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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivers a greeting speech at the honorary dinner hosted by the Head of the Republic of Buryatia, the Russian Federation, yesterday.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing highlighted that Myanmar and Buryatia have also been cooperating in areas such as science and technology, industrial technology, and various other sectors in addition to religious relations, at the honorary dinner hosted by the Head of the Republic of Buryatia.

The high-level Myanmar delegation led by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla who are on the official visit to the Republic of Buryatia of the Russian Federation was hosted a dinner in their honour by Head of the Republic of Buryatia Mr Alexey Sambuevich Tsydenov, yesterday evening.

On arrival at the venue for dinner, the high-level Myanmar delegation led by SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla were warmly

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welcomed by the Head of the Republic of Buryatia and officials.

At the dinner, the Head of the Republic of Buryatia extended greetings. He said that he warmly welcomed the high-level Myanmar delegation led by His Excellency Chairman of the State Administration Council and Prime Minister, to the Republic of Buryatia. Although both countries are geographically distant,

they feel a deep sense of closeness. They also share the same religious faith, and based on these common spiritual values, they have been strengthening their cooperation in social and economic sectors. He is greatly honoured and delighted by the visit of His Excellency to Buryatia.

In his speech, the Senior General also extended greetings.

He said that now is his third visit to the beautiful and peaceful Republic of Buryatia, and each time he has arrived there, he feels a deep sense of tranquillity. As a region where the majority of people practise Buddhism, Buryatia shares a strong spiritual and cultural connection with Myanmar. Religious exchanges between the two countries began in 2015 and have now lasted nearly a decade.

He continued that Myanmar and Buryatia have also been cooperating in areas such as science and technology, industrial technology, and various other sectors in addition to religious relations. He expressed his firm belief that these collaborative efforts will continue to strengthen in the future. Myanmar will continue to cooperate with the Russian Federation, including the Republic of Buryatia, in various sectors such as economy, healthcare, education, trade, and others. The Senior General extended his best wishes for the continued health, prosperity, and well-being of the Head of the Republic of Buryatia, as well as all the people of the region.

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Diligence and focus key to achieving higher standard of living

WE can achieve a high standard of living only through hard work, so we must remain diligent and mindful to stay focused on our goals ...

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by the Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the Passing-out Parade of Defence Services 25th Intake of Medical Academy held on 18 December 2024)

Weather

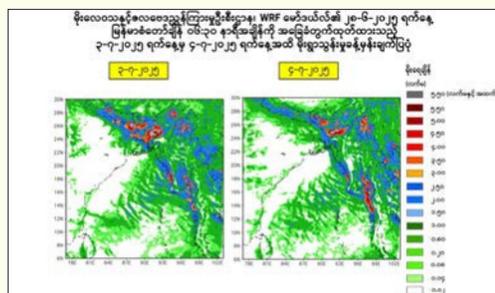
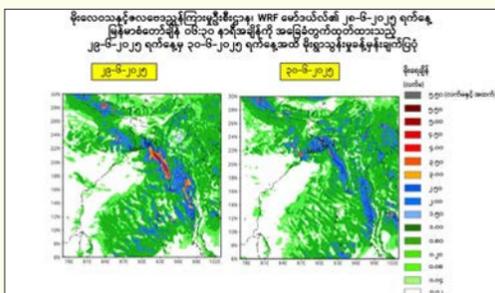
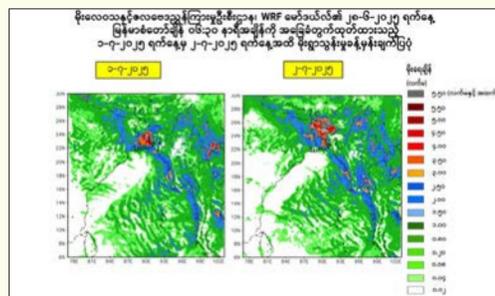
Special Weather News

Issued at 6 pm MST on 28 June 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 4:30 pm MST today, monsoon will be strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, due to the easterly waves and westerly waves, rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Mandalay, Magway and lower Sagaing regions and Kayah State, fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan states with likelihood of regionally and isolated heavy falls during today evening to 4 July 2025. Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 11-13 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

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



Bay of Bengal Condition

Issued at 2 pm MST on 28 June 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 12:30 pm MST today, a low-pressure area may form over North Bay of Bengal and adjoining coastal Bangladesh and West Bengal, India around 30 June 2025. — DMH

Flood Warning

Issued at 2 pm MST on 28 June 2025

ACCORDING to the 1:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of the Bilin River at Bilin is observed as about four feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next two days.

It is especially alert to the people who settle near the river banks and low-lying areas in Bilin Township, to take precaution measure and to stay away from the flood-prone areas in time if the water level will rise. — DMH

Gold Market Rate as of 28 June 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,880,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

SSMNC holds second-day meeting of 9th 47-Member Term



The second day of the ninth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee's second plenary meeting is in progress at the Vijaya Mangala Dhamma Thabin on Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon yesterday.

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

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

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

During the first session of the meeting, the Sayadaws discussed the Vinichaya affairs,

religious-related matters and the education sector.

The director-general of the Religious Affairs Department handed over K33 million, donated by the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaws for the repair of quake-affected pagodas, to the Union minister. At noon, the second session of the meeting continued, and the Sayadaws discussed the Vinichaya affairs, religious-related matters and the education sector.

Day meal alms were donated to the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee member Sayadaws who attended the ceremony yesterday.

Disciples under the auspices of Kyaikkasan Wailuwun (Shwegyin) Monastery, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Manita (Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja) offered alms for the whole day to the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee member Sayadaws who attended the ceremony yesterday. — MNA/KTZH

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing-led high-level Myanmar delegation arrives in Ulan-Ude, Republic of Buryatia

THE high-level Myanmar delegation led by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who attended the 4th Eurasian Economic Forum (EEF 2025) held in Minsk, the Republic of Belarus, left the international airport in Minsk yesterday morning for Ulan-Ude of the Republic of Buryatia, the Russian Federation, at the invitation of Head of the Republic of Buryatia Mr Alexey Sambuevich Tsydenov.

The Senior General and his entourage were seen off at the airport by Belarusian Deputy Prime Minister Mr Yuri Shuleiko and First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Lukashевич Sergey Vladimirovich, Myanmar Consul-General to the Republic of Belarus U Moe Kyaw Thu and officials.

On arrival at the Baikal International Airport in Ulan-Ude, the Republic of Buryatia, in the evening, the high-level Myanmar delegation led by SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla were warmly welcomed by Head of the Republic of Buryatia Mr Alexey Sambuevich Tsydenov, officials and local people in line with their traditions. — MNA/TTA



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing is seen off by Belarusian Deputy Prime Minister Mr Yuri Shuleiko at the airport in Minsk yesterday.

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The Senior General, his wife and entourage had dinner together with the Head of the Re-

public of Buryatia and officials.

During the dinner, traditional dance troupes from the National Theatre of the Republic

of Buryatia presented songs and dances.

After the dinner, the Senior General and the Head of the Re-

public of Buryatia as well as the wife of the Senior General and the wife of the Head of the Republic of Buryatia exchanged gifts.

The Senior General presented cash awards and gifts to the traditional dance troupe from the National Theatre. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

Union Information Minister makes inspection tours in Ayeyawady Region

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, who is chairman of the Committee on the Development of a Resilient and Strong Social Community, accompanied by Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Tin Maung Win, inspected the work processes for a resilient and strong social community in Nyaungdon, Pantanaw and Maubin townships yesterday.

On arrival at the Knowledge Centre in Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region, the Union minister and party watched the demonstration of seedlings using Drum Seeder, provided drum seeders and MRTV DTH receivers to the farmers.

Speaking at the event, the Union minister highlighted the role of a resilient and strong social community for safety, progress in the vocational sector, better healthcare services and resilience for natural disasters.

He proceeded to the Asia Thar fish farming company and inspected the fish and meat pro-



Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn and Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Tin Maung Win observe the demonstration of planting seedlings using Drum Seeder in Samalauk Village, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region, yesterday.



duction processes.

He went to the Sai Thiha broiler farm in Maubin Township. The farm was developed with 12,000 broilers in 2015, and expanded to 24,000 broilers starting from 2016. In 2019, the farm was upgraded into a cold storage farm and has bred 155,000 to date, creating job opportunities for locals.

The Union minister and the chief minister went to Shwe Naga Min Company on the Yangon-Pathain highway in Maubin, and general manager U Zaw Min explained the work processes.

On arrival at Mingalar library, the Union minister donated K1 million, MRTV DTH receivers, public science treatises for the library, and the chief minister do-

nated K1 million, and the librarian received the donations.

On arrival at Htoo Htet Han Company's pig breeding farm with a 6,500-pig population. The farm was initiated in 2022 and produced 1.854 million visses in 2025.

The Union minister proceeded to the U Thant Library in Pantanaw Township, and he donated

the Glass Palace Chronicle of the Kings of Myanmar donated by SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, K1 million, two MRTV DTH receivers, public science treatises and other books, and the chief minister donated K1 million for the library, and the librarian received the donations. — MNA/KTZH

EOIs invited for Film City Project



Documentary photos show the location for the film city in Hlegu Township, Yangon Region.

ACCORDING to the Master Plan for the Film City Project, the land will be developed in sections, and interested businesspeople have been invited

to cooperate with the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization in a notice dated 27 June.

A total of 200 acres of land in Mingon village, Hlegu Township,

Yangon, have been granted to the MMPO for this project.

The Expression of Interest (EOI) forms can be bought at and further details are available

at the MMPO office to submit before the deadline of 11 July 2025.

"If the project is successful, the filming can be done only near Yangon, making it considerably convenient for the artists. The Film City Project is important not only for the industry but also for the State as well as the people. As the film industry is also an important sector for a country, we must make every effort to ensure that advanced movies can be filmed and systematically shown in cinemas," said Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn at the monsoon planting ceremony held at the project site on 15 June.

The project will include

restaurants, parking lots, recreation halls, offices, studios, one-stop-service outdoor shooting sites, ethnic model houses, cities' landmarks such as Mamyao Clock Tower, Mandalay Palace and Moat, playgrounds, cinemas, amusement park, resort hotel, small villages, palm trees, pagodas, lakes, wards, urban areas, forests, trees, creeks, hills and miniature golf course.

The land, approximately 20 miles and four furlongs from the Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw expressway, was permitted by former President U Thein Sein in 2014. The State Administration Council approved its land use for 30 years, from 2024 to 2054, on 2 February 2024. — Htun Htun/ZN

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Weekly Roundup

22 June

Solar panel factory, Tyre Factory (Ywama), Steel Mills inspected

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, the Yangon Region chief minister, the commander of Yangon Command and officials, inspected the production of solar panel factory, Tyre Factory (Ywama), No 3 Steel Mill (Ywama) and No 2 Steel Mill (Myaungtaga) in Yangon Region.

25 June

SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to make official visit to Belarus

At the invitation of President of the Republic of Belarus Mr Alexander Grigoryevich Lukashenko who is Rotating Chair of Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing will pay an official visit to the Republic of Belarus soon to attend the 4th Eurasian Economic Forum (EEF 2025) to be held in Minsk, the Republic of Belarus.

Repairs of damaged staff housing, Pyinmana No 1 Myoma market, Ottarathiri Dam inspected

Chairman of the National Disaster Management Committee, Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council, Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win inspected damaged staff housing caused by the Mandalay earthquake and renovation of the No 1 Myoma Market in Pyinmana and the Ottarathiri Dam.

26 June

Peace Forum 2025 launched

Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister, Chairman of National Solidarity and Peacemaking Central Committee, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered an opening speech at the opening ceremony of the Peace Forum 2025: Towards the New Nation of Peace and Prosperity through the Integration of Peace, Elections and Development which took place at the Mingala Thiri Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and delegates arrive in Belarus

The high-level Myanmar delegation, led by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, arrived at the international airport in Minsk of the Republic of Belarus to attend the 4th Eurasian Economic Forum (EAEF 2025) to be held in Minsk.

27 June

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets EEC Board Chairman

Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, held a meeting with Chairman of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) Mr Bakytzhan Abdirovich Sagintayev at the Minsk International Exhibition Centre BELEXPO of the Republic of Belarus.

SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits Belmedpreparaty Pharmaceutical Factory in Minsk

28 June

Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, visited the Belmedpreparaty pharmaceutical factory in Minsk.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing joins Plenary Session of 4th EEF 2025

Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, attended the Plenary Session of the 4th Eurasian Economic Forum (EEF 2025) at the Minsk International Exhibition Centre BELEXPO in Minsk, the Republic of Belarus.

28 June

Myanmar, Belarus to deepen friendship and cooperation

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

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits Minsk Tractor Works, Slutsk Cheese Factory in Belarus

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

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.

Lt-Gen Thet Pon from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and relevant officials inspected the clearing of debris at the collapsed building at religious sites in Sagaing.

They also attended the ceremony to mark the three-month memorial of deceased Sayadaws, novices, nuns and civilians at the Shwehintha Monastery in Thawtapan Ward, Sagaing. They listened to sermons delivered by Sayadaws and shared merits.

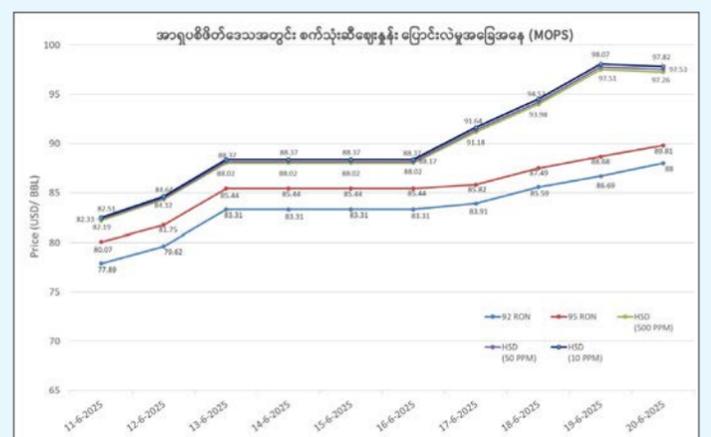
Lt-Gen Soe Tint Naing



Lt-Gen Soe Tint Naing and officials inspect the rubble removal work using machinery in Aungmyaythazan Township, Mandalay.

from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and officials inspected the demolition of collapsed buildings in Chanmyathazi, Mahaang-

myay, and Aungmyaythazan townships in Mandalay using heavy machinery, and other road safety matters. — MNA/KTZH



This image displays oil and fuel price indexes based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS).

Fuel prices up, supply stable and accessible

DOMESTIC fuel prices have risen in recent weeks in line with global oil price hikes. In the Asia-Pacific region, fuel prices have increased by around US\$10 to 15 per barrel.

Despite the price surge, foreign exchange rates remain stable, and domestic fuel supply is sufficient. As a result, there are no shortages, and consumers can continue to purchase fuel easily, according to reports. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

Monastic schools serve 338,713 students in 2025



Students and the teacher monk are seen pursuing education at the monastic school.

A total of 1,380 monastic education schools provided education to the needy 338,713 students in the 2025 Academic Year, according to Chair Sayadaw of the Monastic Education Supervisory Committee (Central), who also acts as State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Vice-Chairman.

Monastic Education Schools offer free education schools for monks, nuns, children of needy families, orphans, and low-waged parents.

Monks and nuns are studying hard at the Monastic Education Schools. They will contribute

to disseminating the religion. Those monastic schools produce civil servants as well.

Monastic schools aim to provide basic Education and modern education of affordable rate regardless of social status, teach moral lessons and values, produce outstanding citizens, cherish and realize Myanmar cultural value, follow Buddhism learning, become a better Buddhists by live by the core principles of Buddhism and preserve religion to serve as a cornerstone of cultural heritage and personal identity. — ASH/KK



This photo captures the ceremony in which the Sitagu Sayadaw donated K100 million for the renovation of the Aungmyaythazi Middle Monastic Building in Mandalay on 27 June.

Sitagu Sayadaw donates K100M to renovate Aungmyaythazi Monastery

A ceremony for the donation of K100 million by Sitagu Sayadaw for the renovation of the Aungmyaythazi Monastic Middle Building, which was damaged by the Mandalay earthquake, was held on 27 June at the Maha Visuddhayon Monastery compound.

At the ceremony, K100 million was received by the chief minister of the Mandalay Region government on behalf of the Maha Visuddhayon Monastery.

In addition, the Awayya Rama Yankin Sayadaw donated K30 million; Dr Ashin Ukansacaro from Macau, China, donated K3 million; and the Mandalay Region Government donated 100 bags of cement to the monastery.

The ceremony was attended by monks from the Awayya Rama Yankin Monastery, the administrator of the Sitagu International Vipassana Academy, and officials from the Mandalay Region Government. — ASH/TH

German, Finnish Red Cross donate quake relief items to MRCS

THE German and Finnish Red Cross societies donated emergency relief items for earthquake response operations to the Myanmar Red Cross Society in a handover ceremony held on 26 June at Yangon International Airport, according to the headquarters of the Myanmar Red Cross Society.

Ms Pone Nyet Khaing of the German Red Cross and Ms Hannaleena Pölkki of the Finnish Red Cross handed over the relief items, which were received by Assistant General Secretary Daw Ei Ei Htway and officials from the Myanmar Red Cross Society. They expressed their appreciation and presented certificates of honour in return.

The donated items from the German Red Cross includ-



Officials hand over earthquake relief supplies.

ed family tents, shelter tool kits (Type 1 and 2), jerrycans, mini rub halls, warehouse tents, and hygiene parcels. The Finnish Red Cross con-

tributed tents. Donated supplies will be distributed to communities impacted by earthquakes across Myanmar. — AHS/KZL

Shan ethnic singers to stage 'Nostalgic Memory' concert

SHAN ethnic singers Sai Aung Htee Kham and Seng San will hold a live concert titled 'Cherry Ko Tha Pan Par Kwe' at the Inya Lake Garden Hotel in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, on 5 July.

Shan ethnic singer Seng San, who will sing at the concert, is the daughter of the late famous singer Sai Htee Seng.

"We aim to sing together in a flow, remembering and honouring our father with songs that are already deeply ingrained in our hearts. Therefore, we invite fans who love our father to come and join us," said vocalist Seng San.

The concert, which will be held at 7 pm on 5 July, will be supported by the Immortal Band. — ASH/MKKS



This image depicts a poster for Shan singers Sai Aung Htee Kham and Seng San.

60 container vessels slated to enter Yangon Port in July

A total of 60 container vessels are scheduled to call at Yangon Port in July 2025, the Myanmar Port Authority (MPA) announced.

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

MPA has arranged maritime trade channels to handle increasing imports to meet domestic demand, to bolster exports, and to improve port capacity for significant arrivals of ships. MPA also notified that it would inform exporters and importers of ship arrival schedules promptly upon an extended schedule. A total of



One container vessel is seen berthing alongside the Yangon Port.

62 container vessels in January 2025, 53 in February, 58 in March, 62 in April, 65 in May and 62 in June 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 Myan-

ma 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. Afterwards, the port can now handle larger ships. The container vessel MV SITC Zhaoming (185.99-metre LOA, 35.25-metre Beam, 29,232 GRT and 2,698 TEUs) of Hong Kong-based SITC Shipping Line docked at the Asia World Port Terminal for the first time on 22 June, which is the largest ship that AWPT Port has 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 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 metres, the larger ocean liners can enter the Thilawa Port. — NN/KK

Palm oil reference prices plunge to six-month low

PALM oil reference price fell to a six-month low at K6,080 per viss in a week ending 29 June as weak global palm oil prices are closely tied to domestic palm oil reference prices, according to the Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar imports edible oil to meet the growing domestic demand. The imported CIF price (Cost, Insurance and Freight) for palm oil has been declining since January 2025. The wholesale reference price declined to K6,080 per viss in the week ending 22 June from K7,280 in the first week of January.

The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs and banking services to decide the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil weekly.

The committee issues reference prices weekly every Monday through the website www.doca.gov.mm of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Facebook pages of the department and the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association. Despite the reference price, the market price is

way too high.

To control overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed consumers of lodging complaints for overcharging through the call centre hotline.

The department urges consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices.

The Committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market manipulation will face legal action under the Essential Goods and Services Law.

The department is working together with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the cooking oil importing companies to offer affordable rates of imported palm oil for consumers.

The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs Department, or sent to the Facebook page of the department and the region and state departments concerned.

The domestic palm oil consumption is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. About 700,000 tonnes of palm oil are yearly imported through Malaysia and Indonesia to meet domestic demands. — NN/KK

CBM sells US\$500K, CNY400K on 27 June

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$500,000 to commodities importing companies on 27 June, in addition to a 400,000-yuan injection into the market and \$845,000 purchased from CMP companies into the edible oil industry.

CBM sold \$1 million to commodity-importing companies after the injection of 160,000 yuan into the market on 26 June. Furthermore, CBM sold \$400,000 to edible oil-importing companies.

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

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

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

CBM sold over \$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 desig-

nated 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 one million dollars out of the designated \$10 million injection to commodity-importing companies on 18 June 2025. Furthermore, CBM also sold \$1.68 million from CMP companies to edible oil importing companies on that day. CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

OPINION

BOOKRACK POEM

Create masterpiece songs for the benefit of the people

IN MYANMAR, memorable and significant days are officially commemorated. Among these, a specific day has also been designated to honour musicians, known as Myanmar Music Day. As such, a central executive meeting of the Myanmar Music Association held on 4 June 2013 officially designated 27 June as Myanmar Music Day.

This date was chosen to commemorate 27 June 1936 — the day the second “Doh Bamar” Conference was held in Myingyan of Mandalay Region, where the “Doh Bamar Song” was recognized as the national anthem. This year, 27 June marks the 12th anniversary of Myanmar Music Day.

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The history of Myanmar music traces back to its origins, encompassing the Royal Court music of the monarchical era, rural folk music, colonial-era gramophone music, music from the independence struggle period, post-independence era music, contemporary popular music, and modern music genres. Across these successive eras, many musicians emerged, and through the power of music, these artistes have carried forward the nation's interests.

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In line with the saying “the power of music is profound,” those in the music community must contribute their strength toward the development of the nation. As members of the music world, talents, skills, and knowledge of musicians should not be used for party politics, but rather for the benefit of the nation and the people as a whole. Their creative expressions and performances must be directed solely toward the public good and the welfare of the country.

In the past, due to involvement in party politics, unity and mutual affection among musicians deteriorated, leading to a decline in the entire artistic community, almost to the point of collapse. A true artiste is someone who rises to prominence through the support and admiration of the people, and since they are cherished by the public, they must live and conduct themselves as role models for the people.

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Book Title	-	Coffee Short Stories
Author	-	Moe Kyaw Zin
Publishing House	-	Duwun
Publishing Date	-	May 2025 (1st Edition)
Price	-	K10,000

Coffee Short Stories

THIS week's pick is an extensive collection of short stories and thought-provoking daily reflections that cover a wide range of topics. “Cultivating positive qualities like love and compassion in our minds may be perceived as challenging. Yet, it can be a powerful tool to create a superficial impact,” a reflection quote on real-life events indicated.

The author explored a seafarer's career: Then, he pursued his passion in writing once he returned to shore. He published a piece of his writing with the use of his savings. His pen name was not widely recognized among readers.

His writing experience reached a two-decade milestone indeed. He started this career with a “borderless state” short story in the Shwe Athit digital page of the September issue of the Shwe Amatay Magazine in 2005.

At that time, other contemporary writers were Min Wai Hin, Nyi Min Nyo and Ngwe Zinyaw Oo (Mogok). Readers were drawn to his stories from that time. He won a national literary award with his book titled “Fisherman” in 2019. His novellas gained traction to guarantee some reprints.

This book comprises 16 short stories, and it is the fourth book in a collection of short stories. Earlier, he named a book title as Short Stories from Magazines. This time, he just mentioned the current situation as on the long path of the desert in the preface.

One story that has been published in the Shwe Amatay Magazine ‘Snake’, four stories in U Dan Thit Magazine ‘Novel without Moustache’, ‘Mouth and Foot’, ‘River on the Train’, ‘Double Evening’, and the other 11 unpublished ones were included in this book.

“I am a big fan of Saya Moe Kyaw Zin's seafarer short stories. His novellas reflect the experiences and life events of the seafarers. Short stories, such as ‘Coffee’, ‘Mouth and Foot’, and ‘At Sea, Sunday Special?’ in this collection, also portray the life of the seafarers. It depicts a blend of adventure, hardship, resilience and seafaring experiences. In the coffee story, readers can see how he responded to the bossy senior by maintaining professionalism while setting boundaries. Unlike the coffee, he showed a perspective of the senior amid the escalating tensions with the junior in the ‘Mouth and Foot’ story. Both stories highlight mindfulness, different perspectives and mind-consciousness. Sunday at sea points out the undeniable working hours without a break on Sundays. “All four seafarer short sto-

ries will satisfy readers' thirst. A character called Lone Lone will make readers feel attached for sure. It is the writing craft and the thinking art, too. Readers will see how Saya Moe Kyaw Zin described Lone Lone and turned elements of this into a masterpiece.” Saya Soe Bardaing remarked.

“The author draws inspiration from fleeting moments in everyday life: Children in the Market, Bicycle in Alleys, and Chaos, and strikes powerful metaphors with the pen at his desk, with the stories emerging from all paths of life. This collection will let readers experience the essence of fiction, setting, background, different characters, emotions and plot advancement. Short story writers will inevitably keep writing and find ways to deliver the stories to readers. He likes to encourage those striving to write and nurture the ability to write. When writers stop writing and readers stop reading, they thereby diminish the role of literature in society. “Reflecting on the phrase ‘Pen as Weapon’ used by esteemed writers, he contemplated the meaning of heavy weapons, small weapons and secret weapons,” criticized Saya Soe Bardine. The author in his preface prays: “Long Live Short Story Lovers for Long Live Myanmar Short Stories.”



Book Title	-	Collection of Short Stories: Volume I
Writer	-	Dagon Taya
Publishing House	-	Sarpay Lawka
Publication Date	-	June 2025 (1st Edition)
Price	-	K15,000

Collection of Short Stories by Dagon Taya: Volume I

THE Seikku Cho Cho Publishing House releases two new books in June 2025. They are the collective short stories, volume I and volume II, by Sayagyi Dagon Taya. The literary works of Sayagyi are considered classics. His writing style, structure, presentation, choice of words, and sentence construction are innovative, unlike those of other writers. His works are masterpieces for those who seek the full richness of aesthetic literature.

When the entire nation praised Bogvoke Aung San, the writer boldly wrote about him under the title “Aung San (or) The Wild One” in his ‘Yokponhlwa Aphwet Anwet’.

In the preface of the novel ‘May’ by Sayagyi Dagon Taya, Thakin Ba Hein, who established the Burma Communist Party, stated, “He is a revolutionary. He goes against the conventional writing styles and creates something

new.” The renowned poet and writer Sayagyi Dagon Taya lived a life dedicated to politics, literature, poetry, music, painting, and other forms of art until the age of 94. According to a recent survey, the total number of short stories he wrote between 1919 and 2013 amounts to 107. These short stories, created by the many historical eras he lived through, certainly carry the scent and essence of those times.

Especially in today's literary landscape, where such elements have become quite rare, Sayagyi's short stories often depict the beauty of nature, scenic landscapes, and the wide vistas experienced during travels. These vivid portrayals draw readers into vast open fields, allowing them to feel as though they were breathing fresh, clean air and immersing themselves in a deep sense of

peace and tranquility.

Readers can read the belief of Sayagyi “in many of his stories, one can find critical reflections, whether related to political ideologies or artistic forms. However, these were presented exactly as they were, without editing, because I believed it was important to record both the times and my age as they truly were. I never abandoned the literary principle that one must portray the historical era in which they live. I held onto it even more firmly and consistently.” A total of 107 short stories have been republished into two volumes: Volume I and Volume II. This current book not only compiles previously published collections such as Sabei Oo short stories, Collected Short Stories (1937-67) – Kyayek Pann Nu, Rain and Earth, and Water and Lotus, but also includes three newly discovered stories. According to the producer, any additional

stories found in the future will be incorporated as well.

The ‘Independence’ story in this book starts with “Man is by nature a political animal.” Aristotle.

The white clouds with silver linings were drifting lightly across the blue sky. The cool breeze was gently blowing. When Ba Maw suddenly turned and entered the zoo gate, he was immediately overwhelmed by the thought that this must be the true beauty of nature. The soft green grass was fresh and lush. The trees looked moist and alive. The earth lay in quiet radiance, fragrant and aglow. The sky was bright. In his sense of hearing, he heard the music being played softly by a nature fairy. He felt as though he was beholding a painting. These sensations stirred a quiet smile in his gentle heart — only they could cool him like the waters of joy.

In the second preface included in this book, Sayagyi wrote: “Literature is something that constantly changes. It flows continuously like a stream. The style and structure of my expressions from more than 50 years ago may or may not resemble today's usage. There may be similarities, of course. The same goes for the readers. The readers from over 50 years ago and today's young, blossoming readers may or may not share the same literary appreciation. I have come to recognize this.”

Wishing for Diamonds

စိန်ဆုတောင်း

By Minthuwan, Translated by Myint Zan

when the sunlight touches the small waterdrop at the tip of the leaf it sparkles like a diamond

had that been a real diamond the world would be rich in diamonds

'tis that we wish for diamonds galore if they are real diamonds we would be prosperous, verily

we prayed to the Buddha that they may be real diamonds: our greed indeed is unspeakable!

သစ်ရွက်ဖျားက ရေပေါက်ငယ် နေ့ရောင်ထိတော့ စိန်တောက်တယ်။

တကယ်စိန်စစ် ဖြစ်ပါက လောကဏ္ဍိမှာ စိန်ကြွယ်ဝ။

စိန်ကြွယ်ဝမှုကို တိုးလိုချင် တကယ် စိန်စစ် ဟုတ်ပါလျှင် တိုးကောင်းစားမည် အမှန်ပင်။

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Composed on 20 May 1994
Translated on 26 June 2025

Hatred Roots

By Mya Thae (Research)

Love and ego combine, and hatred roots appear soon. A couple in love with ego, real love will not bloom. When parents love children with ego, Real love cannot be found in narrow

Likewise, intimate friends love each other with ego, Real love can be found at zero. When you throw ego every time, You may belong to real love with a happy smile.

Based on Su Htet Hlaing Song

မိန့်ဆုတောင်း

Besem Pal

By Chit Ko Pe

There was no pride cast and enshrined among our pals in the past, left behind. Though times pass by and we stay far, our friendship remains ever closer. During our reunion one day, by fate, the social status shall be set aside. Let's make a deal, ensuring no hatred, to converse the way we used back.

ငယ်ဆွေ

မာန်မပါတဲ့ ဟန်မလာနဲ့ ချစ်တဲ့ငယ်ဆွေ ဝေးနေဘယ်ရောက် ဘယ်လောက်ကြာကြာ ဘယ်ဝါဘယ်သူ ဂုဏ်တူမညီ ဆိုမိတစ်နေ့ မမေ့မိတိစ္ဆာ ဆိုမိမနာ “မင်း” “ငါ” သုံးနှုန်း မမှန်ကြော့။

ချစ်ကိုမေ

NATIONAL Entertainment



Thet San Andersen

THET SAN ANDERSEN, a Myanmar-Swedish Miss and the winner of Miss Universe Myanmar 2024, participated in Miss Universe 2024 in Mexico. On 26 June, the beauty queen posted on her Facebook page, depicting her concept in line with the Miss Universe Myanmar 2024 crown regarding her activities for the public, representing her impact. The magical flower in her hand symbolizes her ability to transform lives and support quality education. It also represents her impact on society and her role in helping others reach their full potential, depicted through blooming flowers that reflect her contributions.



Nan Sandar Hla Tun

MRTV-4 actress Nan Sandar Hla Tun chose to have a baby boy through in vitro fertilization (IVF) at Jetanin IVF Clinic in Bangkok. She was informed that her process was successful on her birthday. She made a post that her birthday became more meaningful as she is going to have a son. She donated cash to Thit Taga Sayadaw recently.



Yadana Bo

DIRECTOR Mel Min Bon appreciated actress Yadana Bo for her outstanding acting skills, saying, "Yadana Bo is very clever, and so I decided to act in a bad character in the film". Actress Yadana Bo said, "I am now preparing for my new character, that is a very terrible character. I work out at the gym". The 'Pyu Sar' film, directed by Mal Min Bon and starring Yadana Bo, hit a record.

Yun Waddy Lwin Moe

YUN WADDY LWIN MOE, the eldest daughter of renowned actor Lwin Moe, is also a well-known celebrity in Myanmar. Although she was involved in advertising and other artistic endeavours, she gradually stepped away from the public eye after getting married. Despite being away from the entertainment industry for about ten years, she expressed her happiness and gratitude for the continued support from fans. Recently, she shared in the media that she is planning a surprise comeback with many artistic projects.



MMPO Chair U Kyi Soe Tun receives cash donated by Academy Soe Myat Thuzar.

Academy Soe Myat Thuzar donates K1.5M to MMPO

THE Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO) organized an event to provide school uniforms and stationery for the children of artistes, and Academy Soe Myat Thuzar donated K1.5 million for the event on 26 June, according to MMPO Vice-Chair U Aye Kyu Lay.

"We have had this culture for the past. This year, we are making efforts to support the parents of school-aged children who are from the film industry. In collaboration with organizations and donors, we plan to provide complete support, including school uniforms, books, pencils, pens, and other school-related items. Currently, members of the film industry have already donated funds and school supplies. The donation ceremony is planned to take place in July," said U Aye Kyu Lay.

The artistes who have school-aged children will have to contact the copies of membership cards, household list and recommendation letter for the basic education schools in June. — ASH/KTZH



Kan Pwint

THE comedians conduct a fund-raising event in respective townships for the coming 15th respect-paying ceremony to veteran comedians. Comedian Kan Pwint donated K30,000 for the event, and he extended best wishes to his senior comedians.



Aung Gyi (Aung Kyaw Min)

AUNG GYI, the producer and scriptwriter of the "Thu Taw Tasay" film, made a post on his Facebook saying he is facing losses even though the fans like his film. — Htun Htun/ KTZH

CELEBRITY BRIEF



NATIONAL

Drugs worth K300 million seized in Kalay

AUTHORITIES seized stimulant tablets worth K300 million in Kalay and tablets worth K40 million in Dawbon Township, according to reports.

On the evening of 26 June at around 5 pm, a combined team including members of the Drug Enforcement Division of MPF stopped and searched a motorcycle driven by a man named Mon Mon Aung in Ward 2, Chanmyayaungsi Ward, Manawthukha Road, Kalay. They found 150,000 stimulant tablets, each valued at K2,000 in the area, totalling an estimated street value of K300 million. The

suspect, Mon Mon Aung, 35, has been charged under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Similarly, on the morning of 27 June, authorities searched a pedestrian named Phue Pwint Thwe (aka) San San Htwe (aka) Thay Thay on Bo Myat Htun Road, Bo Htun Zan Ward, Dawbon Township. They discovered 40,000 stimulant tablets valued at K1,000 each in that area, totalling K40 million. The suspect, Phue Pwint Thwe, 29, has also been charged under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. — MNA/KZL



Offender Mon Mon Aung is seen alongside seized drugs and motor cycle.



This photo shows a market truck selling foodstuffs at affordable prices to residents from quake-affected areas in Sagaing.

Mobile market offers low-price food in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay

THE Ministry of Commerce, in coordination with UMFC-CI, the Myanmar Livestock Federation, and the Myanmar Fisheries Federation is running mobile market trucks selling rice, oil, salt, beans, fish, shrimp paste, dried fish, meat, eggs and vegetables at reduced prices in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing and Mandalay since 30 March

2025 as yesterday marks the 87th day of the programme.

On 28 June, in Nay Pyi Taw, earthquake-impacted staff and locals purchased various essentials including rice, oil, salt, beans, shrimp paste, dried fish, dried prawns, chicken and duck eggs, and dried noodles. Similar sales were conducted in Sagaing, where

two sacks of rice, 50 visses of oil, salt, beans, shrimp paste, dried fish, dried prawns, and eggs were sold. In Mandalay, 10 bags of 24-Pyi rice, 1,100 visses of oil, salt, beans, dried fish, dried prawns, and over 1,000 eggs were sold.

Sales will continue daily to assist earthquake-affected communities. — MNA

Two-day illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth K283M

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to combat the illicit trade are continued effectively by the law.

On 26 June, the combined teams impounded two Hyundai Stare (approximately K70 million), heading to Yangon from Myawady, carrying industrial materials and consumer goods valued at K8,547,500 without official documents on the Yangon-Mandalay expressway, industrial materials worth K151.2 million without official documents from a container at the Asia World Port, consumer goods worth K2.34 million without official documents from a luggage of a passenger



Photos display confiscated illegal items across regions and states.

from Singapore to Myanmar at the Yangon International Airport and illegal teak weighing 0.164

tonne, 0.690 tonne of illegal hardwood and other timbers weighing 4.458 tonnes valued at K1,474,759

in Bago, Toungoo and Pyay districts. The action was conducted under the Forest Law and Cus-



toms procedures.

On 27 June, the combined on-duty teams seized consumer goods worth K15 million without official documents from a warehouse in Myeik Township, industrial materials and consumer goods valued at K35.04 million that were smuggled and piled up by the jetty in Kawthoung Township and 14 unregistered vehicles and 41 unregistered motorbikes. The action was taken as per Customs procedures and the related laws.

The Steering Committee reported 14 arrests on 26 and 27 June, seizing illegal goods worth approximately K283 million. — MNA/MKKS

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ECONOMY WORLD

AI drives smart upgrade of China's manufacturing industry

This advancement has led to a 70% increase in efficiency and improved product yield through smarter equipment operations.



The photo shows the intelligent manufacturing production line of Tianjin Huabei Group in north China's Tianjin Municipality. **PHOTO: HUABEI GROUP/XINHUA**

ARTIFICIAL intelligence has accelerated the transformation of traditional manufacturing in China, helping the country shift from a manufacturing giant to an innovation powerhouse, said industry leaders at the ongoing Summer Davos Forum in north China's Tianjin Municipality.

Li Dongsheng, co-chair of this year's Davos and chair-

man of Chinese electronics giant TCL, said technologies, such as AI and robots will lead a new round of industrial transformation and transform economic growth models.

TCL is investing heavily in key technologies, including edge intelligence, AI, and digital twins to strengthen digital manufacturing capabilities, according to the company.

For instance, its China Star Optoelectronics Technology (CSOT) has applied an AI-based detection system in the production of liquid-crystal displays (LCDs) to monitor processes in real time. With smarter equipment operations, the company has enhanced product yield and increased efficiency by 70 per cent. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Indian diamond industry faces continued struggles amid demand slump and tariff woes

INDIA'S cut and polished diamond (CPD) industry is set for another challenging financial year, with the recent report ICRA projecting a 7-10 per cent decline in exports in FY2026, following a 17 per cent contraction in FY2025, weighed down by weak global demand and increasing competition from lab-grown diamonds (LGDs), the sector's outlook remains negative.

The report by ICRA indicates CPD exports fell to a 20-year low of US\$13.3 billion in FY2025, impacted by a global macroeconomic slowdown and a growing consumer preference for cheaper, ethically sourced LGDs. These now constitute eight per cent of polished diamond exports, up from just one per cent in FY2019. Additionally, the recent imposition of a 27 per cent reciprocal tariff by the US, a key market accounting for over a third of India's CPD exports, adds further pressure. Although currently paused with a 10 per cent interim tariff, exporters remain wary. Many are rerouting shipments through low-tariff hubs like Dubai and Belgium to mitigate the impact.

ICRA's report also highlights that operating profit margins for CPD firms fell by 400 basis points in FY2025 to approximate four per cent, with ICRA predicting a further dip to 3.6-3.7 per cent in FY2026. The working capital cycle also remains stretched, burdened by high inventory amid declining sales and cautious rough diamond procurement. — ANI

Germany's export outlook worsens

EXPORT expectations among German manufacturers deteriorated in June as US tariff policies continued to weigh on sentiment across key industries, a survey by the ifo Institute showed on Wednesday.

The ifo Export Expectations index fell to -3.9 points in June from -3.0 in the previous month, signalling an overall decline in confidence within Germany's export-driven economy.

The apparel sector reported the bleakest outlook, while sentiment also weakened significantly among food and beverage producers, automakers, and metal product manufacturers.

Germany's automotive sector, a cornerstone of its industrial base, has faced persistently weak export expectations and remains especially exposed to trade tensions. The United States has already imposed a 25-per-cent tariff on cars and auto parts imported from the European Union (EU). — Xinhua

Trump ends trade talks with Canada over tax hitting US tech firms

PRESIDENT Donald Trump said Friday he is calling off trade negotiations with Canada in retaliation for taxes impacting US tech firms, adding that Ottawa will learn of their new tariff rate within a week.

Trump was referring to Canada's digital services tax, which was enacted last year and forecast to bring in Can\$5.9 billion (US\$4.2 billion) over five years.

While the measure is not new, US service providers will be "on the hook for a multi-billion dollar payment in Canada" come 30 June, noted the Computer & Communications Industry Association recently. The three per cent tax applies to large or multinational companies such as Alphabet, Amazon and Meta that provide digital services to Canadians, and Washington has

previously requested dispute settlement talks over the matter.

"Based on this egregious Tax, we are hereby terminating ALL discussions on Trade with Canada, effective immediately," Trump said in a post on his Truth Social platform Friday. Canada may have been spared some of Trump's sweeping duties, but it faces a separate tariff regime. — AFP



In June 2025, Canada announced it would proceed with a digital services tax (DST) on US tech firms. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

China's Xinjiang opens first direct cargo flight to Africa

THE first direct air cargo route from northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region to Africa was launched on Friday as a Boeing 777 freighter departed from Urumqi, the regional capital, for Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The new link, operated by Ethiopian Airlines, will see two to three weekly flights. It promises to seamlessly integrate Xinjiang's exporters into African

and global logistics networks, while bringing premium African goods such as beef, lamb, specialty coffee, and horticultural products directly to Chinese consumers.

Customs authorities have implemented streamlined procedures, including direct sorting and distribution upon arrival, to enhance logistics efficiency.

"The route is expected to attract more enterprises across the

supply chain, foster related industries, and create new jobs," said Liu Jingyi, an official with the airport customs in Urumqi.

The route will provide robust logistics support for trade between China and Africa, paving the way for deeper and broader cooperation, said Dereje Derero Dimenso, who is in charge of the cargo and logistics services at Ethiopian Airlines. — Xinhua

Sri Lanka to renovate 100 railway stations

THE Sri Lankan government has launched the "Dream Destination" project to renovate 100 railway stations around the country, the President's Media Division (PMD) said in a statement on Saturday. The project was launched during a ceremony on Friday evening, which was attended by President Anura Kumara Dissanayake, the PMD said, adding that the Road Safety Action Plan 2025-2026 was formally presented to Dissanayake by transport minister

Bimal Ratnayake during the event.

This project aims to create a clean and attractive railway station

network that ensures the safety and comfort of all passengers, including those with special needs, the PMD said. — Xinhua



The Nanu Oya railway station is the 63rd station on the Main Line, and is 206.9 kilometres away from Colombo. **PHOTO: PEXELS**

EU probes Mars takeover of Pringles maker Kellanova

THE European Union said Wednesday that it had opened an antitrust investigation into Mars's multibillion-dollar acquisition of the snack food business Kellanova over concerns it would lead to higher prices for consumers.

The European Commission said a preliminary assessment indicated the deal would increase the bargaining power of Mars, the maker of M&M's and Snickers, against retailers in the 27-nation bloc.

"By acquiring Kellanova, Mars will add several very popular brands of potato chips and cereals to its already broad and strong product portfolio," EU competition chief Teresa Ribera said.



Mars's \$36 billion purchase of Kellanova, whose snacks include Pringles and Pop-Tarts, was announced in August 2024. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

"As inflation-hit food prices remain high across Europe, it is essential to ensure that this acquisition does not further drive up the cost of shopping baskets," she said.

The in-depth investigation will assess the deal's impact on the

price of products sold by the two companies, she added.

Mars said it was cooperating with the probe and remained confident that the acquisition would "deliver more choice and innovation to consumers". — AFP

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



The CAP1400 is part of a broader strategy to expand nuclear power in China. An illustration of the CAP1400 demonstration project. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ CNEA/ CHINA NATIONAL NUCLEAR CORPORATION/FILE**

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Foreign envoys highlight cooperation in peaceful uses of nuclear technology

AMBASSADORS and envoys from the permanent missions to the United Nations and other international organizations in Vienna of eight countries highlighted cooperation in peaceful uses of nuclear technology during a tour in China.

Foreign envoys from Ghana, Brazil, Namibia, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Pakistan, Venezuela and Indonesia visited nuclear technology demonstrations and innovation facilities in east China's Shandong

Province and Beijing.

They engaged in exchanges with Chinese officials and experts and attended a symposium in Beijing on cooperation in peaceful uses of nuclear technology.

The activity, held from 22 to 27 June, was co-organized by the China Atomic Energy Authority (CAEA) and the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Vienna. – Xinhua

JUNE 27

Italy issues red alert for heatwave

ITALY'S health ministry has issued a red alert for 21 cities this weekend due to soaring temperatures, warning residents and tourists of extreme heat.

Major cities like Rome, Milan, and Venice are expected to experience temperatures reaching 37 degrees Celsius (99 degrees Fahrenheit).

The ministry advises avoiding outdoor activities between 11 am and 6 pm and seeking shelter in air-conditioned

spaces. In Venice, temperatures are forecasted to hit 32°C, feeling like 36°C due to humidity, coinciding with the wedding celebrations of Amazon's Jeff Bezos.

Florence is already on red alert, with temperatures expected to reach 37°C. The warnings highlight the increasing frequency and intensity of heatwaves, attributed to climate change, as 2024 is projected to be the warmest year on record. – AFP

JUNE 26

Bear disrupts flights at Japanese airport

A black bear caused significant disruption at Yamagata Airport in northern Japan on Thursday, leading to the cancellation of multiple flights and the airport's closure to passengers.

The bear was first spotted early in the morning, prompting a temporary runway closure and delays for four flights. By noon, the bear reappeared on the runway, necessitating another closure and resulting in 12 flight can-

cellations.

Airport officials stated that the situation made it impossible to accommodate incoming flights. Hunters were called in to set a trap, while police surrounded the area to prevent the bear from escaping. Human encounters with bears in Japan have surged, attributed to climate change and demographic shifts, leading to increased bear sightings in urban areas. – AFP

JUNE 25

ABC unlawfully dismisses journalist over post

AUSTRALIA'S public broadcaster, ABC, unlawfully dismissed journalist Antoinette Lattouf over a social media post regarding the Israel-Gaza conflict, a court ruled.

The Federal Court found that ABC violated employment law by terminating Lattouf for expressing political opinions against the Israeli military campaign. The dismissal occurred in December 2023, just three days into her casual contract, after she shared a Human Rights Watch video on Instagram, commenting on the use of starvation as a war tactic.

The court ordered ABC to pay Lattouf Aus\$70,000 (US\$45,000) in compensation, with additional penalties pending.

Justice Darryl Rangi noted that ABC's senior management reacted with "panic" to her post, leading to her swift removal from the air.

ABC managing director Hugh Marks expressed regret over the handling of the situation, acknowledging that it did not align with the organization's values and caused distress to Lattouf and concern among staff and the public. – AFP

JUNE 24

Ecuador's cocoa boom: Farmers reap rewards

ECUADORIAN farmers are experiencing a financial windfall by shifting focus from bananas to cocoa, as global cocoa prices surge due to shortages caused by climate change and disease in major producing countries like Ivory Coast and Ghana.

Cocoa has become a billion-dollar industry in Ecuador, rivalling traditional exports such as gold and bananas. Farmers like Cergio Lema have seen their incomes triple, with prices rising from \$100 to \$350 for a 100-kilo sack of cocoa beans.

This newfound wealth is enabling farmers to invest in their operations, modernizing equipment and expanding land. In 2024, cocoa exports reached \$3.6 billion, surpassing banana exports for the first time in 60 years.

Marco Vasquez, another farmer, has used his profits to improve his farm infrastructure, highlighting the transformative impact of the cocoa price surge on local agriculture and the economy. – AFP

JUNE 23

Belgium seeks flexibility from NATO spending targets

BELGIUM on Monday said it was seeking "maximum flexibility" from NATO on ramped-up defence spending targets to be agreed at a summit this week after fellow laggard Spain insisted it had won an exception.

Madrid said it would not need to hit the five per cent of GDP demanded by US President Donald Trump.

"We may not have done so by making a noisy statement like Spain, but I can assure you that for weeks our diplomats have been working hard to obtain the flexibility mechanisms... that could help to lighten the burden of the Belgian effort," he told RTBF radio. "We're asking for maximum flexibility". – AFP

JUNE 22

Water levels plummet at Iraqi reservoir

WATER levels at Iraq's vast Dukan Dam reservoir have plummeted as a result of dwindling rains and further damming upstream, hitting millions of inhabitants already impacted by drought with stricter water rationing.

Amid these conditions, visible cracks have emerged in the retreating shoreline of the artificial lake, which lies in northern Iraq's autonomous Kurdis-

tan region and was created in the 1950s.

Dukan Lake has been left three quarters empty, with its director Kochar Jamal Tawfeeq explaining its reserves currently stand at around 1.6 billion cubic metres of water out of a possible seven billion.

At the end of May, the country's total water reserves were at their lowest level in 80 years. – AFP

SPORTS

Myanmar kicks off AFC Women's Asian Cup Group C today

MYANMAR will begin hosting the Group C matches of the 2026 AFC Women's Asian Cup Qualifiers today, as the Myanmar women's football team is set to open their campaign against Turkmenistan this evening.

Group C features Myanmar, Bahrain, Bangladesh, and Turkmenistan. All matches will be played at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon on 29 June, 2 July, and 5 July, with two matches scheduled per day.

Today's fixtures include Myanmar versus Turkmenistan at 4 pm, followed by Bahrain versus Bangladesh at 7 pm. On 2 July, Myanmar will face Bangladesh at 4 pm, and Bahrain will take on Turkmenistan at 7 pm. The final group matches on 5 July will see Myanmar play Bahrain at 4 pm and Bangladesh meet Turkmenistan at 7 pm.



Players from the Myanmar women's national team are seen in their intense training. **PHOTO: MFF**

The qualifiers are divided into eight groups, with only the top team from each group advancing to the next stage. As such, Myanmar must aim for victory in every match to secure qualification.

The Myanmar women's national team is coached by Uki Tetsuro of Japan. The squad

includes Yu Yu Naing (Yangon United) in defence, Naw Htet Htet Wai (Ayeyawady FC) in midfield, and forwards Win Theingi Tun (Saba, Malaysia), San Thaw Thaw (Ayeyawady), Myat Noe Khin (Thitsar Arman), and May Htet Lu (Los Angeles Pierce College, USA). — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Chelsea boss Maresca hails Fernandez ahead of Benfica Club World Cup clash

CHELSEA coach Enzo Maresca on Friday hailed the contribution of playmaker Enzo Fernandez as the Argentinian prepares to come up against his old team Benfica at the Club World Cup.

"I am very pleased with Enzo especially because first

of all he is a nice and polite boy, and then with us since we started he has been working very well in every aspect on and off the pitch," Maresca told reporters in Charlotte.

That is where the sides will face off on Saturday in the last 16 of FIFA's expanded

competition.

Fernandez was a vital cog in the Chelsea side that finished fourth in the Premier League to qualify for next season's Champions League, and also featured in their run to the UEFA Conference League title.

At the Club World Cup he came off the bench at half-time to score the second goal in the 2-0 win over Los Angeles FC in their opening game.

The 24-year-old has started both matches since, and laid on two goals in the 3-0 victory against Esperance of Tunisia in Philadelphia which clinched Chelsea's place in the last 16.

Fernandez was signed from Benfica in February 2023 for a British transfer record fee at the time of £107 million (\$147 million).

In 2025 he has scored and assisted a total of 14 goals. — AFP



Enzo Fernandez in action for Chelsea against Esperance at the Club World Cup. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Asian Kickboxing Confederation hosts Yangon seminar ahead of SEA Games

THE Asian Kickboxing Confederation conducted a technical discussion with the Myanmar Kickboxing Federation yesterday afternoon at the Theinbyu Gymnasium in Yangon. The seminar aimed to prepare Myanmar's kickboxing delegation for participation in the XXXIII Southeast Asian (SEA) Games.

Asian Kickboxing Confederation president Mr Nassiri explained that the session aimed to enhance the technical knowledge of coaches and referees, align Myanmar's practices with international standards, and ensure understanding of the SEA Games' designated rules and health protocols.

Technical director Mr Lin of the confederation presented the latest competition regulations, scoring systems, match management procedures, ring setup protocols, anti-doping measures and disciplinary standards. He also reflected on past SEA Games and Asian Championships to help the Myanmar team prepare thoroughly.

President U Kyaw Yan Naing of the Myanmar Kickboxing Federation, Vice-President U Wanna, executive members, referees, judges and more than 60 athletes participated in the seminar.

Thailand, the host of the XXXIII SEA Games, has included five men's and three women's kickboxing categories. Myanmar is expected to participate in all available categories. — Arkar Linn/KZL

PSG Club World Cup reunion with Messi recalls unhappier times

PARIS Saint-Germain have come to the Club World Cup as newly crowned champions of Europe, but a meeting with the Inter Miami of Lionel Messi in the last 16 this Sunday brings back memories of unhappier times for the French club.

PSG's stunning 5-0 demolition of Inter Milan in Munich at the end of last month which allowed them to win the UEFA Champions League for the first time completed an incredible season for the Qatar-backed side under the coaching of Luis Enrique.

It is no coincidence that PSG achieved their crowning glory in their first season after definitively shifting their focus away from signing superstar players to instead allow a brilliant coach to work with a hungry, dynamic young team.

Kylian Mbappe's move a year ago to Real Madrid followed the departures in 2023 of Neymar, the world's most expensive signing when he joined in 2017,

and Messi, in the same summer Luis Enrique was appointed.

When PSG pounced in August 2021 to sign Messi after a cash-strapped Barcelona were unable to keep him, the French side logically thought the Argentinian could be the man to deliver elusive Champions League glory.

Messi, who was 34 at the time, thought the same thing. — AFP



Inter Miami's Lionel Messi will come up against old club Paris Saint-Germain at the Club World Cup on Sunday. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**



El Salvador rides waves to a better future with Surf City initiative

An aerial drone photo taken on 30 May 2024 shows a building at the new dock of the port of La Libertad in El Salvador. **PHOTO: LI MENGXIN/XINHUA**

Surfing drives national transformation in El Salvador, showcasing sports' potential for social and economic growth.

AT first light, dozens of surfers were already in the water off El Salvador's El Tunco beach in the town of La Libertad.

The powerful waves draw both young and old, locals and foreigners alike, who glide along together, united by their passion for surfing. The El Tunco beach,

along with El Zonte and Punta Roca on the country's Pacific coast, is well known worldwide for its consistent waves and lush landscapes, and stands at the centre of the Salvadoran government's Surf City initiative, which began to be implemented in 2019.

In addition to attracting professional and amateur surfers, Surf City promoted the economic revitalization of coastal communities through sustainable tourism and job creation, which have allowed El Salvador, once plagued by insecurity and violence, to position itself as a world-class tourism destination for surfing.

Surfing in El Salvador has evolved into a catalyst for national transformation, according to Tourism Minister Morena Valdez. The government's Surf City initiative has improved infrastructure, created 67,000 formal tourism jobs, and attracted 3.9 million visitors in 2024, generating over \$3.5 billion in foreign currency.

Local businesses have flourished, enhancing public security and community pride. Surfing has shifted perceptions, turning a once-unsafe environment into a thriving economy, showcasing how sports can drive social and economic growth. — Xinhua

France bans smoking in beaches, in parks and bus shelters

FRANCE will ban smoking on beaches and in parks, public gardens and bus shelters from Sunday, the government said. The decree, published in the official government gazette on Saturday, will also ban smoking outside libraries, swimming pools and schools, and is aimed at protecting children from passive smoking. The decree did not mention electronic cigarettes. Violators of the ban will face a fine of 135 euros (\$158).

"Tobacco must disappear from places where there are children," Health and Family Minister Catherine Vautrin had said in May, underscoring

Public support for the ban is strong, with a significant majority of the population favouring restrictions on smoking in public spaces.

"the right of children to breathe pure air". Cafe terraces are excluded from the ban. Some 75,000 people are estimated to die from tobacco-related complications each year in France. — AFP



The Jardin du Luxembourg, located in Paris, is renowned for its manicured lawns, beautiful flowerbeds, and iconic fountains, making it an ideal spot for relaxation and enjoyment. **PHOTO: PIXABAY**



Tunisian veterinarian and dog owner Olfa Abid says the Sloughis are 'part of our heritage, our history'. **PHOTO: AFP**

Dying breed: Tunisian dog lovers push to save age-old desert hound

TUNISIAN dog lovers are rallying to save the endangered Sloughi, an ancient desert hound known for its speed and slender physique, which has accompanied nomadic societies across North Africa for centuries.

With fewer than 200 pure-bred Sloughis remaining in Tunisia, the breed faces threats from unregulated crossbreeding, urbanization, and the decline of traditional nomadic lifestyles.

Advocates like veterinarian Olfa Abid emphasize the Sloughi's cultural significance, stating it is "part of our heritage, our history". The Tunisian

Fewer than 200 pure-bred Sloughis remain in Tunisia, facing threats from crossbreeding and urbanization.

Canine Centre (CCT) is working to protect the breed by creating a dedicated registry and promoting regulated breeding practices, aiming for international recognition under the International Canine Federation. — AFP