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Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye attends Russia's National Day Reception

YANGON-BASED Russian Federation Embassy hosted a reception to mark the National Day of the Russian Federation at the Lotte Hotel in Yangon yesterday evening, attended by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Nan Ni Ni Aye.

The Vice-President and distinguished guests were welcomed by Charge d'Affaires ad interim Ms Natalia Nefedova of the Embassy of the Russian Federation to Myanmar, the Military Attaché and officials.

The ceremony was opened with the national anthems of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Russian Federation. Charge d'Affaires ad interim Ms Natalia Nefedova of the Russian Embassy extended greetings.



Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye joins dignitaries at the National Day Reception of the Russian Federation yesterday.

A video clip on the cultural heritage, achievements in the science sector, economic development, and international affairs sector of the Russian Federation was screened.

The Vice-President had dinner along with the

guests. During the dinner, the cultural troupes from the Russian Federation performed traditional cultural dances and songs.

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MR to overhaul 100+ crossings for high-speed trains

MYANMA Railways has announced that arrangements are underway to systematically manage more than 100 railway crossings to ensure the safety and security of the high-speed DEMU train that will operate on the Yangon-Mawlamyine railway.

Officials from Myanma Railways and the Mon State government began working together on 8 June to implement these systematic improvements at over 100 railway crossings.

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This photo features a high-speed DEMU train operating on the Yangon-Mawlamyine railway.

Eco-Tourists Beckoned to Preserve Hpa-an Magic

TOURISM Hpa-an has issued an advisory outlining the "Dos and Don'ts" for travellers planning to visit Hpa-an, a destination with a high influx of tourists, to ensure the sustainable beauty of the area.

As Hpa-an has become one of the most popular destinations, it requests that visitors practise responsible tourism. This is essential for the sustainable preservation of Kayin State's

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A glimpse of the scenic beauty of Hpa-an.

China Eyes B2B Corn Deals

CHINA Kunming ASEAN Association has proposed to import Myanmar's maize for the long term under the Business-to-Business Agreement, according to the Myanmar Consulate-General in Kunming City.

They showed willingness to enter into a B2B agreement to import the maize monthly and enquired about the price.

Therefore, interested Myanmar growers and importers who want to import quality maize can enquire about further details via kmmhtway@gmail.com and Viber 09 943602357.

Quality requirements include sensory quality, sensory, compo-

sitional and hygiene indicators and packaging specifications. Kernels must be plump and free of fermentation, clumping, insect damage, and unusual odours or flavours. They need to meet the national standard GBA1353-2018 for maize grades, Class 1. Moisture content must be less than 14.5 per cent; bulk density must be greater than 720. Incomplete particle content needs to be less than four per cent. Mould contamination must be less than two per cent, and deoxynivalenol (ug/kg) are required to be less than 1,000. Other indicators include fatty acid value less than 65,

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Public Notice

1. Due to ongoing conflicts in the Middle East, global fuel prices have increased, affecting transport costs for essential goods distributed by diesel-powered vehicles. To help stabilize prices of basic commodities, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue had previously announced a tax exemption on imported high-speed diesel (HSD 500 ppm), including customs duty, special commodity tax, commercial tax, and a two-per-cent advance income tax, effective from 1 April 2026 to 31 May 2026, as published in State-owned newspapers. This tax exemption period has now been extended from 1 to 30 June 2026.
2. Thus, the Import Declaration (ID) will be opened at the Customs Department until 30 June 2026, and the tax exemption will apply to the imports of HSD (500 ppm).

Ministry of Finance and Revenue

Public Notice

1. To ensure continuous development of the agricultural sector, which is a key foundation of the State economy, and to reduce production costs for farmers, a two-per-cent advance income tax on imported fertilizers will be exempted from 1 April to 31 May 2026, and announced in the State-run newspapers. This exemption period has now been extended from 1 to 30 June 2026.
2. Thus, the Import Declaration (ID) will be opened at the Customs Department until 30 June 2026, and the tax exemption will apply to the imports of fertilizers.

Ministry of Finance and Revenue

Public Notice

1. Due to rising global fuel prices caused by conflicts in the Middle East, the price of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) has also increased. To support power generation and reduce electricity costs, customs duty, commercial tax, and advance income tax on imported Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) will be exempted from 1 May to 31 May 2026. Such information has already been announced in State-owned newspapers, and this exemption period has now been extended from 1 to 30 June 2026.
2. Thus, the Import Declaration (ID) will be opened at the Customs Department until 30 June 2026, and the tax exemption will apply to the imports of Liquefied Natural Gas.

Ministry of Finance and Revenue

The people are urged to receive vaccination of COVID-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of COVID-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increase of death rate due to the disease.

BAD initiates research into ancient pagoda foundations



Images depict scholars launching study on ancient Bagan foundation engineering in the Bagan World Heritage Site.

THE Department of Archaeology and National Museums (Bagan Branch) has commenced research into the foundation construction systems of historic structures within the Bagan World Heritage Site.

While the architectural and artistic features of ancient buildings constructed across successive eras in Bagan can be observed visually, this

research focuses on the underground foundation systems of three ancient buildings from different periods: Ngakywenhaung Pagoda, Paukpyin Pagoda, and Ancient Building 1905. Fieldwork began in the first week of June, with initial excavations underway at Ngakywenhaung Pagoda (Ancient Building 1603).

Historians believe that the two-storey Ng-

akywenhaung Pagoda dates back to the Pyu era. Investigators are currently excavating and studying both the inner and exterior foundations of the pagoda. During the excavation of the exterior foundation, researchers identified four distinct soil layers.

Bagan is a historic city globally recognized for its unique cultural value, and its heritage el-

ements remain remarkably intact. There are 242 ancient structures located within the Buffer Area and 3,595 within the Property Area, making a total of 3,837 ancient buildings. Myanmar's historical documents and on-site evidence confirm that from the 11th to the 13th centuries, Bagan was a magnificent city with a highly advanced culture. — ASH/MKKS

Sino-Myanmar AI art set to honour Silk Road

AS a pre-opening event of the 10th China-South Asia Expo, Myanmar's great artist Pachi Soe Moe and Chinese artist U Coco Wang (Chen Entian) will jointly create an AI oil painting named "Southern Silk Road" in honour of the Yunnan trade fair.

The expo will be held at Dianchi Lake International Convention and Exhibition Centre under the theme "Solidarity and Coordination for Common Development".

To commemorate the expo, the "Southern Silk Road" artwork will be created in the style of an oil painting produced using Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology.

The artwork will combine historical landscapes and contemporary spirit



Chinese artist U Coco Wang (Chen Entian).



Myanmar artist Pachi Soe Moe.

from countries along the route onto a single canvas, vividly portraying the revival of the ancient trade route, which has existed for thousands of years, in the digital era.

Pachi Soe Moe is one of Myanmar's most respected artists and is also an Academy Award-winning film director. His artistic work is deeply rooted in his profound understanding of Myan-

mar culture. U Coco Wang (Chen Entian), respectfully known internationally as "Prince Coco", is regarded as one of the key initiators of the international Belt and Road Initiative and has conducted long-term research on the Southern Silk Road.

The use of AI technology as an innovative medium represents a pioneering exploration of how technology can strength-

en culture and the arts. Artist Chen Entian noted that Myanmar occupies a strategically important position at the centre of the Southern Silk Road and is an important partner country in the Belt and Road international cooperation initiative.

He emphasized that cultural and artistic exchanges between China and Myanmar are extremely important for strengthening people-to-people relations within the region. He added that this collaborative AI oil painting project is not only a gesture of goodwill and best wishes for the expo but also a beautiful representation of the contemporary history and culture of the Southern Silk Road. — TWA/KTZH

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After the dinner, the Vice-President had documentary photos taken together with the distinguished guests.
Also present at the re-

ception were Union Ministers U Than Maung and his wife, and Dr Maung Thin, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) Lt-Gen Ko Ko Oo, senior Tatmadaw officers from

the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the commander of the Yangon Command and his wife, Deputy Minister Dr Nay Chi Lae Lae Thein, Yangon City Development

Committee Chairman Mayor U Myo Myint Aung, Ambassadors and Charges d'Affaires ad interim from foreign embassies in Yangon, Military Attachés and guests. — MNA/TTA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker hosts Nay Pyi Taw writers

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi received writers led by writer U Kyi Thein (Ka Phoe Kyin), a member of Panel of Patrons of the Nay Pyi Taw Literary Circle, at the Pyithu Hluttaw guest hall yesterday morning.

During the meeting, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker provided an overview of the current Hluttaw sessions, ongoing efforts to increase public awareness of the daily activities of Hluttaw representatives, and the legislative process. He then invited the visiting writers to raise any ques-



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi meets a delegation of writers from the Nay Pyi Taw literary figures.

tions they had.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker was accom-

panied by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn and

officials from the Pyithu Hluttaw Office. — MNA/MKKS

Yangon debuts certified pesticide safety course

THE opening ceremony of the Certified Pesticide Users Certification Course 1/2026, organized by the Yangon Region Department of Agriculture, was held yesterday morning at the Department of Agriculture meeting hall at 9th-mile, Mayangon Township.

U Tint Naing, Head of the Yangon Region Department of Agriculture explained the importance



The opening ceremony of the Certified Pesticide Users Certification Course 1/2026 is underway yesterday.

PHOTO: KO LWIN

of ensuring food safety by eliminating pesticide residues in agricultural products and stressed that pesticides must be

sold in accordance with the law.

Deputy Director Daw Khin Lay Zan of the Crop Protection Division

of the Department of Agriculture (Head Office) then explained the objectives of the course and outlined its regulations, after which the trainers introduced the topics to be covered.

The course was attended by 228 pesticide retailers and pesticide spraying operators. It will be conducted from 11 to 13 June. — Oktha/MKKS

MRTV, Prasad Group partner for digital preservation and tourism media

OFFICIALS from the Prasad Group of India held discussions on the digital preservation of old records of Myanmar Radio and Television and the joint production of tourism programmes at the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The discussion was attended by officials from Myanmar Radio and Television, along with Prasad Group Chief Executive

Officer Dr Prasad Rao Pasam and his team.

They discussed the digital preservation of historical records, films, and audio tapes held by Myanmar Radio and Television, as well as the joint production of television programmes to promote tourism. They also exchanged views on cooperation in providing training courses in artificial intelligence technology. — MNA/MKKS

Lao Deputy PM & Foreign Affairs Minister arrives in Nay Pyi Taw



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao PDR Mr Thongsavan Phomvihane and Spouse are pictured being welcomed upon their arrival.

AT the invitation of the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Tin Maung Swe, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao PDR Mr Thongsavan Phomvihane and Spouse, accompanied by the Lao delegation, who paid an

official visit to Myanmar from 11 to 13 June 2026 arrived in Nay Pyi Taw on the morning of 11 June 2026 and were warmly welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by U Ko Ko Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA

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Questions answered, committees formed at Pyithu Hluttaw session

THE Pyithu Hluttaw's second regular session continued for the sixth day at its convention hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

A total of 349 out of 351 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives attended the session, accounting for 99.43 per cent.

At the meeting, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Thant Zaw Lwin responded to the queries raised by U Kyaw Nyein Aung from the Tachilek Constituency and explained the plans to construct 14 bridges, 2,136 feet long brick drains, and new retaining walls in Ponhtun,

Yanaungmyay, Mekong and Macaokham wards of Tachilek in the 2026-27 financial year for the prevention of floods.

Deputy Minister for Transport U Aung Myaing replied to the question raised by Dr Aung Gyi from the Kyaiklat Constituency, saying that a total of 27 EV taxis are being run under the arrangement of the Nay Pyi Taw Council and nine more taxis by private owners in Nay Pyi Taw. The ministry will allow applications from private owners and companies for running EV taxis under the procedures.

The deputy minister



The sixth-day meeting of the second regular session of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw is in progress yesterday.

continued his explanations for the questions raised by U Ye Htut Aung from the Minhla Constituency. He said that unregistered ve-

hicles of social organizations have been registered from 7 to 31 July 2024. The Road Transport Administration Department veri-

fies documents and allows registration of legally imported ambulances and hearses, but cannot allow illegally imported vehicles

due to a lack of documents.

Deputy Minister for Digital Development and Communications U Thet Win Aung answered the questions submitted by U Kaung Thet San from the Hsipaw Constituency. He said that a total of 72 out of 92 MPT, ATOM, U9 and Mytel towers provide mobile communication services to the people in Hsipaw Township round the clock, but the remaining 20 facilities cannot operate regularly due to the fuel issue. If they are supplied electricity and fuel as usual, they can provide services full-time.

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Embassy warns Myanmar citizens in Kuwait over airstrike risk



This photo shows the Myanmar Embassy to Kuwait.

CONCERNING news about air strikes in Kuwait, Myanmar nationals will need to be alert at all times, the Embassy of the Union of Myanmar to Kuwait said in a notice issued on 11 June.

Myanmar nationals in Kuwait are advised to strictly follow the directives by the Kuwait authorities, it suggested.

It also stated that Myanmar nationals will need to continue watching the

Kuwait government's official announcements and reliable news sources for updates related to the situation in the country and the region. Myanmar nationals in Kuwait are suggested to avoid taking photos or videos of military or security locations and defence and security arrangements, and upon such acts, legal actions may follow, it said.

Myanmar nationals requiring emergency assistance are advised to contact the consulate: Mobile at 65840789 and 60395031, WhatsApp number or email consularmekuwait@gmail.com. — MT/ZS

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"We are closing illegal railway crossings. However, officially authorized crossings will remain open," an official from Myanma Railways said.

These measures are intended to support the

safe and secure operation of the Mawlamyine-Yangon DEMU train, which is scheduled to commence service in July, and to reduce the risk of railway accidents. According to reports, only 16 of the 157 railway crossings along

the Yangon-Mawlamyine railway are officially authorized.

Plans are also underway to install security gates at essential unauthorized crossings for systematic management. — ASH/TH

Thayawady disburses Mya Sein Yaung project funds to 3 villages

THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development held a ceremony to disburse revolving funds under the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project at Kyaungsu Village in Thayawady Township yesterday.

Daw Lay Lay Lwin, Head of the Thayawady Township Department of Rural Development, explained the project's objectives and rules. The project officer then clarified interest rates, loan periods and regulations before handing over the total revolving fund of



Village representatives receive Mya Sein Yaung project funds in Thayawady Township, Bago Region.

K52.03 million to the village project committees.

Under the supervision of the Township DRD Officer, the committee members disbursed K45.75 million to 108 beneficiaries for agriculture, K5.76 million to 36 beneficiaries

for livestock breeding and K0.52 million to two beneficiaries for trading and small-scale businesses in Kyaungsu, Thayaaye and Naukthayagon villages, benefitting a total of 146 residents. — Maung Khaing (Rural)

Gold Market Rate as of 11 June 2026

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K6,950,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

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Amyotha Hluttaw continues for 4th day

A total of 208 out of 209 Hluttaw representatives attended the fourth-day event of the second regular session of the Third Amyotha Hluttaw yesterday.

In replying to the questions raised by U Thein Hlaing from the Sagaing Region Constituency 7, Deputy Minister for Construction U Myo Myint said that the Myanmar National Building Code-2020 was revised through cooperation among technical working groups, the Myanmar Earthquake Committee and the Myanmar Geosciences Association and published in July 2025. The Construction Sector Development Law 2026 was enacted as the National Defence and Security Council Law 5/2026 on 4 February 2026 to compulsorily abide by the Myanmar National Building Code 2025. At present, the rules are being formulated.

The deputy ministers also answered the questions raised by Sai Win Khaing from the Shan State Constituency 10, saying that the resurfacing of the eight-inch-thick and 5,000-foot-long section of the Tangyan-Nawngpha Road within Tangyan town will be included in Shan State's regional develop-



The fourth-day meeting of the second regular session of the Third Amyotha Hluttaw is underway yesterday.

ment plan starting from the 2027-2028 financial year, using allocated state funds.

He also responded to the questions raised by U Aung Kyaw Min from the Ayeyawady Region Constituency 4. He said that Ayeyawady Region, being a delta area with heavy rainfall, experiences a reduction in the bearing capacity of subgrade soil during the monsoon season. In addition, damage has occurred in certain road sections due to vehicles carrying loads exceeding the permitted weight limits passing through these roads. Hence, vehicles carrying loads beyond the specified weight limits will be prevented. During the open season, repair works

will be planned based on the extent of road damage, depending on the availability of funds.

He also replied to the questions of U Aung Kyaw Min from the Ayeyawady Region Constituency 7, saying that when selecting bids during tender opening and evaluation, it should not be based solely on price. Instead, selection must be carried out by applying a scoring system in accordance with Paragraph 62 and Paragraphs 92 to 98 of the former President's Office Directive 7/2020, which must be duly followed.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe sought approvals for the replacement of Hluttaw representatives at the Bill

Committee, the Hluttaw Rights Committee, the Government Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee, and the International Relations Committee.

The Speaker also sought approvals, and the Hluttaw approved the formation of the Non-Governmental Internal and External Organizations Committee, chaired by Daw Mie Mie Kyaw Tun from the Kachin State Constituency 4. The Speaker submitted a proposal for the formation of the Health and Sports Committee, chaired by Dr Naing Lin from the Kayah State Constituency 9.

The Amyotha Hluttaw will continue on 12 June. — MNA/TTA

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natural beauty, cultural heritage, and the traditional lifestyles of the local people.

Visitors are advised to keep the environment clean, refrain from littering or damaging the environment, and avoid behaviours that harm natural resources, wildlife, and heritage sites.

Moreover, they are advised to stop using single-use plastic bags, support local, nature-based products, and dispose of waste properly. The advisory

also emphasizes the importance of respecting local culture and customs. As many areas in Kayin State are designated as religious zones, visitors are prohibited from consuming alcohol. Additionally, visitors must not enter restricted areas.

According to local sources, interest in Hpa-an remains high among domestic travellers during the rainy season, as the region offers a variety of natural scenic beauty. — MT/ZN

Taunggyi's VDP-funded concrete road work inspected



Officials oversee the ongoing construction of a village entrance concrete road in Taunggyi Township, southern Shan State.

THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development inspected the ongoing construction of village entrance concrete roads in Pinson and Pawmu villages in Taunggyi Township yesterday.

District Head U Nyunt Win of the Taunggyi District Department of Rural Development, Township Department Head U Zaw Win, and engineering staff observed the progress of the concrete road work. U Nyunt Win met village elders and residents, stressing the importance of com-

pleting the projects within the prescribed period while maintaining quality standards and coordinating requirements.

The concrete roads, measuring 333 feet in length, 12 feet in width and seven inches in thickness in each village, are being constructed by the residents themselves under the technical supervision of township DRD staff. The projects utilize K15 million in VDP support funds for each village alongside public contributions to ensure year-round transportation access upon completion. — Sein Lwin (Rural)

Dawbon students receive CSCs, UIDs under Lamin Project

OFFICIALS carried out a field study at basic education schools in Dawbon Township, Botahtaung District, to issue Citizenship Scrutiny Cards (CSC) and UIDs numbers to students aged 10 and above under the Lamin Project, and the process was conducted yesterday at the No 1 Basic Education High School.

Head of Dawbon Township U Myo Myint Tun of the Ministry of Immigration and Population

and staff conducted a field study under the Lamin project and granted CSCs and UIDs to the students.

Township Management and Administration Committee Chairman U Htoo Htet, Region Hluttaw Representative U Thet Naing, Township Management and Administration Committee members and township education officer Daw Khin Saw Yi observed the processes. — Chit Su Wai (IPRD)/KTZH



Students receive citizenship scrutiny cards and unique IDs under the Lamin Project.

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Thaton honours returning frontline troops

A ceremony was held on the evening of 10 June at a local battalion in Thaton, Mon State, to warmly welcome back frontline soldiers who returned after completing operational and security duties in Kayin State aimed at maintaining national stability and regional peace.

The welcoming event was attended by officials from the South-East Command, departmental officials, members of the Myanmar Police Force, the Myanmar War Veterans Organization, people's militia groups, and the local populace.

The returning sol-



Triumphant Tatmadaw frontline troops are seen being welcomed home.

diers, who had served day and night tirelessly on the front lines to ensure the safety, security, and peaceful livelihoods of citizens across various regions

and states, were warmly greeted with Eugenia sprigs, accompanied by traditional ethnic music and dance performances.

An official from the

South-East Command delivered a congratulatory address to the returning soldiers and presented them with honorary cash awards. — MNA/KZL

Tatmadaw airlifts rehabilitation aid to Chin State

IN pursuit of guidance from the Head of State, Tatmadaw is working with relevant officials and local communities to carry out rehabilitation activities in areas that have been brought fully under control.

As part of these efforts, a Tatmadaw aircraft transported rehabilitation materials, school stationery, and essential consumer goods yesterday from Mandalay to Kalay in Sagaing Region. The supplies are intended for rehabilitation work in Falam, Tonzang, and Tiddim, which have suffered

damage due to insurgent terror acts.

The delivered cargo included 200 bags of cement, 2,150 corrugated iron sheets, nine boxes of nails, and one box of washers for construction purposes, as well as 272 copies of school textbook, 840 bags of rice, and 371 vises of cooking oil.

The construction materials, educational supplies, and food items were received by the relevant officials upon arrival and will be distributed onwards to Falam, Tonzang, and Tiddim townships in Chin State. — MNA/KZL

Sitagu Hospital selects 340+ for free eye surgery



Eye patients awaiting medical care during the 18th Eye Donation Programme.

A total of 1,250 eye patients received free medical screenings on 9 June, marking the first day of the 18th Eye Donation Programme held at the

Sitagu Eyecare Hospital in Yangon.

According to the medical records, 739 screenings were conducted on the first day,

followed by 511 screenings on the second day. Among these patients, more than 340 individuals have been identified as genuinely requiring ophthalmic surgery.

From this group, the first 50 patients will undergo surgical treatment. It has been announced that the remaining registered patients will be

systematically included in the upcoming 19th Eye Donation Programme.

The Sitagu Eyecare Hospital (Yangon) continuously organizes these eye donation programmes to restore sight to the visually impaired and ensure the public has ongoing access to essential eye care. — TWA/KNN



Relief supplies are seen being unloaded in Kalay.

Tangyan holds livestock awareness talk

THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development in cooperation with the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department held a livestock awareness talk at the hall of Namhuloika Village in Tangyan Township yesterday. The event aims to enhance livestock-related knowledge and skills among rural residents to help increase household incomes.

District Director U Tin Aung Lwin of the Tangyan District Department of Rural Development first delivered opening remarks,



A livestock awareness talk is in progress yesterday in northern Shan State.

explaining the objectives of the awareness talk and urging participants to effectively apply the knowledge in their businesses. The head of the Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department then gave detailed explanations on seasonal animal diseases, preventive

measures and techniques related to Good Animal Husbandry Practices (GAHP).

A total of 60 villagers from Namhuloika Village attended the talk, and officials distributed educational pamphlets to the participants. — Cho Than Nyunt (Rural)

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impurities less than one, aflatoxin B1 less than 20, mould contamination rate less than 2, and Zearalenone (ZEN) less than 60.3. The Package must comply with the national packaging requirements for this type of cargo.

Maize is the second most crucial crop after rice in Myanmar. It is a potential cash crop. Maize is commonly grown in Shan State, Kayah State, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay Region and Sagaing Region. Monsoon maize is cultivated in May and June, and the winter maize season is from October

to November.

Maize is the essential raw material for the feed processing industry. Corn starch, corn oil and corn syrup are also processed. Furthermore, corn is also converted into ethanol as biofuel. This renewable fuel is utilized in vehicles. Myanmar's maize is highly in demand by Thailand, China, Vietnam and the Philippines due to its high quality. India and Bangladesh also purchase them through border trade points. Millions of tonnes of maize are exported to foreign countries, generating foreign income. This commer-

cially valued crop can be easily grown. Systematic growing and producing methods can also boost the income of the growers, contributing to the State's economy.

Myanmar shipped over two million tonnes of maize to foreign trade partners yearly. The maize is cultivated in Shan, Kachin, Kayah and Kayin states and Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway regions. Myanmar has three maize seasons – winter, summer and monsoon. Myanmar's annual maize output is estimated at 2.5-3 million tonnes. — NN/KK

NATIONAL

Homalin honours returning frontline troops

A ceremony was held yesterday evening at a local battalion in Homalin, Sagaing Region, to warmly welcome back frontline Tatmadaw soldiers who returned after completing operational and security duties in Chin State aimed at ensuring national stability and regional peace.

The welcoming event was attended by officials from the Homalin Garrison, departmental of-



Victorious Tatmadaw members are seen being welcomed home at the North-West Command Headquarters.

officials, members of the Myanmar Police Force, the Myanmar War Veterans Organization, locals, and students. The returning sol-

diers, who had served day and night tirelessly on the front lines to ensure the safety, security, and peaceful livelihoods of citizens across various regions and states, were warmly greeted by attendees holding auspicious Thabyay (Eugenia) sprigs, accompanied by Ozi and Dobat (traditional Myanmar drums) troupes, as well as music and dance performances. — MNA/KZL

Questions answered, committees formed at ...

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The deputy minister also replied to the questions raised by U Sai Sam from the Mongyang Constituency. He said that based on the results of field surveys and measurements, mobile stations will be built on an annual financial year basis for construction, provided that they comply with the rules and requirements for meeting basic telecommunications needs.

Deputy Minister for Education U Nay Myo Hlaing responded to the questions raised by U Hla Min from the Ngazun Constituency, saying that a total of 61 out of 127 schools were opened in Ngazun Township. Plans were earmarked to reopen eight more schools in the township in the 2025-26 academic year, but only Thabyaytha BEPS could be opened. School heads and teachers are attached to the opening schools for serving their duties at their respective schools when these are opened.

The deputy minister also answered the questions raised by U Sai Loung from the Mongping Constituency and said that in the 2026-2027 academic year, education diploma holders and graduates from the education degree colleges will be assigned to 26 BEPSs in Mongping Township on a priority basis to meet staffing needs.

He also replied to the questions raised by U Win Zaw from the Pindaya Constituency, saying that one 90 by 30 feet RCC building will be built at Thabyaygon BEMS Branch in Pindaya Town-

ship in the 2027-28 financial year, depending on the budget allocation.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi sought the approval of the Hluttaw to form relevant Hluttaw committees. As such, the Pyithu Hluttaw approved the Farmers' Affairs Committee chaired by Kanbalu Constituency Representative U Myat Kyaw, the Youth, Woman, Child and Aged Rights Committee chaired by Yenangyoung Constituency Representative Daw Win Maw Tun, the Education Promotion Committee chaired by Bahan Constituency Representative Dr Hla Tint, and the Internal/External Labour Affairs Committee chaired by Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency Representative U Tint Wai.

Moreover, the Speaker submitted proposals to the Hluttaw for formation of the Minerals, Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Committee chaired by Pyinmana Constituency Representative U Khin Maung Htay, the Citizens' Fundamental Rights, Democracy and Human Rights Committee chaired by Pobbathiri Constituency Representative U Hla Swe, the Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development Committee chaired by Kyaiklat Constituency Representative Dr Aung Gyi, and the Construction, Industry, Electricity and Energy Committee chaired by Kani Constituency Representative U Nyan Tun. The Pyithu Hluttaw's seventh-day session continues on 12 June. — MNA/TTA

YBS faces registration mandate for CNG fuel

FROM 10 July, YBS buses will not be permitted to refuel with compressed natural gas (CNG) unless they present their original vehicle registration book, according to an announcement by the Natural Gas

for Vehicles Department under the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) of the Ministry of Electricity and Energy. The measure is intended to improve the systematic management of CNG distribution and ensure proper monitoring and record-keeping.

In addition, a pilot project will be launched to install metering systems

in CNG-powered vehicles. Technology will be used to monitor gas distribution, and strict oversight will be exercised to ensure that YBS buses operate only on their designated routes.

Since 2007, the price of CNG for YBS buses and taxis has remained unchanged at K273.25 per kilogramme. "Compared with international prices, this rate is nearly 50 per cent lower, while fuel costs are only about one-third of those for petrol and diesel," said the Union Minister for Electricity and Energy.

Currently, around



A YBS bus refuels at a CNG station.

3,250 YBS buses operating on 116 routes provide daily transport services to approximately 1.4 million passengers in Yangon.

The Yangon Region government will also work with relevant organizations to strengthen the monitoring of CNG-pow-

ered vehicles and ensure efficient transport services. Members of the public may lodge complaints regarding CNG-powered vehicles or the overcharging of bus fares by contacting the Director (CNG) at 09 794115410 or 09 262467077. — ASH/KZL

Thongwa disburses K35M under Mya Sein Yaung Village Project

THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development held a ceremony to disburse revolving funds under the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project at Thaegon Village in Thongwa Township yesterday.

Daw Khin Hnin Cho, Head of the Thongwa

Township Department of Rural Development explained the project's objectives and rules. The project officer then clarified interest rates, loan periods and regulations before handing over the total revolving fund of K35 million to the village project committee.

Under the supervision of the Township



A village representative receives the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project funds at yesterday's event.

DRD Head, the committee members disbursed the K35 million revolving fund at low interest rates directly into the hands of 135 project members

who will engage in agriculture, livestock breeding, trading and other income-generating activities in Thaegon Village. — Karan (Rural)

OPINION

Uplift the life of children from workplaces

CHILD labour involving children who are below the legal working age is a social condition that should not exist in society. However, for various reasons, child labour is still found both internationally and in Myanmar. In implementing efforts to reduce and eliminate child labour, legal rules and regulations must be followed. At the same time, the difficulties faced by child workers in current social conditions must also be taken into consideration.

There are many cases in which school-age children abandon their studies and instead work to help address their families' immediate financial problems. In some cases, due to negative environmental influences, children who have strayed from the path of education and left the classroom become street children, taking on odd jobs and eventually falling victim to drug abuse.

Whether they are studying in school or working to earn an income before reaching adulthood, children are the young sprouts of society. Only by nurturing and supporting them to improve their lives can they achieve a secure and better future and become capable members of society at an appropriate level. Therefore, every citizen should participate in efforts to ensure the safety, security, and improvement of the lives of child labourers.

Employers and community elders in providing supervision and care. Children must be protected from various forms of exploitation and enticement, including human trafficking. In appropriate circumstances, these children should be provided with better vocational training opportunities to improve their livelihoods and enhance their lives.

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Therefore, the best approach is to collect and compile data on child labourers with the assistance of local authorities, study and assess their lives, and help guide them toward appropriate life paths. Rather than simply removing child labourers from the workplace, solutions should be sought on how to improve their lives. It is also especially necessary for employers to provide flexibility so that these children can continue working while also having access to education.

For child labourers who are unable to leave the workplace, their life safety should also be carefully considered. It is necessary to protect and safeguard child workers from injuries and abuse that may occur in the workplace for various reasons. It is also important to establish mutually beneficial regulations among local authorities, employers, and child labourers. For those children, wages should be paid at a fair level.

Most child labourers are those who are away from parental care, so their safety and well-being can only be ensured with the support of

Morning Behaviour: Beginning the Day with Mindfulness and Intention

By Khin Maung Myint

EVERY morning is more than the turning of a clock; it is the opening page of a new chapter in life. The seemingly simple question – “What do you do when you wake up?” – holds profound psychological and spiritual significance. The first actions of the day often shape our thoughts, emotions, and behaviours for the hours that follow.

Behavioural psychology suggests that human beings are creatures of habit. According to the habit loop model, behaviour frequently follows a cycle of cue, routine, and reward. Waking up is one of the most powerful daily cues. What immediately follows – checking social media, rushing anxiously into the day, or pausing for reflection, gratitude, or meditation – gradually becomes an automatic routine that influences emotional well-being and productivity.

This understanding res-



onates deeply with Buddhist philosophy. The Buddha taught that “Mind precedes all phenomena; mind is their chief; they are all mind-made” (Dhammapada 1). The state of mind cultivated at the beginning of the day, therefore,

matters greatly. A mind that awakens with agitation and craving is likely to carry these qualities into daily interactions.

Conversely, a mind grounded in mindfulness (Sati), loving-kindness (Mettā), and wise intention is more likely to respond to life’s challenges with clarity and compassion.

In Myanmar Buddhist tradition, mornings often begin with paying respect to the Triple Gem – the Buddha, the Dhamma, and the Sangha – through simple acts of devotion, chanting, or silent reflection. These rituals are not merely religious customs; psychologically, they function as anchors of stability. They remind individuals of their values and provide an opportunity to cultivate wholesome mental states before engaging with the demands of the world.

The concept of behavioural activation, widely used in cognitive behavioural therapy, emphasizes that action often precedes motivation. Waiting to “feel like it” may lead to inertia. The Buddha similarly empha-

sized diligent effort (Viriya) as an essential component of the Noble Eightfold Path. Small purposeful actions – making the bed, opening the windows to welcome the morning light, drinking water mindfully, offering a few moments of meditation, or extending thoughts of goodwill towards others – generate momentum and reinforce self-efficacy.

Neuroscience also suggests that the transition from sleep to wakefulness is a period when the brain is particularly receptive. The mind, not yet overwhelmed by external demands, is more susceptible to establishing emotional tones for the day. Beginning with gratitude or loving-kindness meditation may strengthen neural pathways associated with resilience and emotional regulation. In contrast, immediate exposure to distressing news, work pressures, or social comparisons

may activate stress responses and anxiety.

For adults facing career pressures, caregiving responsibilities, financial concerns, and health challenges, mornings provide an opportunity to exercise executive functioning – the psychological processes involved in planning, prioritizing, and self-regulation. A few quiet moments spent identifying what is truly important can reduce decision fatigue later in the day.

Buddhism offers a complementary practice through the contemplation of intention. Before beginning daily activities, one may ask: “Are my thoughts rooted in greed, ill will, or delusion, or are they guided by generosity, kindness, and wisdom?” Such reflection transforms ordinary routines into opportunities for mental cultivation.

Morning rituals also remind us of impermanence (Anicca). Each dawn is both familiar and entirely new. The Burmese saying, “မနက်ခင်းတောင်းလျှင် တစ်နေ့လုံးကောင်းမည်” (“If the morning is good, the whole day tends to be good”), reflects this understanding. Another proverb advises, “Well begun is half done.” Like a farmer preparing the field before planting seeds, the quality of our morning preparation influences what we harvest throughout the day.

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Behavioural psychology cautions against perfectionism. Likewise, Buddhism encourages the Middle Way, avoiding extremes. The goal is not to construct an elaborate routine worthy of admiration, but to establish sustainable habits aligned with one’s values. Five minutes of consistent mindfulness may be more transformative than ambitious resolutions abandoned after a few days.

Ultimately, what we do upon waking is not trivial. It is an act of intentional choice repeated thousands of times throughout life. While we cannot control everything the day may bring, we can influence how we meet it.

Perhaps the first question each morning should not be, “What must I accomplish today?” but rather, “What qualities of mind do I wish to cultivate today?” The answer, expressed through small and deliberate actions, may gradually shape not only our days but also our character.

As the Buddha taught, we are shaped by our thoughts and actions. Each morning, therefore, offers a fresh opportunity to begin again – with mindfulness, wisdom, a compassion.

The Real Value of Time and Money

By Augustin

THERE is a famous fable about a man who talks to God that teaches us a powerful lesson about time and money. The man asks God how long a million years feels to Him, and God replies that it feels like a single minute. Then, the man asks how much a million dollars means to Him, and God says it is like one penny.

Excited by the thought of easy riches, the man asks if he can have one of God’s pennies. God agrees but tells the man he just has to wait one minute. Because a minute to God means a million years to a human, the man will never live to see the money. This story shows how chasing quick cash can blind us to the immense value of time.

From this fable, we can learn three main lessons. First, greed makes us ignore reality. The man focused so much on the free money that he ignored the impossible wait time, just like people today

who chase shortcuts instead of working hard. Second, nothing is truly free.

Gifts that look easy often carry a hidden cost, usually paid in time or suffering, making the prize useless in the end. Third, perspective changes everything. What seems huge to humans is tiny on a cosmic scale, which should remind us to rethink what truly matters in life.

We can see this same danger in the modern world, where technology fuels the desire to get rich overnight. For example,

the spectacular collapse of cryptocurrency platforms like FTX happened because people poured their savings into risky ventures without checking the facts.

The company went bankrupt, and the founder went to prison, proving that chasing fast wealth often leads to long-term ruin. On a darker note, many young people fall for fake online job ads promising easy wealth, only to be trafficked across borders and forced into modern-day slavery. Trying to find a fast escape from poverty costs them their freedom

and their time.

In contrast, the world’s most successful people prove that patience and hard work are the true path to wealth. Billionaires like Warren Buffett, Jeff Bezos, and Steve Jobs built their fortunes through decades of sustained effort and smart planning.

In fact, Warren Buffett made most of his money after he turned 60 years old. Their stories show that lasting success comes from learning skills and making steady progress over time, not from lucky windfalls.



Ultimately, the old saying holds true: haste makes waste. When impatience guides your choices, you become an easy target for scams and bad decisions.

The timeless fable and modern financial collapses demonstrate how chasing fast riches obscures reality. When speculation blinds us, the pursuit of shortcuts ultimately incurs devastating costs, paid not just in capital, but in precious time and personal freedom.

Prosperity and lasting security are never engineered overnight through high-risk gambles. Instead, enduring success is built through patience, rigorous discipline, and sustained, compounding effort.

By shifting our perspective away from the illusion of easy wealth, we protect our most valuable assets and establish a stable foundation that survives the volatility of an impatient world.

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Images capture Tatmadaw forces reoccupying terrorist bases in Tamu Township on the India border and confiscated weapons and munitions.

Tatmadaw occupies terrorist bases near Myanmar-India border

TATMADAW makes efforts to regain control of and reopen the Kalay-Tamu Road, an important route for border trade between Myanmar and India.

Tatmadaw columns conducted operations to reopen and secure the Kalay-Tamu route as quickly as possible. Troops advancing near Yanlinpaing Village yesterday reached a location about 2,500 metres northwest of the village near the Myanmar-India border line, where suspicious structures were discovered. Tactical secu-

rity operations were then carried out, resulting in clashes with terrorists. The columns successfully seized the insurgent base camp, while the terrorists suffered heavy casualties and fled in disarray into the neighbouring country.

They discovered and seized one 10 feet by 10 feet bunker with a guard post, seven residential buildings measuring 20 feet by 15 feet with thatched roofs and bamboo matting walls, three residential buildings measuring 20 feet by 15 feet with corrugated iron

roofs and wooden walls, three dormitory buildings measuring 30 feet by 15 feet, one military parade and training ground covering about 400 square feet including a flag platform, one 30-foot by 15-foot iron-roofed wooden building, one 15-foot-square bamboo-walled clinic with tarpaulin roofing, one 12 by 12 feet wooden detention room with tarpaulin roofing, one dining hall measuring 20 feet by 15 feet, one ammunition storage building measuring 15 feet by 20 feet with corrugated

iron roofing and wooden walls, one 15-foot by 10-foot generator shed, one tipper truck, one loader vehicle, three small vehicles, one three-wheeled vehicle, two single-shot firearms, five 60 mm grenades, seven walkie-talkies, one large generator and other related equipment.

Tatmadaw columns will continue accelerating regional security operations against terrorist insurgents to regain control of and reopen the Kalay-Tamu corridor. — MNA/KTZH

Underground concrete bunkers of terrorists found

TATMADAW columns continued detailed regional security operations in Ngalontin Village, located south of ChaungU Township along the ChaungU-Yesagyo road, and discovered a reinforced underground concrete bunker constructed by terrorist insurgents beneath a building situated in farmland about 400 metres east of the village.

Tatmadaw columns continued the security operations along the ChaungU-Yesagyo route through Ngalontin Village and successfully seized Mahtitha

Village and Minkhaung Village, where terrorists had entered, based themselves, and used as military camps.

It was found that the terrorists had fortified the villages by constructing underground bunkers with sandbags inside civilians' homes, religious buildings, and public buildings. They had also planted landmines throughout the villages and dug defensive trenches inside residential compounds, using the areas as heavily fortified military bases.

Tatmadaw columns



Tatmadaw forces uncover a reinforced underground bunker and makeshift camps inside residential and office buildings.

are currently carrying out rehabilitation and security operations, including the removal of destruction and debris caused by terrorist groups and landmine clearance efforts,

to enable locals to return to their homes as quickly as possible. Moreover, the necessary regional security operations are also continuing in and around the villages. — MNA/KTZH

Task force razes illegal online fraud hubs in Myawady



An aerial view of scam-related structures being destroyed in the Shwe Kokko area.

A combined departmental task force is systematically demolishing illegal buildings and destroying equipment used for online scam and gambling

operations in the Shwe Kokko and KK Park areas of Myawady Township, Kayin State. Four more illegal three-storey residential buildings were

demolished yesterday.

A total of 77 buildings in the Shwe Kokko area used for online fraud and gambling have been targeted for demolition, com-

prising 57 structures to be torn down using heavy machinery and 20 structures to be demolished by controlled explosions.

Following yesterday's systematic demolition of four three-storey residential buildings using heavy machinery, a total of 56 illegal buildings have now been demolished. Authorities will continue the systematic demolition of the remaining 21 illegal buildings. — MNA/KZL

Mild quake jolts Yangon downtown townships

A slight earthquake hit near Twantay at noon on 11 June, and residents in some Yangon downtown townships felt it twice noticeably.

The 4.0 magnitude quake hit near Twantay, 23 miles southwest of Yangon and at a depth of six miles, according to an earthquake application.

"People rushed out of their apartment buildings. There are many people below our apartment. I'm frightened, and my hands are shaking," said U Thein Win from Kamayut Township.

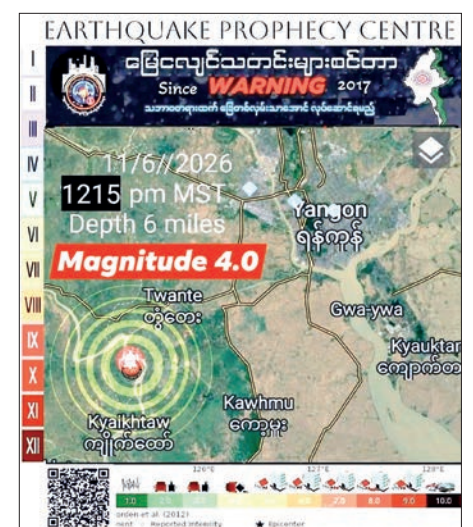
Residents from Daw-

bon, Thakayta, Thingangyun, Kamayut (Hledan), Hline, Sangyoung, Hline-thaya, Ahlon and Thanlyin townships felt the quake noticeably.

"I noticed it hit around 12:15 pm and felt again at around 12:30 pm. It didn't last long, but our house was shaken," Ma Chit Su from Thingangyun Township told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

In June this year, at least five earthquakes struck across Myanmar, including Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Tamu.

— TWA/ZS



An earthquake application shows a slight earthquake struck on 11 June 2026.

NATIONAL

Authorities issue early monsoon waterway safety notice

ON 10 June, the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems issued a waterway safety notice to prevent accidents involving vessels due to heavy rain, strong winds, and low visibility during the early monsoon season.

Vessel operators are advised to take precautions, as rising river levels may damage or displace navigational markers. Captains are urged to adjust their engine power and speed according to the river flow for likely currents and whirlpools. When passing under



A floating navigational marker in the Ayeyawady River.



A navigational marker on the bank of the Chindwin River.

bridges, they should navigate at a safe distance, avoiding operating side-by-side.

According to GLoFAS data, river levels in the Ayeyawady Delta, Sittoung and Bago basins are expected to rise significantly be-

tween 15 and 22 June with "High Alert" and "Extreme Alert" status for flooding.

Additionally, meteorologist U Win Naing has warned that over the next 10 days, there is an 80 per cent to 100 per cent probability of

rainfall exceeding 300 millimetres in coastal areas, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Bago, Mon and Kayin. He added that if heavy rain coincides with high tides, flash floods could occur in low-lying areas, urging people living near

riverbanks to prepare lifeboats in advance.

Since the beginning of June, consecutive days of heavy rain have already caused mountain torrents and flash floods, resulting in losses for locals. — TWA/ZN

JFYG to conduct free Japanese pronunciation course

UNDER the theme "learning pronunciation", a free online course on a specified teaching skill will be conducted, said the Japan Foundation in Yangon (JFYG).

The course will offer a learning technique for pronunciation and teaching methods that can be used practically in future training classes.

It covers the re-evaluation of Japanese pronunciation and in-depth learning about it, so Japanese language instructors interested in teaching pronunciation practice can join.

The Zoom course will accept 30 people, and the duration is from 6 pm to 8 pm from 26 June to 24 July on every Wednesday and Friday. It is a free online course. Applications will be accepted until noon on 17 June at <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/gPndA89bXQ?origin=lprLink>. Eligible candidates will be informed on the morning of 22 June.

Requirements are as follows: JLPT N2 and above, the ability to understand the course contents delivered in Japanese, and the ability to attend all eight sessions. Local Japanese language speakers with at least one year of teaching experience in Myanmar are also eligible to apply, provided they can continue working as a Japanese language instructor in Myanmar after the course ends, and have a laptop and can open the camera during the course.

The exam will be held on 22 July, and a certificate of completion will be awarded depending on attendance, assignment submission and exam score. — MT/ZS

CBM sells US\$1.46M to edible oil, CMP companies

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$1.38 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$36,600 to CMP companies on 11 June.

CBM has been injecting US dollars into the edible oil-importing companies, with \$2.6 million on 9 June, \$3.6 million on 8 June, over \$2.9 million on 4 June, over \$2.89 million on 3 June, \$1.79 million on 2 June and over \$646,800 on 1 June, respectively.

CBM also sold \$51,210 to CMP companies on 8 June, along with a \$380-valued non-



Cooking oil bottles are arranged for sale.

trade transaction.

CBM sold \$3 million, purchased from CMP companies, to LNG-importing companies on 5 June. CBM sold over \$109,300 to CMP companies and \$3 million to LNG companies on 4 June, along with \$1,650 worth of non-

trade transactions.

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 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 for-

eign 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

Urea fertilizer reference price for June announced

UREA fertilizer reference price for June has been announced, according to the Myanmar Fertilizer, Seed and Pesticide Entrepreneurs Association (MFSPEA).

The reference price for Urea fertilizer (large granular) is set at K1400,000 per 50-kilogramme bag from 8 to 30

June, while the price of diammonium phosphate is set at K115,000 per bag from 8 to 20 June.

The prices may vary a bit depending on transport charges in other regions and states, as the aforementioned prices are set for the Yangon Region, MFSPEA stated.

Additionally, reference prices will be further announced as per the rules and regulations. For overcharging, consumers can complain to the committee through contact numbers 067 410032 and 09 988539360. MFSPEA has already asked the member companies to

stick to the reference prices.

At present, the Fertilizer Committee holds a quarterly meeting to ensure quality fertilizer for growers without facing shortages. Under the approval of the Fertilizer Technology Group, 12,297 fertilizer registrations have been granted

after the 43rd meeting of the Fertilizer Committee. With individuals' consent, 2,088 registrations were voluntarily cancelled. The department revoked 2,867 registrations for expiration of validity, and 7,342 registrations are still under processing. — NN/KK

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This image displays the Japanese language pronunciation online course.

ECONOMY WORLD

Japan PM to propose energy security principles at G7 summit: source

Japan hopes the initiative will help build a shared understanding among G7 leaders.

JAPANESE Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi plans to propose three principles aimed at strengthening global energy security at next week's Group of Seven summit in France as renewed tensions in the Middle East raise concerns about oil supplies, a government source said

Thursday.

The three principles comprise maintaining free and transparent energy trade, supporting larger strategic oil reserves and promoting closer cooperation between oil-producing and oil-consuming countries, according to the source.



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Japan hopes the initiative will help build a shared understanding among G7 leaders on the need to safeguard energy supplies amid increasing geopolitical risks.

The proposal is also intended to expand international support for the Partnership on Wide Energy and Resources Resilience Asia, a Japanese-led financing framework designed to help Asian countries secure stable oil supplies. — Kyodo

India emerges as key financial services talent hub

INDIA is rapidly strengthening its position as a global talent hub for financial services, with Mumbai, Delhi NCR and Bengaluru featuring among the world's top 30 financial services markets, according to Colliers' latest research report.

The report, Global Financial Services Markets: Top Talent Locations 2026, said India's major cities are gaining prominence due to strong labour availability, talent pipelines, venture capital



India's major cities are gaining prominence due to strong labour availability, talent pipelines, venture capital activity and industry output. **PHOTO: ANI**

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According to the re-

port, Mumbai has been identified as a leading "Global Centre" for finan-

cial services talent, while Delhi NCR emerged as a key "Strategic Centre" and Bengaluru was recognized among the world's leading "Domestic & Operational Centres".

"India is rapidly strengthening its position as a global financial services hub, backed by a deep talent pool, technology expertise and operational scale," said Arpit Mehrotra, Managing Director, Office Services, Colliers India. — ANI

Tanzania unveils new budget

THE Tanzanian government on Wednesday outlined a 62.3 trillion Tanzanian shillings (about US\$24 billion) budget framework for the 2026/2027 financial year, marking the first year of implementing the country's Development Vision 2050 and a new five-year development plan.

Finance Minister Khamis Omar announced the budget priorities ahead of Thursday's presentation in parliament, saying that a significant portion of the budget will fund strategic projects aimed at accelerating economic growth.

Key investments will focus on the construction of the standard gauge railway, expansion of road networks, improvement of water services, energy development, and human capital advancement, Omar told a news conference held in the capital city of Dodoma. — Xinhua

Pakistan eyes 4% economic growth

PAKISTAN'S National Economic Council (NEC), the country's highest constitutional body for economic planning, on Wednesday approved a national development budget of 3.669 trillion Pakistani rupees (about US\$13 billion) for the financial year 2026-27 and set a four-per cent economic growth target for the next financial year.

The decisions were made at an NEC meeting chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in Islamabad, according to a statement from the Prime Minister's Office. — Xinhua

OpenAI prepares for public market debut

IN what could eventually become a hotly-contested price war, OpenAI

is considering slashing prices of the AI offerings as it prepares for

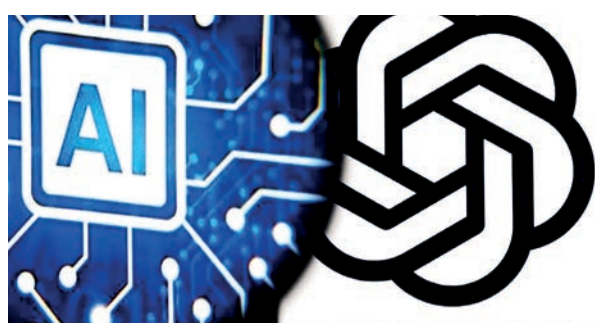
its public market debut, according to a WSJ report. The ChatGPT-maker confidentially filed for an IPO earlier this week after archrival Anthropic did the same last week.

OpenAI CEO Sam Altman had earlier identified rising costs as a huge problem.

"The company is weighing significant cuts to what it charges for tokens, the unit of meas-

urement artificial-intelligence firms use to bill for their products," the WSJ report said.

The price cut by OpenAI could be in anticipation of a similar move that Anthropic is likely considering, the report added. Both the companies are fiercely competing with each other to get a larger share of the enterprise AI market. — ANI



OpenAI CEO Sam Altman had earlier identified rising costs as a huge problem. **PHOTO: LINKEDIN**

Japan, Britain eye framework on offshore wind power

JAPAN and Britain are considering setting up a framework to promote collaboration on offshore wind power generation, Japanese government sources said Thursday, as renewable energy attracts renewed attention amid the Middle East conflict.

Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi and her British counterpart Keir Starmer are expected to exchange a memorandum on the energy field that will also cover next-generation nuclear power plants and nuclear fusion technology when they meet in London on Sunday, the sources said. — Kyodo

China-Africa trade expo in Morocco set to boost bilateral trade cooperation

THE Morocco session of the China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo opened on Wednesday in Casablanca, the largest city of Morocco.

The event is the first major overseas economic and trade event organized by central China's Hunan Province in Africa since

China fully implemented a zero-tariff policy for 53 African countries with which it has diplomatic relations. Featuring targeted

and practical matchmaking mechanisms, the expo will build a new bridge for mutual benefit and serve as a landmark platform to deepen China-Morocco strategic cooperation and upgrade China-Africa economic and trade ties, said Moroccan experts.

It comes at an opportune time, as it marks the 10th anniversary of the strategic partnership between China and Morocco, and will help translate the dividends of the zero-tariff policy into practical cooperation results, said Nasser Bouchiba, president of the Morocco-based Africa China Cooperation Association for Development. — Xinhua



This photo shows a truck for export being hoisted onto a China-Africa liner at Yantai Port in east China's Shandong Province. PHOTO: TANG KE/XINHUA

Struggling German auto supplier Bosch pivots to robots

GERMAN industrial giant Bosch said Wednesday it will step up efforts in the field of humanoid robotics, as its traditional auto parts business comes under increasing pressure.

The world's biggest auto supplier, Bosch makes everything from braking systems to sensors, but has suffered as

European carmakers battle fierce overseas competition and weak demand.

However, the rise of humanoid robots, powered with generative AI models and capable of performing complex tasks, offers an opening for the group, chief executive Stefan Hartung said. — AFP



With the advent of humanoid robotics, the demand for Bosch components and solutions is increasing. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

S Korea fines Coupang record \$400M over data leak

SOUTH Korea imposed Thursday a record \$408 million fine on e-commerce giant Coupang over a leak that exposed the data of more than 30 million customers, provoking ire from US lawmakers.

The move caps a months-long probe into the country's largest online retail platform, which is incorporated in the United States. Allegations of a

massive data leak first surfaced in November, becoming an unexpected source of friction between Seoul and Washington. "We have decided to impose a total of 624.68 billion won in fines... on Coupang for violating safety obligations and collecting personal data without legal grounds," a Personal Information Protection Commission statement said. — AFP

Japan diversifies oil imports amid tensions

JAPAN expects to secure the same volume of crude oil imports in July as it did a year earlier, sources close to the matter said Thursday, ramping up purchases from non-Middle Eastern suppliers like the United States amid the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz.

Japan has relied

on the Middle East for more than 90 per cent of its crude oil imports. But shipments via the Strait of Hormuz, a key energy route through which around 20 per cent of global oil and liquefied natural gas normally pass, have nearly halted, forcing Japan to seek supplies elsewhere. — Kyodo

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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M.V AS SUSANNA VOY.NO. (0050N)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V AS SUSANNA VOY.NO. (0050N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12-6-2026 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MIP/MITT 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.

Phone No: 2301185

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

(ONE) OCEAN NETWORK EXPRESS LINE

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Agent For:

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ROLLING UPDATES WORLD

US pocketed \$15B oil windfall during ME conflict



Greg Diaz, president of International Frontier Forwarders, Inc, oversees machinery for the oil and gas industry destined for Venezuela being loaded onto the Portuguese flagged vessel Roibeira at the Port of Houston, Texas, on 25 February 2026. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

US oil exports rose to \$10.71 billion (125.3 million barrels) in March.

THE United States earned \$8.28 billion from oil exports and \$6.84 billion from refined product exports during the two months of the Middle East conflict, according to Sputnik calculations based on US Customs data.

US oil exports rose to \$10.71 billion (125.3 mil-

lion barrels) in March and reached an all-time high of \$17.15 billion (167.8 million barrels) in April.

The value of supplies grew more sharply than volumes: in March, it increased by 35 per cent compared to February, and in April by 60 per cent compared to March.

Export volumes rose by three per cent month-on-month in March and by one-third in April.

Before the conflict, the average monthly price per barrel of US crude was \$66.8. In March, it rose to \$85.5 (up \$18.7), and in April to \$102.2 (up \$35.4). — SPUTNIK

China kicks off mega LNG vessel build, cementing high-end shipbuilding edge

CONSTRUCTION has commenced on an ultra-large liquefied natural gas (LNG) carrier with a capacity of 271,000 cubic metres, underscoring China's growing strength in high-end shipbuilding and global energy logistics.

The QC-Max class vessel, built by Hudong-Zhonghua Shipbuilding (Group) Co Ltd under China State Shipbuilding Corporation

(CSSC), is scheduled for delivery in 2028.

Measuring 344 metres in length, the mega-ship features an upgraded membrane containment system designed to maximize cargo capacity, enhance safety, and improve environmental efficiency.

Compared to conventional 174,000-cubic-metre LNG carriers currently dominating the market, the new vessel offers a 57

per cent increase in cargo capacity, while maintaining a daily boil-off rate of just 0.087 per cent, significantly reducing transit losses, according to a representative from the shipyard. Powered by a highly efficient dual-fuel propulsion system, the ship meets the International Maritime Organization's Tier III emission standards and can dock at most major LNG terminals worldwide. — Xinhua



China's self-developed liquefied natural gas (LNG) dual-fuel container vessel "MSC Mariacristina" undergoing a sea trial in the waters of Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Libya suspends issuing visa-on-arrival at airports

LIBYA'S Government of National Unity has temporarily suspended the issuance of visas on arrival at airports and air entry points, as part of efforts to regulate the entry of foreign nationals and strengthen border controls.

The measure took effect immediately and will remain in force until a comprehensive review of



Passengers get off a plane at the M'etiga international airport in the Libyan capital of Tripoli. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**

visa issuance mechanisms is completed and new regulatory procedures are introduced, according to an official circular issued late Wednesday.

The circular said the move aims to prevent forgery and misuse of entry permits while ensuring compliance with existing laws and regulations governing foreigners' entry into the country. — Xinhua

Iran launched missile strikes on air base in Jordan

IRAN launched 12 ballistic missile strikes against US F-35, F-15, and F-16 fighter jets, key facilities, and a command centre at the Muwaffaq Salti Air Base near the town of Azraq in Jordan, Press TV reported.

US President Donald Trump on Wednesday accused Tehran of stalling negotiations and said the United States intends to launch a large-scale attack on Iran. The Pentagon's Central Command announced on Wednesday that it had launched strikes on Iran at the direc-

tion of the US commander-in-chief.

The Iranian news agency Tasnim, citing a military source, reported that the Iranian Armed Forces were on alert for possible US attacks, and that in the event of an attack by American forces, Tehran would strike US targets in the Middle East.

Following US strikes on Iran, the Islamic Republic launched a missile attack on the US Harir Air Base in northern Iraq, the Iranian news agency Nour News reported. — SPUTNIK

UK defence minister announces shock resignation

BRITISH Defence Secretary John Healey resigned on Thursday, in a shock move which he blamed on Prime Minister Keir Starmer and the finance ministry failing to

commit sufficient resources to defence investment.

His announcement is a fresh blow to Starmer and comes at a politically charged moment for the embattled Labour leader,

a week before a by-election which could prompt a bid to topple and replace him.

Healey's sudden departure comes after months of delays to a

long-awaited Defence Investment Plan (DIP) for funding over the next decade, which he has said would fall far short of what had been requested. — AFP

SPORTS

Myanmar pro boxers leave for Japan's Benkei Fight



Myanmar's national boxing athletes and officials are pictured at Yangon International Airport before departing for the Benkei Fight event in Osaka, Japan.

MYANMAR'S national boxing athletes and officials departed from Yangon International Airport yesterday evening to compete in the Benkei Fight boxing event in Osaka,

Japan.

The Myanmar Boxing Commission (MBC) was established to develop professional Western boxing in Myanmar and to enable Myanmar fighters to offi-

cially compete in international professional events. The commission regulates domestic professional boxing matches in accordance with international rules, issues licences to fighters

and referees, and maintains official affiliations with top world-recognized boxing sanctioning bodies, including the WBC (World Boxing Council), WBA (World Boxing Association), and Asian boxing federations.

Thanks to the MBC's official network, Myanmar boxers have secured contracts to compete in international professional events like Japan's Benkei Fight. Winning these matches will allow them to enter the World Rankings, serving as a vital bridge for raising the Myanmar flag on the global boxing stage. — TWA/KZL

Football: Seasoned veterans, senior members to buttress high-flying Japan

AFTER pulling off upsets against Brazil last October and England this March in friendlies, expectations for Japan have shot to a level unseen ahead of their past seven World Cups.

But their veteran players showed no sign of contentment with the recent successes at their base camp in Nashville on Wednesday as they went through their paces ahead of Japan's Group F opener on Sunday against the Netherlands, another traditional powerhouse.

"I fully understand friendlies and the first match of the World Cup are totally different animals," said 34-year-old defender Shogo Taniguchi. "We'll strive together and adjust until the very last moment in analyzing our opponents."

Making a Japan record fifth straight World Cup squad, 39-year-old Yuto Nagatomo echoed that sentiment by using the group-stage exit at the 2014 tournament in Brazil under Alberto Zaccheroni as a bitter point of refer-



Japan's Wataru Endo (2nd from L) trains with his teammates in Nashville, Tennessee, on 10 June 2026. PHOTO: KYODO

ence.

"Things were going smoothly for those four years, beating Argentina, France and Belgium

along the way, only to realize at the end that what we thought was confidence was overconfidence," he said. — Kyodo

Wimbledon prize money pot increased to £64.2 mln



Wimbledon prize money has been increased by 20 per cent. PHOTO: AFP

WIMBLEDON'S prize money pot has been increased by 20 per cent to a tournament-record figure of £64.2 million (\$85.7 million).

All England Club chiefs revealed the substantial cash boost for players during a pre-tournament press conference on Thursday.

The Wimbledon singles' champions will now pocket £3.6 million each.

Italy's Jannik Sinner is the

reigning men's champion, while Poland's Iga Swiatek won the women's event last year.

Even first round losers will be richly compensated at Wimbledon this year, with £80,000 allocated to players beaten at that stage.

The Wimbledon raise comes after several of the world's top players staged a protest prior to the recent the French Open by limiting media activities to 15 minutes. — AFP



Guests are seen in front of the Olympic House, the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee, in Lausanne, Switzerland, 23 June 2019. PHOTO: XINHUA

IOC proposes major reform of Olympic programme, host election process

THE International Olympic Committee's Executive Board has proposed sweeping reforms to both the Olympic Games program review process and the Olympic host election framework, aiming to improve transparency, sustainability, cost management and athlete-centred decision-making.

The proposals were presented by IOC President Kirsty Coventry as part of the organization's ongoing "Fit for the Future" initiative following an Executive Board meeting.

A central element of the reforms is a shift to-

ward evaluating Olympic disciplines rather than sports as a whole. The IOC said the approach more accurately reflects the impact of individual disciplines on venue requirements, operational complexity and overall Games costs.

Under the proposed framework, an Olympic discipline is defined as one or more events within a sport that require a dedicated field of play or a significant modification to a shared field of play, typically involving a separate group of athletes. — Xinhua

World Cup in US 'impossible without Trump': Infantino

FIFA chief Gianni Infantino said on Wednesday it would have been "impossible" to organize the World Cup in the United States without US President Donald Trump.

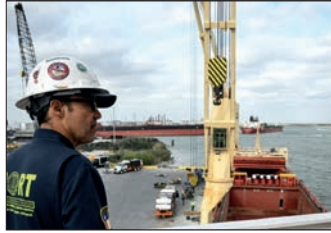
Infantino has established a firm friendship with Trump, even awarding the president a newly created FIFA Peace Prize in December, before US military operations in Venezuela and Iran.

"I have a great relationship with President Trump," Infantino said at a press conference in

Mexico City on the eve of a tournament being co-hosted by the US, Mexico and Canada.

"I'm very happy about that, I got to know him during his first mandate and we have been working very closely together now in his second term," Infantino said.

"Without his engagement and his involvement I think it would have been impossible — as simple as that — impossible to organize a World Cup in the United States." — AFP



Russia and China reshape global energy architecture: Expert

Russia remains a reliable supplier of "hydrocarbons, nuclear technology, and energy-security diplomacy".



This photo taken on 8 August 2018 shows the second production line of the Russia-China Yamal LNG project at the port of Sabetta, Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Russia. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**

RUSSIA and China work in tandem to create a system that provides energy to willing buyers with minimal reliance on Western-controlled payment systems, shipping and insurance, energy economist Dr Kazi Sohag tells Sputnik.

While the US tries to disrupt the flow of oil and gas around the world,

Russia remains a reliable supplier of "hydrocarbons, nuclear technology, and energy-security diplomacy".

China, on the other hand, emerges as "the dominant source of clean-energy technology, energy infrastructure, and industrial decarbonization equipment".

Working in concert, Russia and China help bring forth a global energy

supply system whose creation is intrinsically linked to the de-dollarization process.

Meanwhile, the West shoots itself in the foot with the energy crisis it caused, as Western economies struggle with glowing fuel prices while Western sanctions and financial tools prove unable to "fully control global energy flows". — SPUTNIK

CSTO urges preventing outer space arms race

FOREIGN ministers of the member states of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) on Wednesday called for urgent measures to prevent an arms race in outer space.

A joint statement adopted by the ministers urged all countries, particularly those with significant space capabilities, to take immediate steps to prevent the

placement of weapons in outer space and the use or threat of force in space-related activities.

The ministers also called for the swift conclusion, through negotiations, of legally binding multilateral agreements that would be subject to effective verification mechanisms and aimed at preventing the weaponization of outer space. — Xinhua

Sri Lanka urges water conservation amid El Nino

SRI Lanka's Department of Agriculture on Thursday urged farmers to use water sparingly as the country prepares for the possible impact of El Nino conditions.

Thushara Wickramaarachchi, director-general of the Department of Agriculture, advised farmers to cultivate short-term crop varieties as a precautionary measure.

He said farmers

should not be unnecessarily alarmed about cultivation during the Yala farming season, but should manage water carefully and follow guidance from agriculture officials.

The department was monitoring the situation and would provide farmers with necessary advice if weather conditions changed, Wickramaarachchi said. — Xinhua

Iran's president says US infrastructure threats show desperation

IRANIAN President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Wednesday that US threats to target Iran's critical infrastructure are a sign of its desperation in the face of the nation's will.

He made the remarks in a post on social media platform X, reacting to threats uttered earlier in the day by US President

Donald Trump, who said he may order new strikes on Iran's power plants and bridges over Tehran's "delay" in signing a deal with Washington.

"Vital infrastructure constitutes the people's lifeline. Threatening to target them, from transport networks to the electricity and water industries, is not

a show of power, but a sign of desperation in the face of a nation's will," Pezeshkian said.

He expressed confidence that by relying on its experts' knowledge and capabilities as well as national unity and solidarity, Iran will stand firm against any pressure and threat.

In a post on Truth So-

cial on Wednesday, Trump said that Iran has "taken too long to negotiate a deal" and will now "have to pay the price".

Trump also suggested he may order new strikes on Iran's power plants and bridges, Fox News reported on Wednesday, citing a phone interview.

"I may keep going,"



Iranians gather on the iconic Khaju Bridge over the Zayandeh Rud river in Isfahan, on 16 May 2022. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Trump said during the interview. "They had a chance to sign a deal and survive." — Xinhua