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MAGDPL to Invest Over US\$3.7 Mln in 25,000-Tonne Storage Facilities at Thilawa SEZ

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This photo captures a warehouse under construction.

Myanma Agricultural & General Development Public Co Ltd (MAGDPL), a company listed on the Pre-Listing Board (PLB) of the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX), will construct three modern storage facilities with a combined capacity of 25,000 tonnes for pulses, corn, and sesame seeds in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone for US\$3.7

million.

Currently, the MAGDPL began constructing a facility at plot No 29 in the Thilawa SEZ on 4 April 2025, with the approval of the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC), and completed the project on 7 March 2026.

The warehouses cover 82,500 square feet and can store tens of thousands of tonnes of pulses, corn, and sesame seeds intended for export

without compromising quality. In addition, the MAGDPL will construct three modern warehouses, each measuring 550 feet long, 150 feet wide, and 34 feet high, with a total floor area of 82,500 square feet, at an estimated cost of approximately US\$3.713 million.

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According to the 2024-2025 annual report, MAGDPL has invested K1.9 billion in Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings Public Limited (MTSH), K2.924 billion in Myanmar National Telecom Holding Public Company Limited (MNTH), K10 million in Myanmar Kyaukphyu SEZ Holding Company (MKSHC), and K71 million in MAAT. — ASH/TH

MALI to host Myanmar Durian Festival on 19 May

UNDER the instruction of the Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, the Agriculture Department will host the Myanmar Durian Festival set for 19 May 2026 at Myaypa-dethakyun in Bahan Township, Yangon, according to the Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producers and Exporters Association (MFVP).

The festival aims to showcase Myanmar-origin durian varieties, promote exports and penetration into foreign markets under the country's brand name, exchange cultivation methods and post-harvest technologies, expand the durian market, foster investment and business networks, and explore commercially valuable, premium-quality durian varieties.

MFVP informed its members of their participation in the festival. — NN/KK

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NATIONAL

Bagan Archaeology Dept Invites Public to Join Excavations



This photo features ancient buildings found in the World Heritage Site of Bagan.

DEPARTMENT of Archaeology and National Museum (Bagan Branch) under the Ministry of Hotels, Tourism and Culture is conducting excavation and research into the foundation construction systems of ancient buildings in the Bagan World Heritage Site and invites researchers, students, and anyone interested in archaeological excavations to visit and study the site.

Although the architecture and artistic features of the ancient buildings in the Bagan region can be observed above ground, excavations and research are being carried out to better understand the underground foundation systems of these ancient structures.

Since 2023, excavation and research have been conducted on the foundation systems of 12 an-

cient buildings from different periods. In 2026, three more ancient buildings in Bagan are scheduled for excavation and research.

Researchers, students, scholars, and anyone interested in archaeological excavations are invited to visit and study the site.

The Bagan World Heritage Site preserves the heritage features of the ancient city. It is internationally recognized and valued for its unique cultural heritage. The area containing the heritage sites of Bagan is legally designated as a protected Property Area. Within this area, there are 3,595 ancient monuments, along with 242 monuments located in the buffer zone established to protect the cultural heritage, bringing the total number of monuments to 3,837. — ASH/MKKS

Specialist Medical Teams Deliver Care in Bago Region

UNDER the leadership of the Ministry of Health and the Bago Region Government, healthcare staff led by the medical superintendent of the 500-bed General Hospital in Bago, together with specialist doctors, provided field healthcare services to monks, novices and residents at Nyaungkhashay Station Hospital in Waw Township on the morning of 9 May.

In line with the Department of Medical Services' policies, teams of specialist doctors and physicians from major urban hospitals have been providing mobile medical services in rural areas to ensure wider health-

care coverage in both urban and rural communities and to help people live longer and healthier lives.

During the programme in Waw Township, specialist doctors in general medicine, surgery, paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology, ophthalmology, ear, nose and throat diseases, orthopaedics, dermatology, radiology, and dental and oral health provided medical examinations and treatment to more than 300 patients.

Dr Zaw Min Tun, head of the Bago Region Public Health and Medical Services Department, together with Dr Zaw



The specialist medical team from Bago General Hospital is seen at Nyaungkhashay Station Hospital in Waw Township on the morning of 9 May.

Lwin, medical superintendent of the 500-bed General Hospital in Bago, the chairman of the Waw Township Administration and Management Committee, the township medical officer and the township public health officer, warmly greeted and encouraged members of the public who came to receive medical treatment. They also observed the specialist doctors conducting examinations and providing

treatment in their respective fields, and arranged the necessary support measures.

Similarly, healthcare staff led by the medical superintendent of the Toungoo General Hospital in Bago, together with specialist doctors, provided field healthcare services to residents at Ottwin Township People's Hospital in Ottwin on the morning of 9 May.

During the programme in

Ottwin, specialist doctors in general medicine, surgery, paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology, ophthalmology, ear, nose and throat diseases, orthopaedics, dermatology, radiology, and dental and oral health provided medical examinations and treatment to 397 patients, according to Medical Superintendent Dr Kyaw Moe of the Ottwin People's Hospital. — Tin Soe (Bago)/Khin Khin Mar (IPRD)/KZL



This image depicts patients receiving treatment provided by the medical team from Toungoo General Hospital at Ottwin People's Hospital in Bago Region yesterday.

NATIONAL

MoI Union Minister inspects broadcasting, printing and IPRD services

UNION Minister for Information U Htein Lin inspected the IPRD offices, broadcasting operations and printing services in Sagaing and Mandalay regions yesterday.

During the tour, the Union minister inspected the land areas in which the new Sagaing District IPRD office will be constructed, together with the region chief minister, and also observed the TV and FM broadcasting and FM at the MRTV retransmission station on Sagaing Hill. The Union minister urged officials to make efforts to of-

fer the best entertainment programmes in the best quality for the people.

At noon, the Union minister met staff members of the affiliated departments at the meeting hall of the Mandalay IPRD office.

During the meeting, he said it is necessary to ensure that rural residents gain greater knowledge and awareness through accurate and reliable information disseminated via television, radio and newspapers, as well as practical information on agriculture and livestock



Union Minister for Information U Htein Lin inspects the printing process at Mandalay Sub-Printing House in Mandalay yesterday.

breeding through the media. He also stressed the need to intensify efforts to cultivate reading habits and promote a reading culture among the public. He

presented food items and cash awards to the staff.

The Union minister and party proceeded to MRTV Mandalay Bureau, Sub-Printing House

(Mandalay), and IPRD Mandalay District Office's Community Centre, and observed the discussion session of the Mandalay Book Club's members. — MNA/KTZH

MoEE Union Minister receives Thailand's PTTEP International Limited CEO



Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Ko Ko Lwin meets the CEO of Thailand's PTTEP International Limited, which is collaborating with the Ministry of Electricity and Energy, in Nay Pyi Taw on 8 May.

UNION Minister for Electricity and Energy U Ko Ko Lwin received the Chief Executive Officer of Thailand's PTTEP International Limited, which is collaborating with the ministry, in Nay Pyi Taw on 8 May.

They exchanged views on

enhancing cooperation between Myanmar and Thailand in the electricity and energy sectors, technological solutions that enabled the drilling of new and infill wells to further expand exploration and production activities in Myanmar's offshore blocks,

development matters related to Block M3 (Aung Theinkha project), which is being implemented to increase electricity generation in Myanmar and investment opportunities in Myanmar's deep-sea port projects. — MNA/KTZH

MR adds new DEMU train on Yangon-Mandalay route

MYANMA Railways will introduce a new DEMU train service on the Yangon-Mandalay route starting from 15 May in response to public demand.

The new No 3 Up and No 4 Down DEMU trains will depart from Yangon and Mandalay at 6 am and arrive at their destinations at 4 pm. The trains will stop at Toegyaunggalay, Bago, Nyaunglebin, Toungoo, Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw, Yamethin, Thazi and Kyaukse stations.

Ticket prices have been set at K34,000 for first class and K48,000 for upper class. Online ticket sales through the ORTP system will begin on 8 May.

Myanmar Railways also announced schedule changes for the existing No 5 Up and No 6 Down DEMU trains from 15 May, with both services departing daily at 7 am from Yangon and Mandalay, respectively. — Htun Htun/KZL



A DEMU train.

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.

NATIONAL

Outstanding students visit Sea & Lake Recreation Park

HIGHER education level outstanding students who are currently attending the 2026 Outstanding Students Camp in Chaungtha, Patheingyi District, Ayeyawady Region, conducted an educational field trip to the Sea & Lake Recreation Park in Shwethaungyan, led by the Rakhine Ethnic Affairs Minister, yesterday.

The students visited the Sea & Lake Recreation Park in Shwethaungyan. A responsible official explained the sites they would visit, and the students attentively observed and asked questions to gain knowledge.

They then toured various attractions, including the mangrove



bridge, pleasure boat jetty, jade museum, sculpture museum, indoor and outdoor children's playgrounds, jade garden, and the Sea & Lake Water Park. The students enjoyed the visit and took commemorative photos.

In the afternoon, the students visited the Shwethaungyan town market and purchased local souvenirs. The trip was conducted as part of their local knowledge study programme. — Township (IPRD)/KZL

Higher education-level outstanding students are seen at the Sea & Lake Recreation Park in Shwethaungyan yesterday.
PHOTO: REGION IPRD



Outstanding Grade-11 students feed elephants at the Ngwehsaung Elephant Camp yesterday. **PHOTO: REGION IPRD**

Outstanding Grade-11 students visit shrimp farm, Ngwehsaung Elephant Camp

OUTSTANDING Grade-11 students from the Ngwehsaung Outstanding Students Camp visited the Yuzana Shrimp Farm and the Ngwehsaung Elephant Camp yesterday morning.

They first observed the systematic farming methods and equipment exhibition at the IFD shrimp farm in Ngwehsaung with great interest and asked questions about the operations.

They proceeded to the Ngwehsaung Elephant Camp, where an elephant welcomed the students with flowers. The students watched elephants playing soccer, fed the elephants, and enjoyed elephant rides.

In the afternoon, they visited the Ngwehsaung Market on Myoma Road and purchased local products. — Region IPRD/MKKS

Students at PyinOoLwin Outstanding Student Camp visit Gokteik Viaduct

A total of 96 Grade-9 outstanding students currently staying at the Outstanding Student Camp in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Region, were led by the Mandalay Region Education Officer and supervising teachers.

They departed at 7 am yesterday to visit the Gokteik Viaduct, a landmark located in Nawngkhio Township near PyinOoLwin Township.

Students scheduled for a study tour to the Gokteik Viaduct were welcomed at PyinOoLwin Railway Station by the Deputy Minister for Transport, the Director-General of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, and other

officials.

The Gokteik Viaduct is located on the Mandalay-Lashio railway section near PyinOoLwin Township, about seven miles from Nawngkhio Station. It is a popular scenic attraction for both domestic and international tourists, offering impressive views of the landscapes along the route.

Students observed the Gokteik Viaduct with great interest and took commemorative photographs. They then departed from Gokteik Station for PyinOoLwin Station and returned to the Shwe Nan Htike Hotel, where they were staying. — MNA/TH



Grade-9 outstanding students visit the Gokteik Viaduct, a landmark located in Nawngkhio Township near PyinOoLwin Township. **PHOTO: PWINOOLWIN IPRD**

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NATIONAL

National Blood Centre Revises Opening Hours

STARTING from 11 May, the National Blood Centre said the opening hours will be changed.

Currently, the opening hours have been extended until 5:30 pm from 8 am during the summer due to the increase in temperature. However, as it is the transition to early monsoon and the temperature has declined, the opening hours will revert to 8 am-4 pm, it said.

The time for the registration of the last donor has

been set for 3 pm, it said. The National Blood Centre would like to thank those who have determined to donate blood, irrespective of the weather. — MT/ZS

This image captures the general facade view of the National Blood Centre in Yangon.



MCEF Continues Traditional Inlay Stilt House Maintenance Courses



Trainees of OJT courses on carpentry and masonry.

THE Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Federation (MCEF) has launched Batch 3 of the on-the-job carpentry training course and Batch 4 of the masonry training course for the maintenance and conservation of traditional stilt houses in Inlay, southern Shan State.

Based at Yetha and Minchaung villages, the one-month carpentry OJT course batch 3 has been ongoing as of 6 May until 5 June.

Twenty trainees per branch, totalling 60, will be admitted. The OJT course second batch was conducted from 3 March to 3 April at Nan-

pan, Inpawkhone and Hatpon villages.

The OJT batch 4, led by trainers who completed the training of trainers (TOT) programme, has been scheduled from 4 May to 3 June, with 20 persons per branch, and a total of 100 will be accepted. — MT/ZS

Myanmar envoy vows assistance for tortured migrant interpreter



This photo features the Myanmar ambassador meeting the tortured Myanmar interpreter, offering words of encouragement and providing financial assistance.

AMBASSADOR to Thailand U Zaw Zaw Soe met a Myanmar migrant interpreter who was tortured at a construction company in Chonburi Province, Thailand, and stated that the embassy will provide assistance to ensure justice and the receipt of compensation under labour laws.

According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador U Zaw Zaw Soe, along with officials and labour attaches, met Ko Tha Tha, a Myanmar interpreter who had been tortured by the foreign owners of the company, on 8 May at the meeting hall of the Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok while he was receiving medical treatment. During the meeting,

the Ambassador inquired about the details of the incident and the status of the legal case, and offered words of encouragement.

The victim is 27 years old and a native of Myitkyina. The Ambassador informed him that the embassy, the Labour Attaché Office, and migrant worker aid organizations will continue to collaborate to ensure justice under Thai labour law, to see that the perpetrators are prosecuted, and to secure appropriate compensation.

Furthermore, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported that the staff and families of the embassy provided financial support to Ko Tha Tha. — MT/ZN

Public Notice

THE Anti-Corruption Commission has established corruption prevention units within ministries to curb corruption effectively.

The ACC used SMS on mobile phones to ask the public who sought services at an office of the department of the relevant ministries via short code No "1111" for feedback, including the public feedback programme (PFP).

According to the PFP, the proper replies of the citizens via short code No "1111" will provide the quality of services of each department and the requirements for corruption prevention to be fixed.

Therefore, the public should reply to the questions of the ACC and corruption prevention units of the ministries via SMS at short code "1111". Such doing is a supportive measure for PFP, and the people are urged to cooperate in the operations.

Anti-Corruption Commission

NATIONAL

Weekly Roundup

3 May
Proper town planning key to urban development



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing made an inspection tour of Yangon City, including Hlinethaya Township, to observe development undertakings and road facilities. **Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets Hluttaw representatives**

U Khin Yi, the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, held a meeting with Hluttaw representatives of the Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Region Hluttaw at the hall of the Yangon Region Hluttaw.

5 May
Myanmar, Pakistan to boost diplomatic relations

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6 May
Head of State meets outstanding youths and students



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing delivered an address at the ceremony for outstanding youths of the 2025-26 academic year to seek advice from the President at the Naypyitaw State Academy in Nay Pyi Taw. **Fire Brigade members emphasize enhancement of individual capability**

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyo Saw attended the ceremony to mark the 80th Anniversary of Myanmar Fire Brigade Day, which took place at the Myanmar International Convention Centre I (MICC I) in Nay Pyi Taw.

7 May
Head of State speaks at Union government meeting

The government plans to continue the implementation of the reform process under the democratic principles, said President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting of the Union Government at the President's Office in Nay Pyi Taw.

8 May
Head of State examines giant ruby



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing inspected the piece of ruby at the hall of the President's Office. The recently-discovered ruby weighs 2,200 grammes (11,000 carats), making it exceptionally large, rare, and difficult to find. The giant ruby has a purplish-red colour with yellowish undertones and is considered to have a high-quality colour grade. It also has moderate transparency, excellent vitreous lustre, and remains in its natural state without any treatment or enhancement. — GNLM/TTA

Over K9B worth of heroin seized in Kalay, Pyigyidagun

ACCORDING to the Myanmar Police Force, a total of 77 kilogrammes of heroin and four million stimulant tablets, valued at more than K9 billion, were seized in Kalay Township and Pyigyidagun Township.

A combined team, including members of the Drug Enforcement Division, searched a Nissan Condor driven by Thet Paing Soe, accompanied by Zaw Htike, and a Golden truck driven by Myo Ye Naing, accompanied by Kyaw Lin, at the entrance to Kalay at 10:30 am on 12 April. During the search, authorities confiscated 48.4 kilogrammes of heroin.



Seven suspects arrested along with 77 kilogrammes of heroin and vehicles.

Similarly, police searched another Nissan Condor driven by Naing Lin Zaw, accompanied by Nay Lin Oo (aka) Say Sayar, on the Industrial Zone Road in Kal-



Two suspect arrested along with four million stimulant tablets.

ay and seized 28.6 kilogrammes of heroin.

According to the investigation, police arrested Nyunt Tin, who was to receive the drugs, at

the entrance to Kalay at 2 pm on the same day. Police also arrested Naing Win (aka) Yokso, who allegedly instructed the transport of the drugs from Lashio to Ka-

lay, on the Pyay-Aunglan Road in Pyay Township at 6 pm while travelling in a Toyota Hilux.

In addition, police arrested Ba Gyan, who was allegedly involved in the drug transportation, at a house in Singaing Township at 2 pm on 30 April.

Based on information obtained during the investigation, police seized four million stimulant tablets from a Nissan Condor in Pyigyidagun Township.

Legal action has been taken against the suspects, and investigations are ongoing to apprehend other individuals involved in the case. — MNA/MKKS

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Bay of Bengal Condition

Issued at 4:30 pm MST on 9 May 2026

ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, a low-pressure area may form over the Southwest Bay of Bengal on 11 May 2026. — DMH

NATIONAL

Fuel price retreats towards one-month low

FUEL oil reference prices continued to drop in the domestic market. The prices per litre declined to K4,500 for Octane 92 and K4,650 for Octane 95, K5,050 for diesel and K6,070 for premium diesel during the week ending 14 May, showing a price gap of K15 to K385 per litre compared to those of last week.

The prices were set at K4,668 for Octane 92 and K4,909 for Octane 95, K5,752 for diesel and K7,012 for premium diesel during the week ending 30 April. The prices soared at K4,735 for Octane 92 and K4,945 for Octane 95, K6,485 for diesel and K7,755 for premium diesel during the week ending 23 April.

The price index set by Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS), the pricing basis for many refined products in Southeast Asia, influences the domestic fuel prices, according to the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil.



A sign displaying fuel oil prices is seen at the petrol station in Yangon.

The committee is governing the market to ensure a stable price and secure supply. Under the guidance of the Supervisory Committee, the Petroleum Products Regulatory Department

has been issuing daily reference wholesale prices to ensure price stability for energy consumers.

The committee is inspecting the fuel stations to see

whether they are overcharging. Authorities are taking action against those retailers of fuel stations under the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law 2017 if they are found overcharg-

ing rather than the set reference rate.

As per the statement, 90 per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced locally. Domestic fuel prices are highly correlated with international prices. The State is steering the market to mitigate the loss experienced by the importers, sellers and energy consumers. Consequently, the government is trying to distribute the oil at a reasonable price compared to that of regional countries.

Some countries levied higher tax rates and hiked oil prices than Myanmar did. However, Malaysia's oil sector receives government subsidies, and the prices are about 60 per cent lower than those of Myanmar. Every country has different policy patterns to fix oil prices, the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil stated. — NN/KK

CBM to sell US\$1.6M to edible oil, CMP companies



Workers are working on the cooking oil production at the mill.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$1.3 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$334,400 to CMP companies on 8 May.

CBM sold over \$1.337 million to edible oil-importing companies, over \$10,490 to CMP companies and \$1 million to LNG-importing companies on 7 May.

CBM sold over \$1.73 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$253,000 to CMP companies on 6 May. CBM announced on 5 May that it

would inject \$135.31 million into fuel oil businesses. CBM sold over \$1.9 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$25,791.53 million to CMP companies on 5 May on the same day.

CBM sold over \$3.35 million to edible oil-importing companies and \$2 million to LNG-importing companies on 4 May, along with a transaction of 1.2 million baht in the foreign exchange market.

CBM injected foreign currencies into the market, with a view to curbing 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

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 7 pm Friday, 8 May 2026

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 9 May 2026: The rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Region and Mon and southern Shan states, fairly widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and Kayah and eastern Shan state, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago and Sagaing regions and Kachin, Kayah, Chin and northern Shan states and isolated in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Taninthayi Region and Kayah and Mon states. The degree of certainty is 80 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayah, Kayah, Mon and Shan states. In the area along the movement of cumulonimbus clouds, 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: The sea will be slight to moderate in the Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 4-6 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of scattered to fairly widespread rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi regions and Kayah, Kayah, Mon and Shan states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9 May 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 80 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9 May 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 80 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9 May 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 80 per cent. — DMH

OPINION

Accommodate migratory birds in safe and sound habitats

PROPER environmental conservation greatly contributes to bird conservation, particularly in providing habitats and sanctuaries for migratory birds. Myanmar, although experiencing extreme heat and cold due to climate change and facing some deforestation of natural forests, continues to provide a safe and welcoming environment for migratory birds to overwinter each year without interruption.

Wetland areas and well-known large lakes in Myanmar are among the most important resting habitats for migratory birds. These areas provide favourable climatic conditions and abundant food resources preferred by migratory species. As a result, the number of migratory birds arriving each year continues to increase, creating excellent opportunities for bird enthusiasts and environmental conservation researchers to conduct studies and observations.

The 2026 campaign shines a spotlight on people-driven efforts that are essential for bird conservation and science, celebrating how individuals, communities, and organizations around the world are helping to build the knowledge base to better conserve migratory birds across borders. The campaign will celebrate the millions of bird enthusiasts around the world who are contributing to the data and knowledge that inform policy decisions and are essential for bird conservation, through each recorded observation.

In Myanmar, many migratory bird species inhabit various resting and wintering sites such as Indawgyi Lake, Inlay Lake, Moeyungyi Lake, Sunye Lake, and Paleik Lake, among others, which serve as important habitats for migratory birds. World Migratory Bird Day is observed annually on the second Saturday in May and October, dedicated to the conservation of migratory birds and the protection of their habitats.

Migratory birds and their habitats are deeply interconnected. Protecting these habitats not only ensures the birds' survival as wildlife conservation but also promotes tourism in Myanmar. For the birds, these protected habitats provide essential resting and wintering spaces as they travel from colder northern regions. They come from the northern to the southern part of the world yearly through nine flyways. In Myanmar, more than 300 migratory bird species from the East Asian-Australasian Flyway and the Central Asian Flyway arrive annually to overwinter, live, and feed in the country.

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The theme for the World Migratory Bird Day 2026 highlights "Every Bird Counts – Your Observations Matter!", focusing on the important role of community science for the conservation of migratory birds. Just like humans, migratory birds also need safe and secure places to live. Therefore, their habitats should be free from disturbances that could endanger their lives and should provide sufficient food resources. It is necessary for the public to take care of and protect these areas with compassion.

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It is an academic work that provides a comprehensive overview of ancient Asian civilizations up to 1800 AD. Based on historical documents and research findings, the book explores the early developments and achievements of civilizations in the Indus Valley, China, India, and Southeast Asia.

The book carries five chapters. In the first chapter, it states riverine civilizations in India and China (Harappa, Mohenjo-daro, and the Shang Dynasty). The second chapter focuses on trade routes and the propagation of Buddhism and Hinduism. The third chapter

covers the Arab and Islamic empires, the Mongol Empire, and China's Tang and Song dynasties. The fourth chapter highlights South-East Asian civilizations, including Bagan, Angkor, Majapahit, the Khmer, and Vietnamese cultures. The fifth chapter examines pre-colonial Asia, including Japan's Tokugawa shogunate and various systems of governance across the region.

One notable feature of the book is that it presents history from an Asian perspective rather than a Western viewpoint. It is enriched with maps, photographs, and archaeological findings, making it engaging for readers. It also includes discussions on religion, economy, art, and technology, such as papermaking, coin usage, masonry, and shipbuilding. However, some scholars have

pointed out that certain regions, particularly northern Asia and some indigenous cultures, are somewhat ignored (for example, the culture of locals rather than agriculture).

Another distinctive feature of the book is its division of Asia into five regions- West Asia, East Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, and South-East Asia. It provides an overview of ancient civilizations in each region, including their origins, influential rulers, and historical impacts.

Moreover, the book introduces key civilizations such as Mesopotamia in West Asia, and Chinese, Japanese, and Korean cultures. It explains how ancient civilizations have influenced modern societies and offers an accessible summary of Asian history and culture.

In fact, Asia is the largest and most populous continent

in the world. It can be divided into five regions- West Asia, East Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, and South-East Asia. West Asia is known as the birthplace of one of the world's earliest civilizations, Mesopotamia, which emerged during the Neolithic period. Similarly, East Asia saw the rise of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean civilizations around 5,000 years ago. The book helps readers understand who the great conquerors and rulers of the past were and how ancient civilizations continue to influence modern society. It presents important historical developments clearly and engagingly, encouraging readers to explore further.

As it uses illustrations, maps, and visual explanations to make history easy to understand, this book is an essential reference for university students, historians, teachers, and librarians. It is also highly recommended for anyone who wants to gain a foundational understanding of Asian civilizations.

In conclusion, "Asia Civilizations (Ancient to 1800 AD)" can be regarded as a treasure that brings together the grandeur and richness of Asia's historical heritage in one place.



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Culture of South-East Asia (Many Faces of South-East Asia)

SAYAGYI Tin Sein (Geography) worked on this book titled Many Faces of South-East Asia, published by Singapore's leading publisher, Asiapac Books, in Myanmar. This book illustrates the rich cultural heritage of South-East Asia, varied landscape, climate conditions, rapid demographic changes, and the region's socioeconomic and cultural complexities through several key concepts. The region's geography shapes diverse traditions and vibrant cultures.

South-East Asia is a rich cultural melting pot where diverse ethnic groups, religious beliefs, culture and traditions create a multifaceted cultural identity.

The region acts as a hub of history with prominent grand cities, bustling metropolis-

es, majestic monuments and sprawling megacities serving as the economic and cultural hubs. It is not surprising that the region is an unparalleled destination for exploration, featuring 10 countries. The book introduces vibrant, dynamic and daily life blending with ancient traditions and rapid modernization.

This book will illustrate the outlines of ten members of the Association of South-East Asia: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. The region is diverse with ethnic groups, religious beliefs, culture and traditions.

Through this book, the reader can enjoy a journey that transcends time and space, from the ancient Srivijaya Em-

pire in Indonesia to modern-day Singapore. The book is divided into three main parts. The first part explains the geography of South-East Asia and its early human foundations (rice cultivation, village structures). The second part details how Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, and Christianity entered the region and reconciled with local beliefs. The third part compares the distinct customs, traditional arts, and social interaction patterns of individual countries such as Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

What particular strength of this book is its emphasis that there is no single "South-East Asian culture", but rather the region's cultures are intersectional. Illustrated with maps, colour

paintings, photographs of traditional clothing, festivals, and architectural works, the book offers readers a vivid experience. It also provides balanced reflections on the impact of the colonial era and the modernization challenges of regional countries after achieving independence. Nonetheless, the book is just an introductory overview. It does not delve into detailed historical narratives or the root causes of local conflicts.

UNESCO's World Heritage Committee has designated 27 sites across the ten ASEAN countries as World Heritage Sites. This book describes some sites with outstanding historical and cultural significance. To summarize, this book is especially suitable for those students who are about to study South-East Asia for the first time, travellers, businesspeople, and anyone who wishes to understand the region through the lens of culture. It is more a book to extend knowledge than an academic reference work. Many Faces of South-East Asia not only succeeds in portraying the essence of "Unity in Diversity" in an accessible manner but is also a valuable work that comprehensively explores the complex cultural, historical, and social landscapes of Southeast Asia from multiple perspectives.



Work Hard for Knowledge

By Min Min Zan

Work hard, dear child, and do your best,
 For learning more will bring you rest.
 Read your books both day and night,
 And fill your mind with wisdom's light.
 Sit with care and always try,
 Let no good chance just pass you by.
 Write your lessons, neat and true,
 A brighter future waits for you.

Do not waste your precious time,
 Each small effort helps you climb.
 Step by step, you'll reach your goal,
 With a patient heart and a steady soul.
 Knowledge grows when you are strong,
 Through hard work, you can't go wrong.
 So keep on learning, neat and true,
 Success will surely come your way.

Hope

Translated By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

Towards all the westbound
 The red, red sun has set down
 Though I long for it with sorrow,
 In the new beauty of tomorrow,
 At a glittering conference, golden
 He will only rise again.



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နောက်တစ်လွှားသို့
 ဝင်သွားလေပြီ၊ နေနီနီအား
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Persistence

By U Ponnya, Translated by Myint Zan

သံသရာဝဋ်ထဲ
 မကျွတ်ဘဲနေနေ
 ဇွတ်ဆွဲလို့တပေပေ
 ငယ်သေပစေခင်ရဲ့
 ဦးရည်

let me go round and round
 in Samsara without release
 I will cling to it anyhow
 with persistence
 incorrigibly
 (if such actions)
 cause me to die:
 so be it:
 'tis because of you, my love

Translated on 8 May 2026



Translator's note: Only a short stanza of a doggerel or poem of U Pon Nya (1812-1866) is translated.

NATIONAL Entertainment

Poe Mamhe Thar

The special screening of the film 'Gohan' was held on 7 May at the JCGV cinema in Junction City in Yangon. The actress said, "In Gohan, I played a brave and adventurous girl. When sources from Thailand first approached me for the role, I worried whether they would understand our language. But they said our language sounds very beautiful, which made me proud. My best, favourite scene was the one where I applied Thanaka to a puppy. They knew that Thanaka is part of Myanmar culture, so they filmed it in the movie. Since 'Gohan' will also be screened in more than 40 countries, I feel extremely happy and honoured."

Htet Htet Moe Oo

Academy Htet Htet Moe Oo offered donations at her new house in Mandalay, marking her birthday on 7 May. Her colleagues, including Academy Soe Myat Thuzar, joined their birthday celebration. The actress said,

"To everyone who has ever contributed to my life, and especially to all the beloved fans who have loved and supported me from the very beginning of my artistic journey until now, no matter what happened, I pay my deepest respect to you all. Until the day I die, I will always sincerely love and treasure you. I send my loving-kindness to everyone."



May Sweet

ACTRESS and singer May Sweet, who has been somewhat off the public eye, will soon be seen again in some artistic works. She recently filmed a commercial for 'Ko Ko Coconut Oil', a product made from natural ingredients. "Wearing styles from the 1980s and singing the song 'Ko Ko' made me feel young again," she said. The famous artiste is now over 60 years old.

Irene Zin Mar Myint

Singer Irene Zin Mar Myint, who has been receiving requests from fans asking when she would release new songs again, premiered a new music video titled 'Radio' at exactly 8 am on 8 May. The MV, filmed with a countryside and mountain backdrop, presents a country-style love song. Fans commented things like, "I'm already captivated from the intro... it sounds so good," and "You're so talented, it feels soothing to the heart. It's a positive love song - I really like it, and it gives such deep feelings."



Tyron

Actor Tyron attended the premiere show of the film 'Min Toh Htwet Yat Yaza', which was filmed within 12 hours using 12 iPhones, at the President Cinema on the evening of 5 May. Associate directors are Htoo Nwe Eain and ZawG, with the story and script by director Nyo Min Lwin. Cast members are Tyron, Mahn Hein, Mya Yar, Thar Nyi, Wai Phyo, Myat and other artistes.

Zwe Naing Win

7 May marks the 60th birthday of deceased actor Dwe (aka) Ko Thar Gyi. His family donated the Shwe Umin Tawya Monastery in Mingaladon Township. Actor Zwe Naing Win said, "If Ko Thar Gyi were still alive, he would now be turning 60. Every time I make donations, I always share the merit with him. For me, Ko Thar Gyi is truly invaluable."



CELEBRITY



Launch event of new drama series 'Family Tree'

THE launching event for the drama series 'Family Tree' was held on 7 May at the Kyaikkasan Pagoda in Yangon. The series is being produced by Shwe Nadi Shwe Yi Film Production, with the story and screenplay written by Mae Khine and directed by Academy director Nyunt Myanmar Nyi Nyi Aung. Actor Nay Win, who will play the leading role in the series, shared details about the production.

Actor Nay Win said, "We'll be filming Family Tree in a small fishing village in the delta region. Our fans will get to see the customs and lifestyles of coastal families. The

story focuses on natural family issues that many families can relate to. I've wanted to act in this kind of realistic family drama for a long time, so I gladly accepted the role because I really liked the story." "Family Tree" marks Nay Win's third television series, and previously, he had already appeared in the series "Yay Thay Aing" and "Sareik-ta". Cast members are Academy Nay Win, Lin Zami Zaw, Phone Min Nay La, Wai Pyo, Swan Htet Nyi Nyi, Su Htet, and other supporting actors and actresses. — Htun Htun/ KTZH

Russia celebrates 81 Years since WWII victory with Red Square military parade

In Moscow's Red Square, the annual military parade is underway to mark the 81st anniversary of the Soviet victory in World War II.

YESTERDAY, 9 May, Russia commemorates the 81st anniversary of Victory Day — a solemn and proud tribute to the Soviet triumph in World War II.

In Moscow's Red Square, the annual military parade is underway to mark the 81st anniversary of the Soviet victory in World War II.

Russian President Vladimir Putin will open the Victory Parade by delivering his traditional address.

In a powerful display, soldiers who participated in Rus-

sia's special military operation in Ukraine will march in formation across Red Square.

Earlier, the Kremlin hosted a reception for invited heads of state and dignitaries, including Presidents Badra Gunba of Abkhazia, Alexander Lukashenko of Belarus, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev of Kazakhstan, and Thongloun Sisoulith of Laos; Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia; President Sinisa Karan of Republika Srpska; and Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico. — SPUTNIK



A BTR-82A armoured personnel carrier and S-400 anti-aircraft missile systems at the military parade to mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War on Red Square in Moscow. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

US removes highly enriched uranium from Venezuela



NNSA technical experts overseeing the loading of nuclear fuel into the specialized spent nuclear fuel cask. **PHOTO: ENERGY.GOV/ANI**

THE US Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) on Friday (local time) announced the successful removal of all remaining highly enriched uranium from a legacy research reactor in Venezuela, calling the operation a significant step in reducing nuclear security risks in South America and the US homeland.

According to NNSA, which is a semi-autonomous agency within the US Department of Energy, the mission was carried out in coordination with the Venezuelan Ministry of Science and Technology, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), experts from the United Kingdom, and US State Department personnel.

"The safe removal of all enriched uranium from Venezuela sends another signal to the world of a restored and renewed Venezuela," said Brandon Williams, NNSA Administrator. "Thanks to President Trump's decisive leadership, the dedicated teams on the ground completed in months what would have normally taken years."

The agency said the RV-1 reactor had supported physics and nuclear research for decades, but after research activities ended in 1991, uranium enriched above the 20 per cent threshold remained as surplus material. — ANI

NEWS IN BRIEF

6 injured, 6 missing in US attack on Iranian vessels

AT least six people were injured and six others went missing in an attack by US fighter jets on six Iranian cargo and fishing vessels near Oman's port city of Khasab, the semi-official Mehr news agency reported on Saturday.

The vessels belonged to villagers in Bandar Lengeh County of the southern Hormozgan province, county Governor Foad Moradzadeh was quoted as saying. Moradzadeh said the injured were hospitalized, adding that a total of 20 people were on board the vessels at the time of the strike on Friday night.

On Friday, the official news agency IRNA reported that at least one person was killed and 10 others were injured in a US attack the night before on a civilian vessel off the Hormozgan coast. — Xinhua

New law cuts Bolsonaro's prison term

BRAZILIAN Senate President Davi Alcolumbre on Friday promulgated a sentencing law that reduces penalties for people convicted over the 8 January 2023 attacks on federal government buildings.

The law could benefit former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, who was sentenced to more than 27 years in prison for attempted coup.

Under Brazilian procedure, the Senate president may promulgate a law if the president does not do so within 48 hours after being officially notified by Congress of a legislative decision. The responsibility fell to Alcolumbre after Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva travelled to the United States on 6 May, the day the deadline expired. — Xinhua

ECONOMY WORLD

East oil producers eye S Korean reserve bases amid Hormuz crisis



South Korean President Lee Jae Myung visits an oil reserve base in Seosan, South Chungcheong Province, on 26 March 2026. **PHOTO: YONHAP/KYODO**

The blockade of the Strait of Hormuz following US-Israel actions against Iran has triggered a global oil "storage crisis".

SOUTH Korea is drawing growing interest from Middle Eastern oil producers seeking to store crude oil at the country's petroleum reserve bases, the world's sixth largest, amid a prolonged blockade of the Strait of Hormuz, a South Korean official and an expert on the matter have said.

The blockade in the wake of the US-Israeli attacks on Iran has taken a toll not only on South Korea and other nations dependent on oil imports but also oil-producing countries whose storage tanks are filling up, with nowhere to ship, according to Yang Gi Uk, head of the Industry and Resource Security Office at

the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

"Several countries have approached South Korea with inquiries and requests for consultations" about whether they can store crude oil at South Korean oil reserve bases, Yang told reporters last month, though he declined to name them.

For such countries as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, "crude oil exports account for a massive share of their economies, and they have concluded that they can significantly reduce risks by storing oil outside the Strait of Hormuz to sell at a later time". — Kyodo

Brazil enacts deal to ease trade within Mercosur

BRAZIL on Friday enacted an agreement designed to streamline trade with other members of the Southern Common Market (Mercosur) trade bloc, including Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay.

The Mercosur Trade Facilitation Agreement makes trade between bloc members easier and faster by promoting standardized procedures, electronic documentation,

simplified customs rules, greater regulatory transparency, and strengthened cooperation between border authorities.

Measures outlined in the agreement aim to expedite the clearance of goods through customs, especially perishable products, and promote the Single Window for Foreign Trade, a digital platform for submitting doc-

uments, such as certificates of origin and sanitary certificates.

According to the Brazilian government, the agreement will cut costs and processing times for trade operations, and offer greater legal certainty to exporters and importers, especially micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BIREF

California tries to tax-credit its way back to Hollywood dominance

AFTER years of runaway production, pandemic disruptions and strike-related slowdowns, the western US state of California is betting that bigger, more flexible tax incentives will bring cameras – and paychecks – back to Hollywood. In 2025, California raised the annual cap of its Film and Television Tax Credit Programme to US\$750 million for the next five years, up from US\$330 million.

A previous analysis by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation found that for every dollar in tax credits allocated through the programme, the state saw at least \$24.4 in economic output, \$16.14 in GDP and \$8.6 in wages – figures frequently cited by state leaders to argue that the incentives amount to economic development, not just industry support. — Xinhua

India's market underperformance driven by global AI rally: Report

INDIA'S underperformance against major global markets has been driven largely by the global artificial intelligence (AI) rally and not necessarily by weakness in the broader domestic economy, according to Motilal Oswal Financial Services' latest strategy report, *The Eagle Eye - May 2026*.

According to the report, markets such as South Korea, Taiwan Province of China and the United States have significantly outperformed due to their strong exposure to the global AI trade, particularly in AI hardware and semiconductor-linked

businesses. "Since CY24, India's headline underperformance has been largely driven by global AI trade, where markets like Korea, Taiwan Province of China and the US have significantly outperformed," the report said. The brokerage said India's lower participation in the AI-led rally was largely 'structural' in nature. "The divergence is structural. India's lower exposure to AI hardware and the narrow, concentrated nature of the global AI rally have limited participation, thereby overstating overall market weakness," the report noted. — ANI



India's lower participation in the AI-led rally was largely 'structural' in nature. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ANI**

Parent company of Trump's Truth Social reports \$400 mln loss

THE parent company of Truth Social, President Donald Trump's social media platform, reported a net loss on Friday of more than \$400 million in the first quarter — mostly from tumbling cryptocurrency valuations.

Trump Media & Technology Group (TMTG) reported revenue of less than \$1 million for the three months ending 31 March, according to a company filing.

The president, who routinely uses Truth Social to make official announcements, controls about 41 per cent of TMTG's shares, which

are held in the trust established to manage his financial interests during his presidency.

TMTG is also active in financial services, and the company announced \$2.5 billion in funding a year ago to invest in cryptocurrencies, one of Trump's recent passions.

But the plunge in digital currencies hit this part of the business hard as the price of Bitcoin tumbled from over \$126,000 in early October to below \$70,000 in March.

It has since rebounded somewhat to over \$80,000. — AFP

China's gold consumption up 4.41% in Q1

CHINA'S gold consumption edged up in the first quarter of 2026, mainly driven by the strong demand for gold bars and coins, data from the China Gold Association showed on Saturday.

The country's gold consumption totalled 303.29 tonnes in the first three months of the year, up 4.41 per cent year on year, according to the data.

In breakdown, consumption for gold bars and coins surged 46.4 per cent to 202.06 tonnes, while gold jewellery consumption fell 37.1 per cent to 84.62 tonnes. — Xinhua



A customer selects gold accessories at a gold shop in Qionghai City of south China's Hainan Province, 29 January 2026 PHOTO: MENG ZHONGDE/XINHUA

German sports car maker Porsche to cut 500 jobs

PORSCHE said Friday it will close three subsidiaries, including an EV battery developer, with the loss of more than 500 jobs, in the latest sign of strains for the German luxury auto manufacturer.

The maker of the 911 sports car has seen profits collapse due to plunging Chinese sales, US tariffs, and a costly decision to hit the brakes on its troubled electric transition.

As well as the outfit that developed electric vehicle (EV) batteries, a software-making subsidiary

and one making systems for electric bikes will be shuttered, said Porsche, a subsidiary of Volkswagen.

"Porsche must refocus on its core business," said Michael Leiters, who took over as the manufacturer's chief executive at the start of this year.

"This forces us to make painful cuts — including our subsidiaries."

A total of 360 of the job cuts are at the e-bike company, in both Germany and Croatia, with the rest at the other two subsidiaries. — AFP



Porsche suffered hefty losses after hitting the brakes on its electric transition. PHOTO: AFP

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



This photo taken on 18 June 2023 shows a view the Strait of Malacca seen from Malacca, Malaysia. **PHOTO: CHENG YIHENG/XINHUA/FILE**

Stability of Strait of Malacca draws spotlight amid global chokepoint tensions

MAY 9

AMID rising geopolitical tensions and disruption risks along key global shipping lanes, especially the Strait of Hormuz, growing global attention has fallen on the stability and reliability of the Strait of Malacca, which analysts noted remains relatively stable and well-regulated.

Analysts note that while the Strait of Hormuz primarily serves as a critical energy export route, the Strait of Malacca functions

as a broader global trade artery, linking major economic regions including East Asia, the Middle East, Europe and Africa.

The Strait of Malacca handled more than 102,500 vessel transits in 2025, accounting for about 22 per cent of global maritime trade, and remains one of the world's largest oil transit chokepoints, carrying about 23.2 million barrels per day, or roughly 29 per cent of global seaborne oil flows. – Xinhua

MAY 8

US, Iran could resume talks in Islamabad

THE United States and Iran could resume negotiations as early as next week in Islamabad, according to a report by The Wall Street Journal citing people familiar with the matter.

The report said both sides are working through mediators on a one-page, 14-point memorandum of understanding (MoU) intended to establish the framework for a month-long negotiating process aimed at ending the conflict.

The proposed draft includes Iran's nuclear programme, reducing tensions in the Strait of Hormuz, and possible arrangements for transferring Iran's highly enriched uranium stockpiles to another country. However, several major issues remain unresolved. One of the main sticking points is the scope of potential sanctions relief for Tehran. – ANI

MAY 7

Thailand cancels maritime energy agreement

THAILAND cancelled a 25-year-old agreement with neighbour Cambodia on overlapping maritime claims and energy exploration, the Thai prime minister said, drawing a sharp rebuke from Phnom Penh.

The South-East Asian nations have disputed the demarcation of their 800-kilometre (500-mile) land border, a legacy of the French colonial era, as well as maritime territories, for decades.

They signed a memorandum of understanding, known as MoU 44, in 2001 to establish a framework for joint oil and gas exploration in areas of overlapping claims in the Gulf of Thailand. Thailand's energy ministry has estimated future revenues from oil and natural gas in the overlapping claims area to be worth around \$300 billion. The Thai cabinet approved the MoU cancellation. – AFP

MAY 6

Amazon to invest in France expansion

AMAZON announced it would invest more than 15 billion euros (\$18 billion) in France over the next three years, creating more than 7,000 jobs, according to a statement sent to AFP.

The investment would support the construction of new logistics sites, the development of cloud and artificial intelligence capabilities, and consolidation of existing networks, Amazon stated.

It marks the online retail giant's largest investment in France to date, the company said, adding to the more than 30 billion euros already invested in the country since 2010.

It will result "in faster deliveries, a wider selection and low prices accessible throughout France, and a reduced environmental footprint thanks to a local logistics network", said Jean-Baptiste Thomas, managing director of Amazon in France, in the statement. France is the third international market that Amazon entered outside the United States, after Germany and the United Kingdom. – AFP

MAY 5

France launches one-euro university meals

FRENCH university canteens began offering one-euro meals to all students regardless of income on Monday, in a measure designed to address financial hardship.

The move follows a push by student unions to extend the one-euro rate (\$1.17) for a three-course meal to all students, down from the usual 3.30 euros.

The price, which covers a starter, main course and dessert, was previously only available to those with low incomes or receiving financial aid.

For Alexandre Ioannides, an 18-year-old student in Paris, the measure will slash his monthly canteen expenses.

"I come here 20 times a month. That's about 60 euros. Whereas now, I'll pay 20 euros," he said, adding the savings would go towards "going out or eating at a restaurant".

The policy aims to alleviate financial strain for students in France.

Around 667,000 students benefited from the one-euro lunch scheme in 2024, a 5.3-per-cent increase from the previous year. – AFP

MAY 4

S Korea reviewing US proposal on Hormuz

SOUTH Korea said it was reviewing a US proposal related to the Strait of Hormuz, taking into account principles such as freedom of navigation, according to the foreign ministry.

The ministry said the government has been in close communication with the United States over the stable use of major sea lanes, including the Strait of Hormuz, regarding the Freedom Project.

US President Donald Trump said Sunday that the United States would begin guiding ships out of the Strait of Hormuz on Monday morning, describing the move, named Project Freedom, as a "humanitarian gesture". – Xinhua

MAY 3

US airlines step up as Spirit winds down

US air carriers mobilized to help passengers and crew members stranded by the overnight shutdown of Spirit Airlines, after the low-cost carrier's last-minute talks with creditors and the White House collapsed.

Spirit, known for its bright yellow planes, succumbed to crushing fuel prices and announced in the early hours that it was "winding down its global operations, effective immediately," with all flights canceled and customer service no longer available. Other carriers – including American, Delta, United and JetBlue – moved quickly to scoop up Spirit's customers, offering what some dubbed "rescue fares" to those waking up with cancelled itineraries. – AFP

SPORTS

MFF Youth Futsal League 2026 kicks off in Yangon

The opening ceremony of the MFF under 16 and under 19 Youth Futsal League 2026, organized by the Myanmar Football Federation's Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee under the leadership of the Ministry of Sports and the Yangon Region Government, was held at the MFF Futsal Stadium on the morning of 9 May. MFF President U Zaw Zaw and officials attended the ceremony, greeted players and opened the tournament. Football was presented to participating teams, while MFF also donated 5,000 footballs for the Football for Schools programme in Yangon Region's basic education schools.

In the opening day matches of the MFF U19 Futsal League, YRG beat YCDC Dream Team 6-2, ULAD defeated Mingaladon City by eight goals, JV edged United City 2-1, Pacific Sun Far thrashed Burmese Warriors by eight goals, MIU beat Gold Dream 5-2, and Royal Noka defeated Shwepyitha United 6-1. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



MFF President U Zaw Zaw (L) and officials warmly greet players of the MFF U16 & U19 Youth Futsal League 2026. PHOTO: MFF

IOC's "Fit for the Future" reform enters consolidation stage with nine working groups



President Kirsty Coventry revealed in an online press conference on Thursday that the "Fit for the Future" (F4F) reform process has now entered a consolidation stage. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

FOLLOWING the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Executive Board meeting, President Kirsty Coventry revealed in an online press conference on Thursday that the "Fit for the Future" (F4F) reform process has now entered a consolidation stage. Since taking office in June 2025, Coventry has rapidly pushed forward the F4F initiative. After months of extensive discussions between the IOC and relevant stakeholders, her reform roadmap is gradually becoming clearer. The Extraordinary 146th IOC Session, scheduled for 24 and 25 June in Lausanne, will mark

an important milestone, though the IOC stressed it will not be the finish line, but rather a moment to set the organization's direction.

The initiative initially comprised four working groups, launched in September 2025, focusing on the Youth Olympic Games (YOG), the Olympic program, protection of the female category, and commercial partnerships and marketing. Since then, the process has expanded significantly. The IOC now has nine working groups established under the F4F umbrella, covering a broad range of strategic priorities. — Xinhua

Palestine marathon returns to Bethlehem after Gaza war suspension

THE Palestine Marathon returned to the southern West Bank city of Bethlehem on Friday after being suspended during the Gaza war, attracting thousands of local and interna-

tional runners.

According to Palestine's official news agency WAFA, the event included a full marathon, a half marathon, a 10-kilometre race and a 5-kilometre family

run.

The race began at Manger Square in central Bethlehem and passed by separation walls and refugee camps, WAFA reported. — Xinhua

Tchouameni can play Clasico despite Valverde clash: Real Madrid's Arbeloa

REAL Madrid coach Alvaro Arbeloa said Aurelien Tchouameni will be in his team's squad to face Barcelona on Sunday in La Liga, despite his confrontation with team-mate Fede Valverde.

The Uruguay captain was treated in hospital for a head injury and will miss up to a fortnight while he recovers, after the two players argued at the end of training on Thursday.

Real Madrid fined France international Tchouameni and Valverde on Friday and said both midfielders had apologized to each other and the club, fans, staff and team-mates.

If Real Madrid fail to beat Barcelona, the Catalans will be crowned Spanish champi-



Real Madrid coach Alvaro Arbeloa said he had accepted the apologies of Aurelien Tchouameni and Fede Valverde after their training ground row. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

ons for a second consecutive season.

"Tomorrow Tchouameni will be in the squad," Arbeloa

told reporters, when asked about the Frenchman's availability for the Clasico at Camp Nou. — AFP



Celebrate your mom's endless magic this Mother's Day on Sunday, 10 May. PHOTO: ADOBE STOCK SSSSS

Mother's Day 2026: A stylish nod to mom's endless magic

Mother's Day 2026 falls on 10 May serving as a heartfelt global tribute to the selfless sacrifices and "endless magic" of mothers who shape our families and society.

Mark your calendars: Mother's Day lands on 10 May 2026 — a sunny Sunday in India to shower super-moms with love. This heartfelt holiday honors their juggling act of late-night feasts, dawn patrols, and unwaver-

ing support.

Rooted in ancient Greek and Roman goddess feasts for Rhea and Cybele, it blossomed in the early 1900s into a global vibe. Today, it spotlights moms' selfless sacrifices, family glue, and society-shaping power. In India, celebrations spar-

kle with flowers, chocolates, cards, and DIY surprises. Families bond over lavish brunches, home-cooked feasts, or cozy gatherings. Social media buzzes with tributes and throwback pics. Make hers unforgettable — because she deserves the glow-up. — ANI

Wheelchair tennis star Oda awarded 4 additional Guinness records

Young Japanese star Tokito Oda earns four more Guinness titles for historic tennis achievements.

JAPANESE wheelchair tennis star Tokito Oda has been awarded four additional Guinness World Records titles, bringing his total to eight and making him the youngest person to hold that many records, the global authority on record-breaking achievements said Friday. "It's emotional to see something tangible for what I've been determined to achieve at the youngest age, and receive them," Oda told Kyodo News after receiving the certificates on his 20th birthday. The four new awards include becoming

a Career Golden Slam by winning all four majors and a Paralympic gold medal. The achievements were made possible after Oda became the youngest winner of the US Open wheelchair men's singles title last year at 19 years and 121 days old. Another record came from becoming the youngest winner of the Australian Open wheelchair men's singles title in 2024 at 17 years and 264 days old. After winning the Australian Open in January, Oda is now aiming to complete an Annual Golden Slam this season.

— Kyodo

the youngest player to complete a Career Grand Slam by winning all four major tournaments and



Wheelchair player Tokito Oda poses for a photo with his eight Guinness World Records certificates in Tokyo on 4 April 2026. PHOTO: KYODO

Mexico to cut school year short ahead of World Cup



A paint bucket sits on a street painted with World Cup-themed designs ahead of the FIFA World Cup 2026 in the Rocinha favela in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 5 May 2026. PHOTO: PABLO PORCIUNCULA / AFP

Mexico ends the school year early due to extreme heat and upcoming World Cup.

MEXICAN authorities on Friday announced that the school year would end over a month early as the country gears up to host World Cup matches, prompting broad backlash. Education Secretary Mario Delgado said the decision to end the school year 40 days early was made in part due to a heat wave impacting several states.

"We're going to end the school year on 5 June because many states are already experiencing high temperatures, and there's also the issue of the World Cup," he said at an event in the northern state of Sonora. He noted, however, that authorities were considering in turn moving up the start of the next academic year, currently scheduled for 31 August. The tournament — hosted jointly by Mexico, the United States and Canada — kicks off on 11 June when Mexico takes on South Africa at home in Mexico City. When Delgado initially announced the move on Thursday, President Claudia Sheinbaum said it was merely a "proposal". — AFP