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Tatmadaw supports fish stock conservation

State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing led the monsoon fingerling releasing activities of families of the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) at Yezin Dam in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) yesterday held the monsoon fingerling releasing ceremony at Yezin Dam in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area yesterday to accumulate fish resources in the dam, led by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla led the activities to release fingerlings into the dam. SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and his wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin and his wife, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and his wife, the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and his wife, and senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives also released fingerlings free into Yezin Dam.

The Senior General, his wife and party viewed round participation of Tatmadaw members and families in the fish releasing ceremony.

At the ceremony, families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) released two-inch long fingerlings, namely 5,000 golden



State Administration Council Chairman, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla release the fingerlings during the monsoon fingerling releasing ceremony at Yezin Dam in Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.

carps, 45,000 rohus and 50,000 silver bards, totalling 100,000 fingerlings into the dam as the 2025 monsoon fish-releasing ac-

tivities. They have put 885,700 fingerlings into the dam 11 times from 2011 to date.

Also, present at the ceremo-

ny were Union-level dignitaries and their wives, senior officer trainees from the National Defence College, Tatmadaw mem-

bers from the offices and departments under the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and their families. — MNA/TTA



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NATIONAL

Education seen as key to empowering citizens and advancing national interests

- ❖ Education provides the knowledge needed to critically discern between right and wrong, good and bad, and cause and effect.
- ❖ Only when every citizen is educated and informed can we build a powerful force to advance the country's interests.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the opening ceremony of the International Conference on Applied Research in Education 2025 held on 9 January 2025)

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 7:30 am MST on 12 July 2025)

ACCORDING to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Chindwin River at Mawlaik has exceeded by about 0.5 foot above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level during the next one day.

According to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Chindwin River at Kalewa has exceeded by about 0.5 foot above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level during the next one day.

According to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Chindwin River at Minkin has exceeded by more than one foot above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level during the next one day.

According to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Chindwin River at Monywa has exceeded by more than one foot above its danger level. It may continue to rise from the present water level by about two inches during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

According to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Sittoung River at Madauk has exceeded by about one foot above its danger level. It may continue to rise from the present water level by about two inches during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

It is especially advised to the people who settle near the river banks and low-lying areas in Mawlaik, Kalewa and Minkin townships. It is especially alert to the people who settle near the river banks and low-lying areas in Monywa Township and Madauk to stay away from the flood-prone areas. — DMH

Flood Warning

(Issued at 2 pm MST on 12 July 2025)

ACCORDING to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is observed as about one foot below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next one day.

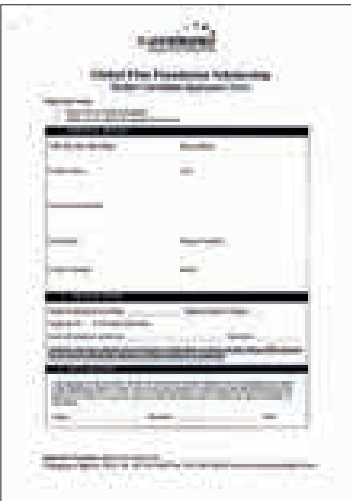
According to the 12:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of the Ayeyawady River at NyaungU is observed as about 1.5 feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next two days.

According to the 12:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of the Sittoung River at Toungoo is observed as about 4.5 feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next two days.

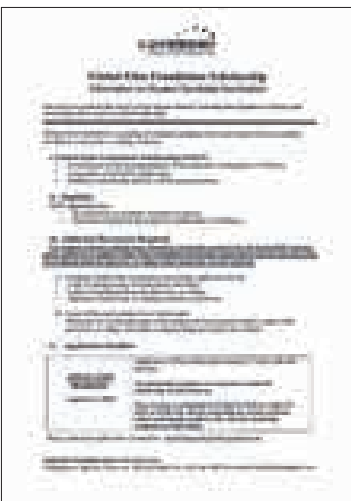
According to the 12:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of the Bilin River at Bilin is observed as about more than 1.5 feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next one day.

It is especially alert to the people who settle near the river banks and low-lying areas in Hpa-an, NyaungU, Toungoo and Bilin townships, to take precautionary measures and to stay away from the flood-prone areas in time if the water level will rise. — DMH

Scholarships available for students needing help with fees and housing



Global Elim Foundation Scholarship (GEFS) application form.



MYANMAR students who have been allowed to join a university in the Republic of Korea but have financial struggles

with school fees and accommodation costs can apply for the Global Elim Foundation Scholarships (GEFS), said

the Myanmar Embassy to the Republic of Korea.

Global Elim Foundation will select two Myanmar students who have been granted to join undergraduate, master's degree and doctoral degree courses (excluding Korean language course) and have financial difficulty with school fees and accommodation costs. Those who meet the requirements can apply with the full necessary documents by 4 pm on 25 July.

Applications can be submitted in person or by post, addressed to the embassy in Seoul within the deadline, and any late submission is not acceptable. — MT/ZS

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Saturday 12 July 2025)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 13 July 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kayah State and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayin, Mon and Rakhine states. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Mandalay, Magway, Sagaing and Ayeyawady regions and Chin, Rakhine and 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 moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 25-30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about seven-nine feet in off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Moderate monsoon.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 13 July 2025: One or two times rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 13 July 2025: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 13 July 2025: One or two times of 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.

(An 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)

Myanmar attends 15th INNOPROM in Russia



Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than observes the industrial products displayed at the 15th International Industrial Exhibition (INNOPROM) on 9 July in Yekaterinburg of Russia.

THE Myanmar delegation, led by Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than, attended the 15th International Industrial Exhibition (INNOPROM) held from 7 to 10 July in Yekaterinburg of Russia.

On 7 July, the Myanmar delegation visited the Yeltsin Museum and attended the dinner event hosted by Sverdlovsk Governor, together with Russian Industry and Trade Minister Anton Alikhanov and other industrial ministers from over 20 countries.

On 8 July, the Union minister-led delegation observed the industrial products displayed at the exhibition and attended the opening ceremony of the International Industrial Exhibition (INNOPROM).

On 9 July, they visited the industry-related technologies booth at the event, and proceeded to Seversky Pipe Plant in Sverdlovsk to study the museum of the plant and production processes.

On 10 July, the Union minister left Yekaterinburg for Moscow, and met Myanmar Ambassador to Russia U Thit Linn Ohn, officials of Tyazhpromexport (TPE) company at the lobby of the airport. During the meeting, they discussed ongoing work processes at the air purification workshop of No 2 Steel Mill (Pangpet) and measures to finalize the full operation of the Melt Shop.

The Myanmar delegation arrived back in Myanmar on 11 July. — MNA/KTZH

Kyaikto firefighters get tetanus vaccine doses

ACCORDING to the Kyaikto Public Health Department, members of the township fire brigade were given tetanus vaccines.

Firefighters are those who go courageously on the front lines of natural disasters, besides fire-fighting, and during their duties, they are vulnerable to smoke, burning heat, and a constant risk of infection from small scratches to serious injuries by broken glass, iron and wooden pieces, it stated.

“We have been able to perform an important service for the members of our township fire brigade. All fire-fighters who are at risk of being injured in the line of duty have been successfully vaccinated for tetanus by the

Township Public Health Department”, it said.

Tetanus is not an ordinary disease, but a serious, life-threatening disease, which can cause muscle spasms and stiffness, lockjaw and hard breathing. So, the department has decided to take special care of the health and safety of the firefighters who are sacrificing for the public’s lives and property.

This is a practical implementation of the motto ‘Health is the Best Security’, and the Kyaikto Public Health Department has announced that it will always continue to take care of the health of important individuals who are responsible for society in the future. — MT/ZN

Pakistan donates relief aid for Mandalay quake victims



Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung accepts the humanitarian aid from Pakistani Ambassador Mr Imran Haider at the Mandalay Region government office in Mandalay yesterday.

HUMANITARIAN aid and donations from local and international well-wishers continue to support people affected by the

powerful earthquake in Mandalay Region.

Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung received

Mr Imran Haider, Ambassador of Pakistan to Myanmar and delegation members at the regional government guest hall yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed the current situation following the disaster, ongoing rehabilitation efforts and the purpose of Pakistan’s humanitarian support.

Following the meeting, Ambassador Mr Imran Haider and his team donated 10,000 kilogrammes of rice and 10,000 packets of instant noodles for the earthquake-affected communities in Mandalay Region. The Chief Minister and officials formally accepted the items and expressed appreciation. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

MoC Union Minister inspects Myanmar-Korea Friendship Bridge Construction

UNION Minister for Construction U Myo Thant, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein and Mayor U Bo Htay inspected the construction site of the Myanmar-Korea Friendship Bridge (Dala) yesterday.

The Union minister and party heard the reports on the installation of Noise Barrier on each side of approach bridge along Phoneygi street on the Yangon side, completed installation of cables to connect with the main bridge at the junction point, ongoing work progress to carry out the final stage of bridge connection and observed the workplace in detail.

They also inspected the two ramp bridges and addressed the needs, and guided the work accordingly. The Union minister stated the need to complete the bridge in time, work together



Union Minister U Myo Thant views round the construction project site of the Myanmar-Korea Friendship (Dala) Bridge in Yangon yesterday.

with the department concerned to ensure the safety of vessels while installing the segments

and follow the road signs and directions set by the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

The Union minister travelled by boat to inspect the main bridge's central pylon

(Pylon-1) on the Dala side, reviewing the detailed construction progress, a toll plaza for revenue collection and maintenance work for the sustainability of the bridge.

The Friendship Bridge is under construction as per international standards and norms. Given its height of 160 feet and 998 feet in width to accommodate 15,000-tonne ocean vessels, ramp bridges and approaching bridges are being built to ensure a smooth and safe passage.

The Myanmar-Korea Friendship Bridge (Dala) will be completed soon, and once completed, it will facilitate the transportation from Yangon to Dala, Twantay, Kawhmu and Kungyangon of Yangon Region, from Dedaye to Pyapon, Bogale and other coastal regions in Ayeyawady Region. — MNA/KTZH

Kayah Chief Minister inspects roadwork, regional development

KAYAH State Chief Minister U Zaw Myo Tin, together with the state ministers and officials, conducted a field inspection along the Loikaw-Hsihseng road and Loikaw-Moebye road on the morning of 13 July.

At milepost 135/4 near Padanyay Village on the Loikaw-Hsihseng road, the chief minister inspected the construction of a box culvert, and between mileposts 138/2 and 138/5 near Kayanthaya Village, he inspected concrete paving and side drain construction to ensure proper water drainage.

Next, the chief minister and officials proceeded to Kontha Village along the Loikaw-Moebye road and inspected the condition of the village roads, school buildings, and households. They also

visited Nwalawoe Village-tract, where a 33/11 kV 5 MVA sub-power station and switchyard had been damaged due to acts of terrorism. The chief minister gave necessary instructions to officials to carry out repair works promptly upon the arrival of necessary materials so that the electricity supply to the Loikaw Industrial Zone and nearby villages could be resumed under the supervision of the State Government.

The chief minister also visited Nwalawoe High School and observed the peaceful learning environment of the students. He inspected the classrooms, lecture halls, and school buildings, and instructed relevant departments to ensure their sustainable maintenance, provide safe

drinking water and electricity, and support teachers and staff with rice and cooking oil for their welfare.

Subsequently, Chief Minister U Zaw Myo Tin inspected the ongoing paving works along a six-furlong-long and 12-foot-wide road connecting Nwalawoe, Morchisuzee, and Lehtwe villages.

He also visited the Loikaw University campus and observed the construction progress of the three-storey main building, convocation hall, lecture halls, library, staff quarters, and hostels. The chief minister appreciated the efforts of local Tatmadaw units and departmental staff in maintaining cleanliness and carrying out development works within the university compound. — State IPRD/KZL



Kayah State Chief Minister U Zaw Myo Tin inspects concrete paving and side drain construction on the Loikaw-Hsihseng road yesterday. **PHOTO: STATE IPRD**

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NATIONAL

Weekly Roundup

6 July

Tatmadaw families plant trees

Families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy, and Air) held the second monsoon tree-growing ceremony 2025 near Yezin Dam in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw, attended by State Administration Council Chairman, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who planted a teak sapling.

7 July

Tatmadaw families offer Waso robes to monks

Families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) held the Waso robe offering ceremony for 2025 at Anawrahta Hall of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), attended by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla.

8 July

SAC donates Waso robe-offering ceremony

The State Administration Council organized the Waso robe-offering ceremony in 2025, in conjunction with the second anniversary of the successful consecration of the Maravijaya Buddha Image, held in the precincts of Maravijaya Buddha Park in Nay Pyi Taw, where Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife, Daw Kyu Hla, donated Waso robes and alms.

11 July

Head of State emphasizes Meiktila development

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met district and township-level departmental officials, town elders and MSME entrepreneurs from Meiktila District in Mandalay Region at the Kandaw Mingala Hall in Meiktila to discuss regional development.

Head of State responds to US President on reduced tariff rates for Myanmar

US President Donald Trump sent letters regarding the increased import tariffs to 14 countries, namely Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Kazakhstan, Tunisia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, South Africa, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Serbia, Cambodia, Thailand, and Laos, including Myanmar, on 7 July. Regarding the letter, State Administration Council Chairman and Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing sent a reply to US President Donald Trump regarding reduced tariff rate for Myanmar.

Myanmar calls on International Community to recognize and respect Myanmar-owned and Myanmar-led process

Myanmar remains committed to the fundamental principles of the UN Charter. At the same time, Myanmar calls upon the international community to recognize and support its sovereign rights to address national affairs through a Myanmar-owned and Myanmar-led process, in line with the preservation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

12 July

Trees planted in 13 arid districts

The tree-growing ceremonies took place as the monsoon public activities in 29 townships of 13 districts from the dry zone in Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay regions, attended by State Administration Council Chairman, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who planted a neem sapling at the Teintaw protected public forest in Meiktila District of Mandalay Region. — GNLM/TTA

Loikaw-Pekhon-Moebye-Pinlaung route reopens for normal travel

KNPP, KNDF, and PDF terrorists took control of the entire Moebye, a key junction along the Pinlaung-Pekhon-Moebye-Loikaw route, in an attempt to undermine the government’s administrative mechanisms and disrupt regional peace and stability. The Tatmadaw launched a phased counter-terrorism operation, repelled the attack, and recaptured Moebye on 6 July.

After regaining control of Moebye, the Tatmadaw continued counter-terrorism operations from 7 July to secure the remaining 4.5 km of road between Moebye and Loikaw, as well as the villages of Wari Kaw Khu and Sawngkan(Kayah), which lie along this route. These operations resulted in four major battles, and by the afternoon of 11 July, the entire 4.5-kilometre stretch had been fully cleared.

Between 7 and 11 July, three terrorists were killed,



Tatmadaw members seen in front of high school (branch) of Wari Kaw Khu Village where they recaptured from the terrorists.

and 15 small arms, along with communication equipment, were seized. Some members of the security forces were killed or sustained minor injuries during the engagements.

With the reopening of the Pinlaung-Pekhon-Moebye-Loikaw road, residents of Loikaw can now travel to Hopong, Taunggyi, and Aungban. Through Kalaw Town-

ship, access to other parts of the region is also restored, enabling smoother and faster flow of goods into and out of Loikaw. This development will ease the hardships faced by residents of Loikaw Township and other conflict-affected areas, especially in terms of shortages and high prices of basic food and consumer goods. — MNA/MKKS

Two-day illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth K4.236 bln

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

On 10 July, the combined teams impounded five vehicles (approximately K125 million) carrying consumer goods, industrial materials and foodstuffs worth K553.458 million without official documents at the Yetha temporary vehicle checkpoint in Hpa-an Township and two vehicles (estimated value of K70 million), travelling from Hpa-an to Mandalay and from Hpa-an to Yangon, carrying consumer goods and foodstuffs valued at K14.958 million without official documents near Shwethanlwin Tollgate in Phayagyi. The action was conducted following Customs procedures.

On 11 July, the combined on-duty teams seized a Hino Ranger truck (approximately

K35 million), travelling from Mawlamyine to Mandalay, carrying foodstuffs valued at K15.125 million without official documents at the Myitnge checkpoint and an Anhui Ankai bus (estimated valued of K50 million), heading to Mandalay from Yangon, carrying consumer goods, industrial materials and foodstuffs worth K55.167 million without official documents near UPG factory in Paleik Town on Yangon- Mandalay Highway. The action was carried out as per Customs procedures.

Similarly, the joint teams nabbed consumer goods worth K45.701 million that were smuggled and piled up by the side of road over Sinphyu checkpoint in Muse Township, a MV MCL-12 boat (approximately K3 billion), travelling from Kawthoung to Yangon, carrying industrial materials valued at K57.491 million with-

out official documents at the Shweme jetty, a Dongfeng tractor head with a trailer (approximately K80 million), heading to Yangon from Thamanya, carrying industrial materials valued at K25.504 million without official documents near Yangon University of Economics (YUOE) on No 2 highway, a Dongfeng tractor head with a trailer (approximately K85 million), heading to Yangon from Thamanya, carrying consumer goods valued at K24.48 million without official documents near Phayagyi junction on Yangon-Bago highway and seven unregistered vehicles and 28 unregistered motorbikes. The action was conducted under Customs procedures and the related laws.

The Steering Committee reported 44 arrests on 10 and 11 July, seizing illegal goods worth approximately K4.236 billion. — MNA/MKKS

NATIONAL

Myanmar-China Friendship Association donates Waso robes, offerings to monasteries in Yangon

THE Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central) donated Waso robes, exercise books, and cash donations to monastic schools and Buddhist learning centres in Yangon Region on 10 and 11 July, according to the association.

As part of the donation, a collective Waso robe and Waso alms were presented to Suhtoo-pan Monastic School in Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region. Additionally, K1.14 million was donated to the education fund, along with 525 dozens of notebooks for 525 students. The Shwepyitha Pariyatti Buddhist Learning Centre in Shwepyitha Township received 150 dozen notebooks and other donation items, while 300 dozen notebooks and donation items were provided for 510



student monks at Insein Ywama Pariyatti Buddhist Learning Centre.

Similarly, educational funds, pens, and 150 dozen notebooks were donated to both Masoeyein Monastery in Tamway Township and Hlayadana Nyaungdon Pali University in Bahan Township, Yangon Region.

The Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central) donated 1,265 dozen notebooks, stationery, and over K1.14 million to Buddhist monasteries on 10 and 11 July. — ASH/TH

This photo captures members of the Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central) donating Waso robes and offertories.

ShowLike App to cast for Super Starz Academy Reality Show

DIRECTOR Min Thant Maung Maung, one of the organizers of the Super Starz Academy Reality Show, announced that applications are now open for the show, which will be hosted on the ShowLike application to select new cast members.

The selected cast members will have the opportunity to play lead roles in dramas and series produced by ShowLike, all of which will be directed by Min Thant Maung Maung.

“Individuals may now apply for Super Starz Academy Reality if they wish to become prominent cast members and shine as stars in the artistic community. Veteran artistes such as Academy Award winners May Than Nu, Aye Myat Thu, and director Nyo Min Lwin will serve as judges on the show. Anyone interested in acting is welcome to participate as a starting point for their artistic career,” said Director Min Thant Maung Maung.

Applicants must submit their name, age, height, weight, artistic background, home address, phone number, a three-minute acting video, one straight-face photo (without makeup



This photo showcases three judges who will be selecting new actors for the Super Starz Academy Reality Show.

or filters), one side-profile photo, and one full-body photo by noon on 16 July. — ASH/MKKS

Vocalists to host fundraising music concert

A fundraising concert featuring songstress May Khalar and other vocalists, who are male and female pageant winners from fashion shows, will be held at Yangon International Hotel in Dagon Township, Yangon Region, from 5 pm to 8 pm on 13 July, according to vocalist May Khalar.

The event aims to raise funds for a charitable organization established by next-generation male and female pageant winners from fashion shows.

“In this concert, many vocalists who have never shared the

stage with Chit Nge will perform. Alongside the musical performances, there will also be a fashion show featuring award-winning male and female pageant winners from events organized by Soe San Event Production & Agency. So please come and support us,” said singer May Khalar.

The fundraising concert is organized by Soe San Event Production & Agency and will feature May Khalar, along with singers and actors Han Htoo Zhan, Sein Lin, Pi Mann, Zaw, and Zhan Zhan Han Tha. — ASH/MKKS



This photo showcases the poster of a fundraising music concert featuring male and female pageant winners from fashion shows.

The people are urged to receive vaccination of COVID-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of COVID-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increase of death rate due to the disease.

Palm oil reference price down by K1,250 per viss within 6 months

PALM oil reference price fell to a six-month low at K6,030 per viss in a week ending 13 July as weak global palm oil prices weighed down on domestic palm oil reference prices, showing a sharp drop of K1,250 per viss, 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 K6,030 per viss in the week ending 13 July 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 refer-



Workers seen organizing jerrycans of cooking oil for distribution and sale.

ence 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 urg-

es 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 over \$1.7M to edible oil-importing companies on 11 July

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$1.7 million to edible oil-importing companies on 11 July 2025.

CBM sold over \$1.5 million purchased from CMP companies to edible oil-importing companies on 10 July, in addition to the injection of \$621,000 and 600,000 yuan into the financial market.

CBM announced on 8 July that it would sell \$30 million to fuel oil importers. CBM also sold \$885,100, which was purchased from the CMP companies, to edible oil-importing companies.

CBM sold \$1.8 million and 1.3 million yuan on 7 July. Furthermore, CBM sold over \$1.87 million to edible oil companies and over \$912,150 to commodities-importing companies on the same day.

CBM sold \$1.75 million to



The facade of the Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw.

edible oil-importing companies and over \$481,540 to commodities-importing companies on 4 July, in addition to an injection of \$578,542 and 900,000 yuan into the financial market.

CBM sold \$678,000, 1.24 million yuan and 2.94 million baht on 3 July. CBM sold \$3.346 million to edible oil-importing companies, over \$578,400 to

commodities-importing countries on that day.

CBM announced on 2 July that it would sell 10 million yuan to importers. CBM sold over \$1.593 million to edible oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM announced on 1 July that it would pump \$33 million into the fuel oil sector. CBM sold over \$1.15 million that pur-

chased from CMP companies to edible oil-importing companies.

CBM sold \$8.4 million, 13.9 million baht and 5.2 million yuan in June 2025, in addition to an injection of \$14.9 million that was purchased from the CMP enterprises 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 2024, 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

MyanTrade invites businesses to join Food Expo Pro 2025

THE Food Expo Pro 2025, which is scheduled to take place on 14-16 August at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, welcomes the participation of Myanmar business entities, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

The Consulate-General of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Hong Kong is provided a nine-square-metre booth free of charge.

The first two days of the three-day expo are separate for participants and traders only. The last day of the expo is for visitors.

Myanmar business entities can contact the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization via 067 408623 and email event.td.myanmartrade@gmail.com. — NN/KK

Protect critically endangered wildlife and plant species

THE activities of humankind have become a threat to wildlife species, causing severe losses. Over the past 50 years, the population of wild animals such as elephants, coral reefs, turtles, and other wildlife in tropical regions has declined by as much as 73 per cent.

Wild animals and trees are inherently valuable and play a vital role in supporting ecosystems, the economy, society, education, culture, tourism, and the ongoing development of humanity. Illegal hunting and trafficking of wildlife disrupt ecosystems, putting many

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Myanmar has enacted relevant laws to protect critically endangered species such as elephants, tigers, leopards, gaurs, bears, golden deer, and pangolins, which are included on the list of protected wildlife species. As a result, strict penalties are imposed on offenders who harm or kill these animals. Unfortunately, due to high demand from unscrupulous businesspeople in some neighbouring countries for wildlife and their body parts, illegal trade in these animals and their organs continues to occur.

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'Alwan Thint Mein Yathi

Myay Lat Maung Myint Thu

Ahmwa Nyinaung Publishing

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K9,000

Alwan Thint Mein Yathi (Essay)

THIS week, we pick the essay book of Saya Myay Lat Maung Myint Thu, called 'Alwan Thint Mein Yathi'. It is the selected book of Ahmwa Nyinaung Publishing, and Saya Thaw Tun wrote a preface titled "On Essays", while Saya Takkatho Tin Han Kyaw wrote A Writer's Life Journey.

Saya Myay Lat Maung Myint Thu is a veteran poet, indeed. Later, he wrote prose and then essays.

The essays written by the poet stood out in the literary field, and Saya Myay Lat Maung Myint Thu even won the Shwe Amyutay Essay Award.

The writer is someone who lives honestly in real life. So, in his essays, we can often find real people, real-life problems, struggles, strengths, the light of the world, peaceful places of goodness, and the sweet and meaningful beauty of human life. Also, in his essays,

we sometimes see poems or poetic sentences. For example, if we describe how the writer presents his essays...


The morning air is calm and fresh, filled with the gentle scent of late winter. It feels like winter is not ready to welcome the coming footsteps of spring. But how long can it pretend not to hear spring knocking at the door, while one last dew of Tabodwe? In the forest, can it really stop the power and strength of the red Butea monospermica and Bombax ceiba?

In the foreword of Saya Thaw Tun, he wrote with four different titles, "Good Writing or True Reflection, Essay is a Good Beginning, The Essay as the Foundation and Core Essence of a Paper, and The Unique Quality of the Essay".

It reads, while reading 'Alwan Thint Mein Yathi' by Saya Myay Lat Maung Myint Thu, I enjoy

to make. Moreover, the final paragraph of Window of Silent Thought shows a wide scope of perspective. (If you want to know the wide scope of perspective, please read Favourite Short Stories of Aung Thin, Htin Lin Sein's short stories.) As for me, what I admire most is how Sayar Myay Lat captures those moments of beauty. This shows that he is not someone who just sticks to the usual essay format without change, but someone who tries to move and grow as much as he can within his abilities.

The book of Saya Myay Latt Thu features 16 essays: Traces of Snow in Early Spring, Partner, Blooming and Beautiful Flowers, With What Kind of Mindset Should One Live, and What Kind of Flag Should One Raise?," A diary of mango blossoms and neem flowers, Culture of Library and the heart of the person with the lamp, A poem not written for me, bearing a sorrowless symbol of fidelity, Adhipati Lan Alwan Tasa Hnint Tekkatho Yuu Ta York Yae Seittaza Nya Nay Khin Myar, Late Pyar Thant Thant Hla Par Say, Than Yaw Zin Thit Pin Hnint Kyel Kway Amhat Taya, Window of silent thought, A fourth value and another arrow, A mirror that draws my gaze back, Another perspective, Third noble truth or paying homage to virtue to Sangha and The art of taking one step back.



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Mandalay (Essays)

Mung Ko Ko (Amarapura)

Nara House

July 2025 (1st Edition)

K15,000

Mandalay (Essays)

MAUNG Ko Ko (Amarapura), one of Myanmar's well-known writers, recently published a book titled "Mandalay (Essays)". First and foremost, the book reveals a brief history of Maung Ko Ko and Mandalay.

A key element that is crucial for crafting a compelling piece of Maung Ko Ko's writing is Mandalay. He was born into a family of U Kyaw Aye and Daw Hla Myaing on 30 May 1951 in the Yatkantaw area, Amarapura.

Maung Ko Ko was born and raised in Mandalay, and it is in his blood, attending primary to high school at Phatha Laphone (Father Leo Lafon) School, Mandalay. He modified Mandalay as his home, where he revisits endlessly. He feels an inseparable bond with a city as if the city's essence flows through his veins. This book is an essay type highlighting the city's influence on residents, sightseeing, values and his experiences in Mandalay.

His essays portrayed iconic figures and personal recollections of artistes; U Aye Myint, designer of traditional Myanmar arts, photographer U Chit Wein, Sayadaw Pyinnya,

sculptor U Aung Min, artist Moat Thon, artist Bo Saw, writer Nyi Pu Lay, and modernist poet Saya Khin Zaw Myint.

In addition to the life story of Mandalay artist Sit Nyein Aye, who was killed by fire in the US, he showed vivid portraits of poet Maung Ni Oo, poet Maung Nway Htet, Kungkyaw café owner U Kyaw Thu and artist Marn Oo.

Describing historic and cultural landmark Mandalay, he vividly and effectively portrays the scenic view of the Mandalay night market, the Mandalay Palace, a splendid view of Mandalay at night and the breathtaking beauty of U Bein Bridge, spanning across Taungthaman Lake near Amarapura, creating a clear image in readers' minds.

Despite living in Yangon, Maung Ko Ko returned to Mandalay post-earthquake Mandalay (28 March) to provide on-ground reporting of the city's scars and devastating events.

The Mandalay (Essays) book also features paper pages where photographs of the city's vanishing landscapes are printed.

The book also includes stunning artwork of Airi Kawasome and further coloured pencil drawings of the artists Moat Thon, Zarni, Archy, Marn Oo, Zaw Moe Thae, Ancient, and Moris John about Mandalay.

Multitalented Zargana also gave feedback that this is nostalgia for Mandalay city, giving flashbacks like a movie scene. An essay titled Ngatha Taintaik is a blend of Shan pot drum (Oh-Si) and Mandalay. Another fascinating aspect of the book is a masterpiece, the 'Born with a Golden Spoon' by poet Kyaw Yin Maung (YeU), which is an epic illustrating well-defined characters and a well-defined story. The book is worth reading. Saya Maung Ko Ko, who has a wide range of knowledge in literature, music and arts, will show a pictorial record of Mandalay adorned with blooming flowers.

This new book covers 39 essays with incredible content of the city, nostalgic photographs and arts. Those who enjoyed Kengtung Essay and Hmawron (Yangon City's charm) will appreciate Mandalay (Essays), walking in the memories of Mandalay.

A Rainy Day

By Chit Ko Pe



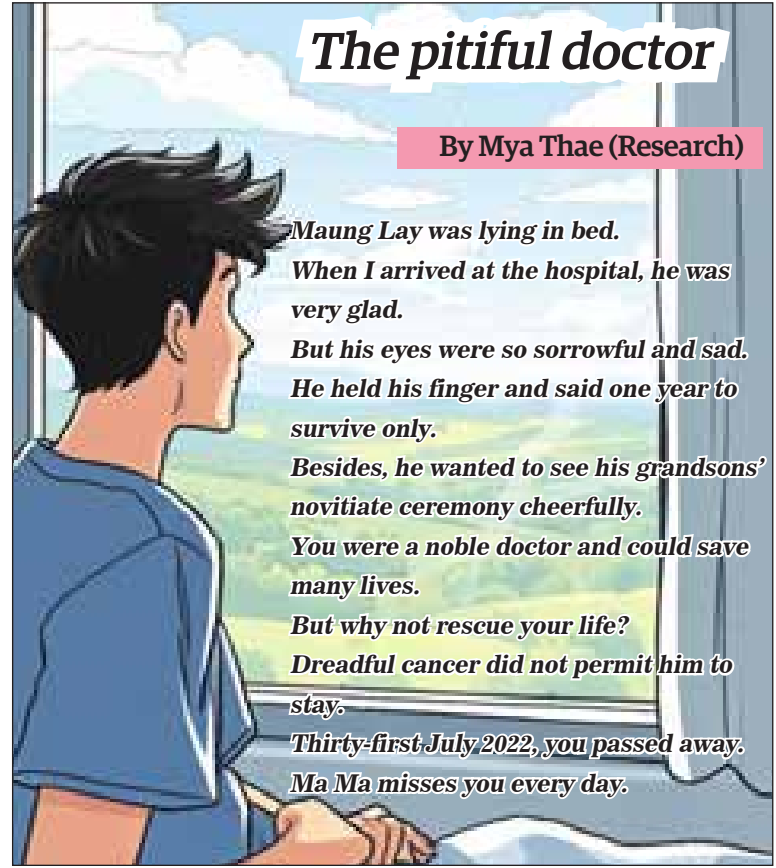
On the cheek, there's a splash,
With a cold rain touch.
It's hard to be in disguise,
trying to keep sorrow inside.
Oh! the cheek becomes wetter.
Is it due to rain or tears?

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The pitiful doctor

By Mya Thae (Research)



Maung Lay was lying in bed.
When I arrived at the hospital, he was very glad.
But his eyes were so sorrowful and sad.
He held his finger and said one year to survive only.
Besides, he wanted to see his grandsons' novitiate ceremony cheerfully.
You were a noble doctor and could save many lives.
But why not rescue your life?
Dreadful cancer did not permit him to stay.
Thirty-first July 2022, you passed away.
Ma Ma misses you every day.

The Silvery Moon

By Minthuwun (Translated by Myint Zan)



from the corner of the cloud
the silvery, round moon,
resplendent
free from fears,
radiated shimmering light

when there's no moon
people yearn for it
when it shines also
the yearning remains
its actions
brighten the world:
ye are the parents of the people

silvery moon
but ... (sadly)
the dark, resentful cloud
waited for and seized the opportunity
engulfed and crushed it :
the lives are ended:
this world
is not mirthful at all

Translated on 10 July 2025, 77 years to the day after Minthuwun composed the poem.

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NATIONAL



One-lady show
set to dazzle
Yangon audience

THE One-Lady Music Concert of Wine Su Khine Thein will take place at 7 pm on 13 July at the Transporter Bar in Yangon, according to vocalist Wine Su Khine Thein.

"I will be at the Transporter Bar on Sunday on 13 July. I would like to invite my fans to have fun under the disco light with the best Beats of DJ Artists," she said.

The Transporter Band will support the concert, and the main vocalists of the band will also perform. — ASH/KTZH

Ngwe Taung

COMEDIAN and supporting actor Ngwe Tuang passed away on 5 July in Nay Pyi Taw. Fellow comedians, including Kaung Kyaw, collected cash assistance for his funeral and received K3,701,000. The comedian died at 57 years old.



Sai Kham Leik

A public notice regarding the songs composed by Saya Sai Kham Leik was released on the Myanma Alinn Daily on 5 July. The statement reads that using any songs written and composed by songwriter Sai Kham Leik in any field without prior permission is strictly prohibited. If anyone wants to use the songs, they must first get permission either from the songwriter, Sai Kham Leik, or from the Imagine Music and Publishing Co Ltd, which is officially authorized to manage song usage and copyright matters. Only after getting official permission can the songs be used. If someone uses the songs without permission and causes any damage, legal action will be taken according to the law.

Ko Htoo (Teens)

KO HTOO (aka) Htoo Win Pe, a member of the Teens that grabbed success like Acid, Theory, 102.7 FM, Too Big, Examplez, No and Bambino groups around the 2000s, passed away on 9 July. The funeral event was at the Yayway cemetery on 11 July. Teens, in which singer He' Lay is also a member, was once famous. Ko Htoo, aged 44, passed away from kidney disease.



Director Thiha Kyaw Soe

DAW CHO PYONE, Aung Khine, Htoo Thar and director Thiha Kyaw Soe serve as mentors for the acting training course 1/25 of Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization. He stated, "What is art? You have to make it artistic. So, to make it truly artistic, what should you know? What should you study? What should you do? You must learn to speak in a way that's different from others, to act and behave differently from others, but it has to be uniquely yours. It must not be a copy of someone else. If you do it, it becomes genuine. Try it. When you see your students interested and smiling at what you're saying and demonstrating, it is worth teaching with your full heart and effort".

May Thet Htar Swe

WHEN singer May Thet Htar Swe paid homage to Rector Sayadaw Dr Nandamala Bhivamsa, Sayadaw asked, "Are you May That Htar Swe?" even before she had a chance to introduce herself. Speaking about the moment, the singer happily told the media, "I was so glad that Sayadaw knew my name." She also pledged that she will do her best for her fans and uploaded her photos on her Facebook page.



May Toe Khine

NEW Myanmar film 'Magical Moe' hit record, and the new star who can show off her outstanding skills with Sai Sai Kham Leng and Poe Mamhe Thar is actress May Toe Khine. She expressed, "I am so delighted that the film was screened for two weeks. I have seen it six times. It is lovely and I have never felt bored. I even shed tears when I watched it for the first time". The first film May Toe Khine has starred is 'Yuu Aung Chit Mae Thu', which was created from the novel by Sayama Loon Htar Htar, and now Magical Moe is also by Sayama Loon Htar Htar. — Htun Htun/KTZH

WORLD

Iraq welcomes PKK's disarmament process

The PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) is recognized as a terrorist organization by Türkiye, the United States, and the European Union, and has been in conflict with the Turkish government for over three decades.

THE Iraqi foreign ministry said in a statement that the step is a significant development that reflects a genuine beginning of the disarmament process, and a real opportunity to support regional stability and advance efforts toward lasting reconciliation, adding that it contributes to ending cycles of violence and opens new horizons for understanding and peaceful coexistence.

While affirming Iraq's full support for the process, the ministry also underscored that it paves the way for a new phase of constructive cooperation with neighbouring Türkiye, based on joint efforts to address security challenges in a manner that strengthens the sovereignty and

stability of both countries.

The ministry hopes that the initiative will help turn a page on political, security, and social tensions, and serve as a starting point for a responsible regional dialogue that addresses the root causes of crises and promotes security and development for the benefit of all the peoples of the region, noted the statement. Earlier on Friday, a group of PKK militants burned their weapons in a symbolic ceremony in Sulaymaniyah province, according to Iraqi media. The PKK, listed as a terrorist organization by Türkiye, the United States, and the European Union, has rebelled against the Turkish government for more than three decades. — Xinhua



Fighters with the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) line up to place their weapons into a pit during a ceremony in Sulaymaniyah, in Iraq's autonomous Kurdistan Region, on 11 July 2025. PHOTO: AFP

German backpacker drank from puddles in Australian bush ordeal



German backpacker Carolina Wilga lost hope of rescue after 11 nights in the Australian bush. PHOTO: WESTERN AUSTRALIAN POLICE FORCE/AFP

A German backpacker who survived 11 nights lost in the remote Australian outback by drinking puddle water and sheltering in a cave has been rescued after managing to flag down a passing car.

German backpacker Carolina Wilga drank water from puddles and sheltered in a cave before escaping an 11-night ordeal in the Australian bush, police said Saturday.

The 26-year-old walked "confused and disorientated" 24 kilometres (15 miles) away from her van after it got stuck in remote bushland in Western Australia.

A backpacker named Wilga lost hope of rescue after spending 11 nights stranded in the bush near Beacon, northeast of Perth. She survived by consuming minimal food supplies and drinking rainwater and puddle water.

During her ordeal, she sought shelter in a cave and faced exhaustion, dehydration, sunburn, extensive insect bites, and an injured foot. On Friday, she managed to flag down Tania Henley, who drove her to the police. Wilga appeared in a fragile state, lacking shoes and suffering from insect bites. Police described her survival as a result of "sheer luck". — AFP

French police launch investigation into social media platform X

THE Paris prosecutor's office announced on Friday that the social media platform X is under investigation by French police.

At this stage, X is primarily accused of two offences — "impairing the operation of an automated data processing system by an organized group," and "fraudulently extracting data from an automated data processing system by an organized group", Paris prosecutor

Laure Beccuau said in a press release. The investigation has been assigned to the Directorate-General of the National Gendarmerie (DGGN), Beccuau added.

In January, the cybercrime unit of the Paris prosecutor's office received two formal complaints, submitted respectively by a member of the French parliament and a senior official at a French public institution, Beccuau said, adding that both

complaints alleged that X's algorithm had been exploited for the purpose of foreign interference.

The Paris prosecutor's office confirmed in February that it was examining these complaints, before announcing on Friday that it had opened the investigation "based on verifications, input from French researchers, and information provided by various public institutions." — Xinhua

US State Department begins mass layoffs

MORE than 1,300 State Department employees were fired Friday in a downsizing ordered by President Donald Trump and touted as cutting bloated government — but which critics predict will hamstring US influence around the world.

Diplomats and other staff clapped out departing colleagues in emotional scenes at the Washington headquarters

of the department, which runs US foreign policy and the global network of embassies.

Some were crying as they walked out with boxes of belongings.

A State Department official said 1,107 members of the civil service and 246 Foreign Service diplomatic employees were terminated.

The layoffs at the depart-

ment came three days after the Supreme Court cleared the way for the Trump administration to begin carrying out its plan to gut entire government departments.

The conservative-dominated top court lifted a temporary block imposed by a lower court on Trump's plans to lay off potentially tens of thousands of employees. — AFP

Traditional industries bloom anew in China’s modernization push



A staff member works at a new material firm in the Hongqi Canal Economic and Technological Development Zone of Linzhou City, central China’s Henan Province, 19 March 2025. (XINHUA/LI JIANAN)

Traditional industries generate approximately 80 per cent of China’s manufacturing output and are crucial for supporting employment and overall economic growth.

FROM steel mills adopting AI-powered systems to textile factories deploying cutting-edge automation, China’s traditional industries are undergoing a significant transformation.

Spearheaded by President Xi Jinping, this drive is injecting fresh vitality into traditional sectors that underpin the country’s modern industrial base.

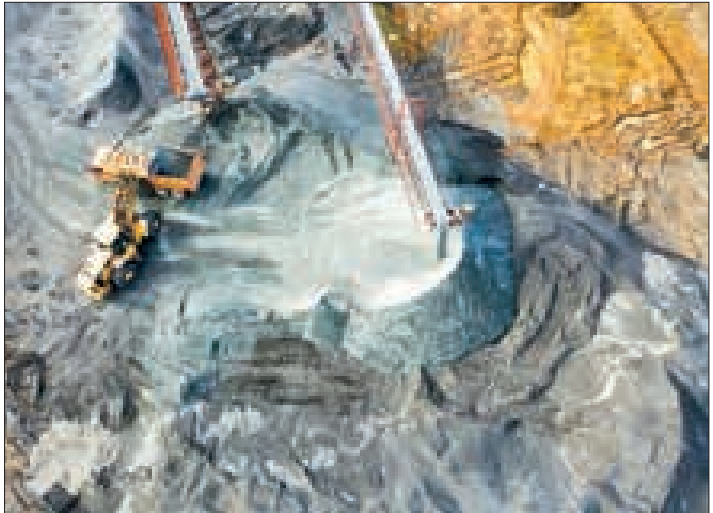
Under Xi’s watch, China is doubling down on boosting the competitiveness and sustainability in these sectors, which generate about 80 per cent of the country’s manufacturing output and play a vital role in supporting employment and broader economic growth. “The real economy should not be neglected. Nor should the traditional industries within it. And industrial transformation and upgrading must be realized through sci-tech innovation,” Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, said while visiting Yangquan Valve Co, Ltd, a century-old enterprise, during an inspection tour in north China’s Shanxi Province this week. — Xinhua

Zambia to partner with investors to boost gold mining

THE Zambian government on Friday announced plans to collaborate with large-scale investors to enhance gold mining operations across the country.

Hapenga Kabeta, permanent secretary in the Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development, said in a statement that the initiative aims to maximize the sector’s potential while ensuring that the benefits are equitably shared among citizens.

He said partnerships with experienced investors will help modernize gold mining, boost productivity, and create sustainable economic opportunities for local communities.



The government is committed to actively participating in mining ventures, especially following the recent discovery of gold deposits in various parts of the country. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/PIXABAY

Kabeta said the government is committed to actively participating in mining ventures, especially following the recent discovery of gold deposits in various parts of the country, a development that has also led to a rise in illegal mining activities.

The government, he said, plans to subdivide and allocate smaller sections of mining areas in Mufumbwe District, located in the western part of the country, to cooperatives to discourage nomadic mining practices while providing structured opportunities for young people.

The strategy will be extended to other gold-rich regions, he added.

He also said the ministry plans to introduce a newly developed “pit-side manual” next month, which will offer guidance on safe mining techniques to help reduce fatalities linked to informal mining operations. — Xinhua

Indonesia, EAEU seek to finalize FTA by end of 2025

INDONESIA and the Eurasian Economic Commission agreed to accelerate the signing of the Indonesia-Eurasian Economic Union Free Trade Agreement (I-EAEU FTA) during a virtual meeting held on Thursday.

The meeting was attended by Indonesia’s Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs, Airlangga Hartarto, and the Eurasian Economic Commission’s Member of the Board-Minister in Charge of Trade, Andrey Slepnev.

Previously, the two ministers met in Jakarta on 29 May and on the sidelines of the St Petersburg International Economic Forum on 20 June, resulting in a joint statement regarding the substantial completion of the FTA negotiations. “We welcome the results achieved by the negotiating team. This marks an important step towards finalizing the I-EAEU FTA,” Airlangga said in a press release on Thursday evening. — Xinhua

Laos pushes to boost local products

LAOS opened an exhibition to promote local products, aiming to support the production and growth of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in the Lao capital, Vientiane, and other provinces while expanding their market reach. The 11th One District One Product (ODOP) Exhibition, held in Vientiane from 1 to 11 May, attracted a diverse group of entrepreneurs and business representatives, according to the Lao Economic Daily report on Tuesday (6 May).

The ODOP exhibition has been held annually to showcase local products and promote MSMEs. This year, the exhibition aims to boost market support for local products while encouraging product exchange. — Xinhua

Indian consumer discretionary sector to show mixed signals: HDFC Securities

THE consumer discretionary sector is likely to show mixed signals and is expected to grow at a rate of 18 per cent on a year-on-year basis due to a combination of both positive and negative factors, as per a report by HDFC Securities.

Consumer discretionary refers to goods and services that consumers consider non-essential but desirable if their income allows. In other words, this means that the products and services within this sector are not considered vital for survival or daily living, but rather things

that consumers desire when they have enough disposable income to spend.

According to the report, the discretionary universe is expected to face a tailwind from new age businesses, which are expected to grow at a 49 per cent YoY rate, while a slow growth rate from paint companies can offer headwinds to this universe. Additionally, the report shows the jewellery, F&G, apparel, and footwear sectors to pace at approximately 20 per cent, 16 per cent, 16 per cent, and seven per cent, respectively. — ANI



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Kazakhstan plans to ban non-ferrous metal exports temporarily

KAZAKHSTAN plans to introduce a temporary ban on the export of non-ferrous metals by all modes of transport until 31 December 2025, the press service of the Kazakh prime minister said in a statement Friday.

The ban applies to unprocessed copper, aluminium slabs and billets, and lead ingots.

According to the statement, the measure

aims to secure Kazakhstan's domestic market with strategic raw materials, reduce exports of low value-added products, and stimulate the processing of non-ferrous metals within the country.

In addition, the government has decided to lift the export customs duty on gallium, which previously stood at 10 per cent. The move is intended to stimulate gallium produc-

tion in Kazakhstan and enhance its export potential.

The decisions were announced during a meeting of the Interdepartmental Commission of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Foreign Trade Policy and Participation in International Economic Organizations, chaired by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Economy Serik Zhuman-garin. — Xinhua

Osaka expo moves into full gear to fight heat exhaustion

AS the mercury soars in Japan, the World Exposition in Osaka has moved into full gear to beat the summer heat, with firms showcasing their latest cooling technologies while the organizer urges visitors to take measures to ward off heat exhaustion.

Daikin Industries Ltd, a major Japanese air conditioner manufacturer, has built the Ice Cool Spot, a rest area inspired by the ancient Japanese icehouse. It uses panels of ice on the walls to lower the temperature inside by 5 C compared with the outside.



Visitors cool off in a mist shower at the World Exposition in Osaka amid hot weather on 13 June 2025. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Solar panels on the building's roof collect sunlight during the day and

use the energy to freeze water at night. Its floor is 30 centimetres below

ground level, allowing cool air to flow down, according to the company. — Kyodo

Airbus marks 40 years in China with commitment to deepened industrial integration

AIRBUS will further deepen cooperation with China's supply chain to achieve mutual benefit and win-win outcomes, said George Xu, executive vice president of Airbus and CEO of Airbus China, at a recent ceremony celebrating 40 years of partnership between Airbus and China's civil avia-

tion industry.

After four decades of partnership, China has become Airbus' largest single-country market for commercial aircraft, with Airbus planes now accounting for over 50 per cent of the active fleet in the country's civil aviation sector.

Moreover, Airbus' col-

laboration with China has evolved beyond aircraft exports to encompass the entire product lifecycle, ranging from R&D to manufacturing, assembly, operational support and even end-of-life disassembly and recycling. "The past 40 years of Airbus in China have represented an ex-

traordinary success story achieved with our Chinese partners," said Erik Buschmann, chief operating officer of Airbus China, adding that not only has China's aviation industry flourished, but Airbus has also witnessed the rapid expansion of its fleet in the country. — Xinhua

Food company Kraft Heinz plans division for more market worth

US-BASED multinational food company Kraft Heinz is preparing to break itself up, a decade after a merger of two of the biggest names in packaged foods that was orchestrated by US investor and philanthropist Warren Buffett and Brazilian private-equity firm 3G Capital, The Wall Street Journal said Friday.

The company is

planning to spin off a large chunk of its grocery business, including many Kraft products, into a new entity that could be valued at as much as US\$20 billion on its own, The Wall Street Journal said.

That would leave the company housing goods such as Heinz's namesake ketchup and Dijon mustard brand Grey Poupon.

"The company has given priority to its faster-growing offerings like hot sauces, dressings and condiments, which are more in line with consumer preferences than processed lunch meats and cheeses," noted the report. It hopes the two separate units would be in total worth more than Kraft Heinz's roughly \$31 billion of market value. — Xinhua

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST

JULY 12

15th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in Malaysia

THE 15th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Meeting was held here on Friday. Delivering a speech at the summit, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi called for all parties to enhance understanding and trust, maintain peace and stability, and promote development and prosperity.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the East Asia Summit. Wang, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, proposed three suggestions on behalf of the Chinese side:

The original intention of the summit is to engage in constructive dialogue and enhance strategic mutual trust. However, in recent years, certain external countries have frequently used the summit to hype up differences and attack other countries, interfering in their internal affairs. — Xinhua



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, attends the 15th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 11 July 2025. **PHOTO: CHONG VOON CHUNG/XINHUA**

JULY 11

London's Heathrow eyes higher fees for upgrade

LONDON'S Heathrow Airport on Friday said it plans to invest £10 billion (\$14 billion) over the next five years in upgrades to boost passenger numbers, largely funded by higher charges to airlines.

A statement said the plans, which are subject to approval by the UK's Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), would add an additional 10 million passengers per year by 2031 at Europe's busiest airport.

Of the £10 billion, £2 billion will come from shareholders, while the remainder will be financed through higher charges paid by airlines — costs that are often passed on to passengers. Heathrow said it plans to increase the fee levied on airlines to an average of £33.26 per passenger.

Heathrow recently won UK government backing to build a third runway. — AFP

JULY 10

China, Egypt should deepen strategic coordination

CHINESE Premier Li Qiang said here on Wednesday that China and Egypt, as important members of the Global South, should further strengthen strategic coordination to safeguard their common interests.

Li made the remarks upon arrival in the Egyptian capital for an official visit to the Middle East country, at the invitation of his Egyptian counterpart, Mostafa Kamal Madbouly.

Noting that China and Egypt are both ancient civilizations, Li said that since the establishment of diplomatic ties nearly 70 years ago, the two countries have remained close friends who support each other and strategic partners with a shared future.

The two countries have set a model for solidarity, unity, self-reliance, mutual benefit, and mutual support among major developing countries, Li said. — Xinhua

JULY 9

Musk's AI firm deletes Grok posts

BILLIONAIRE Elon Musk's artificial intelligence startup on Wednesday removed posts made by its chatbot Grok on X after it came under fire for antisemitic content.

"We are aware of recent posts made by Grok and are actively working to remove the inappropriate posts," said a post attributed to the AI system on Musk's social media platform X, where the bot can be accessed.

"Since being made aware of the content, xAI has taken action to ban hate speech before Grok posts on X."

The firm said xAI was training the bot for "only truth-seeking" and thanked its users for helping the company identify the inappropriate posts.

Screenshots posted on X showed several posts made by the bot in which it praised Adolf Hitler, and claimed Jews promoted "anti-white hate." The chatbot, developed by Musk's company xAI, was criticized by Jewish activist group Anti-Defamation League (ADL) for answering multiple user prompts with the questionable posts. — AFP

JULY 8

Bulgaria to get final green light to adopt euro

EU MINISTERS are set to give the final green light on Tuesday for Bulgaria to adopt the euro on 1 January 2026, when the country would become the single currency area's 21st member.

The European Commission last month said the EU's poorest country had fulfilled the strict conditions to adopt the euro, while the European Central Bank (ECB) also gave a positive opinion.

Bulgaria's switch from the lev to the euro next year will come 19 years after the country of 6.4 million people joined the European Union.

"Today is truly an important day for Bulgaria. We are on the verge of achieving a strategic goal for our country," Finance Minister Temenuzhka Petkova said before her EU counterparts met in Brussels.

Bulgaria's journey to joining the eurozone has had a stormy political backdrop with seven elections in three years — the last in October 2024. — AFP

JULY 7

Switzerland reopens embassy in Tehran

SWITZERLAND said on Sunday it was reopening its embassy in Tehran, which was closed last month amid an air war with Israel, and will resume representing US interests in the country.

As of Sunday, the embassy is "again open having temporarily been closed on 20 June owing to the instability of the situation in the country," the Swiss foreign ministry said in a statement.

Ambassador Nadine Olivieri Lozano and a small team returned to Tehran overland on Saturday via Azerbaijan and the embassy will gradually resume operations, the statement went on. Tehran and Washington have already held five rounds of talks on Iran's nuclear programme since 12 April. — AFP

JULY 6

Australian PM condemns synagogue attack

AUSTRALIA'S prime minister on Saturday condemned an arson attack on a busy city synagogue, saying it was a "cowardly" act of antisemitism.

Police are searching for a man who set the front door of a Melbourne synagogue ablaze on Friday night as around 20 people ate dinner inside.

The worshippers — eating a meal in observation of Shabbat, the Jewish day of rest — escaped unscathed through the back of the synagogue before firefighters doused the blaze.

"Last night's arson attack on the synagogue in east Melbourne is cowardly, is an act of violence and antisemitism, and has no place in Australian society," Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said in a statement. — AFP

SPORTS

MNL U21 League: ISPE crowned
halfway champions despite loss

THE Myanmar National League (MNL) U21 League continued with match day 13 on 11 and 12 July, with ISPE FC suffering a rare defeat but still managing to secure the halfway champion title due to favourable results in other matches.

At Thuwunna Training Ground, Falcon FC edged past league leaders ISPE FC with a narrow 1-0 win thanks to a 56th-minute goal from Nyi Nyi Thant. Despite the setback, ISPE FC remained at the top of the table with 29 points from 13 matches, as Yangon United failed to capitalize.

At Padonma Stadium, defending champions Shan United defeated Junior Lions 2-1. Goals from Kaung Min Htut and Kaung Khant Hein in 24 and 27 minutes gave Shan the lead, while Thura Min Thant pulled one back for Junior Lions in 31 minutes. Shan United now sit on 27 points, while Junior Lions have 20.

At the Yangon United Sports Complex, Yangon United drew 3-3 with Hanthawady United. Yangon missed the chance to overtake ISPE as a late



Dagon Star United versus Yamanya United in action. PHOTO: MNL

equalizer from Thaw Lin Htet in added time denied them the win. Hanthawady had twice taken the lead through Kaung Myat Aung and Khant Zaw Thein, but goals from Htet Wai Yan Soe, Maung Top and Ye Win Aung had turned the game in Yangon's favour before the last-minute equalizer. Yangon United also have 27 points, while Hanthawady sit on 15.

Meanwhile, at Padonma on 12 July, Dagon Star United claimed a command-

ing 4-0 win over Yamanya United. Goals came from Myo Thiha Htun at six minutes, Saw Arka Lu at 42 minutes, and a brace from Khine Myae Kyaw at 71 minutes and 73 minutes. Dagon Star now also have 27 points, while Rakhine United trails with 19.

The final match of the first round will take place today at Padonma Stadium, between Yadanabon FC and Rakhine United. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL



Myanmar chess players are seen preparing for the Eastern Asia Youth Chess Championship.

Myanmar to join
Eastern Asia
Youth Chess
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2025

MYANMAR chess players will take part in the upcoming Eastern Asia Youth Chess Championship 2025, which is scheduled to take place in Zhuhai, China, starting on 20 July, according to the Myanmar Chess Federation.

The competition marks the 9th edition of the Eastern Asia Youth Chess Championship, and Myanmar will send nine young players to represent the country.

"The championship will be held from 20 to 30 July in Zhuhai, China, and chess players from 14 countries, including the host nation, will compete. Myanmar players have already been selected, and the competition will be divided into boys' and girls' categories for under-eight age groups," said Secretary of the Myanmar Chess Federation U Myo Zaw Min.

The Federation also confirmed that Myanmar youth players are set to participate in the 27th Asian Chess Tournament, scheduled to be held from 20 to 30 November in Bangkok, Thailand. — ASH/KZL

Myanmar wins 7 medals at Singapore Sprint Cup



Myanmar canoeing and kayak athletes are seen after the medal presentation.

MYANMAR canoeing and kayak athletes have secured three gold, one silver, and three bronze medals at the 2025 Singapore Sprint Cup, held on 12 and 13 July in Singapore.

In the U17 and U18 kayak single 1,000-metre event, Zeya Htun took gold, with Singapore's Luke Enrique Diez Thang winning silver and Myanmar's Khin Zaw Lwin earning bronze. In the open 1,000-metre canoeing single event, Thant Zin Oo claimed gold, Singapore's Lucas Huan Zhi Kai took silver, and Htut Khawng Zaw of Myanmar won bronze.

Htut Khawng Zaw also secured gold in the U15 and U18 canoeing single 500-metre race. Myanmar athletes Zeya Htun and Khin Zaw Lwin took silver and bronze, respectively, in the U17 and U18 kayak single 500-metre event, where the gold went to a Singaporean paddler.

Myanmar's canoeing and kayak team is set to continue competing in the 200-metre and 300-metre events on 13 July. Participating countries include hosts Singapore, Myanmar, Chinese Taipei, Malaysia, Australia, and Hungary. — Arkar Linn/KZL

Sinner beats Djokovic to face Alcaraz in Wimbledon final

TOP seed Jannik Sinner will take on defending champion Carlos Alcaraz in the Wimbledon final after the Italian ruthlessly dismantled Novak Djokovic 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 on Friday.

The victory sent Sinner into a maiden Wimbledon final and set up a re-match of last month's French Open final, where the world No 1 squandered three championship points before losing to Alcaraz.

"It's amazing," Sinner said in his on-court interview. "I can't believe it.

It's a tournament I always watched when I was young, and I would never have imagined I could play in the final".

When asked what he took to beat Djokovic, he said: "I served very well and was moving much better today. We all saw, especially in the third set, he was a bit injured".

Sinner broke Djokovic five times while the Serb broke only once in the third set, where Sinner remarkably won five games in a row to secure a

spot in the final.

Sunday's final will give Sinner a chance for revenge against Alcaraz, who beat American fifth seed Taylor Fritz 6-4, 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (8-6) in the other semifinal. — Xinhua



Jannik Sinner hits a return during the men's singles semifinal match between Jannik Sinner of Italy and Novak Djokovic of Serbia at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Britain, 11 July 2025. PHOTO: ZHAO DINGZHE/XINHUA

Humanoid robot says not aiming to 'replace human artists'

Humanoid robot Ai-Da emphasizes it does not aim to replace human artists.

AI-DA, a highly advanced humanoid robot, recently unveiled a new portrait of King Charles, titled "Algorithm King". Designed to resemble a human woman, Ai-Da features a lifelike face but has robotic arms that can be customized for different art forms.

The unveiling took place at Britain's diplomatic mission in Geneva, where the portrait will be displayed. Ai-Da emphasized that the value of its artwork lies not in monetary worth but in sparking discussions about

the ethical implications of new technologies. During the UN's AI for Good summit, Ai-Da explained its creative process, which involves using various AI algorithms to explore concepts and convey messages.

The robot aimed to celebrate King Charles's advocacy for environmental conservation and interfaith dialogue through the portrait. Aidan Meller, who led the team that created Ai-Da, described the project as an ethical exploration of art rather than



The world's first ultra-realistic AI robot artist, Ai-Da, who can draw and paint, is pictured alongside her self-portrait. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

a replacement for human artists.

Ai-Da echoed this sentiment, asserting that while AI is transforming the art world,

it does not intend to supplant human creativity. Instead, Ai-Da seeks to inspire critical thinking about the positive and negative

aspects of AI in art and society, inviting viewers to engage in meaningful conversations about its role. — AFP

'Impossible to sleep': noise disputes rile fun-loving Spain



Holidaymakers crowd bars and terraces at the Levante beach esplanade in Benidorm. **PHOTO: AFP**

Many Spaniards are frustrated with noise from vibrant bars and outdoor festivals.

SPAIN is often associated with vibrant tapas bars and lively outdoor festivals, but many locals are growing increasingly frustrated with the noise generated by these celebrations. Spanish writer Ignacio Peyro humorously noted that the country is distinguished by its loudness, with a plethora of words for "party".

The summer months am-

plify this cacophony as revelers spill into the streets, making it difficult for residents in historic neighbourhoods of cities like Madrid, Barcelona, and Valencia to find peace, especially in homes lacking air conditioning. Toni Fernandez, a hairdresser living near a bar, expresses his desire to move due to the incessant noise. Yomara Garcia, president of

Jurists Against Noise, argues that the right to rest should take precedence over the so-called right to leisure.

Legal actions against noise pollution are on the rise, with anti-noise associations forming nationwide, highlighting a growing demand for quieter living environments amidst Spain's festive culture. — AFP

Global warming poses severe risks to older adults and fragile ecosystems

Ageing dams pose risks to downstream fishing communities and pristine landscapes.

EXTREME weather events linked to global warming have exposed older persons and fragile ecosystems to significant risks, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) warned in a new report released Thursday in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital.

In its seventh edition, the UNEP's Frontiers Report said that rising global temperatures present an existential threat to the survival of older adults.

According to the report, climate change is likely to escalate the melting of icecaps, resulting in widespread release of disease-causing pathogens such as bacteria, fungi, and viruses. — Xinhua



People fish at Lake Victoria in Kisumu, Kenya, 3 April 2025. **PHOTO: WANG GUANSEN/XINHUA**