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President U Min Aung Hlaing visits NETRA (NTPC Energy Technology Research Alliance) in India



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing observes the generating electricity from solar power of NTPC Energy Technology Research Alliance in Greater Noida, India, on 31 May 2026.

orative tree to mark his visit to the company.

The President and party viewed the net-zero energy production process of NTPC. Officials explained generating electricity from solar power, battery storage systems, hydrogen-based energy generation, and electricity generation from municipal waste.

Concerning the clarification, the President interestingly asked what he wanted to know.

NETRA (NTPC Energy Technology Research Alliance) is a subsidiary of NTPC Limited, one of India's largest power utility companies, and primarily focuses on research and development. NETRA is committed to developing the latest, sustainable, and economically viable technologies for the energy sector. Its main priority areas include improving efficiency and reducing costs, new and renewable energy, climate change and water

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, currently in New Delhi, India, on an official visit, accompanied by Union ministers, the Myanmar Ambassador to India, the Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) and officials, visited NETRA (NTPC Energy Technology Research Alliance) in Greater Noida yesterday afternoon.

On its arrival at NETRA (NTPC Energy Technology Research Alliance), the President and party were cordially welcomed by the Head of the company, Mr Gurdeep Singh, and officials.

At the company's conference hall, the President and the Head of the Company exchanged commemorative gifts, and a company official presented an overview of the operations and work processes of NETRA (NTPC Energy Technology Research Alliance).

The President and party watched a documentary video clip on the work pro-

cedures of NETRA (NTPC Energy Technology Research Alliance). An official of the company clarified the efforts to reduce carbon emissions to net-zero levels, and NETRA's activities aligned with energy transition plans, implementation of NTPC to improve CCUS (Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage) technology on a larger scale at NTPC Pudimadaka, green hydrogen production activities, developments in long-duration energy storage systems, water and water-resource technologies, solar energy systems, advanced scientific energy generation methods through NETRA (NTPC Energy Technology Research Alliance), and capacity-building programmes under ITEC to produce skilled Myanmar professionals.

The President observed scale models of the CO₂-based closed Brayton Cycle Energy Storage System, Plasma Gasification-based Green Hydrogen Generation from MSW-RDF/ Agri-waste, 10 TPD Flue Gas-Co₂ To Methanol Plant (FG-CTM),



regarding the production of varieties of advanced scientific energy. The Head of the company and officials explained the necessary measures. The President asked what he wanted to know.

The President planted a commem-

conservation, fly ash utilization, carbon capture and utilization, and environmental protection, including waste management. In addition to research activities, NETRA also provides support for power plants and other public utility services. — MNA/TTA

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Rehabilitation Coordination Meeting held for Falam, Tiddim and Tonzang

A coordination meeting on rehabilitation and reconstruction works for Falam, Tiddim and Tonzang in Chin State was held yesterday at Thwam Wum Rest House in Ward 1, Tiddim.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the Chin State Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Committee, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Than Soe and officials.

At the meeting, the deputy minister delivered an opening address, saying that participants discussed in detail arrangements for timely supply of rice rations for government staff and residents returning to Falam, Tiddim and Tonzang towns, provision of construction materials and relief supplies to the respective areas, replenishment of fuel and machinery for field operations,



A coordination meeting on rehabilitation and reconstruction works for Falam, Tiddim and Tonzang towns in Chin State in progress in Tiddim yesterday.

and coordinated implementation of rehabilitation tasks across departments. The deputy minister also gave necessary coordination and support based on requirements raised.

Eight tonnes of rice for staff and residents arriving in Falam, Tiddim and Tonzang

were donated by the People's Republic of China under the APTERR programme. The donated rice arrived in Kalay by Tatmadaw aircraft from Yangon on 31 May. The supplies will be promptly distributed to the respective townships. — District IPRD/KZL

Invitation to participate in workshop on electricity generation and utilization using solar energy

ALTHOUGH Myanmar is richly endowed with abundant sunlight, the amount of electricity generated and utilized from solar energy remains low.

As the Ministry of Electricity and Energy continues its efforts to increase solar power generation, it is promoting these initiatives through two main approaches: integrating solar systems into the national grid at a suitable ratio and encouraging the installation and use of solar systems by individuals and groups.

By collaboratively addressing the technological limitations and administrative challenges encountered in this process, effective and beneficial plans and projects can be implemented more rapidly.

Therefore, with the aim of significantly increasing the share of solar energy in the country's electricity consumption, the Ministry of Electricity and Energy is making arrangements to hold a comprehensive workshop during the first week of July 2026.

For this workshop, experts, entrepreneurs, officials from relevant organizations, as well as students and individuals interested in solar technology, battery technology, and solar power systems, are cordially invited to attend, discuss, and offer suggestions. Those who wish to propose discussion topics are kindly requested to contact U Myo Thant Tun, Director of the Department of Electric Power Transmission & System Control, dialing 09 43016690 and 067 3410471 and through dgdpts2021@gmail.com.

Ministry of Electricity and Energy

U18 Football Final and Award Ceremony to be broadcast live on MRTV

THE final match and award ceremony of the 2026 Inter-State and Region U 18 Men's Football Tournament will be held at 4 pm on 2 June at Thuwunna Stadium in Yan-

gon.

The final match and the awards presentation ceremony will be broadcast live on MRTV HD, MRTV Sports, MRTV Entertainment, and Myanmar

Radio. The broadcast will continue until the end of the award ceremony on MRTV Sports and MRTV Entertainment channels, according to MRTV. — MRTV/KZL

Gold Market Rate as of 31 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.

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Sunday 31 May 2026)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate to strong over the Andaman Sea, South Bay, Eastcentral and Northeast Bay of Bengal. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON ON 1 June 2026: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay Region and Kayah and (southern and eastern)Shan states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of regionally heavyfalls in Magway Region and isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay, Bago and Sagaing regions and Chin and Rakhine states. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing

in Bago, Magway, Sagaing and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and northern Shan states. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: The squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times in the Delta, the Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. The surface wind speed in squalls may reach 25-30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 7-9 feet in the Delta, the Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. The sea will be moderate elsewhere in the Myanmar waters. The wave height

will be about 6-8 feet off and along the Rakhine Coast.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of advancement of Southwest monsoon into the Northern Myanmar areas.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA ON 1 June 2026: The isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST ON YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA on 1 June 2026: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA ON 1 June 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing delivers a speech at the Myanmar-India Trade and Investment Conclave at the Taj Mahal Hotel in New Delhi, India, yesterday.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, currently in India on an official visit, delivered a keynote speech at the Myanmar-India Trade and Investment Conclave at the Taj Mahal Hotel in New Delhi, India, yesterday morning.

On his arrival at the hotel, the President was welcomed by Patron of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Aung Ko Win, President U Aye Win and members, Chairman of the Myanmar-India Friendship Association and officials, Secretary-General Mr Anant Swarup Ji of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) and Senior Advisor Dr Vikramjit Singh Sahney Ji to the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

Speaking on the occasion, the President delivered a keynote speech. He said: This visit is intended to strengthen India's Act East Policy and Neighbourhood First Policy further, while also enhancing Myanmar's efforts to accelerate regional economic cooperation. It was noted that a new government, elected by the people through democratic means, was formed in Myanmar on 10 April 2026. Under the new administration, priority is being given to advancing strategic economic cooperation with partner countries to achieve sustainable and balanced development.

At present, India has 39 investment projects in Myanmar, totalling US\$782.385 million, making it the 11th largest investor in the country. Indian investors are engaged in Myanmar's industrial sector, oil and natural gas, transport and communications, services, as well as agriculture, livestock, and fisheries sectors.

Myanmar is an agriculture-based country with favourable climatic conditions, a sufficient labour force, and an adequate extent of arable land for carrying out agricultural activities. It is also the country with the largest area of farmland in Southeast Asia. Therefore, policies are

Myanmar Assures Indian Investors of a Trustworthy Investment Environment

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being implemented to utilize these strong agricultural and livestock foundations in order to develop Myanmar into a country that primarily produces food.

India is a global leader in the production of generic medicines, and it is noted that approximately 60 per cent of Myanmar's pharmaceutical needs are imported from India. Therefore, as part of bilateral cooperation, there are many investment opportunities in pharmaceutical manufacturing.

MSME enterprises serve as a driving force of Myanmar's economy, and it is also acknowledged that India has made significant advancements in vocational skills and technological development. Through the establishment of industrial clusters, the transfer of technology, and the joint opening of vocational training institutions, both countries can create a mutually beneficial value chain.

The Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project and the India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway are key initiatives that will not only facilitate bilateral trade but also open up the ASEAN-India economic corridor. Therefore, there are significant investment opportunities in special economic zones (SEZs) and logistics hubs along these economic corridors.

Myanmar has identified several types of investment activities as strategically important to the State, including information and communication technology services, pharmaceutical manufacturing, and energy-related infrastructure. Priority investment sectors also include agriculture, livestock, and agro-based manufacturing industries, renewable energy production, as well as education and healthcare services, which are being actively promoted and invited for investment.

In addition, in line with national needs, special priority will be provided to partner investors engaging in the production of fertilizers, cement, and steel, the manufacture of electric vehicles to improve public transportation, the production of value-added agricultural and livestock products, the manufacturing of pharmaceuticals and medical equipment, and the production of edible oil. These investors will be facilitated with priority services and special assistance.

In addition, efforts are being made to promote and develop value-added furniture manufacturing based on locally produced timber, as well as the production of veneer, plywood, sawn timber, and processed wood products. Support is also being provided for the development of industries producing high-quality cot-

ton, advanced rubber products, and rubber-based furniture items.

Myanmar is currently undertaking a digital transformation process, and the Myanmar Digital Roadmap 2030 is being developed. In addition, a project covering an area of approximately 10,000 acres in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Region, is being implemented as the Yadanabon Cyber City (Yadanabon New City) project. Therefore, there are strong investment opportunities for Indian entrepreneurs, who have already achieved success in the IT sector to invest in the IT and digital service industries in Myanmar.

In order to promote trade between Myanmar and India and to ensure faster and smoother movement of goods, a direct Rupee-Kyat payment system was introduced in 2024. This system operates through the use of Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVA) and enables direct settlement between the two national currencies, Rupee and Kyat. As it allows transactions to be conducted at lower cost, it is beneficial not only for border trade but also for regular trade activities. Therefore, it is expected to significantly support not only bilateral trade but also broader economic cooperation between the two countries.

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Efforts are being made to facilitate and streamline investment activities. The Trademark Law, the Industrial Design Law, and the Copyright Law for literature and artistic works have been fully in effect and operational since 2024, in order to provide protection for investments.

Therefore, in order to further enhance Myanmar-India investment cooperation, Indian entrepreneurs are specially invited to invest in Myanmar in sectors such as agriculture, livestock-based manufacturing, pharmaceutical production, textile and garment industries, technology and digital services, as well as education and healthcare services.

In inviting investments, emphasis is placed not only on economic profitability but also on ensuring a sustainable ecosystem and balanced economic development (ecology and economy balancing). Environmentally responsible investments will be fully protected and safeguarded. Accordingly, support will be provided to ensure the smooth facilitation of Indian investors operating in Myanmar, while also prioritizing the expansion of bilateral trade and investment between the two countries.

The President invited that India's advanced technology and capital be effectively combined with Myanmar's abundant natural resources, strategic geographic location, and young labour force, so that value-added products and service industries can be invested in and developed within Myanmar.

The FICCI Secretary-General and the Senior Advisor to CII said that as the two countries share a common border, there is significant potential to further expand cooperation in sectors such as trade, connectivity, infrastructure, health, agriculture, energy, digital collaboration, capacity building, and border region development. Economic cooperation between the two countries has been growing annually, and there are ample opportunities to further increase trade and investment.

Myanmar and India are in a strong position to enhance mutual benefits by

Salient points from the speech delivered by the President at the Myanmar-India Trade and Investment Conclave

1. India is invited to invest in the Yadanabon Cyber City project near PyinOoLwin in Mandalay Region.
2. The formation of a joint mechanism comprising representatives to coordinate efforts for the smooth facilitation of trade and investment activities between Myanmar and India would help ensure greater efficiency and smoother implementation of such activities.
3. It is believed that conclave will lead to stronger economic linkages, tangible results, and new opportunities for cooperation.



The Myanmar-India Trade and Investment Conclave in progress, attended by President U Min Aung Hlaing.

strengthening cooperation in highly promising sectors. Such engagements and dialogues are seen as effective ways to translate strategic objectives into practical outcomes. It is believed that today's conclave will lead to stronger economic linkages, tangible results, and new opportunities for cooperation.

Indian entrepreneurs discussed the desire of Indian business entrepreneurs to cooperate in pharmaceutical manufacturing and the need for support and encouragement from both governments; the facilitation of smooth currency exchange and remittance systems in bilateral trade; how Indian agricultural companies should be invited to promote

the development of the agriculture sector, given Myanmar's strong agricultural potential; the need to provide necessary support to Indian IT companies in efforts to develop Myanmar's information technology sector; the intention to further expand trade activities; and cooperation in increasing production, particularly as Myanmar's various pulses are of high quality and can help meet global food demand.

Union Ministers stated that the government is implementing measures in accordance with established rules and regulations to ensure smooth currency exchange between the two countries, facilitate trade activities, and collect taxes

in line with prescribed procedures. Efforts are also being made to ensure smooth payment systems for trade transactions. Regarding agricultural cooperation, possibilities for joint collaboration include seed production, mung bean cultivation and production, fertilizer manufacturing, and dairy cattle farming. In order to further develop the IT sector, Myanmar is able to provide necessary regulatory relaxations to support cooperation, and at present, investment opportunities are available at Yadanabon Cyber City in PyinOoLwin.

In the concluding speech, the President said that the Government has adopted a policy of selling goods in larger quantities with lower profit margins. It is also noted that if Indian products such as iron and steel, and fertilizers are produced and sold through investment in Myanmar, such initiatives are welcomed. Furthermore, trade activities can be further promoted through the Dawei Deep Sea Port Project.

The formation of a joint mechanism comprising representatives from both sides to coordinate efforts and facilitate the smooth conduct of trade and investment activities between the two countries would help ensure greater efficiency and smoother implementation.

In order to develop the IT sector, Myanmar initiated the Yadanabon Cyber City project near PyinOoLwin in Mandalay Region about 20 years ago. However, the project has been delayed due to various reasons. Therefore, India is invited to invest in this project if it wishes to do so.

The Government continues to firmly pursue the path of a multiparty democratic system and will also continue to strengthen the economy. Therefore, Indian entrepreneurs are invited to invest in Myanmar with confidence and trust.

After the ceremony, the President had a luncheon together with businesspeople from both countries.

The ceremony was also attended by officials of the Indian government, the Myanmar Ambassador to India, the Indian Ambassador to Myanmar, and businesspersons from Myanmar and India.

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Myanmar pledges continued security cooperation at 1st International Security Forum in Russia

AT the invitation of Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation Mr Sergei Shoigu, a Myanmar delegation led by National Security Advisor and Union Minister at the President's Office U Tin Aung San visited Moscow, Russian Federation, from 25 to 31 May.

The delegation attended the 1st International Security Forum, as well as the concurrently held the 6th ASEAN-Russia Consultations of High Representatives for Security Issues and the 14th International Meeting of High-Ranking Officials Responsible for Security Matters.

During the visit, the Myanmar delegation attended the 1st International Security Forum held at the Live Arena in

Moscow on the morning of 26 May. The forum was convened under the theme, "Countering Neocolonialism as a Priority for Ensuring the Security of the Global Majority Countries," and U Tin Aung San delivered an address at the opening session.

On 27 May, the Union minister attended the 6th ASEAN-Russia Consultations of High Representatives for Security Issues together with high-level representatives from ASEAN member nations and Russia. During the dialogue, he delivered both the opening and closing remarks. Alongside the heads of delegations from ASEAN member states, he exchanged views on developments in regional and

global security, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region, strategic stability, arms control and nuclear non-proliferation, as well as cooperation in addressing conventional and non-conventional security challenges.

On 28 May, the Union minister attended the 14th International Meeting of High-Ranking Officials Responsible for Security Matters and delivered a speech at the event, which was held under the theme, "Challenges and Threats to International Security in the Context of the Emergence of a Multipolar World".

During the visit, as part of cooperation between Myanmar and Russia, the "Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of a Joint



Union Minister at the President's Office U Tin Aung San participates in the 1st International Security Forum in Moscow, Russian Federation.

Information Security Centre" and the "Implementation Plan for Cooperation in the Field of International Information Security between Myanmar and Russia (2026-2029)" were signed by officials from both sides in the presence of the Union minister and the secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation.

From 27 to 29 May, the Union minister met with the national security advisors of Russia, Belarus, Thailand, China, and India. During the meetings, the parties cordially

and openly exchanged views on multidimensional cooperation, including security cooperation, economic and investment matters, information sharing, and technology transfer.

Approximately 5,000 delegates from 145 countries attended the 1st International Security Forum and the 14th International Meeting of High-Ranking Officials Responsible for Security Matters, where Russian military and security products were showcased at 22 exhibition booths. — MNA/TH

Union Defence Minister visits Belarus for military cooperation talks

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Defence General Tun Aung visited Belarus from 25 to 30 May at the invitation of Belarusian Defence Minister Lt-Gen Viktor Ganedievich Khrenin to discuss military cooperation between the two countries.

During the visit, the Myanmar delegation was welcomed with a guard of honour at the Central House of Officers of the Armed Forces of Belarus. The defence ministers of Myanmar and Belarus held talks on bilateral defence cooperation matters. The two ministers later visited the Victory Square Obelisk Monument to lay wreaths and pay tribute. In the evening, the Myanmar delegation attended an official dinner hosted by the Belarusian defence minister.

The delegation also toured



Union Minister for Defence General Tun Aung visits military technology factories in Belarus.

military technology factories, workshops and textile industries in Belarus. In addition, they met with a delegation led by Mr Dmitry Pantus, chairman of the Belarus State Authority for Military Industry, to discuss

cooperation between the two countries.

The Myanmar delegation visited the Embassy of Myanmar in Minsk and met embassy staff, family members and trainees during the trip.—MNA/KZL

Earthquake-affected MSMEs in Sagaing and Mandalay can apply for recovery support funds

IMPACT Hub Yangon has announced that Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in earthquake-affected areas of Sagaing and Mandalay can now apply for recovery support funds ranging from K2-K5 million.

Impact Hub Yangon is continuously striving to meet the needs of local communities affected by the earthquake that struck on 28 March 2025. As part of these ongoing efforts, they have announced that applications are open for recovery support funds dedicated to earthquake-hit MSMEs.

Immediately following the earthquake, their teams and local members visited affected areas in Sagaing Township to provide emergency relief, in-

cluding donating solar lights, installing water purification systems, and constructing temporary shelters.

To stimulate the recovery of the local economy, it is now launching the programme to assist MSMEs, which form the backbone of the community. The programme aims to help two to three businesses that have been halted or severely damaged by the earthquake to restart.

Therefore, business owners from earthquake-affected areas in Sagaing and Mandalay are invited to submit their applications via the link: <https://forms.gle/wbS8jWcteLLineBdA>. The deadline for applications is 31 May. — MT/ZN

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Union Transport Minister joins Thilawa Port Warehouse opening



Union Minister U Mya Tun Oo presses the button to open the Modern Warehouse No 1 building of Myanmar Agribusiness and General Development Public Company Limited at the Thilawa Port area yesterday.

UNION Minister for Transport and for Digital Development and Communications U Mya Tun Oo attended the opening ceremony of Modern Warehouse No 1 operated by Myanmar Agribusiness and General Development Public Company Limited at Plot No 29 of the Thilawa Port area.

The warehouse project was implemented under the supervision of the Myanma Port Authority. The Union minister unveiled the commemorative

plaque. During the event, the Union minister said Thilawa ports play a key role in developing transit trade and transshipment businesses that can strengthen the country's trade sector.

He also urged MAGDPL to continue investing in the remaining three planned warehouses and encouraged other investors in the Thilawa port area to accelerate ongoing and future projects.

After the ceremony, offi-

cialists viewed exhibitions inside the warehouse, inspected the storage of maize intended for export and visited planned warehouse construction sites.

The Union minister visited the Computer Based Examination Centre at the Department of Marine Administration (Dawbon branch) and instructed officials to systematically implement the CBE system and improve maritime examination standards in line with modern requirements. — MNA/KZL

EV usage rises among urban community

THE use of electric vehicle (EV) has increased among the urban community, said U Kyaw Tun Myint, general secretary of the Myanmar Automobile Manufacturers and Distributors Association (MAMDA).

Upon EV roadmaps and local driving restriction depending on licence plate number (even and odd system), the expensive EV market has increased again, with buying and selling prices returning to former levels.

“The use of EVs has increased more than before. Suppose about 50 per cent of urban population are interested in EVs in the past, but now nearly 80

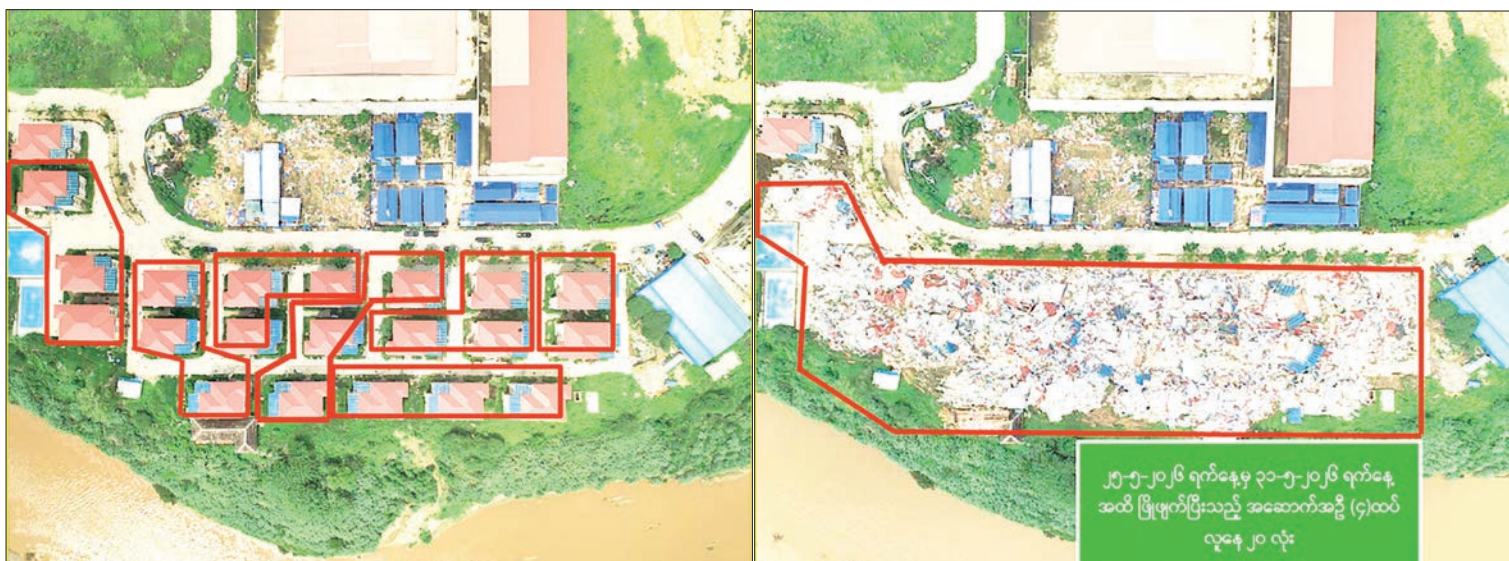
per cent of them are using EVs. The fuel crisis is a factor too and at the same time, a roadmap is already set by the leading company— when EV import allows, when SKB and CKD starts. So, the public interest in EVs increases day after day,” he said.

EV prices range from a minimum of K50-K100 million to a maximum of K600-K700 million. The worldwide market has also rapidly developed and it is still fine if people are not interested in EV for now, but it will be a challenge for urban population if they still neglect EVs in next three to four years, he added. — MT/ZS



EVs were displayed at the 20th Myanmar biggest property and automobile expo.

Shwe Kokko Crackdown: 3 More Four-Storey Scam Hubs Smashed



Photos show before and after destroying scam hubs in Shwe Kokko and KK park, Myawady, Kayin State.

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.

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 21 buildings had already been demolished to date, 56 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/KZL

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Myanmar-Thailand friendship alms-giving and merit-making ceremony held in Tachileik



The Myanmar-Thailand bilateral friendship ceremony, featuring the offering of rice and provisions alongside the setting up of donation structures, in progress.

A Myanmar-Thailand friendship alms-giving ceremony, featuring the offering of rice and provisions to monks and the setting up of donation structures, was held on 30 May at the Naga Hnakaung Monastery in Tachileik, Shan State (East).

The ceremony aimed to further strengthen the friendship between Myanmar and Thailand, promote the propagation of the Buddha Sasana, and ensure the long-term perpetuation of the Sasana.

During the ceremony, guests from both Myanmar

and Thailand took the Five Precepts from the Sayadaw of the Naga Hnakaung Monastery and listened reverently to Paritta recited by members of the Sangha from both countries.

People from the two nations also offered uncooked rice and offertories to 99 monks from Myanmar and Thailand.

Approximately 1,500 donors and residents from Tachileik, along with well-wishers from both Myanmar and Thailand, attended the event.—ASH/KNN

Power 9 donates K700,000 to Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization



Chairman U Kyi Soe Tun receives the donation from the Power 9 video production family.

THE Power 9 video production family donated K700,000 to the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization on 30 May at the organization's office in Bahan Township, Yangon, according to Vice-Chairman U Aye Kyu Lay.

The donation will support the educational assistance programmes for children of organization members, including school expenses, stationery and uniforms, as well as rice, cooking oil and salt donations for mem-

bers in need.

Of the total donation, K500,000 will be used for education support programmes, while the remaining K200,000 will be allocated for food assistance, U Aye Kyu Lay said.

The annual education support donation programme for children of organization members will be held in June, while food assistance donations for members in need are scheduled to take place in July.—ASH/KZL

Myanmar joins ASEAN-China Member Friendship Associations Meeting in China

OFFICIALS from the Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central) attended the ASEAN-China Member Friendship Associations Meeting, which was held from 25 to 28 May in Huaxian, Anhui Province, China.

The meeting was hosted by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and also featured the 5th ASEAN-China Friendship Association Presidents' Meeting. A delegation

led by U Tin Oo, Chairman of the Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central), together with three executive members, attended the event.

In conjunction with the meeting, a commemorative ceremony was held to mark the 35th anniversary of ASEAN-China relations and the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the China-ASEAN People-to-People Friendship foundation.

During the ASEAN-China

Member Friendship Associations Meeting, participants discussed regional development and cooperation under a win-win approach.

Discussions also focused on advancing from a strategic partnership towards building a community with a shared future, as well as formulating work plans for 2026-2028 aimed at further strengthening friendship ties and expanding cooperation initiatives.—ASH/TH



This photo shows Chairman of the Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central), together with the chairpersons of ASEAN-China friendship associations from other ASEAN member countries.

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OPINION

Equip youth with both knowledge and skills

YOUTH are valuable assets who are essential to both the present era and the future history of the nation. They are also an important human resource for national development. It is urged that all young people recognize that the strength of the younger generation is the most vital force for ensuring the long-term stability and modern development of the country.

To sustain oneself as a human being, the best companion is education. Only education can shape the intellect that enables one to distinguish between right and wrong and make sound decisions. Education should be understood as consisting of both

knowledge and skills. In order to acquire knowledge and skills, formal schooling is the fundamental basis. Through progression in education levels, it can be observed that a person's intelligence and standard of living also improve and change over time.

Today, it can be observed that countries rich in educated people stand at the forefront of the world. To achieve such leadership, through the guidance of education, human efforts and innovations have been continuously carried out, leading to progressive, step-by-step development. As a result, living standards have also risen and continue to remain at a high level.

The Government is promoting and supporting young people to become well-rounded individuals endowed with the five strengths in all sectors. Among the five strengths – physical strength, intellectual strength, moral strength, social strength, and economic strength – it can be observed that moral strength serves as the guiding principle. To become a capable person, knowledge and skills

are necessary, and to become a good person, a strong moral foundation is also required. Young people build a strong moral foundation from an early age while they are still young.

If young people can firmly establish a strong moral foundation, they will shine in the future of the nation as a new generation that is not only “well-educated and kind-hearted”, but also “equally capable and in step with the times”. As true new-generation citizens filled with patriotism and love for the country, they are encouraged to begin striving so that they can eventually take over and shoulder the responsibilities of the nation in the future.

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Our Students, Our Future: A National Commitment to Education

By Soe Khant Lin

STUDENTS are not only an invaluable human resource for the nation's future but also essential contributors to the country's continuous and sustainable development. A nation with a low literacy rate will undoubtedly experience constrained development and will inevitably lag behind other countries. For this reason, governments around the world employ various strategies to promote literacy among their citizens. Similarly, in Myanmar, successive governments have made sustained and concerted efforts to advance public literacy since the country regained its independence. Among these national endeavours, the “Ah Thone Lone” campaign stands out as a landmark nationwide initiative. Nevertheless, the literacy rate among the people of Myanmar still requires significant improvement. Recognizing this imperative, the current government, elected by the public, has elevated education to the status of a national priority, a commitment expressly emphasized in President U Min Aung

Hlaing's inaugural address. Furthermore, education has been designated as a priority sector within the government's 100-day plan.

In Myanmar, the month of June marks the commencement of the academic year. Accordingly, the Ministry of Education is actively urging all school-age children throughout the country to pursue their education, irrespective of ethnicity, language, gender, region, or state. The government has also announced that Placement Tests will be conducted for students across Myanmar who, for a variety of reasons, have been unable to attend school since 2021, thereby enabling them to enrol in grades appropriate to their age. This initiative clearly demonstrates the seriousness of purpose and the genuine goodwill with which the government, under the leadership of President U Min Aung Hlaing, regards the education of the people. The announcement has been met

with widespread relief and satisfaction among parents of students throughout Myanmar, and a marked increase in public confidence and trust in the current administration is plainly observable across social circles and on social media platforms. In light of these developments, it is evident that the new government's 100-day plan has already been set on a successful trajectory within a remarkably short period.

Under the President's guidance, the Ministry of Education has issued comprehensive directives and guidelines for the 2026-2027 Academic Year. These include essential points for all school principals, teachers, and administrative and support staff to be aware of and to implement diligently, as well as appeals addressed to parents, guardians, and the general public, along with detailed information regarding enrollment procedures in basic education schools. These announcements are of



immense practical value. They serve to regulate the conduct of educational personnel, ensuring that they perform their duties free from bias and with full accountability and responsibility. Moreover, specific provisions have been put in place to relieve parents and the public of undue financial burdens concerning their children's education, regardless of their place of residence, thereby paving the way for every child to become an educated and capable individual. It

is also noteworthy that parents are being actively encouraged to provide appropriate guidance to their children, to collaborate closely with teachers, and to cultivate a sustained interest in their children's educational journey.

Furthermore, these directives promote and encourage the development of collaborative skills among students, nurturing them to become responsible and accountable members of society. They also provide es-

sentential corrective guidance to steer young people away from harmful influences. Young students, being naturally youthful and full of curiosity, are carefully guided through these measures to ensure that their spirit of exploration does not lead them down unproductive or dangerous paths. From their earliest school days, they are trained to understand and observe traffic rules and road safety regulations. The government has also considered the need for students

to adopt and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Concerted efforts are also being undertaken to combat the scourge of gaming addiction, a pursuit that not only leads today's youth astray but also squanders their invaluable time. All these factors are genuinely conducive to the holistic and positive development of our students.

Therefore, if students actively collaborate and engage wholeheartedly in their studies alongside their parents and

teachers, each and every individual student will undoubtedly flourish and make meaningful progress. When such empowered and well-educated youth become abundant across the nation, Myanmar will, without question, emerge as a nation developing at an accelerated and sustainable pace in the years to come. The foundation for that prosperous future is being laid today, in every classroom across the country.

Child Learning Theories of Primary Importance

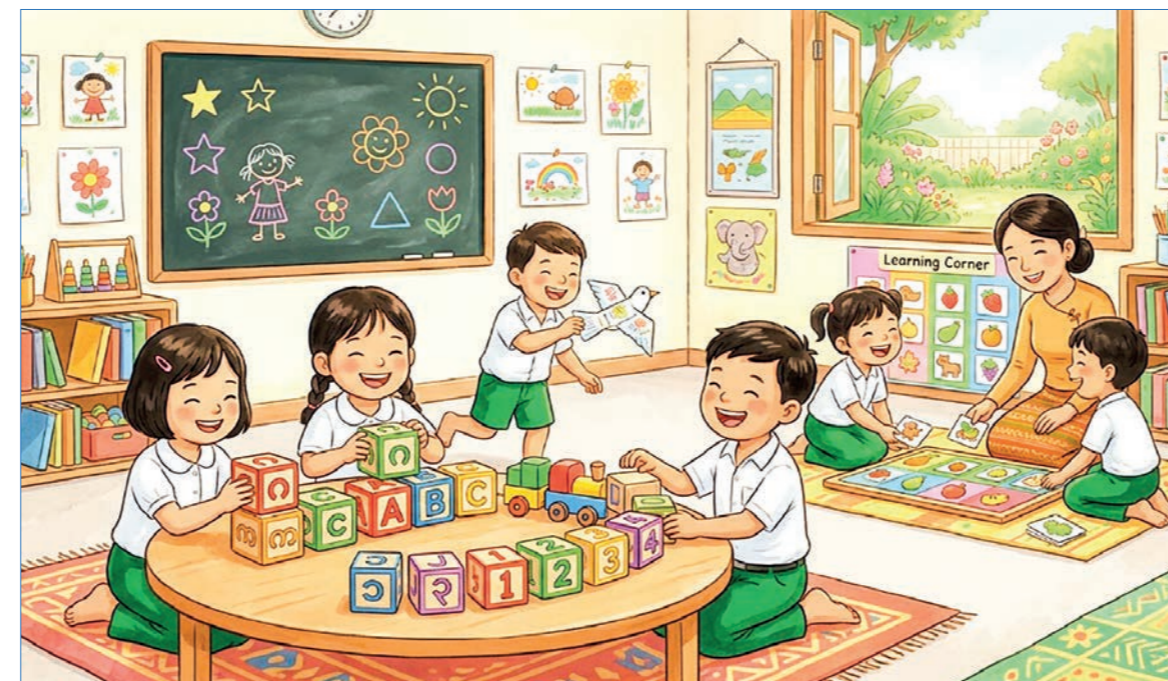
By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

NATURALLY, children like to learn something that they have not yet known, just out of curiosity. To think of it simply, before children come to the world, they have lived in their mother's womb for nine months or so, roughly knowing only to live there. That is to say, they know nothing while living in the womb. On the other hand, some educational theorists believe that children are born empty-handed, which means that their inherited brain looks like an empty cup, whereas others strongly think that children have been full of growth energy, intrinsic motivation, sensory feelings and multiple intelligences to some extent since before their birth. After all, it is natural if children enjoy playing as well as learning. Of course, playing is a kind of learning for children. Thanks to their willing-

ness to learn, young children tend to frequently and continuously ask lots of questions about whatever they see. Child learning starts at

home and then at school, as always. So, what usually influences us teachers to teach and support primary learners? The four theo-

ries of learning in education will be deeply described, based on my personal opinion and teaching experience, as follows.



Children should learn by doing. (Jean Piaget)

In the world of education, there is a famous saying, “Learning by Doing”. Our children can learn everything they can do; at least they like imitating and following their elders to the letter, such as parents and teachers. At school, children often mimic their teachers; they put on some flowers on their heads, use lipsticks or make-up and even wear handkerchiefs at their waists like their teachers. Also, they imitate how their teachers speak, especially their foreign language pronunciation, sometimes that of their mother tongue. Thus, well-pronounced teachers will give birth to out-

standing children with accuracy of language as usual. And in mathematics and science teaching, children can learn better by doing it themselves in calculation and scientific testing. Additionally, learning by doing enables children to memorize subject content by heart more than average and find it authentic to study school subjects rather than being too unimaginative. Furthermore, learning by playing is similar to learning by doing. Subject matter may be created into play by seasoned teachers' instructional methods. Children are happy to play while studying in an enjoyable learning environment, too.

Children should use all their senses. (Maria Montessori)

There are found six kinds of senses can be felt in the human body: sight, sound, smell, taste, touch and thought. A lesson can be learned by children with the help of one or more of these senses. According to Piaget's Cognitive Theory, children are given to learning several subject matters by sight instead of other senses. The proverb “Seeing is believing” will be absolutely true for them. Therefore, more illustrations are prescribed in the primary textbooks from every corner of the globe. However, they sometimes believe in supernatural powers like black magic, but their belief is likely to diminish when they grow older. Not only that, children enjoy music; schoolgirls with well-developed throat muscles can recite poems beautifully and sing some songs very well. What is more, they know what is scented, pungent, rotten or odourless, particularly flowers, for example. Similar-

ly, they can feel something sweet, bitter, salty or tasteless. Strangely enough, many primary children prefer a sharp flavour to being insipid, for instance, sour mangoes. In addition, children learn to touch something probably not in danger — that is, mud is wet, soft and sticky, while sand is dry, coarse and compact, for example. Despite this, thought may be the most difficult concept to handle, such feelings as envy, upset and content. Here, an experienced teacher will be able to provide his elementary students with food for thought, such as drama playing, storytelling or making them encounter any learning experience that can lead to a concept which he would like to give. Consequently, multi-sensory learning should be conducted in primary student learning by respective teachers as much as possible and in the nature of things, children mostly enjoy getting involved in school learning activities.

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DELICACY

Myeik Kat Kyay Kite (Myeik Scissor-Cut Rice Noodles)

MYEIK is one of the most picturesque and poetic towns in the Taninthayi Region of southern Myanmar. The town is sheltered by more than 800 islands of the Myeik Archipelago, which stretch along the Taninthayi coastline like a natural protective wall to its west.

When it comes to food, one dish immediately comes to mind whenever Myeik is mentioned: 'Kat Kyay Kite', or Scissor-Cut Rice Noodles. This beloved delicacy is enjoyed not only by the people of Myeik but also by food lovers throughout Myanmar.

Made primarily with scissor-cut rice noodles and complemented by seafood and various meats, this flavorful dish has won the hearts of both local diners and international visitors. This week, we would like to share a recipe for 'Myeik Kat Kyay Kite', a dish renowned for its rich aroma and delicious taste.

Two ingredients play the starring roles in 'Myeik Kat Kyay Kite': squid and scissor-cut noodles. Squid gives the dish its distinctive aroma and enhances its overall flavour. As for the noodles, it is best not to purchase pre-cut noodles from the market. Instead, buy flat rice noodle sheets and cut them into strips yourself, as freshly cut noodles provide a much better texture and taste.

Now, let's get started.

Ingredients For the Noodles

- 800 grammes flat rice noodle sheets (to be cut into strips)
- 400 grammes of bean sprouts
- A small number of Chinese chives (garlic chives)
- 160 grammes of pork or chicken
- 4 squids
- 4 sausages
- 2 duck eggs
- 2 onions
- 4 cloves garlic
- 160 millilitres of cooking oil
- Salt, to taste
- Seasoning powder, to taste
- 2 tablespoons dark soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons light soy sauce
- A small amount of oyster sauce
- Ground black pepper, to taste
- 320 g boiled peas

For the Sour Chilli Dressing

- 1 cup palm vinegar (or ordinary vinegar if palm vinegar is unavailable)
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons crushed dried chilli flakes
- 2 cloves of garlic

Preparation

Crush the garlic, sugar, and dried

chilli flakes together until well blended. Mix the pounded ingredients with the palm vinegar to make a sour chilli dressing.

Reserve one-third of the dressing and toss it with a small amount of bean sprouts to serve as an accompanying side dish. The remaining dressing will be used later in the stir-fry.

To prepare the noodles, gently mix the scissor-cut rice noodles with the dark soy sauce, light soy sauce, oyster sauce, salt, and seasoning powder.

Cut the pork into small cubes. Slice the sausages into bite-sized pieces.

Quarter the onions and lightly crush the garlic cloves with the flat side of a knife.

Roughly chop the Chinese chives.

Cooking Instructions

Use a large wok or frying pan that allows enough room to stir the ingredients comfortably.

Heat the oil in the wok and add the pork. Stir-fry until the meat begins to firm up, then add a small amount of water.

Next, slice the squid into rings and add them to the wok. Season with a little dark soy sauce and a small amount of sugar.

Once the pork and squid are cooked and most of the liquid has evaporated, add the sausages. Then add the garlic and onions and stir-fry until they begin to soften.

Add the bean sprouts and continue stir-frying. (If you prefer your bean sprouts crisp, add them after the noodles instead.)

When the bean sprouts have softened slightly, pour in the prepared palm vinegar dressing.

Allow the mixture to come to a gentle boil, then add the seasoned noodles. Toss carefully, lifting the noodles from the bottom to the top of the wok to prevent them from breaking apart.

Taste and adjust the seasoning according to your preference.

Finishing Touches and Serving

Once the seasoning is adjusted to your liking, create a space in the centre

of the wok and crack the two duck eggs into it. Allow the eggs to cook, then gently mix them into the noodles.

Just before removing the dish from the heat, add the boiled peas, chopped Chinese chives, and a sprinkling of ground black pepper. Stir well to combine all the ingredients.

(If you enjoy a more pronounced sour and spicy flavour, you may add extra palm vinegar dressing during the stir-frying process.)

Your fragrant and delicious 'Myeik Kat Kyay Kite' is now ready to serve.

Traditionally, the dish is enjoyed together with the bean sprouts that have been tossed in the sour palm vinegar dressing, which adds a refreshing tang and complements the rich flavours of the noodles perfectly.

Serve hot and enjoy one of Myeik's most beloved culinary specialties. — MOON

Traditional Myanmar Cuisine



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Child Learning Theories of Primary Importance

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Children respond well to an authority figure. (Margaret Donaldson)

Teachers should never look down their noses at children, also primary learners. By Howard Gardner, learners have diverse types of intelligence: linguistic, mathematical, spatial, musical, kinesthetic, interpersonal, intrapersonal and naturalistic. Verbal learners can speak a language with fluency and accuracy nearly to the extent of an adult learner; logical learners can really work out math problems very quickly,

enjoying the magic or language of mathematical numerals; visual learners can draw or paint pictures and diagrams in accordance with their educational level; musical learners can sing a song according to its melody and rhythm; bodily kinesthetic learners can dance or carry out co-curricular and extra-curricular activities such as doing aerobics; interpersonal learners can do well in social dealings with classmates, friends, teachers and even senior students; intrapersonal learners can build self-acceptance, self-awareness and self-improvement; and fi-

nally, naturalistic learners can have a sense of natural beauty and phenomena. Depending on the biased intelligence, primary learners show their distinctive manners and behaviours towards teachers. Sometimes, it is quite difficult for teachers to reply to some learners' mathematical questions in a moment.

Children should learn from each other in small groups of mixed ability. (Lev Vygotsky)

As we may all know, children are potentially the easiest to mould into any shape which teachers like. In the same way,

children should have a chance of meeting various learning experiences. In actual fact, children can learn not only from teachers but also from each other. They have a tendency to emulate their friends' competent study skills. Despite this, everybody has both strengths and weaknesses. A person's strengths are liked by almost everyone, including children, yet his weaknesses are usually not tolerated. In this case, the expression 'Unity in Diversity' becomes alive for children but not 'Divide and Rule' for teachers. Frankly speaking, not all children have multiple intelligences to the

full. In other words, every child can't do their best in all of their school studies; they must be expected to either partly or fully rely on their own intelligence. As a result, learners with mixed ability, not the same ability – heterogeneous groups, not homogeneous groups – should be teamed as a study group. Only if so will children help one another interdependently to achieve the expected or established educational aims and goals. In this century, cooperation and collaboration skills are most needed for children, actually.

Rising Euphrates floods farmland, forcing families to flee in eastern Syria

FOR years, residents along the Euphrates River in northern and eastern Syria feared warplanes, shelling, and collapsing bridges. Now, many fear the river itself.

The unusually high water levels in the Euphrates are threatening homes, farmland, and fragile infrastructure across parts of Raqqa and Deir al-Zour provinces. Families have been forced to flee low-lying areas as authorities race to contain flooding.

Near Raqqa, roads disappeared beneath muddy water, temporary crossings became impassable, and families along the riverbanks scrambled to move

children, livestock, and belongings to higher ground.

The flooding followed a decision by Syrian authorities to open additional spillway gates at the Euphrates Dam after warnings of a surge of water arriving from upstream.

Officials said inflows reached nearly 2,000 cubic metres per second, the highest level recorded in more than 15 years.

Inside emergency operations rooms at the dam, engineers and technicians worked around the clock, monitoring water levels and adjusting discharge rates to prevent sudden flooding downstream. — Xinhua



Water is discharged through a spillway gate at the Euphrates Dam in Raqqa province, Syria, 28 May 2026. PHOTO: XINHUA

Australian researchers teach brain cells to play 'Doom'

Each so-called "biological computer" contains around 200,000 living human brain cells, grown from stem cells that were harvested from blood donations.



This photo taken on 5 May 2026, senior scientific specialist Kwaku Dad Abu Bonsrah pipettes nutrients onto neurons on Micro Electrode Array (MEA) chips at Cortical Labs' Physical Containment Level 2 (PC2) laboratory in Melbourne. PHOTO: WILLIAM WEST / AFP

AUSTRALIAN researchers have trained lab-grown brain cells on a silicon computer chip to play the nineties shooter game "Doom" and say they are just scratching the surface of what the neurons could be capable of doing.

It's the science-fiction work of biotech boffins at Cortical Labs, who researched and developed the technology that harnesses the workings of the brain's networking system.

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Having mastered the simple computer game "Pong", where a paddle is moved up and down to send a ball across a screen, the brain cells have moved on to bigger things.

Initially, the neurons were at the "level of a beginner who's

never played a video game before", Alon Loeffler, Cortical Labs' senior application scientist, told AFP.

"Doom" involves a chaotic 3D game-world where the user is required to explore its surroundings and dispatch enemies — no easy task for a clump of cells. "They were walking into walls a lot, shooting the walls, turning around, doing funny things like that," Loeffler said. — AFP

ECONOMY WORLD

Europe's green jet fuels see upside in Iran war

Electro-Sustainable Aviation Fuel (e-SAF) can cut aviation's planet-warming emissions by about 90 per cent and is central to Brussels' push to green transport.

AT a plant near Frankfurt, hydrogen and CO₂ from a chlorine factory and a biogas facility are piped into a reactor and processed into jet fuel. Interest in synthetic propellants has grown as the Iran war prompted Europe to reassess dependencies, raising hopes for the struggling sector.

Ineratec's head of strategy, Mariano Berkenwald, said the conflict "made the business case for e-SAF much stronger".

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The sector has been held back by high costs and low investment: Ineratec's small German plant, launched last year, is currently Europe's only e-SAF producer while around 40 projects lack funding.

The Iran war has also spurred defence interest because e-SAF ingredients can be sourced within Europe, offering energy security for military use despite costs about ten times higher than kerosene.

The European Commission is considering an EU financing mechanism to support e-SAF development as supporters hope government backing will attract investors and scale up production. — AFP



The Mideast war, kicked off by a US-Israeli attack on Iran, has squeezed Europe's jet fuel supplies. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Nearly half of Japanese firms lack supply-chain resilience measures

NEARLY half of Japanese companies have not implemented measures to protect their supply chains against disasters and global tensions, according to a recent Cabinet Office survey, raising the risk that factory or logistic shutdowns could halt production and impact the broader economy.

In a survey of 1,759 firms conducted between November and December, only 25.9 per cent said they had measures in place to strengthen their supply chains.

Supply chain disruptions have recently prompted some food companies to change the packaging of their products because of concerns over naphtha supplies linked to worsening Middle East tensions.

Japan is prone to natural disasters with major earth-



Japan imports roughly 40 per cent of its naphtha from the Middle East, making downstream industries highly vulnerable to regional fuel crises. Calbee is temporarily transitioning its colorful snack packaging to a minimalist, black-and-white design due to a severe global shortage of naphtha. **PHOTO: KYODO**

quakes having disrupted production in the past.

The government plans to encourage companies to take measures, such as diversifying

suppliers and dispersing production sites. A Cabinet Office official said more efforts are needed to "keep economic activity from stopping." — Kyodo

Energy crunch fuels car pool growth

RISING fuel prices triggered by the Middle East war are driving a sharp increase in carpooling, with a ride-sharing platform reporting a surge in new users seeking cheaper ways to travel.

The world's largest carpooling platform BlaBlaCar said soaring energy costs have pushed 600,000 additional driv-

ers onto the app this year — 20 per cent more than initially projected — as commuters look to offset the rising cost of fuel.

In India, its single biggest market with more than 20 million users in 2025, the number of passengers has increased by 40 per cent since the start of the US-Israeli airstrikes against

Iran on 28 February.

Last year, the global carpooling leader posted record-breaking figures in the world's most populous country India — outpacing Brazil with 19 million users and France with seven million, according to Benjamin Retourne, the platform's product director. — AFP

Brazil extends emergency measures to contain fuel prices

BRAZIL has extended emergency measures for two months to contain fuel price increases caused by volatility in the global oil market amid the war involving the United States, Israel and Iran, the government said Saturday.

The measures, extended by President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, will remain in effect until July 31.

According to an official statement, the move continues government actions adopted in response to turbulence in the global oil market since the start of the conflict in the Middle East.

The measures include a subsidy of 1.12 reais, or about 20 US cents, per liter of diesel for domestic refiners and importers, fully financed with federal funds.

The Finance Ministry also created a compensation mechanism for diesel producers and importers, replacing a temporary exemption from federal taxes that was in effect until 31 May.

Mines and Energy Minister Alexandre Silveira said the measures are aimed at preventing the impact of the war from being passed on to Brazilian consumers. — Xinhua



This photo taken on 16 October 2025 shows the production facilities of the Urucu Oil and Gas Production Field in the state of Amazonas, Brazil. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**



The sustained volume of registrations reflects the depth of end-user demand and confidence in the city's housing market. PHOTO: ANI

Mumbai records highest May property registrations in 14 years

MUMBAI recorded 12,315 property registrations in May 2026, the highest for the month of May in the past 14 years, reflecting sustained demand in the city's residential market, according to data from the Maharashtra Department of Registrations and Stamps (IGR) analysed by real estate consultancy Knight Frank India.

The report showed that property registrations in Mumbai, un-

der the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) jurisdiction, rose seven per cent year-on-year in May 2026 from 11,565 registrations recorded in the same month last year.

According to Knight Frank India's analysis, "Property registrations in May 2026 mark the highest volume for the month of May in the past 14 years, surpassing the previous peak recorded

in May 2025, highlighting the strength of Mumbai's residential market.

"The report noted that the state exchequer collected over Rs 1,051 crore in stamp duty revenue during the month.

While registration volumes increased, stamp duty collections declined marginally by one per cent year-on-year. Knight Frank attributed this to "a shift in the transaction mix". — ANI

SoftBank Group to launch large AI data center business in France

SOFTBANK Group Corp said Sunday it will develop and operate data centres with total capacity of five gigawatts for artificial intelligence in France, with an investment of up to 75 billion euros (\$87 billion).

An initial investment of 45 billion euros will deliver 3.1 gigawatts of capacity in centres in northern France by 2031, as part of the Japanese tech conglomerate's largest AI infrastructure investment in Europe, it said.

SoftBank Group plans to develop additional sites across France, reinforcing the country's role as a leading European hub for next-generation digital infrastructure, it added. — Kyodo

Trade priority, more US-India meetings expected

US State Department Spokesperson Tommy Pigott said that US President Donald Trump has made it clear that trade is a priority for Washington, and more meetings are expected with trade representatives to close the trade deal with India.

Speaking with ANI, Pigott said that the "balanced trade relationship" with India opens allow US to "realize the full economic potential".

"President Trump has made no secret that trade is a priority for the United States, and having balanced trade relationships makes the bilateral relationship between our countries all the more stronger and allows us to realize that full economic potential, unleash that economic potential of that balanced trade relationship between our two countries. We expect further meetings on this from USTR (US Trade Representatives) in the short term here," he said.

He also hailed US Ambassador to India, Sergio Gor's efforts that prioritise strengthening the strategic partnership that could benefit both countries. — ANI

Spain's olive oil sector eyes growing opportunities in Chinese market

SPAIN'S olive oil sector is stepping up efforts to expand its presence in China, as producers and industry groups increasingly view China as one of most promising long-term growth markets for olive oil.

Olive Oils from Spain, the brand representing the Spanish olive oil sector, recently launched a new two-year promotional campaign in China to increase awareness of extra virgin olive oil and encouraging its wider

adoption among Chinese consumers.

The campaign focuses on eight major Chinese cities — Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Chongqing, Chengdu, Hangzhou and Tianjin — through activities in more than 200 supermarkets and 130 restaurants, alongside online promotions on Chinese social media platforms.

In addition, Olive Oils from Spain participated in SIAL Shanghai, one of



People visit the 2025 World Olive Oil Exhibition in Madrid, Spain, 11 March 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

Asia's largest food and beverage exhibitions held from 18-20 May, as part of its efforts to strengthen its presence in the Chinese market. — Xinhua

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2. Interested entrepreneurs may purchase the EOI application form at the rate of 500,000 MMK per set from the Cleansing Department, Mandalay City Development Committee, during office hours, with the deadline for purchase being June 26, 2026.
3. The completed EOI proposal along with required supporting documents must be submitted back to the Cleansing Department, Mandalay City Development Committee, no later than July 2, 2026, at 4:00 PM.

For detailed information, inquiries can be made during office hours via the following phone numbers: 09-680362121, 09-444016609, and 09-790644858.

Mandalay City Development Committee

ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

Iran says armed forces exercising management over Hormuz Strait with full authority

The IRGC's Navy said Saturday that 20 vessels crossed the strait within the past 24 hours in coordination with its forces and Iran's maritime authorities.



The vessels were granted permission to pass through the strait owing to their countries' needs for commodities such as chemical fertilizers. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

IRAN'S main military command, Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters, said on Saturday the Iranian armed forces are exercising management over the Strait of Hormuz with full authority, the official news agency IRNA reported.

Making the remarks in a statement, the headquarters stressed that for passage through the waterway, all vessels, including commercial ships and oil tankers, are

required to solely travel through the routes designated by Iran and obtain permission from the Navy of the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC).

The headquarters warned that Iran's armed forces will respond to any action by military vessels to interfere in the strait's management or disrupt traffic through it.

Meanwhile, the IRGC's Navy said Saturday that 20 vessels

crossed the strait within the past 24 hours in coordination with its forces and Iran's maritime authorities, according to the semi-official Fars news agency.

Fars quoted officials of the IRGC's Navy as saying that the vessels were granted permission to pass through the strait owing to their countries' needs for commodities such as chemical fertilizers. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Trump admin walks back recent Green Card announcement

THE Trump administration has walked back its announcement that non-citizens seeking permanent US residency, commonly called a Green Card, would need to return to their home country to apply, The New York Times reported.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) told the newspaper on Friday that its policy announcement last week was not a requirement for all applicants, but would rather be implemented "on a case-by-case basis."

A Trump administration spokesman, Zach Kahler, said on 22 May that "from now on, an alien who is in the US temporarily and wants a Green Card must return to their home country to apply, except in extraordinary circumstances."

The announcement was viewed as a major shift in US policy and sparked major concern among the millions of immigrants seeking to become permanent US residents. — AFP

Japan, S Korea to resume search-and-rescue drill

JAPAN and South Korea will resume a joint search-and-rescue exercise next month for the first time in about nine years, reflecting improving ties between the two nations after years of strained diplomatic and defence relations.

South Korean Defence Minister Ahn Gyu Back said Saturday at the start of talks with his Japanese counterpart, Shinjiro Koizumi, in Singapore, that the humanitarian exercise involving the South Korean Navy and Japan's Maritime Self-Defence Force will be held on 7 June.

The exercise has not been conducted since 2017. "It is important for Japan and South Korea to take a proactive role in promoting peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific, including by strengthening deterrence through the US-Japan and US-South Korea alliances and other strategic coordination," Koizumi said. — Kyodo

Malta's Labour party wins historic fourth term amid Mideast crisis

MALTA'S Labour party won an unprecedented fourth term Sunday in a victory for outgoing Prime Minister Robert Abela, who had called a snap election in light of geopolitical uncertainties.

Fireworks were set off across the tiny Mediterranean island and ecstatic Labour supporters dressed in the party's red chanted "four times!" after officials in the Counting House in Naxxar said preliminary results gave the election to the govern-

ing party.

"I've voted Labour since I was a little girl, I'm thrilled they've made history," 73-year-old Margaret Camilleri told AFP, as Labour supporters drove past on a truck with speakers blaring the song "We are the Champions".

Abela, 48, had sent the country to vote a year early, saying the government needed a fresh mandate in order to shield the tiny, import-heavy island from the Middle East crisis.

While Malta's econo-



my grew 4.0 per cent last year, there are concerns the conflict could have an impact on tourism due to spiralling aviation fuel costs and drive up inflation.

Abela campaigned on Labour's economic record since 2013, pledging stability in a period of uncertainty. — AFP

Labour Party members react to victory as their party wins an unprecedented fourth term. **PHOTO: AFP**

SPORTS



Myanmar players are standing in third position of International Roller Skating Championships 2026 in Indonesia.

Myanmar wins bronze at International Roller Skating Championships 2026

MYANMAR national roller skating team won a bronze medal at the Jarkata International Roller Skating Championships 2026 held in Indonesia from 29 to 31 May, following an invitation from the Indonesian Skating Federation.

The medal came from the 10,000 metres relay team event, where Myanmar competed against Kazakhstan, India, Singapore and Indonesia in the preliminary stage, and later faced Kazakhstan and India in the final. The Myanmar team secured the third place to claim the bronze

medal.

In other events on 29 May, Myanmar finished fourth in the 1,000 metres race and reached only the finalist stage in the 500 metres event, falling short of medals in both categories.

The competition featured athletes from 15 countries. The Myanmar team was led by coach-cum-athlete Ko Hein Zaw Thein, along with athletes Sit Paing Hmu and Zeyar Lin from Basic Education High School No 3 in Thakayta Township. — Bala/KZL

South Africa delays World Cup trip on visa snarl

WORLD Cup-bound South Africa has delayed its departure for the global showpiece after visa problems disrupted the team's travel plans, the national football association said on Sunday.

The squad was scheduled to leave Johannesburg Sunday for a training camp in Mexico aboard a chartered flight, but "has experienced challenges regarding visas for some players and officials", the South African Football Association (SAFA) said in a statement.

It was not immediately clear

how many members of the travelling party had yet to receive their visas.

"SAFA is working around the clock to ensure that the team travels to Mexico City as soon as possible," the association said, adding that an emergency meeting would be held on Sunday evening.

According to state broadcaster SABC, visas for at least 20 members of the squad were still being processed at the United States embassy in Johannesburg. — AFP



South Africa was held to a goalless draw by Nicaragua in a warm-up match on Friday. PHOTO: AFP

U18 National Football semifinals held in Yangon



Players of U18 men's football teams seen in action at semifinal match of 2026 ISR U18 Men's Football Tournament yesterday.

THE 2026 Inter-State and Region U18 Men's Football Tournament semifinals were held at Padonma Stadium in Sangyoung Township and Padetha Stadium in South Okkalapa Township, Yangon, at 3 pm yesterday, organized by the Ministry of Sports and coordinated with regional gov-

ernments and the Myanmar Football Federation.

In the first semifinal at Padonma Stadium, Kayin State defeated Ayeyawady Region 4 to 2. In the second match at Padetha Stadium, Shan State beat Kachin State 4 to 1.

The third-place playoff

between Ayeyawady Region and Kachin State will be held at 3 pm on 2 June at the Youth Training Centre, Thuwunna Football Training Ground 1. The final match between Kayin State and Shan State will take place at 4 pm at Thuwunna Stadium. Admission is free for football fans. — MNA/KZL

About 400 arrested in France after PSG's Champions League victory

FRENCH police has arrested more than 400 people during the celebrations following Paris Saint-Germain's (PSG) victory over Arsenal in the UEFA Champions League final on Saturday, local media reported.

The French capital was swept by celebrations after PSG defeated Arsenal 4-3 on penalties to retain its title in Budapest, Hungary.

French daily Le Monde, citing police sources, report-

ed that more than 20,000 people were celebrating on the Champs-Elysees at about 10:30 pm on Saturday, while police forces were carrying out operations to contain the crowd.

One police officer was injured, a kiosk near the avenue was set on fire, and at least six vehicles were damaged, Le Monde reported, adding that the fire was later extinguished. — Xinhua



Luis Enrique lifted the Champions League trophy for a third time his career and helped PSG retain it for a second consecutive season. PHOTO: AFP



Sri Lanka launches digital platform to further attract foreign investors

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SRI Lanka's Board of Investment (BOI) has recently launched "Ready to Invest," a digital platform that places 30 structured, project-ready investment opportunities directly in front of international investors, according to local media outlets.

The platform presents projects across eight priority sectors, namely tourism and leisure, manufacturing, transport and logistics, information and communications technology, agriculture and agro-processing, urban development, aviation and maritime infrastructure, and renewable energy.

The BOI said the initiative aims to connect foreign investors with projects prepared for international partnerships and faster engagement.

Sri Lanka recorded 5.0 per cent economic growth in 2024 and 2025 after its



Sri Lanka crossed the 1 million tourist arrival milestone by late May 2026, driven by a record-breaking start to the year.

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recent economic crisis, while foreign direct investment reached US\$1.06 billion in 2025, up 73 per cent from the previous year.

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in 2025, supported by 2.3 million international arrivals.

The BOI said \$1.9 billion in approved projects are ready to break ground, with another \$1.4 billion in the pipeline.

The platform also allows investors to submit applications, track approvals, make payments and access documents online, state media said. — Xinhua

Russia and India Discuss Su-57E Stealth Fighter Licensing



The fighter was unveiled at the Dubai Airshow in November 2025.

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RUSSIA and India are holding consultations on organizing the production of Russia's fifth-generation Su-57E fighter jets on Indian territory, the Russian Federal Service for Military-Technical Cooperation (FSMTC) told Sputnik on Saturday.

"Russia is proposing to establish production of Su-57E aircraft in India. Consultations with partners are currently underway," the FSMTC said following the first edition of the International Security Forum that took place in the Moscow Region.

Over the past 60-odd years of military-technical cooperation between Russia and India, the two nations have mastered the production of a wide range of military products of Soviet and Russian design, the agency also said. — SPUTNIK

Japan develops radiation-hardened Wi-Fi chip

JAPANESE institutes have developed a Wi-Fi receiver chip able to operate for hours in extreme radiation conditions that could help in decommissioning work at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power complex.

The chip, capable of withstanding up to 500 kilograys of radiation, will also allow wireless communication technologies and wireless infrastructure to be applied in space missions under extreme conditions, according to the researchers from the Institute of Science Tokyo and the High Energy Accelerator Research Organization.

Atsushi Shirane, associate professor in the institute's Advanced Integrated Electronics Research Core, expressed hope that with the chips "wireless remote operation using robots and drones will be promoted, enabling the reduction of worker radiation exposure risk." — Kyodo