu International Leasing Co, Ltd. — Xinhua

# UK regulator probes Amazon over suspected supplier payment delays

BRITAIN'S grocery regulator has launched a formal investigation into Amazon over suspected delays in payments to food suppliers, citing possible violations of rules designed to protect supplier interests.

The Groceries Code Adjudicator (GCA) said on Friday it has "reasonable grounds to suspect" Amazon breached Paragraph 5 of the Groceries Supply Code of Practice (GSCOP), which requires retailers to pay suppliers on time.

The probe will cover Amazon's conduct from 1 March 2022 to 20 June 2025, with a focus on practices since January 2024. It will examine how Amazon processes payments, resolves disputed deductions, and negotiates settlements with suppliers.

Amazon, which operates online grocery sales and Amazon Fresh stores in Britain, came under the GCA's oversight in 2022 after exceeding 1 billion pounds (US\$1.34 billion) in annual grocery sales. The company was formally warned in 2024 to improve compliance following supplier complaints. — Xinhua

# Nepal imports record number of EVs

NEPAL imported a record-high number of four-wheel electric vehicles (EVs) during the first 11 months of the current 2024-25 financial year, the

Department of Customs said on Friday.

The total number stood at 13,483 by mid-June, with as many as 10,194 from China, or nearly 76 per cent of the total imports, the department said. In contrast, the country imported a total of 11,701 EVs in 2023-24.

Nepal has been encouraging EVs in recent years as it produces surplus hydropower, especially during the monsoon season, and the country aims to increase the sales of EVs to 90 per cent of all private passenger vehicles and 70 per cent of all public passenger vehicles by 2030, including two-wheelers. — Xinhua



An electric vehicle of Chinese automaker BYD is displayed during the opening ceremony of a hi-tech week in Kathmandu, Nepal, 26 February 2025. PHOTO: SULAV SHRESTHA/XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SITC HAKATA VOY.NO. (2518S)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SITC HAKATA VOY.NO. (2518S)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **22-6-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SITC CONTAINER LINE CO, LTD.

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M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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# WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



People visit an exhibition hall during the 28<sup>th</sup> St Petersburg International Economic Forum in St Petersburg, Russia, 20 June 2025. **PHOTO: IRINA MOTINA/XINHUA**

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## Total of 1,060 deals worth \$80B signed at SPIEF

A total of 1,060 agreements worth 6.3 trillion roubles (\$80 billion) have been signed on the sidelines of the 2025 St Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF), the Organizing Committee's executive secretary, Anton Kobyakov, said on Saturday.

"According to the results of the forum at the moment... 1,060 agreements worth a total 6.3 trillion roubles have been signed," Kobyakov said.

Over 140 countries sent their repre-

sentatives to the forum, Kobyakov said.

"Friendly and unfriendly countries, 144 countries, sent their delegations," Kobyakov said.

Twenty-four business dialogues between the key countries have been held during the forum.

The Russian city of St Petersburg is hosting the 28<sup>th</sup> edition of SPIEF from 18-21 June under the theme of "Shared Values: The Foundation of Growth in a Multipolar World." — SPUTNIK

June 20

## 'Golden Dome' plan tricky and expensive: experts

**PRESIDENT** Donald Trump's proposed "Golden Dome" defence system is a plan that will face mammoth technical and financial hurdles, and could increase global insecurity, experts say.

Trump announced plans for the space-based system last month, saying it would eventually cost around \$175 billion and would be operational by the end of his term in 2029.

The planned defence shield's name

is a nod to Israel's Iron Dome that has intercepted thousands of short-range rockets since 2011.

But the US defence system would intercept much bigger intercontinental threats.

Thomas Roberts, of the Georgia Institute of Technology, said the "Golden Dome" plan was based on being able to detect when a long-range missile was fired. — AFP

June 19

## Ghana cuts power supply to debt-laden public bodies

**GHANA'S** state electric distributor has cut power supply to several state institutions over unpaid bills running to tens of millions of dollars, adding its pleas for payment have fallen on deaf ears.

The Electricity Company of Ghana on Tuesday cut off electricity to Ghana Water Limited's Weija treatment plant in Accra, citing an outstanding bill of \$97 million,

then turned its sights on the Ghana Broadcasting Corporation (GBC) over arrears of \$305,000 after the media firm failed to adhere to a structured payment plan.

ECG gave the waterworks a 48-hour ultimatum to pay up or face a longer-term supply cut to its main pumping stations which comprise essential infrastructure for Ghana's water distribution. — AFP

June 18

## Spain PM denies graft scandal funded ruling Socialists

**SPANISH** Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez on Wednesday denied his Socialist party received illegal funding from a corruption scandal involving two former close allies that has rocked his minority coalition government.

A police report released last week implicated Socialist heavyweight Santos Cerdan and former transport minister Jose Luis Abalos in receiving kickbacks in the improper awarding of public con-

tracts. The subsequent backlash has created a crisis for Sanchez, who came to power in 2018 promising to clean up Spanish politics after the main conservative Popular Party (PP) was convicted in its own graft affair.

"There is no note, no indication that points to the Socialist party in terms of irregular funding," a sombre-faced Sanchez told a raucous session of parliament in reference to the police report. — AFP

June 17

## US moves to protect all species of pangolin

**THE** United States on Monday moved to extend federal protections to all species of pangolins — a step that would tighten trade restrictions and highlight the urgent conservation plight of the world's only scaly mammals.

Found in the forests, woodlands, and savannas of Africa and Asia, pangolins are small, nocturnal creatures known for their distinctive appearance, slow and peaceful demeanour, and habit of curling into a ball when threatened.

Often likened to a walking pine-

cone, they use long, sticky tongues to feast on ants and termites, give birth to a single pup each year — and are the most heavily trafficked mammals on Earth. Their keratin scales are coveted in traditional medicine, and their meat is also considered a delicacy in some regions.

In April, Nigerian authorities seized nearly four tonnes of trafficked pangolin scales — representing the slaughter of some 2,000 animals. — FAP

June 16

## A French tourist arrested in Iceland for family murder

**A** French tourist in her 60s has been arrested in Iceland suspected of murdering her daughter and husband while the three were vacationing in the country, Icelandic media reported.

Murders and deadly violence are rare in Iceland, with the country regularly ranked at the top of the Global Peace Index thanks to its low crime rates, though gang crime has

been on the rise in recent years.

The husband and daughter were found dead at an upscale hotel in Iceland's capital Reykjavik on Saturday morning, while the woman was found alive with stab injuries, Icelandic broadcaster RUV reported late Saturday.

Icelandic media have provided no details about tourists' identities. — AFP

June 15

## LA anti-Trump protests turn chaotic

**FOR** hours, thousands of people in Los Angeles peacefully celebrated their defiance of US President Donald Trump Saturday with music, marching, bubbles and balloons — then police unexpectedly moved in, and chaos and confusion broke out. The demonstration — part of the nationwide "No Kings" day of protests across the country — was by far the largest in more than a week of protests

ignited by anger against immigration raids the Trump administration has been carrying out across the country's second-largest city.

Like those before it, Saturday's had been largely peaceful. A march that began in the morning had finished, with demonstrators milling about on a sunny afternoon as the scene took on the air of a street festival. — AFP



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The iconic symbol of the 2024 Paris Olympics will take to the skies during France's annual street music festival and continue doing so until September. **PHOTO: AFP**

Olympic balloon to rise again in Paris

A giant balloon that became a popular landmark over the skies of Paris during the 2024 Olympics is set to rise once more, with organizers hoping it will again attract crowds of tourists.

During the Games, the Olympic cauldron tethered to a balloon flew above the Tuileries garden at sunset every day, with thousands flocking to see the seven-metre (23 feet) wide ring of electric fire.

Last summer's version

"had been thought up to last for the length of the Olympic and Paralympic Games," said Mathieu Lehanneur, the designer of the cauldron.

After President Emmanuel Macron "decided to bring it back, all of the technical aspects needed to be reviewed", he told AFP on Thursday.

Lehanneur said he was "very moved" that the Olympic balloon was making a comeback.

"The worst thing would have

been for this memory to become a sitting relic that couldn't fly anymore," he said.

The new version will first take to the skies on Saturday evening during France's annual street music festival, the Fete de la Musique.

The balloon will rise into the air every evening until 14 September — and will become a summer tradition that could return every year until the 2028 Los Angeles Games. — AFP

Mexican boxing legend Alvarez promises Crawford bout will be one of his 'best'

MEXICO'S undisputed super middleweight world champion Canelo Alvarez promises his title bout with Terence Crawford in Las Vegas on 13 September will be one of the legend's "best".

The 34-year-old became sole possessor of all the title belts at the weight for a second time when he beat IBF champion William Scull by unanimous points decision in Riyadh last month.

Crawford was at that bout and immediately threw down the gauntlet — gladly accepted by Alvarez — even though it means the 37-year-old American has to step up two weight divisions.

Alvarez, whose record is an impressive 63-2-2 with 39 knockouts, has been a world champion

at four different weights, as indeed has Crawford.

"This fight is going to be one of my best fights in my history, in my record," Canelo said at a joint press conference with Crawford in Riyadh to get the promotional show on the road.

"I'm very excited and motivated because this is all about I want to make history."

Alvarez, whose two defeats have come at the hands of Floyd Mayweather at super middleweight in 2013 and then at light heavyweight to Dmitry Bivol in 2023, said he loved boxing but winning was primordial.

"For me it's very important to win this fight. I love boxing. I love winning. — AFP



Mexican legend Canelo Alvarez (L) says he respects his future world title fight opponent Terence Crawford (R) but he is not in his league. **PHOTO: AFP**



Flamengo's Bruno Henrique celebrates with teammate Leo Pereira after scoring the Brazilian side's equalizer against Chelsea in Philadelphia. **PHOTO: AFP**

Flamengo floor Chelsea at Club World Cup, Bayern edge out Boca

FLAMENGO produced a brilliant second-half fightback to beat Chelsea 3-1 at the Club World Cup on Friday and qualify for the last 16, while Bayern Munich joined them in reaching the knockout phase with a battling win over Boca Juniors.

In Philadelphia, Pedro Neto gave Chelsea an early lead but Flamengo, roared on by their frenzied supporters who made up the majority of the 54,019 crowd, did not de-

serve to be behind and came roaring back in the second half.

Bruno Henrique came off the bench in the 56<sup>th</sup> minute and quickly equalised before setting up former Real Madrid, Manchester City and Juventus defender Danilo to make it 2-1.

Chelsea were stunned, and their hopes of pulling level again were effectively destroyed when substitute Nicolas Jackson was sent off in 68<sup>th</sup> minutes for a dangerous tackle

on Ayrton Lucas.

Wallace Yan then sealed the victory for the Rio de Janeiro club, the Brazilian league leaders, when he made it 3-1 later on.

"It was a special day for me and our club," said Flamengo coach Filipe Luis.

"We knew we would have chances against Chelsea, because we have one way to play and they know how to follow that path." — AFP



# China launches campaign to protect adolescents from online drug risks

*The campaign warns teenagers against misleading narratives that downplay drug dangers.*



Young students visit a folk customs hall at Huqiu Mountain scenic spot in Suzhou, East China's Jiangsu province, 19 July 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

A nationwide campaign has been launched to protect young Chinese from the growing threat of drug-related online content and criminal activities involving addictive substances such as narcotic and psychotropic drugs, according to the Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC) on Friday.

The campaign, jointly initiated

by seven government departments including the CAC, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Public Security, will run from June to December this year. A joint initiative released by these authorities highlights the risks of misusing medically regulated substances such as dextromethorphan, etomidate and tramadol.

It warns teenagers not to fall for

misleading narratives that downplay the dangers of such substances -- and calls on families and the society to share responsibility in the fight against drugs. In recent years, the pattern of drug abuse in China has shifted significantly, with the misuse of narcotic and psychotropic drugs growing rapidly in the country, posing a serious risk to public health, particularly among adolescents. — Xinhua

## French woman identified as only carrier of new blood type

*A French woman from Guadeloupe is the sole known carrier of "Gwada negative" blood.*

A French woman from Guadeloupe has been recognized as the sole known carrier of a new blood type, "Gwada negative", according to France's blood supply agency, the French Blood Establishment (EFS).

This discovery, an-

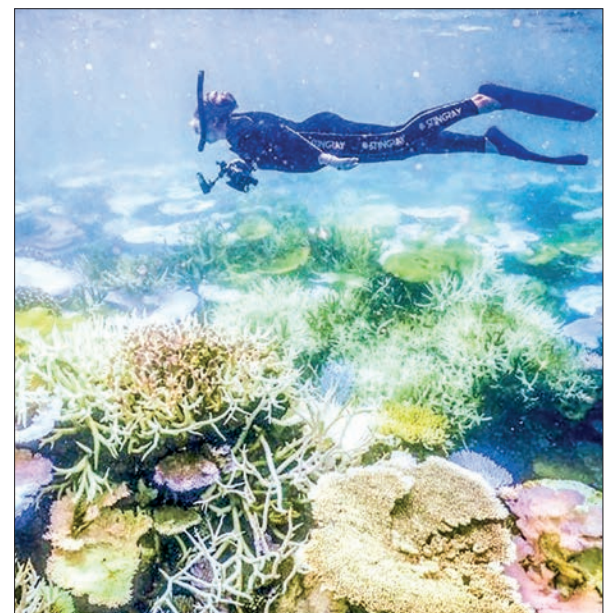
nounced 15 years after the initial blood sample was taken during routine tests prior to surgery, marks the identification of the 48<sup>th</sup> blood group system globally, officially recognized by the International Society of Blood Transfusion (ISBT) in June.



A French woman from the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe has been identified as the only known carrier of a new blood type. **PHOTO: AFP**

The unusual antibody was first detected in the patient in 2011, but further research was delayed until 2019 when advanced DNA sequencing revealed a genetic mutation.

The woman, who was 54 at the time of the initial discovery, inherited this unique blood type from her parents, both of whom carried the mutated gene. — AFP



Hands-on conservation diving fosters empathy and responsibility towards marine life. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

## Climate crisis motivates divers to reconnect with, restore reefs

GRIEF, hope, and sadness are inspiring divers to restore the climate-threatened Great Barrier Reef, new research has found.

The study explored how hands-on reef conservation diving fosters deep connections between humans and marine life, challenging the notion of human exceptionalism — the belief that humans are separate from or superior to the natural world, according to a release from the University of Adelaide on Friday.

*Emotional reactions to ecological loss drive marine conservation efforts.*

Through interviews and observation, the study found that hands-on underwater restoration activities — like touching corals and sensing water pressure — deeply inspire empathy and responsibility in participants, the release said.

The research finds that emotional reactions like grief to ecological loss can drive action for marine conservation, emphasizing the need to understand these feelings as climate uncertainty increases, it said.

"Grief can incorporate a cautious but active hope...It reveals how emotional pain can move people towards protecting what is left," said Ella Vallelonga, an anthropologist at the University of Adelaide and the author of the study.

As restoration divers work in marine nurseries, their altered senses and vulnerability during hands-on care for corals foster a heightened sense of intimacy and a protective instinct towards the organisms, Vallelonga said. — Xinhua