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OUR TRIBUTE TO MARTYRS ON 78TH MARTYRS' DAY

NATIONAL

Promoting health research and nutrition key to longer, healthier lives

❖ Our people must maintain good basic health and lead long, healthy lives. To achieve this, we must expand practical health research on selecting nutritious foods and adopting healthy lifestyle behaviours, and widely disseminate the findings to educate the public.

(An excerpt from the video speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the opening ceremony of the “53rd Myanmar Health Research Congress” held on 20 January 2025)



International travellers are seen watching the sunset from a temple platform in Bagan. PHOTO: ZWE MARN

Travellers throng Bagan for sunset views

THE local and foreign travellers enjoy viewing the sunset in Bagan. “Being a concentration site of cultural heritage of Myanmar, the domestic and foreign visitors visit Bagan in every season. The foreigners especially show their strong interest in Myanmar’s culture and natural beauty. The visitors watch the sunset from Nyaunglaphak Lake and Sulamani viewpoints. Most of the local travellers watch from the Buu Pagoda this season. The beauty of Bagan always leaves a strong impression on both local and

foreign travellers, no matter the season or time. That’s why people who have visited before often come back again, and it is a unique sign of Bagan,” said an official of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism (Bagan). The visitors can enjoy the sunset and the beauty of the Ayeyawady river, Tantkyitaung and Tuyintaung from four viewpoints, two mounds, Nan Myint Tower and from other pagodas. The maintenance works are being conducted to ensure the sustainability of Bagan

pagodas, and the authorities banned visitors from climbing the pagoda after the 2016 earthquake. The beauty of Bagan offers high cultural values of Myanmar’s natural beauty, the Ayeyawady River and ancient pagodas. Local and foreign visitors watch the natural beauty from Nyaunglaphak Lake, Sulamani Lake, Ohhteingon (East), Ohhteingon (West), Kyaukmyatmaw, Minnanthu Lake, Komauk Lake and Buu Pagoda. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

Flood Warning

(Issued at 7:30 pm MST on 18 July 2025)

ACCORDING to the 6:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of the Ayeyawady River at Zalun is observed as about three inches below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next one day. According to the 6:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of the Sittoung River at Toungoo is observed as more than ½ foot below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next one day. According to the 6:30 pm MST observation

today, the water level of the Ngawun River at Ngathainggyoung is observed as about 1/2 foot 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 Toe River at Maubin is observed as more than 1½ feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level at the high tide period during the next one day. It is especially alert to the people who settle near the river banks and low lying areas in Zalun, Taungoo and Maubin Townships and Ngathainggyoung, to take precautionary measures and to stay away from the flood-prone areas in time if the water level will rise. — DMH

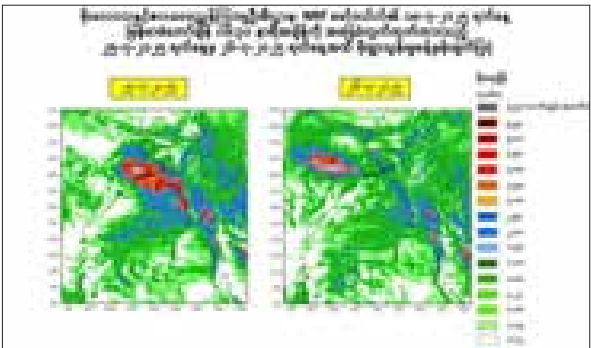
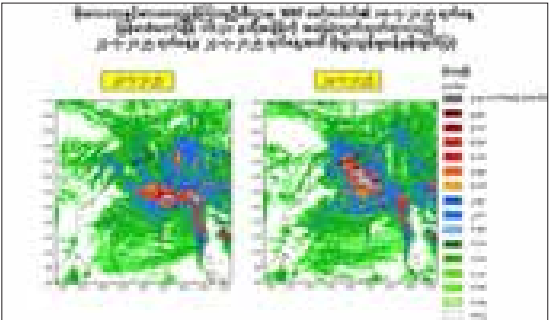
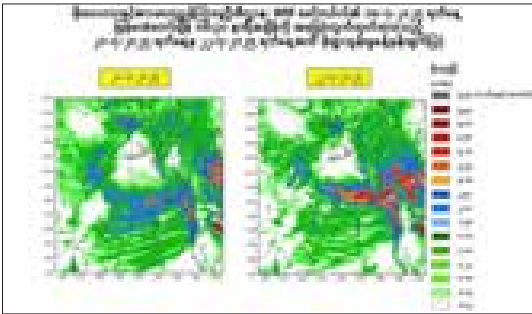
Special Weather News

Issued at 7 pm MST on 18 July 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, tropical storm “WIPHA” has formed over the East Philippine sea will continuously move to northwestwards and may pass the Hainan Island, China, and likely to across inland areas of Vietian with the remnants of the tropical storm “WIPHA” may reach to Myanmar and a low pressure area may form over the North Bay of Bengal on 24 July 2025 and monsoon will be continuously strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, rain or thundershowers will be scattered to fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Region, and Kachin, and Chin States, and widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Lower Sagaing, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kayah, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine, and Shan States with regionally and isolated heavy falls during from 21 July to 27 July 2025. Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced in the Deltaic, Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-11 feet in the Deltaic, the Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts.

Advisory

People should be aware of natural disasters such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, thunder, lightning strike, 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



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)



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing reviews the Gyoungwaing Shipyard in Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Region, yesterday.

SAC Chairman PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects functional activities of Gyoungwaing Shipyard

Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by his entourage, the chief minister of Yangon Region, the commander of Yangon Command and Yangon Mayor U Bo Htay,

inspected the functioning of the Gyoungwaing Shipyard in Gyoungwaing Village of Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Region, yesterday afternoon.

An official reported to the Senior General on facts about the shipyard, its operations and the brief history of the shipyard.

The Senior General gave necessary guidance.

After inspecting the shipyard, the Senior General instructed officials to expedite more efforts for the shipyard, repair the shipyard aligned with the current era, install necessary machinery and systematically

keep the shipyard neat and tidy.

The Gyoungwaing Shipyard was built in the 1981-1982 financial year. Since 1986, the shipyard had operated itself as a dockyard. During the period from 1995 to 1999, the shipyard served docking of 49 vessels, and then its functions halted. As the

Gyoungwaing Shipyard has aged significantly, and due to the lack of operational activities, the prolonged suspension of work could lead to increased deterioration and losses. Hence, the shipyard operates its services in accord with the guidance of the Senior General. — MNA/TTA

Public Notice on Right to File Objections

1. The Pa-O National Unity Party, headquartered at 9/34(A), Kyainn Taungpaw Street, Yadanadipa Ward, Hpa-an, Kayin State, applied on 15 July 2025 to be registered as a political party under Section 5 of the Political Parties Registration Law. In



The flag.

its application, it declared that it would use the party

- name, flag and emblem as described therein.
2. Under Section 14 (g) of the Political Parties Registration Rules, it is hereby announced for public information that anyone wishing to object to the use of the declared party name, flag or emblem by the said



The emblem.

organization may submit their objection, support-

ed by valid evidence, to the Union Election Commission within seven (7) days from the date of this announcement.

Union Election Commission

NATIONAL

Building maintenance must preserve original condition



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects interior exhibits at the Bogoyoke Aung San Museum in Yangon.

SAC Chairman PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspected displays at the Bogoyoke Aung San Museum (Yangon) and the Ministers' Office (Secretariat) in Yangon Region.

Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by the Council Joint Secretary, SAC members, Union ministers and the Chief Minister of Yangon Region, inspected display of objects at the Bogoyoke Aung San Museum in Bahan Township and the Ministers' Office (the Secretariat) in Botahtaung Township of Yangon Region yesterday morning.

At the Bogoyoke Aung San Museum in Bahan Township, the Senior General interestingly viewed round the vehicle ridden by General Aung San, the documentary photos, the park, the portray of General Aung San, documentaries and photos on

the different lives of General Aung San in childhood, university student, politician, Tatmadaw leader, State leader and his family life, his utensils, the brief history of the museum, the parlour, bedroom, prayer room, library, clothes and equipment, paintings, photos and furniture used by General Aung San displayed at special meeting rooms, his books, and the books on documentaries of the General published in successive eras. Officials conducted the Senior General round the museum.

After hearing the reports, the Senior General stressed the need to maintain the vehicle ridden by General Aung San with the help of technicians for long-term existence. Maintenance of the building must be

systematic, aligned with the documentary photos not to lose the original state.

The Senior General gave guidance to officials to maintain photos displayed at the museum with the use of technology to produce better work. Moreover, he urged all to carry out a beautiful landscape along both sides of the road and the vicinity of the museum.

The residence of Myanmar's architect of Independence General Aung San was transformed into the Bogoyoke Aung San Museum (Yangon). It was built in 1921 with Western architectural works. General Aung San and his family lived there from May 1945 to the date of assassination in July 1947. Inside the exhibition hall,

displays include the living room, dining room, bedroom, reading room, children's bedroom, special meeting room, prayer room, the garden cultivated by General Aung San during his leisure time, a Wolseley brand car manufactured in England used by General Aung San, and a photo documentary room. The public can visit and explore free of charge every day from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, except on Mondays and public holidays, including Martyrs' Day on 19 July.

On arrival at the Ministers' Office (the Secretariat) in Botahtaung Township, the Senior General viewed round history documents and photos displayed in the building and maintenance of the Hluttaw hall. Officials conducted the Senior General round the building.

In his guidance, the Senior General said that it is necessary to enhance the clarity of the historical photographs and documents on display by using modern technology, and to present them in a well-organized exhibition. Moreover, he added that when labelling the photographs and utensils, it is important to ensure accuracy, consistency in writing formats, and clarity so that visitors can easily read and understand the information.

He also inspected the assassinated scene of the General and martyrs displayed at the office of the General and the meeting hall, a display of historical photos in the photo gallery, historical documentaries and maintenance of the building.

In response to the reports of officials, the Senior General underscored that it is necessary to exhibit the meeting room where General Aung San and the Martyrs were assassinated, along with General Aung San's office, in their original layout. Historical photographs should be displayed with proper captions, and additional historical photos should be curated and exhibited. The Ministers' Office (the Secretariat) building, being an invaluable historic landmark, must be maintained in its original form for long-term sustainability. Deteriorated parts of the building should be restored by experts systematically to ensure proper maintenance and structural integrity. — MNA/TTA

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NATIONAL

Only working in unison can benefit all

If you wish for the country to be developed and prosperous, all of the country's resources – financial, natural and human – have to be used together for the equal development of all races.

If the Bamar does what they want, if the Kachin does what they want, if the Shan, Kachin and Chin all do not cooperate, there will be no benefits for anyone. Only when you try working in unison will you know its benefits.

(Excerpt from a speech made by Bogyoke Aung San at the Panglong Dinner on 11 February 1947)



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing speaks on the occasion of the certificates presentation ceremony for newly graduated doctors and dentists.

SAC welcomes new medical doctors and dentists

Public hospitals have been organized to provide full-time emergency patient care, and efforts are being made to minimize out-of-pocket expenses for patients by reducing costs.

Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, delivered a speech at the ceremony to present certificates of State gazetted officer appointment to newly graduated medical doctors and dentists from the Ministry of Health at the Myanmar Convention Centre (Yangon) in Yangon yesterday morning.

At the Myanmar Convention Centre, the Senior General was welcomed by Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing

Win and health staff. Speaking at the ceremony, the Senior General underscored that the State Administration Council is prioritizing the objective that “nothing is more important than human life” and is striving to provide accessible and high-quality healthcare services for everyone.

He stressed that public hospitals have been organized to provide full-time emergency patient care, and efforts are being made to minimize out-of-pocket expenses for patients by reducing the costs

through effective planning and resource allocation.

He noted that in order to improve the overall health standards of the public and to increase life expectancy, it is essential to strengthen the delivery of primary healthcare services. To achieve this, it is important to adequately produce sufficient human resources in the health sector and assign them responsibilities accordingly.

The Senior General continued that the State is continuously supporting the

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the meeting with new doctors and dentists

- 1. It is important to adequately produce sufficient human resources in the health sector and assign them responsibilities accordingly.
- 2. The State is continuously supporting the improvement of healthcare standards for ethnic nationalities, with the understanding that only with good health can people work and pursue education.
- 3. The State Administration Council is prioritizing the objective that “nothing is more important than human life” and is striving to provide accessible and high-quality healthcare services for everyone.

improvement of healthcare standards for ethnic nationalities, with the understanding that only with good health can people work and pursue education.

He expressed his pleasure for fresher medical doctors and dentists to serve their duties to provide healthcare services to the people, as health personnel are responsible for resolving health problems of the people as much as possible.

In implementing public healthcare services, the Senior General unveiled that the State is implementing effective policies and plans based on the country's resources in order to take preventive measures to stop the outbreak of diseases, as well as provide high-quality medical treatment in case illnesses occur.

He disclosed that the government is placing great emphasis on ensuring that the public can receive medical treatment in a peaceful and comfortable environment. To that end, it is upgrading and renovating public hospitals, constructing new ones, enhancing disease detection and advanced medical care, and consistently supplying medicines and modern medical equipment.

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NATIONAL



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn addresses the meeting with officials from the News and Periodicals Enterprise yesterday.

MoI Union Minister meets NPE (Yangon) officials

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn met officials from the News and Periodicals Enterprise (Yangon) at 2 pm yesterday at the meeting hall of the Printing and Publishing Department on Theinbyu Road, Yangon.

During the meeting, the Union minister emphasized the need to report news with open

eyes and ears in pursuit of the current situation of the country in a timely and appropriate manner, rather than sticking rigidly to old conventions. He highlighted the importance of ensuring accuracy and of continuously studying and understanding the policies set by the State. He also conveyed that the Prime Minister places great

importance on print media and urged those present to provide the public with trustworthy and reliable information.

Afterwards, responsible officials explained the current state of newspaper production and distribution, followed by the Union minister delivering concluding remarks. — MNA/MKKS

Mahar App drama 'Gaw Thazin' to begin filming in early Aug

THE drama series "Gaw Thazin", to be released as an original series on the Mahar Application, is set to begin filming in early August, according to its director, Yazawin Ko.

The story and script of the series were written by author Mae Khine, and director Yazawin Ko will direct and produce the series under Bobo Film Production.

The series will feature Academy Kyaw Kyaw Bo, Academy May Myint Mo, Sithu Win, Phone Shein Khant, Ye Lwin Oo, Cho Ma Dee Thwin, Zaw Win Naing (Marn), Thatti, Hla Myo Thinzar Nwe, Wah Wah Aung, Hla Nu Htun, Wah Wah May Maung, Aye Thida, and many other performers.

The opening ceremo-

ny for the filming of "Gaw Thazin" will take place on the morning of 18 July at

Eaindawya Pagoda in Dagon Township, Yangon Region. — ASH/MKKS



This image shows cast members for the drama film.

SAC welcomes new medical doctors and dentists

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According to the 2024 Population and Housing Census, the Senior General explained that Myanmar's life expectancy is 69 years. Among ASEAN countries, it ranks ninth, and when compared with neighbouring countries, it ranks fifth.

The Senior General urged them that emphasis should be placed on actions such as improving nutrition and living conditions, administering preventive vaccinations, analyzing and addressing mortality rates, and implementing relevant measures effectively in the respective regions where responsibilities are assigned.

The Senior General presented certificates of State gazette officer appointment to representatives from four medical universities, while the Joint Secretary gave certificates of

State gazette officer appointment to representatives from two medical universities and the University of Dental Medicine.

The Senior General and attendees viewed a video clip on the endeavours of the Ministry of Health, and the Senior General cordially greeted those attendees.

Also, present at the ceremony were Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, SAC members General Nyo Saw, Mahn Nyein Maung and Dr Hmuh Thang, Union ministers, the Yangon Region Chief Minister, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Yangon Command, the President of Myanmar Medical Council, the President of the Myanmar Dental Council, and guests. — MNA/TTA

Recent medical and dental graduates appointed as Government Gazetted Officers



The appointment presentation ceremony in progress yesterday.

THE medics should follow the professional ethic, medical ethic, civil rules and ethics, said Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win at the ceremony of appointment of new doctors and dental surgeons as Government Gazetted Officers yesterday.

The Union minister stated the need to be mature and stable, to view everything with a wide perspective, and to have a sense of responsibility and accountability for being government employees, and to apply their skills

for the people and show loyalty to the country and people.

Myanmar Medical Council President Dr Myo Khin and Myanmar Dental Council President Dr Paing Soe briefed the ethics to be followed by the doctors and dentists.

Officials presented order letters to be assigned as assignment of Government Gazette Officers to the 1,259 new doctors from different Universities of Medicine and 21 refresher dentists at the event. — MNA/KTZH

Low-interest loans offered to oil millers

THE Oil Mills Development Loan Management Task Force will offer low-interest loans to oil millers.

Repayment periods are one year for working capital loans and three years for fixed capital loans (a one-year deferral and four instalments within two years) with an annual interest rate of five per cent.

The task force has been providing low-interest loans to oil millers for working capital and fixed capital to expand, upgrade, and develop necessary equipment and new mills, allocated from the State Economic Promotion Fund.

Those oil millers who meet the following conditions: owning an operational mill, having a

valid licence, presenting immovable property with ownership and land use certificate Form 7 as collateral, providing separate collateral for the loans if the owner has already borrowed from private and public banks, holders of FDA certificates, and small industrial enterprise registration certificates. Members of the Myanmar Edible Oil Millers' Association and the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association will be prioritized as well.

Loan amounts are set at K10 million to K500 million for working capital and K20 million to K500 million for fixed capital investment. Those who wish to borrow more than K500 million must apply directly at the Secretary's Office of Oil Mills De-



A diligent worker operates the edible oil mill.

velopment Loan Management Task Force, Myanma Agricultural Development Bank (Head Office).

Oil millers can apply for a loan at the respective offices of Myanmar Edible Oil Millers' Association, Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association, the Directorate of Industrial Su-

pervision and Inspection and branches of Myanma Economic Bank and Myanma Agricultural Development Bank.

The application can be downloaded from the websites of the Ministry of Planning and Finance, www.mopf.gov.mm, the Directorate of Industrial Super-

vision and Inspection <http://msmewebportal.gov.mm/>, the Myanmar Edible Oil Millers' Association <http://www.meoma.org>, the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association <http://meoda.myanmarwebtraining.com>, Myanma Economic Bank www.meb.gov.mm, and Myanma Agricultural Development Bank www.madb.gov.mm. — NN/KK

Customs Department facilitates import-export procedures at ports



Container vessels are seen docking at Yangon Port.

THE Department of Customs under the Ministry of Planning and Finance has been arranging to expedite the customs process regarding exportation and importation at Yangon international port terminals, it announced on 16 July 2025.

The department has been providing service promptly at Yangon International Port Terminals to regulate the flow of goods and ensure smooth trade without delay. Furthermore, the department conducts customs inspections

on export containers at Asia World Port for 24 hours with three shifts starting from 20 March 2024. Additionally, all ports carry out customs inspection and related procedures from 9 am to 6 pm in order to optimize operations without delay.

The department informed the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry to notify the companies concerned of the processing time of the Customs clearance procedures. — NN/KK

CBM injects over \$1.5M to edible oil-importing industry

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$1.5 million to edible oil-importing companies on 17 July, in addition to an injection of over 756,260 yuan and 2,000 baht into the financial market.

CBM sold \$1.2 million, which were purchased from companies working on a Cut-Make and Pack basis to edible oil companies on 16 July.

CBM announced on 15 July that it would pump \$33 million into the fuel oil industry. In addition to an injection of over 324,360 yuan into the financial market, CBM sold over \$771,290 million to the edible oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM sold over \$757,230 and 1.426 million yuan on 14 July. Furthermore, CBM sold over \$1.58 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$359,230 to commodities-importing companies as well.

CBM sold over US\$1.7 million to edible oil-importing companies on 11 July 2025.

CBM sold over US\$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 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 purchased 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, which 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

Follow the guidelines of martyrs to develop the nation

POLITICS is founded on economics. A nation’s constitution and system of governance cannot exist without being based on economic principles. Only when a country is built upon sound economic foundations can it truly become a democratic nation,” said General Aung San, the national leader, in his New Year address on 18 April 1947.

By studying his speeches delivered on various occasions, it is evident that General Aung San urged all citizens of Myanmar to stay united, maintain discipline, exercise restraint where necessary, and work diligently and tirelessly with perseverance to achieve their desired goals.

After gaining independence, instead of striving to carry out national reconstruction efforts, priority was given to narrow-minded

ethnic, regional, ideological, factional, and personal interests. As a result, national unity was undermined, leading to generations of armed conflict. Consequently, Myanmar has lagged behind other countries in the region in terms of development.

In line with the above principle, General Aung San emphasized that even after Myanmar gained independence, only through tireless efforts and the implementation of various reconstruction plans could the country reach its goals, and even then, it would take around 20 years. While other independent nations might progress step by step, Myanmar would need to take four or five steps at a time to catch up. If no action was taken, he warned, Myanmar would not even be able to match Thailand. He gave this final warning in his last public speech — delivered at the Yangon City Hall during a major political briefing for the whole Yangon area — about a week before his assassination, on 13 July 1947.

The 78th Martyrs’ Day of 2025 has now arrived. Every year on this day, the people of

Myanmar solemnly remember and mourn the loss of the national leader, General Aung San, along with the other fallen martyrs, who were assassinated on 19 July 1947 — 78 years ago.

The people of Myanmar, especially the new generation of youth, need to focus less on a personal view of General Aung San and more on valuing his aspirations, goals, and speeches. It is important to respect and follow them. When all Myanmar people remember and honour them in this way, they should unite and work together in harmony toward the goals that General Aung San and the other martyrs envisioned: ethnic unity and the development and progress of the nation. Only then can the entire people achieve the prosperous country that the martyrs hoped for.

A glimpse at TPM’s *Amay* (Mother) and ‘Love at Sunset’ short stories

By Myint Zan

U THEIN Pe Myint (10 July 1914-15 January 1978) (hereafter generally TPM) was born in the township of Budalin in the hinterland in what was then colonial Burma 111 years ago on 10 July 1914. Commemorating the occasion, this article will take a glance at and commentary on two literary ‘products’. One is in part a biographical narration about his mother, first published in 1948, and the other is a short story first published in 1965.

Amay (‘Mother’)

From the academic year 1968-69 to 1985-86, all matriculation students in Burma had to study a few essays, short stories and excerpts in the Burmese language. The textbook Pinn Yin Zaga Pyay Let Yway Sin (*Selected Prose for High School students*). In the text, there are 61 essays, short stories or excerpts from novels written by a variety of writers. Most of these literary pieces were written between the early 20th century to the mid-1960s.

One of the prose/essays in the *Selected Prose* is written by TPM. It was first published in 1948 and is also reproduced in his short story collection published in 1998. It is a vivid portrayal of his early life in the township of Budalin. He stated that the first memory of his late mother was when his mother stopped breastfeeding him. It ended with his mother’s death in another Upper Burma town, and he just managed to be in time in the town of Salingyi for his mother’s funeral.

In addition to the reminiscences about his late mother, he wrote about his early life, high school and University years at

the University of Rangoon. TPM (sort of) boasted that when he was a young lad, he had many girlfriends. He wrote to the effect that his mother told him the one girl TPM was considering to marry did not actually love him, and perhaps TPM’s attitude towards her must be the same. TPM wrote that his elder University colleague Ko Nu (later independent Burma’s first Prime Minister, 25 May 1907- 14 February 1995) was of the same opinion as his mother. (I may write another article on U Nu and U Thein Pe Myint’s political relationship.)

Amay ‘Mother’ is written unsentimentally and at the same time softly and poignantly. It is a testament to the literary skills of TPM.

‘Love at Sunset (of life)’: A short story

TPM also wrote novels, novellas and short stories. In 1998, a collection of 41 short stories that he had published between 1933 to August 1977 was published in one volume. Among them, I will mention only one. In Myanmar, it is titled *New-in Chain A-Chit*. (‘Love in the Sunset’). Former first lady of India Usha Narayanan (1922-24 January 2008) was Burma-born. Her Burmese name was Daw Tint Tint. She translated at least 17 short stories of TPM into English in her book titled *Sweet and Sour*, which was published in 1998. One of them is ‘Love in the Sunset’.

I enquired from the University’s Central Library (UCL) in Yangon whether they have a copy of the *Sweet and Sour*. UCL does not have the book.

Only a very brief encapsulation of ‘Love in the Sunset’

can be made here. A man in his seventies and a woman about the same age unexpectedly met in a garden or park in Rangoon. They were lovers about fifty years ago. Now, they each have grandchildren. The old man’s granddaughter’s name contains part of the name of his former lover. The old woman has also given parts of her former lover’s name to her grandson. The two grandchildren were playing. They had a slight argument of sorts. This aroused the attention of their grandparents, former lovers from 50 years back. They reminisce and they sort of blame each other for their ‘non-union’ in love. They admitted to each other that in remembrance of their loves, they gave their grandchildren parts of their former lovers’ names. The short-story writer TPM stated (somewhat anomalously) that the grandparents chose their grandchildren’s names, and the parents did not even know that parts of the names do include their parents’ former lovers’ names. Then a fight among the grandchildren ensued again, and the grandparents called back their grandchildren and left for their own ways when the sun was setting.

I will translate directly from the last moving sentences of TPM’s affecting short story:

QUOTE

The sun has fully set. But the love that blooms before noon is no longer in their minds. The setting is so beautiful. The little girl who is accompanying her grandfather is the old man’s ‘love at sunset’. The little boy who accompanies his grandmother is the old woman’s ‘love at sunset’.

Life and love are like a ‘trifecta flower’ [the translator could not find an exact name, far less a botanical name of the flower] which changes colours three times in a day. Before noon, it is ‘lily-white’. Afternoon, it becomes lightly pinkish. At sunset, it has blood red colours.’

UNQUOTE

That short story was first published on 10 October 1965 issue of the *Botahtaung* (‘Vanguard’)

Burmese language newspaper that U Thein Pe Myint founded in 1958. It was nationalised by the Revolutionary government in 1964, but TPM continued to be a regular columnist until about 1976 or 1977.

I first read U Thein Pe Myint’s short story as a seventeen-year-old in Mandalay, Burma. I recall that I suddenly stood up and almost jumped in awe after reading the last few sentences of TPM’s superb literary piece. After more than fifty years (perhaps) for only the second time, I re-read parts of the short story. I must be a sentimentalist and a past-oriented person. As I re-read parts of TPM’s short story, my face is flushed, and I am almost teary.

One other time I almost literally jumped was after reading the play (in English) *The Bishop’s Candlesticks: A Play in One Act* by Norman McKinnel (founded on an incident in Victor Hugo’s novel *Les Misérables*). I read it in Room 130 of Ava Hall of Rangoon Arts and Science University sometime in late 1972. I again almost jumped up after reading the last sentences of the play. I recall that my roommate (most of the



TPM (Thein Pe Myint)

hostel students had to share a room), the late (I suppose) Ko Than Tun (from Thazi), looked at me in slight surprise after my reaction. The last sentences of the play were:

QUOTE

BISHOP: *Putting his hand on the CONVICT’S shoulder, always remember, my son, that this poor body is the Temple of the Living God.*

CONVICT (*with great awe*). The Temple of the Living God. I’ll remember.

UNQUOTE

U Thein Pe Myint has authored significant literary works, including novels, novellas and short stories. I do not mean *Amay* and *Newin Chain A-chit* are the best among TPM’s short stories. I only state that these are the two that I like most among the short stories that I have read.

A quick search of the web stated that Patricia Milne has translated five short stories of TPM in 1971 as a Master of Arts thesis. They were published in 1973. Eight of the short stories of TPM were translated. Patricia Milne’s translation does not include either ‘Mother’ or ‘Love

at Sunset’. As stated, UCL does not have *Sweet and Sour* by Usha Narayanan. There must be overlaps between the Milne translation and Daw Tint Tint’s (Usha’s) translation as far as a few of the short stories are concerned. Apparently, *Amay* ‘Mother’ has not been translated into English by either of the translators.

I understand through her social media posts that Daw Wah Wah Tin Swe has translated, in full and directly from the French language, the novel *Les Misérables* by Victor Hugo. (26 February 1802-22 May 1885). My congratulations.

The playwright/actor Norman McKinnel (10 February 1870-29 March 1932) wrote/acted in *The Bishops Candlesticks*. The play was based on certain scenes from Victor Hugo’s classic novel. I am not sure whether U Thein Pe Myint’s *Amay* (Mother) has been translated into English, and whether the play *The Bishop’s Candlesticks* has been translated into Myanmar. I would be grateful for any information as to these queries.

(Commemorating U Thein Pe Myint’s 111th birthday)



Whispers of the Forest

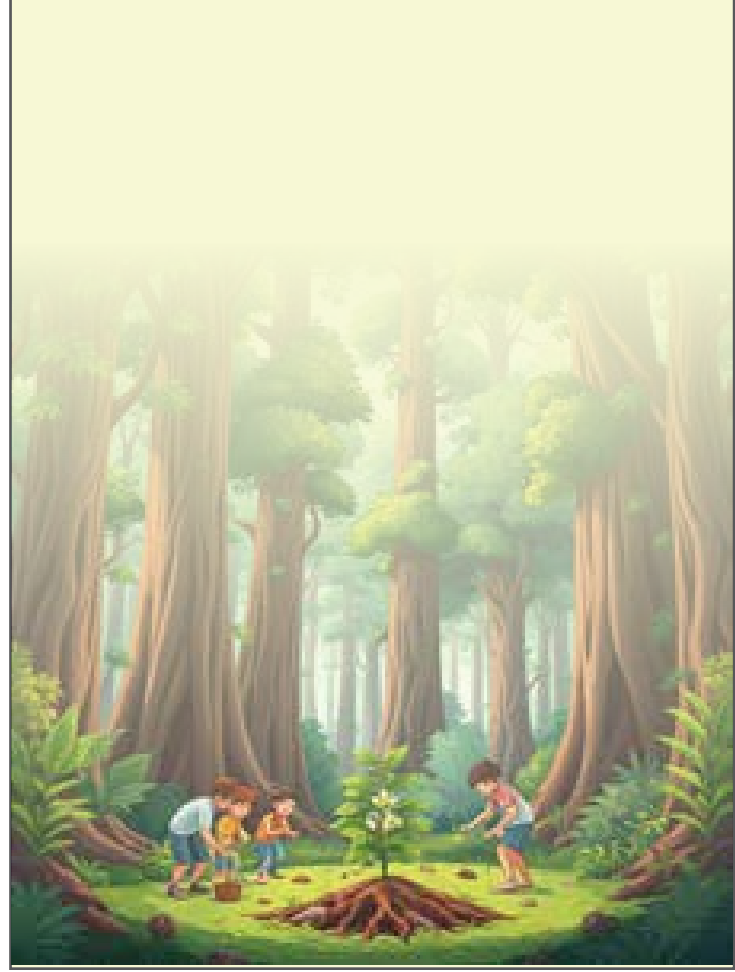
*Beneath the sky, the forests breathe,
With emerald grace and roots beneath.
They guard the Earth, they cleanse the air,
A silent shield with love and care.*

*The trees stand tall through storm and flame,
They hold the soil, they bear no fame.
Yet in their leaves, our futures lie—
A home for life beneath the sky.*

*But axes swing and greed takes hold,
And forests fall for food and gold.
Let every heart now make a vow:
To heal the Earth, protect each bough.*

Min Zan

(Urging those who neglect the surroundings to save the forest for the future...)



NATIONAL

Myanmar filmmakers invited to 3rd Minsk International Film Festival in Belarus



This image depicts the opening ceremony for the International Film Festival "Listapad" in Minsk in 2009.

THE International Relations Committee of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization has received an invitation to participate in the 3rd Minsk International Film Festival "Listapad", scheduled to take place from 31 October to 7 November in Minsk, Belarus.

"It aims for the Belarusian film

industry to compete in the international market, and Myanmar has been invited. We can showcase Myanmar's history and culture, religious content and nature from various perspectives, including tourism. Benefits include reaching an international audience, a new market, and more earnings to

support film technology," said U Chanth Kyi Soe, second joint secretary of the MMPO.

According to the invitation, Myanmar filmmakers will be able to enter the Feature Film Competition (Films released in 2024 and 2025), Non-competitive film screenings, Short Film Competition (from 26 to 52 minutes), and Documentary Film Competition (26 minutes and above).

Films must be in English, and applicants need to contact the MMPO by 24 July, which will forward them to the organizing committee of the event. Upon being selected, one or two film representatives (director or producer) will be invited to Minsk at the expense of the committee.

Myanmar was invited to the festival last year but was unable to enter due to a lack of preparation. Those who want to participate this year can contact the second joint secretary, U Chanth Kyi Soe, via Viber 09 880896957, mmpa1946@gmail.com, and mmpo.myanmar@gmail.com, the MMPO said. — MT/ZN



This photo showcases the tooth relic building drawing made in line with sketches in Parabaik of King Bagyidaw's reign.

Inwa tooth relic building renovation to begin this month

THE tooth relic building in Inwa will be restored based on ancient Parabaik, and it will start within this month, according to local writer and researcher Bo Shake (Ratanapura).

Remaining as a hill in ruins, it is located to the right of the eastern entrance to the palace, and a donor will bear the cost of rebuilding it.

A proposal for the reconstruction of the building has been approved by the authorities, and implementation will start this month on an auspicious day.

"Now the building is nothing more than a pile of bricks. I've been wanting to restore it and urged my friend Dr Hla Myint, who eagerly agreed. So, I submitted to different levels of authorities, and approval has been granted. After choosing an auspicious day, we will start implementation within this month," he said.

It was believed to be built in 1183 ME by King Bagyidaw, who founded Inwa for the fourth time, and it was built according to the work seen in Parabaik's drawings. Myanmar cultural works in restoration will be supervised by Tampawaty U Win Maung.

"It was a pagoda with Buddha's tooth relic. The practice of placing a shrine in front of the palace dates back to King Bayintnaung. When his son King Nyaungyan built Inwa, he adopted the same practice. Other Konbaung kings, including Bagyidaw, continued to build it. We're going to rebuild it traditionally," he explained. — MT/ZN

Myanmar Embassy urges parents to register children born abroad

MYANMAR parents will need to do registration for their children born abroad, said the Myanmar Embassy in the Republic of Korea.

Myanmar nationals arriving in the Republic of Korea should apply for birth registration first in accordance with Myanmar citizenship law, rules and regulations, to the Ministry of Immigration and Population through the embassy, so that they are eligible to commence the application for Myanmar passport renewal.

The 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law's Chapter II stipulates that the birth of a national born outside the country shall be registered with the Central through the Myanmar Embassy or the consulate, or the Ministry of Immigration and Population within a year from the day he or she was born.

If it fails within the deadline, parents or guardians shall inform the Central through the Myanmar Embassy or the consulate or the Ministry of Immi-



The Myanmar Embassy (C) to the Republic of Korea (ROK).

gration and Population, along with a proven reason.

For application of birth registration, photo of the child, parents' personal information, childbirth record outside the country, copy of birth certificate

in both Korean and English, copy of parents' passport, copy of parents' residence card, copy parents' ID card and copy of household list and marriage contract are required, said the embassy. — MT/ZS

NATIONAL



This image depicts the film's opening ceremony.

Filming of drama series ‘Lwan Payazay Mama Wai’ begins on 15 July in Yangon

THE drama series ‘Lwan Payazay Mama Wai’ began filming on 15 July, with shooting locations set in the major cities of Yangon, Mawlamyine and Hinthada, according to actor Min Thu Naing, who is part of the cast.

The story of the series was written by Min Maung Maung (True Story), with the screenplay and dialogue handled by Lwan Wai Aung. The production is being directed by Min Maung Maung and Aung Phyo Min, with

Ko Myo as co-director, for Soe Video Production. The series features a cast, including Academy Kyaw Ye Aung, Academy Aye Myat Thu, Min Thu Naing, Shwe Keinnayi, Hla Myo Thinzar Nwe, Academy Wah Wah Aung, Zaw Wyne, Zaw Hein, Aung Phyo Min and many other artistes.

The opening ceremony for the start of filming was held on 12 July at the Eaindawya Pagoda in Dagon Township, Yangon Region. — ASH/MKKS

SSB pays 40% quake compensation to 11,870 insured workers

THE Social Security Board of the Ministry of Labour has disbursed 40 per cent of the family assistance fund (over K968 million) for 11,870 insured workers affected by the Mandalay earthquake out of 125,673 insured workers of 7,395 departments in Mandalay.

Moreover, K103.47 million was paid out to beneficiaries after 16 policyholders were killed by the earthquake disaster.

Following the Central Bank of Myanmar’s online payment system, those benefits were transferred to the respective private banks through the Myanma Economic Bank. They can claim them through digital platforms such as KBZ Pay, AYA Pay, Wave Pay, UAB Pay, and Mytel Pay as well. Furthermore, 40 per cent of quake compensation (over K1



A handover ceremony of family assistance funds for insured workers, who were impacted by the Mandalay earthquake, is in progress on 16 July.

billion) was handed over for 11,203 insured workers affected by the Mandalay earthquake out of 27,267 insured workers of 1,097 departments in Nay

Pyi Taw on 4 July. The Social Security Board is verifying the data to disburse the payouts to other eligible insured workers. — ASH/KK

47 firefighters shortlisted for Global Firefighters & Paramedics Challenge

This photo captures the preliminary round of candidate selection for the Global Firefighters & Paramedics Challenge on 16 July.



THE Myanmar Fire Brigade (Central) has announced that 47 firefighters have been selected as preliminary candidates for the Global Firefighters & Paramedics Challenge.

The preliminary selection event was held on 16 July, and the Brave Heart (Individual) firefighter skills test took place at the Myanmar Fire Brigade Headquarters training ground.

During the selection process, 47 search and rescue (special) members and firefighters from various regions and states, including Nay Pyi Taw, were chosen in a prelimi-

nary competition based on their record-breaking performances. The Myanmar Fire Brigade conducted preliminary training to prepare for representing Myanmar in the Global Firefighters & Paramedics Challenge, an international individual firefighting competition, and to showcase the country’s ability to compete on the global stage.

The Myanmar Fire Brigade’s international achievements include competing against firefighters from 13 countries in the Singapore Global Firefighters & Paramedics Challenge (SGFPC 2023), or-

ganized by the Singapore Civil Defence Force. They brought national pride by winning first place in the team life-saving skills competition and third place in the international Brave Heart (Individual) firefighting skills competition.

In addition, at a separate emergency rescue competition held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 10 teams from nine countries competed, and Team Myanmar won the Best Team Leader award, bringing national pride and demonstrating its capability as a world-class fire brigade. — ASH/TH

MMPO provides stipends and school supplies to 218 members’ children

ACCORDING to Vice-Chair U Aye Kyu Lay of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization, a ceremony to support the education of the children of its members was held at the organization’s Golden Jubilee Hall.

At the event, which was aimed at supporting education during the 2025–2026 academic year, children of members of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization were provided with school stipends, uniforms, and stationery.

U Aye Kyu Lay said, “Every year, our organization provides educational support to the children of our members. Today, too, the organization, together with donations from other benefactors, has provided school stipends to the children of our film industry members. Thanks to contri-

butions from many donors, in addition to school uniforms and stationery, umbrellas, raincoats, and clothes donated by actress Phway Phway have also been given. Medicines, cold drinks and Biryani were also donated, and we’re truly delighted”.

At the ceremony, a total of 218 students received support in the form of a stipend of K15,000, one school uniform, two dozen exercise books, a compass box, pencils, pens, a sharpener, an eraser, a water bottle, and an umbrella.

The event was attended by MMPO Chair Academy Sithu U Kyi Soe Tun, Vice-Chair U Aye Kyu Lay, patrons, Yan Aung, Aung Khine, Ye Mon, Nay La, May Than Nu, Hla Myo Thinzar Nwe, Ma Ma Saung, Myat Thitsa, Shwe Yote Hlwa and others. — ASH/KZL

NATIONAL

Nawngkhio residents back Tatmadaw, vow support for security, rehabilitation

TATMADAW, in its efforts to ensure the peaceful livelihood of the people, has been conducting counter-terrorism operations in various military command areas. On 16 July, Tatmadaw successfully regained full control over Nawngkhio and the surrounding areas of Taungkham, which had been temporarily held by terrorists. In response, ethnic people in Nawngkhio have welcomed and supported Tatmadaw's efforts with appreciation, and some residents who had temporarily fled their homes have begun returning to their original villages.

Tatmadaw military columns are continuing operations to support the safe return of displaced local ethnic residents in and around Nawngkhio Township to their homes in towns and villages. Efforts are underway to help them resume peaceful and productive livelihoods and to restore the functioning of government administration. This includes the reconstruction of government offices, residential buildings, and religious, educa-



Tatmadaw members help distribute food to locals in Nawngkhio as part of rehabilitation efforts.

tional, and healthcare facilities that were destroyed during the period when terrorists temporarily held control. In addition, demining operations and necessary security measures are being carried out by Tatmadaw in towns and villages to eliminate the threat of landmines planted by the insurgents in their brutal

and malicious acts.

Yesterday, a team of 118 departmental personnel, led by District Administrator U Kyaw Swe Win, arrived in Nawngkhio to provide necessary assistance and support to the local people. Their mission includes reopening government offices to restore administrative operations,

reopening schools to ensure children can resume their education, and reopening hospitals to provide healthcare services to the public. They brought along essential supplies, food items, and household items donated by the Shan State government, Mandalay Region government, the Ministry of Social Welfare,

Relief and Resettlement, and charitable citizens for displaced persons in the Taungkham area and Nawngkhio Township.

The local ethnic people expressed a deep desire for peace. They also stated that they wish for their children to study peacefully, just like children in other peaceful areas. They expressed willingness to actively cooperate with Tatmadaw in the reconstruction efforts of Nawngkhio, which was severely damaged due to acts of terrorism. Furthermore, similar to the residents of Nawngkhio, other civilians also wish for Tatmadaw to regain control of towns currently under temporary control by terrorist insurgents. They want Tatmadaw to reclaim those areas so that the local population can once again enjoy stable lives in terms of social welfare, economy, healthcare, and education.

Currently, Tatmadaw is continuing to strengthen and implement necessary security measures to ensure that the public can live in peace and stability. — MNA/TTA

MNHRC inspects Day Care Centre for the Aged

THE inspection team, led by members of the Commission, U Kyaw Soe, Dr Than Myint and Dr Myint Thu Myaing, conducted an inspection visit to the Day Care Centre for the Aged, located in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, yesterday under Section 22 (e) and Section 43 of the MNHRC Law. The facility operates under the supervision of the Department of Social Welfare.

The inspection team met elderly residents in their living quarters and assessed a range of conditions, including the provision of healthcare services, food and nutritional support, access to clean drinking and household water, freedom of religion and belief, and the overall hygiene and sanitation standards of dormitories, bathrooms, toilets, lounges and kitchens.



The MNHRC inspection team meet older people at the Mayangon Day Care Centre for the Aged.

They also enquired about arrangements for recreation and relaxation, the accessibility of pension payments for eligible residents, arrangements for offering assistance to the elders to go to the bus stand for return trips from the Day Care Centre, the status of the caregiver training course for the elderly, which is conducted twice a year, the trainee attendance situation, and arrangements

for field visits for the trainees to external residential homes for the aged.

The team extended warm words of encouragement to the 102 elderly individuals residing at the facility.

The inspection team will send its findings and recommendations to the relevant department for necessary action under the MNHRC Law. — MNHRC

One-lady show 'Zay Ban Khinn Kya Mae' set for 19 July

THE solo musical performance titled 'Zay Ban Khinn Kya Mae', a one-lady show by vocalist Mi Sandi, will be staged at Diamond Bar in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Region, according to Mi Sandi herself.

Mi Sandi's one-lady show will be held at 7 pm on 19 July at Diamond Bar in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Region. Her vocal performance will be supported by Diamond Bar's in-house band, which will provide the musical accompaniment.

Mi Sandi recently released a music video titled 'Swel Lan Hmu Ta Khu' (An Obsession), a song she wrote herself and performed alongside actor Nay Htut. — ASH/KZL



This image showcases a promotional poster for Mi Sandi's solo show 'Zay Ban Khinn Kya Myae'.

IFC announces \$20 million equity investment in Transvolt Mobility

TO enhance access to quality urban transport, scale up electric vehicles (EVs) production and strengthen India’s electric mobility ecosystem, IFC is providing US\$20 million equity investment to Transvolt Mobility Private Limited (Transvolt), as part of its US\$50 million financing round, the company said in a release.

This is IFC’s first equity investment in an EV platform in India and globally. It will enable Transvolt to scale its electric fleet portfolio to 3,500 vehicles and create 8,200 jobs in the next five years. It will also support the company’s long-term goal of deploying 8,000 heavy commercial EVs such as buses and trucks across India. Dheeraj Jhawar, Director and co-founder, Transvolt Mobility, said, “We are delighted and honoured by the trust IFC has shown in our company to develop and deploy EV fleets across India. — ANI

Zuckerberg settles lawsuit over Cambridge Analytica scandal

META chief Mark Zuckerberg and other company board members settled a shareholder lawsuit on Thursday concerning decisions made in the wake of the Cambridge Analytica privacy scandal.

A trial over the long-running case had just begun on Wednesday, with defendants accused of overpaying the US government in 2019 when they engineered a \$5 billion settlement for alleged privacy



People arrive at Leonard L. Williams Justice Centre on 16 July 2025 in Wilmington, Delaware. PHOTO: AFP

violations in the scandal. Sources familiar with the matter confirmed the settlement to AFP, without

providing details.

A spokesman for Meta, the parent company of Facebook, declined to comment. Lawyers for the defendants and shareholders didn’t immediately return requests for comment. The settlement comes the same day that Marc Andreessen, one of Silicon Valley’s most influential venture capitalists and a Meta board member, was scheduled to take the stand. — AFP

Indie game studios battle for piece of Switch 2 success

PLAYERS line up inside Nintendo’s booth at a Japanese game fair to try upcoming Switch 2 titles, but, for once, the company’s chirpy red-capped mascot Mario is nowhere to be seen.

The three games on display are all made by smaller-scale, independent developers seeking to impress users of the device that became the world’s fastest-selling console after its launch last month.

But with Nintendo game sales long dominat-



At the BitSummit expo in Kyoto, indie designers touted their games. PHOTO: AFP

ed by in-house franchises — from “Super Mario” to “Donkey Kong” to “Animal Crossing” — it can be hard for outsiders to break through.

“The Switch 2 has certainly gotten off to a strong

start,” said Krysta Yang of the Nintendo-focused Kit & Krysta Podcast. But so far, “for third-party game creators, the success of Switch 2 didn’t necessarily translate into strong sales”.

Many Switch 2 owners bought the gadget to play Nintendo exclusives, such as “Mario Kart World”, and the high price of the console and its games mean consumers have been less keen to splash out on a range of titles, Yang told AFP. — AFP

Japan’s core consumer prices in June rise 3.3% on higher food costs

JAPAN’S core consumer prices in June rose 3.3 per cent from a year earlier, fuelled by persistently higher prices of rice and other food items, government data showed Friday.

The key gauge of inflation has now remained at or above the Bank of Japan’s two per cent target since April 2022.

However, the pace

of increase in the nationwide consumer price index, excluding volatile fresh food, slowed for the first time in four months following a 3.7 per cent rise in May due to lower energy costs, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications said.

Core-core CPI, which strips away both energy and fresh food to reflect

underlying price trends, climbed 3.4 per cent in June, compared with 3.3 per cent in the previous month, driven by higher costs for mobile phone communications, the ministry said.

Food prices, excluding fresh items, increased 8.2 per cent, accelerating from a 7.7 per cent rise in May, pushed up by surg-

ing costs of items such as rice, chocolate, and coffee beans.

Rice did not hit a new high for the first time in nine months, but remained elevated, soaring 100.2 per cent from a year earlier to mark the second-largest rise since comparable data became available in 1971. — Kyodo

MINISTRY OF COOPERATIVE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR SOLAR MINI-GRID PROJECT (Re-invitation)

The Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, is inviting qualified and interested companies to submit proposals for implementing solar mini-grid electricity project in the following designated area:

Lot-ID	Project Village(s)	Location Site
Lot-1	Thone Khwa, Han Su, Kyu Taw & Ohn Ta Pin Thone Khwa	Ngapudaw Township, Ayeyarwady Region

Submission Deadline: Proposals must be delivered to the address below at 10:00 AM Local Time on August 1st 2025.

Interested companies should visit the Ministry of Cooperative and Rural Development (MCRD) Website (<https://www.mcrd.gov.mm/>) or directly contact the following address for further information:

Department of Rural Development (Head Office)
Office No.36/B, Pandita Road, Ottara Thiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw.
Tel./Fax: +95 673 418633, 418635
Email: pl.hq@drdmyanmar.net; drdnepmg@gmail.com; myomyonpd@gmail.com

Tender Committee

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V CAPE FELTON VOY.NO. (946N)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V CAPE FELTON VOY.NO. (946N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19-7-2025 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of AWPT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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A man waves India's national flag in front of a replica of the Indian Army's BrahMos missile system during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's roadshow in Ahmedabad on 26 May 2025. **PHOTO: SAM PANTHAKY / AFP / FILE**

India joins elite list, becomes sixth country to produce superalloy components

INDIA is making concerted efforts to achieve self-reliance in critical military components like superalloys, Tantalum, Titanium, and Beryllium, amongst others.

India has become the world's sixth country to attain the capacity to produce Titanium and superalloy components — vital for the production of missiles, fighter jets, and submarines, joining the United States, Russia, France, the United Kingdom, and China in the elite club.

The BrahMos missile that inflicted

A new manufacturing unit for the BrahMos missile has been established in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, by PTC Industries Limited.

heavy damage to Pakistan's military installations during Operation Sindoor

got a new manufacturing unit in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, and it is where the private sector PTC Industries Limited has established a facility for producing precision components and titanium raw material.

Titanium is known to withstand extreme temperatures, and thus is regarded as one of the most crucial inputs in the aerospace sector.

Previously, India imported these critical components from abroad. — SPUTNIK

US Congress approves \$9 bln in Trump cuts to foreign aid, public media

US Republicans early Friday approved President Donald Trump's plan to cancel \$9 billion in funding for foreign aid and public broadcasting, vowing it was just the start of broader efforts by Congress to slash the federal budget.

The cuts achieve only a tiny fraction of the \$1 trillion in annual savings that tech billionaire and estranged Trump donor Elon Musk vowed to find before his acrimonious exit in May from a role spearheading federal cost-cutting.

But Republicans — who recently passed a domestic policy bill expected to add more than \$3 trillion to US debt — said the vote honoured Trump's election campaign pledge to rein in runaway spending.

"President Trump and House Republicans promised fiscal responsibility and government efficiency," House Speaker Mike Johnson said in a statement just after the vote.

"Today, we're once again delivering on that promise."

Both chambers of Congress are Republican-controlled, meaning a mostly party-line House of Representatives vote of 216 to 213, moments after midnight, was sufficient to approve the Senate-passed measure.

The bill now heads to the White House to be signed by Trump, who praised his backers in the House. — AFP

Global automakers seek deeper integration into China's smart supply chains

AS global supply chains undergo digital transformation, major automakers are looking to deepen their integration into China's advanced manufacturing and smart supply chain systems.

At the ongoing China International Supply Chain Expo in Beijing, industry leaders underscored how China's maturing

electric vehicle (EV) ecosystem, technological depth and industrial scale are shaping the next phase of global automotive production.

For Tesla, China is not just a market; it has become a core pillar of its global supply chain strategy. The company's Shanghai Gigafactory, now producing one vehicle roughly every 30

seconds, has achieved a 95 per cent local parts integration rate for its Model 3 and Model Y lines.

The company said the factory's output accounted for nearly half of Tesla's global deliveries as of June, with over three million vehicles having rolled off its assembly lines since its launch. — Xinhua



Visitors learn about a vehicle at the booth of AITO at the Smart Vehicle Chain area of the third China International Supply Chain Expo (CISCE) in Beijing, capital of China, 16 July 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

SPORTS

Shan United to face Laos club in ASEAN Club Championship qualifier

THE 2025–2026 ASEAN Club Championship qualifying round will take place in August, with Myanmar’s Shan United drawn against Laos’ EZRA FC.

Originally planned to feature 14 teams, the final stage will now include 12 clubs after two Indonesian teams withdrew, similar to last season. The qualifiers will decide two spots, with four clubs competing: Shan United (Myanmar) versus EZRA (Laos) and Cebu (the Philippines) versus Kasuka (Brunei). Winners will advance to the final stage.

Shan United will play the first leg away on 9 August at Chonburi,

Thailand, as EZRA cannot host in Vientiane, and the second leg on 15 August at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon. EZRA faces a busy schedule, meeting Myanmar clubs in back-to-back international fixtures, including AFC Challenge League qualifiers against Yangon United within seven days.

If Shan United advance from the qualifying round, they will enter Group B in the final stage, facing several league champions.

According to the group draw, Group A includes defending champions Buriram United (Thailand),

BG Pathum United (Thailand), Selangor (Malaysia), Cong An Ha Noi (Vietnam), Tampines Rovers (Singapore), and the winner of the Cebu (the Philippines) versus Kasuka (Brunei) match.

Group B consists of Bangkok United (Thailand), Johor Darul Ta’zim (Malaysia), Nam Dinh (Vietnam), Lion City Sailors (Singapore), Svay Rieng (Cambodia), and the winner of the Shan United (Myanmar) versus EZRA (Laos) tie. — Chit Ko Ko/KZL



Shan United in action during the MNL League Cup final. **PHOTO: SOE NYUNT THAW**



Liverpool line up swoop for Frankfurt striker Ekitike: reports

LIVERPOOL are preparing to launch a bid for Eintracht Frankfurt striker Hugo Ekitike after missing out on Newcastle's Alexander Isak, according to reports on Friday.

The Premier League champions have switched their focus to Ekitike following Newcastle's refusal to sell Sweden striker Isak, who is valued at around £150 million (\$201 million) by the Magpies.

The Reds are trying to complete a deal for France international Ekitike by this weekend after he reportedly indicated he was willing to move to Anfield.

Liverpool are set to offer over £70 million (\$94 million) for Ekitike, who has also attracted interest from Newcastle and Manchester United.

The 23-year-old scored 22 goals in all competitions for Frankfurt last season

after joining the Bundesliga club from Paris Saint-Germain.

Liverpool have an opening in their forward line after Diogo Jota's recent death in a car crash in Spain.

The Reds are also believed to be willing to sell Uruguay striker Darwin Nunez, while Colombia forward Luis Diaz has been the target of a rejected bid from Bayern Munich. — AFP

Man Utd agree deal to sign Brentford winger Mbeumo: reports

MANCHESTER United have reportedly agreed to sign Cameroon winger Bryan Mbeumo from Brentford in a deal worth an initial £65 million (\$87 million) as Ruben Amorim steps up his overhaul of the team's misfiring attack.

Mbeumo attracted Amorim's attention with 20 goals in 38 Premier League games for Brentford last season.

Tottenham, now managed by former Brentford boss Thomas Frank, were also chasing the 25-year-old before United's improved offer sealed the deal after their two previous bids were rebuffed.

United will pay an additional £6 million in potential add-ons to Brentford.

Mbeumo is due to undergo a medical in time to travel to the United States on Tuesday as Amorim's men start their pre-season tour.

He is set to become United's third signing since the end of last season, joining Wolves forward Matheus Cunha and teenage Paraguayan defender Diego Leon at Old Trafford.

Amorim has been determined to revamp United's forward options after a woeful campaign.

They suffered a toothless 1-0 defeat against Tottenham in the Europa League final and a 15th-place finish in the top flight that ranked as their lowest since 1973-74. Rasmus Hojlund and Joshua Zirkzee struggled as Amorim's main strikers last term. — AFP

Yangon United to host AFC Challenge League Qualifier

YANGON United will represent Myanmar in the AFC Challenge League 2025-26 qualifying round and has been assigned home-hosting duties, with the match to be played at Yangon’s Thuwunna Stadium.

Myanmar has two club berths in this season’s competition: Shan United enters directly at the group stage, while Yangon United must advance through qualifying. The tournament is divided into two regional zones; Myanmar’s clubs compete in the East Asia Zone alongside PKR Svay Rieng (Cambodia), Dewa United (Indonesia), and the loser of the AFC Champions League Two playoff between Manila FC (the Philippines) and a yet-to-be-confirmed Indonesian club, all of whom join Shan United in the group phase.

Eight clubs contest the qualifying round, with four advancing to complete the group lineup. The East Asia Zone qualifying ties (single-leg knockouts) on 12 August pit: Yangon United (Myanmar) versus Ezra (Laos); Kasuka (Brunei) versus Phnom Penh Crown (Cambodia); Tainan City (Chinese Tai-



Yangon United players celebrate their winning goal.

pei) versus the Mongolian league champion; and SP Falcons (Mongolia) versus Taichung Futuro (Chinese Taipei). Winners move on to the group stage.

Yangon United had originally been slated to travel, but because Ezra cannot host in Vientiane, the fixture has been reassigned to Myanmar, and Thuwunna will serve as the match venue.

Formerly known as the AFC President’s Cup, the AFC Challenge League

was revived under its new name last season and now serves as the continental pathway for developing league clubs. Myanmar’s representatives currently compete in this tier of AFC competition. For Yangon United, the qualifier marks a return to international play after a gap of several seasons; the club comes in with momentum after lifting the domestic MNL League Cup title earlier this year. — Shein Htet Zaw/KZL



BRICS media, think tanks convene to promote BRICS cooperation, new vision for Global South

OVER 250 representatives from nearly 150 media outlets, think tanks, government agencies, and regional organizations across 36 countries gathered in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on Wednesday for the BRICS Media and Think Tank Forum, an event focusing on how to advance BRICS cooperation and strengthen solidarity across the Global South.

In his keynote remarks, Fu Hua, forum chair and president of Xinhua News Agency, said greater BRICS cooperation has played a critical role in unifying Global South countries, boosting their influence in global affairs, and driving reform in global governance.

As the forum enters its second decade, Xinhua is committed to working with its BRICS counterparts to tell the Global South's stories more effectively, promote joint research on major issues, and deepen professional collaboration, Fu added.

Zhu Qingqiao, Chinese ambassador to Brazil, in a congratulatory letter, praised the forum's inclusion of discussions on artificial intelligence and highlighted its role in advancing the outcomes of the 17th BRICS Summit.

Speakers emphasized the need for new global governance models, with Carlos Hernandez of the Central American Parliament advocating for equitable development and multilateralism.

The forum concluded with the release of a report on BRICS cooperation and the launch of initiatives aimed at enhancing communication and collaboration among Global South nations, marking a significant step for the BRICS media mechanism. — Xinhua

Discussions included topics like artificial intelligence, and the forum concluded with a report on BRICS cooperation and new initiatives to strengthen communication among Global South nations.



A multi-language report titled The Rise of the Global South was released on Wednesday by Xinhua News Agency during the BRICS Media and Think Tank Forum. **PHOTO: WANG TIANCONG/XINHUA**

Australian scientists develop AI-powered blood test for breast cancer detection

The breakthrough is driven by AI, which analyzes millions of molecular markers to identify early signs of cancer.

SCIENTISTS have developed Australia's first artificial intelligence (AI)-powered lipid-based blood test, enabling earlier and less invasive breast cancer detec-

tion. The test is already in clinical use in specialist clinics across Sydney and Melbourne after transitioning from research in March 2025, according to a state-

ment from the University of New South Wales (UNSW) published by Medianet on Wednesday.

Unlike traditional imaging and biopsies, which can miss tumours and carry risks, the new AI-powered blood test detects subtle molecular signals in blood, allowing for cancer diagnosis months or even years before symptoms appear, said UNSW Associate Professor Fatah Vafae. AI drives the breakthrough by analyzing millions of molecular markers to detect early cancer signs, according to Vafae and her Vafae Lab, Biomedical AI Laboratory at UNSW. — Xinhua



This photo, released by the University of New South Wales on 11 July 2025, shows Associate Professor Fatah Vafae analyzing a blood sample. **PHOTO: UNSW SYDNEY/XINHUA**

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US to construct its first copper mine in over a decade

THE United States is set to open its first major copper mine in over a decade, enabling the country to begin copper cathode sales by the end of 2028, The Wall Street Journal newspaper reported, citing sources.

If all goes according to plan, Ivanhoe Electric will begin construction of its Santa Cruz mine early next year in Arizona, the report said on Monday. The report noted that the mine is in a prime location: it is located on a highway, along a rapidly developing industrial corridor between the cities of Phoenix and Tucson, which could be beneficial for investors. In addition, the site is located among arable land, factories and desert at the intersection of highways, railroads, power lines and gas pipelines, that is, far from public lands, unlike a number of other American mining enterprises, the newspaper reported.

In addition, the mine reportedly uses technology that allows separating oxide copper ore from other rocks during the metal mining process. Thus, the company will be able to obtain clean cathodes without sending products from the mine to the smelter, the report added. — SPUTNIK