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Myanmar, China to further cement diplomatic relations, friendly ties

VICE-PRESIDENT of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, U Nyo Saw, received Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar, Ms Ma Jia, at the Presidential Palace Reception Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed the further strengthening of existing diplomatic relations and friendly ties between Myanmar and China, and the further promotion of trade and investment sectors, including the cooperation projects to be implemented by both countries.

Moreover, they frankly exchanged views on the peace and stability in border regions, the implementation of the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor plan, and the efforts to combat online fraud and eradicate



Chinese Ambassador Ms Ma Jia pays a courtesy call on Vice-President U Nyo Saw at the Presidential Palace Reception Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

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Also, present at the meeting were Deputy Ministers U Khin Latt and U Naing Min

Kyaw, and officials. The Chinese Ambassador was accompanied by officials. — MNA/TTA

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This image showcases one of Myanmar's most enchanting tourist destinations.

AN International Travel Expo will be grandly held during the second week of June to help attract more foreign tourists from overseas during Myanmar's upcoming open-season travel period and to support the revival of the country's tourism industry, according to the Myanmar Tourism Entrepreneurs Association.

The expo is being organized as part of efforts to restore international tourist arrivals, which declined after the COVID-19 pandemic. It aims to promote Myanmar's ancient cultural heritage, traditional customs, natural beauty, beaches, traditional cuisine, cultural attire, biodiversity, rare wildlife, and rare plant species for visitors to explore and enjoy.

"At the International Trav-

el Expo, the tourism promotion activities will be carried out to attract more visitors from Europe, Asia, and some Southeast Asian countries. It is also an opportunity to show the world that tourists can travel peacefully and happily in Myanmar. And, Business-to-Business activities will also be included. At a time when the government is implementing tourism promotion initiatives, the Myanmar Tourism Entrepreneurs Association is proud and delighted to cooperate with the government in promoting Myanmar tourism. We are especially grateful to the Ministry of Hotels, Tourism and Culture and relevant departments for their support in organizing the event successfully."

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said Daw May Thet Lwin from the Myanmar Tourism Entrepreneurs Association.

The expo will include travel companies from China, Russia, India, Spain, France, Egypt, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, Nepal, Vietnam, Bhutan, and other countries. Myanmar's tourism promotion will mainly highlight destinations such as Bagan, Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Inlay Lake, Ng-

wehsaung Beach, and other tourist attractions.

The event will feature exhibitions on local and international tourist destinations, tourism-related discussions, airlines, hotels, banks and life insurance services, medical and healthcare services, domestic and international tourism business booths, and startup exhibition booths. The expo will be held on 13 and 14 June at the Sedona Hotel in Yangon.

Myanmar, known as the "Golden Land" for



its golden pagodas, is rich in ancient cultural heritage, traditional culture, and natural beauty, offering many attractive destinations for international travellers. The Ministry of Hotels, Tourism and Culture works towards the sustainable development of tourism to ensure local communities' benefit from that sector while preserving the country's cultural and natural heritage.

The upcoming expo is regarded as a significant tourism promotion initiative aimed at increasing international tourist arrivals during the upcoming open-season travel period. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH

Images from top to bottom showcase some of Myanmar's most enchanting tourist destinations. **PHOTOS: KANU**

Bagan Archaeological Museum marks International Museum Day with free entry and educational activities

ON the 49th International Museum Day, the Bagan Archaeological Museum allowed domestic and foreign visitors to enter free of charge and organized activities to commemorate the occasion.

On 18 May, marking the 49th International Museum Day, the museum received a total of 464 visitors, including 306 local visitors, one foreign visitor, 30 monks, 35 nuns, 87 students from a private school and five teachers.

Visitors were given explanations about the history of the Bagan Archaeological Museum and the origins of International Museum Day by the museum's deputy director.

To raise awareness of Bagan's culture, architecture and cultural heritage, exhibits displayed in the ten exhibition booths were presented by gallery managers and relevant officials.

In addition, monks and students from private

schools visiting the archaeological museum asked questions about International Museum Day and the museum's educational seminars and cultural activities.

Quiz competitions on the history of the exhibits displayed at the Bagan Archaeological Museum were also held, and souvenir prizes were presented to the winning students by the deputy director. — ASH/MKKS



This photo displays one of the activities to commemorate International Museum Day at the Bagan Archaeological Museum.

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Hluttaw to Prioritize Enactment of Anti-Online Scam Bill in Upcoming Second Regular Session

MYANMAR is also grateful to and appreciative of China for being the first to come and provide assistance and support after the devastating Mandalay earthquake occurred, said U Khin Yi, Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, at a meeting with Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia.

Yesterday morning, the Chinese Ambassador called on the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker at the Pyithu Hluttaw Reception Hall of the Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting, the Speaker said that China has consistently supported and stood by Myanmar in the global arena. He continued that China and Myanmar support efforts to build a strategic partnership and a community that shares a good future. The Hluttaws of the two countries will also cooperate more closely and strengthen their ties.

He stated that Hluttaw of Myanmar emerged in 2025 through free and fair elections, resulting in the establishment of the three pillars of the State – the legislative, executive and judicial branches – and he was elected as the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, which represents the legislative pillar. The Hluttaw is an institution composed of representatives elected by the people in their respective



Chinese Ambassador Ms Ma Jia calls on Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi yesterday.

constituencies in accordance with the will of the public.

The Pyithu Hluttaw has four major responsibilities: electing the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Vice-Presidents, carrying out legislative processes, coordinating and cooperating among the three pillars of the State to ensure national development and the peace and security of the people, and serving as an intermediary representing the public so that the people can understand

and cooperate with the policies of the government.

Four standing committees support the work processes of the Hluttaw, and temporary committees will also be formed during the upcoming Hluttaw term as necessary. Commissions and special task forces will likewise be established when required. At present, the government is making concerted efforts to implement its plans for the benefit of the people, and the Hluttaw will

also coordinate and participate wherever necessary. The government has been continuously carrying out investigations and arrests related to online fraud, and in order to effectively prevent and combat such crimes, a draft law on combatting online fraud has already been prepared. In addition, the Hluttaw will give priority during the upcoming second regular session to enacting the anti-online scam bill into legislation.

The Chinese Ambassador responded that in accordance with the 15th Five-Year Bilateral Cooperation Plan (2026-2030), which will commence this year, cooperation will be further enhanced and efforts will continue to implement a China-Myanmar community that shares both good times and hardships. China has consistently supported and stood by Myanmar. The National People's Congress of China was also the first to send a congratulatory message in support of the Hluttaws formed through the recent elections. Efforts will continue to further deepen relations between the Hluttaws of the two countries.

Also, present at the meeting were Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn, officials of the Pyithu Hluttaw Office and officials of the Chinese Ambassador. — MNA/TTA

Foreign Ministers of Myanmar and Malaysia Hold Bilateral Meeting



Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Tin Maung Swe meets Malaysian Foreign Minister Dato' Seri Utama Haji Mohamad Bin Haji Hasan in Nay Pyi Tw yesterday.

U Tin Maung Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, met Dato' Seri Utama Haji Mohamad Bin Haji Hasan, Minister of

Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, who was on a working visit to Nay Pyi Taw, at the MGallery Hotel on 19 May 2026. The Union Minister also hosted a working lunch for the Foreign

Minister of Malaysia and his delegation.

The two Foreign Ministers cordially discussed matters relating to the enhancement of relations between Myanmar and Malaysia at the bilateral level and in the context of ASEAN. They exchanged views on the promotion of existing cooperation in the areas of mutual interest.

The Malaysian delegation arrived in Nay Pyi Taw by a special flight on the afternoon of 19 May 2026 and was welcomed by U Naing Min Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs upon arrival at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport. The delegation departed for Malaysia on the evening of the same day. — MNA

MoE Union Minister receives Indian Ambassador to Myanmar

UNION Minister for Education Dr Chaw Chaw Sein received Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Abhay Thakur at the meeting room of the Ministry of Education in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

They discussed the long-term assignment of English language teachers from India to designated universities

in Myanmar, the plans for 30 teachers to attend short-term English proficiency courses at Indian universities, and the awarding of scholarships to teachers from education degree colleges.

Deputy Minister Dr Zaw Myint and other officials were also present at the meeting. — MNA/MKKS



Indian Ambassador Mr Abhay Thakur calls on Union Education Minister Dr Chaw Chaw Sein yesterday.

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Soldiers Must Obey Only Lawful and Just Orders

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of Defence Services General Ye Win Oo inspected the general staff, adjutant and quartermaster measures of the Eastern Command Headquarters, and efforts to take security measures and uphold the rule of law yesterday morning.

Accompanied by Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Htein Win, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Tun Win and senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the General heard reports on the security, control of the region and rule of law in the command area, and general staff, adjutant and quartermaster measures of the command headquarters by the Eastern Command Commander at the briefing hall.

In his speech, the General stressed the need to carry out the tasks of peace and stability of the region, and development undertakings in cooperation with residents. He urged officials to train individual Tatmadaw members to have good morality and concepts, as well as to obey discipline.

Yesterday morning, the General held a meeting with Tatmadaw members and families of Taunggyi Station at the hall of the command headquarters and those from Hsihseng and Banyin stations at the hall of the local battalion separately.

These meetings were also attended by Daw Nilar, the wife of the General, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and his wife, the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and his wife, and senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief.

Speaking on the occasion, the General underscored that fairly conquering the fighting will



Defence Services Commander-in-Chief General Ye Win Oo is pictured during the meeting at the Eastern Command Headquarters yesterday.

earn the trust and reliance of the people, and since the Tatmadaw is the country's last line of defence, it must be built into a firm institution.

He noted that Tatmadaw had been ready to timely prevent the danger of disintegration of the State whenever the State experienced crises. Based on patriotism and love for Tatmadaw, it is necessary to be loyal to oneself, loyal to one's family, loyal to one's community, and loyal to Tatmadaw and the State.

With regard to cultivating a combat spirit, the General highlighted that it is not enough to be skilled in warfare alone. Tatmadaw members must also develop the right mindsets. Therefore, to ensure courage in battle and a strong morale, arrangements

must be made so that soldiers and their families do not have to worry about food, clothing, housing, or daily living needs. Their profession is to fight, and in order to do so, they must possess strong and highly developed military capabilities.

He underlined that students who are family members of Tatmadaw personnel are required to pursue and complete at least KG+9 education. Those who have completed KG+9 may also continue their studies at technical institutes, as well as agricultural institutes and livestock institutes. If the education level of those children improves, they will be able to contribute to the country in various ways.

He pointed out that acts of betrayal against the State and

Tatmadaw, financial misconduct, social misconduct, and drug-related offences are not tolerable. Soldiers must obey orders, and those orders must be lawful and just.

He urged responsible officials to inspect and carry out necessary repairs to ensure that basic needs such as water supply, electricity, and sanitation are properly provided for comfortable living for Tatmadaw members without difficulties. In addition, arrangements should be made so that Tatmadaw members can report and submit their difficulties.

The General spotted that commanding officers of battalions and their wives are regarded as the parents of the battalions, and although officers' wives who live with the unit are expected to

support their husbands' duties, they must not interfere in official matters.

The General expressed his recognition of the female military personnel as a component of the Tatmadaw's strength. It is necessary to foster a sense of brotherhood and treat them as colleagues, supporting and assisting one another. He noted that Female servicemembers should also avoid any behaviour, speech, or conduct that could damage the reputation of their surroundings or their organization.

He underlined that the wives of Tatmadaw members are considered the reserve strength of Tatmadaw, and there are records of their courageous participation in counterattacks against the enemies in incidents such as Shaduzup, Kongyan, Lupi, and Weinkaung.

He recounted that the Hsihseng area was subjected to a surprise attack by terrorists, and due to the counteroffensive by Tatmadaw members and their families from the respective stations, stability and peace in the area were restored. So, he stated that all those who participated are hereby recorded and commended.

After the speeches, the General fulfilled the requirements of Tatmadaw members and families in coordination with officials.

The General and his wife presented foodstuffs for Tatmadaw members and families and cash awards for maternal and child welfare associations through officials.

After the meetings, the General and party inspected regiments and units in Hsihseng and Banyin stations by car and cordially greeted families. — MNA/TTA

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MoST UM attends 11th Digitalization of Industrial Russia (2026) Forum

UNION Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw attended the opening ceremony of the 11th Digitalization of Industrial Russia (2026) Forum, which is being held from 18 to 22 May in Nizhny Novgorod, the Russian Federation.

At the ceremony, Prime Minister of the Russian Federation Mr Mikhail Mishustin delivered the opening remarks, while officials and experts from major Russian industries discussed the application of digital technologies in their respective industrial sectors and presented



The 11th Digitalization of Industrial Russia (2026) Forum is underway on 18-22 May in the Russian Federation, attended by Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Kyaw.

plans and ongoing initiatives.

At noon, the Union minister attended the discussion titled

“The Speed Race: Is Defence Keeping Pace with Threats?”, and the experts, entrepreneurs

and officials from Russia and international countries discussed how to strengthen resilience and ensure effective responses to cyber threats, which are currently one of the major international challenges threatening the entire world.

The Union minister yesterday received the officials of Security Code Company, a Russian IT security software and equipment production company and discussed opportunities for cooperation in sharing modern security technologies with universities in Myanmar and col-

laborating in Myanmar’s digital transformation processes.

He also visited the IT Campus of Neimark University, which is part of the Russian government’s Digital Economy national project and serves as a centre prepared to compete internationally in the technology sector. During the visit, he discussed the development of human resources in information and communication technology, potential cooperation in research activities, and an exchange program for teachers and students. — MNA/KTZH

Specialists provide healthcare to over 800 residents in Tamway



A child is seen receiving treatment.

UNDER the leadership of Dr Aung Lin Aye, Senior Medical Superintendent of Yangon General Hospital, a field medical visit was conducted from 8 am to 4 pm yesterday at No 4 Basic Education High School in Tamway Township, Thingangyun District, Yangon Region, in collaboration with central-level hospitals, to provide necessary healthcare services to more than 800 people.

Specialists, nurses, and

other healthcare workers provided medical services under this special programme, conducting examinations and treatments for orthopaedic conditions, surgical diseases, general illnesses, diabetes and endocrine disorders, mental health conditions, skin diseases, maternal and gynaecological conditions, cervical cancer screening, pediatric conditions, eye diseases, dental and oral health, and ear, nose, and

throat (ENT) conditions. They also performed lung and chest X-rays, ECGs, and ultrasound examinations. A total of 829 residents from Tamway and nearby townships received consultations, resulting in 1,813 medical examinations and treatments being provided.

The minister for Social Affairs of the Yangon Region government, the chairperson and members of the Thingangyun District Management and Administration Committee, the chairperson and members of the Township Management and Administration Committee, the Yangon Region Hluttaw representative for Tamway Township Constituency 2, the chairperson and members of the Yangon Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, and relevant officials visited the field activities of the specialized programme yesterday morning and provided necessary assistance. — Naing Lin Aung (IPRD)/TH

Second round of RBF funds disbursed to Tatkon chilli farmers

THE Tatkon Township Rural Development Department under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development disbursed the second batch of the Rural Business Fund (RBF) project loans to local farmers for chilli cultivation at Ywayhsu Village in Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw, on 19 May.

The project aims to provide necessary capital for chilli farmers and encourage them to operate livelihood businesses through a cluster/group system. During the event, Tatkon Township Rural Development Department Head U Zaw Min

Tun explained the core objectives of the RBF project loan disbursement.

Subsequently, project officers and staff clarified the interest rates, loan repayment periods, and rules. Afterwards, the Township Head directly distributed the RBF loans to four livelihood groups that will cultivate chilli under the group system – namely, Yaung Ni Oo, La Wun Thit, Nay Chi Thit, and Shwe La Tha groups. Each group received K7.5 million, with the total disbursement amounting to K30 million at a low-interest rate. — Karyan (Rural)



The ceremony for the second round disbursement of funds is in progress yesterday in Tatkon.

Gold Market Rate as of 19 May 2026

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K7,100,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

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312 PDF members reintegrated into society

THE government is extending an invitation to those involved in various armed groups, including the PDF, to return to the legal fold. Those who do so are being provided with necessary assistance and support.

Members of PDF — 277 males and 35 females, totalling 312 individuals — entered the legal fold yesterday, and they were handed over to their parents and guardians at the Yan Aung Myin Hall of the Central Command Headquarters.

The returnees handed over eight rifles, one M22, one KA-25 rifle, two Type 81 rifles, two homemade guns, two homemade mortars, 23 magazines, 781 bullets, 10 grenades and two bombs. The region's chief minister and the com-

mander awarded K60 million for 12 rifles, K1 million for two homemade guns, K1 million for two homemade mortars, K3 million for 10 grenades, K600,000 for two bombs, and K29 million for those who returned without arms, totalling K94.6 million, and supplies for the returnees. Those who re-entered the legal fold were required to sign pledges, after which they were systematically handed back to their parents and guardians.

These 312 returnees who rejoined society are from different townships of Mandalay Region.

There are still individuals who wish to re-enter the legal framework. Those who intend to do so are urged to promptly contact and report to the nearest district



The handover ceremony for PDF members returning to legal framework is underway in the Central Command Headquarters yesterday.

or township administrative bodies, military units, or police stations, where they will be welcomed back and provided with

necessary assistance. Appropriate cash rewards will be granted for the arms and ammunition. — MNA/KTZH

Vocational training on consumer goods production opens in Shan State

THE Yaksawk Township Rural Development Department, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, launched a vocational training course on consumer goods production in Loikoe Village in Yaksawk Township, Shan State (South), on 18 May.

The course aims to create job opportunities and nurture a skilled workforce for rural residents. During the opening ceremony, Shan State Hluttaw Representative U Aung Kyaw Nyunt of Yaksawk Township delivered an opening address. Following this, U Nyunt Win, Head of the Taunggyi District Rural Development Department, gave remarks, encouraging trainees to consistently practice the knowledge and skills gained from the course and effectively apply them to supplement

their family income.

Subsequently, an instructor from the Shan State Small-Scale Industries Department explained the training curriculum and lessons. Afterwards, the Hluttaw Representative, and departmental officials presented training materials to the participants.

The five-day free training course, running from 18 to 22 May, is being attended by 20 female trainees from Loikoe Village. Skilled instructors are providing systematic training on consumer goods production technologies to help participants establish their own businesses. Furthermore, outstanding trainees who genuinely intend to start enterprises will be eligible to access loans from the department's Mya Sein Yaung project funds.— Cho Than Nyunt (Rural)



The opening event for the vocational training on consumer goods production is in progress on 18 May.

Myanmar Durian Festival 2026 held in Yangon



The Myanmar Durian Festival 2026 is underway on 19 May at Myaypadethakyun.

THE Myanmar Durian Festival 2026 ceremony was held at Myaypadethakyun in Yangon Region's Bahan Township on 19 May.

The event was jointly organized by the Agriculture Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, and the Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producer and Exporter Association (MFVP), aiming to promote the durian market internationally and exchange modern farming techniques and post-harvesting technologies.

“The main objective of today's event is that we want to penetrate the international market. Durian production is adequate for domestic consumption, so this is our initiation for export,” said MFVP secretary U Pe Tike Aung.

Myanmar has tried to expand the durian production and explore potential export markets. Myanmar's durian market mainly relies on domestic consumption; however, it is expected to start exporting to overseas markets on a large scale in 2026-2027 and introduce local durian varieties to international markets under the label of Myanmar products, said the Agriculture Department's director-general.

He added that the department has also worked on manufacturing value-added durian products by inviting internal and external investors and experts.

Durian is produced abundantly in May, June and July in Myanmar, and its prices ranged from K20,000 per one depending on quality in 2025, and it has still been high this year too, he said. — MT/ZS

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Tatmadaw columns totally reoccupy Mawtaung

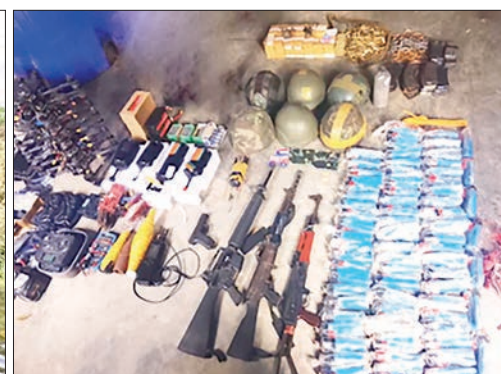
KNU, KNLA, and PDF terrorists launched a surprise attack on the security forces stationed in Mawtaung using overwhelming force. Mawtaung was temporarily occupied by the combined terrorist groups on 14 November 2025.

Tatmadaw columns carried out necessary preparations and force restructuring to retake and regain control of Mawtaung, which had been temporarily occupied by KNU, KNLA, and PDF terrorists, and to reopen the Taninthayi-Yephyu-Theinkhun-Thaephyu-Mawtaung route. The units were deployed in separate columns, established successive footholds step by step, and launched a counteroffensive from 5 May 2026. As a result, the Tatmadaw columns successfully regained full control in stages: Point 271 hill on 9 May, two temporary defensive positions near Phaungseik Village on 12 May, Phaungseik Village on 13 May, Hnonpwa Village on 15 May, No 5 Village on 16 May, No 3 Village on 17 May, No 1 Village on 18 May, and finally, Mawtaung town at 4 pm on 19 May. During their retreat, KNU, KNLA, and PDF

terrorists allegedly disregarded the interests of local civilians and carried out malicious acts, including the planting and detonation of mines that destroyed the bridges at No 9 Village and No 8 Village.

Tatmadaw columns, prioritizing mission completion over their own lives, bravely carried out successive counteroffensives to retake Mawtaung town and the surrounding area. In the course of operations, a total of 207 engagements – both major and minor clashes – took place with the terrorist groups. From the enemy, 24 bodies, 25 assorted weapons, as well as ammunition and related equipment, were seized. Some Tatmadaw members also heroically sacrificed their lives for the State and Tatmadaw.

As Tatmadaw has regained control of Mawtaung town, residents are now able to return and resettle in their homes. Stability and peace are expected to return to the area, and cross-border trade flows and transport activities between the two countries via the Taninthayi-Mawtaung route will be able to resume. — MNA/TTA



Images show the location map, Tatmadaw columns advancing to re-establish control of Mawtaung in Taninthayi Region, a bridge damaged by a terrorist mine blast and seized weapons and munitions.

21 foreign nationals linked to online scams deported



Officials oversee the deportation of undocumented foreign immigrants.

AUTHORITIES transferred 21 foreign nationals linked to online scams, online gambling and other criminal activities in the Myawady-Shwe Kokko area through the Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge No 2 to their respective countries in line with legal procedures and humanitarian con-

siderations.

The deportees included five Philippine nationals, five Burundi nationals, five Kenya nationals, three Uganda nationals and three Sri Lanka nationals who had illegally entered Myanmar through border routes via neighbouring countries, including Thailand.

Officials led by Myawady District Administration Committee chairman U Kaung San Lin supervised the transfer process and checked records and documents to ensure accuracy and smooth handover procedures.

From 30 January 2025 to 19 May 2026, authorities detained 14,658 foreign nationals who entered Myawady Township illegally. Of them, 13,443 have been systematically deported through Thailand to their respective countries, while 1,215 remain under detention. Authorities said 766 foreigners were prosecuted under immigration and drug-related laws, while arrangements are ready for the transfer of the remaining 449 foreign nationals. — MNA/KZL

MSF issues 5 key onboard safety guidelines

THE Myanmar Seafarers' Federation (MSF) has issued an advisory for Myanmar seafarers to strictly observe five key guidelines to prevent injuries and ensure safety on board ships.

These guidelines state that any task must be carried out strictly in accordance with designated Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and instructions. For a potentially hazardous task, they should not accept the work immediately. Instead, prioritizing safety, they should systematically report and consult with their relevant senior officers without delay.

Similarly, proper safety gear and equipment must be fully worn whenever entering the workplace. If working conditions are deemed hazardous, every crew member on board has the "Stop Work Authority" to temporarily halt operations. The MSF also advised seafarers to always remain vigilant for the safety of both themselves and their coworkers, and to fully utilize their Rest Hours.

According to the seafarers' community, a tragic incident occurred on 7 May aboard the foreign cargo ship MV Guo Qiang 8. Two Myanmar seafarers serving as fitters, Ko Win Htut Win (aka) Ko Thae Maung and Ko Oak Soe Aung, lost their lives due to oxygen deprivation inside an enclosed engine room.

The MSF continuously provides support regarding workplace difficulties, fatalities, and scams and states that anyone in difficult situations is welcome for consultation at the federation. — MT/ZN

OPINION

The museum bridges among the past, present and future

Each country in the world has its own distinct culture, customs, traditions, historical artefacts, ancient heritage objects, monuments, and records. These are invaluable national treasures, and the places where they are systematically collected and exhibited are museums.

Museums in Myanmar possess a wide range of distinctive and notable collections that reflect Myanmar's history and heritage. These exhibits are invaluable national treasures that connect the country's past and present, and they stand as evidence of the creativity and achievements of the Myanmar people.

Today, thanks to museums, both tangible and intangible cultural heritage are being displayed and preserved, allowing the nation to

proudly present its invaluable heritage. In addition to serving as institutions for exhibitions, museums also function as educational centres that provide academic knowledge to the public engagingly and enjoyably. As a result, awareness has been raised to pass cultural heritage from one generation to the next, and people have become more capable of preserving what is valuable to them.

Museums around the world celebrate International Museum Day under the theme "Museums Uniting a Divided World" in 2026. This year's theme highlights the critical role cultural institutions play as bridges across social, cultural, and geopolitical divides, fostering peace, inclusion, and mutual respect. Museums connect people with past events and the present, while encouraging them to anticipate and prepare for the future.

Museums around the world, including those in Myanmar, on International Museum Day, which falls on 18 May every year, hold special exhibitions, paper-reading sessions, and seminars. In addition, various activities and events are organized with the participation of the public, including young people. Museums also invite students and youth to visit, learn, and share knowledge. Museums support the healthy and happy development of young people,

increase self-confidence, improve communication skills, develop the ability to make independent decisions, and enrich learning experiences.

Today's younger generation, while able to access information quickly and easily through technological advancements, is showing a declining interest in its own history and cultural heritage. By studying the ancient artefacts and historical records displayed in museums, young people can enhance their sense of national pride and identity, as well as develop a deeper appreciation for their country's history and culture. Museums around the world are also redefining their roles. They are no longer merely places that preserve the past, but have become dynamic learning environments that inspire imagination among today's youth and help shape the future.

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THE World Health Organization (WHO) defines **Public Health** as "the art and science of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through the organized efforts of society.

It also considers principles of social justice and equity, promoting and protecting better health for all, leaving no one behind. Rather than focusing on the health of the individual, public health works to protect and improve the health of communities and populations at local, regional, national, and global levels.

The **Essential Public Health Services** describe the public health activities that all communities should undertake:

- Monitor health status to identify and solve community health problems
- Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community
- Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues
- Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems
- Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts
- Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety
- Link people to needed

personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable

- Assure a competent public and personal health care workforce
- Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health ser-

motion of physical activity, and campaigns against tobacco, alcohol, and drug abuse. By educating people about healthy lifestyles and preventive practices, public health systems reduce the burden of communicable and non-communicable diseases. Regular screening programs for diseases such as cancer, diabetes, and hypertension help in early detection

health. These activities include antenatal care, safe delivery practices, postnatal care, immunization of children, and nutrition support for mothers and infants. By focusing on the health of women and children, public health systems lay a strong foundation for future generations. Reducing maternal and infant mortality rates is a major indicator of the effectiveness of

equally important. Continuous collection and analysis of health data help in identifying disease trends, outbreaks, and risk factors. This enables timely responses to epidemics and public health emergencies such as pandemics, natural disasters, and bioterrorism threats. Research and innovation guide evidence-based policies and improve the effectiveness of public health interventions.

Community participation and intersectoral collaboration are hallmarks of ideal public health activities. Engaging communities in planning and implementing health programmes increases awareness, ownership, and sustainability. Collaboration between health, education, agriculture, housing, and other sectors ensures a comprehensive approach to health and well-being.

Moreover, ideal public health activities are preventive, inclusive, and community-centred. By focusing on health promotion, environmental protection, maternal and child health, equity, surveillance, and collaboration, public health systems can create healthier societies and improve overall quality of life. These activities not only prevent disease but also empower individuals and communities to achieve their full health potential.

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A Glimpse of Ideal Public Health Activities

By Dr Than Lwin Tun

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- Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

Ideal public health activities aim not only to prevent disease but also to enhance the quality of life by addressing physical, mental, and social well-being. These activities focus on prevention, equity, community participation, and sustainability, forming the backbone of a healthy society.

One of the most important public health activities is disease prevention and health promotion. This includes immunization programs, nutrition education, pro-

and timely intervention, thereby reducing morbidity and mortality.

Another key area is environmental health protection. Ideal public health activities ensure access to safe drinking water, proper sanitation, effective waste management, and control of air and water pollution. These measures are essential for preventing water-borne and vector-borne diseases. Maintaining clean surroundings, monitoring food safety, and regulating industrial waste contribute significantly to a healthier environment and protect communities from health hazards.

Maternal and child health services are also central to public

public health services.

An ideal public health system emphasizes health equity and social justice. Public health activities should reach all sections of society, especially vulnerable and marginalized populations. This includes providing affordable healthcare services, improving access in rural and underserved areas, and addressing social determinants of health such as poverty, education, housing, and employment. Community-based programmes and outreach activities help bridge gaps and ensure inclusive health development.

Surveillance, research, and emergency preparedness are

Scientists reversed memory loss by recharging the brain's tiny engines: Study

RESEARCHERS have shown for the first time that malfunctioning mitochondria, the cell's energy generators, may directly cause cognitive decline in neurodegenerative diseases.

By creating a new tool that temporarily boosts mitochondrial activity in the brain, scientists restored memory performance in mouse models of dementia.

The discovery hints that energy failure inside neurons could happen before brain cells die, potentially offering a new target for future Alzheimer's treatments.

In a study published in *Nature Neuroscience*, researchers



If brain cell energy failure contributes to memory loss, then restoring mitochondrial function may one day become a strategy for slowing or reducing symptoms.

from Inserm and the University of Bordeaux at the NeuroCentre Magendie, working with scientists at the Université de Moncton in Canada, reported a major step forward in understanding dementia.

Their results showed a direct cause-and-effect link between faulty mitochondrial activity and cognitive symptoms associated with neurodegenerative disease.

Brain Energy and Memory Loss: The team created a highly specific tool that allowed them to temporarily increase mitochondrial activity in animal models of neurodegenerative disease.

When they boosted the

brain's energy machinery, memory problems improved. Although the findings are still early and were observed in animal models, they point to an intriguing possibility: mitochondria may not simply break down after brain disease begins. Instead, their failure may help drive the symptoms that appear as dementia develops. That idea could reshape how scientists think about future treatments.

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Strengthening Civil Service Capacity: The Key to Government's 100-Day Strategic Plan

By Soe Khant Lin

THE success or failure of the Government's 100-Day Strategic Plan depends on one critical factor: the quality of its civil service personnel. As ministries and organizations across the country actively roll out sector-specific initiatives, the need for a workforce that is not only motivated, disciplined, and capable but also steadfastly free from corruption has never been more urgent.

The President's Vision for a Reformed Civil Service

In his addresses to the nation, President U Min Aung Hlaing has frequently returned to a central theme: the importance of mindset. He has consistently called upon civil service personnel to cultivate a sound mindset, demonstrate patriotism, remain loyal to the State, prioritize the public interest, and carry out their responsibilities free from corruption and malpractice.

At the heart of this vision lies a dual requirement: civil service personnel must develop not only a Positive Mindset but also a Growth Mindset. These are not qualities that can be imposed through orders or regulations. They must be nurtured from within through individual effort and self-discipline.

Creating the Right Environment

To foster such mindsets, both the living environment and the workplace environment of employees must be supportive. While organizational rules, directives, and supervision can shape the workplace to a considerable degree, influencing the personal environments in which civil service personnel live is far more challenging.

Nevertheless, because civil service personnel are bound by the regulations of their respective ministries and organizations, and face disciplinary consequences for non-compliance, they are encouraged to exercise self-con-

trol and continuously refine their conduct and attitudes. Through this sustained effort, a Positive Mindset gradually takes root.

The Significance of Mindset in the 100-Day Plan

A Positive Mindset alone, however, is not enough. To translate vision into reality, ministries and organizations must go further and actively cultivate Growth Mindsets among their employee.

Civil service personnel who embrace a Growth Mindset adapt more readily to changing circumstances, enhance their professional skills, and overcome workplace challenges with resilience. When a critical mass of such individuals exists across government institutions, the machinery of government moves faster and more effectively. Policies are implemented on schedule. Objectives are met.

The Six Resolutions of Myanmar Civil Service as a Moral Compass

A daily reminder of duty already exists within the Myanmar Civil Service. Civil Service Personnel are required to recite the Six Resolutions, namely:

1. We shall be loyal to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
2. We shall strive for the non-disintegration of the Union.
3. We shall strive for the non-disintegration of National Solidarity.
4. We shall strive for the perpetuation of National Sovereignty.
5. We, as civil service personnel, shall be free from party politics.
6. We vow to obey conscientiously the orders and responsibilities given by the State.

This daily recitation is not a mere formality. It is designed to embed these principles deeply in professional conduct. When

faithfully upheld, the Six Resolutions form the moral compass that guides civil service personnel to discharge their duties with unwavering dedication and commitment.

The Corruption Challenge

No discussion of civil service reform is complete without confronting the issue of corruption. The President has consistently underscored the paramount importance of eradicating corruption within the civil service sector. Within traditional Myanmar moral philosophy, corruption or agati may arise from various sources: personal desire, fear, avarice for material gain, and anger. Regardless of its origin, the outcome is the same: deterioration and devastation.

Civil service personnel must therefore perform their duties with integrity and impartiality, entirely free from any form of misconduct. Ministries and organizations characterized by widespread corruption will be unable to implement the Government's 100-Day Plan according to established schedules. Delays and inefficiencies will follow. In the worst cases, failure becomes inevitable. Worse still, such institutions risk losing the trust of the very public they are meant to serve.

The Only Path Forward

The path forward is clear. In accordance with the President's guidance, governmental ministries and organizations must foster Positive and Growth Mindsets. They must cultivate employees who are loyal to the State and the public, ethically responsible, and free from corruption.

Only by developing competent and principled civil service personnel can the Government's 100-Day Strategic Plan be implemented successfully, efficiently, and effectively. The clock is ticking, and the time to invest in human capacity is now.

NATIONAL

Maritime trainees visit Mingaladon Airbase, Nuclear Technology Information Centre

TRAINEES from various camps of the Basic and Advanced Maritime Youth Training Course Batch 1/2026, who are currently in Yangon, visited the Airbase in Mingaladon Township yesterday morning together with instructors, administrators, and responsible officials.

Officials from Tatmadaw (Air) explained and demonstrated aerospace science and technology, general knowledge related to aviation and flight operations, and the aircraft and helicopters currently used by Tatmadaw (Air).

At noon, they visited the Nuclear Technology Information Centre in Hline Township.



Youth trainees are seen during their observation tours.

They received detailed explanations of materials displayed in the exhibition hall, including a tomography model used in disease diagnosis through nuclear technology, a model showing the internal components and operational process of the RITM-200,

a type of small modular reactor used for electricity generation, a radiometer device that measures radiation levels in the human body and compares them with radiation levels found in surrounding environmental materials, an interactive quiz game system covering basic nuclear technology knowledge, equipment used to measure radioactivity in natural materials such as sand, rocks, and cement, a 3D virtual model illustrating the internal components and step-by-step structure of a nuclear reactor and a miniature wind turbine model used for generating electricity through wind power.

At the video screening hall,

they watched an MTV song presentation highlighting the activities of the Ministry of Science and Technology, videos explaining the importance of small modular reactors and the construction experience of Rosatom, the State Atomic Energy Corporation of the Russian Federation, and educational videos in the Myanmar language explaining the basics of nuclear and radiation. They also observed poster exhibitions demonstrating the practical applications of nuclear technology in sectors such as healthcare, energy production, education, industry, and environmental conservation with great interest. — MNA/KTZH

Aviation youth trainees compete in RC aircraft, helicopter events on Day Two in Nay Pyi Taw



Youth trainees are seen in the RC aircraft and helicopter flying competitions.

TRAINEES of the Basic Aviation Youth Training Course 10 and Advanced Aviation Youth Training Course 9 continued

their activities on the second day yesterday, holding competitions at the transit centre in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

In the morning, an RC aircraft flying competition was held, and trainees from 20 training camps across the nation took part in it.

In the afternoon, the RC helicopter flying competition continued at Hsinbyushin Hall within the transit centre.

The competitions were organized to help aviation youth trainees understand the basic principles of flight and the fundamental structures of aircraft and helicopters. Officials, along with instructors, teachers, and trainees from the respective training camps, attended and observed the events. — MNA/MKKS

MPC opens Media Training Course 7/2026 in Yangon

THE Media Development Committee of the Myanmar Press Council opened Media Training Course 7/2026 at the council office in Botahtaung Township on 18 May.

At the opening ceremony, Council Chairman Dr Tin Tun Oo delivered the opening remarks and welcomed the trainees, while Second Vice-Chairman U Khin Maung Kyaw Din explained the importance of continuously conducting media training programmes for the development of the media sector.

Course Director and Council First Secretary U Sein Toe explained the subjects to be taught and the attendance requirements for trainees. A total of 30 trainees are attending the course.

Subjects include media proficiency, professional journalism, media and international affairs, news translation, digital literacy, printing and publishing, media law, media and Myanmar's image, and media and human rights. Lecturers include U Khin Maung Aye (KMA), U Tin Maung Oo (Gyokbinkauk Tin Maung Oo), U Myint Thein (Maung Maung Myint Thein-Sethmu), Dr Khin Maung Lwin (Lanmadaw), U Thiha Baw Zan, U Aung Zaw Myo, U Khin Maung Kyaw Din, U Zaw Lwin Htoo and Daw Mi Mi Khaing.

The committee said that similar media training courses would continue to be conducted, with lectures delivered by council members and external experts. — ASH/KZL



An opening ceremony of the Media Training Course 7/2026 is in progress at the Myanmar Press Council office.

Daily newspapers available online

FOR those who would like to read the Myanmar Alinn, the Kyemon and the Global New Light of Myanmar, published daily by the Ministry of Information, please visit www.moi.gov.mm/mal, www.moi.gov.mm/km, www.moi.gov.mm/nlm and www.gnlm.com.mm/e-paper.

News and Periodicals Enterprise



China's overseas production enterprise registration rules to take effect on 1 Jun

CHINA'S administrative provisions on the registration of overseas production enterprises of imported foods will come into force from 1 June, according to the Domestic Trade Division of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

The General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) has issued Order No 280 (Administrative Measures for the Registration of Overseas Manufacturers of Imported Food to China) and Implementation Announcement No 27. These regulations entered into force on 1 June 2026.

Myanmar entrepreneurs who want to import food to China can review these regulations on the GACC's Import and Export Food Safety Bureau web-

site: <http://jckspj.customs.gov.cn/>.

According to GACC Decrees 248 and 249, GACC registration is mandatory for food exporters starting from 1 January 2022. Companies exporting 18 categories of goods from Myanmar to China must register with the GACC. Those 18 categories are edible oil, oilseeds, stuffed pastry products, edible bird's nest and related products, edible grains, grains milling industrial products and malt, fresh and dehydrated vegetables, dried beans, plant species, nuts and seeds, dried fruits, unroasted coffee and cocoa bean, special dietary food excluding milk-based formula, functional foods, bee products, aquatic products including farm products, animal products and

animal feed and livestock animal businesses.

The relevant authorities for the registration with GACC are the Agriculture Department, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, the Fisheries Department and the Food and Drug Administration Department.

Exporters can directly access the China International Trade Single Window through <https://cifer.singlewindow.cn> by creating accounts for those food groups which are not listed in the aforementioned 18 groups.

Between 1 December 2021 and 27 March 2026, 3,872 applications by 1,849 factories have been forwarded to the GACC through the Agriculture Depart-

ment (3,693 applications), the Fisheries Department (156), the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (14) and the Food and Drug Administration Department (nine).

Regarding the registration of the importing companies, the Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine under the GACC will check quarantine access for the imported grains (unroasted coffee bean, cocoa beans, fresh and dehydrated vegetables, plant seasonings (plant spices), edible grain, dried beans, oil seeds (oil plant) and herbal animal products and plant for their origins.

The companies cannot directly proceed with registration, and they need to carry out this step through competent author-

ities and departments concerned by sending an email via dapq@customs.gov.cn or submitting a letter to the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar or the Myanmar Embassy in China.

As of 31 March 2026, a total of 1,217 applications have been successful in registering with the GACC with the approval of the competent authority. Additionally, a manual registration list of overseas manufacturers of imported foods with the GACC has been uploaded on <http://dzs.customs.gov.cn/>. Individuals can enquire for further information through the contact numbers of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization at 067 3408605, 067 3408617 and email myantrade.domestic@gmail.com. — NN/KK

Shan potato seizes significant foreign market share

POTATOES from the southern Shan State are grasping a strong foreign market share beyond self-sufficiency, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization operated under the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Demand for high-quality potatoes is robust. Potatoes are a staple food in consumers' kitchens due to their nutritional powerhouse. The potato processing industry transforms raw potatoes into high-demand, value-added products. The global snack industry (potato fries, chips) booms, resulting in a massive surge in potato demand. Nonetheless, there are some challenges in potato cultivation and the market. Farmers need management strategies to stabilize their profits amidst rising production costs, erratic weather, transportation difficulties, and price instability.

Shan potatoes, known for their good quality and the farmers' cultivation experience, have strong potential for market expansion. If technology, storage systems, and market linkages are improved, that could increase farmers' incomes.

Shan potatoes are one of the important crops in Myanmar's agricultural sector. Despite price changes and market fluctuation, there is good potential for future growth. Collaboration among the supply chain stakeholders, including farmers, traders, and the government, could further improve potato cultivation. Southern Shan State is one of the highest potato-producing areas in Myanmar, with major production in Heho, Aungban, Pindaya, Kalaw, Naungtaya, and Tikyit. Mountain climate and fertile soil provide a good environment for potato cultivation. In the 2025-2026 Financial Year, increased cultivation costs and transportation expenses raised the potato prices. — NN/KK

Around 80,000 visses of chicken enter Yangon poultry market daily



This image shows baskets of poultry arriving at the poultry market in Mingala Taungnyunt Township.

APPROXIMATELY 80,000 visses of chicken are entering the poultry market in Mingala Taungnyunt Township daily, according to the mar-

ket management office. The varieties of chicken arriving at the market each day include broilers, biryani chickens, layers,

spent hens sold after a decline in egg production, and native Myanmar chickens. Among them, broilers account for the largest share.

"About 80,000 visses of chicken enter the poultry market every day. The volume has remained at about the same level in recent months. Broilers make up the largest portion, at around 60,000 visses per day. Consumers also prefer broiler chickens because they are more affordable, and this leads to higher demand," said an official from the market management office.

Chickens arriving at the poultry market come from livestock farms in Yangon Region, Ayeyawady Region and Bago Region. From there, they are redistributed and sold to several townships within Yangon Region. — ASH/KNN

Trading Amount and Forex Rate in the Market on 19 May 2026

	US\$	Chinese yuan	Thai baht	India rupee
Exchange rates	3,648.00~3,669.00	578.00~558.70	124.90~125.70	43.60
Trading amount in the market	8,527,958.81	25,805,847.12	124,723,991.13	
The amount sold by CBM to the market				

The foreign currency amount traded in the foreign exchange market was for the import of edible oil, fuel oil, car/motorcycle spare parts, medicine and pharmaceutical raw materials, industrial raw materials, fertilizers, animal feed, and consumer goods. The CMP sector revenue contributed US\$1.46 million to the edible oil sector, US\$0.52 million to the CPM sector and US\$0.35 million to the non-trade sector. — MNA

ECONOMY

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Thailand's economic growth quickens to 2.8% in Q1

THAILAND'S economic growth increased in the first quarter of 2026, mainly due to accelerated overall investment, merchandise exports, and government spending amid a continued rise in private consumption, official data showed on Monday.

The country's gross domestic product (GDP) in the January-March period grew 2.8 per cent from a year earlier, quickening from a 2.5 per cent rise in the previous quarter, according to the National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC). On a quarterly basis, GDP expanded a seasonally adjusted 0.7 per cent in the first quarter, slowing sharply from a 1.9 per cent gain in the

earlier three months and marking the second consecutive quarterly expansion, the NESDC said in a statement.

Exports, a key driver of Thai economic growth, are expected to grow 9.6 per cent this year, up from a two per cent increase in an earlier forecast, reflecting easing global trade restrictions and a surge in demand for advanced technology-related products, said NESDC Secretary-General Danucha Pichayanan.

The Southeast Asian nation's economy is projected to expand between 1.5 per cent and 2.5 per cent in 2026, unchanged from the previous estimation, Danucha told a news conference. — Xinhua



Visitors walk through an alley at Sampheng Market in Bangkok on 28 February 2026. PHOTO: AFP

Acknowledgement of Changing Registered Pesticides Trade Name

The trade name of the following pesticides manufactured by Ningbo Cycle Chemical Co., Ltd and officially registered at Pesticide Registration Board (PRB), Plant Protection Division (PPD) with the name of distributor by Once More Agro Co., Ltd. have been changed in reference to import and distribution. Any objection to this trade name change can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board, West Gyogone, Insein, Yangon within 14 days.

Sr.	Trade Name (Old)	Trade Name (New)	Active Ingredient	Manufacturer	Type of Registration	Registration Number
1	G Carbo	CarboStar 20 EC	Carbosulfan 20% EC	Ningbo Cycle Chemical Co., Ltd	Provisional	P2021-5237

Once More Agro Co., Ltd. Ph: 09797587482

Acknowledgement of Changing Registered Pesticides Trade Name

The trade name of the following pesticides manufactured by Ningbo Generic Chemical Co., Ltd and officially registered at Pesticide Registration Board (PRB), Plant Protection Division (PPD) with the name of distributor by Once More Agro Co., Ltd. have been changed in reference to import and distribution. Any objection to this trade name change can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board, West Gyogone, Insein, Yangon within 14 days.

Sr.	Trade Name (Old)	Trade Name (New)	Active Ingredient	Manufacturer	Type of Registration	Registration Number
1	Fun Thioram 80 WP	HomiTop 80 WP	Thiophanate-methyl 50% + Thiram 30%WP	Ningbo Generic Chemical Co., Ltd	Full	F2022-3888
2	G Talk	Omac Lam	Emamectin Benzoate 5% + Lambda-cyhalothrin 10% WP	Ningbo Generic Chemical Co., Ltd	Full	F2020-2939

Once More Agro Co., Ltd. Ph: 09797587482

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V XO LUCKY VOY.NO. (X2610E)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V XO LUCKY VOY.NO. (X2610E)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **20-5-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** 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 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S TI2 LOGISTICS PTE LTD

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M.V NAWATA BHUM VOY.NO. (339N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V NAWATA BHUM VOY.NO. (339N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **20-5-2026** 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.

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V AS SUSANNA VOY.NO. (0048N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **20-5-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP/MITT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

(ONE) OCEAN NETWORK EXPRESS LINE

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M.V MTT SAPANGAR VOY.NO. (618W)

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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SITC CONTAINER LINE CO., LTD

Swatch blames shopping centres for 'problems' with star product launch



A customer shows his newly purchased Audemars Piguet x Swatch Royal Pop watch outside of a Swatch store in Times Square in New York on 16 May 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

SWISS watch giant Swatch said Monday insufficient organization by shopping centres contributed to scuffles at around 20 stores worldwide over the weekend as clients

raced to buy a limited-edition timepiece.

Hundreds of people waited through the night or longer hoping to get their hands on the "Royal Pop" timepieces, billed as a "disruptive collaboration" with the luxury watchmaker Audemars Piguet.

But things turned ugly in New York and several European cities as well as in Thailand on Saturday, with fights breaking out and some security gates vandalized at some of the 220 stores offering the watches. — AFP

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PESTICIDES DISTRIBUTER CHANGING

The manufacture of Sixf Crop Protection Co.,Ltd have registered the following product in Pesticide Registration Board of Myanmar to distribute in Myanmar. Now, we have to change from old distributor name "Myanmar Max Agro Service Co.,Ltd", to new distributor name "Taw Win Dar Co.,Ltd". If any object or enquiry, please contact to Pesticide registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayint Naung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon, from here to next 14 days. Taw Win Dar Co.,Ltd. Ph-09401573814

Sr.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration No.
1.	Dingna	Emamectin benzoate 5.7% EC	P2022-5505

Notice for Change of Distributor

We, **Shanghai E-Tong Chemical Co.,Ltd** would like to change the Distributor of the following products, which registered under Pesticide Registration Board, Myanmar, from **Yonta Myanmar Co.,Ltd** to **Seinn Lae Thwin Co.,Ltd.**, If any objection or enquiry, please contact to Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon from here to next (2) weeks.

Sr.	The Old Distributor	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration Type	Registration No.	The New Distributor
1	Yonta Myanmar Co.,Ltd	E-T Kyee Htwarr	Gibberellic acid 10% ST	Provisional	P2025-6862	Seinn Lae Thwin Co.,Ltd.
2	Yonta Myanmar Co.,Ltd	Yonta Sate Pyaw	Oxadiazon 26% EC	Provisional	P2022-5542	Seinn Lae Thwin Co.,Ltd
3	Yonta Myanmar Co.,Ltd	Yonta-Kha Yu 70 WP	Niclosamide 70% WP	Provisional	P2026-6995	Seinn Lae Thwin Co.,Ltd

Address: **SEINN LAE THWIN CO.,LTD.** No.(525), First Floor, Corner of Merchant Street & 38th Street, Ward No.(6), Kyauktada T/S, Yangon. Tel 09-455188188

Thai Best Weeks in Myanmar (Yangon) 2026

The Office of Commercial Affairs, Royal Thai Embassy, Yangon, Myanmar or Thai Trade Center Yangon (DITP Yangon) collaborates with Myanmar's Leading Modern Trade Channels together with Makro Myanmar (THAI BEST SELECTION 2026) and Capital Retail Myanmar (THAI BEST BUY 2026) in order to promote Brand of Thailand and Thai Products in Myanmar.

The campaign aims to increase awareness and consumer confidence in Thai quality products among Myanmar consumers while creating more business opportunities for Thai products through Myanmar's Modern Trade Channels.

Around 200 Thai products from Makro Myanmar and Capital Retail Myanmar will participate in the promotion campaign, including Thai fruits, ready-to-eat food, snacks, seasonings, beverages, cosmetics, kitchenware, household products, electrical appliances, and lifestyle products.

The campaign will run from late May to early June 2026, some Thai products discount prices up to 30% and have more sales promotions such as Lucky Draw

every 50,000 Kyats shopping and interesting activities e.g. Marketing Activities, Thai Cooking Demonstrations, Thai Food Booths that relate to promote Thai food, Thai seasoning, Thai restaurant and Soft Power of Thailand.

Makro Myanmar

Makro Myanmar, the campaign will be organized as "THAI BEST SELECTION 2026" from 22 May – 4 June 2026 at Makro Sat San and Makro Kha Wae Chan (Insein). Around 100 Thai products will participate in the promotion, including ready-to-eat food, snacks, seasonings, beverages, cosmetics, kitchenware, and household products.

The event will feature Thai Food Booth, Thai cooking demonstration by Thai Select restaurant, influencers and KOLs, including Ser Mal and Just U&Me, will also join the campaign to increase awareness among Myanmar consumers.

Opening Ceremony: THAI BEST SELECTION 2026
📍 Makro Myanmar - Kha Wae Chan (Insein) Branch
📅 Friday, 22 May 2026 ⏰ 10:00 AM

Capital Retail Myanmar

Capital Retail Myanmar, the campaign will be organized as "THAI BEST BUY 2026" from 22 May – 10 June 2026 across 6 participating Capital Retail Myanmar branches, including Capital Hypermarket (Dawbon), Capital Supermarket (Sanchaung), Capital Supermarket (North Dagon), Capital Mini-Supermarket (Hmawbi), Capital Supermarket (Mandalay), and Capital Supermarket (Pyin Oo Lwin). Around 100 Thai products will participate in the promotion, including Thai fruits, ready-to-eat food, snacks, seasonings, beverages, cosmetics, kitchenware, household products, electrical appliances, and lifestyle products.

The event will feature Thai Food Booth, Thai cooking demonstrations by Thai Select restaurant, Thai Cooking Contest, Thai fruit carving demonstrations, and promotional activities. Myanmar influencers and celebrities, including Adam Oo and Konna, will also participate in the campaign to promote Thai products, Thai food, and Thai culture.

Opening Ceremony: THAI BEST BUY 2026
📍 Capital Hypermarket - Dawbon (Thaketa) Branch
📅 Saturday, 23 May 2026 ⏰ 10:00 AM

ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD



South Korean President Lee Jae Myung (R) welcomes Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi ahead of their summit meeting in Andong, South Korea, on 19 May 2026. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Japan, South Korea agree to boost energy cooperation amid Mideast war

TOKYO and Seoul have agreed to strengthen cooperation on securing energy supplies, Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi said during a visit to South Korea on Tuesday, as both nations grapple with the fallout of the Middle East war.

Takaichi said she and South Korean President Lee Jae Myung outlined a framework to bolster energy stockpiles in the Asia Pacific

and would work towards “enhancing energy security for both Japan and South Korea”.

“Given the current international situation, cooperation between Japan and South Korea on supply chains, including those for critical minerals, is important,” Takaichi told a joint news conference after meeting with Lee. Japan depends on the Middle East for about 95 per cent

of its oil imports, while South Korea gets about 70 of its crude from the region. Iran’s effective closure of the vital Strait of Hormuz in retaliation for US-Israeli strikes on Tehran has rattled global energy markets.

The two leaders met in Lee’s hometown of Andong four months after Takaichi hosted Lee in her own hometown of Nara in January. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Heatwave to affect parts of India

THE India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Tuesday said heatwave to severe heatwave conditions are likely to prevail over the plains of northwest and central India during the week. According to the weather forecasting agency, a gradual rise in maximum temperatures by two to three degrees Celsius is likely over many parts of northwest India until 24 May, and by three to four degrees Celsius over Chhattisgarh till 21 May.

A yellow warning for heat wave conditions in the national capital for the next three days has been issued. According to IMD, isolated places in the city are likely to reel under intense heat during the day. — Xinhua

Sri Lanka to ban single-use plastic water bottles in state offices from 31 May

SRI Lanka will ban the purchase and use of single-use plastic water bottles in all state institutions from 31 May, according to a government circular.

The circular, issued by the secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, instructed heads of state institutions to implement the policy in their offices.

Official data shows that Sri Lanka generates between 250,000 and 500,000 tonnes of plastic waste annually. — Xinhua

Greenland PM reiterates to US that island “not for sale”

GREENLAND’S Prime Minister Jens-Frederik Nielsen said Monday that he has reiterated to visiting US officials that the island is “not for sale” and that the Greenlandic people’s right to self-determination is not up for discussion.

Nielsen made the remarks at a brief press conference in Nuuk after meeting US special envoy for Greenland Jeff Landry and US Ambassador to Denmark Kenneth A Howery, according to a report of Greenland’s local newspaper Sermitsiaq. — Xinhua

China-Europe SMILE project benefits global scientific community: ESA head

EUROPEAN Space Agency (ESA) Director-General Josef Aschbacher has spoke highly of the China-Europe SMILE mission, saying it demonstrates that well-governed international scientific cooperation can deliver real value that benefits the global scientific community.

The Solar wind Magnetosphere Ionosphere Link Explorer (SMILE), a joint mission between the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and ESA, was successfully launched Tuesday aboard a

Vega-C rocket from Europe’s Spaceport in French Guiana. The satellite will improve understanding of solar storms, geomagnetic storms and the science of space weather.

Aschbacher said in a recent interview with Xinhua that ESA and China have a long-standing record of cooperation, from early data-sharing arrangements in the 1990s to today’s collaboration focused primarily on Earth science and space science. — Xinhua



A Vega-C rocket carrying the Solar wind Magnetosphere Ionosphere Link Explorer (SMILE) blasts off at the Kourou launch centre in French Guiana, 19 May 2026.

PHOTO: EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA

SPORTS

Yangon United sign first foreign player for new season



Cameronian Striker Mustapha. PHOTO: YUFC

YANGON United FC have completed their first foreign signing for the upcoming season after recruiting Cameroonian striker Mustapha.

Mustapha impressed for Rakhine United FC last season before securing a move to one of Myanmar's top clubs. He previously represented Cameroon at the youth international level and has also played for clubs in Albania and Tunisia.

Yangon United are continuing preparations for the new season after appointing an Argentine head coach and have now started strengthening their squad with new signings. — Maung San Gyi/KZL

Myanmar finish 2nd & 3rd at Sepak Takraw World Cup

THE semifinals and finals of the ISTAF Sepak Takraw World Cup 2026 were held in Kuala Lumpur on 19 May, with the Myanmar Sepak Takraw team securing second place in the Regu event and third place in the Quadrant event.

In the Regu semifinals, Myanmar defeated host Malaysia in straight sets, while Thailand beat South Korea 2-1. Myanmar won the first set 15-9 and the

second set 15-10 to advance to the final.

In the final, Thailand defeated Myanmar 2-1 to claim the title. Thailand won the first set 15-8, but Myanmar levelled the match after taking the second set 15-13. Thailand then secured the deciding third set 15-7, leaving Myanmar to settle for the runner-up position.

In the Quadrant semifinals, India defeated Myanmar 2-1, while Malay-

sia overcame Vietnam by the same score line. Myanmar, which had earlier stunned Thailand in the quarterfinals, failed to reach the final after losing to India and finished in third place.

The Team Regu competition will be held from 20 to 23 May, with Myanmar set to continue competing in the tournament. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL



Players are seen actively contesting the semifinal and final matches in the 2026 ISTAF Sepak Takraw World Cup yesterday. PHOTOS: ISTAF

AYA Tri-Nation Cup to feature Myanmar, Thailand and Uzbekistan

THE AYA Tri-Nation Cup 2026 women's invitational tournament will be held from 3 to 9 June at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon, featuring the host Myanmar women's national football team, the Thailand women's national football team, and the improving Central Asian side Uzbekistani women's team.

Organized by the Myanmar Football Federation for the preparation of the Myanmar women's national team, the tournament will follow a round-robin format, with the team earning the most points crowned champion. According to the fixture schedule, Myanmar will face Uzbekistan on 3 June, Uzbekistan will play Thailand on 6 June, and Myanmar will take on Thailand on 9 June. All matches will kick



Players of the Myanmar women's national football team. PHOTO: SOE NYUNT THAW

off at 4 pm at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre.

AYA Bank is supporting the tournament as the title sponsor. Matches will be broadcast live on free-to-air television channels, while details for advance ticket sales will be announced soon. The federation said the tournament is aimed at strengthening preparations for the national women's team and

contributing to the development of women's football in Myanmar. The Myanmar women's national team has been training since 27 April with a preliminary squad of 35 players. Newly appointed Japanese head coach Mitsuo Kato officially took charge on 19 May, while Daw San San Thein served as interim head coach before his appointment. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Myanmar women's team appoints Japanese coach on 2-year deal

IN preparation for international tournaments, including matches with Thailand and Uzbekistan at the AYA Bank Tri-Nations Cup (Women's Friendly), the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) has appointed a Japanese head coach, Mr Mitsuo Kato, under a two-year contract as the new chief coach of the Myanmar Women's Football Team.

Under the leadership of the new coach, the Myanmar women's team will start their training for international tournaments soon, said Mr Mitsuo Kato, 46, who holds the AFC Pro Licence and has worked as an experienced coach in Japan and Thailand with victories in the women's football industry.

He worked as an assistant coach for the Thailand women's team in 2019 and again from 2021 to 2022, helping them secure second place in the AFF Championship in



The photo shows Myanmar Women's Football Team's new head coach, Mr Mitsuo Kato.

2009 and a silver medal in the 30th SEA Games. He also served as assistant coach and technical analyst for Chonburi FC, BG Pathum United and Samut Prakan City.

He also worked as an assistant coach for the Thailand men's team from 2023 to 2025 and helped to improve their ranking in the 2024 Asia Cup. He also led Japanese football clubs Kyoto Sanga and Tegevajaro Miyazaki. — MT/ZS



RUSSIA-CHINA relations have reached “a truly unprecedented level”, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday in a video address delivered before his state visit to China.

The president noted that “regular mutual visits and Russia-China top-level talks are an important and integral part of our joint efforts to promote the entire range of relations between our two countries and unlock their truly limitless potential”.

The special nature of Russia-China relations is reflected in the atmosphere of mutual understanding and trust, a commitment to pursuing win-win and equitable cooperation, conducting respectful dialogue, and supporting each other on matters affecting the core interests of both countries, including protection of sovereignty and state unity, he said.

Putin noted that 25 years ago, Russia and China signed the Treaty of Good-Neighbourliness and Friendly Cooperation, which laid a solid foundation for a genuinely strategic relationship and comprehensive partnership for the benefit of the two countries and two peoples. Russia and China are actively expanding their contacts in politics, economy and other fields, while broadening humanitarian exchanges and encouraging person-to-person interaction, Putin said. “Together we are doing everything that can further deepen bilateral collaboration and advance the comprehensive development of our countries,” Putin said, noting that these issues will shape the agenda of the upcoming talks in Beijing. — Xinhua

Putin says Russian-Chinese ties reach “truly unprecedented level”



Chinese President Xi Jinping holds a virtual meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, 4 February 2026. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

WHO chief voices concern over “scale and speed” of Ebola outbreak

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on Tuesday expressed deep concern over the “scale and speed” of the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic



A visitor has their temperature checked by a health worker using a thermoflash before entering Kyeshero Hospital at a checkpoint for temperature screening for all visitors and patients entering Kyeshero Hospital, as part of Ebola prevention measures in Goma on 18 May 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

of the Congo (DRC) and Uganda, saying an emergency committee would meet later in the day to issue temporary recommendations.

Addressing the 79th World Health Assembly, Tedros said he had declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern for the Ebola outbreak in the two countries on Sunday, marking the first time a WHO chief had done so without first convening an emergency committee.

“I did not do this lightly,” Tedros said, noting the decision was made under Article 12 of the International Health Regulations after consultations with the health ministers of both countries. “I am deeply concerned about the scale and the speed of the epidemic.”

Tedros said the DRC’s province of Ituri had reported 30 confirmed cases, while Uganda confirmed two cases in the capital Kampala, including one death involving travellers from the DRC.

US authorities also reported one confirmed case involving an American citizen who was transferred to Germany, he said, noting WHO is working closely with the DRC, Uganda and the United States. — Xinhua

Iran, Pakistan discuss ongoing efforts to end US-Israeli war

IRANIAN Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi and Pakistan Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi have exchanged views on the ongoing efforts to end the US and Israeli war against Iran. In a meeting here on Monday, the two sides also discussed the region’s latest security situation and bilateral cooperation, the Iranian Foreign Ministry said in a statement on Tuesday. Araghchi praised Pakistan’s good offices in advancing diplomacy and preventing the escalation of tensions, describing US “contradictory and maximalist” behaviour and the country’s failure to fulfil its promises as the main obstacles to the path of diplomacy.

Naqvi, for his part, said he held “constructive and fruitful” talks with Iranian officials, including Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf and Interior Minister Eskandar Momeni, during his two-day visit to Tehran, highlighting the Pakistani government’s firm determination to continue promoting all-out relations with Iran. — Xinhua