

Myanmar and India Pledge to Deepen Bilateral Ties and Strategic Cooperation



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing and Indian Minister of External Affairs Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar shake hands at the meeting in New Delhi, India, on 30 May 2026.

Minister of External Affairs of India Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar paid a courtesy call on President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, U Min Aung Hlaing, currently in New Delhi, India,

on an official visit, yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, they cordially exchanged views on the progress of friendly ties and cooperation between Myanmar and India, and the further promotion of friendly relations

and cooperation between the two countries.

They also discussed holding the multiparty democratic general election in Myanmar, development projects, trade, defence, security, development and border peace and stability

measures.

Furthermore, they emphasized the promotion of cooperation in multi-sectors between the two countries.

Also, present at the meeting were Union Ministers U Khin Maung Yi and U Tin Maung

Swe, officials and the Myanmar Ambassador to India. The Indian Minister of External Affairs was accompanied by Ambassador of India to Myanmar, Shri Abhay Thakur, and officials. — MNA/TTA

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Myanmar Offshore Gas Fields Eyed for Production by Year-End 2027



This photo features the meeting between Taninthayi Region Hluttaw Speaker U Myat Ko and officials from CFG Energy Pte Ltd.

MYANMAR'S offshore gas exploration project, which commenced this year, is expected to begin producing natural gas by the end of 2027, according to discussions held between Taninthayi Region Hluttaw Speaker U Myat Ko and representatives of CFG Energy Pte Ltd.

On 29 May, Taninthayi Region Hluttaw Speaker U Myat Ko met representatives of CFG Energy Pte Ltd to discuss natural gas production, including progress on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Social Impact Assessment (SIA), and regional development initiatives.

A production-sharing agreement has been signed with CFG Energy Pte Ltd, which has been granted the right to operate the offshore block and is expected to begin drilling by the end of this

year.

The M-15 block project, operated by Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE), is set to become Myanmar's first deepwater gas project and is expected to contribute to the country's social and economic development upon its successful implementation.

The M-15 block, which is believed to contain natural gas reserves of up to one trillion cubic metres, is located in Myeik District in southern Taninthayi Region. It covers an area of more than 13,000 square kilometres west of Kadan Island, the largest island in Myanmar. A Production Sharing Contract (PSC) was signed between Singapore-based Canadian Foresight Group (CFG) and Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) in March 2015. — Htun Htun/MKKS



This image displays the Maha Samaya Day ceremony held at Shwedagon Pagoda.

Maha Samaya Day ceremony held at Shwedagon Pagoda

THE Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees organized and held the Full Moon Day of Nayon (Maha Samaya Day) ceremony at the Shwedagon Pagoda on the morning of 30 May.

At 5 am, a grand alms food offering ceremony to the pagoda was held at the reception pavilion on the platform. Members of the board and religious association groups paid homage to the Buddha by offering dawn food, flowers, water, fruits, and oil lamps.

Following this, the participants offered meals to the Shwedagon Ovadacariya Sayadaws and invited monks at the Yaungtawphwint Prayer Hall. After the donation, they poured water to share merits for all collective good deeds.

The Maha Samaya Day procession then commenced from the Chanthagyi Prayer Hall. It depicted the origin of the day with a royal procession representing the kings, ministers, and regalia of the

two kingdoms – Kapilvatthu and Koliya. The participants and pilgrims paid homage with a full clockwise procession around the platform.

Afterwards, at the Chanthagyi Prayer Hall, the ceremony continued with recitations, ritual invitations, collectively reciting the Maha Samaya Sutta, making prayers, sharing merits, and chanting Sadhu. It concluded with the three-time recitation of "May the Buddha's teachings last forever". — MT/ZN

Air Quality Measurements in Yangon on 29 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
1	Botataung 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

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High-level Myanmar delegation led by President U Min Aung Hlaing visits Mahabodhi Pagoda in Bodh Gaya Cultural Region, India

A high-level Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, who is currently in India on an official visit, visited the Mahabodhi Pagoda in the precinct of Mahabodhi Mahavihara Temple in the Bodh Gaya Cultural Region yesterday morning.

At the Mahabodhi Mahavihara Temple, the President and party paid homage to the Buddha Image at the Mahabodhi Pagoda and offered alms in the emerald alms-bowl, water, oil, light, flowers and robes. On behalf of the President, a venerable Sayadaw offered robes to the Buddha image.

They paid homage to the Buddha Image on the upper terrace of the pagoda and donated flowers, water and oil lights. They went round the pagoda clockwise, visited the Maha Bo tree and offered a Maravijaya Buddha Image.

The President donated cash for the overall renovation of the pagoda to the Mahabodhi Monastery Sayadaw, who returned Dhamma gifts.

After visiting the Mahabodhi Mahavihara Temple, they fed fish in the Mucalinda Lake.

At Sujata Temple, the President and party offered flowers, water, oil lights and milk meal to the Buddha image and donated



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing accepts the Dhamma gift from the Mahabodhi Monastery Sayadaw at the Mahabodhi Mahavihara Temple in the Bodh Gaya Cultural Region, India, yesterday.

ed cash for the temple.

The President and party proceeded to Mahabodhi Dhamma Yeiktha Myanmar Monastery, where they paid homage to Abbot Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Candamuni, took the Five Precepts and donated robes, offerings, and cash for nine prerequisites. Union ministers and officials who

accompany the President also donated alms and cash for nine prerequisites to members of the Sangha.

They listened to a sermon delivered by the Sayadaw and shared the merits gained.

In the afternoon, the President-led Myanmar delegation left Gaya International Airport by special aircraft for New Delhi

and was seen off at the airport by Governor of Bihar State Lt-Gen (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain, the Myanmar Consul-General and officials together with the Guard of Honour.

On arrival at Palam Airbase in New Delhi, the President and party were warmly welcomed by Minister of State for External Affairs Shri Kir-

ti Vardhan Singh, the Indian Ambassador to Myanmar, the commander of Palam Airbase and officials, staff of the Myanmar Embassy and the Military attaché's Office to India and families. During the welcoming ceremony, the President was flanked by the Guard of Honour on both sides of the passage-way. — MNA/TTA

High-level Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing arrives in India to pay official visit

A HIGH-LEVEL Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing left Nay Pyi Taw Airport by special aircraft yesterday morning to pay an offi-

cial visit to India at the invitation of Prime Minister of the Republic of India Shri Narendra Modi.

The President-led delegation was seen off at the airport by Vice-President U Nyo Saw, Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye,

Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw U Aung Lin Dwe, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Ye Win Oo, Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, the commander of the Nay Pyi Taw Command, and

officials from the Indian Embassy and the Defence Attachés Office to Myanmar.

The President is accompanied by Union Ministers U Khin Maung Yi, U Tin Maung Swe, Dr Kan Zaw, U Min Naung and

Dr Charlie Than, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar Dr Khin Naing Oo, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, deputy ministers and officials.

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NATIONAL

Government Reaffirms Commitment to Multiparty Democratic System

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, currently in India on an official visit, met families of the Myanmar Embassy and the Military Attaché Office to India and scholarship trainees at the Myanmar Embassy to India yesterday evening.

The President and party were welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador U Zaw Oo and his wife, Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) Brig-Gen Zaw Moe Lwin and his wife, families of the Myanmar Embassy and the Military attaché's Office. Myanmar Ambassador U Zaw Oo and the families of the Myanmar Embassy, the Military Attaché Office, and trainees introduced themselves.

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that the current visit is his first foreign trip since assuming duties as President, made at the invitation of the Government of India. India and Myanmar share a common border and have long maintained good relations, as well as historical similarities dating back to ancient times.

He recounted that during the first term of the democratic government, peace talks were conducted and a certain level of peace was achieved as a result. Provisions regarding the rights of ethnic groups have already been included in the 2008 Constitution.

The President retold that efforts were made from all perspectives to ensure that a free and fair election could be held and successfully conducted. The elected representatives chosen by the people are now convening the Hluttaw, and the elected government is currently carrying



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing meets families of the Myanmar Embassy, the Military Attaché office, and scholarship trainees in New Delhi, India, yesterday.

Necessary constitutional amendments must be thoroughly debated and implemented with the approval of the Hluttaw to align with current national circumstances.

out the responsibilities of the State.

The President emphasized that the government is firmly continuing along the path of a multiparty democratic system. In doing so, it will continue to implement its work in accordance with the 2008 Constitution. Necessary constitutional amendments appropriate to current circumstances should be discussed and carried out with the approval of the Hluttaw. However, matters that could be detrimental to the country must also be safeguard-

ed against.

He noted that there are weaknesses in the country's education system. Due to these shortcomings, knowledge and skills remain limited, and individuals' ability to develop and improve their lives is also weak. Therefore, efforts are continuously prioritized to raise the overall standard of education in the country.

The President stated that during the five-year period in which they will assume responsibility for the affairs of the State,

reforms in education, the economy, and national development must be carried out.

For the development of the country, he underlined that embassy and military attaché office families currently serving in India are encouraged to contribute and cooperate in every possible way within their capacity.

He urged that efforts be made to actively and effectively participate in all possible areas of cooperation between Myanmar and India. During their time living abroad, staff are encour-

aged to live in unity, maintaining the mindset of being civil servants working in the interest of the nation.

The President presented foodstuffs and cash awards for families of the Myanmar Embassy and the Military Attaché Office, and trainees to the Ambassador, the Military Attaché and trainees.

The President and party had dinner hosted by the families of the Myanmar Embassy and the Military Attaché Office, together with those families. — MNA/TTA

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High-level Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing arrives in India to pay official visit

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The special aircraft carrying the high-level Myanmar delegation led by the President arrived at Gaya Airport in India. The President and his entourage were warmly welcomed by Bihar State Governor Lt-Gen (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain and government officials, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Zaw Oo, Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) Brig-Gen Zaw Moe Lwin, the Myanmar Consul-General and officials with the Guard of Honour.

During the visit, the President of Myanmar will meet with the President of India and hold bilateral talks with the Prime Minister. Moreover, the President will receive Cabinet Ministers of India, Governors of the states and representatives from business organizations. Furthermore, the President will tour the projects of prominent infrastructure facilities. During the visit, the President will



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing warmly welcomed by officials with the Guard of Honour after arriving at the Gaya Airport in India yesterday.

engage in a cordial and open exchange of views to foster multifaceted cooperation across the economic, religious, cultural, and social sectors, thereby strengthening ties between the governments and peoples of the two countries. — MNA/TTA

MCTI trainees urged to enhance skills for a more capable Tatmadaw

DEFENCE Services Deputy Commander-in-Chief and Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Kyaw Swa Lin met instructors and trainees at the hall of the Military Computer and Technological Institute in Hopong Station yesterday morning.

Accompanied by senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of the Eastern Command and party, the General heard reports by the acting commandant of MCTI on the training sessions with upgraded training aid, and military building measures.

The General instructed officials to keep subject-wise books for trainees at the libraries and coordinated necessary measures with officials.

At Bayintnaung Hall of the institute, the General met with officer instructors and trainees. On the occasion, the General said that instructors need to train trainees to become more capable



Defence Services Deputy Commander-in-Chief and Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Kyaw Swa Lin addresses the meeting with instructors and trainees at the hall of the Military Computer and Technological Institute in Hopong Station yesterday.

and outstanding than themselves. Since their responsibility is to produce Tatmadaw members with technical expertise who can genuinely be relied upon by Tatmadaw, they must continuously study and keep abreast of evolving modern

technologies.

The General stressed the need for Tatmadaw to adopt evolving and modernized military strategies, military skills, weapons systems, and technologies in line with the changing times. Hence, he

added that all trainees are required to become fully qualified in both military science and professional skills.

Trainees are required to become capable technicians needed by the State and the Tatmadaw, as well as good citizens, and to remain loyal to the State and the Tatmadaw.

After the meeting, the General inspected the lecture halls, hostels for engineering trainees and trainee mess halls. He observed the preparations to cook meals in the kitchens and the ration stores. The General gave instructions on systematic serving of healthy meals to trainees and keeping meat, fish and vegetables systematically.

The General, together with his wife Daw Nang Kue Ku and officials, viewed the housing at the regiments and units in the station and thriving seasonal crops by car. He presented foodstuffs and cash awards to families and fulfilled their needs. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

Weekly Roundup

24 May

President tours development projects in Nay Pyi Taw

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, U Min Aung Hlaing, inspected the progress in upgrading local roads and bridges in Union Territory Nay Pyi Taw and the operating industries using domestic crops to produce industrial products.

25 May

President inspects livestock activities in Nay Pyi Taw

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, U Min Aung Hlaing, conducted an inspection tour of livestock breeding activities in the Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory.

International Day of Yoga observed

The Yoga demonstration with the collective practice marked the 12th International Day of Yoga 2026 at the water fountain square in the Maravijaya Buddha Park in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw of Union Territory, with the participation of Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, U Nyo Saw.

26 May

Proactive planning minimizes disaster damage

The National Disaster Management Committee held its coordination meeting at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw, attended by Committee Chairman and Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, U Nyo Saw.

Youth's strength best for sustainability and modernity of the State

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Ye Win Oo met trainees from the basic and advanced maritime youth course 1/2026 and the basic aviation youth course 10 and the advanced course 9, supervisors and instructors at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw.

27 May

Union government meeting takes place

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.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets tours Mandalay

U Khin Yi, Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, met Pyithu Hluttaw representatives from Mandalay Region at Thabin Hall of Mandalay Region Hluttaw office.

UEC issues announcement 45/2026

The Union Election Commission verified the request and replaced Colonel BC 74160 Captain Ye Ko Myint with BC 69470 Captain Aung Myo Thu, Defence Services personnel representative to the Kachin State Hluttaw.

29 May

Head of State to pay visit to India

At the invitation of Prime Minister of the Republic of India His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar His Excellency U Min Aung Hlaing will pay an official visit to the Republic of India in the near future.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives UN Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator

Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw U Khin Yi received

Ms Gwyn Lewis, United Nations Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator ad interim in Myanmar, at the hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw at the Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw.

Servicemen must strive to enhance Tatmadaw's capabilities

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Kyaw Swa Lin held a meeting with trainees and instructors of infantry platoon commander, company commander and commanding officer courses in Bahtoo Station.

30 May

Outstanding monks in Tipitaka Exam honoured

A ceremony to honour 100 members of the Sangha who passed the 78th Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination organized by the Department of Religious Affairs under the Ministry of Religious Affairs, was held in conjunction with the certificate presentation ceremony at the Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets officials of Yangon Region Hluttaw

U Khin Yi, Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, met Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Htay Aung, Deputy Speaker U Kyaw Kyaw Soe, members of the Committee on Assessment of Legal Affairs and Special Issues, the Bill Committee and legal experts.

Tatmadaw members must build capable, reliable, combat-ready Tatmadaw

Defence Services Deputy Commander-in-Chief Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Kyaw Swa Lin met Tatmadaw members and families at Aung San Hall in Bahtoo Station. — GNLM/TTA

Magway's 'Quick Win' Plan Brings Electricity to Magyisan Village

A ceremony to mark the commencement of electricity supply and the implementation of village electrification under the Magway Region Government's Quick Win Plan was held yesterday morning in Magyisan Village, Magway Township.

The event was attended by Chief Minister U Tin Ko Ko, Magway Region Hluttaw Speaker Dr Maung Maung Htay, regional ministers, departmental officials and residents.

During the ceremony, officials formally inaugurated the electricity supply by cutting the ribbon and activating

the power switch. They then inspected electricity usage in the village and reviewed the initial operation of the power distribution system.

Speaking at the event, the chief minister said that efforts are underway to expand transmission lines and substations throughout the region to ensure a sufficient and reliable electricity supply. He added that since 2021, more than 569,469 households have gained access to electricity, representing 62.87 per cent of all households in the region. — Maung Khaing Min (IPRD)/KZL

Myanmar joins 3rd Deputy Ministerial Consultation on SCOB Establishment

A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw Than Than Lin attended the 3rd Deputy Ministerial Consultation on the Establishment of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Development Bank (SCOB) held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on 28 May.

The meeting was co-chaired by Mr Min Liao, Deputy Minister of Finance of the People's Republic of China, and Mr Nurbek Akzholov, Deputy Minister of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The consultation reviewed the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the establishment of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Development Bank and discussed its policy objectives, capital contributions, membership, voting rights, operational and adminis-



A Myanmar delegation participates in the 3rd Deputy Ministerial Consultation on the Establishment of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Development Bank (SCOB) held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on 28 May.

trative models, as well as plans.

Participants also discussed and endorsed the progress report on the establishment of the bank and the negotiation process, ahead of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Finance Ministers and

Central Bank Governors' Meeting held on 29 May.

On the morning of 29 May, the Myanmar delegation led by the deputy minister departed Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, and arrived back in Yangon yesterday morning. — MNA/MKKS

NATIONAL

Shwe Kokko Crackdown: 3 More Four-Storey Scam Hubs Smashed, 18 Buildings Cleared

THE government continues to conduct joint operations in the Shwe Kokko and the KK Park areas, where suspects commit telecom fraud and online gambling activities. The combined teams comprising security personnel and administrative bodies are involved in these operations, which include entering the areas, dismantling and removing illegal buildings, and taking further action in accordance with the law.

Yesterday, a further three four-storey buildings were systematically demolished in the Shwe Kokko area. Of the 77 illegal buildings identified for demolition, 57 structures will be destroyed by machinery and 20

by controlled explosions.

Out of 57 buildings, three four-storey buildings used for online scams were systematically demolished using machinery yesterday, and as 18 buildings had already been demolished to date, 59 buildings remain for demolition.

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



New images reveal the update before and after demolishing of scam-related structures, buildings, and facilities in the Shwe Kokko area, Myawady, Kayin State.

Myanmar detains 12 additional foreigners in telecom fraud raid



Immigration processes are underway for the deportation of undocumented foreign entrants.

AUTHORITIES have detained 12 foreign nationals involved in telecom fraud and other criminal activities.

The detainees included six nationals from Ethiopia, three from India, two from China, and one from Kenya, all of whom had entered the areas around Myawady illegally. They are currently under investigation pending deportation.

From 30 January 2025 to 30 May 2026, a total of 14,701 illegal foreign entrants were detained in Myawady Township. Of these, 13,521 individuals have been systematically deported to their respective countries via Thailand

in accordance with legal procedures. A total of 662 individuals have been prosecuted under immigration and drug-related laws, while the remaining 518 are awaiting deportation and are being properly accommodated and managed.

The government continues to cooperate actively with neighbouring countries, regional partners, and international organizations to combat online scam operations, identify and take action against those involved, and facilitate the repatriation of trafficked and distressed foreign nationals as swiftly as possible. — MNA/MKKS

Bio Fertilizer Seminar held in Yangon

A Bio Fertilizer Seminar jointly organized by the MNFA-MIED and the Agri Institute of Asia (AIA) was held yesterday morning at the meeting hall of the Yangon Region Department of Agriculture. The seminar focused on the practical application of biofertilizers based on laboratory research.

At the event, Yangon Region Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Minister Dr Htoo Maung emphasized that residue-free agricultural products and food safety are essential, noting that wider use of organic and biofertilizers is crucial for producing chemical-free products that meet international standards and help promote agricultural exports.

U Tint Naing, head of the region's Agriculture Department, discussed the use of organic and biofertilizers for soil

development and the benefits of combining chemical fertilizers with organic and biofertilizers as agricultural inputs.

Dr Myint Lwin, patron of MNFA, also briefed on the crucial role of microorganisms in agriculture, microbial content in biofertilizer production and the

benefits of cooperation among experts, producers and farmers.

The seminar focused on the role of beneficial microorganisms and bacteria in biofertilizers and on the production and utilization of biofertilizers in accordance with the standards. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH



A Bio Fertilizer Seminar jointly organized by the MNFA-MIED and the Agri Institute of Asia (AIA) in progress in Yangon yesterday.

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OPINION

Establish tobacco-free environments for generations

THE Member States of the World Health Organization created World No Tobacco Day in 1987 to draw global attention to the tobacco epidemic and the preventable death and disease it causes. In 1987, the World Health Assembly passed Resolution WHA40.38, calling for 7 April 1988 to be a “World No-Smoking Day.” In 1988, Resolution WHA42.19 was passed, calling for the celebration of World No Tobacco Day every year on 31 May.

Tobacco use remains one of the leading causes of preventable diseases and deaths worldwide. According to the WHO, tobacco kills more than 8 million people each year, including over 1.2 million non-smokers who are exposed to second-hand smoke. As such, everyone needs to be aware of the dangers caused by tobacco and various forms of tobacco products.

Therefore, people of all ages should avoid the use of cigarettes, tobacco, and e-cigarettes, as these not only harm their own health but also affect the health of those around them and other living beings. They should strive to live a healthy life throughout their lifespan. Only then can a tobacco-free environment be created, and a healthy and strong future generation be nurtured.

Nicotine and other chemicals contained in cigarettes can harm not only the smoker but also those nearby. Therefore, smokers may suffer from life-threatening diseases such as lung cancer and heart disease due to tobacco smoke, and it is necessary to quit smoking in order to prevent such conditions.

Tobacco and smoking-related products contain more than 7,000 harmful chemicals, most of which are carcinogenic. Tobacco use and smoking increase the risk of chronic bronchitis, emphysema, lung cancer, heart disease, stroke, and cancers of the mouth, throat, oesophagus, and bladder. On average, smokers lose

about 10 years of life expectancy compared to non-smokers.

Passive smoke is just as dangerous as direct smoking. It increases the risk of lung cancer and heart disease in non-smokers and is particularly harmful to children and pregnant women. In children, it can cause respiratory infections and asthma, while in pregnant women, it may increase the risk of premature birth.

The theme for World No Tobacco Day 2026 is “Unmasking the appeal – countering nicotine and tobacco addiction.” This global campaign, led by the World Health Organization (WHO), is designed to counter the deceptive tactics used by the tobacco and nicotine industries. The Myanmar government and local authorities manage the tobacco-free environments in public areas across the nation with public participation by raising awareness of the dangers of tobacco and tobacco products.

Therefore, people of all ages should avoid the use of cigarettes, tobacco, and e-cigarettes, as these not only harm their own health but also affect the health of those around them and other living beings. They should strive to live a healthy life throughout their lifespan. Only then can a tobacco-free environment be created, and a healthy and strong future generation be nurtured.



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Razadarit Ayaydawbon (Historical Chronicle)

WE would like to introduce a book that is not only significant to Myanmar’s historical literature but is also widely appreciated by readers, many of whom recommend it to others after reading it.

That book is Razadarit Ayaydawbon (Historical Chronicle). The success and popularity of this work can clearly be seen from the fact that the present edition is already its ninth printing.

Among the five famous Ayedawbon chronicles of Myanmar, the Razadarit Ayaydawbon (Historical Chronicle) is regarded as one of the finest in terms of both Myanmar prose style and historical value. Eminent Myanmar literary scholars such as U Pe Maung Tin, Zawgyi, and Min Thu Wun once praised the work for its compactness, elegance, vivid beauty, and refined literary composition.

The first person to translate

the chronicle from Mon into the Myanmar language under the title Razadarit Ayaydawbon was Bannya Dala, a minister serving under King Bayintnaung Kyawhtin Nawrahta. Based on this chronicle, various dramatic adaptations were also created. Furthermore, the Thuriya Press, edited by the renowned Sayagyi Thakin Kodaw Hmaing, once published it in 1969 under the title Pegu Yazawin Nan Twin Zatdaw Gyi (The Great Palace Drama of Pegu Chronicle).

In 1955, Sithu U Kaung, Chairman of the Historical Commission, requested Saya Nai Pan Hla to translate the chronicle from Mon into the Myanmar language. Saya Nai Pan Hla carefully compared numerous palm-leaf manuscripts and printed versions, corrected mistranslations and printing errors, and eventually produced a new translated

version.

In this book, Professor Dr Than Tun of the Department of History, Arts and Science University (Mandalay), wrote in his foreword:

“Every historian wishes to obtain complete historical evidence. In the study of Mon-Myanmar relations, Mon historical records are especially important because some major events are described differently by the Mon and Myanmar sources. For example, who passed away first between Razadarit and Minkhaung? During the rivalry between Dhammazedi and the Governor of Patheingyi, did the Governor die in battle or from poisoning? Even regarding the death and burial place of Alaungmyithazan, Mon and Myanmar records provide different accounts.”

Similarly, the distinguished writer Khin Hnin Yu also wrote

in her foreword:

“Present-day Myanmar is a Union where many ethnic nationalities live together. The noble spirit of Smim Bayan, which deserves to be recorded in history, should be embraced by every citizen of the Union. Saya Nai Pan Hla noted that Smim Bayan’s speech to his guards was absent in the earlier Myanmar version. It is only through his translation that readers can now appreciate the exact words of Smim Bayan, which is truly valuable for all people of the Union.”

The Razadarit Ayaydawbon (Historical Chronicle) begins with the chapter entitled The Life of Magadu as follows:

“Magadu was born on Thursday, the 4th waning day of Tagu, in the year 614 ME, in Takawun, to poor and humble farming parents.

“In one of his previous existences, Magadu had been a giant ogre named Sumana. Long ago, the Blessed Gautama Buddha travelled through the sky by his supernatural powers. Upon arriving at Suvannabhumi Thaton, he preached the Dhamma to King Sirimasoka and the people of the Mon kingdom. Filled with devotion and reverence for the Buddha, the king and his subjects offered grand alms and listened to the teachings for seven consecutive days.”

Every Child to School

By Min Min Zan

*The school doors open wide and free,
 For every child on land and sea.
 With books and hope, their hearts shall shine,
 To build a future bright and fine.
 From KG class to Grade One bright,
 Young children learn with great delight.
 With pens and books so freely given,
 Their dreams will rise and touch heaven.
 A school will guide the young each day,
 And keep all harmful things away.
 So parents, teachers, hand in hand,
 Let every child help build the land.*

To Bertrand Russell

By Anon (Translated by Myint Zan)

though he strived
 to achieve peace
 throughout the world
 'tis he who is
 now at peace
 lying silently on the ground

Published in a small booklet sometime in 1970.
 Translated on 29 May 2026.

The Last Train

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

Beauty is sought; however,
 It is not found anywhere.

In the course of time,
 A weeping voice is heard
 When the train slowly budges.

Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)
 22 May 2026

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Chronological History of Myanmar, Volume I

MYANMAR’S continuous historical chronology (Myanmar’s uninterrupted historical timeline) is a great historical record that has existed seamlessly and successively, supported by solid evidence, from the primordial era up to the present day.

This week, we would like to present a book compiled through the dedicated efforts of renowned Myanmar historians who researched and uncovered the story of the continuous history of Myanmar.

The preface for the book was written by the leading historian of the Myanmar Historical Association, Sayagyi Dr Toe Hla.

He writes... in the past, Myanmar’s history was written mainly based on royal chronicles

and Buddhist scriptures. However, after independence, efforts were made to shift from a king-centred historical perspective to a people-centred one, placing greater emphasis on contemporary inscriptions and historical evidence.

“Prehistory” refers to the era before the emergence of writing. In Myanmar, this term only began to gain recognition after the 18th century due to the efforts of scholars. Studying this period is extremely important in order to understand the evolution of humankind and the origins of civilization.

Now, the Department of Archaeology and National Museum, together with historians and subject specialists, have conducted excavations and utilized modern technologies, enabling them to discover more complete and detailed information related to prehistory.

Although earlier history books contained many gaps, this book attempts to present Myanmar’s history in a continuous and seamless manner throughout successive eras, supported by reliable evidence.

Moreover, it is also a major work that seeks to uncover a new historical narrative previously unknown in Myanmar, especially by presenting extensive evidence related to “Prehistory.”

This book is a historical record that scientifically examines how early humans settled in Myanmar from the earliest times, supported by archaeological remains and scientific research findings.

Regarding the fossil fuels, it reads... during the late Palaeozoic era, the “Nwabangyi Dolomite” rock formation was deposited across many areas of Shan State in Myanmar. The rock layers found within this formation are sediments deposited in shallow marine environments. Fossils discovered together with these layers include ammonite fossils and conodont fossils. Based on this evidence, the book states that during the Early Triassic period, around 245 to 251 million years ago, Myanmar was geographically connected to regions including Russia, North America, the Caspian region, Pakistan, Timor, south-west of China, northern Thailand, and Malaysia.

In conclusion, this book is illustrated with various historical photographs and printed on high-quality colour paper with a hardcover binding. It comprehensively presents Myanmar’s prehistoric history, much of which had previously been unknown or unread, through contemporary records and reliable evidence. Therefore, it is a book that anyone interested in Myanmar history, historical researchers, and students should definitely read.

NATIONAL Entertainment



Nay Toe

Academy Nay Toe's latest film, titled 'Phoe Kauk', in which he portrays a unique character, is set to be screened in cinemas in early June. Fans will soon discover whether 'Phoe Kauk' is a cheater or simply a player more skilled than everyone else. Produced as the debut film of SZ Film Production, the movie is based on a story by Maung Seitta, with the screenplay and direction handled by Mae Min Bone. The cast includes Academy Nay Toe, Academy Nay Myo Aung, Nyi Nanda, Shane Tint Htoo, Academy Khin Wint Wah, and Lin Zarni Zaw.

Bunny Phyoe

Singer Bunny Phyoe, who has been away from live stage performances for some time, will hold a music concert titled Bunny On The Moon: Concert on 11 July 2026 at Hexagon Complex, Yangon. Tickets for the event were on sale on the night of 29 May through AYA Pay and The Concert. According to Bunny Phyoe, fans can also contact The Concert page for further details about the event.

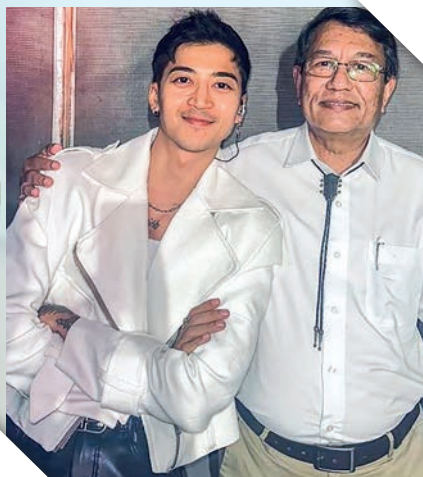


CELEBRITY BRIEF

Su Pan Htwa

Actress Su Pan Htwa, who has been relatively inactive in the entertainment industry, has returned to the scene with a distinctive new role. She portrays the character 'Nyo Mar' in 'San Yekyi Nu', a television drama adaptation of a well-known novel by writer Lin Khar. Directed by Nay Paing, the series features Su Pan Htwa as a poor double widow struggling through hardship, and she is said to have delivered an outstanding performance in the role. Re-

fer- ring to her character Nyo Mar, she remarked, "It's been a long time since I've had the chance to dress up beautifully, so I took the opportunity to look nice while attending my friend Tun Tun's wedding."



Yair Yint Aung

Singer and actor Yair Yint Aung shared a photo of himself with veteran singer Khin Maung Htoo on social media, with the following caption: "We had the opportunity to perform together for the first time." At present, Yair Yint Aung is appearing as the character 'Za' in the comedy film 'Chauk Chauk Kyan Kyan', which is scheduled for nationwide release in early June. The film features Hlwan Paing, Yair Yint Aung, Tyron, Bejay, Htoo Aung, Nay Htoo Naing, Khin Hlaing, Chaw Yadana, Yu Thandar Tin, Yadana Bo, and Lin Lin.

Soe Sanda Tun

Female singer Soe Sanda Tun, who has achieved remarkable success in Myanmar's music industry over many years, shared a set of photos on her social media page on 28 May with the caption: "Although I have been away from the fans who love me, I am sharing some recent photos of myself to ease your longing." In recent years, Soe Sanda Tun gained considerable weight, lost confidence, and stepped away from artistic activities, which also distanced her from her fans. However, after making a determined effort and losing nearly 20 pounds within a month, she has regained her beauty and confidence. Fans have warmly welcomed her return and expressed their happiness at seeing her transformation.



Khine Thin Kyi

Actress Khine Thin Kyi made a wish, "May my younger brother Tun Tun and the pretty and gentle Little Sister Aye Thu live happily together for a hundred years from this day onward." She attended actor Tun Tun's wedding reception together with her family to offer her congratulations. Currently, Khine Thin Kyi is also participating in the popular television programme The Mask Singer Myanmar Season III. — Htun Htun/KTZH

'Moe Kywe Tae Hsaung' sparks fan frenzy at Kanthaya Plaza

THE main cast of the CANAL+ television drama series 'Moe Kywe Tae Hsaung' held a fan meeting, according to Academy Melody.

The fan meeting took place from 10 am to 4 pm on 30 May at the Kanthaya Shopping Centre on Kanyeiktha Road in Yangon, alongside a special programme organized by CANAL+.

"The good news that fans have been waiting for has finally arrived. You will have the chance to meet in person the actors who portrayed U Htin Ko, Sithu, Thu Thu Soe, and Myo Ma Ma. Come and enjoy games together, create unforgettable memories, and receive special gifts. Four cast members: Paing Zay Ye Tun, Vitamin, Academy Melody, and

Saung Wut Yi May will be there waiting to meet you all," Academy Melody invited fans in advance.

The series is a romantic drama that carries messages about love and marriage. The series became one of CANAL+'s most popular TV series and received applause from audiences. — Htun Htun/KTZH



CBM injects US\$3.9M into forex market on 29 May

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$3.95 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$2,650 to CMP companies on 29 May, in addition to \$3,480 worth of non-trade transactions.

CBM sold over \$1.5 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$3,520 CMP companies on 27 May, along with over \$214,000 worth of non-trade transactions.

CBM continued to sell over \$707,000 to edible oil-importing companies and \$32,700 to CMP companies on 26 May.

CBM sold over \$3.03 million to edible oil-importing companies, \$2.5 million to LNG-importing companies and \$34,474 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 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



The Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) in Nay Pyi Taw.

MEODA coord meeting highlights safety measures



This photo shows edible oil bottles displayed in the market.

THE Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association (MEODA)'s coordination meeting emphasized structural analysis data and seismic hazard assessments for critical storage depots.

A coordination meeting between the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association and members of the Oil Depot Supervisory Committee was held on 29 May at the meeting hall of the MEODA, located on the 8th floor of UMFCCI on Min Ye Kyaw Swa Road, Yangon.

MEODA Vice-Chair U Htay Moe, and the leader of

the Oil Depot Supervisory Committee, first delivered the opening remarks. U Tin Moe Aung, Deputy Head of the Yangon Region Consumer Affairs Department, also provided guidance on the programs that oil depots need to comply with.

A representative from Myanmar Inspection and Testing Services Ltd and responsible persons from various oil storage depots made presentations and discussions according to their respective business sectors. The vice-chairperson further elaborated that structural anal-

ysis data for oil storage depots constructed to withstand natural disasters and earthquakes should be compiled and validated by experts. He also added processing weigh scale calibration, systematically maintaining CCTV records, ensuring safety measures during the rainy season, verification of the integrity of oil transport vehicles, checking oil depot boundary walls for water leakage, matching physical inventory and book balances when depot inspections are conducted and working together with all relevant organizations. — NN/KK

FY 2025-26 lottery dealer deposits to be refunded

DEPOSITS paid under contracts with authorized lottery ticket sellers for the 2025-2026 financial year will get refunded, the Aung Bar Lay Lottery Division of the Internal Revenue Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue announced on 29 May.

Lottery ticket sellers entered into agreements and paid a deposit of K200 per pack every three months, based on the number of volumes they were authorized to sell.

As those contracts are only valid for the 2025-2026 FY, the deposits will now be refunded.



Lottery ticket sellers must submit the original or a copy of the payment slip for the deposit, a copy of the contract, registration documents, and the original or a copy of the household list. They must also file a claim affixed with a K300 revenue stamp in person.

Claims can be submitted from 1 to 30 June, at the Accounts Section of the Aung Bar Lay Lottery Division. — NN/KK

State Lottery Directorate of the Internal Revenue Department.

ECONOMY WORLD

EAEU GDP exceeds US\$3T in 2025, up 16.6% since 2020

This year mutual trade among EAEU member states is expected to exceed US\$100 billion.

THE combined gross domestic product (GDP) of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) countries reached US\$3.02 trillion in 2025, up 16.6 per cent from 2020, Kazinform news agency reported Friday.

The union's combined GDP growth is projected at around 2.5 per cent in 2026 and 2027, Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev said during a meeting of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council held Friday in Astana, Kazakhstan's capital.

This year mutual trade among EAEU member states is expected to exceed US\$100 bil-

lion, Tokayev told the meeting.

In 2025, trade turnover among EAEU countries reached \$95 billion, Russian President Vladimir Putin said at an expanded meeting of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council.

Industrial output across the EAEU increased by 18.9 per cent in 2021-2025, reaching \$1.69 trillion, while agricultural production rose by 12.4 per cent to \$167.5 billion, according to data presented at a plenary session of the fifth Eurasian Economic Forum, held Thursday through Friday in Astana. — Xinhua



This photo taken on 29 May 2026 shows a scene of a meeting of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council in Astana, Kazakhstan. **PHOTO: KAZAKHSTAN'S PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SERVICE/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA**

China's intl trade promotion body voices opposition to EU's cybersecurity act revision

THE China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) on Friday voiced its firm opposition to the European Union's (EU) draft revision to its Cybersecurity Act, citing that the draft contains obviously unreasonable content.

The draft introduces "non-technical risk" factors, and directly links cybersecu-

rity risks to companies from specific countries or specific national backgrounds, seeking to exclude them from relevant EU supply chains, said Wang Yifei, spokesperson for the CCPIT, at a press conference.

Wang expressed resolute opposition to these practices, adding that the China Chamber of International Commerce has

formally submitted comments to the European side on behalf of Chinese business circles.

Excluding suppliers from specific countries on generalized security grounds will not only undermine the legitimate rights and interests of other related operators, including Chinese enterprises, but also weaken the openness, fairness and predictability of the EU's business environment, Wang said.

Chinese companies are important partners for Europe in its digital transformation, green transition and industrial upgrading, Wang said, adding that the Chinese business community is willing to work with the European side to promote cybersecurity governance and digital economy development, uphold an open, fair and non-discriminatory market environment, and jointly ensure the stability and smooth operation of global industrial and supply chains. — Xinhua



Focus on Tech Impact: Foreign technology suppliers are closely monitoring the European Parliament, where far-reaching cybersecurity reforms are currently being debated. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/XINHUA/FILE**

NEWS IN BIREF

EU wants to break up with US tech

WARY of being vulnerable to the whims of foreign governments, the European Union is preparing far-reaching new moves to ditch American digital companies and semiconductors abroad in favour of European alternatives.

The EU's technological sovereignty package is among many measures taken by Brussels to slash dependence on foreign firms and boost local manufacturing – but risks opening up a new front in transatlantic tensions.

The hotly awaited package of new rules on chips, cloud computing and AI will be presented on Wednesday as part of the EU's effort to "reclaim its place in the global race for geoeconomic power", a draft strategy document seen by AFP said.

Of particular concern is how much the European Union relies on US cloud providers, which account for around 70 per cent of Europe's market. — AFP

IMF, World Bank, IEA chiefs warn of summer fuel scarcity

THE heads of the International Monetary Fund, World Bank and International Energy Agency warned on Friday of the risks to fuel security during peak demand summer months if oil shipping through the Strait of Hormuz does not return to normal.

"Global oil inventories are being drawn down at a record pace in response to the major loss of supply through the Strait of Hormuz," the heads of the agencies said in a joint statement.

"If shipping flows do not return to normal, continued rapid depletion of global oil inventories ahead of peak summer oil demand in the Northern Hemisphere would present increasing risks for fuel security, market conditions, and broader economic resilience." — AFP

German unemployment shrinks in May but labour market remains weak

GERMANY'S unemployment fell by 58,000 month-on-month in May, dropping below the three-million mark for the first time in four months, official data showed Friday.

According to the Federal Employment Agency (BA), the number of unemployed stood at 2.95 million, while the jobless rate fell by 0.1 percentage point to 6.3 per cent.

Despite the decline, BA chief Andrea Nahles remained cautious. "The spring recovery has not really gained momentum this year," she said, adding

that a fundamental turnaround in the labor market was still not in sight.

Compared with a year earlier, unemployment was still up by 31,000, underscoring the persistent weakness of the labour market in Europe's largest economy amid a prolonged period of sluggish growth.

While German companies are planning fewer job cuts than in previous months, they still intend to reduce headcount rather than expand hiring, separate data released by the Ifo Institute on Wednesday showed. — Xinhua

Resort town near Tokyo offers gondola with spatial audio system

A gondola with a spatial audio system has been introduced on a scenic ropeway in a famous hot spring and resort town southwest of Tokyo, according to its operator.

Odakyu Hakone Co said the gondola allows riders on the Hakone Ropeway to listen to music during a roughly 10-minute trip while enjoying views such as the Owakudani valley, a popular tourist site known for its sulfur vents and geothermal hot springs.

It is the first time in the world for a gondola to be equipped with a Dolby Atmos surround sound system, with the music for that day tailored to the



A gondola on Hakone Ropeway is pictured in Hakone, Kanagawa Prefecture, in April 2026. **PHOTO: KYODO**

weather, according to the operator. Describing the ride as a "new attraction"

for tourists in the mountainous town of Hakone, a company official said, "I

hope couples and families will have good memories of their trips." — Kyodo

US businessman says talked shop with Raul Castro's grandson

A US businessman and Republican congressional candidate told AFP Friday he discussed business opportunities with the grandson of former Cuban president Raul Castro in Havana at a critical time for US-Cuba relations. Vic Mellor, who is running for election in Rhode Island in November, said he spoke with Raul Guillermo Rodriguez Castro on Thursday night, during a sev-

eral-day trip to Cuba that concluded Friday.

AFP was unable to immediately confirm that Mellor met with Rodriguez Castro.

Despite not holding an official government position, the colonel and head of his grandfather's personal security has been identified by US media as playing a key role in ongoing talks between Cuba and the United States. — AFP



Photo taken on 23 February 2026 shows a street view in Havana, capital of Cuba. **PHOTO: JOAQUIN HERNANDEZ/XINHUA**

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



Policemen are on duty at the Shangri-La Hotel, the venue for the Shangri-La Dialogue 2026 in Singapore, 29 May 2026. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Security challenges loom large at Singapore's defence summit

30 May

THE Shangri-La Dialogue 2026, Asia's premier defence and security summit, is underway on Saturday in Singapore amid growing geopolitical tensions. The three-day event, which focuses on major security challenges facing the region, is expected to bring together more than 550 delegates from over 40 countries and regions. The Chinese delegation is expected to elaborate on its vision for common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security.

Vietnamese President To Lam will deliver the keynote address, while US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth is scheduled to deliver a speech on the country's strategy for peace in the Indo-Pacific. This year's dialogue takes place against a backdrop of expanding military activities, rising bloc confrontation and growing spillover effects from conflicts beyond the region. – Xinhua

29 MAY

EAEU leaders urge Armenia to hold referendum on EU membership

THE presidents of Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Russia said Friday that Armenia should hold a nationwide referendum as soon as possible on whether to join the European Union (EU) or remain in the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU).

Armenia's preparations for joining the EU pose "significant risks to the economic security" of EAEU member states, the leaders said in a joint statement published by the Kremlin. The four leaders noted the need to prevent the associated damage to the bloc's members, adding that the representatives in the Eurasian Intergovernmental Council would present a report in December 2026 on the possible consequences of suspending the EAEU treaty for Armenia. In early May, Armenia and the EU signed a connectivity partnership deal. – Xinhua

28 MAY

NATO command centre set for Baltics

GERMANY and the Netherlands will set up a joint tactical headquarters in the Baltics this year to command forces on NATO's eastern flank and help deter Russia, Berlin said Thursday.

The joint German-Dutch command centre known as IGNC will "assume a command role on NATO's eastern flank, specifically in the region Estonia and Latvia" in coming months, the German defence ministry said in a statement.

"The deployment of an additional tactical headquarters to the region strengthens the cohesion of NATO and supports the deterrence of Russia," it said.

IGNC is a command centre that can control up to 50,000 troops if needed.

Its tasks include planning and running military exercises, planning for possible conflict and leading forces if a war breaks out. – AFP

27 MAY

EU states sign off on deal to implement US trade pact

THE EU's 27 member states Wednesday formally approved a compromise with the European Parliament to implement a trade deal with the United States, which now needs only a final sign off from lawmakers to enter into force.

The accord struck last July caps US levies on most European goods at 15 per cent, but to President Donald Trump's frustration the bloc had yet to make good on its pledge to scrap levies on most American imports in return.

But a compromise negotiated between EU capitals and lawmakers last week put the bloc on track to meet Trump's 4 July deadline to implement the deal or face punitive new levies.

Diplomats meeting in Brussels formally approved the text, which lawmakers are to officially back when they meet in Strasbourg in mid-June. – AFP

26 MAY

Trump demands widespread sign-up to Abraham Accords

US President Donald Trump urged Muslim-majority nations across the Middle East and beyond to normalize relations with Israel as part of the emerging Iran peace deal.

In a lengthy social media post, Trump listed countries whose leaders he spoke with on Saturday about efforts to end the war with Iran.

"After all the work done by the United States to try and pull this very complex puzzle together, it should be mandatory that all of these Countries, at a minimum, simultaneously, sign onto the Abraham Accords."

"Those Countries discussed are Saudi Arabia, The United Arab Emirates (already a Member!), Qatar, Pakistan, Turkiye, Egypt, Jordan, and Bahrain (already a Member!)"

The Abraham Accords are a set of agreements brokered under Trump in 2020 and widely heralded as a foreign policy success. – AFP

25 MAY

Pope to release major artificial intelligence manifesto

Pope Leo XIV will release on Monday his long-awaited manifesto on artificial intelligence (AI), a bid to address ethical and social challenges as the technology rapidly develops worldwide. The US pope will attend the presentation of the "Magnifica Humanitas" (Magnificent Humanity) encyclical at the Vatican in person – a first for the Catholic Church.

He will be joined not only by officials from the Holy See but experts including the co-founder of the American startup Anthropic, a key player in the booming AI landscape.

Anthropic is in a legal battle with the US military after refusing to change its internal policy prohibiting the use of its Claude model for lethal autonomous warfare or mass surveillance. – AFP

24 May

Uruguay records first death by euthanasia

A cancer patient in Uruguay became the first person to die by euthanasia in the small South American country. Uruguay in October passed the so-called "Dignified Death" bill, making it the first country in Latin America to legalize assisted dying.

The law allows assisted suicide for adult Uruguayan citizens or residents who are mentally competent and in the terminal stage of an incurable disease that causes them suffering. The first recorded death of this type "took place today", a source from Uruguay's Medical Association told AFP Friday, one month after the legislation came into effect.

The first euthanasia procedure in the country had been carried out in Montevideo. – AFP

SPORTS



Male youth athletes compete in the tournament.

IKO Myanmar holds Kids and Youth Karate Tournament 2026

THE IKO Kids and Youth Championships and Weight Category Championships Myanmar 2026 karate tournament, organized by International Karate Organization Myanmar, was held at the Myanmar Convention Centre in Yangon on 29 May.

The competition featured youth and adult categories for athletes aged 18 and above, with 16 divisions included in the tournament. More than 160 athletes from regions and states across Myanmar took part in the event.

Following the matches, officials from the International Karate Organization Myanmar presented medals to first, second and third place winners in both the youth and adult divisions.

Organisers said IKO karate competitions are becoming increasingly popular internationally and are also gaining growing interest among sports enthusiasts in Myanmar.

They also confirmed that Myanmar athletes will compete in an upcoming IKO karate tournament in Armenia, where around 500 competitors from about 20 countries are expected to participate. — Bala/KZL

AYA Tri-Nations Cup 2026 kickoff event held

THE official kickoff event and sponsor signing ceremony for the AYA Tri-Nations Cup 2026 women's invitational football tournament, jointly organized by the Myanmar Football Federation and AYA Bank, was held on 30 May at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon.

At the ceremony, AYA Bank Chief Executive Officer Daw Jasmine Thazin Aung explained the purpose of sponsoring the tournament, followed by MFF general secretary U Tun Tun Aung delivering remarks of appreciation. Officials from both sides later signed sponsorship agreements for the competition and exchanged commemorative gifts.

The tournament will be held from 3 to 9 June at Thuwunna Youth Training Centre with Myanmar, Thailand and Uzbekistan participating.

According to the fixture schedule, Myanmar will face Uzbekistan on 3 June, Thailand will play Uzbekistan on 6 June, and Myanmar will take on Thailand on 9 June.

Online tickets for the tournament



The official launch ceremony for the 2026 AYA Tri-Nations Cup is underway yesterday in Yangon. PHOTO: SOE NYUNT THAW

will be available through AYA Pay. Fans purchasing tickets worth more than K5,000 via AYA Pay will also receive a digital lucky draw ticket with prizes worth up to K30 million.

Advance ticket sales will also be conducted at the Myanmar Football Federation office from 10 am to 4 pm

on 31 May and 1 and 2 June. Ticket prices have been set at K5,000 for grand stand seats and K2,000 for ordinary seats.

All matches will kick off at 5 pm, and transport arrangements will be provided for spectators after the matches. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Over 100 trainees complete summer basic wrestling course

THE graduation ceremony of the summer basic wrestling course jointly organized by the Myanmar Wrestling Federation and the Yangon Region Wrestling Subcommittee was held on 30 May at the wrestling training hall inside the Kyaikkasan Stadium in Yangon.

Yangon Region Wrestling Subcommittee Chairman U Arkar Lwin Maung and Vice-Chairman U Naing Myint Oo delivered opening remarks before officials presented completion certificates to the trainees.

Young wrestlers from the Myanmar Wrestling Federation also staged demonstration performances and took commemorative group photographs.

The training programme was conducted from 16 February to 30 May and included both basic and advanced courses. A total of 105 trainees, comprising 35 male trainees and 70 female trainees across Yangon Region, joined the course. — Bala/KZL

PSG beat Arsenal on penalties to retain Champions League title

PARIS Saint-Germain beat Arsenal 4-3 on penalties to win their second consecutive Champions League title after a 1-1 draw in the final in Budapest on Saturday.

Kai Havertz fired Arsenal into an early lead before Ousmane Dembele equalized from the spot in the second half.

Eberechi Eze and Gabriel Magalhaes both missed for the Gunners in the shoot-out as PSG became just the second club to retain the title in the Champions League era. — AFP



Paris Saint-Germain's Spanish head coach Luis Enrique (C), Paris Saint-Germain's Spanish midfielder (8) Fabian Ruiz (R) and team members celebrate their team's win of the UEFA Champions League final football match between Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) and Arsenal FC at the Puskas Arena in Budapest on 30 May 2026. PHOTO: AFP



This photo shows bamboo tableware at a homestay in Anji County of Huzhou City, east China's Zhejiang Province. **PHOTO: ZHU HAN/XINHUA**

China's bamboo industry thrives as eco-friendly plastic alternative

Following consistent expansion, China's bamboo industry has seen its annual output value exceed 520 billion yuan (\$74.8 billion), with product variety surpassing 15,000, the National Forestry and Grassland Administration.

China has established a comprehensive industrial system for promoting bamboo as a substitute for plastic, featuring a complete product range and growing economic significance

China's bamboo industry exceeds 520 billion yuan.

Over the past three years, under a dedicated action plan, systematic measures have been implemented to foster industrial clusters and optimize the sector's ecosystem.

Thanks to these efforts, the

number of bamboo processing enterprises in the country has grown to over 10,000, employing nearly 29 million workers across its industrial chain, the administration revealed.

Ten counties in the country now boast bamboo industries with annual output exceeding 10 billion yuan.

The country has nearly eight million hectares of bamboo forests, producing approximately 150 million metric tonnes annually. — Xinhua

Hollywood studios and actors' union find common ground on AI

Studio negotiations shifted to a collaborative tone.

AS Hollywood's performers cast their ballots to approve the latest negotiated contract, union leaders say they have made some progress in conversations with studio bosses since the massive strike in 2023, especially when it comes to concerns about artificial intelligence. SAG-AFTRA chief negotiator Duncan Crabtree-Ireland attributed the mostly drama-free agreements in this round of negotiations to a new mindset, "because the studios and streamers came to the table with a different perspective".

With 160,000 members working in film, television and video games, SAG-AFTRA is the largest and most influential union of its kind globally. Members of the actors' union are voting on a newly negotiated agreement that was approved by the national board earlier this month, ahead of the current contract's expiration at the end of June. "The tone of the negotiation was much more collaborative and a lot more creativity was brought by both sides, so I really believe that the 2023 strikes — while they were very difficult for all of us — did help effectuate a reset in the relationship between the studios and the unions in general," Crabtree-Ireland told AFP. — AFP



The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror at Disney's Hollywood Studios in Walt Disney World. **PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

Video games turn to classic films to woo middle-aged millennials



James Bond game "First Light" is released this week. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

MILLENNIAL gamers who grew up on 1980s and 1990s blockbusters are being courted by the gaming industry, with new James Bond, Indiana Jones, and upcoming Jurassic Park video games.

Rasmus Poulsen, art director for "007 First Light", represents a generation of developers adapting the worlds they fantasized about as children. James Bond fits video games perfectly due to his action-oriented character built around firearms, gadgets, luxury cars, and flirting, according to media lecturer Alexis Blanchet.

Bond hadn't appeared in a game for over a decade before "First Light", with previous follow-ups to the 1997 "Goldeneye" disappointing players. "First Light" is the first Bond game under Amazon's stewardship after the

James Bond fits active gaming mechanics perfectly.

company bought MGM in 2022.

Built by IO Interactive (Hitman developers), it offers a new origin story featuring a young, cocky Bond still earning his stripes. Games journalist Keith Stuart argues this makes sense as Bond's cinematic legacy has become problematic with uncertain modern motivations. Video game film adaptations date back to the late 1970s. — AFP