

The Global **NEW LIGHT** of MYANMAR

Leaders Reaffirm Myanmar-China Border Security



Myanmar President U Min Aung Hlaing and Chinese President Mr Xi Jinping inspect the Guard of Honour at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China.

The Myanmar government has initiated implementation of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) while collaborating with China to combat cross-border telecom fraud, illegal gambling, and narcotics trafficking, alongside efforts to reopen vital border posts and trade routes.

PRESIDENT of the People's Republic of China Mr Xi Jinping welcomed President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, who is on a State Visit to the People's Republic of

China, with a Guard of Honour at the Great Hall of the People yesterday morning, and they held talks.

The Myanmar President was welcomed at the entrance to the Great Hall of the People

by the Guard of Honour of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) (Army, Navy and Air) with the salute while the trumpet troupe honoured the President with the music. The artillery troop in parade per-

formed the 21-gun salute.

President U Min Aung Hlaing was warmly welcomed by President Mr Xi Jinping. They shook hands against the backdrop of the national flags of

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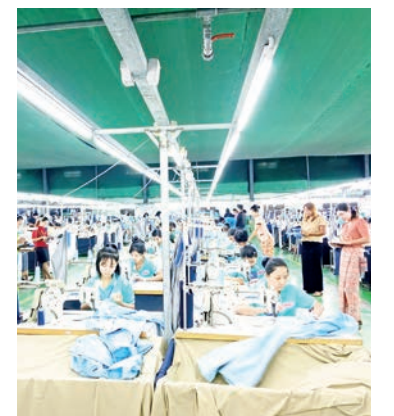
MGMA rallies members for Shanghai Apparel Expo

MYANMAR Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) invited member companies and factories to participate in Inter-textile Shanghai Apparel Fabrics — Autumn Edition, which is scheduled to be held on 25-27 August 2026 at the National Exhibition and Convention Centre.

This is a platform to meet potential customers, explore market opportunities and learn about trends. Pet Boutique Zone (Pet Clothing, Pet Textile Materials), Climate-Adaptive Textiles, Smart Textiles, AI-based Design Solutions, Sustainability & Eco-friendly Materials will be showcased.

This exhibition will also provide an opportunity for overseas suppliers to build stronger networks in the region, enhance their presence in the market, study sustainable textiles and smart textiles, and find new business partnerships.

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Myanmar Targets Exports of Eco-Friendly Banana and Grass Products

MYANMAR producers are ramping up efforts to export eco-friendly, value-added products crafted from banana fibre and wild grass, according to local enterprise Green Banana Myanmar.

Currently, from these raw materials, various value-added products like handbags, scarves, fabric, slippers and mats are being produced in line with modern trends. As they are gaining public interest, orders

are also being received.

“Since banana trees must be cut after fruiting, the trunks are split to extract fibres. The first layer is coarse and used as fibres, while the smooth part

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Why Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases are Important

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President's Office Union Minister signs condolence book for demise of Princess Bajrakitiyabha of Thailand

ON behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Union Minister U Tin Aung San at the President's Office signed the condolence book opened at the Thai Embassy in Yangon yesterday for the demise of Princess Bajrakitiyabha Narindiradebyavati Kromluangrajasarinisribajra Mahavajrarajadhita of Thailand on 11 June 2026.

The Union minis-



Union Minister U Tin Aung San signs the condolence book on the demise of Thai Princess Bajrakitiyabha at the Thai Embassy in Yangon.

ter arrived at the Thai Embassy to Myanmar and was welcomed by the Chargé d'Affaires

and officials in the Embassy's meeting room. The Union minister expressed his deep sorrow

on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar over the passing of Princess Bajrakitiyabha of Thailand, expressing his condolences to the Thai royal family, the Thai government and the people, and signed the condolence book.

Princess Bajrakitiyabha, the eldest daughter of the King of Thailand, was 47 years old at the time of her demise. — MNA/MKKS

Myanmar delegation joins 2026 Asia Video Policy Roundtable



The Asia Video Industry Association (AVIA) Policy Round Table 2026 is underway in Bali, Indonesia.

THE Asia Video Industry Association – AVIA Policy Round Table 2026 was held on 16 June at the Mulia Resort in Bali,

Indonesia, bringing together regulators, legal and policy experts from authorities in the Asia-Pacific region.

The conference was organized in four sessions: Economic Impact, AI and Content, Online Safety, and Horizon Scanning.

AVIA is a non-profit organization for the Asia-Pacific video and streaming industry, representing leading broadcasters, streaming platforms, and content creators. The forum, which brings together approximately 50 technology service providers and professional services companies, is working to strengthen the mul-

ti-channel video industry based on cable, satellite, broadband and wireless networks, promote innovation and promote sustainable development.

It delivers video services, connectivity and content to hundreds of millions of households in the Asia-Pacific region. The discussion focused on policies and regulations affecting the broadcasting and video industries and was attended by U Ye Nain, Director-General of the Myanmar Radio and Television, and his team. — MNA/MKKS

Gas output increases from Maubin Well No 22

THE Ministry of Electricity and Energy's Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) is continuing efforts to increase domestic oil and natural gas production to help meet the country's growing energy demand.

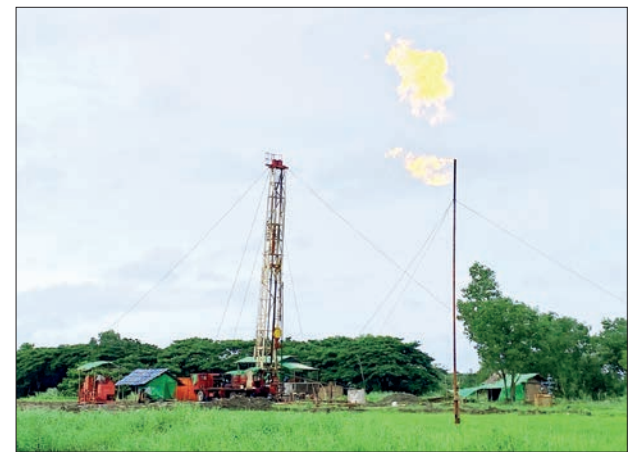
As part of these efforts, seismic surveys were conducted in the Maubin (South) and Sakkaw areas of the Ayeyawady Region, while studies and perforation work on thin gas-bearing sand layers were carried out at the Maubin, Nyaungdon and Aphauk oilfields in Ayeyawady and Yangon regions.

At the Maubin oilfield, extended perforation work was previously undertaken at wells No 18, 20, 16 and 14, resulting in daily natural gas production of about 6.8 million cubic feet. The gas has been supplied to compressed natural gas filling stations in Yangon Region.

On 12 June 2026, MOGE conducted extended perforation work on a sand layer at Well No 22 in the Maubin (South) oil and gas field. The well is now producing about 1.4 million cubic feet of natural gas per day.

The extra output will be distributed to fertilizer plants, factories and workshops, as well as compressed natural gas filling stations in Yangon and Ayeyawady regions.

In line with its motto, "The nation's natural resources for the people," the ministry is implementing both short-term and long-term plans to expand oil and natural gas exploration and production, while reducing dependence on imported energy and promoting the development of domestic energy resources, according to official reports. — MNA/KZL



Natural gas production at Well No 22 in the Maubin (South) oil and natural gas field.

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued on 7 pm Tuesday 16 June 2026)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate to strong over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal. The weather has a few clouds to partly cloudy over the South Andaman Sea and partly cloudy to cloudy over the North Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 17 June 2026: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Magway Region, fairly widespread in Mandalay and Lower Sagaing Regions and Kayah State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy

falls in Yangon, Upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin, Mon, Rakhine and eastern Shan States. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and (northern and eastern) Shan States. In the area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied by rain, thunder, lightning and hails may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to 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 heavyfalls in Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions and Kayin and Mon, States.

FORECAST FOR NAYPYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 17 June 2026: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 17 June 2026: One or two rain showers or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 17 June 2026: One or two rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

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Myanmar President, Chinese Premier hold talks on trade, energy and border cooperation

PRESIDENT U Min Aung Hlaing met Chinese Premier Mr Li Qiang at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday afternoon during his State Visit to China at the invitation of Chinese President Mr Xi Jinping.

Chinese Premier Mr Li Qiang welcomed the Myanmar delegation and reaffirmed China's longstanding support for Myanmar. He expressed confidence that Myanmar would achieve greater unity and development under the President's leadership and said both sides should deepen bilateral ties, strengthen friendship and work together for regional peace and prosperity.

President U Min Aung Hlaing described the visit as an important opportunity to further strengthen the traditional friendship and strategic partnership between the two countries.



Myanmar President U Min Aung Hlaing exchanges handshakes with Chinese Premier Mr Li Qiang during their meeting yesterday.

He said the discussions would help expand cooperation in trade, investment, science and technology, and people-to-people exchanges for the mutual benefit of both nations.

The President noted that Myanmar and China have maintained close "Pauk-Phaw" relations based on the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence and said bilateral ties had now reached the level of a deeper shared community with a common future. The friendship and cooperation between the two countries have become a role model in the international relations arena.

He said that while China is currently implementing its 15th Five-Year Plan, Myanmar's new government is also intensifying efforts to achieve lasting domestic peace and national development. He noted that the government

is prioritizing stronger economic cooperation with strategic partner countries to promote sustainable and balanced growth. He added that he was confident the positive outcomes of the day's discussions would be translated into practical cooperation and effectively implemented for the mutual benefit of both countries.

Premier Mr Li Qiang said China and Myanmar should continue practical cooperation across a wide range of sectors, expand trade, protect the interests of their peoples and work towards the early reopening of border trade routes. He also emphasized the need to implement the memoranda of understanding and agreements signed during the visit.

During the talks, the two leaders exchanged views on enhancing cooperation in all sectors,

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near the core is used as thread. From there, products like bags, shirts, men's shoes, women's shoes, scarves, and mats are produced in line with modern trends. We also produce from grass. We have some orders and are trying to export," said the secretary of Green Banana Myanmar.

Green Banana Myanmar CEO U Myint Thein initiated creating banana-related products in 2019. He aims to share

these with new generations. At the Green Banana Myanmar branch on Hlegu-Phaunggyi Road, they offer training on banana and grass product manufacturing as well as business incubation methods. They also provide training in other cities.

It is also learned from other entrepreneurs that there is growing interest among young people in consuming domestically produced value-added products. — MT/ZN

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets International Relations Committee

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi met members of the International Relations Committee at the Hluttaw Affairs Hall (I-5) yesterday, together with Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn and officials from the Pyithu Hluttaw Office.

During the meeting, the Speaker said Hluttaw activities should be made more widely known to the public in line with the motto "Voice of the people – voice of the Hluttaw, will of the people – will of the Hluttaw, hopes of the people – implemented by the Hluttaw," and emphasized the use of



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi holds talks with members of the Hluttaw's International Relations Committee yesterday.

social media to enhance public awareness.

He noted that 22 committees, including four standing committees, have been formed to support parliamentary functions and said the International Relations Committee plays an im-

portant role, especially during the country's transitional period.

He highlighted the need to strengthen engagement with the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), promote par-

liamentary friendship groups, and coordinate internationally aligned legislation on issues such as environmental protection and global initiatives, including integration of Track 1.5 and Track 2 processes.

Committee Chair Dr Pwint San briefed the meeting on the committee's activities and future plans, followed by discussions from members. The Deputy Speaker also shared remarks on the committee's responsibilities.

The Speaker later inspected the committee office and meeting rooms. — MNA/KZL

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Myanmar, China to deepen cooperation in border stability and security



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Chairman Mr Zhao Leji of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) yesterday.

PRESIDENT of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, who is in the People's Republic of China on his State Visit, held a meeting with Chairman Mr Zhao Leji of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) at the Great Hall of the People yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, the NPC Chairman stated the continuous efforts between China and Myanmar to initiate cooperation beneficial to each other under their agreements, extension of

his invitation to the Speakers of the Hluttaw and representatives to China, and his firm belief for leadership of the new government of Myanmar to achieve peace and stability as well as greater development.

The President emphasized the promotion of cooperation between the National People's Congress of China and Myanmar's Hluttaws, plans of sending Myanmar Hluttaw representatives to China, exchange of experiences in the legislative process, and Hluttaw administration and people's

representation.

They also cordially exchanged views on measures to ensure deep cooperation between the Hluttaws of the two countries, promotion of bilateral trade and investment, combatting online scams and gambling activities, cooperation in drug eradication, and implementation of the peace process to deepen cooperation in border stability and security measures.

After the meeting, they cordially greeted each other.

Also present at the

meeting were Union Ministers U Khin Maung Yi, U Tin Maung Swe, Dr Kan Zaw, U Ko Ko Lwin, Dr Charlie Than and U Tun Ohn, Kachin State Chief Minister U Khet Htein Nan, Shan State Chief Minister U Sai Htein Soe, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, deputy ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Zaw Win Myint and officials. The NPC Chairman was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia and officials. — MNA/TTA

Wazira Cinema paper-reading ceremony held

THE Wazira Cinema paper-reading ceremony or Artistic Heritage Through the Ages was held yesterday at Sarso Beikman in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon.

The paper-reading session was attended by Union Minister for Information U Htein Linn, the Yangon Region minister for Information, Relief and Religious Affairs, scholars from various fields of literature, film, theatre, music, invitees and interested parties. Union Minister U Htein Linn delivered the opening speech, stating that the paper-reading session is a very important record for the history



Union Minister U Htein Linn presents awards the MMPO chairperson at yesterday's event.

of Myanmar cinema and art. It was held in pursuit of the very significant motto of preserving the past and building the future.

“The State government has made great efforts to promote Myanmar art. The international-level Wazira Theatre, which

we are reviving today, will prove how much we value and preserve our cultural and historical heritage,” he added.

A paper-reading ceremony was followed, where seven authors from the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization, the National University of Culture and Fine Arts (Yangon), the Myanmar Affairs Research Group, the Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central), and the Myanmar Music Association (Central) read their papers.

Afterwards, the Union minister presented awards to the chairperson and the authors. — MNA/MKKS

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Myanmar-China Economic Corridor. Posts and improving the lawful management of border trade. They also discussed increasing Chinese technical support for quarantine standards for Myanmar's agricultural and MSME products, strengthening cross-border law enforcement cooperation, and expanding strategic collaboration.

Other key topics included Chinese assistance in building a stable energy system and renewable energy capacity in Myanmar, continued support for reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts following the Mandalay earthquake, and accelerating implementation of projects under the

Myanmar-China Economic Corridor.

The meeting was also attended by members of the Myanmar delegation Union Ministers U Khin Maung Yi, U Tin Maung Swe, Dr Kan Zaw, U Ko Ko Lwin, Dr Charlie Than and U Tun Ohn, Kachin State Chief Minister U Khet Htein Nan, Shan State Chief Minister U Sai Htein Soe, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, deputy ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Zaw Win Myint, and other officials.

Joining Premier Li Qiang were Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia and Chinese government officials. — MNA/ST

MGMA rallies members for Shanghai Apparel Expo

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Under the arrangement of MGMA and the fair's organizers, MGMA members joining a Buyer Delegation Programme will receive two-night accommodation, free shuttle bus service between the hotels and the exhibition venue, fast-track entry through a dedicated registration counter and access to the Elite Buyer Club or Delegation Lounge. However, round-trip

flight tickets and other personal expenses will be borne by them. Each member factory or company can send up to two representatives. Registration must be completed by 7 July due to visa processing times, logistical arrangements, and room limitations.

Individuals can contact Ma Khin Thanda Aung (Event & PR Officer) via 09 758451158 for further details of the exhibition. — NN/KK

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Myanmar President Honours Fallen Heroes with Wreath-Laying Ceremony

THE high-level Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing laid a wreath at the Monument to the People's Heroes at Tiananmen Square yesterday afternoon.

The President is currently in the People's Republic of China on a State Visit at the invitation of President of the People's Republic of China Mr Xi Jinping.

The President and his entourage arrived at the Monument to the People's Heroes, where they were welcomed by senior officers from China. The military band played the national anthems of the two countries. The President, who took position behind two officers conveying the wreath, followed by senior officers from the China and Myanmar delegations, marched to the



Myanmar President U Min Aung Hlaing lays a wreath at the Monument to the People's Heroes at Tiananmen Square in Beijing, China.

venue where the wreath would be laid.

The President paid tribute by laying a wreath at the Monument to the

People's Heroes, accompanied by the performance of the military band of the People's Liberation Army of China.

After cordially greeting the senior officers from China, the President left the Monument to the People's Heroes. — MNA/TTA

Myanmar, Russia open public administration training

A training course on Digital Transformation in Public Administration, organized in cooperation with the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA) in Moscow, was launched yesterday at the Civil Service Academy (Upper Myanmar).

The opening ceremony saw Union Civil Service Board Chairman U Tin Maung Win, board member U Tun Tun Win, trainers from RANEPA, university rectors, and trainees.

The chairman delivered the opening address, while RANEPA training team leader Professor Gadzaov Felix Ruslanovich explained the objectives and background of the programme.

The course will be conducted in both in-person and online formats over two weeks from 16 to 26 June. A total of 20 faculty members from the two Civil Service Academies are taking the course.

Following the ceremony, the chairman met trainees from the Mid-Level Officer Training Course No 15 and Clerical Staff Training Course No 116, inspected mushroom and seasonal crop cultivation projects at trainee dormitories, and later had lunch with trainees from Junior Officer Training Course No 106. — MNA/KZL



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both countries, while the media recorded the event.

The Chinese President greeted the Myanmar delegation members while the Myanmar President greeted the Chinese delegation.

They took the salute of the Guard of Honour and inspected it. They waved to the children waving the miniature flags of the two countries and took the salute of the Guard of Honour. They then proceeded to Fujian Hall, where the meeting would be held.

The two Presidents held talks together with delegations of the two countries at Fujian Hall.

At the meeting, the Chinese President expressed his warm welcome to President U Min Aung Hlaing. He discussed the standing of China not to interfere in the internal affairs of other countries, emphasizing the sovereignty and territory of other countries, China's support for Myanmar's endeavours in initiating national development, security, peace and stability, socioeconomic development of the people, efforts for peace and stability, and a political path suited for the State.

In response, the Myanmar President stated that the primary aim of

the visit to enhance cooperation in multiple sectors between the two countries, including Myanmar's development, cooperation in Myanmar's peace process, and the increase of China's investment in Myanmar and trade promotion.

His talks emphasized the implementation of border stability without fail to successfully initiate the China-Myanmar economic corridor, which is part of the BRI, the efforts of the Myanmar government to initiate the NCA in Myanmar, combatting telecom fraud and gambling in Myanmar as well as drug eradication in cooperation

with China, and the reopening of border posts and trade routes.

The Chinese President also discussed the emphasis on cooperation between the two countries amid the complicated world political landscape with strengthening the strategic confidence, the status of both nations as the most trustful and reliable partner countries, the deeper cooperation between the two countries, the firmness in enhancing security and rule of law between the two countries, the support of China for Myanmar as an important member of ASEAN, and the plans of China to pro-

vide aid for all necessities of Myanmar.

They also exchanged views on strengthening bilateral ties and expanding cooperation across space technology, energy, security, and cultural and religious exchanges.

After the meeting, a ceremony to exchange documents of the memorandum of understanding between the two countries followed.

Officials of relevant sectors signed 18 MoUs on human resource development, agriculture, trade promotion, media and humanitarian, technology and knowledge-sharing sectors, including the joint

promotion of cooperation in the Global Security Initiative (GSI), the Global Civilization Initiative (GCI), and the Global Development Initiative (GDI) in the presence of the two Presidents of Myanmar and China.

The Chinese President hosted a special luncheon in honour of the Myanmar President and delegation members. The Chinese President welcomed President U Min Aung Hlaing and had a special luncheon together.

After the special luncheon, the Chinese President saw off President U Min Aung Hlaing. — MNA/TTA

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President U Min Aung Hlaing meets Myanmar Embassy staff, scholarship students in Beijing

PRESIDENT U Min Aung Hlaing, who is in China on a State Visit at the invitation of Chinese President Mr Xi Jinping, met staff and family members of the Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché Office, as well as Myanmar scholarship students in Beijing.

Upon arrival at the embassy, the President was warmly welcomed by embassy and military attaché staff, their families, and scholarship students. He also signed the embassy's guest book before receiving briefings from embassy officials and military representatives on their ongoing duties and activities.

In his address, President U Min Aung Hlaing said the visit was his first State Visit to China since



President U Min Aung Hlaing speaks at the meeting with the staff and family members of the Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché Office, and Myanmar scholarship students in Beijing.



assuming the presidency. He noted that Myanmar and China share a long-standing "Pauk-Phaw" friendship and strategic partnership. During the trip, he held talks with President Xi Jinping, Chinese Premier Li Qiang, and senior Chinese officials,

discussing ways to strengthen comprehensive strategic cooperation and promote mutual benefits for both countries and their peoples.

The President said China fully supports Myanmar's efforts to maintain stability and promote

socioeconomic development, adding that the visit had produced positive outcomes for bilateral relations. He also reaffirmed Myanmar's commitment to advancing along the path of a multiparty democratic system and stressed the importance

of public servants carrying out their responsibilities effectively.

Highlighting the role of education in national development, he said Myanmar is investing in education and human resource development to build a skilled and disciplined

workforce. He encouraged scholarship students to make the best use of their educational opportunities, study modern technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI), and contribute to strengthening Myanmar-China cooperation in the future.

The President also urged embassy and military attaché staff and their families to support one another while serving abroad and to help promote economic cooperation, trade, and investment opportunities between the two countries through diplomatic channels.

Following the meeting, the President presented gifts and cash awards to embassy families and Myanmar military and civilian scholarship students studying in China. He later greeted attendees, attended to their needs, and had dinner together with embassy staff, families, and students. — MNA/ST

Myanmar, Cambodia sign MoU on tourism cooperation

MYANMAR hosted the Mekong Tourism Forum 2026 and related meetings under the theme "Tourism for People, Travel with Purpose" at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Yangon from 14 to 19 June.

Union Minister for Hotels, Tourism and Culture U Maung Myint hosted a working luncheon for Cambodian Tourism Minister Mr Huot Hak, yesterday, and openly discussed regional tourism related matters.

The signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on tourism cooperation between Myanmar and Cambodia was held. The Union minister and the Cambodian Minister of Tourism signed the MoU on tourism cooperation between the two countries.



Union Minister U Maung Myint and Cambodian Tourism Minister Mr Huot Hak sign the tourism cooperation MoU in Yangon yesterday.

Officials from the Cambodia Tourism Board explained the current status of Cambodia's tourism industry, while officials from the Myanmar Tourism Federation presented the conditions of Myanmar's tourism sector.

The Union minister and the Cambodian minister observed the food exhibition of Greater

Mekong Subregion being held at the Pan Pacific Hotel from 15 to 17 June.

In the evening, the Union minister hosted dinner for the Cambodian Tourism Minister, leaders and representatives of tourism authorities of Greater Mekong Subregion and partner organizations at the Lotte hotel, and made greeting speech. — MNA/KTZH

Trio of ASEAN Nations Unite to Boost Tourism

THE tourism sector of three ASEAN countries, rich in ancient cultural heritage and nature-based tourism during the open season, will be developed through proper collaboration, according to the Myanmar Tourism Federation.

The development of the tourism industry can only be achieved successfully through cooperation between the government and the private sector. Travel agencies have pointed out that the transportation sector plays a crucial role in enabling tourists from one country to travel conveniently to another. By promoting tourism transportation cooperation among Myanmar, Cambodia, and Thailand, international tourists will gain greater awareness



U Yan Win, president of the Myanmar Tourism Federation.

of the ASEAN countries' ancient heritage sites, traditional cultures, and natural beauty.

"To develop Myanmar's tourism sector, direct flight connections with countries that generate high tourist arrivals are essential. If countries cooperate, it will benefit everyone, and more tourists may visit during the coming open season. The federation is also striving to establish direct trav-

el links with Cambodia. Cambodia receives a large number of tourists annually, with nearly five million visitors each year to Angkor Wat. If there are direct airline connections, tourists will flock to Myanmar's tourist destinations, including Bagan. If this plan is implemented through cooperation among Myanmar, Cambodia, and Thailand, tourist arrivals in the three countries will certainly increase. It also depends on the government's support and the strong efforts of travel agencies," said U Yan Win, president of the Myanmar Tourism Federation.

It is necessary to organize more tourism attraction forums that can support tourism promotion.

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MNHRC inspects Thanlyin Youth Training School



MNHRC members are pictured inspecting the Thanlyin Youth Training School yesterday.

THE inspection team from the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, led by Commission Members U Than Win, U Ohn Khaing, and Daw Sandar, inspected the Thanlyin Youth Training School, which operates under the supervision of the Department of Social Welfare, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and

Resettlement in Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region, on 16 June 2026. The team inspected the matters, including whether there were any delays in the judicial process of youths who were receiving care and training at the school, as well as access to health-care services, provision of food, access to clean drinking water, dormi-

tory arrangements, and the accessibility of Citizenship Scrutiny Cards. Furthermore, the team observed the rehabilitation efforts aimed at fostering the youths' mental and physical development through behavioural reformation to ensure their successful reintegration into society, as well as access to education and vocational training, the right to contact and reintegration with their family members, and the right to freedom of religion.

The findings and recommendations from the inspection visits will be sent to the relevant department for necessary action under the Commission's law. — MNHRC

Mongton holds masonry training graduation ceremony



The closing ceremony of the masonry training course is underway yesterday in Mongton, Shan State (East).

THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development held a graduation ceremony for a masonry training course designed to support livelihood opportunities and produce skilled workers for rural residents at the department's meeting hall in Mongton Township yesterday.

Daw Kyawt Kyawt Khaing, head of the Mongton District Department of Rural Development delivered an address at the ceremony. Head of the Mongton Township Department U Min Oo then urged trainees to continue applying and expanding the basic masonry knowledge and skills acquired during the training in their respective

workplaces.

The director and responsible officials presented first, second and third prizes to outstanding trainees. Mongton Township Department Head U Min Oo presented completion certificates to the trainees, and one trainee returned appreciation on behalf of all participants.

The livelihood-support masonry training course for the 2026-2027 financial year was attended by 20 trainees from Loikhamlong, Santhida, Noungyasai, Aungchantha, Pangkyine, Hweipahlaing, Ayethaya and Pangsali villages. A qualified instructor provided free theoretical and practical training for 15 days. — Maung Khaing (Rural)

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw establishes Myanmar Parliamentary Union (MPU)

THE Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued for the third day at its convention hall of the Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, attended by 552 out of 560 Hluttaw representatives.

On the occasion, Deputy Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Jang Phang Naw Taung (aka) U Naw Taung explained the purpose of setting up the Myanmar Parliamentary Union (MPU).

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe announced the plan to establish the Myanmar Parliamentary Union (MPU) with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe as Chair, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi as Vice-Chair, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Jang Phang Naw Taung (aka) U Naw Taung as Secretary, Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn as member, together



The third-day meeting of the second regular session of the Third Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is in progress yesterday, presided over by Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe.

with speakers of region and state Hluttaws. The approval will be sought from the Hluttaw for the formation of the union on the fourth day of the session.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker then announced the plan to form the Joint Committee on ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) with U Chit Swe from the Ayeyawady Region Constituency 10 as Chairman, and the Joint Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Union-IPU with Dr Pwint San

from the Yaksawk Constituency as Chairman. The approval for formations will be sought from the Hluttaw on the fourth-day session.

The Speaker announced the replacement of members at the Joint Bill Committee, the Joint Public Accounts Committee, and the Representative Scrutiny Committee.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will inform the representatives about the date of convening its fourth-day session. — MNA/TTA

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The Myanmar Tourism Federation is reportedly making efforts to implement such activities in line with tourism promotion initiatives carried out by foreign countries.

ASEAN countries with high tourist arrivals have continuously attracted visitors due to

policies such as arrival visa services, visa exemptions, high-quality tourism services, and convenient use of bank cards. These factors encourage repeat visits and positive word-of-mouth recommendations, resulting in a steady flow of tourists to Cambodia and Thailand every year.

As part of promoting the tourism industry of Myanmar, the Mekong Tourism Forum and related meetings are currently being held with the experts from China, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam and Myanmar at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Yangon from 16 to 19 June. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

TOP J exam application deadline extended to 18 June

FOR the TOP J exam to be held in Yangon and Mandalay in July, the application period has been extended to 18 June, said the Myanmar Association of Japan Alumni (MAJA) Education Centre.

For the convenience

of test takers, the application period for the 12 July TOP J exam has been extended. Candidates can still submit their applications online at <https://forms.gle/RP-7b9kbeeYaw2Gp66>.

Exam fee is K72,000.

For more information about the exam, enquiries can be made through the following contact number 09 428613848 or the MAJA Education Centre, located at 10th quarter, South Okkalapa Township. — MT/ZS

OPINION

Nurture students to have practice of systematic littering

WASTE discarded by humans is found not only in communities near people but has even reached the middle of the world's oceans. An environment surrounded by waste not only harms physical health but also has negative effects on mental well-being.

In large cities, indiscriminate waste disposal has long remained an unresolved problem across generations. The practice of dumping waste arbitrarily without proper management causes pollution of the surrounding water, soil, and air, and this must be taken seriously. Even in rural areas, waste management is being carried out systematically, and model "waste-free villages" are emerging in Myanmar.

Senior citizens are responsible for giving guidelines to school-age children to understand that improper waste disposal leads to water pollution. Therefore, in schools, teachers should supervise education to ensure that waste is disposed of systematically and properly. In doing so, efforts should be made until students develop a proper mindset of disciplined waste disposal. The awareness and habit of proper waste management among children will contribute to the further development of society.

Water sources are under threat of damage due to improper and careless waste disposal by people. Not only household waste disposal, but also activities such as the use of heavy machinery to extract gold and other minerals in upstream areas and along riverbanks, the dumping of overburden soil and toxic chemicals, and the indiscriminate disposal of waste and industrial by-products from towns and villages along riverbanks are all causing pollution of rivers, creeks and lakes.

Therefore, it is necessary in the short term to systematically protect these water resources, as well as to continuously monitor water quality. In the long term, it is essential to cultivate a nationwide habit of proper waste management, starting from basic education at school age, so that it becomes a lasting practice across society.

To become a waste-free community, all residents must take individual responsibility by properly separating waste into wet and dry categories, forming community waste management committees to collect waste door-to-door, establishing designated garbage pits or disposal sites in suitable locations away from residential areas, and conducting awareness activities for residents on environmental conservation and maintaining a clean, waste-free community.

Improper and careless waste disposal can pollute one's living environment, causing foul odours and creating conditions which may lead to various diseases. Valuable freshwater resources may also become so polluted that they can no longer be used. Therefore, every citizen should take responsibility for the waste generated from their own home and dispose of it properly in an orderly manner.

NON-COMMUNICABLE diseases (NCDs), also known as chronic diseases, tend to be of long duration and are the result of a combination of genetic, physiological, environmental and behavioural factors. The main types of NCDs are cardiovascular diseases (such as heart attacks and stroke), cancers, chronic respiratory diseases (such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and asthma) and diabetes. NCDs disproportionately affect people in low- and middle-income countries, where nearly three-quarters of global NCD deaths occur.

Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are important because these diseases are now one of the biggest causes of death and disability worldwide. NCDs include conditions such as Heart Disease, Stroke, Type 2 Diabetes, Cancer, and chronic respiratory diseases like Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

People at risk

People of all age groups, regions and countries are affected by NCDs. These conditions are often associated with older age groups, but about 18 million NCD deaths occur before the age of 70 years. NCDs cause more deaths in this age group than all other causes of death combined.

How Parents and Children Can Build Stronger Relationships in a Changing World

"Every generation imagines itself to be wiser than the one before it and smarter than the one after it." This observation perfectly reflects a challenge faced by families around the world today. In modern society, conflicts between parents and their children have become increasingly common. These disagreements occur not only between parents and teenagers but also between parents and adult children. Differences in values, lifestyles, expectations, technology use, communication styles, and personal goals often create misunderstandings. While such conflicts are natural, they can be resolved through understanding, respect, communication, and mutual trust.

Why Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases are Important

By Dr Than Lwin Tun

Of these premature deaths, 82 per cent are estimated to occur in low- and middle-income countries. Children, adults and the elderly are all vulnerable to the risk factors contributing to NCDs, whether from unhealthy diets, physical inactivity, exposure to tobacco smoke, or the harmful use of alcohol or air pollution.

Unhealthy diets and a lack of physical activity may show up in people as raised blood pressure, increased blood glucose, elevated blood lipids and obesity. These are called metabolic risk factors and can lead to cardiovascular disease, the leading NCD in terms of premature deaths.

Risk factors

Behavioural risk factors

Behavioural risk factors increase the risk of NCDs, including:

- ❖ tobacco use (including the effects of exposure to second-hand smoke);

- ❖ unhealthy diets, including excess salt, sugar, and fats;
- ❖ harmful use of alcohol; and
- ❖ Insufficient physical activity.

The social, commercial, and physical environments are key drivers of these behaviours.

Metabolic risk factors

Behavioural risk factors contribute to four key metabolic changes that increase the risk of NCDs:

- ❖ raised blood pressure (including hypertension);
- ❖ overweight/obesity;
- ❖ high blood glucose levels (including diabetes); and
- ❖ Abnormal blood lipids (including high cholesterol).

Environmental risk factors

Several environmental risk factors contribute to NCDs. Air pollution – indoor and outdoor – is

the largest of these, accounting for 6.7 million deaths globally, of which about 5.6 million are due to NCDs, including stroke, ischemic heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and lung cancer.

Prevention and control

An important way to control NCDs is to focus on reducing the risk factors associated with these diseases. Low-cost solutions exist for governments and other stakeholders to reduce the common modifiable risk factors. Monitoring progress and trends of NCDs and their risk is important for guiding policy and priorities.

To lessen the impact of NCDs on individuals and society, a comprehensive approach is needed, requiring all sectors, including health, finance, transport, education, agriculture, planning and others, to collaborate to reduce the risks associated with NCDs and to promote interventions to prevent and control them.

One of the most important ways of reducing deaths from

non-communicable diseases (NCDs) is to control the risk factors that lead to their development. These include reducing the use of tobacco and the harmful use of alcohol, maintaining an active lifestyle and consuming a healthy diet, and improving air quality. Actions towards these goals are cost-effective ways for countries to reduce the number of NCD deaths. Tackling these risk factors can not only save lives, but also provide a huge economic boost for countries.

Beyond prevention, management of NCDs is critical. This includes detection, screening and treatment of the diseases, as well as palliative care for those in need. The vast majority of premature deaths from NCDs occur in low- and middle-income countries, where universal health coverage or access to health care services is often limited. The development and promotion of universal health coverage is therefore essential in tackling NCDs and working to reduce the number of preventable global deaths.

Surveillance of NCDs is another vital action for providing the information needed for policy and program development for NCD prevention and control. Tracking and reporting on NCD-related global targets and indicators to understand progress in NCD prevention and control are key activities. Accurate data from countries are vital to reverse the global rise in death and disability from NCDs, to support evidence-based decision making, and to help monitor and evaluate the progress being made.

Investing in better management of NCDs is critical. Management of NCDs includes detecting, screening and treating these diseases, and providing access to palliative care for people in need. High-impact essential NCD interventions can be delivered through a primary health care approach to strengthen early detection and timely treatment. Evidence shows such interventions are excellent economic investments because, if provided early to patients, they can reduce the need for more ex-

pensive treatment. Countries with inadequate health care coverage are unlikely to provide universal access to essential NCD interventions. NCD management interventions are essential for achieving the SDG target on NCDs.

World Health Organization (WHO) Response

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognizes NCDs as a major challenge for sustainable development. As part of the agenda, heads of state and government committed to developing ambitious national responses by 2030 to reduce by one-third premature mortality from NCDs through prevention and treatment (SDG target 3.4). WHO plays a key leadership role in the coordination and promotion of the global fight against NCDs and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals target 3.4.

In 2019, the World Health Assembly extended the WHO Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDs 2013-2020 to 2030 and called for the devel-

opment of an Implementation Roadmap 2023 to 2030 to accelerate progress on preventing and controlling NCDs. The roadmap supports actions to achieve a set of nine global targets with the greatest impact towards the prevention and management of NCDs.

Briefly, the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are essential for improving public health and reducing premature deaths. Diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, cancer, and chronic respiratory illnesses can largely be prevented through healthy lifestyles, early detection, regular medical check-ups, and effective health policies. Governments, healthcare workers, communities, and individuals all have important roles in promoting healthy behaviours, reducing risk factors, and ensuring access to quality healthcare services. By strengthening awareness, prevention programs, and treatment strategies, societies can reduce the burden of NCDs and improve the quality of life for future generations.

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Bridging the Generation Gap

By Moon Cherry K

their children.

As a result, many young people experience stress, anxiety, and burnout. They may become academically successful but emotionally exhausted. Although they respect and love their parents, they often feel trapped by expectations and unable to pursue their own dreams.

Every child is unique. Each possesses different strengths, weaknesses, talents, and ambitions. Success does not look the same for everyone. Therefore, parents should guide their children while also respecting their individuality. When children are encouraged to pursue their genu-

ine interests, they are more likely to become confident, motivated, and fulfilled individuals.

Technology and Career Choices

Another major source of conflict is the difference in career expectations between generations. We are living in a digital age where technology has transformed the way people learn, communicate, and earn money. Many parents grew up believing that traditional professions such as medicine, engineering, law, or teaching were the only reliable paths to success.

Today's younger generation, however, has access to countless new opportunities. Many teenag-

ers and young adults earn income through content creation, digital marketing, freelancing, online businesses, YouTube channels, TikTok videos, blogging, gaming, and other technology-based careers. Yet some parents view these activities as distractions rather than legitimate professions.

This difference in perspective often creates misunderstandings. Parents worry about stability and financial security, while children seek independence and innovation. As a result, both sides may become frustrated and feel that they are not being understood.

In reality, both generations have valid concerns. Parents

should make an effort to understand modern technology and emerging career opportunities. Likewise, children should demonstrate responsibility, discipline, and long-term planning. Through open discussions, families can find a balance between traditional values and modern opportunities.

Freedom, Relationships, and Independence

As children grow older, they naturally seek greater freedom and independence. However, many parents find it difficult to let go of their protective instincts. While protection is important, excessive control can sometimes prevent children from developing confidence and decision-making

skills.

Some parents closely monitor every aspect of their children's lives, including friendships, social activities, and personal choices. Although their intentions may be good, children may feel restricted and misunderstood. Overprotection can lead to low self-esteem and a lack of confidence in making independent decisions.

Conflicts may become even more intense when it comes to romantic relationships and marriage. Younger generations often value love, compatibility, and emotional connection, while parents may focus on family background, financial stability, or social status. These differences in priorities can create tension within families.

Parents should remember that trust is essential in raising responsible adults. Children need opportunities to make decisions, learn from experience, and grow as individuals. At the same time,

children should appreciate their parents' advice and understand that it comes from years of experience and genuine concern.

The Importance of Quality Family Time

Another important reason for parent-child conflicts is the lack of quality time spent together. In today's fast-paced world, many parents are as busy as bees. They work tirelessly to provide food, education, and financial security for their families. While their sacrifices are admirable, some parents unintentionally focus more on earning money than on understanding their children's emotions and needs.

As a result, children may feel lonely, neglected, or emotionally disconnected. Parents may know what their children need financially, but they may not know what they are experiencing emotionally.

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NATIONAL

YESC, YCDC to Review Buildings Without BCC for Power Supply

FOR buildings in Yangon city that do not have a Building Completion Certificate (BCC) and therefore have not yet been granted permission to use electricity, the Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation (YESC) and the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) will jointly coordinate to review each case and take action.

On 15 June, during the third day of the second regular session of the third Yangon Region Hluttaw, U Min Thein Tun, Hluttaw representative from the Mayangon Constituency 1, asked a starred question inquiring about how the authorities would proceed according to the development law to provide electricity to residents living in buildings without BCC.

In response to the inquiry, U Myo Myint Aung,



High-storey residential buildings in downtown Yangon.

Minister of Development Affairs, replied that the two committees would coordinate and review each case accordingly.

The YCDC clarified that they inspect buildings within the city limits according to specified procedures before granting construction permits and issue the BCC after

construction is completed.

Furthermore, the Minister explained that some buildings constructed without permits lack verifiable land ownership documents, and constructions on immovable land may lead to future ownership disputes, which is why construction permits

and BCCs have not been issued.

However, to ensure fire safety and address the social and economic difficulties faced by residents, the relevant departments will coordinate to review each building and facilitate the installation of electricity meters. — TWA/ZN

Myanmar and Danish Red Cross conduct WASH training



Participants attend the National Emergency WASH Training jointly organized by the Myanmar Red Cross Society and the Danish Red Cross.

THE Myanmar Red Cross Society's Health Department and the Danish Red Cross jointly conducted a National Emergency WASH Training at the society's headquarters in Nay Pyi Taw from 10 to 16 June.

The training aimed to strengthen participants' understanding of environmental and personal hygiene standards and to enhance practical skills through hands-on exercises and simulations. It is intended to improve rapid response capacity for WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) interventions during emergencies across Myanmar.

A total of 38 participants, including Red Cross volunteers and staff attended the training.

At the opening ceremony, Myanmar Red Cross Society Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Tin Lay, Nay Pyi Taw Red Cross Supervisory Committee Chair U Aung Cho, and Country Manager of the Danish Red Cross Ms Nuria Beneitez Rodriguez delivered remarks online. — ASH/KZL

Kangyidaunt disburses K63.7M under Mya Sein Yaung Village Project



The disbursement ceremony of the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project funds is underway yesterday in Kangyidaunt Township.

THE Department of Rural Development held a ceremony to disburse revolving funds under the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project in Pyinkadoechaung Village, Kangyidaunt Township, yesterday. The funds were provided with the aim of increasing household incomes of rural residents in Maedwaychaung, Yaykyaw and Pyinkadoechaung

Villages, enabling them to expand small-scale agriculture and livestock breeding activities, and implementing village development work with the revolving project funds.

Kangyidaunt Township Department of Rural Development Head Daw Thinzar Nyunt explained the project and the objectives of disbursing the re-

volving funds. Project staff then explained the interest rate, repayment period, and the rules and regulations to be followed in receiving loans. Afterwards, the revolving fund amounting to K63.7 million was handed over to members of the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project committees from the three villages.

The committee members disbursed K63.7 million of the revolving fund at low interest rates directly to 106 project members. Of the total amount, K53.7 million was provided to 76 members engaged in agricultural activities and K10 million to 30 members engaged in livestock breeding in Maedwaychaung, Yaykyaw and Pyinkadoechaung Villages. — Cho Than Nyunt (Rural)

RBF funds disbursed for CP pig farming in Kengtung

THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development held the first disbursement ceremony of the Rural Business Fund (RBF) project for systematic CP pig farming in Pindauk Village, Kengtung Township yesterday.

Kengtung Township Department of Rural Development Head U Sai Aung Kham explained that the RBF project funds were being disbursed with the objectives of providing the capital required for agricultural and livestock producers as well as small and medium-sized business operators in Pindauk Village, and enabling



Village representatives receive the Rural Business Fund in Kengtung Township.

livelihood activities to be carried out through a group-based system. Township Head U Sai Aung Kham and project staff then explained the interest rate, repayment period, and the rules and regulations to be followed when receiving loans.

Under the Rural Business Fund (RBF)

project, the first installment was disbursed to four groups that will carry out systematic CP pork pig farming in Pindaung Village. Each group received K7.5 million, with a total of K30 million disbursed directly to the group members at a concessional interest rate. — Sein Lwin (Rural)

NATIONAL

YR govt provides K20M to Sitagu Eye Hospital (Yangon)



Led by the Sitagu Sayadaw, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Aung Naing Thu and officials are pictured at the donation.

THE Yangon Region Government donated K200 million to Sitagu Eye Hospital (Yangon)

for 18th Eye Donation, it was reported on 15 June.

The donation ceremony was attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Aung Naing Thu, government ministers, and department heads led by Dr Ashin Nyanissara.

The Sitagu Sayadaw wished the people and those who have recovered their vision due to the kindness of the Yan-

gon Region government and donors.

In this 18th Eye Donation, a total of 1,250 patients were examined and 521 underwent surgery and laser treatment. In the 17th Eye Donation held last March, 1,382 patients underwent eye examinations, 499 underwent surgery and 14 underwent laser treatment. — ASH/MKKS

10 foreigners deported, 4 Chinese to face action

TEN foreign nationals involved in online scam activities and other crimes have been repatriated to their respective countries through the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge II, while four Chinese nationals are being processed for prosecution, according to official reports.

The 10 deported individuals included nine Ethiopian nationals and one Kenyan national. They were found to have illegally entered Myanmar via border routes through neighbouring countries and engaged in online gambling, telecom fraud, and other criminal activities in the Shwe Kokko area of Myawady Township, Kayin State.

Authorities said the deportation was carried out in accordance with legal procedures, humanitarian considerations, and bilateral cooperation. Relevant officials, including representatives from immigration authorities,

embassy officials from Ethiopia and Kenya, and Thai immigration officers, attended the handover ceremony.

In a separate case, four Chinese nationals were detained for violating visa regulations, and legal action has been initiated under the 1947 Immigration Emergency Provisions Act. They are prosecuted accordingly.

Officials stated that from 30 January 2025 to 16 June 2026, a total of 14,707 foreign nationals entering Myawady illegally have been detained, of whom 13,550 have already been deported. The remaining 1,157 individuals are either under legal proceedings or awaiting repatriation.

Authorities also said Myanmar continues to cooperate with neighbouring countries and international organizations to combat online scam operations and ensure the repatriation of foreign nationals involved or trafficked. — MNA/KZL



Immigration officials oversee the deportation of undocumented foreign immigrants.

Tanai disburses K72M under Mya Sein Yaung Village Project



The fund disbursement ceremony of the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project is in progress yesterday in Tanai Township.

THE Department of Rural Development held a ceremony to disburse revolving funds under the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project in Yenangon Village, Monghkun Village-tract, Tanai Town-

ship, yesterday. The funds were provided with the aim of enabling rural households to expand their income-generating activities and implement village development works with the increased

revolving funds.

Tanai Township Department of Rural Development Head U Zaw Myo first explained that the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project funds were being disbursed with the objectives of enabling rural households to expand their income-generating activities and implementing village development work with the increased revolving funds. Project officer and staff then explained the project, the interest rate, repayment period, and the rules and regulations to be followed in receiving loans. Afterwards, the revolving

fund amounting to K72 million was handed over to members of the village Mya Sein Yaung Village Project committee.

The committee members disbursed K72 million of the revolving fund at low interest rates directly to 101 project members under the tenth round of disbursement. Of the total amount, K21 million was provided to 30 members engaged in agriculture, K49.7 million to 68 members engaged in livestock breeding, and K1.3 million to two members engaged in trading. — Karan (Rural)

Public Notice

THE Anti-Corruption Commission has established corruption prevention units within ministries to curb corruption effectively.

The ACC used SMS on mobile phones to ask the public who sought services at an office of the department of the relevant ministries via short code No "1111" for feedback, including the public feedback programme (PFP).

According to the PFP, the proper replies of the citizens via short code No "1111" will provide the quality of services of each department and the requirements for corruption prevention to be fixed.

Therefore, the public should reply to the questions of the ACC and corruption prevention units of the ministries via SMS at short code "1111". Such doing is a supportive measure for PFP, and the people are urged to cooperate in the operations.

Anti-Corruption Commission

80 improvised mines removed in Pakokku

SECURITY forces removed a total of 80 improvised explosive devices planted along the Kamma-Myaing road in Pakokku Township, Magway Region, according to official reports.

Acting on information provided by locals, security personnel carried out clearance and security operations on 15 June after detecting that roads used by the public had been targeted with explosive



All explosives were safely deactivated and removed to prevent harm to civilians and travellers.

devices.

The devices were reportedly planted by PDF groups along the roadside

near Magyeetan village. They included 17 vehicle mines made from oil drum shells, 13 vehicle mines

made from plastic containers, eight improvised mines, and 42 improvised directional mines, totaling 80 devices.

All explosives were safely deactivated and removed to prevent harm to civilians and travellers.

Authorities said security operations will continue in coordination with local communities to prevent further threats and to maintain regional stability. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

Home Affairs Ministry launches war on illegal excise licences

THE Ministry of Home Affairs will propose to relevant government bodies and formulate a systematic plan to effectively take action against illegal excise licences, unlicensed establishments and impersonating shops holding a copy of a licence, said Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Min Thu.

On the eighth day of the second regular session of the third Pyithu Hluttaw held on 15 June, the Deputy Minister responded to a question raised by Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Tin Myint, asking whether there was a plan to effectively take action on the ground against illegal liquor licenses in Myanmar.

U Tin Myint pointed out that unlicensed liquor shops and impersonating shops are being operated in wards and villages. Although authorities are

conducting inspections and taking action, law enforcement remains weak.

“Despite ongoing legal actions, illegal transfers and impersonation operations are still happening along with the collusion of corrupt officials. Therefore, I hereby asked a follow-up question about whether there is a plan to take effective action and to address illegal liquor licences in a more systematic regulatory approach,” he said.

Over 9,700 excise licences have been issued in the Yangon Region so far, and more than 40,000 licences have been issued nationwide.

The deputy minister clarified that the Myanmar Police Force has been inspecting and taking action against licit and unpermitted activities such as distribution, sale, and production of liquor without a valid li-

cence, while those involved in unlicensed possession and dealing are prosecuted in the courts and face penalties.

As per the ministry’s announcement, a total of 1,597 field inspections related to excise licences were conducted between January and April 2026, apprehending 216 individuals in 123 cases.

The ministry is currently acting on the tip-off. The public can file complaints regarding unlicensed or illegal liquor sales and activities. The authorities will take effective enforcement action by investigating these tip-offs, the Deputy Minister said.

Myanmar Excise Law, consisting of 18 Chapters, was enacted in March 2026, imposing strict rules on the production, distribution, advertising and sale of liquor. — TWA/KK

Mongyawng’s basic sewing training inspected

THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development inspected the ongoing basic sewing training course at the village hall in Hawngkyant Village in Mongyawng Township yesterday.

Mongyawng Township Department of Rural Development Head Daw Aye Moe Khaing and responsible officials observed instructors systematically providing theoretical and practical training on basic sewing technology, knowledge and skills to the trainees, and inspected the trainees’ practical exercises using training aids.

Daw Aye Moe Khaing met trainees and discussed the importance of making efforts to learn the technologies to be taught so that skilled



Officials inspect the ongoing basic sewing training course in Mongyawng Township.

workers would emerge in the region and the knowledge could be effectively applied in practice. She said that after completion of the training, outstanding trainees who genuinely intend to establish businesses would be given priority in receiving loans from the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project fund being implemented by the department. She also coordinated the necessary arrangements in

response to the trainees’ presentations.

The livelihood-support basic sewing training course is being conducted for the 2026-2027 financial year. A total of 20 trainees from Hawngkyant Village are attending the course, where skilled instructors are systematically providing free theoretical and practical training for 45 days. — Maung Khaing (Rural)

Fuel prices fall for 3 straight weeks

FUEL prices have significantly rolled back for the three consecutive weeks, indicating a decline of over K600 to K750 per litre.

The reference prices set for a week ending 4 May were K4,550 for Octane 92, K4,620 for Octane 95, K4,595 for diesel and K5,550 for premium diesel. Then, the prices decreased to K4,345 for Octane 92 and K4,385 for Octane 95, K4,220 for diesel and K5,115 for premium diesel last week ending 11 June. The price cuts were K3,880 for Octane 92, K3,915 for Octane 95, K3,995 for diesel and K4,800 for premium diesel this week ending 18 June.

The price index set by Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS), the pricing basis for many refined products in Southeast Asia, influences the domestic fuel



Fuel tankers are seen departing for distribution in regions states.

prices, according to the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil.

The committee is governing the market to ensure a stable price and secure supply. Under the guidance of the Supervisory Committee, the Petroleum Products Regulatory Department has been issuing daily reference wholesale prices to ensure price stability for energy consumers.

The committee is inspecting the fuel stations to see whether they are overcharging. Authorities are taking action against those retailers of fuel stations under the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law 2017 if they are found overcharging rather than the set reference rate.

As per the statement, 90 per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced lo-

cally. Domestic fuel prices are highly correlated with international prices. The State is steering the market to mitigate the loss experienced by the importers, sellers and energy consumers. Consequently, the government is trying to distribute the oil at a reasonable price compared to those of regional countries.

Some countries levied higher tax rates and hiked oil prices than Myanmar’s. However, Malaysia’s oil sector receives government subsidies, and the prices are about 60 per cent lower than those of Myanmar. Every country lays down different policy patterns to fix oil prices, the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil stated. — NN/KK

600+ Green Stoves Gifted to Yenangyoung

IN an effort to protect the environment and mitigate the impacts of climate change and deforestation, 610 energy-efficient A-One stoves were distributed free of charge to locals in Bukyun Village, Yenangyoung Township, Magway Region.

The ceremony to distribute these stoves took place on the morning of 14 June at the village hall in Bukyun.

“If we excessively cut down trees for firewood and charcoal, we will face risks such as climate change, extreme heat, and other natural disasters. Each resi-

dent needs to take personal responsibility for planting and maintaining trees to keep our environment green. These energy-efficient A-One stoves will help reduce firewood consumption, thereby significantly contributing to environmental conservation,” said U Myint Soe, director of the Magway Region Dry Zone Greening Department.

Following the remarks, the relevant authorities formally and systematically handed over the 610 A-One stoves to 610 households and residents from Bukyun Village. — TWA/ZN



The distribution ceremony of energy-efficient A-One stoves in Yenangyoung Township.

CBM injects US\$3.3M into edible oil import sector



Greenbacks are seen at a money changer counter.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$3.37 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$6,300 to CMP companies on 15 June, along with over \$10,200

worth of non-trade transactions. CBM sold over \$1.62 million to edible oil-importing companies and \$8,617 to CMP companies on 12 June, along with

over \$2,600 in non-trade transactions.

CBM has been injecting US dollars into the edible oil-importing companies, with \$286,000 on 11 June, \$1.38 million on 10 June, \$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 injects foreign currencies into the foreign exchange market and the edible oil and fuel oil import sector, with a view to curbing the instability in the foreign

exchange market and currency devaluation and maintaining market stability. According to CBM's notification on 15 March 2024, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

Myanmar Fruit Exporters Close in on China Trade Pact

MYANMAR'S negotiation with the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China on signing the SPS Protocol Agreement for avocado export is progressing, according to the Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producer and Exporter Association (MFVP).

Upon signing the agreement, they discussed coordinating matters to ensure smooth trade.

Commerce and Yunnan entrepreneurs regarding trade promotion matters. They also participated in the 10th China-South Asia Expo and the 30th Kunming Import & Export Fair to connect with new business partners and support the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for comprehensive cooperation on exporting Myanmar yams to China.

They had constructive



An interior view of locally grown Myanmar avocados.

Next, Chinese investors are also seeking to invest in packing house facilities designed to fulfil international criteria. Consequently, invitations were extended to them. The detailed discussions are ongoing.

MFVP chair U Kyaw Thu and vice-chair Sai Khin Maung joined a delegation of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry during a five-day Myanmar fruit sectoral development and China (Yunnan Province) Business Cooperation Linkage Visit from 9 to 13 June in Yunnan, China.

The delegation met the Yunnan Chamber of

discussions with fruit traders from Yunnan Province on enhancing mutual investment and facilitating smoother trade routes, particularly on mango, watermelon, muskmelon, avocado, durian, and jackfruit. The delegation also visited major fruit wholesale markets in Kunming City to exchange market information with old and new trade partners and also toured a new premium high-tech fruit wholesale market to study opportunities for Myanmar fruits to gain a foothold in the market.

MFVP is endeavouring to enhance Myanmar's fruit and vegetable sector and tap into international markets. — NN/KK

MRF invites collaboration on Rice Export Zone (REZ) Project

MYANMAR Rice Federation (MRF) invites stakeholders to cooperate in the Rice Export Zone (REZ) project, according to an announcement dated 15 June.

Export companies, agricultural cooperatives that can cultivate at least 300 acres with no more than three designated

varieties, companies executing contract farming, farmer groups, rice millers, and MSMEs operating in the rice sector are invited to participate in this project.

The REZ project is being implemented under a public-private partnership between the Ministry of Agriculture,

Livestock and Irrigation and the MRF. The project aims to develop the export value chain and improve production for the sustainable development of the rice sector.

Furthermore, the project aims to improve farmers' production capacity, increase their incomes, enhance rural living

standards, and boost both the quality and quantity of rice exports, with the support of the National Economic Promotion Fund and agricultural loans arranged by exporters.

Interested parties are invited to contact us by the end of June to cooperate in the 2026 monsoon paddy season. — NN/KK

Myanmar durian seeks export market potentials

MYANMAR aims to adopt Good Agricultural Practices in durian farming, tapping into the foreign market through the Myanmar Durian Growers and Exporters Association.

"Durian is a potentially lucrative fruit. Durian demand from Beijing, Guangzhou and Shanghai is estimated at US\$10 billion. Thailand's durian export to

these markets is 40 per cent, while Vietnam's durian export accounts for 40 per cent. Malaysia holds 20 per cent of the market share. Therefore, we need to aim for export by leveraging value-added products and penetrate the Chinese market," said an official of the association.

There are over 27,000 acres of durian



This image depicts Myanmar durians designated for export.

farms across the country, primarily in Yangon Region, Mon State, Kayah State and Taninthayi Region.

Durian has high domestic consumption,

and it is also in demand in China and Japan. Thus, the durian farming business is highly profitable with market potential. — ASH/KK

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DR Congo Ebola outbreak yet to peak, could last a year: Red Cross

THE deadly Ebola outbreak in the DR Congo has yet to peak and could take a year to contain, the Red Cross warned Tuesday, amid mounting warnings of dangerous gaps in the response.

Since the outbreak was declared on 15 May, 808 cases have been confirmed in the Democratic Republic of Congo, including 192 deaths, according to the latest World Health Organization figures.

While efforts to rein in the outbreak are scal-



Healthcare workers wearing personal protective equipment operate in the red zone at the Ebola treatment centre of the Rwampara General Reference Hospital in Rwampara, Ituri Province, Democratic Republic of Congo, on 12 June 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

ing up, the International Federation of Red Cross

and Red Crescent Societies on Tuesday joined a growing chorus of warnings over the swelling scale of the crisis. “The peak is, I think, not beyond us, but in front of us,” Bruno Michon, the IFRC’s operations manager for the outbreak, told reporters in Geneva. “We are afraid that this could last one year” before the epidemic is over, he said, speaking from Bunia, capital of the DRC’s northeastern Ituri province, which is the outbreak’s epicentre.

The response to the epidemic, the 17th to hit the vast central African country, has faced towering challenges.

No approved vaccines or treatments exist for the Bundibugyo strain of the virus responsible for the current outbreak.

The three affected provinces in the north-eastern DRC — Ituri, North Kivu and South Kivu — have long been gripped by conflict and mass displacement, complicating the response. — AFP

M5.5 quake jolts eastern Japan near Tokyo, no tsunami warning issued

AN earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.5 shook eastern Japan including Tokyo on Tuesday, causing some disruptions to the country’s transportation services, but no tsunami warning was issued.

The focus of the 7:46 pm quake was in Ibaraki Prefecture northeast of Tokyo at about 50 kilometres underground, according to the Japan Meteorological Agency. No damages or injuries were reported, the Fire and Disaster Management Agency said.

The earthquake logged lower 5 on the Jap-

anese seismic intensity scale of 7 in neighbouring Gunma and Saitama prefectures, and 4 in Ibaraki. Bullet train services between Tokyo and Shin-Shirakawa stations on the Tohoku Shinkansen Line were paused before resuming around 25 minutes later. The Joetsu and Hokuriku Shinkansen Lines were also temporarily halted.

No anomalies were reported at the Tokai No 2 nuclear power station in Ibaraki Prefecture, according to its operator Japan Atomic Power Co. — Kyodo

Bridging the Generation Gap

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To strengthen family relationships, parents should make time for their children despite their busy schedules. Simple activities such as sharing meals, going for walks, enjoying family outings, or having casual conversations can make a significant difference. Families can also establish a “screen-free time” of at least 30 minutes each day, during which mobile phones and social media are put aside.

This dedicated time allows parents and children

to discuss their feelings, concerns, dreams, and daily experiences openly. When parents listen attentively without judgment and children feel comfortable expressing themselves, trust gradually develops. Such meaningful interactions not only improve children’s mental and emotional well-being but also strengthen family bonds and create a sense of belonging.

Building Mutual Understanding

Although disagree-

ments are inevitable, they do not have to damage family relationships. In fact, conflicts can strengthen relationships when they are handled with maturity and understanding. The key is effective communication.

Parents and children should listen to each other without interrupting, criticizing, or becoming defensive. Respectful conversations help both sides express their opinions and emotions openly. Families should create opportunities for meaningful discussions rather than communicat-

ing only during times of conflict.

Empathy also plays a crucial role. Parents should try to remember the challenges of being young, while children should recognize the sacrifices and responsibilities of parenthood. Understanding another person’s perspective is often the first step toward resolving disagreement.

Mutual respect is equally important. Parents should respect their children’s opinions and choices, while children should appreciate their parents’ experiences and guidance. When respect exists on both sides, communication becomes more

effective, and relationships become stronger.

A Family Built on Trust

There is a well-known proverb: “A house divided against itself cannot stand.” Families flourish when they support rather than oppose one another. Parents and children are not enemies; they are partners on the journey of life.

In conclusion, parent-child conflicts are a natural part of family life in modern society. Differences in education, career choices, technology, lifestyles, relationships, and expectations often create tension between generations.

However, these challenges can be overcome through communication, empathy, patience, and mutual respect.

When parents guide without controlling, and children seek independence without rejecting advice, families become stronger and happier. By bridging the generation gap, we can build homes filled not with conflict but with harmony, trust, understanding, and lasting love. Strong families create strong communities, and strong communities build a better future for society as a whole.

Sri Lanka to seek investors for Hambantota industrial project

Sri Lanka’s cabinet has approved a proposal to seek international investors for an industrial and container-related infrastructure development project on more than 108 acres of state land in the southern district of Hambantota, the Department of Government Information said in a statement on Tuesday. The land will be leased for 50 years through an international competitive bidding process, according to the statement. The department said the land, vested with the Urban Development Authority, has not been put to optimal use and lies within the central commercial zone of the greater Hambantota development plan.

The greater Hambantota development plan is an Urban Development Authority framework for guiding the southern district’s growth around port-linked industry, logistics, transport infrastructure and new urban centres. — Xinhua

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SPORTS

Hlinethaya West wins Yangon Region CM's Lethwei title

HLINETHAYA West Township won the overall championship trophy at the 2026 Yangon Region Chief Minister's Cup Inter-Township Men's and Women's Lethwei Tournament, held at Theinbyu Gymnasium in Yangon.

Following the conclusion of the competition and award ceremony, winners in various categories received medals and cash prizes from Yangon Region



Botahtaung's Nay Khant Naing and Dala's Htet Lin Oo compete in the men's 60-kilogramme category.

government ministers.

Hlinethaya West secured the overall championship with three gold medals and one silver medal. The championship trophy was presented by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Aung Naing Thu.

The tournament featured 145 male and seven female fighters from townships across Yangon Region and was held from 12 to 16 June. — Bala/KZL

French Open champion Zverev off to winning start on grass

WORLD number three Alexander Zverev fought to a three-set victory in the opening round of the Halle Open on Tuesday, his first singles match since winning the French Open.

Zverev won 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 over Czech Vit Kopriva and will face fellow German Yannick Hanfmann in the next round of the traditional Wimbledon warm-up tournament.

The 29-year-old broke through for the first Grand Slam victory of his career with a dramatic five-set win over Italy's Flavio Cobolli at Roland Garros earlier in June. It was Zverev's fourth Grand Slam final and second at Roland Garros after some heartbreaking near misses in his career. — AFP

Ruben Amorim takes charge of ailing AC Milan

RUBEN Amorim will lead AC Milan's bid to return to the Champions League after taking charge of the ailing seven-time European champions on Monday.

Italian media report that Amorim will be paid a net annual salary of 3.5 million euros (\$4.06 million) over his two-year deal as he bids to improve the fortunes of one of Europe's most storied clubs.

"There are ambitions that stay with you throughout your career, and coaching AC Milan has always been one of mine," Amorim said.

"I know exactly what this club means: history, prestige and an extraordinary fanbase around the world."

Portuguese Amorim returns to coaching six months after being sacked by Manchester United with a year-and-a-half left on his contract, a move which cost the Premier League giants £16.7 million (\$22.4 million).

He had attracted attention as a bright young coach at Sporting Lisbon but he failed to make an impact at Old Trafford and it was left to his replacement Michael Carrick to drag United into next season's Champions League.

The 41-year-old will be tasked with a top-four finish in Serie A next season after Milan missed out on Europe's top club competition on the final day of this past campaign.

Milan slumped to a shock 2-1 home defeat by lowly Cagliari and ended up fifth behind both Roma and wealthy upstarts Como who took the final two Champions League spots.

That result, which was preceded and followed by loud supporter protests against American owners RedBird, led to the sacking of coach Massimiliano Allegri, CEO Giorgio Furlani and the club's sporting directors Igli Tare and Geoffrey Moncada.

Allegri is widely reported to be taking over at Napoli in the coming days following the departure of Antonio Conte. — AFP

Saudi Arabia draw with Uruguay as Asian teams remain unbeaten at World Cup

SAUDI Arabia held Uruguay in a pulsating 1-1 draw on Monday as Asian teams remain unbeaten so far at the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

The Saudis took a surprise lead in the 41st minute. Hassan Altambakti sent a bullet header towards goal from a corner. Uruguay goalkeeper Fernando Muslera couldn't control the ball as Abdullah Alamri struck it home.

Uruguay was more aggressive in the second half but didn't break through until Maximiliano Araujo fired a rebound past goalkeeper Mohammed Alowais from close



Saudi Arabia's goal keeper Mohammed Alowais fights to save a goal during the group H match between Saudi Arabia and Uruguay at the 2026 FIFA World Cup at Miami Stadium, Miami, the United States, 15 June 2026. PHOTO: XINHUA

range in the 80th minute.

Uruguay wasted too many chances in the match. Alowais denied a point-blank header from Federico Vinas in the

first half, then foiled an attempt by Manuel Ugarte in 61 minutes. He also denied Federico Valverde's shot in stoppage time.

The two-time cham-

pion dominated the game but failed to grab a victory in the sweltering heat to leave a tricky Group H wide open.

The tie came hours after one of the biggest shocks in World Cup history when European champion Spain was held to a 0-0 draw by debutant Cabo Verde in the same group.

South American teams have got off to a disappointing start to football's biggest tournament, failing to produce a win in four games, while Asian sides have remained unbeaten after Saudi Arabia's draw. — Xinhua

Brazil can't expect easy win over Haiti, says Douglas Santos

BRAZIL defender Douglas Santos said the five-time World Cup winners cannot afford to take Haiti lightly after a disappointing 1-1 draw with Morocco in their opener.

Carlo Ancelotti's side toiled against Morocco in New Jersey and must beat Group C minnows Haiti in Philadelphia on Friday to ease the pressure.

"We can't allow ourselves that kind of talk that it's Haiti and we're going to beat them by a big margin,"

Douglas Santos told a news conference Tuesday in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, where the team is based.

"We have to keep our feet on the ground, be humble and know that the three points are the most important thing right now." Haiti, playing in their first World Cup since 1974, lost 1-0 to Scotland in a tightly contested match in Boston on Saturday.

"They are a physically strong team, with an intensity that, from what I saw against Scotland, shows



Brazil's defender (16) Douglas Santos takes part in a training session at Columbia Park Training Facility in Morristown, New Jersey, on 15 June 2026, during the 2026 World Cup football tournament. PHOTO: AFP

they are very competitive. It will be a very difficult match, and the first thing we have to think about is winning," said Douglas Santos. — AFP



Iran says talks on final US deal to begin this week

IRAN on Tuesday said talks with the United States on its nuclear programme and sanctions relief would likely begin later this week, as President Donald Trump's announcement that the Strait of Hormuz would reopen sent oil prices tumbling.

Officials say negotiations over a final deal will take place within a 60-day window after the memorandum of understanding to end nearly four months of war triggered by US-Israeli strikes on Iran is physically signed.

"Likely on Friday, at a location to be determined... a new round of negotiations between Iran and the United States to reach a final agreement will begin," Iranian Foreign Minister

Abbas Araghchi said.

"In the final agreement, decisions will be made on the nuclear issues and the lifting of sanctions."

According to Iran's deputy foreign minister Majid Takht-Ravanchi, the Islamic republic's top negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf will attend the signing in Switzerland, which Bern said would take place at the luxury Burgenstock resort overlooking Lake Lucerne.

The mountainside venue "was proposed by Pakistani and Qatari mediators, as well as by the US and Iran", the Swiss foreign ministry told AFP. The US side will be represented by Vice President JD Vance, who said Trump might also attend. — AFP

India braces for El Nino-linked dry conditions

INDIA will prepare contingency plans to help farmers weather potential low rainfall linked to the El Nino weather system, agriculture officials said Tuesday.

El Nino is a naturally occurring climate phenomenon that brings worldwide changes in winds, air pressure and rainfall patterns. In India and Southeast Asia, it typically causes drier conditions.

The last El Nino helped make 2023 and 2024 the two hottest years on record.

"Full preparations should be made in advance in those districts where there is a possibility of low rainfall or uneven rainfall," Agriculture Minister Shivraj Chouhan said, according to an official statement.

"Such districts should be clearly identified and crop-wise contingency



Farmers plant rice saplings in a waterlogged field on the outskirts of Amritsar on 8 June 2026. PHOTO: AFP

plans should be prepared... so that farmers can be provided immediate alternatives, advice and support."

In regions where the impact of El Nino is expected to be particularly severe, Chouhan called for awareness campaigns "so that every farmer knows what precautions and which crop options are safer for his area".

Forecasters have

predicted below-average monsoon rainfall in India this year, estimating precipitation at about 90 per cent of the long-term average.

The Indian Meteorological Department has warned of a 60-per-cent probability of a deficient monsoon, raising alarm among policymakers and farmers.

The agricultural sector helps sustain over 45

per cent of people in India, the world's most populous nation with more than 1.4 billion people.

The US weather agency said on Thursday that El Nino had arrived, with scientists expect the pattern synonymous with droughts, floods and soaring temperatures will intensify into the end of the year, potentially to historic strength.

Scientists fear it will exacerbate the heat of a planet already warming from burning fossil fuels, while amping up weather extremes.

Every El Nino is different, but major events often follow familiar patterns. This includes drought across parts of the Amazon, Indonesia and Australia, disrupted monsoons in India, and shifting rainfall throughout the tropics. — AFP

Russia, Turkiye agree to ensure Black Sea region security amid Ukraine's provocations — Lavrov



Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov shake hands during a joint news conference following a meeting in Moscow, Russia. PHOTO: SPUTNIK

RUSSIA and Turkiye have agreed to ensure security in the Black Sea region amid Kiev's provocations, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said

on Tuesday.

"We agreed to closely cooperate on security issues in the Black Sea region, as well as in the Caucasus, the Middle

East, and North Africa. We have established good contacts with our Turkish colleagues there. We work on a mutually complementary basis," Lavrov told reporters after talks with Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan in Moscow.

Fidan declared Turkiye's readiness to host negotiations on the Ukraine settlement.

The top diplomats also discussed the situation in the South Caucasus and the peace process between Baku and Yerevan, Fidan said, stressing the importance of these matters for regional stability. — SPUTNIK

Campaigners urge G7 chiefs to protect children from AI risks

MANY governments have begun cracking down on young people's access to social media, but campaigners have appealed to G7 leaders meeting in France to move quickly on regulating generative artificial intelligence too.

Ahead of the heads of state and government meeting in Evian, eastern France, 95 young people from 19 countries gathered to call on "world leaders to protect our education, mental health and social well-being" as AI chatbots, companions and agents spread through the technology ecosystem.

"The safeguards that will shape (AI) cannot be

left solely to the companies developing these tools, nor to adults who did not grow up with AI as a constant presence," they wrote in a manifesto published by the International Research-driven Alliance for AI Serving Every child (iRaise).

France added protecting children online to its list of priorities for its turn at the rotating presidency of the G7 gathering of leading developed nations.

But the chaotic geopolitical scene is likely to overshadow such considerations at this year's meeting.

Digital ministers from the G7 member countries agreed last

month that generative AI could "replicate or exacerbate existing risks for minors", from sexualized "deepfake" images to manipulation of the news.

"When an innovation takes such deep root in the lives of children, we cannot make an improvised response," France's high commissioner for children Sarah El Hairy said Monday.

In recent months, governments have been laser-focused on social media.

Canada and Britain are banning access for under-16s, following in the footsteps of Australia and Indonesia, with France and Austria likely next in line. — AFP