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Myanmar President, First Lady Visit Patients ...

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were welcomed by Acting Medical Superintendent Dr

Saw Thura Kyi Pe and health staff. The President visited the patients receiving inpa-

tient treatment in the ophthalmology ward and the ear, nose and throat (ENT)

ward, and asked about the individual cases of illness as well as the medical care and

treatment being provided. He comforted the patients and gave foodstuffs.

party were welcomed by officials.

The President and party gave words of encouragement to the Tatmadaw members' patients receiving medical treatment for their injuries sustained in serving the defence and security duties of the State, and presented cash awards and foodstuffs.

The wife of the President and party also comforted family members of Tatmadaw members receiving medical treatment at the hospital and gave foodstuffs.

After asking about the needs of the hospital, the President gave necessary guidance and fulfilled the needs. — MNA/TTA



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing provides foodstuffs to a patient at the Toungoo People's Hospital in Toungoo yesterday.

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, by dialing 09 43016690 and 067 3410471 and through dgdptsc2021@gmail.com.

Ministry of Electricity and Energy

Myanmar-China ceremony on community with shared future held

THE ceremony for "A Community with a Shared Future", aimed at strengthening the Pauk-Phaw friendship between Myanmar and China, was held on 6 June at the Myawady Media Centre in Yangon.

At the ceremony, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Aung Naing Thu delivered the opening address, highlighting that June 2026 marks both the 72nd anniversary of signing the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence and the 76th anniversary of establishing diplomatic ties between the two countries.

Furthermore, on 3 April, Chinese President Mr Xi Jinping sent a congratulatory message to Myanmar President U Min Aung Hlaing, emphasizing close cooperation on promoting strategic exchanges and building a community with a shared future. Whenever Myanmar faced difficul-



Participants in the Myanmar-China Ceremony on "A Community with a Shared Future".

ties, China's teams and donations were the first to assist, and Myanmar also made reciprocal donations. "This reflects the deep mutual empathy rooted in the peoples of both nations," the Chief Minister said.

The Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar, Ms Ma Jia, also explained the practical cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative and the China-Myanmar Economic

Corridor. Currently, remarkable progress has been made in the following sectors: trade — China has granted 100 per cent tariff exemption on Myanmar's agricultural, livestock, and marine products; finance — the Chinese yuan has been designated as a usable currency for direct investment in Myanmar; over 140 "Small yet Beautiful" projects have been implemented under the

Lancang-Mekong Special Fund; the China Foundation for Peace and Development has invested over US\$5 million in constructing 19 schools and two hospitals in Myanmar.

Eight young leaders actively involved in bilateral economic sectors shared their experiences, and the ceremony concluded successfully. — TWA/ZN

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Toungoo Special Economic Zone to Link with Capital

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Union Minister U Myo Thant reported on the formulation of the town plan to construct new Toungoo city, preparations to build new railways in the town plan, which consists of government offices, hospitals, schools, service facilities, resorts and greening areas.

In his speech, the President said that Toungoo District is being implemented as a special development zone, and regional development initiatives are being promoted in connection with Nay Pyi Taw. Although agriculture and livestock breeding are the main economic activities in the Toungoo area, it is necessary in the long term to promote production-based industries and MSME businesses that are based on the agriculture and livestock sectors. It is also necessary to advance the development of agro-based industrial manufacturing in order to support and achieve the overall development of the region.

He continued that since the Toungoo region has already achieved rice self-sufficiency, it is possible to utilize rice bran



President U Min Aung Hlaing hears the report of the renovation of the cultural heritage of ancient Ketumati City by an official in Toungoo Township yesterday.

and broken rice for the production of animal feed and rice bran oil. By making use of the region's strong natural resource base, successful fish farming can also be carried out in flood-prone and low-lying areas. It is necessary to further promote and develop agricultural and livestock activities in the region beyond their current level.

He emphasized that Toungoo, Nay Pyi Taw, Yamethin, and Meiktila regions are being shaped as special development zones. Through these areas, efforts will continue to extend special development to other towns in a cascading manner. As these regions are centrally located and form part of the middle belt with connectivity to the upper, lower, eastern, and

western parts of the country, they already possess favourable conditions and strong foundational advantages for successful development.

The President underlined that it is necessary to accurately compile and submit basic data for the government to formulate plans and projects based on fundamental statistical data in implementing national

economic development. In carrying out agricultural activities, rather than expanding cultivated acreage, efforts should be made to achieve target yields from existing farmland and to ensure full cropping intensity.

He added that the Government is, as far as possible, making efforts to meet basic needs, including the current fuel supply difficulties being experienced

internationally, in order to ensure the ability to work and carry out economic activities.

The President and his entourage inspected the upgrade of the Nay Pyi Taw-Toungoo railway section and the cleaning and greening efforts along the section by the RBE special train. The President gave guidance, saying that the railway service must be given under the law. Emphasis must be placed on the improvement of the railways, which are crucial for the rail transport system.

At Toungoo railway station, the President and party were welcomed by Bago Region Chief Minister U Myo Swe Win and Commander of the Southern Command Maj-Gen Soe Kyaw Htet.

The President inspected the railway section detouring Toungoo and the site chosen for the construction of the Toungoo railway station. Union Minister for Transport and for Digital Development and Communications U Mya Tun Oo and officials explained facts about the project.

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MR targets July completion of Myitkyina-Mohnyin railway

MYANMA Railways stated that the Myitkyina-Mohnyin railway section is expected to be completed in July, helping reconnect railway networks in Kachin State.

At present, Myanma Railways operates train services only between Myitkyina and Mohnyin in Kachin State and is working to restore and expand railway operations on the route. The Myitkyina-Mohnyin railway section is scheduled for completion in July.

Once the railway line is completed, 1,300-horsepower and 2,000-horsepower locomotives will be used to operate train services between Mohnyin and My-

itkyina.

Myanma Railways plans to use auto-coupler carriages for passenger services. The trains will consist of four ordinary passenger carriages, one upper-class passenger carriage, one freight carriage, and one brake carriage. The Moegaung-Mohnyin railway section is 52.25 miles long. Maintenance work has been completed on 39 miles of the section, and eight stations along the route have been completed. In addition, repairs to steel structures on the railway line have been completed, while work to repair bridge piers is ongoing. — ASH/MKKS

Myanmar-China society hosts red cross branch opening, future-sharing ceremony

THE opening ceremony of the new Red Cross branch office was held yesterday morning at the branch office in Thakayta Township, Botahtaung District, Yangon Region.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Aung Naing Thu, the region Hluttaw Speaker, and officials first cut the ceremonial ribbon to unveil the new branch office. Members of the Thakayta Township Red Cross Brigade then performed a Red Cross song to mark the occasion. The chief minister delivered the opening address, and the MRCS President de-



The opening ceremony of the new Red Cross branch office in progress in Thakayta Township, Yangon Region. PHOTO: ZWE HTET KO (IPRD)

livered a vote of thanks.

Afterwards, the chairman of the Chiji Foundation and the president of the Myanmar Red Cross Society formally handed over the new branch office building to the Chairman

of the Thakayta Township Red Cross Branch. The chief minister then presented certificates of appreciation to donors who contributed materials for the construction of the Red Cross branch office build-

ing in Yangon.

The chief minister later attended and delivered a speech at the "Sharing the Building of a Myanmar-China Community with a Shared Future" event, jointly organized by Chinese and Myanmar organizations at the Myawady Media Centre on Moegaung Road in Yangon.

Ms Ma Jia, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar, also delivered a speech, after which the event proceeded according to its agenda. — Zwe Htet Ko (IPRD)/MKKS

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In response, the President gave guidance that when constructing the city bypass railway, it is necessary to ensure that drainage outlets and railway embankments are properly built to be strong and durable. In building a new railway station, future increases in train services and passenger numbers should be anticipated and taken into account in the planning and construction process.

At the Toungoo District Stadium, the Pres-

ident heard reports on the plans to upgrade the stadium by the Bago Region Chief Minister and officials.

After hearing the reports, the President said that the stands of the stadium must be aligned with the population of the city and the number of spectators. It is necessary to consider the potential growing population and the development of urban areas when upgrading the stadium. He inspected the stadium and its stands.

The President inspect-

Key points from the speech delivered by the President on his inspection tour

1. It is necessary to accurately compile and submit basic data for the government to formulate plans and projects based on fundamental statistical data in implementing national economic development.
2. The Government is making efforts to meet basic needs, including the current fuel supply difficulties.
3. Special development zones already possess favourable conditions and strong foundational advantages for successful development.

ed the cultural heritage of ancient Ketumati city and the restoration and preservation of the walls, moat and the place of the palace.

He observed the activities of preserving the palace of Ketumati City, the western wall section near Sin Gate, the northern moat, railing

along the moat, placing concrete blocks and landscape works.

In his guidance, the President said that the moat, city walls, and palace area of Ketumati are not mythical, but rather an ancient heritage site with a significant historical tradition that truly existed. It is also necessary to protect and conserve ancient heritage sites in accordance with the law.

The President looked into the harvest of summer paddy on the model plot conducted by the Ag-

riculture Department near Hnasaungmyaing Village of Toungoo Township. He also viewed the soil preparations with the use of affordable pesticides and a nutritious solution, and the production of paddy husk charcoal.

The President also visited the Shwewah poultry farm in Kyungon Village of New Ketumati City and observed the raising of layers in the evaporative cooling system. They left Kyungon station for Nay Pyi Taw by RBE train. — MNA/TTA

Myanmar attends 10th AP Leaders' Summit on Malaria Elimination in Laos

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win attended the 10th Asia-Pacific Leaders' Summit on Malaria Elimination jointly organized by the Health Ministry of Laos and Asia-Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance (APLMA) in Laos on 5 June.

At the opening ceremony, Lao Prime Minister Mr Sonexay Siphandone delivered the opening remarks. Lao Health Minister Madam Baykham Khattiya and the Union minister also delivered remarks on the achievements made towards malaria elimination by 2030, emerging challenges encountered in the process, and the need to further strengthen cooperation among Greater Mekong Subregion countries, particularly neighbouring countries sharing common borders. They also dis-



Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win speaks at the 10th Asia-Pacific Leaders' Summit on Malaria Elimination in Laos on 5 June.

cussed recommendations and measures to enhance collaborative efforts.

The Union minister and party also attended the High-level Round-table Discussion held under the topic of GMS Malaria Elimination in 2030: Celebrating Progress and Acknowledging the Need for a Differentiated Approach, and discussed Myanmar's activities for malaria elim-

ination by 2030.

The health ministers, deputy ministers, and senior representatives from Greater Mekong Subregion countries signed a reaffirmation of the Joint Call to Action to Malaria Elimination in the Greater Mekong Subregion, which was originally signed and issued in Nay Pyi Taw in 2018.

At noon, the Union Minister and Myanmar

Ambassador to Laos U Aung Ko received Dr Yong Zhang, Vice-Minister of the National Health Commission of China, at the meeting hall of Holiday Inn & Suites Vientiane, where the summit was held. During the meeting, they cordially discussed enhanced cooperation in malaria prevention, control and prevention of communicable diseases along the Myanmar-China border areas.

The Union minister also received Lao Health Minister Madam Baykham Khattiya in the same evening and discussed promoting Myanmar-Laos cooperation in the health sector, including signing an MoU between the health ministries of the two countries, cooperation in pharmaceutical and vaccine production, and closer bilateral collaboration in the health sector. — MNA/KTZH

Yangon to host World Ocean Day 2026 commemoration at Goethe-Institut

THE "Stories for Protected Oceans" event will be held to commemorate World Ocean Day 2026, according to the Goethe-Institut Myanmar.

Jointly organized by the Goethe-Institut Myanmar and the Myanmar Ocean Project, the programme will allow participants to explore stories about the oceans, marine life, its environments, communities, and cultures through comic book readings, panel discussions, and creative activities.

Scheduled for 7 June at Goethe-Institut Myanmar with free admission, the event features a Comic Reading and Knowledge Sharing

Session from 1 pm to 2 pm, followed by a Character Making and Visual Storytelling Workshop from 2:30 pm to 4 pm.

Additionally, a Character Making and Visual Storytelling Workshop will be featured. Participants can draw inspiration from ocean-related tales, environmental imaginations, and ideas for protecting underwater ecosystems to create their own short comic strips.

The organizers have announced that applications are open to children, youth, comic enthusiasts, and anyone interested in visual storytelling and environmental awareness education. — MT/ZN

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3 additional online scam hubs demolished, bringing total to 39

AUTHORITIES have continued dismantling illegal buildings used for online fraud and illegal gambling activities in Shwe Kokko, according to official reports.

The government said joint departmental teams are carrying out clearance operations in the Shwe Kokko and KK Park areas to prevent illegal structures from continuing to be used for online scam activities. Equipment used in such operations has also been systematically destroyed, while illegal buildings are being completely demolished.

During the latest operation, three three-storey residential buildings used for online scam activities were demolished using



A location map displaying online scam-related facilities being demolished.

heavy machinery. The structures were among 77 buildings identified for removal, including 57 to be demolished with machinery and 20 to be destroyed using explosives.

Officials confirmed

that a total of 39 buildings have been demolished so far. The remaining 38 illegal structures will be dismantled in subsequent phases.

Authorities also stated that efforts to combat online scam networks are being

undertaken as a national responsibility, in cooperation with neighbouring countries and international partners, to prevent such activities from re-establishing themselves in Myanmar. — MNA/MKKS

Gangaw school shooting leaves Grade 11 student injured



This photo shows an injured student hurt by the attack of PDF terrorists.

A Grade 11 student was injured after unidentified

armed attackers reportedly opened fire on peo-

ple taking part in a school cleaning and beautification activity at Basic Education High School (Kyaw) in Kyaw, Gangaw District.

Authorities said the incident occurred yesterday morning when teachers, students and residents were participating in a community service activity within the school compound. The attackers allegedly fired small arms from a railway junction about 220 metres south-east of the school.

A Grade 11 student sustained gunshot wounds

to the right side of the chest and back, officials said. Security forces transported the injured student to a local military medical facility, where he is receiving treatment.

Officials further stated that the attackers targeted a civilian location and disrupted educational activities intended to support school development. They added that investigations are underway to identify and arrest those responsible, with security forces coordinating with residents. — MNA/KZL

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 7 pm Saturday, 6 June 2026

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is strong over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal. The weather is partly cloudy over the Southwest Bay of Bengal and cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON ON 7 June 2026: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Sagaing Region and Chin State, fairly widespread in Mandalay and Magway regions and Kachin and northern Shan states and widespread in the remaining regions and states, with likelihood of regionally heavy falls in Kayin and Mon states and isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayah and southern Shan states. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan states. In the area along the movement of cumulonimbus clouds, weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied by rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur, and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 8-10 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon and Rakhine states

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA ON 7 June 2026: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA ON 7 June 2026: Some rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA ON 7 June 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

Thayawady disburses K60M under Mya Sein Yaung Village Project

THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Thayawady Township, Bago Region, held a ceremony to disburse revolving funds under the Mya

Sein Yaung Village Project at Banwaygon Village yesterday. Implemented under the project's eleventh round, the initiative aims to create employment opportunities and increase family incomes

for rural people.

Head of the Thayawady Township Department of Rural Development U Naing Min Tun explained the project's objectives and rules. The project officer then clar-

ified interest rates and regulations before handing over the total revolving fund of K60 million to the members of the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project committees from Banwaygon Village,

Magyichaung Village and Nyaungkauk Village.

Under the supervision of the township DRD head, the committee members disbursed K55.7 million to 142 farmers, K4 million to 16 livestock

breeders and K0.3 million to one borrower engaged in other businesses. In total, the revolving funds were delivered directly into the hands of 159 project members. — Cho Than Nyunt (Rural)

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Weekly Roundup

31 May

President U Min Aung Hlaing receives Minister of External Affairs of India

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

Head of State visits Bodhi Gaya Cultural Region, Myanmar embassy

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing visited the Mahabodhi Pagoda in the precinct of Mahabodhi Mahavihara Temple in the Bodhi Gaya Cultural Region and then met families of the Myanmar Embassy and the Military Attaché Office to India and scholarship trainees at the Myanmar Embassy to India.

1 June

President U Min Aung Hlaing visits NETRA in India

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing visited NETRA (NTPC Energy Technology Research Alliance) in Greater Noida, India and then attended the Myanmar-India Trade and Investment Conclave at the Taj Mahal Hotel in New Delhi, India.

2 June

President U Min Aung Hlaing meets Indian Prime Minister, President

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing held talks with Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi at Hyderabad House, India, and met President of the Republic of India Smt Droupadi Murmu at the hall of the Presidential Residence.

President U Min Aung Hlaing receives India's National Security Advisor

Mr Ajit Doval, National Security Advisor (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.

Myanmar-India Joint Statement issued

The Myanmar and Indian governments issued the Myanmar-India Joint Statement during the official visit of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing to the Republic of India from 30 May to 3 June 2026.

3 June

Head of State tours Jawaharlal Nehru Port, meets Maharashtra State Governor

The high-level Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing visited the Jawaharlal Nehru Port, located in the Nhava Sheva area, east of Mumbai, in Maharashtra State, India, held a meeting with Maharashtra State Governor Shri Jishnu Dev Verma on the same day.

Reserve Bank of India governor calls on President U Min Aung Hlaing

Shri Sanjay Malthotra, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, paid a courtesy call on President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, U Min Aung Hlaing, who is in New Delhi, India, on an official visit.

Vice-President U Nyo Saw leaves for Russia

A Myanmar delegation led by U Nyo Saw, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, departed from Yangon by air to attend the 29th Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) 2026 to be held in Saint Petersburg in the Russian Federation.

4 June

Head of State joins Myanmar-India Business Dialogue

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing delivered an address at the Myanmar-India Business Dialogue at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel in Mumbai, India.

Vice-President U Nyo Saw holds talks with Russian Presidential Envoy, RC-Investment Director

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyo Saw received Mr Anton Kobayakov, Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation and Executive Secretary of the Forum Organizing Committee, and a delegation led by Mr Alexander Sergeevich Shatirov,

Director of Fund RC-Investment at the EXPOFORUM Convention and Exhibition Centre in Saint Petersburg separately.

5 June

President interviews with Doordarshan

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing responded to questions raised by Doordarshan (DD India News) during his official visit to India.

VP U Nyo Saw attends 29th Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyo Saw attended the opening ceremony of the 29th Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) at the EXPOFORUM Convention and Exhibition Centre in Russia.

6 June

President sends message to 29th Anniversary of BIMSTEC

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing sent a message On the auspicious occasion of the 29th Anniversary of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC).

President attends World Environment Day ceremony, inspects seed production

U Min Aung Hlaing, the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, attended the ceremony to mark the 2026 World Environment Day at the Yezin Forestry and Environmental Science University in Nay Pyi Taw, and inspected seeds of crops produced by the Pulse Crops Research Section under the Agricultural Research Department on the Yezin University Campus in Nay Pyi Taw on the same day.

Vice-President U Nyo Saw attends 29th SPIEF

The Plenary Session of the 29th Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum took place at the EXPOFORUM Convention and Exhibition Centre in Saint Petersburg, attended by the delegation led by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyo Saw. — GNLM/TTA

Relief items arrive in Shwegu, Kachin State

AS the Head of State has continuously instructed that efforts should be made to ensure regional stability and socioeconomic development in all sectors, Tatmadaw has been implementing these directives by transporting construction materials required for regional development projects, textbooks and stationery to promote the education sector, and medicines and medical equipment for healthcare services to difficult-to-access

areas in some regions and states by military aircraft and vehicles.

In carrying out such transportation, vehicles carrying office supplies required for departmental offices in Shwegu Township, Kachin State, medicines and medical equipment needed for healthcare services for locals departed from Mandalay on 4 June and travelled through Madaya, Thabeikkyin, Tagaung, Kattu and Nga Oh before arriving in Shwe-

gu yesterday afternoon. The relevant departmental officials welcomed the convoy upon arrival.

Supplies will be distributed to local ethnic communities through the relevant authorities and are expected to support livelihoods, healthcare and education in the region. The assistance will be continued based on local needs.

Tatmadaw, in cooperation with departmental officials and residents, has



Vehicles carrying relief items and medicines and medical equipment arrive in Shwegu, Kachin State.

been actively assisting regional development activities. It has also repaired and reconstructed roads and bridges destroyed by terrorists and reopened transportation routes. As a result, passenger vehicles and cargo trucks are now travelling normally, while locals are able to carry out their daily travel and trade activities smoothly. Moreover, the government will continue to provide further assistance based on regional needs. — MNA/KTZH

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CBM sells US\$3M to LNG companies on 5 June

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$3 million, purchased from CMP companies, to LNG-importing companies on 5 June.

CBM pumped over \$2.9 million to edible oil-importing companies, over \$109,300 to CMP companies and \$3 million to LNG companies on 4 June, along with \$1,650 worth of non-trade transactions.

CBM has been injecting US dollars into the edible oil-importing companies, with over \$2.89 million on 3 June, \$1.79 million on 2 June and over \$646,800 on 1 June, respectively.

Moreover, CBM sold \$3,003 to CMP companies on 3 June after making a \$48,250 valued non-trade transaction. CBM also

sold over 26,400 on 2 June and over \$46,000 to CMP companies on 1 June, along with \$33,255 worth of non-trade transactions.

CBM pumped over \$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



US dollars being counted at a money changer in Yangon.

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

TTTC to recruit trainees for EV Maintenance & Troubleshooting Training

TECHNICAL, Vocational and Trainer Training College (TTTC) Baelin will conduct Electric Vehicles Maintenance and Troubleshooting Training 1/2026 from 15 June to 3 July 2025, to share EV technical knowledge regarding troubleshooting problems in EVs. Trainees must be healthy enough to execute practical work. Graduates of GTHS (AT, ET, EC), ITC (AT), AGTI, BTEch, BE, ME, PhD (Mech, EP, EC, MC), and staff of EV private companies with high school education are eligible to attend the training. The training will offer both practical and technical knowledge of EVs with the use of Lab equipment. They will receive a completion certificate. The three-week training will

be conducted from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays at the Technical Teachers Training College (TTTC) (Baelin) in Kyaukse District, Mandalay Region. Those enthusiastic can enrol in the training by 12 June by providing a citizenship scrutiny card copy, a health certificate from the Township Public Health Department, copies of education certificates, a household registration copy, a police clearance certificate and three licence-sized colour photos. The training is limited to 25 trainees. Individuals can enquire about details through the contact numbers of the Department of Technical and Vocational Education and Training at 09 790361553, 09 5661235, and 09 787086456. — NN/KK

KBZMS General Insurance MDY branch reopens to continue insurance services

KBZMS General Insurance (Mandalay branch), which was damaged by the devastating Mandalay earthquake on 28 March 2025, was reopened on 4 June to continue providing claim services and fulfil its commitments to customers.

The KBZMS Mandalay branch faced significant damage, losses, and challenges caused by the earthquake. Employees also had to simultaneously cope with the negative consequences of the natural disaster on their personal lives and their workplace.

KBZMS employees worked tirelessly from a temporary office to continue providing insurance claim services amidst the impacts of the disaster. Their resilience, team-



Staff members assigned to be serving at the KBZMS Mandalay branch.

work, and dedication to their customers enabled the Mandalay branch to reopen.

Retired Deputy Minister Wunna Kyaw Htin Dr Maung Maung Thein for Finance and Revenue, Chairman Daw Myat Mu of the Myanmar Insurance Association, Head of the Financial Regula-

tory Department (Mandalay Region), Chairman of the Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry (MRCCI) and KBZMS CEO U Sai Lu Mon Aung marked the official reopening of the KBZMS Mandalay Branch by cutting the ribbon. — ASH/KK

Zalun transfers K30M VDP funds for village development work

THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Zalun Township, Ayeyawady Region, held a fund transfer ceremony yesterday at the department's meeting hall for Thayettapin (Myauksu) Village and Sataing Village.

Head of the Zalun Township Department of Rural Development Daw May Myo Han first explained the objectives of the project and future work plans. The township DRD head and departmental officials then handed over K15 million in VDP support funds for each village, totalling K30 million, to project committee members from Thayettapin (Myauksu)



A fund transfer ceremony is underway yesterday in Zalun Township.

Village and Sataing Village.

For the socioeconomic development of rural people in the two villages, concrete road construction work selected by the villages will be implemented with K15 million

in VDP support funds for each village and public contributions. The projects will be carried out by residents themselves with technical assistance from the Department of Rural Development. — Karan (Rural)

OPINION

Create employment opportunities to boom domestic economy

MANUFACTURING industries based on agriculture and livestock breeding are being operated throughout Myanmar. The government is providing support and assistance to promote micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). However, there are still weaknesses in actual operational capacity, which continue to hinder the strengthening and expansion of manufacturing industries.

Myanmar's primary economic sector, agriculture and livestock breeding, continues to require a large number of skilled human resources. The State has been providing vocational education and training to help produce skilled workers in different regions and has also allowed those who have completed at least KG+9 education to pursue studies at agricultural, livestock breeding, and industrial high schools. However, skilled labour shortages persist. This is assessed to be due to limited employment opportunities and relatively low wages in existing jobs.

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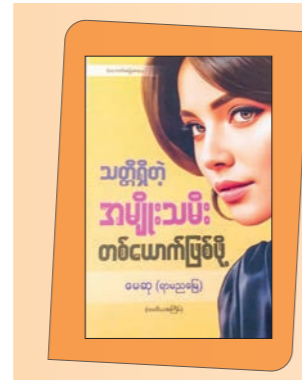
The 2024 Population and Housing Census stated that the proportion of Myanmar's population falls within the working-age group, and the capability of employment has been declining. Working-age people are also migrating to urban areas where job opportunities are more abundant, as labour shortages are being experienced across regions and states. In addition, domestic investment by business entrepreneurs remains limited in region-specific

manufacturing industries based on local land, water, and natural resources. Therefore, efforts must be made, whether at the Union level or at the regional and state levels, to attract investments, create employment opportunities, promote economic development, and expand opportunities for people to work.

With investment and the adoption of modern, systematic methods, it is possible to establish successful and prosperous business enterprises. Investors should not focus solely on short-term profit-generating ventures but should also undertake long-term investment projects. As their businesses grow and succeed, they will be able to create more and better employment opportunities for the people.

Most internal migrant workers continuously move to places with better living conditions and better employment opportunities. In general, people from rural areas are abandoning their original occupations and migrating to work not only within the country but also in various foreign countries. This outflow of human resources abroad often results in a situation that is neither effective for the individuals themselves nor beneficial for the country.

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Book Title - Becoming a Woman of Courage
 Author/Compiler - May Su (Yamanya Myay)
 Publisher - Moe Kaung Myay
 Publication Date - February 2026 (3rd Edition)
 Price - K11,000

Becoming a Woman of Courage

THIS week's pick is a book to inspire women to live a courageous woman's life, stating that "Pushing through adversity will build endurance and wisdom whatever comes next. Let's cultivate strength and insight by embracing difficulties".

The book titled Becoming a Woman of Courage is written by May Su (Yamanya Myay), and it is the third edition published by Moe Kaung Myay Publishing.

In the book's preface, the author noted that she wrote it to remind every woman of her inner strength, explain what those strengths are and inspire and empower her to reclaim her personal power.

"I believe that every woman has faced many challenges and immense difficulties in the currents of life. Being a woman myself, I came to understand

women's feelings and experiences through my own life and through the true stories of other women who opened up to me. This inspired me to write this book: Becoming a Woman of Courage," the author noted. Furthermore, this book is a compilation of her personal opinions and some real-life experiences. Nonetheless, this statement cannot be considered an absolute truth. Readers' judgement is encouraged.

Consequently, they will develop the ability to distinguish right from wrong to move forward in life. The author expresses her hope that "this book will be a good companion in life, helping to show you the way. I believe that after reading this book, you will have faith in yourself, learn to love yourself, and stand as a courageous woman capable

of overcoming anything life throws at you."

The book starts with the powerful phrase "Becoming a courageous woman", "We women are like flowers. From birth, we tend to be more sensitive, emotional, and easily hurt. Women are very gentle and delicate by nature. Women possess deep moral emotions like shame and fear. We are easily affected and have immense loving-kindness. However, we must not forget that if we are always fragile and overly sensitive, we become more prone to collapse. Though women are gentle, we need to be strong and bold when the time comes, we need to walk through life's storms, we have to be decisive when we need to be decisive, and confident and firm in our choices. Only then can we process our feelings, let go of what

holds us back, and free ourselves from a painful past.

Believe in yourself. A woman who stands on her own cannot afford to be weak, and she must be courageous. As some tend to prey on the weak, you will become a victim. Therefore, you must make decisions as sharp as a blade, irrespective of your tender heart. Only then will those who approach you treat you according to the standard you set and the boundaries you enforce by embracing your worth and creating an invisible shield.

Comprising 39 works across five chapters, this book is an essential read for women seeking to discover their inherent beauty and virtues, find resilience in the face of setbacks, and redefine their inner strength.



Book Title - The Woman Who Lives Life Joyfully
 Author - Asher
 Publishing House - Sar Oak Ywa
 Publication Date - July 2025 (4th Edition)
 Price - K7,000

The Woman Who Lives Life Joyfully

THIS book marks the fourth publication from Asher, a prominent voice widely celebrated among young readers.

Regarding this book, the author writes, "Even if a woman cannot become the sun because of her life's circumstances, she can still become a star that shines with her own light. And even if she cannot become a star, she can at least become a firefly that glows with its own light.

For women to live happily and joyfully, it is essential not to be satisfied with the life of a reflective sticker that depends on someone else's light. Instead, they need to hold firmly to their confidence and inner strength and strive to shine with their own light."

At the very beginning of the book, it reads... While thinking

about what I could offer to my readers, I chose to contribute something specifically for women. I began writing not with the desire to achieve success, but with the wish that each reader would gain at least one benefit from reading my work.

When my first book, Smart Woman, was published, readers supported it far beyond my expectations. It sold out completely within a week and had to be reprinted repeatedly. Now, it has grown to the point where it has gone through numerous editions.

This third book, A Woman Who Lives Life Happily, was written as a continuation of that journey. It offers guidance on how women can avoid sacrificing their happiness, either knowingly or unknowingly, while

striving to become capable and intelligent individuals and while overcoming life's challenges.

Therefore, the book Smart Woman serves as the foundation, while The Woman Who Does Not Care About Life's Hardships acts as the supporting pillar in the middle. A Woman Who Lives Life Happily is like the roof that covers them all.

However, this book does not contain unrealistic ideas. But it consists of short writings that gently remind women of things they may have forgotten.

The opening quotation of the book features the words of Nobel Peace Prize Winner Mother Teresa, "There is no key to happiness, the door is always open."

Then, the first essay of "Happiness and Health" reads

as follows:
 "Happiness and health are causes and effects that are always interconnected. Good health leads to happiness, and happiness leads to success. Therefore, only those who enjoy good health can truly possess both happiness and success.

How should we live to maintain good health?

Since all actions and behaviours are rooted in the mind, the mind is what matters most. Mental resilience and a positive attitude are fundamental requirements for good health.

It concludes with the following paragraph-

"A positive mindset is a great and powerful source of health and strength within us. Therefore, whether one is a man or a woman, anyone who wishes to live life happily must cultivate and maintain positive thoughts and attitudes."

The book also extends wishes: May all women become smart women. May they become women who are undeterred by life's hardships. May all women be able to live their lives happily.

The book begins with the essay "Happiness and Health" and ends with "May You Be at Peace with Who You Are", and the readers will find a total of 29 essays in this book.

Smoke-Free Life

By Min Min Zan

*The path of health is bright and clear,
 So keep all harmful habits far from near;
 A stronger heart and lungs will stay,
 When harmful smoke is kept away.
 Many diseases silently arise,
 Like darkened clouds that fill the skies;
 Choose a life both safe and wise,
 And watch your hopes and dreams arise.
 Protect your home and community too,
 By doing what is right and true;
 Quit today and start anew,
 A longer, happier life waits for you*

Time

Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

I hide from it even though
 To the place where I do so
 As always, it does go
 Then I've possessed already
 The great strength and energy
 It has taken altogether
 Elsewhere on Earth in the world?
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Cuckoos and Flies

By Monyway Sayadaw
 Translated by Myint Zan

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when the cuckoos reach out to the heavens (by singing) groups of flies act as sentries (or encircle them)

Translator's note: Sayagyi Minthuwan (10 February 1909-15 August 2004), in his essay ငှက်လောက ("The world of the birds"), written several decades ago, stated that there's a Myanmar saying, which asserts that when in certain months the cuckoos sing, more flies than the cuckoos' songs appear. Minthuwan stated that Monyway Sayadaw (1766-1834) composed a one-line doggerel based on the saying.

NATIONAL Entertainment

Moe Set Wyne

Model and actress Moe Set Wyne marked her 4 June birthday by donating 500 chicken rice meals, VeVe beverages, personal goods, and cash to Yangon General Hospital, while wishing patients a speedy recovery and urging everyone to prioritize their health.



Diramo

Academy Diramo celebrated his 52nd birthday on 4 June. On the occasion, director Maung Myo Min (Yindwin Pyit) shared birthday wishes on social media, saying, "May Saya Diramo continue creating international classical music that captivates all who listen. May he spread the teachings through music and leave a mark in history through music. May he continue to win numerous music awards and nurture many talented musicians for more than a hundred years." – Htun Htun/KTZH



Moe Hay Ko

The launching event for 'Lwan Soot Moe', in which Moe Hay Ko takes the lead role, was held on 2 June. Cast members are Aye Chan Maung, Moe Hay Ko, Soe Myat Thuza, May Than Nu and other artistes. The film is produced by Cloud Seven Production and directed by Aryon Oo Pwint Theingi Zaw.



Moe Win

Myanmar theatrical male performer Moe Win recently spoke to the media regarding the revival of the theatrical arts industry and the success of rising young performers. He said, "I'm happy to see the theatrical world becoming successful again. I also welcome the new generation. I'm truly delighted to see the industry thriving once more, but I hope there won't be conflicts among yourselves. That would be sad to see."



Wai Lar Ri

"I am Maya... Behind the face people see, there are secrets no one knows... Try guessing Maya's secret, said the young actress, Wai Lar Ri. She stars as Maya in the upcoming CANAL+ mystery romance drama series 'Maya Hna Myethna' (Two-Faced Maya).

Nyein Min

Scriptwriter and director Nyein Min has suspended operations for a tree-planting event in his hometown despite receiving donations from fans of theatrical male performer Aung Zabu.



Forever Group to produce new series



THE filming event of the television drama series "Tathet Tah Ta Bawa", produced by Forever Group and to be broadcast on MRTV-4, was held on the morning of 3 June at the Maha Wizaya Pagoda in Dagon Township, Yangon Region.

The series with the story and script by Shwe Pyae and directed by Win Tun Tun (Anu Pinyinnya Pya Chat) will be filmed near Lwan Zedi on the banks of the Ayeyawady River.

"We do not get to film very often these days, so we've decided to produce only one series and one movie per year. There is not

much else to say. Everyone involved in this series will really have to act. This is a romantic love story. The film will be set at Lwan Ceti on the banks of the Ayeyawady River. It is both sweet and emotional. According to the title 'Tathet Tah Ta Bawa', it is about people who can only truly love one person in their lifetime," said the director.

The cast includes Academy Shwe Htoo, Academy Shwe Hmone Yati, Aung Min Khant, Wine Shwe Yi, Nay Wun, Academy Aung Khine, Academy Wah Wah Aung and other artistes. – Htun Htun/KTZH

WORLD

Pope says Church abuse 'still an open wound' as Spain trip begins

Some 200,000 minors are estimated to have suffered abuse in Spain since 1940.

POPE Leo XIV on Saturday said sexual abuse within the Catholic Church remained "an open wound" as he began a trip to Spain that will include a meeting with victims.

The 70-year-old's week-long state visit — the first by a pontiff to Spain since 2010 — kicked off at Madrid airport, where King Felipe VI, Queen Letizia and Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez welcomed him.

He is due to meet some victims of sexual abuse by Catholic clergy, the Vatican said, with Leo telling reporters on the papal plane upon arrival that the issue was "still an open



Spain's Felipe VI and Pope Leo XIV review the troops during a welcome ceremony at the Royal Palace in Madrid on 6 June 2026. PHOTO: TEFANO RELANDINI / AFP

wound".

Some 200,000 minors are estimated to have suffered abuse in Spain since 1940, according to a 2023

report from Spain's national ombudsman.

Sanchez's government and the Catholic Church in Spain signed

an agreement in March to compensate victims after years of reticence and opacity from the Church hierarchy. — AFP

Uzbekistan starts construction of 1st nuclear power plant

A ceremony marking the start of construction of the first nuclear power plant in Uzbekistan was held in the country's Jizzakh region overnight Thursday, according to the Uzbek presidential press service.

The ceremony was conducted via video link, connecting the construction site in central Uzbekistan with Russia's Saint Petersburg, where Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev and Russian President Vladimir Putin jointly gave the order to begin construction of the plant's first power unit.

Mirziyoyev noted that once the plant reaches its full design capacity, it will make a significant contribution to the country's electricity generation.

The construction of the plant and the preparation for its operation are being carried out in line with International Atomic Energy Agency standards, the presidential press service said.

Azim Akhmedkhadjaev, head of Uzbekistan's nuclear energy development agency Uzatom, revealed that the base cost of the project is estimated at US\$9.5 billion. — Xinhua

Chinese VP attends St Petersburg International Economic Forum

CHINESE Vice-President Han Zheng on Friday attended a plenary session of the 29th Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum and delivered a speech on implementing the Global Governance Initiative and jointly working for a better future.

In his address, Han

noted that momentous changes unseen in a century are accelerating across the world, and global challenges and governance deficits are becoming more prominent. The China-proposed Global Governance Initiative has won positive responses and support from nearly 160 countries and internation-

al organizations, he added.

The Group of Friends of Global Governance was established at the United Nations, sending a unified message for safeguarding the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, upholding genuine multilateralism and opposing unilateralism, Han said. — Xinhua

Mauritius limits entry of foreigners following Ebola outbreak

THE Mauritian government has imposed a temporary entry ban on foreign nationals who have travelled to, transited through, or stayed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Uganda, or South Sudan over the past 21 days following the latest out-

break of the Ebola virus. Mauritian citizens and foreign residents holding valid work, residence, occupation, business, or student permits will still be allowed to enter the country, but will be subject to a mandatory 21-day quarantine if they have visited any

of the three countries within the previous three weeks.

According to the African Union, the Ebola outbreak in the DRC, Uganda, and South Sudan continues to pose a serious threat to regional public health. — Xinhua

NASA's X-59 aircraft completes first supersonic flight

NASA'S experimental X-59 aircraft completed its first supersonic flight on Friday, marking a major milestone in the development of the agency's quiet supersonic technology.

The flight sets the stage for demonstrating the aircraft's quiet supersonic capabilities later this year, NASA said in a release published on its

official website.

NASA test pilot Jim "Clue" Less took off and landed at Edwards Air Force Base in California, reaching a top speed of approximately Mach 1.1 (over 1,300 kph) and an altitude of 43,400 feet (about 13.2 kilometres). The flight began at 11:08 am. Pacific Time and lasted 81 minutes, according to the release.

"X-59 is getting ready for its quiet supersonic debut. Since the aircraft's first flight on 28 October 2025, the team has made tremendous progress, flying 16 times in the last 90 days and getting into a steady test rhythm. In the coming days, we expect to take the next step and push to Mach 1.4," NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman said. — Xinhua



NASA's X-59 quiet supersonic research aircraft. PHOTO: NASA

ECONOMY WORLD

Japan ruling party urges govt to protect farmers in Mercosur trade talks

Japan is preparing to announce the start of negotiations with Mercosur on the sidelines of the Group of Seven summit in mid-June in France.



File photo taken in August 2025 shows harvested rice in Sanjo, Niigata Prefecture. **PHOTO: KYODO**

JAPAN'S ruling party on Friday adopted a resolution urging the government to protect domestic farmers from a potential influx of cheap products

such as beef and chicken if the country negotiates an economic partnership agreement with the South American trade bloc Mercosur. A panel

of the Liberal Democratic Party also called for the government led by Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi to work to expand the export of Jap-

anese farm products, not just industrial goods such as cars.

Japan is preparing to announce the start of negotiations with Mercosur on the sidelines of the Group of Seven summit in mid-June in France by setting up a summit with Brazil, which has been invited to the G7 meeting, a source familiar with the planning said earlier.

"Our concern is that worries will spread among producers of agricultural products," the resolution said, referring to the prospect of an economic partnership agreement with Mercosur, a bloc with a combined population of 300 million. — Kyodo

Arctic takes on special significance amid Hormuz crisis: Rosneft CEO

THE Arctic plays a special role as a reliable logistics route amid the

Strait of Hormuz crisis, Russian oil giant Rosneft CEO Igor Sechin said on

Saturday. "We welcome attempts by some countries

to create bypass routes, but from the perspective of global trade needs, the Arctic has a special role. Under these circumstances, not only its importance as a resource base becomes strategic, but above all, its role as a reliable logistics route," Sechin said at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF). He noted that the Hormuz crisis and sanctions have significantly accelerated the diversification of payment instruments in favour of the Chinese payment system. — SPUNTIK



A famous Russian Arktika-class nuclear-powered icebreaker. **PHOTO: SPUNTIK**

NEWS IN BRIEF

India eyes \$30B seafood export target within next 5 years

INDIA has set its sights on a dramatic leap in seafood exports, with Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal calling on the industry to scale up from the current \$8.5 billion to \$30 billion within five years.

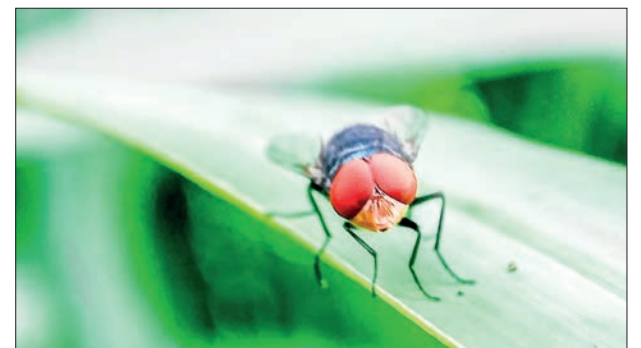
Speaking at a national workshop on seafood exports in Visakhapatnam, Goyal said the ambitious target is achievable but only if the sector sharpens its focus on production quality and value-added goods rather than raw commodities.

"Take India's fish across the world. Reduce import of raw shrimp and export value-added goods and build brands," he urged industry stakeholders.

Goyal also pointed to India's recently finalized nine free trade agreements with developed nations as a major tailwind, saying the deals would unlock greater market access for exporters in the coming years.

N Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, highlighted that the 'Blue Economy' will be a key driver of future economic growth, with the fisheries sector playing a transformative role. — ANI

US reports second case of dangerous livestock pest



The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) said Friday it had detected a second case of a dangerous livestock pest in Texas, while Canada introduced a temporary ban on livestock from the state. **PHOTO: USDA**

THE US Department of Agriculture (USDA) said Friday it had detected a second case of a dangerous livestock pest in Texas, while Canada introduced a temporary ban on livestock from the state. The new incidence of the New World screwworm (NWS), whose flesh-eating larvae can kill cattle, was detected in a calf in south Texas about 5.5 miles (nine kilometres) from the first one, which was reported Thursday, the department said on X.

Texas Governor Greg

Abbott issued a "statewide disaster declaration" later Friday, as authorities scrambled to keep the pest from spreading.

Texas has established a 12-mile quarantine zone, meaning all warm-blooded animals including pets must be inspected before leaving the area. Canada temporarily banned any livestock that had been in Texas in the past 21 days from entering the country, its Food Inspection Agency said in a news release. —

AFP

Kuwait resumes air traffic after precautionary airspace closure

KUWAIT resumed air traffic operations at 6:15 am local time (0315 GMT) on Saturday after a two-hour closure of its airspace as a precautionary measure, the country's civil aviation authority said.

In a statement carried by the state Kuwait News Agency, the Directorate-General of Civil Aviation said flight operations resumed following coordination with relevant authorities and confirmation that the sit-

uation had stabilized and any potential threat had been eliminated.

The authority said Kuwaiti airspace had been temporarily closed as a precaution amid attacks that authorities attributed to what they described as Iranian aggression.

The temporary closure came as Kuwaiti air defense systems responded to what the military described as hostile missile and drone threats. — Xinhua

Accelerating global expansion, Chinese machinery companies gain ground in Türkiye

CHINESE construction machinery manufacturers are strengthening their presence in Türkiye, showcasing advanced technologies and expanding market influence as they pursue global growth opportunities.

The 18th International Construction Machinery, Technology and Equipment Trade Exhibition (KOMATEK 2026) opened on Wednesday at the Istanbul Expo Centre. As Türkiye's largest and most influential trade exhibition for the industry, the event has attracted exhibitors from across the world, ranging from construction machinery and mining equipment to aerial work platforms, green energy technologies and intelligent construc-



A Chinese new energy construction vehicle is on display at the Istanbul Expo Centre in Istanbul, Türkiye, on 3 June 2026. PHOTO: LIU LEI/XINHUA

tion solutions. Nearly 200 Chinese companies participated in KOMATEK,

presenting a wide range of products, including new-energy equipment,

intelligent machinery and high-end industrial solutions. — Xinhua



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Atul Keshap supports Trump's optimism for a delayed US-India trade agreement soon

US-INDIA Business Council President Atul Keshap said he shares Donald Trump's optimism that India and the US will reach a bilateral trade agreement (BTA) soon.

Apprising that Washington's proposal of a 12.5 per cent tariff on Indian goods over forced labour concerns is part of the ongoing negotiation, he said that the latest Indo-US

trade deal was "75 years overdue".

Speaking in an interview with ANI, Keshap noted that talks between US Trade Representative officials led by Brendan

Lynch and Indian negotiators in Delhi lasted "two, three days", and both governments have sent "very positive signals about the desire to conclude an agreement". — ANI

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



Vehicles move on a road in Bahrain's capital Manama. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Iran targeted US bases in Kuwait, Bahrain

JUNE 6

Iran's Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC) said Saturday that it attacked US military bases in Kuwait and Bahrain earlier in the day in retaliation for US attacks on Qeshm Island and Sirik County in southern Iran.

In a statement on its official news outlet Sepah News, the IRGC identified the targeted US bases as the Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait and the US Fifth Fleet headquarters in Bahrain.

At 1:30 am local time on Saturday (2200 GMT Friday), four oil tankers, guided by the US army, sought to "illegally exit the Strait of Hormuz without coordination and paying attention to the IRGC Navy's frequent warnings", it said. — Xinhua

JUNE 5

Japan aims to replace 14 ageing nuclear reactors

JAPAN'S industry ministry said on Friday the nation needs to replace up to 14 ageing nuclear reactors by the 2050s, as Tokyo turns back towards atomic energy more than 15 years after the Fukushima meltdown. The proposal comes as Japan rushes to secure enough power generation capacity to meet surging electricity demand, especially for new technologies such as artificial intelligence, data centres and semiconductor factories.

Under the draft plan, as introduced to a panel of experts, the ministry stressed that Japan needs to replace up to five nuclear reactors by the 2040s and a total of around 14 by the 2050s. This is the first time that the government has outlined specific targets for reactor replacement, Kyodo News reported. — AFP

JUNE 4

A World Cup like never before

WHEN football's biggest event kicks off on 11 June, it will do so on a scale never seen before. Spanning three host nations and 16 cities, the tournament will feature 48 teams, 104 matches and journeys that stretch thousands of kilometers.

The expansion is the most significant change to the competition since it grew from 24 teams to 32 in 1998, reflecting FIFA's ambition to broaden the game's global reach. The result is a tournament that will be larger, longer and more geographically diverse than any before it.

Yet for all the changes, some things remain familiar, with many traditional powers expected to again vie for football's most coveted prize on 19 July. — Xinhua

JUNE 3

Israel, Lebanon agree to implement ceasefire

ISRAEL and Lebanon agreed Wednesday to implement a ceasefire, according to a joint statement released on Wednesday following trilateral negotiations in Washington.

The ceasefire is contingent on a complete cessation of Hezbollah fire and the evacuation of all Hezbollah operatives from the South Litani Sector, said the statement issued by the two countries and the United States.

Israel and Lebanon also agreed to advance the creation of "pilot zones" in Lebanon where the Iran-backed militant group Hezbollah will be excluded.

In these pilot zones, "Lebanese Armed Forces will take exclusive control of the territory to the exclusion of all non-state actors," said the statement, which was issued at the end of a fourth round of the US-mediated high-level talks held at the US State Department in Washington on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The fifth round of high-level talks between Israel and Lebanon has been scheduled to be held later this month. — Xinhua

JUNE 2

India welcomes Germany scrapping transit visa requirement

THE Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Tuesday welcomed Germany's decision to waive airport transit visa requirements for Indian nationals transiting through the country exclusively by air, noting that the move is expected to significantly strengthen connectivity and people-to-people exchanges between the two countries.

In a post on X, the MEA said the move operationalises an earlier announcement made following discussions between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz during the latter's visit to India in January 2026.

The move will come into effect from 3 June. "We welcome the operationalization by Germany of the announcement waiving the requirement of transit visa for Indian nationals transiting through Germany, exclusively by air, with effect from 3 June 2026. — ANI

JUNE 1

Japan PM urges free passage through Hormuz

JAPANESE Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi on June 1 called for the free and safe passage of ships through the effectively closed Strait of Hormuz in phone talks with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian.

"We will strive to ensure that the transit of Japanese ships occurs smoothly and with greater ease," Pezeshkian told her, while seeking Tokyo's help to secure essential goods, medical equipment and medicines through the use of Iran's financial assets in Japan, according to the state-run news agency IRNA.

The Prime Minister told reporters she also expressed "strong hope" that the Iranian side "will show the greatest possible flexibility and that an agreement can be reached as soon as possible". — Kyodo

MAY 31

Chinese Scientists Develop High Protein Maize

CHINESE scientists have identified two key genes for high protein content in maize and have managed to develop high protein varieties, offering a promising solution to China's animal feed protein shortage.

Maize is China's largest grain in terms of production volume, however, its protein content is generally low, only about eight per cent, leading to a heavy dependence on imported soybean meal as a protein source for livestock, according to Wu Yongrui, deputy director of the Centre for Excellence in Molecular Plant Sciences (CEMPS) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

Developing high protein maize to replace imported soybean meal in feed is a promising tactic in seeking to address the country's feed protein shortfall. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Myanmar thrash Guam 6-1 to move closer to title

MYANMAR defeated Guam 6-1 in the second match of the three-nation invitational tournament in the Philippines, moving within reach of the championship title.

Myanmar's goals came from Soe Moe Kyaw in 12 minutes, Maung Maung Lwin in 23 minutes, Win Naing Tun in 36 and 53 minutes, Zaw Win Thein in 72 minutes and Shine Wunna Aung in 85 minutes. Guam pulled one goal back through Gomez from a penalty shortly before full time.

With the victory, Myanmar strengthened its position at the top of the standings and will secure the title with at least a draw against the hosts, the Philippines, in the tournament's final match on 9 June. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

A Myanmar player challenges a Guam opponent during the three-nation invitational tournament.



Japan fans look to tighten belts for pricey World Cup voyages



File photo shows Japan fans cheering their team on ahead of a World Cup send-off game against Iceland at MUFU Stadium in Tokyo on 31 May 2026. PHOTO: KYODO

JAPAN football fans are set to employ money-saving strategies such as bringing cup noodles from home and sharing accommodations to soften the financial blow of supporting the Samurai Blue at the upcoming World Cup in North America.

A historically weak yen, combined with soaring costs for accommodations, travel from Japan, and travel between far-flung venues across the United States, Mexico and potentially Canada, has led fans to resort to a variety of cost-cutting measures to attend the world's big-

gest sporting event. "I'll cut accommodation costs by renting a big room in an apartment, as well as a detached house, to stay with my friends," said Hiroaki Kaketa, who has been to every World Cup since 2014 in Brazil and is planning to watch all of Japan's games this tournament. The 50-year-old company employee from Tokyo said some supporters have been recruiting travelling companions on social media, as they also deal with newly introduced dynamic pricing driving up the cost of tickets for popular games. — Kyodo

AIPS urges FIFA to help journalists facing visa obstacles

THE president of the International Sports Press Association (AIPS) has urged FIFA to intervene for journalists facing visa denials and restrictions ahead of the 2026 World Cup, warning that many accredited colleagues have already lost plane tickets and face mounting costs.

In a letter addressed to FIFA's director of media relations Bryan Swanson, AIPS president Gianni Merlo expressed concern over what he described as a growing and unacceptable problem involving entry visas for accredited journalists seeking to cover the tournament. — Xinhua

Cobolli takes centre stage at 'chance of my life' French Open

FLAVIO Cobolli has ploughed his furrow in the shadow of his illustrious compatriot Jannik Sinner over the last few years but come Sunday's final at the French Open, all eyes will be on the Italian number three.

The 24-year-old Cobolli will meet Alexander Zverev in his first ever Grand Slam title-match, where he will seek to go one better than Sinner managed last season and become the first Italian man to lift the Coupe des Mousquetaires since Adriano Panatta in 1976.

Since world number one Sinner, the overwhelming favourite for the title, fell to a shock second-round defeat, the men's draw in Paris has been wide open.

Cobolli, the 10th seed, said this year's Roland Garros was "the chance of my life" after he beat Felix Auger-Aliassime in the quarterfinals, before getting a walkover into the final when his compatriot Matteo Arnaldi pulled out of their last-four showdown due to a virus. — AFP

Germany starlet Karl ruled out of World Cup

TEENAGE Germany forward Lennart Karl has been ruled out of the World Cup after sustaining an injury in training, the German Football Federation (DFB) said on Friday.

"Lenny tore a muscle bundle today in the final training season and is ruled out because of this injury. Have a good

recovery, we're thinking of you," the DFB said on Instagram.

Germany have called up RB Leipzig midfielder Assan Ouedraogo to replace the 18-year-old Bayern Munich player.

Head coach Julian Nagelsmann had said earlier in Chicago ahead of Saturday's friendly against the United States

that Karl's injury "didn't look good" and that he had been taken to hospital for a scan. The loss of Karl is a blow to Germany. He was one of the revelations of the Bundesliga season after making his top-flight debut this season, quickly establishing himself as part of Vincent Kompany's league-winning side. — AFP



Germany forward Lennart Karl, centre, is in doubt for the World Cup after an injury in training. PHOTO: AFP

Transforming discarded udon noodles into biodegradable paper

Researchers transform leftover udon noodles into durable, biodegradable paper.

A university in Kagawa is turning one of the western Japan prefecture's most famous foods into an unlikely new material, using discarded udon noodles to create biodegradable

"paper".

Researchers are using microorganisms to transform unwanted wheat noodles from local restaurants into thin sheets of cellulose with a texture similar to traditional Japanese "washi"

paper, in an initiative aimed at reducing food waste and creating new local products.

The project was developed by Professor Naotaka Tanaka of Kagawa University's Faculty of Agriculture, who established the

technology by applying research into microorganisms and cellulose-producing bacteria.

Kagawa Prefecture is widely known for Sanuki udon, a regional noodle specialty that attracts visitors from around the

country.

But large quantities of noodles also go unsold or are discarded after losing their flavour once boiled and left sitting for too long.

Tanaka of Kagawa Prefecture is reducing food waste by converting

discarded udon noodles into a durable, biodegradable microbial paper using bacterial cultivation.

This process, which creates water-resistant paper, has been adopted by a local welfare facility to provide jobs. — Kyodo



This photo shows fans created from paper derived from discarded udon noodles in Takamatsu, Kagawa Prefecture on 8 January 2026. PHOTO:



Golden monuments to the horses have been erected across the country © STRINGER / AFP

Turkmenistan's 'heavenly' horses at the heart of fervent state cult

TRAINERS clad in ornate uniforms and traditional white fur headgear led golden-bedecked stallions round a stage arena at an annual horse beauty pageant in the ultra-closed Central Asian state of Turkmenistan.

The ancient and endangered Akhal-Teke is the subject of a fervent state cult in the desert nation, built up by horse-loving Gurbanguly Berdimukhamedov, ex-president and official father of the nation. AFP was given rare access to the competition, held at an equestrian complex in the

Turkmenistan fosters a fervent state cult celebrating its rare Akhal-Teke horses.

capital Ashgabat and presided over by strongman president Serdar Berdimukhamedov, Gurbanguly's son. Crowds of men in matching tracksuits clapped in unison and waved national flags as sand-coloured stallion Hankerven, adorned with jewellery and a traditional carpet, clinched the top prize.

Turkmenistan's leadership has fostered an in-

tense state cult around the rare Akhal-Teke "heavenly horses," featuring them on national symbols, state monuments, and a 2023 golden statue. Though near extinction, the breed is celebrated for its elegance and endurance. These precious horses also serve as critical diplomatic gifts for visiting foreign leaders, anchoring the isolated nation's cultural identity. —AFP

Mexican zoo residents hedge World Cup bets

Zoo animals make playful predictions for the upcoming World Cup.

TWO elephants trudged across a makeshift football field at Mexico's Guadalajara Zoo in a whacky attempt to predict the score of the 2026 World Cup's opening game.

The creatures faced a prophetic choice: munch on the grass on the side marked with a Mexican flag, or opt for the greenery on the opposing South African side.

Their split-second choice to amble over to the former consolidated the prediction that Mexico will emerge as the winner of the highly anticipated match on 11 June.

This fortune-telling exercise follows in the footsteps of

South Africa's unforgettable Paul the Octopus in 2010.

"The idea is that the animals are going to make predictions about different matches that will be played," zookeeper Ivan Reynoso told AFP.

Next up, the gorillas Chenchi and Faustina were presented with two pinatas shaped like player jerseys

one from Spain, and the other from Uruguay.

There was a tense pause until one of the primates suddenly went for Uruguay's shirt, suggesting the South American nation will win the 26 June match.

"It's clear who won!" one zookeeper exclaimed excitedly. — AFP



Mexico's Guadalajara zoo is using its animal to predict World Cup 2026 results. PHOTO: AFP