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President U Min Aung Hlaing addresses the Union government meeting at the President's Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Ground-Level Talks Underway with Key EAOs

Through effective leadership and lessons learned from past events, the nation must strengthen its political, economic, and defence capabilities to enhance its dignity and reputation on the international stage.

IF the historical developments that have taken place in the country are reviewed, it is necessary to assess them in relation to the domestic political situation and international relations from the post-independence era to date, said President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing at the Union government meeting at the President's Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the Pres-

ident revealed that concerning security matters, when the government first assumed responsibilities, EAOs were invited to carry out peace talks within 100 days. At present, engagements are already being conducted at the ground level with some Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAOs).

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Yangon to host 2026 International Travel Expo in Jun

THE 2026 International Travel Expo, organized by the Union of Myanmar Travel Association and its affiliated associations under the directive of the Ministry of Hotels, Tourism and Culture, will be held on 13-14 June 2026 at the Sedona Hotel Yangon, said U Kyaw Bhone Naing, chairman of the association at the press conference.

The expo aims to further develop the tourism sector of Myanmar and to reintroduce the country's unique and attractive tourist destinations not only to the domestic tourism community but also to international tourism operators.

Hotels, domestic and international airlines, travel

agencies, hospitals, food and beverage businesses, tourism and hospitality schools, and tourism-related enterprises such as Myanmar handicraft and souvenir shops will have the opportunity to showcase their hotels, products, and services to the Myanmar tourism community and international tourism stakeholders, while also creating new partnerships and business opportunities.

The event will feature about 50 local travel companies and international organizations, together with tourism entrepreneurs from Malaysia, Korea, Russia, France, Spain, Slovakia, Romania, India, Indonesia and Nepal. — Myo Min Thura/KTZH

Kanthaya school gets fresh cleanup ahead of new academic year



Kanthaya 1 Basic Education Post-Primary School in Hmawby undergoes major cleaning ahead of school reopening. **PHOTO: SEIN THEE**

ENROLMENT in basic education schools began nationwide on 25 May 2026, and students are being admitted to basic education schools in several Yangon townships during school enrolment week. In collaboration with the headmistress and the ward administrator, grass and shrubs in front of Kanthaya 1 Basic Education Post-Primary School in Ward 4, Hmawby Township, were cleared yesterday morning.

Bushes and wild grass have proliferated along the entrance area, inside the school com-

pound, and around the school toilets since the start of the rainy season. Vegetation must be removed due to the risk of insects such as mosquitoes and flies. In order to prevent the rainy season from adversely affecting the health of kindergarten and primary school students, bushes and trees around the school must continue to be cleared. During the school opening period, it is particularly important to maintain both the exterior and interior cleanliness of the school. — Sein Thee/MKKS

Public Invitation: Submit Recommendations on Anti-Online Scam Bill

THE Anti-Online Scam Bill was published in State-run newspapers on 14 May 2026 for public review and feedback. The Bill is scheduled for deliberation during the Second Regular Sessions of the Third Hluttaws.

Members of the public are warmly invited to submit their recommendations and suggestions to the addresses listed below. All submissions must be received by 2 June 2026.

- (1) Director-General, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office
- (2) Director-General, Pyithu Hluttaw Office
- (3) Director-General, Amyotha Hluttaw Office — MNA/MKKS

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission

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Substitution of one Defence Services Personnel Representative for Kachin State Hluttaw

THE multiparty democratic general election was held in phases starting from 28 December 2025. In compliance with a notification from the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services regarding the replacement of one Defence Services personnel representative to the Region or State Hluttaw under Section 33 of the Region or State Hluttaw Election Law, the Union Election Commission verified the request and replaced the following Defence Services personnel representative to the Region or State Hluttaw mentioned in Announcement 35/2026 issued by the Commission on 11 February 2026, as specified in the attached list: -

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| (a) Kachin State Hluttaw | | |
| BC 74160 | replaced with | BC 69470 |
| Captain Ye Ko Myint | | Captain Aung Myo Thu |

Sd/ Than Soe
Chairman

Union Election Commission

KG to Grade-12 students enrol at Dawbon's schools

SCHOOL enrolments from KG to Grade 12 for the 2026-2027 academic year were conducted starting from the morning of 25 May at the basic education schools in Dawbon Township, Botahtaung District.

A compulsory free education system is being implemented for all school-age children to be able to learn, and in line with the motto "Let's Enrol All School-Age Children for Sustainable Development of the Country", to ensure that every child who has reached the age of five is treated without discrimination, that no one is left behind, and that all children are able to access basic education, enrolment activities are being carried out from 25 to 31 May as a school enrolment week, whereas the school principals



School children receive free uniforms, textbooks, and stationery ahead of the new term.

and officials are supervising the parents and guardians who are enrolling students according to their grades.

In Dawbon Township, there is one high school, four middle schools, and 12 primary schools. During the enrolment week, KG to Grade 12 students will be admitted simultaneously by their grade. KG students will receive free textbooks, four pencils, and one set of school

uniforms. Primary students from Grade 1 to Grade 5 will receive textbooks, one dozen notebooks, four pencils, and one set of school uniforms. Middle and high school students from Grade 6 to Grade 12 will receive textbooks, one dozen notebooks, two pencils, and two ball-pointpens free of charge, according to the Township Education Office. — Chit Su Wai (IPRD)/KTZH

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Ground-Level Talks Underway with Key EAOs

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The Government continues to extend invitations and offers for peace; however, it is also necessary for armed groups to have a sincere conviction and commitment, a genuine desire to achieve peace, and a willingness to cooperate for the country's development.

Speaking on the occasion, the President recounted that a caretaker government assumed responsibility in 1958, and the Revolutionary Council took over the State responsibilities in 1962. During that period, political leaders, young people, and officials from Tatmadaw had some level of awareness of socialism, and it was a time when democratic, capitalist, liberal, and socialist systems were in competition. Subsequently, those who favoured democratic, capitalist, and liberal systems had no political outlet, which led to protests and unrest. At the same time, disagreements also emerged within the ruling party regarding economic matters, and simultaneously, ethnic armed conflicts also intensified.

He continued that at that time, in terms of international relations, Myanmar's relations with the United Nations were generally good, and leaders who served in the United Nations also emerged. However, difficulties arose during the time of the White Chinese invasion. The country initiated the Myanma Socialist Programme in its own way. This was a period when global ideological competition among different political systems was particularly intense.

The President continued his discussions, saying that during the process of moving towards a democratic system, NGOs and INGOs entered the country, and foreign assistance was received from abroad. At that time, countries that supported democracy also assisted Myanmar. The population and housing censuses conducted in 1973 and 1983 showed that the country already had weaknesses in education since that period.

Taking advantage of these weaknesses, some NGO and INGO organizations engaged in activities that fostered negative perceptions of the government and encouraged opposition against it. Due to underdevelopment, Myanmar also applied for Least Developed Country (LDC) status in order to receive foreign assistance, which further weakened public confidence in the State.

As a result, in 1988, the country experienced an economic decline,

administrative mismanagement, and social and economic hardships among the public. The illegal declaration of currency also occurred, which ultimately led to the outbreak of unrest.

The President added that Myanmar was not yet a member of ASEAN at that time. Some powerful countries attempted to influence Myanmar to act in accordance with their own interests. Although Myanmar regularly attended United Nations General Assembly sessions, its participation in international affairs and within the United Nations system was relatively limited.

The President also retold that due to economic decline and a lack of internal peace and stability, negative perceptions arose internationally towards the country. The GDP was very low, and production levels were also sig-



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nificantly limited. It can be observed that the national economy was being sustained largely through the extraction and sale of natural resources.

In terms of political development, although a National Convention was convened during the SLORC period in an effort to move towards a multiparty democratic system, it was later suspended for various reasons. During the SPDC period, the National Convention was reconvened, and efforts were initiated to proceed towards a multiparty democratic path desired by the people.

He explained that Tatmadaw assumed responsibility for the affairs of the State in 1988, and it worked to restore internal peace, implementing ceasefire arrangements based on mutual agreements between the two sides in 1989.

Moreover, the President continued that during the transition towards a democratic path, the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) was able to be signed. At that time, amendments were made to the electoral law, which allowed the NLD party to participate in politics.

At that time, he noted that NGOs and INGOs became involved in political matters and interfered in the country's internal affairs. During the

2020 multiparty democratic general election period, foreign countries supported, through various means, the party that could implement their own preferences. When Tatmadaw assumed responsibility in 2021, NGOs and INGOs became involved in matters related to ethnic armed organizations. The President urged Union Ministers and Chief Ministers of Regions and States to take careful note of the historical experiences the country has gone through. Lessons should be learned from past events and experiences, and efforts should continue to be made to ensure that such incidents do not occur again in the future.

Drawing lessons from the country's historical experiences and political systems, the Government will

strive to strengthen political, economic, and defence sectors through effective leadership, and to enhance the country's prestige on the international stage. He urged Union-level officials, Union ministers, and chief ministers of regions and states to think broadly and act with a wide-ranging perspective when dealing with political, economic, and security matters.

The President vowed that the government will work to firmly establish a multiparty democratic system and build a Union based on democracy and a federal system. It should also be clearly understood that the federal system referred to is a territorially based one, not an ethnicity-based federal arrangement. In national affairs, efforts will be made to ensure the country's prosperity. To achieve this, it is necessary to create employment opportunities, enable people to access real jobs, and develop practical skills and work capacity.

He highlighted that it is necessary to promote the expansion of employment opportunities and job creation at both the Union level and within regions and states, and to implement measures that enable people to work productively.

Regarding land use, the President underlined that laws on farmland and vacant, fallow, and virgin land have al-

ready been enacted. Accordingly, activities must be carried out strictly in accordance with the granted permissions and existing regulations.

He noted that political reforms have already been firmly implemented, and there is no reason for disagreement. Therefore, it is necessary to work together on a peaceful democratic path.

Compulsory education up to KG+9 must be implemented, and access to education in all schools must be ensured. Only through education can employment opportunities be created in rural areas. If school education is not encouraged, children will face difficulties in their life paths in the future. Hence, it is necessary to make all schools clean, pleasant, and beautiful, and to provide the required basic infrastructure and other necessary support to improve conditions in schools.

The President gave guidance that the budget allocations intended for development projects are used properly, accurately, and to their full benefit. Returning unused funds as surplus due to an inability to utilize approved allocations results in losses for the State; therefore, such funds must be spent and managed correctly and effectively.

Union Ministers submitted reports on their respective sectors.

In response, the President stressed that regarding online gambling, responsible officials in the region and state governments are required to cooperate with relevant organizations, conduct on-the-ground inspections, and carry out effective measures to combat online gambling.

The President also gave guidance on important measures of the fuel oil and edible oil sectors, and the disbursement of loans to entrepreneurs.

In conclusion, the President urged that efforts are being made to quickly repair hospitals, schools, government offices, and religious buildings that were damaged and destroyed due to armed conflicts in Chin State. Necessary construction materials are being supplied for this purpose. Priority will be given to the restoration of hospitals and schools, and public markets, as well as other government office buildings will also be repaired. He also urged that regions and states contribute and cooperate to the best of their ability in the rehabilitation of Chin State.

Also, present at the meeting were Vice-Presidents U Nyo Saw and Nan Ni Ni Aye, Union ministers and the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, together with region and state chief ministers through videoconferencing. — MNA/TTA

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Hluttaw Representatives Urged to Maintain Strict Political Neutrality



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi meets Pyithu Hluttaw representatives from Mandalay Region yesterday.

HLUTTAW representatives need to have a thorough understanding of their respective constituencies and the wishes of the voters and the public, said U Khin Yi, Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, at the meeting with Pyithu Hluttaw representatives from Mandalay Region at Thabin Hall of the Mandalay Region Hluttaw office yesterday afternoon.

The Speaker continued that Hluttaw representatives must carry out their duties with a focus on the interests of the State and its citizens, without partisan bias, ethnic bias, or ideological bias. They also need to strive to become representatives who address and fulfil the difficulties

faced by the people and who are worthy of the public's trust. Hluttaw representatives have to submit the needs of the people to the Hluttaw for addressing these issues promptly.

He added that Hluttaw representatives should ensure that there are no procedural errors in their activities. A Hluttaw is an institution composed of public representatives who have been elected and entrusted with responsibilities in accordance with the wishes of the people from their respective constituencies.

The Speaker underscored that legislative work is the primary responsibility of the Hluttaw, adding that the Hluttaw has

the duty to ensure that citizens can live peacefully and securely under the protection of the law. Therefore, existing laws that are no longer in line with the current era and system need to be systematically reviewed and amended, supplemented, and enacted as necessary. It is also necessary to study and assess the current situation and promulgate laws that are in line with the times.

He revealed that priority will be given to submit the Anti-Online Scam Bill to the second regular session of the Hluttaw to enact the law.

He pointed out that Hluttaw representatives, when submit-

ting and raising questions, need to present and ask about the actual needs of the people.

He highlighted that only when the Hluttaw and the government work together in close cooperation and coordination will it be possible to truly achieve national development and effectively fulfil the needs of the people.

Mandalay Region Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Kyaw Moe reported on the undertakings of the third Mandalay Region Hluttaw. The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker gave the necessary instructions. After the meeting, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker inspected the convention hall of the region Hluttaw.

In a meeting with MSME businesspersons and town elders of Mandalay Region, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said that Hluttaw has the responsibility to ensure that citizens fully enjoy the rights guaranteed under the Constitution. Town elders, respected community leaders, and businesspersons can openly and candidly present any difficulties they are facing, as well as matters that require the State's assistance and support, so that the Hluttaw can coordinate and facilitate the necessary actions.

The Hluttaws will also strive to coordinate with the relevant authorities and, when necessary, amend, supplement, or enact new laws accordingly.

The meeting attendees participated in the discussions. The Speaker vowed that, concerning submissions for individual difficulties, public or collective issues, and MSME-related challenges that contribute to national development, the Hluttaw will review and re-examine these measures under laws, regulations, and procedures. If necessary, the Hluttaw will coordinate and resolve such matters and proceed with enacting them into law. — MNA/TTA

Chin State hosts rehabilitation and reconstruction coordination meeting

THE Chin State rehabilitation and reconstruction coordination meeting was held yesterday evening at the meeting hall of the Chin State Government Office in Haka Township yesterday. It was attended by Chin State Chief Minister Dr Wong Hsun Thang, Chin State Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Committee Chairman and

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Than Soe, state ministers, the State Advocate-General, and other officials.

Chin State Chief Minister Dr Wong Hsun Thang first delivered a speech. Committee Vice-Chairman and Minister for Chin State Security and Border Affairs Colonel Khin

Maung Htwe then gave an explanation of the rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks in Chin State, while Committee Chairman and Deputy Minister Dr Than Soe provided clarifications.

Afterwards, committee members and officials made presentations. The state ministers and the deputy minis-



The Chin State rehabilitation and reconstruction coordination meeting is underway in Haka yesterday.

ter made suggestions, and the chief minister delivered the concluding speech. — District IPRD /MKKS

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Stake-driven ceremony held for new National Solidarity and Peacemaking Centre building

THE stake-driven ceremony for the construction of a new building for the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Centre was held yesterday morning at the site located at the corner of Shwe Kyar Pin Road and Myat Mingala Road in Dhana Theikdi Ward, Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw.

The ceremony was attended by Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Chairman of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee (NSPNC), Lt-Gen Min Naing, Secretary of the NSPNC, and committee members, Union Ministers, departmental heads and officials, guests, and the managing director and chief engineer of the construction company responsible for the project.

The NSPNC secretary presented a detailed explanation of the new building of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Centre to be constructed.

Afterwards, the NSPNC chairman

drove the central stake into the ground, while the NSPNC secretary, Union ministers, and senior officials drove stakes at their respective locations to mark the foundation. They then scattered auspicious flowers, sprinkled scented water, and toured the construction site of the centre.

The new two-storey National Solidarity and Peacemaking Centre building is being constructed with funding from the Union Budget allocated to the Department of National Solidarity and Peacemaking and will occupy a land area of 8.5 acres. The building will include a total of 41 rooms on the first floor and 42 rooms on the ground floor, including a conference hall with a seating capacity of approximately 180 people for meetings and a dining hall that can accommodate around 200 people. The structure is designed as an earthquake-resistant two-storey building. — MNA/TH



The ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of a new building of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Centre is in progress yesterday, attended by NSPNC Chair Lt-Gen Yar Pyae.

Myanmar's PMI launches Seglupac

AA Medical Products Ltd announced on 26 May that Pacific Medical Industries (PMI), one of Myanmar's leading pharmaceutical manufacturers, has successfully produced Semaglutide (Seglupac), the world's latest treatment for diabetes and obesity, domestically for the very first time.

To commemorate this manufacturing milestone, an introductory Academic Symposium was held on 9 May at the Yadanabon Hall of the Ibis Styles Hotel in Mandalay. Prominent professors and specialists from relevant medical fields

led the academic discussions and presentations. Following the sessions, the chairpersons and speakers addressed questions raised by the attending experts.

The event concluded after the presentation of honorary bouquets to the chairpersons and speakers, followed by a lucky draw programme with commemorative gifts for the attendees.

AA Medical Products Ltd (Pacific AA Group) stated in their press release that they will continue to manufacture high-quality medicines to promote public health. — MT/ZN

The introductory event commemorating the first-ever domestic production of Semaglutide (Seglupac) by Myanmar's Pacific Medical Industries.

Green Village Project funds disbursed in Monghsat

THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Monghsat District, Shan State (East), disbursed Green Village Project revolving funds in Kana Village, Monghsat Township, on 25 May to support the expansion of family income-generating businesses.

At the event, District Head of the Department of Rural Development U Sai Aung Myo Htet explained that the revolving

funds were being provided to help rural residents gain the financial capital needed to expand their family businesses and to enable village development activities through the interest income generated by the project.

Following this, Township Project Officer U Sai Soe Htay and staff clarified the interest rates, repayment terms, and regulations related to the loan programme before formally transferring the revolving

funds to members of the Green Village Project committee.

Under the supervision of district and township officials, project committee members then disbursed the third round of Green Village Project revolving funds totalling K33 million at low interest rates to 22 beneficiaries in Kana Village. The recipients included 16 agricultural workers, three livestock breeders, and three traders.

According to officials, the



A fund recipient receives the disbursement on 25 May.

funds are intended to strengthen small-scale rural businesses and improve household incomes through sustainable

community-based economic activities. — Maung Khaing (Rural)

NATIONAL

Rehabilitation items and commodities arrive in Falam, Chin State

TATMADAW conducts Counter-Terrorism Operations in certain villages, townships, and regions temporarily controlled by terrorists to ensure peaceful living conditions for the public and to promote socio-economic development. As a result of these operations, the areas of Falam, Tiddim, and Tonzang in Chin State have been fully retaken. In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, the relevant authorities are working together with residents to carry out rehabilitation and reconstruction activities.

Construction materials, including cement, iron sheets and nails, were transported by Tatmadaw aircraft from Mandalay, while relief supplies,



Rehabilitation efforts are in place on 25 May in Falam, Chin State.

including household goods, kitchen utensils and personal hygiene items, were sent from Nay Pyi Taw for residents returning to their homes on 25 May.

Moreover, the construction materials such as cement, iron sheets and nails, and household commodities provided by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, which are currently in Kalay, were transported to Falam from Kalay by vehicles yesterday morning, and the materials arrived in Falam in the evening.

Upon arrival, the transported goods were received by responsible officials and will be further distributed directly to residents. Remaining goods will continue to be delivered to other towns, and the government will continue to provide necessary assistance systematically based on regional needs. — MNA/KTZH

Green Village Project activities in PyinOoLwin inspected



Officials review the successful operation of small-scale agricultural activities.

OFFICIALS from the Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, conducted a field inspection yesterday in Inpote Village, PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Region,

to review the implementation of Green Village Project activities.

During the inspection, PyinOoLwin District Head of the Department of Rural Development U Hset Naing Tun and officials met members of

the village Green Village Project committee and observed the successful operation of small-scale agricultural activities supported by the project revolving funds.

Officials also reviewed the completeness and accuracy of monthly financial reports submitted by the project committee members. The district head coordinated necessary support measures and discussed project implementation requirements with villagers and committee members.

Revolving funds totalling K47.4 million have been provided to 87 project members engaged in agricultural activities in Inpote Village. The revolving funds are currently being used effectively to sustain and expand project-related livelihood activities. — Cho Than Nyunt (Rural)

YGH boosts bone marrow care with advanced blood irradiator



This photo features a blood irradiator machine and haematologists together.

THE Haematology Department at Yangon General Hospital (YGH) has installed a blood irradiator machine used in bone marrow transplants and has begun providing treatment services.

“If patients require blood transfusions, this machine is used to make the blood safer before transfusion,” said Dr Aung Lin Aye, Senior Medical Superintendent of Yangon General Hospital.

Last year, bone marrow transplants were successfully performed on 10 patients at YGH, and currently, four bone marrow transplant patients are admitted and receiving treatment.

YGH is a 2,000-bed teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Medicine 1, Yangon. To date, the hospital has successfully provided bone marrow transplant treatment to 33 patients. — ASH/TH

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Officials inspect GVP income-generating projects in Shwedaung

OFFICIALS from the Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Pyay District, Bago Region, conducted a field inspection yesterday morning in Shartine Village, Shwedaung Township, to review the implementation of family income-generating activities supported by the Green Village Project revolving fund.

During the inspection, Pyay District Head of the Department of Rural Development Daw Khine Shwe Wah, Township Head U Aung Khine Zaw, and technical officials observed agricultural, livestock, trading, and small-scale livelihood activities being carried out with project revolving funds in the village.

Following the inspection,

the district head met members of the Green Village Project committee and reviewed the accuracy and completeness of monthly financial reports. Officials also encouraged villagers to further expand small-scale family businesses and systematically manage project funds to prevent losses and ensure long-term sustainability.

According to officials, a total of K30 million in low-interest revolving funds has been provided to 101 project members in Shartine Village. Beneficiaries are successfully operating agriculture, livestock breeding, trading, and livelihood businesses that contribute to increased household incomes and improved rural livelihoods. — Sein Lwin (Rural)



Officials meet villagers during their inspection of family income-generating activities in Shwedaung Township.

Actress marks birthday with charity

ACTRESS Saung Eindray Htun donated K1 million to the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization as part of her birthday donations during a birthday celebration held on 23 May at the Inya Lake Hotel in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, according to the actress.

“As part of my birthday donations, I donated K10 million to the Ashin Uttama Monastery in Kyimyindine. I also donated K15 million each to two nunneries in Sagaing. I am happy to have the opportunity to donate to places in need. I make donations on every birthday, and even when I do not celebrate my birthday,



Birthday celebrant actress Saung Eindray Htun is seen together with Kyi Soe Tun, Chairman of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization.

I still make donations,” said actress Saung Eindray Htun. — ASH/KZL

Frontline Tatmadaw members receive warm welcome home



Victorious Tatmadaw troops are seen being welcomed back at the Central Eastern Command Headquarters.

A ceremony to warmly welcome back the triumphant frontline Tatmadaw members who courageously served duties in Homein region and its vicinity areas was held at the local battalion in Mongkai in Shan State

(South), yesterday.

Officials from the Central Eastern Command, departmental officials, teachers, military officers, other ranks and locals welcomed back returning soldiers with heartfelt enthusiasm.

They also welcomed home victorious Tatmadaw members with sprigs of Eugenia and presented the cash prizes to the returnees. The event included traditional dance and music performances. — MNA/KTZH

Air Quality Measurements in Yangon on 25 May

THE Environmental Conservation Department of Yangon Region conducts 24-hour monitoring of six Parameters-Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5), Particulate Matter 10 (PM10), Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂), Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂), Ozone (O₃) and Carbon Monoxide (CO)-using Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station with Mobile Car (AQMS Mobile Car) and Compact Air Quality Monitoring Station (AQM 65) at three locations as follows:-

No	Air quality monitoring locations in Yangon Region	Measured parameters					
		PM2.5	PM10	SO ₂	NO ₂	O ₃	CO
1	Botahtaung Township, Yangon	Good					
2	International Business Centre, Hline Township, Yangon	Good					
3	Dagon Township, Yangon	Good					

Air Quality Index - AQI

0-50	Good air quality
51-100	Acceptable air quality
101-150	Unhealthy for sensitive groups
151-200	Unhealthy
201-300	Very unhealthy
301-500	Hazardous

The measured air quality results may vary depending on factors such as temperature, wind speed and direction, humidity, rainfall, vehicle usage, dust dispersion due to hot and dry conditions, emissions from factories, and surrounding environmental conditions near the monitoring sites.

Environmental Conservation Department

OPINION

Implement One Region One Product initiatives

THE State is leading the implementation of the One Region One Product plan as part of efforts to develop micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises, improve the socio-economic lives of the people, and create employment opportunities for residents.

In implementing the plan, each region will produce a variety of products that can secure relevant market positions based on their quality, fair prices, and usefulness in people's daily lives. Producers must aim to expand their businesses to benefit themselves, their employees, their communities, and the national economy.

Hence, businesspersons as well as people from different regions across the nation need to work hard to produce high-quality products that can support business development, create employment opportunities for residents, and leave a lasting legacy for future generations. It will be a meaningful achievement for all to produce quality products that can be recognized in the business sector as well as in the history of their respective regions.

market share. Therefore, they need to attract the attention of customers and consumers by creating appropriate product designs and trademarks. Importantly, these trademarks will become valuable assets of their businesses, while the success of their businesses will, in turn, depend on the strength and popularity of their trademarks in the market.

Gradually, the trademarks and logos of these products will come to represent their respective regions and become part of their local identity and tradition. People in these regions should preserve and pass down the reputation of locally produced products and their trademarks to future generations. For example, pipes of various types produced in Ywaluk Village in Chaungzon Township, Mon State, are well known throughout Myanmar as well as in neighbouring countries. Such efforts will leave a lasting legacy for residents.

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Moreover, the manufacturing of these products should make use of domestic raw materials.

Consequently, people who are unable to manufacture products under the One Region One Product scheme will have opportunities to supply domestic raw materials to the relevant MSMEs and thereby increase their incomes. In this way, the One Region One Product scheme can support manageable production while also nurturing small-scale businesses that cannot afford large capital investments. As a result, all stakeholders can benefit from mutual cooperation.

The One Region One Product scheme can create significant opportunities for both producers and their respective regions. In implementing the plan, businesspersons are expected to make strong and energetic efforts to expand their businesses. They will seek the best ways to produce high-quality products in order to gain market share.

IN TODAY'S era, as technology advances at a rapid pace, our daily lives, as well as the entire world's operating systems, are becoming completely dependent on the Internet and digital networks. Although the advancement of technology has brought many benefits, such as speed and convenience, it has also brought with it unwanted side effects and risks. The most common and most common of these risks is cybercrime (Cyber Scams), which involves online fraud.

Now, these online scams have gone beyond the level of a common problem and have become a serious epidemic that is spreading rapidly around the world. These cybercriminals are not only defrauding the public of their hard-earned money through various fraudulent methods, but they are also threatening to destroy the peaceful social and economic lives of the people and endanger their lives.

The government will not ignore the dire situation of people being scammed and losing money online. To ensure that people do not suffer again and are safe online, it prioritizes the implementation of a strong international-level prevention mechanism as soon as possible and most effectively, without any delay.

As evidence that this is truly a matter of public interest, a new law has been drafted, the **Anti-Online Scam Bill**. The bill was officially introduced to the public through state-run newspapers on 14 May 2026, so that the public can learn more about it. The government is providing this transparent advance notice so that the public can read and study the contents of this law in advance and send useful suggestions and comments directly to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.

In fact, the emergence of this bill to combat online fraud will greatly help to fully protect the lives and property of the people from cyber-

Anti-Online Scam Bill to Ensure Public Safety

criminals. In addition, it is a very important and historic step that will show how strong the level of our Internet and digital security system is among the countries of the world. If you carefully study the steps and procedures outlined in this bill, you will see that the people will no longer have to worry about being scammed when using online payment systems, banking services, and social networking sites that they use every day, and they will be able to use them confidently and boldly.

The government will not stop at just taking strict and effective action against fraudsters in implementing this law. It will also carry out extensive preventive awareness programmes to educate the public on what to watch out for so that they do not fall victim to fraud again. In addition, the government itself will closely monitor and implement many good measures to prevent fraudsters from entering the technology, so this new law will definitely become a true 'digital shield' that will fully protect the lives and property of the public.

Since prevention is more important than punishment, Chapter VII of the Anti-Online Scam Bill specifically includes strong preventive measures to prevent cybercriminals from stealing people's money. For example, when opening a Mobile Pay account, it will be necessary to strictly check the originality of the registration, and banks will immediately report suspicious transactions to the

central office. It will be very difficult for criminals to hide their tracks because illegal SIM cards, SIM boxes, and fake accounts, which are mainly used as weapons by fraudsters, will be systematically and decisively blocked.

This is a clear demonstration of the Head of State's broad vision and dedication to the people, who will work to clean and purify the entire online system of the country that the people use every day. In addition, in order to prevent the loss of the people's hard-earned money, the state central bank and telecommunications operators have been strongly linked by law. Because of this cooperation, suspicious and suspicious financial flows, as well as fraudulent phone calls and SMS messages sent to the people, will be systematically and timely monitored and effectively prevented.

A major obstacle to our efforts to eradicate cyber fraud has been the delay of information flow and communication between relevant government departments and private organizations. Exchange of Information for Chapter VIII of the new bill will be a crucial chapter that will eliminate all such loopholes and weaknesses.

In the real world, cybercriminals are constantly changing their networks and committing crimes on a second-by-second basis. Therefore, the ability to share suspicious account and financial flow information with gov-

ernment agencies, banks and financial institutions, electronic payment service providers, telecommunications operators, and Internet service providers at lightning speed through a centralized database is the key to winning this battle.

The bill also establishes a robust system to prevent people from losing their valuable money when online fraud occurs. There will be no more delays between departments as in the past. As soon as a crime is detected, the Myanmar Police Force, the Central Bank, private financial institutions and telecommunications operators will all work together to quickly exchange information, designated as a 'Red Alert'.

Normally, criminals would transfer money they have swindled from the public from one account to another in a matter of seconds, hiding their tracks. However, with the lightning-fast, highly-connected, and real-time monitoring of the transactions by all relevant departments through a central data system, the fraudsters will no longer be able to continue transferring money as they wish, and the government will be implementing a robust prevention system that will stop them in their tracks. More importantly, the information exchange processes included in this chapter will not stop at home. It has also opened up strong channels for real-time communication with in-

ternational police forces and regional cybersecurity centres.

Temporary suspension and actions against financial flows for Chapter IX, the lifeblood of the bill, contain provisions that are very satisfactory for the public. Previously, people had to wait for the court process to process their money once they had been scammed, which made it easier for fraudsters to seize their money. However, the new law gives banks and financial institutions the legal authority to immediately freeze or close accounts for up to 72 hours upon receiving a complaint of online fraud or when banks detect suspicious transactions.

In addition, some provisions will severely punish money mules who, although not committing fraud themselves, transfer money from their bank accounts and cards for a fee to enable fraudsters to launder money. The government's greatest ambition is not only to track down and prosecute the perpetrators, but also to carefully consider and draft a legal framework that will ensure that the funds that can be temporarily suspended are quickly and systematically returned to the hands of the affected public.

Cybercrimes are not confined to the borders of a single country, but are serious crimes that are committed across borders. Therefore, the government has foreseen and analyzed that it is not easy for a single country



By Wai Yan Lu

to combat and suppress such sophisticated crimes with its own strength. Therefore, in Chapter X of this bill, in accordance with international standards, the points of cooperation with international organizations such as the Interpol and the ASEAN Police Force have been carefully drafted.

This is the announcement of the government's firm determination to the world to root out organized crime by exchanging information with foreign countries, international police forces, and technical organizations, transferring criminals, conducting joint investigations, and sharing information. By working together with the international community in a balanced and active manner, Myanmar has proven its position as a responsible and active member state.

If one looks at Prohibitions for Chapter XI of the bill, the section, one will see that it has clearly stipulated prohibitions that are very important for the safety of the public. It mainly prohibits the authorization, possession and use of SIM boxes, which are often used by online fraudsters, satellite communication devices that do not meet the requirements, and illegal software technologies.

In addition, to prevent the misuse of people's personal information, it is strictly prohibited to purchase SIM cards, open bank accounts and digital wallets using someone else's name

and registration information. These strict prohibitions have effectively blocked the paths of account brokers and SIM card smugglers, who are the main actors behind fraudsters, and fully protected the security of people's information.

For more comprehensive protection, it stipulates the obligations of telecommunications operators, banks and financial institutions, and internet service providers, and also strictly prohibits the illegal recruitment of a person, forced labour, and online fraud related to human trafficking. In particular, the current trend of digital currency fraud (Crypto Scam) is clearly seen in the law, which clearly stipulates that no one shall commit it.

Chapter XII of this bill stipulates crimes and penalties for perpetrators. The crimes and penalties are clearly defined, and in the general section of Chapter XIII, it is seen that civil servants and private employees who stand on the front lines and work for the public interest are fully protected by law. It is particularly gratifying that the law provides strong protection against prosecution in any court, whether criminal or civil, for bank and financial institution officials who temporarily freeze a fraudster's bank account, whether based on suspicion of a crime or a complaint.

The Anti-Online Scam Bill, which will emerge under the visionary guidance of the national government, will undoubtedly become a very strong legal protection that will reliably protect the entire public from the dangers of cybercriminals in the long term. Therefore, in order for the public to more easily understand the essence of this bill, and if they have any necessary positive suggestions, they can send them directly to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office, with respect and consideration for the national and public interests.

The Importance of Basic Education and School Enrolment in Myanmar

By Junior Thin

THE 2026-2027 academic year for basic education schools in Myanmar will officially begin on 1 June 2026. In preparation for the new school year, the Ministry of Education has already organized continuous training programmes to improve the teaching and management skills of teachers, principals, township education officers, and educational

staff. These training courses are intended to strengthen the quality of education and ensure that schools are ready to provide effective learning opportunities for students across the country.

Myanmar's basic education system has now entered the fourth year of implementing the new curriculum system from Kindergarten (KG) to Grade 12. The curriculum is designed to improve students' intellectual development, practical skills, creativity, and

critical thinking abilities. To support this education system, the government has been gradually upgrading school buildings and educational facilities according to annual budgets. In addition, the government has provided school furniture, textbooks, exercise books, uniforms for primary students, teaching aids, and school development funds. Health support programmes for schools have also been implemented to create a better learning environment for children.

The new education system places strong emphasis on student-centred learning methods. Lessons are taught through discussion, participation, and practical activities rather than simple memorization. The aim is to prepare young people for their future lives and careers by equipping them with essential life skills and personal abilities.

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A teacher presents textbooks, notebooks, pencils and a school uniform to a student after enrolling the student for the 2026-2027 Academic Year in Thayawady on 25 May 2026. **PHOTO: THANT ZAW (IPRD)**



NATIONAL

Three Shwe Kokko scam hubs demolished



New images reveal the ongoing demolition of scam-related structures, buildings, and facilities in the Shwe Kokko area, Myawady, Kayin State.

THE Government of Myanmar has deployed a joint team comprising security forces, administrative bodies and local author-

ities to raid illegal buildings in the Shwe Kokko and KK Park areas, where telecom fraud and online gambling activities have

been operating, and to systematically dismantle confiscated materials and demolish illegal structures used for such activ-

ities.

Three four-storey residential buildings – out of 77 buildings used for online scam and

gambling operations in the Shwe Kokko area – were systematically demolished using machinery and equipment yesterday. This brings the total number of demolished buildings to six, leaving 71 illegal buildings still to be demolished. The remaining structures will continue to be systematically demolished.

The government considers the eradication of telecom fraud and online gambling crimes a national responsibility and will continue its efforts, in coordination not only with domestic forces but also with the governments of neighbouring countries, to ensure that such activities can no longer operate within Myanmar. — MNA/TH

Rural road, bridge and concrete road projects in Lewe inspected

OFFICIALS from the Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, the Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, conducted a preliminary field inspection yesterday in Shachaung Village, Lewe Township, for the planned construction of a rural production road, bridges, and an inner-village concrete road aimed at benefiting local farmlands and improving transport of agricultural products.

The projects are intended to help rural residents transport agricultural produce from farmlands to markets more efficiently and at a low-

er cost.

During the inspection, Lewe District Head of the Department of Rural Development, U Myo Tint, and officials examined ground conditions for the construction of a rural production road measuring 2,750 feet in length, 12 feet in width, and nine inches in thickness. The proposed project also includes the construction of three slab culverts and two pipe culverts along the road.

Officials also conducted measurements and inspections for a planned village concrete road measuring 1,580 feet in length, 12 feet in width, and seven inches in thickness

in Shachaung Village.

Following the inspection, the district head met village elders, local communities, and responsible officials to discuss implementation plans for the 2026-2027 financial year and coordinated necessary support based on the needs presented by the village community.

According to officials, the rural production road, bridges, and village concrete road projects will be implemented during the 2026-2027 financial year with technical assistance and close supervision from district and township Department of Rural Development staff. — Karan (Rural)



Officials oversee the construction of the road in the Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory.

Myanmar apprehends 4 additional foreigners in telecom fraud raid

MYANMAR authorities have detained four foreign nationals in ongoing investigations into online scam operations in border areas, official reports said.

The detainees include two Filipinos, one Nepali and one Indonesian, who allegedly entered illegally through border routes and were linked to scam-related activities in areas near Myawady, Kayin State.

Officials said investigations and verification processes are ongoing, and arrangements are being made for their repatriation in line with legal procedures.

Authorities also stated that thousands of foreign nationals involved in similar cases have been detained and deported in recent months as part of continued action against online scam networks. — MNA/KZL



Immigration procedures are underway for the deportation of undocumented foreign immigrants.

Gold Market Rate as of 26 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.

NATIONAL

China urges deeper people-to-people ties with Myanmar

CHINESE Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia has said that stronger efforts must be made on three key points to further strengthen people-to-people ties between China and Myanmar.

She made the remarks during the China-Myanmar People-to-People Connectivity Dialogue and the second-quarter 2026 China-Myanmar Media Exchange meeting, held at Wyndham Grand Yangon Hotel on 26 May.

Firstly, she said both sides should engage with openness, transparency and inclusiveness, while expanding and deepening



This image captures the China-Myanmar People-to-People Connectivity Dialogue and the second-quarter 2026 China-Myanmar Media Exchange meeting.

exchanges between the peoples of the two countries. Secondly, she said both countries should support each other with a spirit of mutual assistance and firmly uphold the fundamental objective of building a China-Myanmar community that shares both prosperity and hardship. The third point is to work for the benefit of the people through the concept of mutual benefit.

“To maintain good relations between countries, people-to-people friendship is essential, and to achieve that, there must be emotional connectivity between the people. To build

such a bridge of mutual understanding, remove misunderstandings and increase mutual trust, it is first necessary to understand the true and accurate image of each country as it really is,” Ambassador Ms Ma Jia said.

During the discussion, participants exchanged views on creating accurate national images that truly reflect the realities of both China and Myanmar, promoting mutual understanding and trust between the peoples of the two countries, and continuing to preserve and strengthen the Pauk-Phaw friendship between the two nations. — MT/KZL

Applications invited for Quiz on Korea 2026



This image displays a poster for the 2026 Quiz on Korea.

THE Embassy of the Republic of Korea has invited applications for the Quiz on Korea 2026 to select a contestant representing Myanmar.

The Korean embassy is seeking a contestant to represent Myanmar in the Quiz on Korea 2026 Final to be held in Seoul. To select this contestant, the embassy is hosting an audition and

inviting anyone with a love of Korean culture and a good understanding of all its categories, including history and language, to take part.

The event is planned to be held on 27 June at the embassy. Contestants and their parents and grandparents must not be Korean nationals, and they must be aged at least 18 years, be fluent in the Korean language and must not have participated in the Quiz on Korea Final. In addition, contestants must not have difficulty going and living in Korea between 7 and 13 September and must be enthusiastic and have sufficient knowledge about Korea. Applications can be submitted to this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQL-SexCBC_IzaeAbdR_vTIvbr88jgucA1A9JjOs-0jaqRx9C9ClSdg/viewform?usp=publish-editor from 25 May to 7 June.

A contestant who can answer all questions will be selected as a finalist, and a further announcement will be made on whether a preliminary audition will be called, depending on the number of applicants.

As a special reward, the winner will receive an air ticket and full accommodation costs to compete in the 2026 Quiz on Korea Final. Interested applicants can learn about the event at the KBS World TV YouTube channel, watch former contest videos, or they can search for Quiz on Korea on YouTube. — MT/ZS

Elderly urged to register for 2026-2027 Social Pension Support Programme



This photo shows the celebration of the previous International Day of Older Persons.

THE Department of Social Welfare has urged senior citizens aged 85 and above to register to receive benefits under the Social Pension Support Programme for the 2026-2027 financial year.

Those born before 1 April 1941 (the 6th waxing of Tagu, 1302 ME) are eligible for benefits under the Social Pension Programme and may register by 31 May 2026 at the relevant ward or village administration offices, or at nearby social welfare offices.

The Department of Social Welfare announced that beneficiaries of the Social Pension Support Programme will receive payments twice during the 2026-2027 financial year, with each payment covering six months. As payments will be made through a mobile money transfer system from this year onwards, beneficiaries are advised to activate the

relevant mobile transfer services in advance in order to receive the payments on their mobile phones.

The Social Pension Programme, which aims to provide financial assistance to elderly people and support income security in old age, was introduced in the 2017-2018 financial year. At present, around 150,000 people aged 85 and above are eligible to receive social pension benefits.

According to the “Research Report on the Elderly”, officially released by the Department of Population, the number of elderly people in urban areas is higher than in rural areas. The report also noted that the highest growth in the elderly population has been recorded in Magway, Bago, Mandalay, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Yangon regions, as well as Mon State. — ASH/MKKS

Kayah State govt bids for over K300M worth of infrastructure projects

THE Kayah State Development Affairs Committee under the Kayah State government invited open tender to domestic companies and citizen entrepreneurs for the infrastructure projects (power supply, water supply and road construction)

with over K300 million allocated from the State budget for the 2026-2027 financial year.

Tenders must be submitted to the committee’s office by referring to the chairman of the Tender Committee. The tender form is available at the office by

5 June. The deadline for tender submission is 4 pm on 5 June. The date of the tender opening will be announced later.

Individuals can contact the office for further enquiries at 09 260428092 or 09 428004481. NN/KK

NATIONAL BUSINESS

Shwe Padauk Fish Market generates over 3,000 daily jobs

THE Shwe Padauk Fish Market in Yangon's Hline Township has become a vital economic engine, generating over 3,000 daily employment opportunities.

The market serves as a major distribution hub for freshwater seafood arriving via Bayintnaung Road and the Hline River. These products are distributed to various townships across Yangon, a massive logistical operation that relies heavily on manual labour. Every day, workers from surrounding townships, including Hline, Kyimyindine, Dala, Twantay, Insein, Hlinethaya, and Shwepyitha, converge on the market to handle loading,

unloading, freezing, packing, transport, and trading activities.

"A single fish wholesale centre requires at least five to eight workers to operate efficiently," explained U Aye Ko, Vice-Chairman of the Shwe Padauk Market Development Committee. "A standard centre typically employs a mix of labourers, brokers, and clerks. For business owners managing up to ten centres, the required workforce scales up significantly."

U Aye Ko emphasized the deeply intertwined relationship between market owners and their labourers. "Owners and workers are mutually dependent.



The Shwe Padauk Fish Market is seen bustling with fish trading. **PHOTOS: KANU**

When sales thrive, workers earn more; during market slowdowns, their incomes dip. Recognizing this, owners prioritize worker retention and livelihood security. Maintaining mutual understanding and supporting the families of our workforce is always our main concern, especially during labour shortages. On any given day, between 2,000 and 3,000 workers are actively engaged here."

Spanning over eight acres, the sprawling commercial facility features seven buildings with 432 shops, and dedicated freezing facilities. With each of the hundreds of wholesale stalls employing five to eight people, the market consistently sustains between 2,160 and 3,456 jobs daily.

Daily wages fluctuate based on the volume of fishery prod-

ucts arriving at the market. Labourers are paid a piece rate of K15 per viss. For instance, if a centre processes 5,000 visses of fish in a day, an individual worker can take home around K15,000. Standard daily earnings for market labourers typically range from K15,000 to K25,000, while specialized positions like brokers and clerks command higher fixed salaries. — Thitsa

CBM injects US\$5.5M to forex market on 25 May

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$3.03 million to edible oil-importing companies, \$2.5 million to LNG-importing companies and \$34,474 million to CMP companies on 25 May, in addition to \$4,930 worth of non-trade transactions.

CBM injected \$1.9 million, purchased from companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis, into edible oil importing companies on 22 May.

CBM sold over \$2.33 million to edible oil-importing companies, \$1.5 million to LNG companies and \$16,603 to CMP companies on 21 May. Furthermore, CBM also made over \$353,000 worth of non-trade transactions on the same day.

CBM announced on 20 May that it would sell \$81 million to



An exchanger is counting the US dollars at the money changer counter.

fuel oil businesses. CBM injected over \$2.067 million into edible oil-importing companies and \$4,000 to CMP companies on that day, in addition to \$22,984 worth of non-trade transactions.

CBM pumped over \$1.45 million into edible oil-importing companies and over \$518,800 to CMP companies, along with \$518,830 worth of non-trade transactions on 19 May.

CBM sold over \$2.34 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$30,170 to CMP companies on 18 May.

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

YCC to host Myanmar's Biggest Property & Car Expo on 29-31 May

MYANMAR'S Biggest Property & Car Expo will take place at the Yangon Convention Centre on 29-31 May, hosted by iMyanmar House and CARSDDB.

This 20th Myanmar's Biggest Property & Car Expo will showcase a vast array of real estate projects, including condominiums, apartments, plots of land, shophouses and Electric Vehicles and brand-new cars, offering instalment plans and discount prices. It will act as a great platform for exhibitors to connect with their target customers, promote sales, build networks with industry leaders and gain insights into the latest trends in real estate and automotive sales.

Individuals can enquire for further details through <https://www.imyanmarhouse.com/s/34bn23k8>. or hotline: 09 425708811/13, 09 409321155, and 09 967699990/91. — NN/KK

Trading Amount and Forex Rate in the Market on 26 May 2026

	US\$	Chinese yuan	Thai baht	India rupee
Exchange rates	3,664.70~3,666.20	557.80~558.00	125.50~125.60	43.60
Trading amount in the market	13,606,652.72	4,829,760.00	99,737,808.56	
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, wheat, and consumer goods. From the revenue of the CMP sector, US\$0.71 million was contributed to the edible oil sector and US\$0.03 million to the CMP sector. — MNA

Ferrari unveils 'Luce', its first fully electric car, in a tough market

ITALIAN luxury carmaker Ferrari has unveiled its first fully electric model, the Luce, belatedly joining rivals like Porsche and Lamborghini to offer clean-energy driving thrills.

But the Luce — Italian for “Light” — has yet to win over investors, with Ferrari shares the worst performers on the Milan stock exchange Tuesday, tumbling six per cent following a presentation of the new vehicle in Rome.

Renowned for its powerful engines, the prestigious sports car manufacturer already sells nearly half of its cars in hybrid versions. Yet the brand with the prancing horse logo took several years before deciding to throw its hat into the all-electric ring.

The five-seat Luce — which analysts believe could be priced upwards of 700,000 euros (\$815,000) — boasts a top speed of over 310 kilometres per hour (190 miles per hour), accelerating to 100 kph in 2.5 seconds, according to Ferrari.

With a massive 122 kWh battery, it offers a range of over 530 kilometres and weighs 2.26 tonnes. With fast charging, the vehicle can reach an 80 per cent charge from 10 per cent in 20 to 25 minutes, the company claims.

The car is only the second Ferrari model with four doors in the company's history, after the Purosangue SUV, and the first five-seater for a brand better known for its sleek two-seaters.— AFP



This handout picture released by Italian auto maker Ferrari on 25 May 2026 shows the new fully electric Ferrari car called 'Luce', Italian for "light", revealed by Ferrari in Rome on 25 May. **PHOTO: HANDOUT / FERRARI PRESS OFFICE / AFP**

Transferring Distributorship For Registered Pesticides

We, **Shenzhen Noposion Agrochemicals Co., Ltd** would like to change the distributor of the following product, which registered under Pesticide Registration Board, Myanmar from **Htet Thiha Naing Co.,Ltd** to **Myanmar Woodpecker Agrosience 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 two weeks.

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2	Htet Hexa	Hexaconazole 25 % SC	Full registration	F2020-2732
3	Htet Mate Swe	Thiophanate-methyl 500 g/l SC	Full registration	F2020-2739
4	Noposion Phosate 480 SL	Glyphosate 480 g/l SL	Full registration	F2022-3928
5	Tar Mi Nay Tar	Acetamiprid 200 g/l SL	Full registration	F2020-2734
6	Ban Do	Emamectin Benzoate 3.4% WG	Full registration	F2020-2727
7	Htet Mat Tin	Abamectin 5% EC	Full registration	F2019-1931

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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 SITC CONTAINER LINE CO., LTD

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**Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority**

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M/S WILHELSEN PORT SERVICES (S) PTE LTD

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ARTICLE/ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

Iran accuses US of breaking truce after new strikes



A man crosses a street past vehicles moving near a large political billboard along Enghelab Square in central Tehran on 26 May 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

IRAN accused the United States of breaching their ceasefire Tuesday after overnight US strikes targeting Iranian missile sites and mine-laying boats threatened diplomatic efforts to strike a deal to end the war.

The Brent benchmark oil price jumped up by almost three per cent after US Central Command announced the new wave of bombings, and China urged both sides to respect the truce and to resolve their dispute peacefully.

According to the maritime safety monitor UKMTO, a blast

damaged a tanker on the waterline off Oman — although the crew and vessel were reportedly safe after what was described as an “external explosion”.

Iranian state media reported overnight blasts in the southern port city of Bandar Abbas, near the Strait of Hormuz, and the country’s Revolutionary Guards Corps said its forces had downed a US drone entering its airspace and had fired at an F-35 fighter jet.

“The US terrorist army, continuing its illegal and unjustified actions since the ceasefire ... has, in the past 48 hours, committed

a gross violation of the ceasefire in the Hormozgan region,” the Iranian foreign ministry said. It added that Tehran “will not leave any evil unanswered and will not hesitate to defend the Iranian nation,” without elaborating.

In a statement marking the start of the Eid al-Adha holiday, Tehran’s supreme leader Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei declared that Washington was losing its influence in the Middle East and warned countries in the region to stop hosting bases from which the US could launch attacks. — AFP

The Importance of Basic Education and School Enrolment ...

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In this system, five important learning skills, known as the “5 C’s”, are emphasized. These are Collaboration and Group Work, Communication, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, Creativity and Innovation, and Citizenship.

Through collaboration and group work, students learn how to cooperate with others, complete tasks together, and share ideas successfully. Communication skills help students develop speaking, listening, reading, and writing abilities so that they can express themselves confidently and effectively. Critical thinking and problem-solving skills encourage students to analyze situations carefully, identify solutions, and make correct decisions. Creativity and innovation help students think beyond traditional limits and develop new ideas. Citizenship education teaches students to become responsible citizens who participate actively in society, respect justice, and contribute to peace and harmony in their communities.

To ensure that schools can reopen successfully and students can attend classes regularly, the Ministry of Education has also launched a nationwide school enrolment campaign. The school enrolment week has been designated from 25 to 31 May 2026, under the slogan: “Let All School-Age Children Enrol in School for the Continuous Development of the Nation”. Educational authorities from different regions

are working hard to ensure that schools throughout the country can open smoothly on 1 June.

The development of a country depends greatly on the educational level of its citizens. There is a well-known saying: “Only when education rises can the nation progress”. Therefore, improving education from the foundation



Schoolchildren, with parents and guardians, enrol for the new term in Toungoo yesterday.

level is extremely important for national development. Basic education serves as the cornerstone of higher education, vocational training, and future careers. If a nation wants to become modern, peaceful, and prosperous, it must first ensure that its citizens receive quality education.

Education does not simply mean learning to read and write. According to the Myanmar Dictionary, education refers to “the wisdom and knowledge that enable a person to understand

and analyze things correctly”. A person who receives education gains knowledge, skills, and the ability to think critically. Education allows people to distinguish between right and wrong, make wise decisions, and solve problems effectively. Educated people usually approach challenges with careful thinking and logical rea-

soning. As a result, they are more likely to achieve success and contribute positively to society.

On the other hand, people without education often lack opportunities to develop their thinking abilities and decision-making skills. Without proper education, they may become vulnerable to harmful influences, misinformation, and poor choices. Therefore, education is not only important for personal success but also essential for building a responsible and civilized society.

Parents have a very important role in the education of their children. Their responsibility is not limited to giving birth and providing food or shelter. Parents must guide their children to become disciplined, knowledgeable, and morally good individuals. They must encourage their children to attend school regularly and support them in their studies. Sending children to school on time is one of the most important duties of parents because education creates the foundation for a successful future.

To support families, the government has introduced a free education system in basic education schools. Textbooks, exercise books, writing materials, and other learning supplies are provided free of charge. Because of this support, children from both rich and poor families have equal opportunities to receive education. Students can attend school without worrying about school fees or educational expenses.

Throughout Myanmar’s history, education has always played a crucial role in national development. During the colonial period, the Myanmar people faced restrictions in accessing education because colonial rulers did not want local people to become educated and aware. However, patriotic Myanmar citizens established national schools to continue educating their people. Today, although the situation is different, there are still challenges that can negatively affect children’s education.

False information, fear, instability, and destructive activities in some areas can discourage students from attending school. Therefore, parents, teachers, communities, and authorities must work together to protect children’s right to education and ensure that schools remain safe and accessible.

Education is like light that guides the younger generation toward a brighter future. Children are often compared to flowers that will bloom beautifully when they are nourished with knowledge and care. Every child deserves the opportunity to learn, grow, and achieve his or her dreams. When children receive education, they become valuable human resources for the nation. They can contribute to economic development, social harmony, scientific advancement, and national stability.

In sum, the success and development of a country depend largely on the education of its people. Basic education is the foundation upon which the future of a nation is built. Therefore, the government, teachers, parents, and society must cooperate to ensure that every school-age child has access to education. By enrolling children in school and supporting their learning, the nation can create an educated generation capable of leading the country toward peace, progress, and prosperity. Let all school-age children enrol in school and build a brighter future for themselves and for the nation.

SPORTS

Women's League to expand with new team, Yadanabon confirmed

CERTAIN new teams will join the 2026-2027 Myanmar Women's League, while Yadanabon FC have officially confirmed they will form a women's team and compete in the tournament.

One club is expected to enter next season's competition. Yadanabon have already announced their participation, while most of the nine teams from last season are also expected to continue. With a new team joining, the total number of participating clubs could rise to around 10 in the next season.

The 2026-2027 Myanmar Women's League is scheduled

to begin in mid-June, with the participating teams and fixture list likely to be confirmed by the end of this month.

According to Yadanabon's recent official statement, the club will soon announce the management staff, coaching team and player list for their newly formed women's side. Yadanabon were one of the most successful clubs during the early MNL era and remain a club with strong traditions. Following a recent ownership change, the club is now also moving forward with plans to establish a women's team.

Around half of the clubs competing in the 2026-2027 Myanmar National League season have already formed women's teams. These include Myawady FC, Institute of Sports and Physical Education FC, Yangon United FC, Shan United FC, Thitsa Arman FC, Yangon City FC and Yadanabon.

The Myanmar Women's League was first launched in late 2016. Myawady and ISPE have each won the title three times, while Ayeyawady United FC have won once and is the current champions. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Ayeyawady and ISPE compete in last season's Myanmar Women's League title-deciding match. PHOTO: SOE NYUNT THAW

Myanmar youth national teams compete in domestic leagues



One of the Myanmar youth teams. PHOTO: MFF

THE Myanmar Football Federation has fielded its youth selected teams in domestic league competitions organized by the Myanmar National League to help players gain match experience.

The Myanmar U19, U17 and U16 national teams are competing under club names in different competitions. The U19 team plays as Junior Lions in MNL-2, the U17 team as Falcon in the MNL U20 Youth League, and the U16 team as Galaxy in the same U20 competition.

The U19 and U16 squads are being coached by a Japanese coach, while the U17 team is led by a local coach. The U17

side recently qualified for the AFC U17 Asian Cup and has already competed in regional tournaments this year.

The U19 team is preparing for the upcoming ASEAN U19 Championship in Indonesia, while the U16 team currently has no scheduled international competition. In the opening match of the MNL U20 season, Galaxy won while Falcon drew.

Officials said the federation has been including youth national teams in domestic leagues for over a decade to improve player development and prepare them for international competitions. — Nyi Myat Thawda/KZL

Shan State secure 5-0 win as U18 Football Tourney group stage continues

GROUP-STAGE matches of the 2026 Inter-State and Region U18 Men's Football Tournament continued yesterday afternoon at four venues across Myanmar, attracting strong support from football fans and departmental officials.

Matches were held at Zwegabin Stadium in Hpa-an, the State Stadium in Taunggyi, the Sports Garden Stadium in Bago, and Koethein Stadium in Patheingyi under a four-zone format.

In the day's fixtures, which kicked off at 3 pm yesterday, Kayin State drew 1-1 with Yangon Region at Zwegabin Stadium, while the Chin State team



A group-stage match is in action.

drew 1-1 with the Nay Pyi Taw Territory in Bago.

At Taunggyi State Stadium,

Shan State secured a 5-0 victory over Kayah State. — MNA/MKKS

Messi suffers World Cup injury scare

ARGENTINA captain Lionel Messi was diagnosed with muscle fatigue in his left hamstring on Monday, less than three weeks before the start of the FIFA World Cup.

The 38-year-old was substituted in the 73rd minute of Inter Miami's 6-4 MLS win over Philadelphia Union on Sunday, having shown discomfort after taking a free kick.

Subsequent tests indicated the former Barcelona and Paris Saint-Germain forward suffered "overload associated with muscle fatigue", according to an Inter Miami statement.

"The timeline for his return to physical activity will depend on his clinical and functional progress," it added.

After the match, Inter Miami manager Guillermo Hoy-

os said Messi had felt tired after playing on a "heavy" pitch.

The World Cup will be staged in the United States, Mexico and Canada from 11 June to 19 July.

Defending champion Argentina will begin its campaign against Algeria on 16 June before also facing Austria and Jordan in Group J. — Xinhua



Thailand mandates 21-day Ebola quarantine for DRC, Uganda arrivals

THAILAND imposed on Tuesday a 21-day quarantine order for people travelling from or having transited through the Democratic Republic of Congo or Uganda, where a deadly Ebola crisis is surging.

The eastern DRC is ground zero for an Ebola outbreak which has sparked an international health alert by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Since Kinshasa declared an outbreak on 15 May, the illness has caused 204 deaths and 867 suspected cases, according to a toll given over the weekend by the DRC's health ministry.

In neighbouring Uganda, one person has died, with a further six confirmed infected.

Travellers with or without "symptoms of Ebola infection must be quarantined at least 21 days", Thailand's public health ministry said in a statement on Tuesday.

Ebola is a deadly viral disease that spreads through direct contact with bodily fluids. It can cause severe bleeding and organ failure.

Thailand has not reported any Ebola-affected travellers but there was risk from global population movement, senior public health ministry official Somlerk Jeungsmarn said in the statement.

Those with Ebola symptoms must quarantine at a designated state hospital, while those without symptoms would be required to stay at an unspecified quarantine site, the ministry said.

The WHO has recorded 10 confirmed Ebola deaths and 220 suspected deaths in the DRC since mid-May, while also recording a further 900 suspected cases. — AFP

Chinese scientists crack rice disease' "Trojan horse" attack for greener crop protection



Chen Xuewei (2nd R) does experiments with his team members at Sichuan Agricultural University in Chengdu, southwest China's Sichuan Province, 25 May 2026. PHOTO: SICHUAN AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA

IT is a "molecular spy" that slips into rice cells, hijacks the plant's immune defenders and leaves the crop defenceless. But now, after a decade of detective work, Chinese scientists have not only exposed the invader but also found a way to fight back.

Researchers from Sichuan Agricultural University in southwest China have identified a previously unknown weapon used by rice blast fungus, one of agriculture's most destructive pathogens. The findings were published on 20 May in the

journal Nature.

This discovery offers a new strategy for broad-spectrum crop disease resistance breeding and environmentally friendly disease management, Chen Xuewei from the university's State Key Laboratory of Crop Gene Exploration and Utilization in Southwest China, who also led the research, told Xinhua on Tuesday.

Rice blast is a fungal disease that attacks rice plants, causing lesions on leaves, stems and grains. Globally, it reduces harvests by 10 to 30 per cent

each year.

For China, the world's largest rice producer, the stakes are high, as rice is the staple food for hundreds of millions, especially in southern China, where it is consumed at almost every meal. In 2025, China produced 209.04 million tonnes of rice, according to the National Bureau of Statistics.

The team discovered that the rice blast fungus secretes a long non-coding RNA molecule, which they named "lnc117761". — Xinhua

More climate records under threat as spring heatwave bakes western Europe

WESTERN Europe faced another day of record-breaking temperatures Tuesday as a heatwave

pushed the mercury well above normal levels for May. A so-called "heat dome" of warm air from northern Africa trapped under a high-pressure system over western Europe is behind the sort of heat not usually seen until high summer. "It's a bit worrying because it's not really normal at this time of year, but unfortunately I think this is going to become the norm in France," student Chloe Voisin, 22, told AFP while

touring the southwestern city of Bordeaux. Britain and France both reported that Monday was the warmest day in the month of May on record — with the French weather agency expecting Tuesday to be even hotter. French authorities on Tuesday also reported at least seven deaths linked to the heatwave — five of which were drownings, as many people sought relief on beaches and other bodies of water. — AFP



This photograph taken in Nantes, western France, on 26 May 2026 shows a pharmacy sign displaying 35 degrees Celsius as people walk along a street, as French weather service Meteo-France placed eight departments in western France under orange alert for heatwave, the first time such an alert has been issued in May since the system was created in 2004, with temperatures forecast to reach between 33 and 36 degrees Celsius in the affected areas. PHOTO: AFP