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## Myanmar Eyes Deeper, Continued Collaboration with India

Myanmar and India pledged to strengthen bilateral cooperation across key sectors, including education, healthcare, defence, trade, investment, tourism, and cultural exchange.



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing and Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi exchange handshakes during their meeting at Hyderabad House in New Delhi, India, yesterday.

**P**RESIDENT of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing met Prime Minister of the Republic of India Shri Narendra Modi at Hyderabad House yesterday morning. The President is currently on an official state visit to India at the

invitation of the Prime Minister.

On arrival at Hyderabad House, the President was cordially welcomed by the Indian Prime Minister.

The President and the Indian Prime Minister held a separate meeting. It was also attended by Union Ministers U

Khin Maung Yi, U Tin Maung Swe, Dr Kan Zaw, U Min Naung and Dr Charlie Than and Myanmar delegation members. The Indian Prime Minister was accompanied by Minister of External Affairs Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Minister at the Prime Minister's Of-

ice Dr PK Mishra, National Security Advisor Mr Ajit Doval, Ambassador of India to Myanmar Shri Abhay Thakur, and officials from the Prime Minister's Office.

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At the meeting, Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi discussed the maintenance of good relations and talks between India and the experience of Myanmar in a critical period due to the Mandalay earthquake. The Prime Minister expressed his delight and pride at His Excellency's election as President. He said that it would be a significant trip for the President to hold meetings with officials of the Indian government so as to achieve good results.

In response, President U Min Aung Hlaing expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the Prime Minister for the opportunity to work together in further strengthening the long-standing friendly relations and cooperation between Myanmar and India. There are many arenas in which the two countries can cooperate for the benefit of the people. The President also expressed his gratitude for the assistance provided by India during the period when



President U Min Aung Hlaing signs the guests' book at Hyderabad House.

Myanmar suffered damage and losses as a result of the major Mandalay earthquake in 2025. He continued that, as the Indian Prime Minister once stated, "India will be the driving engine of world growth," Myanmar

looks forward to continuing cooperation with India.

They also exchanged views on the exercising the five principles of peaceful coexistence between the two countries, promotion of cooperation in

education, health, defence, trade, investment and business, tourism and cultural sectors, more import of construction materials, agricultural fertilizers and medicines, oil and oil products, fibres and tex-

tiles to Myanmar, cooperation in information and technology, artificial intelligence (AI) sector and space technological sector, bilateral cooperation in ensuring peace and stability in border region, drug eradicating and combatting online scam and gambling activities, efforts of Myanmar in holding the fair and prestigious election, ongoing process of democratically elected government on the path of democracy to implement the wills of the people through Hluttaws formed with People's representatives, and implementation of plans to benefit both countries and peoples.

The high-level Myanmar delegation led by the President attended the luncheon in its honour by the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

After the luncheon, the President signed the guests' book of Hyderabad House.

As the President departed from Hyderabad House, the Prime Minister of India saw him off. — MNA/TTA

## 2 more DEMU Up/Down trains run on Yangon-Mandalay-Yangon route

THE Myanma Railways operated DEMU air-conditioned passenger express trains 3Up/4 Down and 5Up/6 Down for the

Yangon-Mandalay-Yangon railway starting May 2026. Due to strong passenger demand and popularity, a modern air-conditioned

DEMUs express train, 9Up/10Down, was introduced starting from 1 June 2026, according to the following schedule:

No	Train No	Trip		Departure/Arrival		Duration
		From	To	Departure	Arrival	
1	9Up	Yangon	Mandalay	08:30	18:30	10 hours
2	10Down	Mandalay	Yangon	08:30	18:40	10 hours 10 minutes



An air-conditioned DEMU train travels along the tracks during its journey.

The new 9Up/10Down trains will stop at Toegyaungkalay, Bago, Pyu, Toungoo, Nay Pyi Taw, Tatkon, Pyawbye and Thazi stations along the Yangon-Mandalay-Yangon railway. Ticket prices remain unchanged at K48,000 for upper class and K34,000 for first class for the whole journey.

DEMUs passenger express trains 11Up/12Down operate on the Yangon-Mandalay-Yangon rail route, while 7Up/8Down and 31Up/32Down operate on the Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon section. Tickets for these trains can be purchased online in advance through the Online Railways Ticketing and Payment (ORTP) system. Tickets for whole journeys can be purchased up to seven days in advance, while tickets for intermediate stations can be purchased up to five days ahead. — MNA/KTZH

### Potential Development of El Niño Conditions

THE Sea Surface Temperature (SST) over the Tropical Pacific Ocean near the equator indicate the possible development of El Niño conditions. According to forecasts from International Meteorological Agencies based on Numerical Weather Prediction Models, weak El Niño conditions have already developed and strong El Niño conditions could occur towards the end of 2026.

Although El Niño is a phenomenon that occurs in the Pacific Ocean, its impacts can generally lead to irregular rainfall patterns, higher day temperatures, abnormal storm activity, drought and other extreme weather events. Updates regarding the development of El Niño conditions will continue to be issued in a timely manner. — DMH

# NATIONAL

## Myanmar, India promote bilateral trade and investment

Myanmar and India agreed to further strengthen their longstanding bilateral relations and expand strategic cooperation across mutual areas of interest.



Myanmar President U Min Aung Hlaing and Indian President Shrimati Droupadi Murmu pose for a documentary photo during their meeting yesterday.

**P**RESIDENT of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, currently in India on an official visit, held talks with President of the Republic of India Smt Droupadi Murmu at the hall of the Presidential Residence yesterday afternoon.

The Indian President cordially welcomed President U Min Aung Hlaing and held talks.

At the talks, they frankly exchanged views on the political progress in Myanmar and full support of India for the development of Myanmar, implementation of projects between the two countries, promotion of bilateral trade and investment, preservation of cultural herit-

age between the two countries, measures in the tourism and women's affairs sectors, and further enhancement of friendly ties and cooperation between the two countries.

The President signed the guests' book of the Presidential Residence.

Present at the talks together with the President were Union Ministers U Khin Maung Yi, U Tin Maung Swe, Dr Kan Zaw, U Min Naung and Dr Charlie Than, members of the Myanmar delegation and the Myanmar Ambassador to India. The Indian President was accompanied by ministers of the Indian government and Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Shri Abhay Thakur. — MNA/TTA

## President U Min Aung Hlaing receives India's National Security Adviser

MR Ajit Doval, National Security Adviser (NSA) of India, 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, on the afternoon of 31 May.

At the meeting, they frankly exchanged views on the promotion of friendly ties and cooperation between the two countries, the security, peace and stability

in border region, and measures to further promote multi-sector cooperation between Myanmar and India.

Also, present at the meeting were Union Ministers U Khin Maung Yi and U Tin Maung Swe, and officials. The National Security Adviser (NSA) of India was accompanied by Ambassador of India to Myanmar Shri Abhay Thakur and officials. — MNA/TTA



President U Min Aung Hlaing shakes hands with India's National Security Adviser Mr Ajit Doval during the latter's courtesy call on the former.

## Trading Amount and Forex Rate in the Market on 1 June 2026

	US\$	Chinese yuan	Thai baht	India rupee
Exchange rates	3,664.20~3,668.00	557.00~557.80	125.50~125.70	43.60
Trading amount in the market	7,126,538.51	6,450,000.00	36,549,137.69	
The amount sold by CBM to the market				

THE foreign currency amount traded in the foreign exchange market was for the import of edible oil, fuel oil, pharmaceutical and pharmaceutical raw materials, industrial raw materials, construction materials, fertilizers, packaging materials, and consumer goods. From the CMP sector revenue, US\$0.65 million was sold to the edible oil sector, US\$0.03 million to the non-trade sector, and US\$0.05 million to the CMP sector. — MNA

# NATIONAL

## Myanmar-India Joint Statement during Official Visit of President of Myanmar to India 30 May - 3 June 2026

- At the invitation of His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, His Excellency U Min Aung Hlaing, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, paid his first Official Visit to India from 30 May to 3 June 2026.
- The President was accompanied by the Union Ministers for President's Office, Foreign Affairs, Finance & Revenue, Agriculture, Livestock & Irrigation, and Industry & MSME Business Development, and the Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar. A business delegation from diverse sectors, including agriculture, pharmaceuticals, energy, banking, construction, IT, communications, trading and logistics, as well as members of the Myanmar-India Friendship Association, were part of the Myanmar delegation.
- The Prime Minister of India and the President of Myanmar held talks on 1 June 2026, during which they reviewed bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest and charted the way forward for the relationship. The Prime Minister hosted a luncheon in honour of the visiting dignitary. President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu received the President of Myanmar on the same day. Earlier, External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar and National Security Adviser Shri Ajit Doval separately called on the President of Myanmar.
- At the commencement of the visit, the President visited Bodh Gaya on 30 May 2026, where he offered prayers at Mahabodhi Temple, Mahabodhi Meditation Centre and Sujata Temple.
- These visits to deeply revered sites underscored the enduring spiritual and Buddhist ties, as well as the people-to-people links, between the two countries.
- The President delivered a keynote speech at the India-Myanmar Business Conclave, jointly organized by the UMFCCI and CII, in New Delhi on 31 May 2026, where business heads from both sides discussed avenues for further strengthening and expanding bilateral trade and commercial opportunities. The President also toured the NTPC Energy Technology Research Alliance (NETRA) complex in Greater Noida to observe advanced R&D work, including in clean energy innovation, energy efficiency, renewable energy integration and grid resilience.
- In his interaction with the President, the Prime Minister stated that Myanmar lies at the confluence of India's Neighbourhood First, Act East and MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions) policies. The discussions underscored the importance of strengthening bilateral cooperation, including trade and economic ties, defence and security, border management, development assistance and cultural exchanges. Both sides noted ongoing discussions on various bilateral Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding and looked forward to their early conclusion.
- The Prime Minister underlined that enhanced connectivity would foster mutually beneficial economic link-
- ages and shared prosperity in the region. In this regard, both sides shared the importance of working closely towards the completion of the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport project and the India-Myanmar-Thailand trilateral highway.
- The Prime Minister conveyed that the Mekong Ganga ICCR scholarships for Myanmar students would be enhanced from 36 to 100 from 2026 onwards.
- Both sides agreed to facilitate and enhance bilateral trade, including through the Rupee-Kyat settlement mechanism, and appreciated the steady growth in the volume of transactions recorded since its operationalization in May 2024. Both sides also expressed support for closer trade and investment cooperation in the areas of mutual interest, such as agro-processing, petroleum, energy, and mining sectors, in accordance with their respective national laws and regulations.
- The Prime Minister reaffirmed India's support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Both sides underscored the importance of preventing the misuse of sovereign territory for activities inimical to their security interests. The President reiterated Myanmar's assurance that its territory would not be permitted to be used against India's security interests. The Prime Minister affirmed that India, as a steadfast and trusted partner of Myanmar, remained committed to deepening security cooperation between the two countries.
- The Prime Minister conveyed support for Myanmar-led efforts towards achieving peace, stability, national reconciliation and socioeconomic development. He also offered continued assistance and cooperation, based on mutual respect and friendly relations between the two countries. The President appreciated India's constructive support and cooperation.
- The Prime Minister expressed confidence that the meetings of the President with the Governor of Maharashtra and the Chief Minister, as well as his business engagements during his upcoming visit to Mumbai on 2-3 June 2026, would further strengthen existing bilateral cooperation and economic ties.
- The official visit of President U Min Aung Hlaing reaffirmed the long-standing friendship and close partnership between Myanmar and India and the shared commitment of both countries to further strengthen cooperation for the mutual benefit of the two countries. Both sides agreed to continue close engagement at all levels.
- President U Min Aung Hlaing expressed his sincere appreciation to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the warm hospitality extended to him and to the members of his delegation during their stay in India. The President also extended an invitation to the Prime Minister of India to visit Myanmar at mutually convenient dates.

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## Project funds of K90M transferred in Pinlaung



A fund recipient receives the funds.

THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Pa-O Self-Administered Zone, Shan State (South), held a ceremony to transfer funds for the Village Development Project (VDP) and Rural Business Fund (RBF) Project, which will be

implemented for the 2026-2027 financial year, at the meeting hall of the department on the morning of 31 May.

At the ceremony, State Hluttaw Representative U Khun Win Naung delivered an opening remark. Township Staff Officer from the Department of Rural

Development, Pinlaung Township, explained the objectives of the VDP and RBF projects to be implemented, the work programmes to be carried out, and the points that villages need to cooperate on for the successful implementation of the projects.

Afterwards, the attending parliamentarian and departmental officials transferred VDP project funds of K15 million per village, totalling K60 million, to the village committees of Nampa Village, Maungdein Village, Pauke Village and Wapoyone Village.

Subsequently, the township staff officer reportedly transferred RBF project funds of K30 million to four groups that will carry out pig breeding activities in Pauya Kyaungna Village. — Sein Lwin (Rural)

## Union Information Minister inspects state-run dailies, MRTV in Yangon



Union Minister U Htein Linn views the MRTV's Myanmar Orchestra during his inspection tour of MRTV in Yangon.

UNION Minister for Information U Htein Linn, accompanied by the Yangon Region Minister for Information, Relief and Religious Affairs, inspected the state-owned newspaper houses and MRTV in Yangon yesterday.

On arrival at the Myanma Alinn daily in Bahan Township, the Union minister observed the office structure, CTP (Computer to Plate, printing machines and staff housing, and he also inspect-

ed the printing machine of the Kyemon daily in Botahtaung Township.

On arrival at the MRTV on Pyay Road, he watched the recording to social and economic programme, life and arts programme at Studio 1, filming of Shining Star children's programme in Studio 2, news production activities in the News Studio, practice session of modern music band in Studio D, singing practice by staff accompanied by the

Myanmar Orchestra of MRTV in the Master Room of the Radio Building, rehearsals by the national symphony orchestra in Studio B, and audio recording for a radio drama in Studio C.

The Union minister also met the staff at Studio A of MRTV, and highlighted the need to release information and conduct educating programme for the people to be able to understand the policies and activities of the government, as the ministry is a focal one for the country. He continued that entertainment should also be added in the arts sector, and agricultural-related information should also be broadcast in media way as the country is an agricultural country. He also urged trying to be a standard media for being a state-owned media. After the meeting, the Union minister presented cash prizes to the staff. — MNA/KTZH

## 5 special civil appeal cases passed judgements; 2 special criminal appeal cases, 3 special civil appeal cases heard

A special appeal tribunal consisting of U Tha Htay, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Union and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union: U Thein Ko Ko, Daw Thin Thin Nwet, Daw Pyone Pyone Aye and Daw Thin Thin Cho was convened yesterday morning at the Supreme Court of the Union in Nay Pyi Taw and passed judgements for 5 special civil appeal cas-

es – Nos: 37/2025 (Mandalay), 56/2025 (Ayeyawady), 6/2026 (Yangon), 7/2026 (Kachin), and 15/2026 (Kayin).

In addition, a total of two special criminal appeal cases – Nos: 2/2026 (Mandalay), 5/2026 (Shan) and three special civil appeal cases – 12/2026 (Yangon), 1/2026 (Sagaing) and 11/2026 (Sagaing) were heard. — MNA

## Basic education schools reopen in Tiddim for 2026-2027 academic year

BASIC education schools across the country reopened yesterday for the 2026-2027 academic year, and teaching activities have also commenced at schools throughout Tiddim Township in Chin State.

At 10 am yesterday, Chairman of the Chin State Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Committee Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Than Soe, the Committee's Vice-Chairman and Chin State Minister

for Security and Border Affairs Col Khin Maung Htwe and the deputy director-general of the Department of Basic Education visited Basic Education High School No 1 in Tiddim to observe and encourage students and teachers as classes began.

According to the Tiddim District Education Office, a total of 10,457 students from KG to Grade 12 are currently attending schools in Tiddim Township, and 1,706 students in Tonzang Township. — District IPRD/KNN



Deputy Minister Dr Than Soe and officials encourage schoolchildren in Tiddim, Chin State.

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# NATIONAL

## 949,441 students attend classes at 3,326 basic education schools in Yangon Region

A total of 949,441 students attended classes at 3,326 basic education and other schools across Yangon Region as the 2026-2027 academic year commenced on 1 June, with an attendance rate of 80.83 per cent, according to the source.

Yesterday, 949,441 students started their school days at 2,717 basic education schools, 378 private schools and 231 monastic schools in Yangon Region, and school enrolment activities also continued.

More than one million students attended schools during the previous academic year, while the target for the current year is 1,174,666 students. Arrangements are being made to increase enrolment to 1.2 million students across Yangon Region during this academic year.

"During this academic year, 3,326 schools, including basic education, monastic and private schools, have opened. More than 900,000 students who enrolled during the school enrolment period began attending classes.



Students attend class inside a Yangon school. PHOTO: KANU

With enrolment continuing, we expect the number of students to exceed the target of 1.1 million and reach 1.2 million. The government's 100-day project includes a special Placement Test for students from Grade 1 to Grade 9 who have been out of school, and the tests will begin on 15 June in respective townships, enabling eligible students to continue their education in line with government guidelines. We also thank the Head of State, the Union Education Minister

and responsible persons for their efforts in shaping education, which provides five essential skills and the emergence of smart youths who are happy at their learning in accordance with the motto "Let's ensure education sector for the development of the Nation" said U Min Oo, deputy director (Education) of the Yangon Region Education Office.

The Ministry of Education is implementing measures to ensure that all school-age chil-

dren have access to education and do not lose educational opportunities. As part of the special Placement Test, students who previously studied under the national curriculum at basic education schools and those who attended private schools following international curricula will be able to continue their education. Students who pass the entrance exam from the third week of June will be allowed to advance to the next grade level and enrol at schools of their choice.

"At our school, Grades 8 to 12 are taught in the morning, while KG to Grade 7 classes are in the afternoon. On the school's first day, 2,555 students attended classes, representing an attendance rate of 99.33 per cent. Last academic year, there were five outstanding students (Luyaychun), and they are on the excursions arranged by the government. In the 2026-2027 academic year, we also cooperate with the parents as per the motto "Better Education for Children

through Parent-Teacher Cooperation." The participation of our outstanding students in competitions hosted by ASEAN and other countries is a sign of the benefits of cooperation between teachers and parents. In 2025, G10 student Ma Eaint Thu Thu Khin, representing the country, grabbed the chance to sail on a Russian nuclear icebreaker. Such action is such a proud for the country and school. This year, a student takes a test to join such an activity. Our school accepts school enrolment so far. The Placement Test is a special chance for the students who are far from education, and we urged them to apply forms and sit for the exam, and attend the basic education schools," said Dr Sanda Mya Nyein, headmistress of No 1 BEHS Dagon.

Schools in Yangon Region are still accepting school enrolment in June, and 949,441 students attended classes at 3,326 schools yesterday. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH

## Students peacefully attend schools in Nay Pyi Taw

BASIC education schools for the 2026-2027 academic year were opened across the country yesterday, and students were attending classes peacefully and happily, also in Nay Pyi Taw.

Starting from the morning, teachers at respective schools in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory guided students to their classrooms and arranged systematic teaching and learning activities.

The relevant officials of the Ministry of Education, basic education teachers and officials of organizations arranged seating plans, timetables, school hours, cleaning activities, erection of notice boards, disciplines and mottos of the ministry, including school ferries for the students to be able to learn peacefully.

U Win Myint Oo, headteacher of No 5 BEHS, said that from the enrolment day on 25 May until today, 1,955 students have been admitted. There are still old students who have not en-

rolled for many reasons. The number is similar to that of the 2025-2026 academic year. School hours are from 8:45 am to 3:45 pm, with eight periods per day and four regional study sessions per week. New subjects this year include industrial arts, basic agriculture, and basic livestock breeding.

He noted that if students leave school after Grade 9, these skills could help them manage their livelihoods more easily. For Grades 11 and 12, one period of law has been added because students are approaching the age of 18 and should understand the Constitution. The critical thinking skills of the children who read and those who do not read are very different. Therefore, we add a library session as we want the children to read. I also urge them to read a lot. I also want to urge the parents to enrol the children who are not enrolled, as it is a free education system.



Schoolchildren learn peacefully inside their classroom. PHOTO: PHOEPYAE SONE

Headteacher Daw May Yin Mon of the No 6 BEHS said 1,357 students have enrolled so far, which is higher than last year. As a Smart School, one futsal field has been expanded this year. The school operates on an eight-period daily schedule, including regional study time, reading time, law, industrial arts, agriculture, and livestock breeding. She also encouraged

parents to enrol their children who have not yet joined school.

Daw Thet Thet Thin, headteacher of the No 11 BEHS, said 1,559 students have enrolled so far, and the figures show an increase compared to last year. Law has been introduced for Grades 11 and 12, covering constitutional law, customary law, penal code, gambling law, narcotics and psychotropic sub-

stances law, counter-terrorism law, child rights law, and people's military service law. For Grade 6, a new curriculum includes basic agriculture, industrial arts, and livestock breeding to provide students with early practical knowledge relevant to Myanmar's agriculture- and livestock-based economy. The library also provides various books for the students to be able to read as per their interests.

The government initiates a free education system, and also provides exercise books, textbooks, ball pens, pencils and uniform for the primary to high school students.

Yesterday, a total of 200,824 students attended basic education, monastic, and private schools in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory. This included 17,200 high school students, 68,618 middle school students, and 115,006 primary school students. — Aye Aye Thant/KTZH

# NATIONAL

## Online scam hubs demolished in Shwe Kokko



Authorities continue the demolition of illicit scam-related facilities in Shwe Kokko, Myawady Township.

THE government continues to conduct joint operations in the Shwe Kokko and 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. One four-storey building and two three-storey buildings were demolished systematically yesterday.

Of the 77 illegal buildings identified for demolition, 57 structures will be destroyed by machinery and 20 by controlled explosions.

Three more structures — one four-storey and two three-storey buildings — were

demolished yesterday as part of a 57-building machinery tear-down project. With 24 structures previously levelled, 30 buildings still await 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

## MNA reschedules Yangon-Singapore flights starting 3 June

THE Myanmar National Airlines (MNA) said the flight schedule for Yangon-Singapore will be changed, starting from 3 June.

According to the new schedule, the Yangon-Singapore flight will run on every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

Under the schedule, the UB-001 will depart from Yangon International Airport at 9:55 am and arrive at Singapore Changi International Airport at 2:25 pm. The UB-002 will depart from Singapore at 3:25 pm and arrive in Yangon at 4:55 pm.

MNA air tickets for local



The Myanmar National Airlines (MNA) announces new flight schedules for Yangon-Singapore.

and overseas destinations can be bought on the MNA mobile app. — MT/ZS

## 7 homemade mines of PDF's deactivated in Natogyi

PDF terrorists intentionally destroy roads and bridges using explosives to disturb the transport system and regional development.

Combined security forces conducted security measures following a report that PDF's planted land mines on the Natogyi-Pyinsi road in Natogyi Township, Mandalay Region, yesterday. During the operations, they found seven homemade mines in different sizes on both sides of the road between Phetkhu and Shauktawwa villages. They deactivated these seven homemade mines systematically.

Investigations are underway to take action against the offenders, and security forces accelerate the security measures. — MNA/KTZH



Security forces conduct clearance operations for homemade mines in Natogyi Township, Mandalay Region.

## Mya Sein Yaung Village Project activities in Mongton inspected

THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Mongton District, Shan State (East), conducted a field inspection of the implementation of activities under the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project in Monghan Village, Mongton Township, yesterday.

The Mya Sein Yaung Village Project in Monghan Village was first implemented in the 2017-2018 financial year. At present, under the ninth time of the project, a revolving fund of K41 million has been lent to 28 members at a low interest rate, and the project activities are continuing to operate successfully, according to Daw Kyawt Kyawt Khaing, District Staff Officer of the Mongton District Department of Rural Development. — Karan (Rural)



Officials inspect project activities.

## No new COVID-19 cases

THE Ministry of Health tested 79 samples from 8 pm on 30 April 2026 to 8 pm on 31 May 2026, and no new case was found. Therefore, no new casualties were reported.

Currently, there is no need to worry about infection and deaths from COVID-19, but all need to follow personal hygiene methods, and the high-risk groups.

- Elderly people (aged 60 and above)
- People with diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, and cancer
- Pregnant women (especially those beyond the third month of pregnancy) are prioritized to receive COVID-19 booster shots.

More detailed COVID-19 information can be found on the website of the Ministry of Health, moh.gov.mm.

Myanmar CDC  
Public Health Department, Ministry of Health

# OPINION

## Provide learning opportunity for school-age children

AS the beginning of a new academic year has arrived, basic education schools are once again bustling with students dressed in their white and green school uniforms. Schools and school compounds are filled with the lively presence of cheerful and smiling students and teachers, creating a graceful and vibrant atmosphere.

In areas under the administration of the State government, students are able to peacefully pursue both basic and higher education. They have the opportunity to receive an appropriate level of education according to their respective ages. Moreover, under the new placement test system, students who lost educational opportunities for several years due to various circumstances will

also be given opportunities to resume their studies as a form of academic rehabilitation.

The loss of educational opportunities in children's lives could eventually lead to a breakdown in human resource development across different regions in the future. Regional development efforts may face shortages of human resources as a consequence of young people losing access to education. As a result, development projects may be delayed, and progress slowed, leaving local people to experience underdevelopment and lagging growth. The consequence of losing educational opportunities due to the lack of regional peace and stability will ultimately be the delayed development and backwardness of their own regions.

While children in peaceful and stable areas can study calmly and without worry in schools, children in areas affected by armed conflict are losing their opportunities to receive an education. Have the various organizations operating in conflict-affected areas truly considered the lives of children who are becoming discouraged and hopeless because they have been deprived of educational opportunities? At present, innocent children are not only unable to study subjects appropriate for their age levels, but are also being forced to endure the negative consequences of unstable and insecure regional conditions.

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The disruption of peace and stability is destroying children's right to education. Those who cause instability are dimming the country's future. Each individual, group, or organization must question and examine for themselves whether their actions truly contribute to the development of human resources for many generations.

THERE are many kinds of success in life. Some people measure success by wealth, power, or fame. But for a teacher, true success is measured in a very different way. It is measured by the love, respect, gratitude, and remembrance of former students long after the lessons have ended and the years have passed.

Recently, I experienced one of the most emotional and meaningful moments of my life. It was not a grand ceremony, nor was it an event attended by important officials or wealthy people. Yet, for me, it was more valuable than any worldly achievement. It was the moment when more than twenty of my former students came to my home to pay respect to me as their old teacher.

About twenty-five years ago, I taught many young students at a private tuition school called "Aung Myay" in Athoke, a town in Ayeyawady Region, Myanmar. At that time, they were only teenagers with dreams, worries, innocence, and youthful energy. Like every teacher, I simply tried my best to guide them not only in their studies but also in their character and discipline. I never imagined that after twenty-five years, those same students would still remember me with such deep affection and gratitude.

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# A Teacher's Greatest Reward

By Junior Thin

This year, on 24 May (Sunday), a ceremony to honour former teachers was organized at "Aung Myay" tuition school in Athoke. Many former students gathered there to pay homage to their old teachers. I sincerely wished to attend the event because it would have been a wonderful reunion after many years. Unfortunately, my health condition did not allow me to travel. Although the distance between Athoke and my current hometown, Kyaunggon, is only about eleven miles, I was physically too weak to make the journey.

At first, I felt disappointed and saddened. I thought I would miss the opportunity to see my former students and colleagues. However, what happened afterwards deeply touched my heart in a way I cannot fully express with words.

Instead of simply paying respect to me from afar at the ceremony, more than twenty of my former students personally travelled to Kyaunggon to visit me. They came not because of obligation, not because of social pressure, and not because anyone forced them to do so. They



came because of genuine love, gratitude, respect, and the unbroken bond between teacher and student.

When I saw them gathered around me, sitting respectfully

before me, I was overwhelmed with emotion. Some of them were once mischievous boys in my classroom. Some were shy and quiet students who rarely spoke. Yet now, they had all become ma-

ture middle-aged men and women, carrying the responsibilities of life on their shoulders.

Most of them are now around forty years old. They have families, children, careers, and busi-

nesses of their own. They are no longer the young students I once taught. They are parents guiding their own children through life. They are hardworking individuals contributing to society in their own ways. Seeing them successful, stable, and responsibly brought me immense peace and happiness as a teacher.

For a teacher, there is no greater comfort than knowing that former students have grown into good human beings. Academic success alone is not enough. What truly matters is whether they become kind-hearted, respectful, responsible, and compassionate people. Looking at my former students that day, I felt proud not because of their wealth or status, but because their hearts remained humble and grateful.

In modern society, people are often too busy with work, business, and personal struggles. Relationships easily fade with time. Many people forget their old teachers as life moves forward. Yet these former students did not forget. Even after twenty-five years, they still valued the bond we once shared in the classroom.

Their visit reminded me that true education is not limited to textbooks or examinations. The deepest lessons are often lessons of humanity, kindness, gratitude, and respect. The fact that they personally came to see a sick and ageing teacher instead of merely sending greetings from afar made their gesture even more meaningful.

As they sat before me, paying respect in the traditional Myanmar way, I could feel not only their respect but also their sincere emotional attachment. Their eyes, smiles, and conversations carried memories from long ago. In those moments, the twenty-five years between us seemed to disappear completely.

I also realized something very important that day: although my body may have become weaker with age and illness, **my life as a teacher has not been meaningless.** Teachers do not always receive material rewards. Often, our efforts are forgotten, and our sacrifices remain unseen. But moments like this become priceless rewards that cannot be bought with money.

I deeply appreciate and value the respect my former students showed me. Their kindness gave me strength, comfort, and emotional healing. More importantly, it reminded me that the relation-

ship between teacher and student is not temporary. It is a lifelong connection built on trust, care, guidance, and gratitude.

In Myanmar culture, paying homage to teachers is considered a noble tradition. However, what moved me most was not the ceremony itself, but the sincerity behind their actions. **They did not merely follow tradition; they followed their hearts.**

As I reflect on that unforgettable day, I feel nothing but gratitude. I am grateful that life allowed me to become a teacher. I am grateful that my former students still remember me after so many years. And I am grateful that they became successful adults with loving families and stable lives.

For me, this experience was not simply a reunion. It was proof that genuine kindness and sincere teaching never disappear with time. The seeds planted in the classroom twenty-five years ago have now blossomed into respect, compassion, and enduring human connection.

**A teacher may grow old. A classroom may disappear. Time may pass quickly. But true respect and genuine gratitude can remain alive forever. That, perhaps, is the greatest reward a teacher can ever receive.**

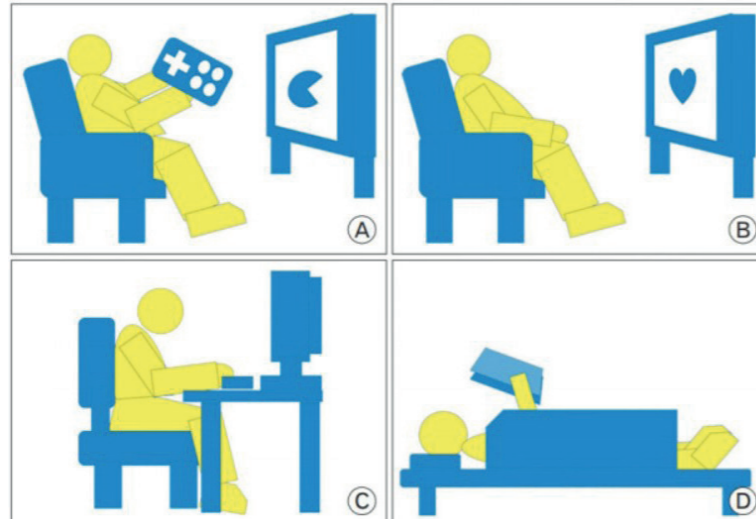
# Sitting Still in a Moving World

By Moon Cherry K

THE modern world has made our lives easier, but it is also quietly teaching us to sit ourselves into poor health. "For more than fifteen years, the World Health Organization has warned the world about the dangers of sedentary

behaviour. Yet millions of people continue spending most of their days sitting at desks, in classrooms, in cars, or in front of screens. Are you one of them?"

From office workers and online teachers to students and gamers, millions of people today



spend most of their lives sitting. Technology has transformed the way we work, study, communicate, and entertain ourselves. While these advancements have brought convenience and opportunity, they have also created a hidden danger: the sedentary lifestyle.

Unfortunately, many people still underestimate the serious effects of physical inactivity. In modern society, sitting for long hours has become a daily routine, and its consequences are affecting both physical and mental health around the world.

## Understanding the Sedentary Lifestyle

The word "sedentary"

media on their phones. Even shopping, banking, and communication can now be done without leaving a chair. As a result, physical inactivity has quietly become part of everyday life.

## Why Sedentary Behaviour Is Increasing

There are several reasons why sedentary lifestyles are spreading rapidly across the globe.

First, technological advancement has reduced the need for physical movement. Machines and digital services now perform many tasks that once required human effort. Transportation has also changed modern lifestyles. Instead of walking, many people rely heavily on cars, buses, or taxis, even for short distances.

Second, screen-based activities dominate modern entertainment. Children and teenagers spend hours playing online games, using social media, or watching videos. Adults also

spend much of their free time in front of laptops and smartphones after long working hours.

In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic increased sedentary behaviour worldwide. Remote work and online learning became common, causing many people to spend even more time indoors and in front of screens.

According to recent surveys, many adults now spend between eight and nine hours sitting every day. Health experts warn that this growing habit may become one of the greatest health challenges of the modern age.

## The Serious Risks to Human Health

A sedentary lifestyle may appear harmless, but medical experts strongly warn against its long-term effects.

According to the World Health Organization, approximately 3.2 million deaths each year are linked to physical inactivity. Some researchers even

claim that prolonged sitting can be as dangerous as smoking.

Dr François Carré, a cardiologist specializing in sedentary behaviour, once referred to prolonged sitting as "the chair that kills". He explained that physical inactivity contributes to more than thirty-five chronic diseases.

Lack of exercise increases the risk of obesity, heart disease, type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and certain types of cancer. Spending too much time sitting can also weaken muscles and bones, reduce blood circulation, and cause body pain, especially in the back and neck.

The effects are not only physical. Sedentary behaviour can also negatively affect mental health. People who rarely move their bodies often experience stress, anxiety, fatigue, and depression. In contrast, regular physical activity improves mood, energy, and concentration. Clearly, the human body was designed to move, not to remain

seated for endless hours.

## Small Changes Can Save Lives

Fortunately, overcoming a sedentary lifestyle does not always require expensive equipment or intense workouts. Small daily habits can make a meaningful difference.

Health experts recommend at least thirty minutes of moderate physical activity each day. Walking, stretching, yoga, cycling, or simple exercises can help improve overall health. Physical activity is also considered one of the best preventive treatments for obesity, moderate hypertension, type 2 diabetes, and mild depression.

Even simple actions are beneficial. Taking the stairs instead of the elevator, walking short distances, stretching during breaks, or standing while talking on the phone can help reduce sedentary time.

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## Diploma in Diplomacy Course 2/2026 opens

DEPUTY Minister for Foreign Affairs U Naing Min Kyi delivered an opening address at the opening ceremony of the Diploma in Diplomacy (DID) course 2/2026, jointly conducted by the Myanmar Diplomatic Academy and the Naypyitaw State Academy. The ceremony was held at the Lawkanatt Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by the permanent secretary, directors-general and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Education, the rector, pro-rector and professors/head of department from the Naypyitaw State Academy and trainees.

The Diploma in Diploma-



Deputy Minister U Naing Min Kyi unveils the Diploma in Diplomacy Course 2/2026 yesterday.

cy (DID) 2/2026 Course will be held for eight months, comprising two semesters and lasting four months each. It will cover diplomacy, International Relations, foreign policies, international & regional organizations, International Law, current issues and trends

in international relations.

A total of 60 trainees are participating in the course, representing various government ministries, private sector organizations, as well as recent university graduates interested in diplomacy and international relations. — MNA

## Exports shipped via Myawady border

CURRENTLY, export and import licences from the Myawady border to Thailand are being issued. Most of the exports are agricultural products such as corn, avocado, betel nut, turmeric and onions. Import licences worth 620 million Thai baht have been issued. Most of the goods imported from Thailand are foodstuffs, consumer goods and industrial raw materials. — MNA



Cargo lorries queue at the Myanmar-Thai border.

## Completion of Water Pipeline Installation Project in Ywangan inspected

THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Danu Self-Administered Zone, Shan State (South), conducted a field inspection on the morning of 1 June to observe the completion of a water pipeline installation project implemented in Htaminbaung Village, Kyaukpon Village-tract, Ywangan Township, to ensure year-round access to sufficient clean drinking water for rural residents.

The 3,800-foot-long water pipeline installation project was implemented with Union-approved funding of K22.31 million through cooperation between engineering staff from the Township Department of Rural Development and village residents. The project has now been completed in full.



Officials oversee the completion of the water pipeline installation project.

Upon completion, 159 households with a population of 789 people in Htaminbaung Village will be able to access and use clean drinking water more easily throughout the year. — Cho Than Nyunt (Rural)

## MoHT hands out souvenir keychains to tourists at YIA

THE Ministry of Hotels, Tourism and Culture offered souvenir keychains to arriving foreign tourists as a promotional gift at the Tourism Promotion Event at Yangon International Airport on 30 May.

This physical distribution of souvenir keychains featuring a QR code aims to effectively boost Myanmar's tourism sector and provide easy access to travel information, allowing visitors to get scannable access to the ministry's tourism portals, call centre (+95 9 881881222), emergency hotlines (1551) and travel updates.

Providing 24-hour services for tourists, the ministry aims to promote Myanmar's tourism destinations as secure for travellers.

Yangon Region Government's Rakhine Ethnic Affairs Minister and officials of the ministry warmly welcomed the tourists arriving at Yangon International Airport and Mandalay International Airport, and souvenir keychains were distributed to visitors, hoping the gifts would serve as a tangible reminder of the visitors' experience in Myanmar and inspire future visits. — ASH/KK



The Myanmar tourism promotion event is handing out souvenir gifts at YIA.

## YPS services expand to Dala-Twantay YBS routes starting 1 June

TO provide a convenient public transportation for residents of Twantay and Dala townships, YPS prepaid cards can be used for Dala-Twantay YBS buses as of 1 June, said the Yangon Payment Service (YPS).

For the journey, the bus fare is K800 in cash payment, but it costs only K700 by YPS prepaid cards.

YPS cards will be sold at YBS bus gates at Shwe Sandaw Pagoda and Cherry Jetty. YPS

card price is K9,000, which includes a preloaded amount of K6,000, totalling K15,000.

YPS can solve cash problems, and its service is cheaper. For more information, people can visit the YPS Facebook page and the YPS TikTok channel.

Enquiries about YPS services can be made via the YPS page messenger or by dialling the call centre (hotline) 09 772666699, between 8 am and 6 pm from Monday to Friday. — MT/ZS



A YBS bus running the Dala-Twantay route.

## Myanmar's largest real estate and car exhibition crowds

THE 20<sup>th</sup> Myanmar's largest real estate and car exhibition, jointly organized by iMyanmar House and CarsDB, was held for three days from 29 May to 1 June at the Yangon Convention Centre in the Inya Lake Hotel complex in Yangon, attracting crowds of buyers and visitors.

The exhibition featured famous construction companies, under-construction buildings, condos, luxury condos, solid land for those looking to buy land, houses, various car models and many famous car brands, all sold with special discounts, cash payment systems, long-term in-



The 20<sup>th</sup> Myanmar's largest realty & car expo held on 29 May-1 June 2026. PHOTO - KOLWIN

stalment and solid contracts. "We are delighted to see that buyers are satisfied with the exhibition, as we provide the

best prices, the most economical and the best services, and we are happy to see that buyers are satisfied," said U Nay Min Thu, CEO of iMyanmar Market Group.

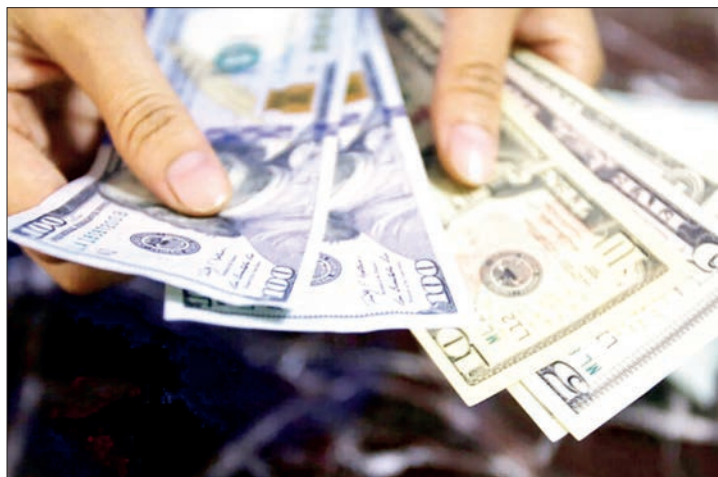
During the three-day exhibition, experts from different fields such as Myanmar construction, real estate investment and the automotive market also held daily seminars.

"This exhibition is the most crowded among the exhibitions we have held. I don't know if it is a real estate and car exhibition together, but people come, ask questions and buy. It is a busy

exhibition because investors are interested in real estate and buyers are also connected," said Daw Yee Wyne Oo, Managing Director of A One Construction Company.

iMyanmar House builds high-end houses and condos for staff and the public to buy and live in. It often holds house, farm, and land exhibitions in collaboration with other construction companies. This time, it was held in conjunction with a real estate and car sales exhibition, which was crowded with buyers and visitors. — Oktha/MKKS

## CBM sells over US\$51M, THB1.2M in May



An exchanger counting US dollars.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) pumped over US\$51 million and 1.2 million baht into the foreign exchange market in May.

CBM transacted over \$70 million and 28.8 million baht in April and over \$44.84 million,

61 million baht and 700,000 yuan in March 2026.

CBM injected over \$35 million, 34 million baht and over three million yuan in the foreign exchange market in February and over \$43 million, 65 million baht and over

four million yuan in January 2026.

CBM has injected foreign currencies into the foreign exchange market and the edible oil and fuel oil import sector, with a view to curbing the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation and maintaining market stability. 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

## Highways Dept opens tender for procurement of work materials in infrastructure projects

THE Department of Highways, operated under the Ministry of Construction, invited Myanmar citizen entrepreneurs to submit open tenders for the procurement of work materials for road and bridge projects in four districts in Mon State, under the Capital/ Current Expenditure of the 2026-2027 financial year.

The projects are to be implemented in Mawlamyine, Thaton, Ye, and Kyaukto districts. Tender application forms are available at the Assistance Director's office, the Department of Highways, in these four districts by 12 June.

The tender opening will take place at 9:30 am on 16 June

at the Director (Civil) Office, Department of Highways in Mawlamyine, Mon State.

Individuals can enquire for further details through the office in Mawlamyine at 09 255745530, Thaton District at 09 255773772, Ye District at 09 253706489 and Kyaukto District at 09 975700722. — NN/KK

## DPTSC offers solar energy workshop

DEPARTMENT of Power Transmission and System Control (DPTSC) under the Ministry of Electricity and Energy (MOEE) will host a workshop on Electricity Generation using solar energy that is scheduled to be held in the first week of July.

Although Myanmar has abundant solar resources, the amount of electricity generated and utilized from solar energy remains low. The ministry is promoting increased electricity generation from solar energy through integrating solar systems into the national power grid at an appropriate ratio and promoting the installation and use of solar systems by individuals or groups.

The ministry states that addressing technical limitations

and management challenges encountered in these efforts will bring about effective measures and quick implementation of the projects.

The ministry is planning to host a comprehensive workshop during the first week of July 2026 to significantly scale up the contribution of solar power to the nation's electricity consumption. Experts in solar technology, battery technology, and solar power systems, entrepreneurs, representatives from relevant organizations, students and interested individuals are invited to attend and engage in discussions.

Individuals wishing to present topics for discussion can contact Director U Myo Thant Tun of the department at 09 4316690 or 067 3410471. — NN/KK



An array of solar panels generates renewable energy.

# ARTICLE: SCI/HEALTH WORLD

## Sitting Still in a Moving World

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The experience of Finland offers an inspiring example. Decades ago, Finland was considered one of the unhealthiest countries in the Western world. However, through health education and lifestyle changes, the country successfully improved public health by encouraging people to become more physically active.

The message is simple: we do not need expensive gadgets to become healthier. We simply need to move more and sit less.

### My Personal Experience

As an online teacher, I personally experienced the negative effects of a

sedentary lifestyle. Most of my daily routine involves sitting in front of a laptop for long hours. Because of my busy schedule, I rarely exercised or took proper breaks.

After some time, I became overweight and frequently suffered from blurry vision, back pain, body aches, and low energy. I often felt physically exhausted despite doing very little physical activity.

Eventually, I realized that I needed to change my habits.

I started following a simple “five-minute rule”. After every hour of teaching, I took a five-minute break to move my body. Sometimes I walked around the house, climbed stairs, stretched, or prac-

tised light yoga exercises.

Although these activities seemed small, they gradually improved my health. Over time, I lost weight, became more energetic, and felt healthier than before. This experience taught me that small actions, when repeated consistently, can create significant positive changes.

### A Wake-Up Call for Modern Society

Modern technology has improved human life in many ways, but it should not replace physical movement entirely. In today’s fast-paced digital world, many people are too busy to notice how inactive they have become.

Health is one of the greatest treas-

ures in life, and it should never be ignored. Children, adults, office workers, and students all need regular exercise, balanced nutrition, enough sleep, and healthy daily routines.

A sedentary lifestyle may feel comfortable today, but its long-term consequences can be dangerous. Therefore, everyone needs to take action before health problems begin to appear.

If you are living a sedentary lifestyle, start changing your habits now. You do not need to make dramatic changes overnight. Start small. Stand up more often. Walk a little farther. Stretch your body. Move whenever possible.

Because sometimes, a healthier future begins with a single step.

## First combined pig liver, kidney transplant in human marks milestone in organ shortage fight

SURGEONS in China have performed the world’s first combined transplant of a whole pig liver and both kidneys into a brain-dead human recipient, achieving nearly five days of organ function without hyperacute rejection.

The procedure, led by a team at the Second Affiliated Hospital of Guangxi Medical University, located in south China, used a six-gene-edited pig with a body size and physiological characteristics highly similar to those of humans as the donor, according to the university’s announcement on Monday.

To combat the fundamental scarcity of organs globally, xenotransplantation, or the transfer of animal organs into humans, leveraging gene-edited pigs, has arisen as the most revolutionary solution. Yet, the varying rejection patterns in multi-organ grafts still pose a critical obstacle.

The team’s editing strategy, three knockouts and three insertions, is designed to reduce immune responses and improve compatibility, noted the study published in the journal MED.

They transplanted the liver and both kidneys in their natural positions through a single incision. The total cold ischemia time, which is the duration the organ is kept chilled outside the body, was controlled at 281 minutes from donor procurement to reperfusion.

The recipient, a 53-year-old brain-dead man, was monitored for about 106 hours in the ethically accepted clinical study conducted after his organs had been donated for clinical use.

For roughly five days, the transplant showed promising physiological outcomes, including largely normal organ blood supply, as well as observed bile secretion and urine production.

Examination of metabolites revealed that the pig liver was shifting its behaviour to resemble a human liver rather than a pig one. This indicated that the organ managed to use the body’s own resources and might even be able to completely “reprogramme” its metabolism to match a human host.

This study has provided initial evidence for the feasibility of pig-to-human orthotopic whole-liver plus bilateral-kidney transplantation, and identified early immune and metabolic features that may inform perioperative management and future clinical translation, the researchers said.

Transferring multiple organs is more complex than moving one, and transplanting pig kidneys and a liver in the same procedure is also unique, commented Leonardo Riella, a physician scientist at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. — Xinhua

## China’s Long March-12B rocket completes successful maiden flight



A Long March-12B Y1 carrier rocket blasts off from the Dongfeng commercial space innovation pilot zone in northwest China on 1 June 2026. PHOTO: XINHUA

CHINA on Monday successfully launched the Long March-12B Y1 carrier rocket into space from the Dongfeng commercial space innovation pilot zone in northwest China.

The rocket blasted off at 4:40 pm (Beijing Time), sending a group of networking satellites destined for the Qianfan Constellation, also known as the Spacesail Constellation, into their preset orbits. The mission was declared a complete success.

This mission was the maiden flight of the Long March-12B rocket, and marked

the 647<sup>th</sup> flight mission of the Long March carrier rocket series.

Developed by a commercial rocket manufacturing company under the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC), the Long March-12B is a new-generation reusable rocket. While no recovery test was conducted during this mission, a first-stage recovery test is scheduled to be carried out at a later date, the CASC said.

Featuring a single-core, two-stage configuration, the rocket has a body diameter of

4.37 metres, a fairing diameter of 5.2 metres, and a total length of approximately 72 metres.

Its first stage is powered by nine liquid oxygen/kerosene engines, and the second stage utilizes a single high-altitude engine. With a low Earth orbit payload capacity of about 20 tonnes, the rocket is capable of adapting to multiple orbital missions.

According to the CASC, this mission signified that China has added a new commercial rocket to its fleet for building large-scale internet constellations. — Xinhua

## Britain's manufacturing sector continues recovery in May, but input price inflation high

BRITAIN'S manufacturing sector continued recovery in May, but is faced with the challenges of high input price inflation and supply chain constraints, data from the S&P Global showed on Monday.

The seasonally adjusted S&P Global UK Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose to a four-year high of 53.9 in May, up slightly from 53.7 in April, according to S&P Global.

Rob Dobson, director at S&P Global Market Intelligence, said May saw the

UK manufacturing upturn gather pace, as growth of production and business optimism both rose to three-month highs.

But he cautioned the sustainability of the upturn remains in doubt, noting that recent upturn in new order intakes that is driving the expansion in output is heavily reliant on both manufacturers and their clients front-loading purchases to mitigate expected war-related price increases and supply chain disruption. "This bounce will fade once customers have built

up sufficient safety stocks," he added.

The rate of increase in purchasing costs for UK manufacturers accelerated to a near four-year high, reflecting increased prices for chemicals, electronics, energy, foodstuff, fuels, plastics, metals, packaging, paper and timber.

They attributed the price hikes to the conflict in the Middle East, commodity market gyrations, geopolitical strife, supply chain issues, material shortages, tariffs, rising labour costs and higher taxes. — Xinhua

## SoftBank overtakes Toyota to become Japan's most valuable company

SOFTBANK Group Corp overtook Toyota Motor Corp on Monday to become Japan's most valuable publicly traded company amid a rally in technology shares, marking the first

time in more than 22 years for the automaker to cede the top spot.

Trading on the Tokyo Stock Exchange ended with SoftBank Group seeing its market capitaliza-

tion surpass 48 trillion yen (\$301 billion), compared with just under 46 trillion yen for Toyota Motor, in what would be a shift in Japan's industrial landscape. — Kyodo

### Notice for Change of Registration Trade Name

Notice is hereby given that official registration trade name has been changed for the following pesticides by Bailing Agrochemical Co., Ltd China and distributor has been changed from Bailing Agrochemical Co.,Ltd to New Asia High- Tech Seeds Co.,Ltd. Bailing Agrochemical Co., Ltd invites objections to Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon from all parties within a period of fourteen (14) days from the publication of this notice.

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#### Mandalay Region Government

#### Mandalay City Development Committee

Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) regarding the former Mandalay City Hotel and adjacent buildings

- Mandalay City Development Committee hereby invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from interested investors to operate appropriate business activities on a 1.327-acre plot of land located between 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Streets, and between 82<sup>nd</sup> and 83<sup>rd</sup> Streets, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay. The site includes the former Mandalay City Hotel (a 4-story Reinforced Concrete building) and its adjacent structures.
- 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.
- 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.

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S CMA-CGM SHIPPING LINE PTE LTD

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#### The Republic of The Union of Myanmar Ministry of Science and Technology Department of Biotechnology Research "International Open Tender"

Department of Biotechnology Research under the Ministry of Science and Technology invites open tender for the supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of laboratory equipment from qualified international suppliers/manufacturers to contract by US Dollar as follows:

Lot (1)

- Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrophotometer/Mass Spectrophotometer (LC-MS-MS)

Lot (2)

- Automatic Absorption Spectrophotometer (AAS)

Date and Time to Purchase : 1, June, 2026 to 15, June ,

Tender Forms : 2026 (within office hours)

Last date for resubmission : 15, June , 2026 (within office hours)

Address to Purchase : Department of Biotechnology Research , Tasoe Road, Kyaukse District, Mandalay Region, Myanmar

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### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V XO LUCKY VOY.NO. (X2611E)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V XO LUCKY VOY.NO. (X2611E)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **2-6-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S TI2 LOGISTICS PTE LTD

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V UNI BULKER VOY.NO. (2604)

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# ROLLING UPDATES

## WORLD

## Iranian media: Tehran suspends negotiations via mediators with US



Smoke rises following Israeli bombardment in southern Lebanon as seen from a position across the border in the Upper Galilee, in northern Israel on 1 June 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

IRAN'S Tasnim news agency said Tehran was suspending all exchanges with mediators in peace talks with the United States on Monday, blaming Israel's ongoing invasion of Lebanon.

"Given the continuing crimes of the Zionist regime (Israel) in Lebanon and considering that Lebanon was one of the preconditions for the ceasefire and

that this ceasefire has now been violated on all fronts, including Lebanon, the Iranian negotiating team is suspending dialogues and exchange of texts through mediators," Tasnim reported.

It said Iran was demanding the "immediate cessation" of Israel's military operations in Gaza and Lebanon and its withdrawal from areas it occupied in its

northern neighbour as a precondition for resuming talks.

Israel's military has pushed further into southern Lebanon than at any time since it ended its occupation of the region in 2000. On Monday it warned residents of the capital Beirut's southern suburbs to evacuate ahead of strikes.

Tasnim also reported that Iran and its allies had "set their determination to completely block the Strait of Hormuz and activate other fronts, including the Bab al-Mandab Strait", at the entrance to the Red Sea.

Iran's Yemeni ally, the Houthis, have previously attacked shipping in the latter strait and nearby waters, forcing ships to take long detours around Africa rather than sail through the Red Sea and Suez Canal.

Pakistan has been the chief mediator in talks between Washington and Tehran to end the war launched by the United States and Israel which quickly spread across the region.

A ceasefire has been in place since 8 April and has held despite occasional incidents, but talks on a deal to end the war have so far failed. — AFP

## Japan, Britain, Italy eye observer scheme for next-generation fighter

JAPAN, Britain and Italy are preparing to create an observer framework for countries interested in buying the next-generation fighter jet that the three countries have been jointly developing, a move aimed at boosting exports and reducing development costs, sources familiar with the plan said Monday.

The framework would allow selected countries to receive updates on the Global Combat Air Programme without formally joining the development project. The partners hope it will encourage purchases and strengthen defence ties among like-minded nations.

Defence ministers from the three countries are expected to discuss the proposal in Britain in late July, with Canada likely to become the first observer, the sources said.

The meeting is expected to take place on the sidelines of the Farnborough International Airshow in southern England.

Japanese Defence Minister Shinjiro Koizumi is set to meet British De-



File photo taken in July 2024 in Britain shows a mock-up of the next-generation fighter jet that Japan, Britain and Italy have been jointly developing. **PHOTO: KYODO**

fence Secretary John Healey and Italian Defence Minister Guido Crosetto, while officials are also arranging talks involving Canadian Defence Minister David McGuinty.

Observer countries would receive information on the fighter's capabilities and development progress under

strict confidentiality rules, according to the sources. The framework could later expand to industrial cooperation, including parts production.

Aside from Canada, Australia, India, Poland, Saudi Arabia and Sweden are among the other countries also interested in the GCAP aircraft. — Kyodo

## Indonesia's Java northern coast faces rising sea levels, land subsidence: researcher

SEVERAL areas along the northern coast of Indonesia's Java island are experiencing a combination of land subsidence and sea level rise of up to 4.3 millimetres per year, increasing the risk of flooding and coastal inundation, a researcher from the National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) said on Monday.

BRIN researcher Agung Syetiawan said the phenomenon has been observed in a number of coastal areas, including Jakarta, Bekasi, Indramayu, Cirebon, Subang, Pemalang, Pekalongan and Demak, based on satellite data, field observations and geospatial modelling.

According to the researcher, excessive groundwater extraction for domestic use and aquaculture activities is among the main drivers of land subsidence in the affected regions.

He stressed that mitigation measures and coastal management policies should be based on comprehensive geospatial assessments, including groundwater control, mangrove rehabilitation and seawall evaluation, to support sustainable development. — Xinhua

## 3 killed, many taken ill following toxic gas leak at factory in India's Punjab

THREE people were killed and many others taken ill on Monday following a toxic gas leak inside a hand tool manufacturing factory in the northern Indian state of Punjab, police said.

The incident took place at an industrial area in Ludhiana, about 105 kilometres west of Chandigarh, the capital city of Punjab.

"We are being told that a tank cleaning work was underway in a factory at Industrial Area A in Ludhiana when toxic gas suddenly started leaking. Within minutes, the gas spread throughout the premises. The gas concentration was so intense that workers inside had no time to escape," a senior police official said.

"Some collapsed on the spot due to suffocation and severe eye irritation. Workers present inside the factory said they started experiencing breathing difficulties," the official said, adding that "Unfortunately, three people – the factory owner, his son and a worker – were killed, and two others are still undergoing treatment at the hospital." — Xinhua

# SPORTS

## Cobolli fights into French Open last eight against dogged Svajda

FLAVIO Cobolli on Monday clawed into the French Open quarterfinals, beating Zachary Svajda 6-2, 6-3, 6-7 (3/7), 7-6 (7/5).

At No 10, the Italian goes into the last eight as the third-highest remaining men's seed. It will be the 24-year-old's second Grand Slam quarter-final. He reached the last eight at Wimbledon last season.

Cobolli will face either fourth-seeded Canadian Felix Auger-Aliassime or unseeded Chilean Alejandro Tabilo.

Cobolli raced through the first two sets in a total of one hour 25 minutes, breaking twice in each.

In the third, Svajda started to put up some resistance and Cobolli began to wobble.

Twice the 23-year-old American held serve to save the match and then took the tiebreak as Cobolli's accuracy deserted him.

In the fourth, Cobolli galloped to a 4-0 lead. From 5-1 up he could not finish Svajda off, wasting a match point at 5-4.

The Italian found just enough composure to win a tiebreak in which both players showed their nerves. Cobolli won in three hours, 21 minutes.

"The match is never done and today I almost shit in my pants," said Cobolli. "I'm happy but I'm still nervous." American world number 85 Svajda had only won two Grand Slam matches before his surprising run to the fourth round at Roland Garros. — AFP



Italy's Flavio Cobolli plays a forehand return to US Zachary Svajda during their men's singles match on day 9 of the French Open tennis tournament on Court Philippe-Chatrier at the Roland-Garros Complex in Paris on 1 June 2026. PHOTO: AFP

## 2026 UEFA Champions League winner PSG is role model for Bayern, says Rummenigge

PARIS Saint-Germain's 2026 UEFA Champions League triumph should serve as a model for other leading European clubs, including Bayern Munich, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, a member of the Bavarians' supervisory board, said on Sunday.

The 70-year-old praised the French side's achievement and described the final against Arsenal, which Paris won 4-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw, as a well-deserved victory.

"Paris became successful when they shifted from a costly star ensemble to a true team," Rummenigge said in a recent interview with German media.

Rummenigge said Paris could serve as a role model for Bayern, adding that "as we saw, it doesn't take the most expensive transfers, but the smart ones."

The former German international said, "Paris' story tells us not to follow certain Premier League or Spanish clubs." — Xinhua

## Spain continues World Cup preparations in outskirts of Madrid

SPAIN'S squad for the forthcoming FIFA World Cup finals continued preparations on Monday with its second training session at the headquarters of the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) in Las Rozas on the outskirts of Madrid.

Yeremay Pino joined the camp after helping Crystal Palace win the UEFA Conference League title last Wednesday.

Around 2,000 people attended an open day at Las Rozas on Sunday, with players signing shirts and posing for photographs with young fans.

Injured trio Nico Williams, Lamine Yamal and Victor Munoz continued to train separately from the rest of the squad, with Williams and Yamal recovering from hamstring injuries, while Munoz has a calf problem picked up at the end of the season.

Speaking to Spanish newspaper El Mundo Deportivo, coach Luis de la Fuente insisted the trio would be fit for the World Cup.

"We know they are going to arrive in perfect conditions and I will stick my neck out and say they will be fit for the opening game, (against Cape Verde on



Spain's head coach Luis de la Fuente addresses a press conference after the unveiling of the Spain squad for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, in Madrid, on 25 May 2026.

15 June) but we will continue to follow how they develop," commented De la Fuente.

Striker Mikel Oyarzabal spoke to the press about his hopes for the World Cup, with Spain traveling to the tournament as one of the favourites after winning the European Championship two years ago.

"Being considered favorites makes headlines, but we're calm and confident in ourselves," said the Real Sociedad player, who is

set to make his World Cup debut.

"It's exciting and special and it makes me aware and happy of where I have got. I couldn't play in 2022 (because of a knee injury), so I'm grateful for everything that's happened to me in my career," he added.

Spain will play a warm-up match against Iraq in La Coruna on Thursday before continuing preparations in Mexico, where it will also face Peru in a friendly. — Xinhua

## Premier League record-breaker Milner retires

FORMER England midfielder James Milner has announced his retirement from football at the age of 40 after 24 seasons in the Premier League.

The Brighton player be-

gan his career at boyhood club Leeds and went on to win three Premier League titles — two with Manchester City and one with Liverpool, where he also won the Champions League.



Brighton's English midfielder (20) James Milner during the English Premier League football match between Brighton and Hove Albion and Manchester United at the American Express Community Stadium in Brighton, southern England on 24 May 2026. PHOTO: AFP

Milner broke the record for the most Premier League appearances this season, ending his career with a total of 658 games.

"After 24 seasons in the Premier League, it feels like the right time to bring an end to my playing career," he said in an Instagram post on Monday.

"From making my debut for Leeds, who I supported growing up, at the age of 16 and becoming the Premier League's youngest scorer, I could never have dreamed of the journey I've been on."

Milner, then with Leeds, became the Premier League's youngest goalscorer in 2002, aged 16 years and 356 days.

The record has since been broken by James Vaughan and Max Dowman. — AFP



# Lack of vaccine, cross-border movement risk Ebola spread: Africa CDC chief

**D**IRECTOR-GENERAL of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) Jean Kaseya has warned that the lack of licensed vaccine to the Bundibugyo Ebola strain and intense cross-border movement threaten regional spread of Ebola, as the number of suspected cases topped 1,130.

In a recent interview with Xinhua, the Africa CDC chief said the lack of licensed vaccine and medicines to the Bundibugyo Ebola virus makes the current outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Uganda “particularly concerning”.

“At the same time, intense cross-border movement between the DRC, Uganda and South Sudan creates conditions for regional spread if response efforts are not sustained and adequately funded,” Kaseya told Xinhua, as he emphasized the vital need for adequate resources and robust regional coordination.

Data from the African Union’s specialized healthcare agency showed that, as of Friday, some 1,139 suspected cases, including 212 laboratory confirmed cases, were reported across the DRC, since the country declared its 17<sup>th</sup> Ebola outbreak on 15 May. Confirmed cases have also been recorded in Uganda.

In addition to the two affected countries, 11 other countries across the continent are now at high risk of being affected, namely South Sudan, Rwanda, Kenya, Zambia, the Central African Republic, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Angola, the Republic of the Congo, Burundi, and Somalia.

“The outbreak is also placing significant pressure on frontline health workers. Nineteen health workers have been infected and six have died. Protecting health workers remains a top priority,” Kaseya said.



Four recovered Ebola patients (1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> R, front) are interviewed in Bunia, the capital of Ituri Province in northeastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), 31 May 2026. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Noting that the Africa CDC and the World Health Organization (WHO) are co-leading the response, working closely with national governments and operational partners across the region, he stressed that “response is active and producing results.”

Meanwhile, the Africa CDC chief highlighted “encouraging signs”, citing that a confirmed patient was recently discharged after recovery, “demonstrating that early detection, quality clinical care and coordinated response efforts save lives.”— Xinhua

# IAEA chief urges “stop” to nuclear sites attacks after Zaporizhzhia drone strike



This photo taken on 29 March 2023 shows the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in southern Ukraine. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

THE head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on Sunday emphasized that attacks on nuclear facilities

are unacceptable and must stop to avoid the “very real risk of a nuclear accident”. In a post on social media platform

X, IAEA Director-General Rafael Grossi also described the Saturday strike as a “serious incident” that endangered key nuclear safety principles.

The post said an IAEA team inspected the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant after it was reportedly struck by a drone the previous day. The team observed damage to a metal access hatch on the exterior of a turbine building, as well as debris and burned fragments of optical fibres scattered on the ground.

Based on its observations, the team concluded that the damage was consistent with the impact of a drone strike.

The IAEA said that while a follow-up inspection inside the turbine building was interrupted by nearby drone activity and gunfire, its experts confirmed that radiation levels at the site remained normal. Measurements showed no immediate radiological threat. — Xinhua

## EU calls on Israel to stop military escalation in Lebanon

A spokesperson for the European Commission on Monday called on Israel to stop its military escalation in Lebanon and to respect Lebanon’s sovereignty and territorial integrity.

EU Foreign Affairs spokesperson Anouar El Anouni told a press conference that the EU also encourages continued engagement with ongoing diplomatic efforts aimed at securing a negotiated path towards long-term stability and security for both Lebanon and Israel.

He said the people of Lebanon have already endured immense hardship. “They didn’t choose this war, and this war is not theirs,” he said, adding that the people of Lebanon and Israel have the right to live in peace, security and dignity, free from the threat of renewed conflict. — Xinhua