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Public Turnout Roars as President U Min Aung Hlaing Returns



A massive crowd gathers to welcome President U Min Aung Hlaing back to Nay Pyi Taw yesterday following his State Visit to China.

The President-led high-level state visit to China further strengthened bilateral ties and cooperation between Myanmar and China.

The high-level Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing left the international airport in Hangzhou for Myanmar yesterday afternoon after paying a State Visit to the People's Republic of China at the invitation of Chinese

President Mr Xi Jinping. The President and party were seen off at the airport by the deputy governor of Zhejiang Province and members, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Zaw Win Myint, Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) Brig-Gen Zaw Zaw Naing and officials. 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, officials and military and civilian officials who

accompanied the President were on the same flight.

During the visit, the President held bilateral talks with the President of the People's Republic of China. He also held a meeting with the Premier of China and the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress,

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Traditional Chinese Dragon Boat Festival held in Yangon

TO foster closer friendship and promote cultural exchange between the peoples of Myanmar and China, a traditional Chinese Dragon Boat Festival and cultural exhibition, themed "Rowing Together in Harmony, Spreading Love with Fragrant Sticky Rice", was held on 19 June at the China Cultural Centre in Yangon.

At the ceremony, Minister Counsellor Zheng Zhihong of the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar delivered the opening remarks. He highlighted that the traditional festival, celebrated globally, holds a rich history and has been inscribed on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity since 2009.

"This cultural exhibition, based on the traditional festival, showcases a variety of traditions, performances, games, food, and tea culture, which will significantly contribute to enhancing the close friendship between the peoples of our two countries," the minister counsellor stated.

Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central) Chairman U Tin Oo noted that China's Dragon Boat Festival and Sticky Rice Tasting mirror Myanmar's traditional boat racing and sticky rice cake festivals celebrated during Tazaungmone and Nadaw.

The ceremony featured a diverse array of performances, including an introduction to the Dragon Boat Festival, a Q&A session, poetry recitations, and other interesting programmes. — TWA/ZN



A group photo session at the festival.

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Taninthayi's fishery export earns US\$287.97M in 2025-2026FY



Shrimp sorted and ready for processing at a cold storage facility. PHOTO:KANU

TANINTHAYI Region earned US\$287.971 million in 2025-2026 financial year. The slight decline in export earnings during the 2025-2026 financial year was due to global economic conditions and difficulties related to fuel supplies in the transport sector.

Being Myanmar's leading seafood-exporting region, Taninthayi generated \$312.525 million from seafood exports in the 2020-2021 financial year, \$272.026 million in 2021-2022, \$232.189 million in 2022-2023, \$253.355 million in 2023-2024, \$303.628 million in 2024-2025, and

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Presidential Spokesperson Details Outcomes of China State Visit

PRESIDENTIAL spokesperson Dr Khine Khine Soe replied to queries raised by media on the State Visit of President U Min Aung Hlaing to China from 15 to 19 June. The interview is as follow:

Q: Could you please explain the main objectives of the President's State Visit to China?

A: Yes. The President's State Visit to China had four main objectives. The first was to enhance State development and strengthen multi-sector cooperation between China and Myanmar. The second was to promote cooperation for lasting peace in Myanmar. The third was to increase Chinese investment in Myanmar, and the fourth was to promote trade.



Spokesperson Dr Khine Khine Soe.

Q: What political benefits do you assess from this visit?

A: The visit, the China-Myanmar goodwill visit, the President's goodwill visit, brought many benefits for our country. During the trip, the President met with Chinese President Xi Jinping, the Premier, and the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress.

During the meeting with President Xi Jinping, what the President emphasized was that we would like to strengthen China-Myanmar Pauk-Phaw relations. The next one is to establish a China-Myanmar community through thick and thin. Another one is that the President placed special emphasis on strategic comprehensive cooperation. He also welcomed Myanmar's recent general election and expressed full support for the current elected government, including its efforts in State development, stability, and peace processes. He further stated that China will continue to support Myanmar in international platforms such as the United Nations and ASEAN, ensuring equal and full

participation. Therefore, this visit is considered highly beneficial in political and diplomatic terms, opening a new chapter for Myanmar on the international stage.

Q: What economic benefits were achieved from the visit?

A: Our President's visit brought a lot of benefits for the economic sector. During the visit, the Myanmar-China Trade and Investment Networking Summit was held in Shanghai. During the Summit, over 500 Chinese business people attended, and over 200 Myanmar business people. These Chinese business people included those from state-owned enterprises and also Belt and Road Initiative companies. At the summit, 70 Business-to-Business (B2B) MoUs were signed. This is a very positive outcome that will create new opportunities for businesses and the people of our country.

Q: What benefits can Myanmar people gain from the discussions that have elevated Pauk-Phaw relations to a certain level?

A: Discussions covered many sectors benefiting different groups

of people. We discussed the agricultural sector, starting from the development of agriculture and livestock breeding sectors, which are fundamental industries of our countries, to education, health-care, technology, AI, IT and space sector development and potential cooperation in these sectors. Discussions were held to cooperate in electricity and renewable energy, railway paving, and mineral extraction in detail, and reached an agreement.

Another message that I want to share is that this visit discussed on cooperation between Myanmar and Chinese experts in areas such as space technology, agriculture, environmental conservation, and meteorological monitoring, and we discussed launching a satellite in the near future through joint efforts. This can be described as a new step for Myanmar into space technology through the President's visit.

Q: As a spokesperson, how do you view this visit overall, and what would you like to add?

A: As mentioned earlier, this was a successful State Visit that achieved its objectives. It brought political and diplomatic success, and also economic benefits for the people of Myanmar.

Moreover, in addition to B2B agreements, 18 government-to-government MoUs were signed covering areas such as environmental conservation, information, health, and social affairs. Overall, this trip is considered highly beneficial for the people of Myanmar. — MNA/KTZH

Yangon to host Day of the Seafarer 2026

THE Myanmar Seafarers Federation has invited seafarer recruitment and placement services (SRPS) to attend the Day of the Seafarer 2026 ceremony, which aims to create better employment opportunities and promote the development of Myanmar seafarers and will be held at the Wyndham Grand Hotel in Yangon from 10 am to 4 pm, on Thursday, 25 June 2026.

The ceremony is organized to honour the role of seafarers, and to facilitate discussions and cooperation between responsible officials and SRPS organizations in order to further improve employment opportunities and promote the long-term development of seafarers.

The event programme will feature performances by popular national singers and provide opportunities for direct face-to-face discussions between attending seafarers and SRPS organizations. Furthermore, seafarers and their families have been invited to promote their own businesses, with designated spaces provided for them to display and sell their products. The programme will also include quiz sessions on the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) and the Seafarers' Employment Agreement (SEA) – essential knowledge for all seafarers – with prizes to be awarded to the winners.

If SRPS organizations require further information regarding the ceremony, they may contact the organizers for enquiries at 09 400066702 or 09 683053745. — TWA/TH



This photo features a postcard commemorating "Day of the Seafarer 2026".

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205 new titles enter National Literary Award race

AUTHORS, printers, publishers and the public have been requested to send their first published books in 2026 to the National Literary Award Selection Committee of the Sarpay Beikman Office via the State-owned daily and Myanma Radio and

Television.

The Sarpay Beikman Office received 205 new books on 18 June after authors, printers, and publishers were invited to send their first published books in 2026 at a rate of two copies per type.

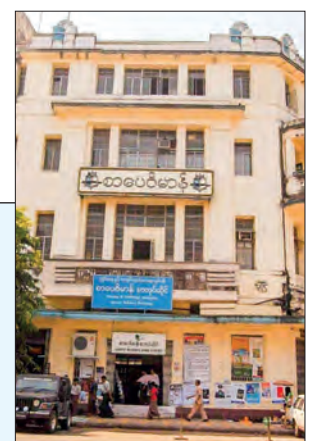
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Office reply about the received books, publishes a news release on the Public Relations Department (PPD) website, and classifies the received books according to the 19 designated subjects for selection for the National Literary Awards.

In addition, the Copyright and Registration Division also officially sent the following on 23 April: six books (12 copies) eligible for 2025, 112 books (224 copies) eligible for 2026, 16 books (32 copies) not eligible for 2025, and 71 books (142 copies) not eligible for

2026, respectively. — TWA/MKKS

This photo shows the Sarpay Beikman Office, which is conducting the classification and recording of the selected books according to the specified subjects for the National Literary Award.



Myanmar President visits leading technology firms in Hangzhou

During his State visit to China at the invitation of Chinese President Xi Jinping, Myanmar President U Min Aung Hlaing and his delegation yesterday visited several high-tech companies in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, to observe developments in electric vehicles, sustainable materials and robotics.

The delegation first toured Zhejiang Leapmotor Technology Co Ltd, where they were welcomed by chairman Zhu Jiangming and company officials. President U Min Aung Hlaing was briefed on the firm's history, production capabilities, vehicle assembly processes and electric

vehicle manufacturing operations. Company representatives said Leapmotor has invested in more than 50 firms involved in research and component production, manufactures around 65 per cent of its vehicle parts in-house, and aims to increase that figure to 80 per cent. The company is currently among China's leading electric vehicle manufacturers and is expanding exports, with a target of exporting more than 100,000 vehicles in 2026. In 2025, the company exported over 60,000 vehicles. After the briefing, the two sides exchanged commemorative gifts.

The Myanmar delegation then visited Zhejiang Qingshi New Material Technology Co



President U Min Aung Hlaing is pictured alongside a humanoid robot manufactured by China's Unitree Robotics, presented as an official commemorative gift.

Ltd, where chairman Du Guofeng introduced the company's bamboo fibre production process. Officials explained how selected bamboo is processed using biological rather than chemical methods to create fibres that are blended into yarns, textiles, garments and consumer products. The company, based in Hangzhou's Xiaoshan District, specializes in high-quality bamboo fibre products and produced 18,000 tonnes of naturally antibacterial bamboo fibre in 2025. President U Min Aung Hlaing also observed the manufacturing process, signed the company's guestbook and exchanged gifts with the chairman.

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VP urges all citizens to protect Myanmar's cultural heritage

VICE-PRESIDENT Nan Ni Ni Aye, who is also chairperson of the Myanmar National Culture Central Committee, attended the ninth committee meeting yesterday.

Speaking at the meeting, the Vice-President said the national cultural heritage, which has endured for thousands of years, is a source of national pride and must be preserved and passed on to future generations to ensure its sustainability. The fossilized remains of some of humanity's earliest primates were discovered in Myanmar and that prehistoric periods such as the Stone Age, Bronze Age, and Iron Age developed continuously on Myanmar land. Moreover, there were emergence of recorded history, Pyu civilization and Pyu ancient



Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye addresses the ninth meeting of the Myanmar National Culture Central Committee yesterday.

cities. In 2014, the ancient Pyu cities of Hanlin, Beikthano, and Sri Ksetra were recognized by UNESCO as World Heritage Sites. She added that the architectural achievements of the Bagan era, which flourished after the Pyu era, demonstrated remarkable artistic and architectural excellence. The wall paintings, architectural designs, and water management

systems of Bagan reflected the high level of innovation and standard of that era, leading to the recognition of the Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2019.

She further noted that intangible cultural heritage, including religious beliefs, languages, folk tales, traditions, customs, and the twelve seasonal

festivals, exists among all ethnic groups in Myanmar, each with its own unique characteristics. Every citizen has responsibility for preserving both tangible and intangible cultural heritage. At the 19th Session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, held in Asunción, Paraguay, from 2 to 7 December 2024, Myanmar's traditional New Year Ata Thingyan Festival was inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The Vice-President stated that Myanmar's Thanaka cultural tradition and tea culture have already been submitted to UNESCO for consideration, while preparations are underway to nominate the Htamane.

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Speaker U Khin Yi leads Myanmar Hluttaw delegation to Belarus



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi is pictured before departing for Belarus.

AT the invitation of Speaker Mr Igor Sergeyenko of the House of Representatives of Belarus and State Duma Chairman of the Russian Federation Mr Vyacheslav Volodin, the Myanmar Hluttaw delegation led by U Khin Yi departed for Belarus by air from Yangon International Airport yesterday morning to attend the 2nd International Forum of the Union State "Great Heritage Common Future".

The Myanmar Hluttaw delegation was seen off at the airport by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Aung Naing Thu, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Htay Aung, Deputy Speaker U Kyaw Kyaw Soe, and officials from the Union Solidarity and Development Party.

The Myanmar Hluttaw delegation was led by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi and accompanied by officials from the Pyithu Hluttaw Office. — MNA/MKKS

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President U Min Aung Hlaing responds to queries raised by CCTV

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, during his State Visit to China at the invitation of Chinese President Mr Xi Jinping, gave an interview to Ms Zou Yun, the top news presenter of CCTV news agency at the reception hall of the Diaoyutai State Guest House on 17 June. The full text of the translated answers of the President to CCTV news agency is as follows:

Interviewer: Hello, President U Min Aung Hlaing. This visit marks your first goodwill trip to China since assuming office as President in April. Accompanying you on this visit are six Union-level ministers and several senior military officials. So, I notice it is a high-level delegation. What outcomes do you hope to



President U Min Aung Hlaing sits down for an interview with a senior China Central Television (CCTV) News presenter on 17 June 2026.

achieve from this goodwill visit to China?

President U Min Aung Hlaing: That is correct. Since I assumed my responsibilities as Head of State on 10 April, I have sought to strengthen relations further between

our new government and China. At the invitation of President Xi Jinping, I have come to China with that objective in mind. The main purpose of this visit is to enhance comprehensive cooperation with China in support of Myanmar's de-

velopment and progress. We aim to expand cooperation across various sectors between Myanmar and China, encourage Chinese investment in Myanmar, promote bilateral trade, and strengthen collaboration on border security and stabili-

ty. As we are countries with "Pauk-Phaw" (fraternal) relations, this is my first official state-level goodwill visit to China.

Interviewer: Mr President, you said that China and Myanmar share a long com-

mon border and are trustworthy friends. You also noted that the two countries are partners in building a community with a shared future, standing together through both good times and difficult times. How do you view this relationship?

President: Myanmar and China have enjoyed a long history of relations. Our friendship did not begin recently; we have long been good neighbours. The two countries share a border of more than 2,000 kilometres. As you have just mentioned, our countries are Pauk-Phaw (fraternal) nations. We have reached an agreement to build a community that shares both opportunities and challenges, as well as mutual benefits. Therefore, I believe that relations between Myanmar and China are not based solely on

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as well as with provincial leaders. In addition, he attended a business summit and visited high-tech industrial enterprises for study tours. These engagements further strengthened the long-standing Pauk-Phaw (fraternal) relations between Myanmar and China, and discussions were held to enhance bilateral cooperation in all sectors between the two governments and peoples across various sectors, including economic and security matters. The talks focused on advancing mutually beneficial outcomes for the State and the people.

In the afternoon, the high-level Myanmar delegation led by the President arrived back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport where they were welcomed back by Vice-Presidents U Nyo Saw and Nan Ni Ni Aye, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe, Com-

mander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Ye Win Oo, Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, the commander of the Nay Pyi Taw Command, and officials from the Chinese Embassy and the Military Attaché Office to Myanmar.

President U Min Aung Hlaing and Myanmar delegation consistently focused on the national interest throughout the visit. During the trip, they were able to enhance friendship and cooperation between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, promote cooperation in economic, space technology, and various other sectors, and make efforts aimed at advancing the interests of the people of Myanmar.

As such, officials of the China-Myanmar Friendship Association, various associations, ethnic children, the band and pom-pom dance troupe, Chinese dance

troupes, ethnic dance troupes, artistes, people and departmental officials warmly welcomed home the President and delegation members from the aircraft to the VIP lounge as well as along the route to the Tatmadaw Airport by holding up the vinyl banners bearing "May the friendship between China and Myanmar endure forever", "May China-Myanmar comprehensive strategic cooperation be further strengthened across all sectors", "We warmly welcome the President and the delegation who are strengthening China-Myanmar friendship. We also warmly welcome President Min Aung Hlaing, who has been working for Myanmar's multi-sectoral development. We support the building of a China-Myanmar community with a shared future. May China and Myanmar remain closely united in friendship. And, May Myanmar-China

cooperation be certain to succeed." They also waved the state flags of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China, and chanted "May China-Myanmar friendship exist in perpetuity; May President U Min Aung Hlaing, who is working for the nation, religion, and the Sasana, be in good health; May President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing be healthy; and May China-Myanmar friendship be strengthened; and May China-Myanmar friendship endure forever."

Along the route from the airport to Nay Pyi Taw, LED boards at major locations also displayed images of the President's visit to the People's Republic of China, along with the message: "We proudly and joyfully welcome home President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing." — MNA/TTA

Tachilek's village concrete road construction inspected

THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development inspected the completed village concrete road project in Old Parnawt Village, Tachilek Township today.

Tachilek Township Department of Rural Development Head Daw Lae Lae Thin and project staff inspected the completed concrete road, measuring 550 feet in length, 10 feet in width, and six inches in thickness. She met village committee members and local elders, urging them to work together to ensure the long-term sustainability and proper maintenance of the newly completed village road.

The village concrete road project was implemented using K15 million from the 2026-2027 financial year Village Development Project fund together with public contributions. Construction was carried out by local villagers with technical assistance and close supervision from the department, beginning in the first week of May, and has now been completed in full. — Sein Lwin (Rural)



Officials and locals are pictured alongside the completed village concrete road in Tachilek Township.

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our shared border. They are also founded on the long-standing friendship and goodwill between our two peoples. For that reason, we should continue working to strengthen and enhance our bilateral relationship.

Interviewer: Our President, Xi Jinping, has also referred to the Myanmar-China relationship as Pauk-Phaw (fraternal friendship). In Chinese, the term is rendered as baobo. This Chinese expression is derived from the Myanmar term Pauk-Phaw, which symbolizes kinship or fraternal ties. How do you view this expression and its significance?

President: This is closely related to my earlier answer. Myanmar and China share a long history of relations. The term “relatives” refers to people connected by blood ties. In essence, such a relationship symbolizes a close and trustworthy bond. Within a family, there are brothers and sisters, parents, nephews and nieces – all of whom belong to the same family circle. Likewise, the term Pauk-Phaw conveys kinship and familial closeness. The expression Pauk-Phaw has long been used to describe the relationship between Myanmar and China because it reflects the view that the peoples of the two countries are bound together by ties akin to those of relatives

and family members.

Interviewer: Mr President, you have met Chinese President Xi Jinping on many occasions. How do you view him, and what kind of leader do you think he is?

President: President Xi Jinping is not only a leader genuinely committed to improving his country but also someone whose views reflect a desire for a world where all people are treated equally and live in harmony. From my discussions with him, I have seen that he supports the idea of building a community with a shared future, where countries stand together through both good times and difficult times. Whenever I meet him, he consistently emphasizes the importance of peace, stability, security and development. I have noticed that these are themes he almost always raises during our meetings. I have visited China many times. My first visit was in 2007. After that, I did not return after 2019 until I visited again in 2024. When I first came to China, President Xi was serving as Vice-President. Later, after he became President, we continued to meet and hold discussions. Over the years, I have observed tremendous changes throughout China. Every region has undergone significant development. China is a vast country, both in terms of territory and population.

With a population of more than 1.4 billion people — roughly one-fifth of the world’s population — it is no easy task to ensure balanced development and progress for all. Achieving that requires exceptional leadership. I have seen the capability and vision of China’s leadership, and for that reason, I have great admiration for President Xi Jinping.

Interviewer: Mr President, it is understood that you have previously visited China. Based on that experience, how do you understand the essence of Chinese modernization and the path it follows?

President: This is related to my previous answer. Modern China has made remarkable progress. Its development has been extremely rapid, and the pace of advancement is impressive. Whenever a new technology emerges and makes the news, by the time we study it, another innovation has already appeared. This reflects the hard work and dedication of China’s younger generation. We can see that Chinese young people are energetic, ambitious and highly motivated. They have a strong desire to work, innovate and achieve results. As a result, progress can be seen everywhere. I have visited not only the places you mentioned but also many other provinces across Chi-

na. Almost all of them have experienced significant development. One more point I have observed is that development is relatively balanced. The differences are not excessive. The conditions in Beijing, Shanghai, Chongqing and Guangzhou are not vastly different from one another. Each city is developing in its own way while maintaining a reasonable degree of balance. From what I have seen, the balanced nature of China’s development is particularly noteworthy. I believe the progress achieved by modern China offers a valuable example that we can learn from.

Interviewer: We understand that during this visit, you are scheduled to meet with business leaders in Shanghai. On the day of your arrival, you also visited the Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation. It is also reported that you will observe a robotics factory in Hangzhou. In this context, in which areas do you think China-Myanmar cooperation can be further enhanced?

President: China-Myanmar cooperation can be promoted in many sectors. These include industry, technology, culture, health, sports, and many other fields. Since China is a country that has achieved broad-based development across multiple sectors, there is strong potential

for cooperation between our two countries in various areas. During this visit, as I have been learning extensively, we also plan to hold a trade exhibition in Shanghai. This exhibition will promote China-Myanmar economic cooperation. Myanmar products will be displayed, and Chinese companies will also present their goods and services. I will personally attend, observe, and consider which areas we should begin cooperation in. Therefore, I see strong potential for cooperation across multiple sectors.

China is a global leader in artificial intelligence. It is also truly at the forefront of aerospace technology. During our recent visit, we observed that only three countries – the United States, Russia, and China – have successfully landed on the Moon. China is the third country to achieve this and is therefore one of the leading nations in space technology. We are already in discussions on cooperation in the space sector. In the near future, we also plan to launch a small satellite. This is a joint satellite project with China. There are opportunities for cooperation in space, AI, and IT-related fields. I see clear potential for collaboration with China in all these areas.

Interviewer: Last year you visited Sichuan Province

and took the opportunity to extensively study architectural designs from Chinese engineers that are suitable for Myanmar’s hot and humid climate, as well as disaster risk reduction measures and post-disaster reconstruction experiences. How do you plan to apply these findings in Myanmar?

President: China’s engineering expertise is highly advanced. In particular, Sichuan Province is an earthquake-prone region. When I visited Sichuan, I observed that their earthquake-related repair and maintenance systems were very effective. Myanmar also experienced a severe earthquake last year. The damage was extensive, and we are still carrying out reconstruction work. Some major bridges and large buildings were destroyed, and reconstruction has not yet been fully completed. In this regard, I held discussions in Sichuan on earthquake-resistant construction methods. This is an essential area for our country’s reconstruction efforts. I also see clear opportunities for cooperation in this field.

Interviewer: Mr President, which sectors do you believe can be further strengthened in China-Myanmar cooperation?

President: There are many areas. As I explained earlier, there are numerous

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Gas leak repairs underway in Yangon

THE State-run Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) launched urgent inspections and repairs on Yangon’s gas network Friday, following a pipeline leak discovered beneath Ayeyawun Road in Thakayta Township.

According to the ministry, the leak was detected on 17 June on a four-inch pipeline supplying CNG Station

020 in Mingala Taungnyunt Township. To ensure public safety, gas transmission was temporarily suspended at 10:30 am, and replacement work began immediately.

Repairs are scheduled to continue until 22 June, during which CNG Station 020 will remain temporarily closed.

The ministry said it

conducts regular maintenance and replacement of pipelines to prevent ruptures, corrosion and leaks caused by ageing infrastructure and accidental damage.

Members of the public who notice similar gas leaks are urged to contact the Ywama Natural Gas Distribution Station of MOGE at 09 795503828. – MNA/KZL



MOGE personnel repair a leaking natural gas pipeline beneath Ayeyawun Road in Thakayta Township.

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fields that can be used for cooperation. These include engineering-related sectors, electronics, technology, and aerospace. There are also opportunities in agriculture-based production, industrial development, and agri-based industries. There are many areas where cooperation is possible. The purpose of my visit is to explore opportunities for cooperation across multiple sectors. As I mentioned earlier, this includes promoting economic cooperation, investment, and bilateral trade. Investment also covers all the sectors I have just described.

Interviewer: At present, there is cooperation with China regarding online scams. What is your view on this issue?

President: Online scams are a major global challenge, especially involving those with a tendency towards gambling. In many cases, both victims and perpetrators become involved in one way or another, driven by the hope of gaining money. We need to carry out public awareness campaigns. We also need legal preventive measures—for example, cross-border cooperation between the two countries in accordance with the law. If other countries are involved,

they should also enact laws and inform their citizens accordingly. Human beings naturally have desires, and much depends on human psychology. That desire needs to be controlled. At the same time, the law must effectively prevent such crimes, and strong penalties must be imposed. All countries need to participate and cooperate. Only in this way can online scams be eradicated. This is one of the major global problems we are currently facing, and I believe it can only be solved through cooperation.

Interviewer: What impression did the film “Lighting Up the Stars”, which was screened at the recent China Film Week event, leave on you, Mr President?

President: Films are mostly dramas and action movies. This drama film is quite good. It presents emotions in a very effective way. What I noticed is that, in terms of China’s filmmaking techniques, there are talented actors, well-produced scenes, proper filming techniques, equipment, and sound effects. I found that even these aspects were very well done. There are also many film enthusiasts in our country. I myself attend some film-related events. Art is a form of knowledge

and expression that can transform people. It is a field that can influence and change the feelings of the public. Therefore, I also recognize its importance. So, when I went to watch this film at the film event, I found that China’s filmmaking techniques, including the acting, production elements, and equipment used, were of a very high standard. There are also the editing and other aspects. The cinematography and the concepts behind it are quite good. I am saying this because I watched this particular film myself. There are many other, more famous films as well. Sometimes, I have also been given many films to watch, but I have not had the time to watch them. When I have free time, I sometimes watch short films too. Films can change people. They can have a positive impact, or they can also have a negative impact. They influence people’s emotions and feelings. Therefore, I believe films play a very important role. If Myanmar and China cooperate in the film industry, I believe such collaboration can also contribute to bringing about positive changes.

Interviewer: Regarding the film “Lighting Up the Stars”, when looking

at the sound effects and cinematography aspects, how do you view the way it reflects the relationship between the two countries and the roles connected with both countries?

President: It is about the feelings between children and parents. It shows how the father guides and teaches his son, how the son treats the girl who comes to live in their home, and how the girl responds to him in return. It is a portrayal of love and affection.

The filming locations and scenes also appear quite natural. It is not only the acting; the scenes have also been shot in a very realistic way. There may be filmmaking techniques involved, but they are executed so smoothly that we cannot really notice them. We observed that it is done in a way that makes the techniques completely unnoticeable. That itself is also a form of skill.

Interviewer: I have learned about the President’s remarks regarding the feelings conveyed in the story. My follow-up question is that this year marks the 10th anniversary of the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation project. How do you assess the ways in which the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation framework can contribute to improving

the social development and livelihoods of the people of Myanmar?

President: The Lancang-Mekong Cooperation project is also beneficial for Myanmar. It covers multiple sectors, including social, economic, and cultural fields. It works across various areas. In particular, it helps improve the socioeconomic conditions of the grassroots population, such as Myanmar’s ethnic communities and lower-income groups. Another aspect is support for government institutions. I have observed that it helps with capacity building and improving the performance of various departments and agencies. It provides useful assistance in these areas. Overall, I have seen that the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation project supports Myanmar’s development, especially the development of ethnic communities in border areas. I consider it to be a beneficial and valuable project.

Interviewer: Regarding the main BRI project, China-Myanmar cooperation has become increasingly deeper at present. What benefits and significance do you think the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) brings to Myanmar?

President: The BRI is a framework in which Myanmar

is also included as part of its route. Its objective is an initiative undertaken by China to promote global development. Myanmar is included in it as well. There is a southern route, and there is also a smaller route passing through Myanmar, which forms the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor. We are participating under that framework. These projects greatly support both Myanmar’s development and the expansion of China-Myanmar cooperation across various sectors. Some projects are currently being implemented and have not yet been completed. However, they will contribute to Myanmar’s development and, in turn, help connect it with the wider world, including access to the western region. Therefore, this is a beneficial project. I would also like to say that Myanmar is fully cooperating in its implementation.

Interviewer: The current global situation presents many challenges. At present, there are also the four global initiatives proposed by President Xi Jinping. How do you assess the role of these four initiatives in promoting world peace and development?

President: There are four broad initiatives proposed

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Myanmar President visits leading technology...

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In the afternoon, the delegation visited Unitree Robotics Co Ltd, where chairman Wang Xingxing and company officials welcomed the visitors. A robot produced by the company greeted the President with a message written in Myanmar language. The delegation observed demonstrations of quadruped and humanoid robots, as well as AI-powered systems designed for

industrial, domestic and disaster-response applications. The robots also performed traditional Myanmar and Chinese dances and demonstrated boxing and service functions.

Founded in 2016 and headquartered in Hangzhou, Unitree Robotics is internationally known for developing advanced quadruped and humanoid robots. Company officials said it places strong emphasis on technological innovation and develops key components, AI technologies and motion-control algorithms in-house.

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President U Min Aung Hlaing tours Zhejiang Leapmotor Technology Co Ltd in China.

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President U Min Aung Hlaing responds to queries raised by CCTV

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by President Xi Jinping concerning global affairs. These are positive initiatives. They are widely acceptable and do not harm the interests of any countries. They are aimed at promoting progress and achieving positive outcomes. We also see them as good initiatives and have expressed our support for them. Myanmar is also committed to cooperating in the best possible way. In fact, all four of these initiatives are based on good intentions, and this is something that cannot be denied.

Interviewer: Your Excellency, as the final question, I would like to ask about Myanmar's current development. After the new government came into office, I would like to know what plans and measures will be implemented to promote the country's development.

President: As a government, we have the responsibility to develop the country. Our primary objective is to improve the socioeconomic well-being of the people. Socioeconomic

development must be advanced. We are a country where development has been relatively slow, and we have decided to accelerate this process. At the same time, we will work to maintain good international relations, especially with neighbouring countries, and to strengthen overall good relations with the international community while also promoting national development. These are the objectives and responsibilities of our government.

Interviewer: As Your Excellency, how do you view the current peace situation in Myanmar? Regarding peace, what plans are there to continue working toward lasting stability and durable peace?

President: National peace is fundamentally based on differences in attitudes and disagreements. What we need to do is prevent these disagreements from occurring in the first place. What kind of disagreements are these? Are they political disagreements, administrative disagreements,

cultural disagreements, or ethnic affairs-related disagreements? We must work to ensure that such differences do not arise. This must be implemented in accordance with the law. Since we are in a democratic era that seeks peace based on the rule of law, all matters must be addressed through coordination and dialogue. However, every country has its own laws and regulations. We must proceed in accordance with the law. No country can act beyond the law. There is a principle that "no one is above the law". No one can operate outside the legal framework. If necessary, reforms can also be made within the law. We intend to carry out such necessary and appropriate measures in Myanmar. If we do so, I believe that peace in Myanmar will inevitably be achieved.

Interviewer: What are the main sectors that should be prioritized to address and resolve the differences of opinion mentioned earlier?

President: If people speak about what is possible and

what should be done, rather than what they want, then many differences of opinion will be greatly reduced. People have many desires. You also may have many things you want, and I also have many things I want. However, not everything that we want is possible. We can only do what is appropriate and what is feasible. Therefore, in addressing differences of opinion, if we focus on what is possible and what should be done instead of what we wish for, there will be no need to struggle so much. That is how I see it. This kind of mindset is necessary.

Interviewer: At present, China and Myanmar maintain relations based on the policy of peaceful coexistence. In pursuit of this principle of peaceful coexistence, China is currently conducting its relations with Myanmar's new government. How do you view this, Your Excellency?

President: The Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence are a set of principles recognized as a global standard. I also

discussed this yesterday with President Xi Jinping. It is an issue that should be regarded as a global standard and is widely accepted. Therefore, if our two countries work together based on these Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, then the friendship between our "Pauk-Phaw" (fraternity) nations and our mutually beneficial community will remain strong and enduring. It should not only be something that benefits us in the present, but it must also ensure long-lasting friendship, trust, and reliability between the two countries for generations to come. That is the direction we should take. Therefore, I would like to say that this is not only for our two countries, but a system that should be accepted and practised by the entire world.

Interviewer: The One-China policy is China's firm and resolute position. Your Excellency, how do you assess this?

President: We have supported the One-China policy from the very beginning.

A country is a single entity; there is no division. There is only the One-China policy. Myanmar fully supports this. We will continue to uphold this position now and in the future.

Interviewer: Your Excellency, do you have anything you would like to add?

President: It is comprehensive. The scope of China-Myanmar cooperation is already quite deep and also very broad. What we need to do is continue strengthening it so that it becomes even more solid. It should not only be stable in the present moment, but must be strengthened for many years to come. We need to build mutual trust and friendship with one another. There should be no division; unity and harmony in the region are the best approach. As good neighbouring countries, I would like to say that we will continue to uphold this stance and move forward together.

Interviewer: Thank you so much for your answers.

President: OK, thank you.

Brief Outages Expected Amid Power Grid Maintenance

POWER outages will occur from 8 am to 12 pm on 20 June to reduce power outages and ensure electrical safety in the 33 kV development (II) power line, while power outages will occur from 8 am to 4 pm on 21 June to maintain and repair electrical equipment at the 33 kV Industrial Zone Substation. There will be temporary power outages in urban areas, hotel zones, Dekkhinathiri Industrial Zone, offices and surrounding villages in Taungtha ward, Pynmana Township.

The offices and the public in the affected areas have been notified in advance. Similarly, the 33 kV Tatkon power line will be repaired and maintained from 8 am



A view of the upper structures of a National Grid substation.

to 1 pm on 21 June to clear trees and bushes that are not in the way along the power lines to reduce power outages and ensure electrical safety. Urban areas and villages of Tatkon Township will experience temporary power outages. Offices and public places in the power outage areas have been notified in advance.

Similarly, the 66 kV Mawlamyine - Chaungzon No (I+II) power line is an important power line for continuous power transmission and distribution to districts and urban areas in Mon State, and is located in Chaungzon Township.

The inspection found that the power line tower 287 near Kahnyaw village

had a firecracker, so the replacement of the firecrackers and the removal of rubber tree branches from the poles (320 to 327) to prevent unwanted power outages will be carried out.

This improvement will result in fewer power outages and reduce damage to power transmission infrastructure. The work will take place during a four-hour power outage from 8 am to 12 pm on 20 June.

During the work, Chaungzon Township and villages in the township will be temporarily without power, and factories, workshops and the public have been informed in advance of the possible power outages. — MNA/MKKS

Mongyawng's village concrete road construction inspected

THE Mongyawng Township Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development inspected the ongoing village concrete road construction project in Pahut Ywathit Village, Mongyawng Township, yesterday.

U Sai Soe Soe, Head of the Mongyawng District Department of Rural Development, Mongyawng Township Department Head Daw Aye Moe Khaing and project staff inspected the progress of the village concrete road construction in Pahut Ywathit Village. He instructed that the work should be completed on schedule and in line with prescribed technical standards, while coordinating the requirements.

The concrete road, measuring 300 feet in length, 12 feet in width and six inches in thickness, is being implemented for the 2026-2027 financial year, using K15 million from the VDP fund and K2 million contributed by locals. The work is being carried out by villagers themselves with technical assistance and close supervision from the Department's engineering staff, and has now reached approximately 80 per cent completion. — Cho Than Nyunt (Rural)

OPINION

Expedite efforts to build the community with a shared future

CHINA and Myanmar have, since the establishment of diplomatic relations 76 years ago, trusted and relied on each other with sincerity, and have developed into good neighbouring countries, good friends, and good partners who mutually support one another. Both countries have consistently upheld equality and mutual benefit and have strongly supported each other in safeguarding national sovereignty, security, and development interests.

In view of the profound changes taking place in the regional and international landscape, both sides agreed to uphold the Five

Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, further carry forward the China-Myanmar “Pauk-Phaw” (fraternity) friendship, and, based on equality, mutual respect, consultation, and mutual benefit, enhance practical and mutually beneficial cooperation across various sectors. They also agreed to continue advancing the building of a China-Myanmar community with a shared future and to deliver greater benefits to the peoples of both countries.

Therefore, the Joint Statement on accelerating the building of a China-Myanmar community with a shared future contains comprehensive and wide-ranging agreements across various sectors that will bring benefits to the governments and peoples of both countries. It calls for accelerating the building of the China-Myanmar community with a shared future in order to promote regional peace, stability, prosperity, and sustainable development, advance regional economic integration, narrow development gaps, and foster an open and inclusive region.

Myanmar and China reaffirmed that they will continue to firmly support each other on issues concerning each other's core interests and major concerns. China expressed its support for Myanmar in pursuing a development path suited to its national conditions and supported by its people. The Myanmar side, in turn, expressed its support for China in safeguarding its national sovereignty, security, territorial integrity, and national dignity,

as well as China's efforts to maintain national stability, achieve national reconciliation, promote social harmony, and advance long-term peacebuilding.

Myanmar attaches great importance to President Xi Jinping's proposal to build a community with a shared future for mankind, as well as the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative, the Global Civilization Initiative, and the Global Governance Initiative. It acknowledges and recognizes that these frameworks safeguard the common interests of humanity and make significant contributions to world peace and development.

Therefore, by promoting political friendship and mutual trust, mutually beneficial development, balanced and mutually reinforcing security, and integrated connectivity, and based on the goals of mutual benefit, equality, and win-win cooperation, the two sides will work together to build a China-Myanmar community with a shared future.

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Atomic Habits: Small Changes, Remarkable Results

By Junior Thin

AT SOME point in life, we've all wanted to change. Maybe we wanted to lose weight, read more books, build a business, or improve ourselves. Yet many of us start with enthusiasm and quickly lose momentum. We blame a lack of willpower, but according to James Clear in *Atomic Habits*, the real problem is not us – it's the system we use.

His most powerful idea is:

“You do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems.”

This book teaches that lasting success doesn't come from dramatic transformations. It comes from small, consistent improvements repeated every day.

The Power of One-Per-Cent Improvements

One of the most inspiring examples in the book is the story of the British Cycling Team. For decades, they were considered average and had achieved very little success internationally. When coach Dave Brailsford took over, he didn't focus on major changes. Instead, he looked for tiny im-

provements everywhere.

He adjusted bike seats for comfort, improved athlete recovery, optimized training conditions, and even taught proper hand-washing techniques to reduce illness. Each improvement was small, but together they produced extraordinary results. Within a few years, the team became one of the most successful cycling teams in the world.

This demonstrates the principle of marginal gains: improving by just one per cent every day leads to remarkable progress over time.

Success is rarely the result of one big breakthrough. It is usually the result of hundreds of small actions compounded over months and years.

The Valley of Disappointment

One reason people abandon good habits is that they expect immediate results.

When someone starts exercising, they expect visible changes within days. When they begin reading or learning a new skill, they expect rapid improvement. But progress rarely happens in a

straight line.

James Clear calls this period the Valley of Disappointment—the gap between what we expect and what actually happens.

He explains this with the example of an ice cube. Imagine a room that's 26°F. As the temperature rises to 27°, 28°, 29°, 30°, and 31°, nothing appears to change. But when it reaches 32°, the ice suddenly melts.

The previous degrees were not wasted. They were creating the conditions necessary for change.

Life works the same way. Many of our efforts seem invisible at first. We study, practise, exercise, and work hard without seeing immediate rewards. But beneath the surface, progress is accumulating.

Those who persist long enough eventually reach the breakthrough point that others mistakenly call “overnight success”.

Systems Matter More Than Goals

Most people focus on goals. They believe success comes from setting ambitious targets.

However, goals alone do not guarantee success.

Winners and losers often share the same goals. Every athlete wants to win. Every entrepreneur wants a successful business. What separates them is not their goals but the systems they follow every day.

Goals also create only temporary change. Cleaning a messy room solves the problem for a day, but unless better habits are developed, the room will become messy again.

Another problem is that goals can delay happiness. People often tell themselves, “I'll be happy when I achieve this.” As a result, they spend most of their lives waiting for a future moment instead of enjoying the present.

Systems are different. They focus on the process rather than the outcome. When we learn to enjoy the daily practice, success becomes a natural byproduct.

The key lesson is simple:

Don't obsess over goals. Build better systems.

Identity: The Foundation of Lasting Change

The deepest insight in *Atomic Habits* is that real change begins with identity.

Most people focus on what they want to achieve:



- I want to lose weight.
- I want to write a book.
- I want to exercise more.

But successful habit change starts with a different question:

Who do I want to become?

James Clear uses the example of two people quitting smoking. When offered a cigarette, one person says, “No thanks, I'm trying to quit.”

The other says, “No thanks, I don't smoke.”

The difference is subtle but powerful. The second person has changed their identity. They no longer see themselves as a smoker.

Every action we take is a vote for the type of person we want to become.

Every page read is a vote for becoming a reader.

Every workout is a vote for becoming a healthy person.

Every productive day is a vote for becoming a disciplined

individual.

Over time, these votes strengthen our identity, and our habits begin to align naturally with who we believe we are.

The Four Laws of Behaviour Change

James Clear provides a practical framework for building good habits.

1. Make It Obvious

Habits begin with cues. If you want to read more, keep a book where you can easily see it. If you want to exercise, prepare your workout clothes in advance.

You can also use habit stacking by attaching a new habit to an existing one:

“After I drink my morning coffee, I will read one page.”

Design your environment so that good habits become easier to notice.

2. Make It Attractive

We repeat actions that we enjoy.

One useful strategy is pairing a habit you need to do with something you want to do. For example, listening to your favourite podcast only while exercising.

The people around us also influence our behavior. When we join communities where positive habits are normal, those habits become more attractive and easier to maintain.

3. Make It Easy

Many people fail because they try to do too much at once.

Instead of aiming to read an entire chapter, start with one page. Instead of committing to an hour of exercise, begin with two minutes.

The goal is not perfection. The goal is consistency.

Small actions repeated daily create greater results than occasional bursts of effort.

4. Make It Satisfying

We are more likely to repeat behaviours that feel rewarding.

Tracking habits can help create immediate satisfaction. Marking a calendar, checking off a task, or recording progress gives the brain a sense of accomplishment.

And when mistakes happen, remember one important rule:

Never miss twice.

Missing one day is normal. The key is returning to the habit as quickly as possible.

Final Lesson

Good habits do not restrict freedom – they create it.

Healthy habits give us freedom from illness. Financial habits give us freedom from stress. Productive habits give us freedom to pursue bigger opportunities.

Life is not about achieving one massive goal. It is about becoming slightly better every day. The small choices we make today shape the person we become tomorrow. Every action matters. Every habit counts. Success is not a single event. It is the result of consistently making better choices, one day at a time.

Reference: *Atomic Habits*

RESEARCHERS at the Garvan Institute of Medical Research report that a simple question—whether a person can comfortably walk one kilometre—may effectively predict future fracture risk. Published in *JAMA Network Open*, the study analyzed health and outcome data from nearly 267,000 adults aged 45 and older enrolled in the Sax Institute's 45 and Up Study in New South Wales.

Participants answered how much their health limited their ability to walk set distances, choosing ‘not at all’, ‘a little’, or ‘a lot’. Investigators then tracked fractures over five years to evaluate the relationship between walking limitations and fracture incidence.

At baseline, one in five partici-

Walking fitness can predict fracture risk in older adults



pants reported some level of walking limitation. The study found a clear dose-response relationship: greater reported difficulty walking one kilometre was associated with

progressively higher fracture risk over the five-year follow-up.

Women who said they were limited “a lot” in walking one kilometre had a 60 per cent higher

fracture risk than women with no limitation; men who reported the same level of limitation experienced more than a 100 per cent increase in risk.

This increased risk applied across fracture types, including hip, vertebral, arm, and leg fractures, and persisted after adjusting for other known risk factors such as age, history of falls, prior fractures, and body weight.

Approximately 60 per cent of fractures in the cohort were attributable to some level of walking limitation, indicating the large public-health impact of mobility problems. The association re-

mained robust in sensitivity analyses, suggesting walking limitation is independently linked to fracture risk rather than merely reflecting other conditions.

The authors emphasize that while walking difficulty can arise from multiple causes — cardiovascular disease, arthritis, neurological conditions, or deconditioning — their analyses indicate the link to fracture risk stands even when accounting for these potential confounders.

Lead author Professor Jacqueline Centre, Head of Garvan's Clinical Studies and Epidemiology Lab, and first author Dr Dana

Bluc, Senior Research Officer, highlight the potential clinical utility of this simple functional question. Bone health assessment and fracture prevention often rely on dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry (DXA) scans and formal risk calculators, but screening rates are low and many at-risk individuals remain unidentified.

Asking patients whether they can walk one kilometre comfortably takes seconds, requires no equipment, and could serve as an inexpensive, noninvasive triage tool to flag people who may benefit from bone density testing or preventive treatment such as

osteoporosis medications and lifestyle interventions.

The researchers argue that integrating a brief walking-ability question into routine clinical consultations may help target bone-health assessments more effectively.

Given the strong and consistent association observed, simple functional screening could identify people who otherwise might not be referred for DXA scanning or treatment.

Preventive options — including pharmacologic therapies, exercise and balance programs, fall-prevention strategies, and nu-

tritional measures — can reduce fracture risk if started before the first fracture or after an initial fragility fracture.

The study's strengths include a large, community-based sample and prospective follow-up with fracture outcomes, providing substantial statistical power and generalizability to middle-aged and older adults in a broadly healthy population. The observed dose-response relationship supports a potentially causal link between reduced walking ability and skeletal fragility or fracture susceptibility.

The authors also caution that walking limitation is a non-specific signal and may reflect a range of health issues beyond bone weakness.

SOURCE: ANI

NATIONAL

Deputy Ministers reply to queries at Pyithu Hluttaw session

THE 11th-day meeting of the Pyithu Hluttaw emphasized the response to nine questions and submission on the findings of the Anti-Online Scam Bill.

At the question-and-answer session, Deputy Minister for Digital Development and Communications U The Win Aung answered the questions presented by U Htay Lwin (aka) U Di Lone from the Namsang Constituency. He said the ministry will earmark the plans to build mobile communication stations in the remote areas such as Namlit, Haingnagyi and Peinse village-tracts in Namsang Township depending on supply of electricity, communication network and financial allocation.

He also responded to the questions raised by U Myo (aka) U Myo Aung from the Pyay Constituency, saying that the works to clear the tangled fibre optic cables in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, and Mandalay have now commenced according to a plan. Measures are



The 11th-day meeting of the second regular session of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw is underway yesterday.

being taken to clear the fibre cables, improve the appearance of the cities in line with urban standards by reducing the congestion of telecommunication poles through port sharing, and arrange for the relocation and construction of above-ground fibre optic cables underground.

With regard to the questions raised by U Khin Maung Tun from the Phaungpyin Constituency, the deputy minister answered it is difficult to repair the microwave links and fibre links due to security conditions of the regions. Depending

on the peace and stability of the regions, efforts will be made to arrange the communication facilities of mobile networks in Phaungpyin Township.

The deputy minister also answered the questions submitted by U Nay Lin Aung from the North Okkalapa Constituency, saying that regarding the advertising of Slot Games and gambling agents, coordination is being carried out with internet service provider companies to block and restrict gambling websites and applications through domestic Internet gateways.

He responded to the queries raised by U Aung Lin Hlaing from the Bokpyin Constituency, stating that internet users will be able to obtain and use services according to the types of services provided by companies holding internet service business licences and in accordance with the prescribed rules and regulations. If telecom providers fail to comply with and fulfil the requirements in accordance with the rules and regulations, complaints may be submitted to the Ministry.

With regard to the questions submitted by U

Tin Htwe from the Okpo Constituency, Deputy Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Thaik Soe said that the maintenance and repair work for the three-mile and four-furlong Magyipin-Byantgyi-Kinmonchon-Chaungna earthen road will be carried out to ensure smooth and convenient travel. The road widening of the eight-foot-wide section and upgrading it into a durable laterite road will also be planned and implemented in the coming financial year.

He also replied the questions raised by U Aung Myo Than from the Kawhmu Constituency, stating that the plan to pave concrete along the South Kyaikhtaw-Tartazin inter-village road in Kawhmu Township will be prioritized in the nearest financial year but it depends on the financial allocation.

The deputy minister also responded to the questions submitted by Daw Ohnma Moh Moh Zaw from the Thaegon

Constituency, saying that the six-furlong section of Okse-Yintaiktan-Hnawgon road in Thaegon Township will be upgraded as the expansion of the earthen embankment and placing the laterite.

The deputy minister answered the queries presented by U Ye Htut Aung from the Minhla Constituency, stating that the Thayettabin-Tahson-Seinkantlant laterite road in Minhla Township will be upgraded to the concrete facility in 2027-28 financial year by demanding the fund.

Secretary of the Bill Committee read out the findings on studies for the Anti-Online Scam Bill sent by the Amyotha Hluttaw with amendments.

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Maung Maung Ohn announced that any representatives can enlist to submit proposals on amendment to the bill.

The Pyithu Hluttaw will continue its 12th-day meeting on 22 June. — MNA/TTA

VP urges all citizens to protect...

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The committee will continue to formulate policies, amend laws and rules to strengthen heritage protection, and coordinate solutions whenever challenges arise in implementation. She also emphasized the need to safeguard national culture from being overshadowed by foreign influences spread through social media. To preserve and promote Myanmar's traditional fine arts, ethnic dances, music, and cultural expressions, the Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition has been organizing every year.

She stressed that the Committee must continue efforts to preserve and promote Myanmar's cul-

tural values, traditions, and national identity. She noted that laws and rules have been enacted to safeguard cultural heritage, and public awareness of these measures should be enhanced. Preserving traditional culture strengthens national prestige and contributes to a positive national image, making it a responsibility that all citizens should take seriously and implement in line with the guidance of the Myanmar National Cultural Central Committee.

She continued that if young people become overly attracted to foreign cultures while neglecting their own traditions and customs, national spirit may gradually weaken. Therefore, special atten-

tion should be paid to preventing excessive foreign cultural influence. She also urged efforts to preserve Myanmar's traditional "Ten Flowers" arts and crafts from disappearing. At a time when traditional Myanmar performing arts are experiencing renewed public interest, measures should be taken to ensure their proper development and prevent deviation from their authentic cultural values.

The committee vice-chair, secretary and participants reported on the activities of the committee, completed mission and ongoing work plans.

The Vice-President made a conclusion remark and concluded the meeting. — MNA/KTZH

ME to Malaysia to adjust service hours from 1 July

STARTING from 1 July, passport extension service time will be changed, said the Embassy of the Republic of Myanmar to Malaysia on 19 June and it also warns of scam passport services.

The embassy has provided consular services in a day for Myanmar nationals in Malaysia on the grounds of some facts — travelling from remote areas to Kuala Lumpur, being unable to take leave according to the work demand and for work permit extension which requires time under the laws of Malaysia.

There are 350-450 people visiting the embassy on a daily basis and the embassy said it



The Myanmar Embassy in Kuala Lumpur.

has received the public suggestions about their inconveniences in waiting to receive services for application acceptance, collection of biometric data, verification and re-issuance of passport.

For the efficiency of the service, the passport extension application time has been set from 8:30 am to 11:30 am

and re-issuance will be provided in next three working days, including the application day, between 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm. Original receipt issued by the embassy is required to show when taking out the passport, and the embassy will continue providing other consular services in a day as usual. — MT/ZS

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Amyotha Hluttaw replies to questions, sets up committees

THE second regular session of the Third Amyotha Hluttaw continued at its convention hall for the eighth day yesterday.

Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing first replied to the questions raised by Sai Win Khaing from the Shan State Constituency 10, saying that if Citizenship Scrutiny Cards issued under a single citizen number are verified as having been correctly issued, the person listed in the issuance record will be confirmed as the rightful holder of that number. The other individual will be issued a new number. Likewise, if one person has already used that CSC in documents, the person who has not yet used it will be issued a new number. If so, the new CSC will indicate the previous CSC number on the back, stating “previously held CSC number”, and the original number will be shown accordingly. The township

officer will then verify and sign the confirmation.

If, in cases where two individuals have duplicate CSCs, it is found through verification that one of them was issued the number through fraudulent means, only the person confirmed to be legitimately eligible will be validated. Those involved staff members or related persons who issued the number to an ineligible individual will be punished in accordance with the Civil Service Law and regulations.

Deputy Minister for Transport U Aung Myaing answered the questions raised by U Khin Maung Htay from the Magway Region Constituency 7, stating that with regard to prevention of enforcement actions arising from expired vehicle and driver’s licences currently in use in Gangaw, Htilin, and Saw townships, instructions have already been issued on 18 May 2026 that the



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

list of these licences must be sent to the General Administration Department, Gangaw District Office.

He also replied to the questions raised by U Khin Maung Win from the Mandalay Region Constituency 1, saying that in order to protect east and west Khayutok villages in Myittha Township from riverbank erosion, arrangements will be made to build the 2,400 feet long gabion walls which will cost some

K2,550 million. So, the project will be implemented depending on the financial allocation.

Nang Woe Sein from the Shan State Constituency 12 raised a question, and Deputy Minister for Construction U Myo Myint replied that the upgrading of the Takaw-Mongping-Kengtung road in Mongping Township will be carried out in financial years and the fund will be demanded to implement

the project.

Regarding her one more question, the deputy minister answered that the 13 miles and two furlongs long section of the Mongping-Mongpoom road in Mongping Township will be upgraded to the asphalt facility by demanding the fund from the Shan State government.

The deputy minister replied to the questions submitted by U Soe Min San from the Mon State

Constituency 9, saying that currently, with the Nyaungkhashay checkpoint on Yangon-Mawlamyine road as the central point, arrangements will be made for the BOT company to further expand the road during the upcoming open season by adding one additional traffic lane on each side, extending half a mile towards the Waw side and half a mile towards the Sit-toung Bridge side, making a total road length of one mile.

With the approval of the Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe announced the formation of the Internal and External Labour Committee, the Fundamental Rights, Democracy and Human Rights Committee, and the Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development Committee.

The Amyotha Hluttaw will continue for the ninth day on 22 June. — MNA/TTA

NSPNC holds peace talks with NDAA and UWSP

A delegation led by Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Chairman of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee (NSPNC), held peace talks with a delegation led by U Htein Lin, Chairman of the National Democratic Alliance Army (NDAA), in Mongla, Shan State, on 17 June.

During the meeting, Lt-Gen Yar Pyae discussed the new government’s invitation to peace talks and the peace process to be pursued going forward. In response, the NDAA Chairman expressed his great joy and pride over President U Min Aung Hlaing’s assumption of office. He stated that the NDAA highly appreciates the President’s emphasis on peace, national reconciliation, education, economic development, and



Images show the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee (NSPNC) meets the National Democratic Alliance Army (NDAA) (L) and the United Wa State Party (UWSP) (R).

socioeconomic stability as priorities of the new government. In particular, he said that the NDAA stands ready to cooperate constructively and actively in advancing peace and national reconciliation as key priorities. He added that, by consistently pursuing a path of peace, unity, and development, the NDAA will contribute to the best of its ability towards safeguarding state sovereignty,

strengthening ethnic solidarity, achieving national peace, and promoting the development of border areas.

Subsequently, NDAA Vice-Chairman U San Pae provided an update on ongoing regional development activities.

The participants then held discussions on peace and development, shortages of teachers and health-care personnel, agriculture

and livestock farming, efforts to combat narcotics, online scams, and online gambling, the suppression of transnational crime, the facilitation of transportation and commodity flows, and the peace process to be pursued going forward.

On 18 June, the delegation led by Lt-Gen Yar Pyae went to Panghsan, Shan State, where it held talks with a delegation that included U Kyauk Kaw

Ann, Vice-Chairman of the United Wa State Party (UWSP), and other senior leaders.

During the meeting, the NSPNC Chairman discussed the formation of three peace committees, the status of the peace invitation, and the peace process to be pursued going forward. In response, the Vice-Chairman of the UWSP outlined his organization’s position and per-



spectives, reaffirming its commitment to upholding the principles of non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity. He also expressed the organization’s desire to further advance the peace process, improve public livelihoods under the leadership of the President and the new Union Government, resolve differences through political dialogue, and promote regional development.

Subsequently, the participants exchanged views on current political developments, peace efforts, border stability and development, and the implementation of political objectives aimed at achieving further progress beyond the current situation, according to reports. — MNA/TH

NATIONAL

YRUREA sets 4 July AML/CFT Real Estate Training

THE Yangon Region Unity Real Estate Association (YRUREA) will conduct Real Estate AML/CFT awareness training 1/2026 from 8:30 am to 5 pm on 4 July at the Sky Star Hotel in Tamway Township.

Members who have not yet attended the training can attend the training free of charge, and non-member real estate agents can first become association members in time to join the course.

The subjects include

AML/CFT financial awareness from the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), Registration of agents from the General Administration Department, Urban land laws and procedures from the City Development Committee, Tax-related knowledge from the Internal Revenue Department and How to become a successful real estate entrepreneur by Saya Lin Thaik Nyunt.

Those interested in attending the training can contact Mingala U Kyaw

at 09 256698266, Daw Theingi Mar at 09 789090035, U Nyi Nyi Zaw at 09 5191978, Daw Win Thit Nwe at 09 5073377, U Nay Myo Aung at 09 5128625, Daw May Thin Khaing at 09 250161271, U Thein Win at 09 5010545, Daw Nila Htay at 09 799640352, U Zaw Myint at 09 5137080, Daw Thanda (San San) at 09 441983412, U Aung Myint at 09 5137080, Daw Aye Thu Zar Aung at 09 441983412, U Naing Lin at 09 789122456 and Daw Moe Sabae at 09 420243734. — NN/KK

Taninthayi's fishery export earns US\$287.97M in 2025-2026FY

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shrimp are also exported by sea from Myeik to Japan. If fish and shrimp can be exported live instead of frozen, foreign earnings could more than double. Moreover, if direct air freight exports become possible instead of relying on sea transport, export revenues could increase three to four times. By shifting from raw material exports to value-added products and expanding direct air freight exports, Myanmar's marine export sector will enter a new era

and make a significant contribution to the country's economic growth," said U Thet Soe, secretary of the region fisheries federation.

Efforts are underway through cooperation between relevant ministries and the Myanmar Fisheries Federation to further develop fisheries and aquatic production in Taninthayi Region. These efforts aim to increase marine product production, create more employment opportunities within the region, and

improve the livelihoods of fishery workers and their families.

During the 2025-2026 financial year, the aquaculture sector in Taninthayi Region earned \$2.032 million from exports of fish, shrimp farming generated \$48.003 million, soft-shell crab farming earned \$1.689 million, snail farming brought \$0.424 million, and seaweed farming generated \$0.045 million, totalling \$52.193 million. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH

CBM sells US\$26,000 to CMP companies

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$26,000 to CMP companies on 18 June.

CBM sold over \$1.13 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$170,000 to CMP companies on 17 June.

CBM sold over \$24,600 to CMP companies on 16 June and \$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 to 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



An office logo of CBM.

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

YGN palm oil wholesale reference price set at K7,285 per viss

THE wholesale reference prices of palm oil set for the Yangon market slightly declined to K7,285 per viss this week ending 25 June, which is down from K7,300 last week ending 18 June, according to the Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution.

The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely monitoring FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs, and banking services to determine the weekly wholesale market reference rate for edible

oil.

Despite the reference price, the market price is still high. To curb overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed consumers that they could lodge complaints about overcharging through the call centre hotline in late August. The



Cooking oil bottles are arranged for sale.

department urges consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices.

The committee warned that anyone engaging in price gouging or hoarding to manipulate the market will face prosecution under the Essential Goods and Services Law. To stabilize prices, the Consumer Affairs Depart-

ment is collaborating with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and major importers to distribute palm oil at affordable rates. Consumers can report overcharging through the department's hotline 1535, its official Facebook page, or local regional offices.

Managing this supply remains critical as Myanmar faces an annual deficit. Local production yields only 400,000 tonnes against a national demand of one million tonnes. To bridge this gap, the country relies on importing roughly 700,000 tonnes of palm oil each year from Malaysia and Indonesia. — NN/KK

Trading Amount and Forex Rate in the Market on 19 June 2026

	US\$	Chinese yuan	Thai baht	India rupee
Exchange rates	3,658.00~3,663.80	5,557.00~557.10	125.50~125.70	43.60
Trading amount in the market	31,116,357.57	27,001,804.93	36,332,683.84	
The amount sold by CBM to the market				

THE foreign currency amount traded in the foreign exchange market was for the import of edible oil, fuel oil, industrial raw materials, con-

sumer goods, packaging materials, pharmaceutical and pharmaceutical raw materials, car/motorcycle spare parts, seeds, and solar. From

the revenue of the CMP sector US\$2.88 million was contributed to the edible oil sector and US\$0.08 million to the CMP sector. — MNA

NATIONAL

376 PDF members rejoin society, surrendering with arms

THE government is extending an invitation to those involved in various armed groups, including the PDF, to return to the legal fold. Those who do so are being provided with necessary assistance and support.

A total of 376 PDF members – 338 males and 38 females – entered the legal fold yesterday. They were handed over to their parents or guardians at

the Yan Aung Myin Hall of the Central Command Headquarters.

At the ceremony, these 376 individuals from different townships of Mandalay and Magway regions were handed over to their parents or guardians, and they presented the arms to the Commander.

The arms included eight MA-1s, two MA-2s, eight MA-3s, two M-22s, one AK-47, one MA-11, two

Type 81s, two pistols, 12 homemade guns, 39 magazines, 790 bullets, five grenades three walkie talkies and one binoculars.

The region chief minister presented K120 million for 24 rifles, K4 million for two pistols, K6 million for 12 homemade guns, K1.5 million for five grenades, K600,000 for three walkie talkies, K200,000 for one binocular, K31.4 million for 314 return-



A handover ceremony for returnees is underway at the Central Command Headquarters.

ees without arms with K100,000 each, totalling K166.4 million.

Returnees signed pledges and were handed back to their parents or guardians.

There are still individuals who wish to return to the legal fold. Those who intend to do so are encouraged to promptly contact and report to the nearest Tatmadaw bases or police

stations. They will be welcomed and accepted, provided with the necessary assistance and support, and cash rewards for any arms and ammunition. — MNA/KTZH

K1.398B in drugs seized in Thaton

ACCORDING to the Myanmar Police Force, the vehicle carrying over K1.398 billion worth of drugs was captured at the Donthami Bridge checkpoint in Thaton Township of Mon State on 18 June.

Acting on a tip-off, a combined team consisting of security forces intercepted the vehicles at the Donthami bridge checkpoint at 10:30 am on 18 June. The Pajero was travelling from Thaton, driven by Kyaw Min Naing (aka) Thein Zaw. During the search, authorities found and confiscated 466,000 stimulant tablets worth K1.398 billion on board.

The arrested person

and the seized vehicle, along with the drugs, will be handed over to the relevant departments and will be processed in accordance with the procedures.

The government is constantly implementing anti-drug activities that tarnish the prestige of the state and destroy all of humanity by partnering with public and international organizations. It is also reported that the public needs to report information about drugs to the authorities in time and that any organization that is involved in the seized drugs will be taken effective and severe action. — MNA/MKKS



An arrestee is seen along with seized drugs.

19 foreigners arrested in illegal gold mining in Tachilek



A barge used for illegal gold mining operations near Wanlang Village in Tachilek.

AUTHORITIES have arrested a total of 19 foreign nationals, including 17 Chinese men and two Lao men, in connection with illegal gold mining activities near Wanlang village, Kanglek, Tachilek

Township, eastern Shan State.

According to reports, the arrests were made during a coordinated security operation based on information provided by residents about illegal

gold mining in the area. Security forces conducted a clearance operation and discovered the suspects at around 1 pm in two separate locations near the village.

At a site about 450 metres south of Wanlang village, 11 Chinese nationals and one Lao national were found on a dredging raft preparing for gold panning. At another site about 600 metres southwest of the village, six Chinese nationals and one Lao national were also found on a second dredging raft.

Authorities confiscated an array of illegal gold-mining equipment, highlighted by a massive,

partially constructed dredging platform. The structure measured 120 feet by 37 feet and contained six individual rooms. Alongside the platform, officials seized a diesel engine system, a generator, dynamos, air tanks, gas cylinders, and rubber sheets specifically used for extracting gold.

Officials said all seized equipment will be handed over to relevant departments in accordance with procedures or destroyed, while the foreign nationals will be prosecuted under the law for illegal entry and related offences. — MNA/KZL

Shwe Kokko illicit building demolished

AUTHORITIES have demolished another illegal seven-storey residential building in the Shwe Kokko area, which was reportedly used in online fraud and illegal gambling activities.

A coordinated team of relevant departments is continuing the systematic

removal of illegal structures linked to online scam operations in the KK Park and Shwe Kokko areas of Myawady Township, Kayin State.

Officials said the demolition forms part of ongoing efforts to clear 77 identified buildings used in such activities. Of these,

57 are being demolished using machinery, and 20 are being destroyed through controlled explosive demolition.

With the latest demolition, a total of 61 buildings have now been removed, while 16 remain pending for further action.

Authorities stated

that the government is treating the crackdown on online fraud and illegal gambling as a national priority and is coordinating with neighbouring countries, alongside domestic efforts, to prevent such activities from re-establishing in Myanmar territory. — MNA/KZL

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WORLD

Kuwait lifts force majeure, with oil output set to rebound to prewar levels



Kuwait's largest oil refinery at the Al-Ahmadi complex, about 40 kilometres south of the capital Kuwait City. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Kuwait has been seeking to gradually restore normal energy operations after the conflict disrupted maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz.

KUWAIT announced on Thursday plans to raise crude oil production above two million barrels per day within a week, signaling a major step toward restoring energy operations after months of conflict-related disruptions.

According to a statement by the state-owned Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), the move came as Kuwait lifted force majeure notices imposed during the US-Israel-

Iran conflict, citing improved security conditions, the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz and the resumption of international commercial shipping.

KPC said it has completed repairs to damaged infrastructure and is working with customers to ensure a smooth return to full contractual supply volumes.

The announcement follows a precautionary reduction in oil production

and refining operations introduced in March amid repeated attacks targeting Kuwait's energy infrastructure and transport networks.

As one of the Gulf's major oil producers, Kuwait has been seeking to gradually restore normal energy operations after the conflict disrupted maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz, a key route for global oil exports. — Xinhua

Israel, Hezbollah agree ceasefire as US-Iran deal under strain



Talks that had been planned for Friday between the United States and Iran at the Burgenstock mountaintop resort in Switzerland have been postponed, according to a Swiss foreign ministry statement. **PHOTO: AFP**

ISRAEL and Hezbollah agreed a ceasefire on Friday, a US official said, after deadly exchanges between the two sides in Lebanon put a deal to end the Middle East war under strain less than two days after it was signed.

Talks that were scheduled for Friday between the US and Iran in Switzerland to take the deal to the next stage were postponed amid the fighting, with no new date announced.

Tehran's top negoti-

ator warned it would not bend on its red lines and that its finger was still "on the trigger", even as shipping appeared to pick up in the Strait of Hormuz, which had essentially been closed during the war.

The deal signed this week by President Donald Trump and his Iranian counterpart Masoud Pezeshkian aims to end a war that began on 28 February with US-Israeli strikes that killed supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. — AFP

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V BANGKOK VOY.NO. (0B81NS1NC)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V BANGKOK VOY.NO. (0B81NS1NC)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **20-6-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Myanma Port Authority

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M/S CMA-CGM SHIPPING LINE PTE LTD

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Sweden boss Potter eyes redemption at World Cup



Sweden head coach Graham Potter oversees a World Cup training session. **PHOTO: AFP**

GRAHAM Potter took charge of Sweden in October with both coach and team in need of a reset. Now they are one game from the World Cup knockouts.

The Swedes hammered Tunisia 5-1 in their opening game in Mexico on Sunday to seize control of Group F, after the Netherlands were held 2-2 by Japan.

They will clinch qualification for the last 32 if they beat the Dutch in Houston on Saturday, and if they win and Japan fail to beat Tun-

sia they will top the group.

It is a remarkable turnaround for a team that finished bottom of their European qualifying group behind Switzerland, Kosovo and Slovenia.

Sweden scored just four goals and failed to muster a single victory in their six games. Potter, who replaced the Dane Jon Dahl Tomasson on a short-term deal with two games to go, was unable to stop their slide. But Sweden's lifeline came courtesy of their UEFA Nations League ranking, which secured a place in the European play-offs.

The nation's football chiefs showed their trust in Potter by awarding him a contract in March that will take him up until 2030.

And he repaid their faith in style by leading them past Ukraine and Poland to the World Cup in Canada, Mexico and the United States. — AFP

Myanmar Golf Handicap Manager software launched

THE Myanmar Golf Federation introduced the Myanmar Golf Handicap Manager software on 19 June for the World Handicap System.

The launching ceremony was held at the Myanmar Golf Club located on Pyay Road in 9th-Mile, Yangon yesterday yesterday. At the event, MGF vice president and the World



The software launching ceremony.

Handicap System Subcommittee's chair U Zarni Win talked about

the rules of handicap ping.

U Phyo Min Zaw,

managing director from the 7th Computing gave presentation on the use of the software and distributed it to golf courses and clubs in attendance.

If they want to use the Myanmar Golf Handicap Manager software, golf courses and golf clubs across Myanmar can contact MGF's office head U Tun Kyaw, via 09 5193423. — MT/ZS

South Africa hold Czechs, keep World Cup knockout dream alive

TEBOHO Mokoena's penalty kept South Africa's dream of reaching the World Cup knockout stages for the first time alive after a 1-1 draw with the Czech Republic in Atlanta on Thursday.

Michal Sadilek's early opener had the Czechs

on course for just their second World Cup win as an independent nation. But Mokoena's late spot-kick kept both teams in the hunt for the last 32, although they will almost certainly have to win their final Group A fixture to advance.

Both sides move onto one point, two behind co-hosts Mexico and South Korea, who face off later on Thursday. South Africa next face South Korea, while the Czech Republic take on the daunting task of playing Mexico in the Estadio Azteca.

"I think we deserved more today because we played a very good game," said South Africa coach Hugo Broos. "But if we go on like that, and if we can make another performance like today, I think we have a chance to go in the second round." — AFP

Co-hosts Mexico first team into World Cup knockout rounds

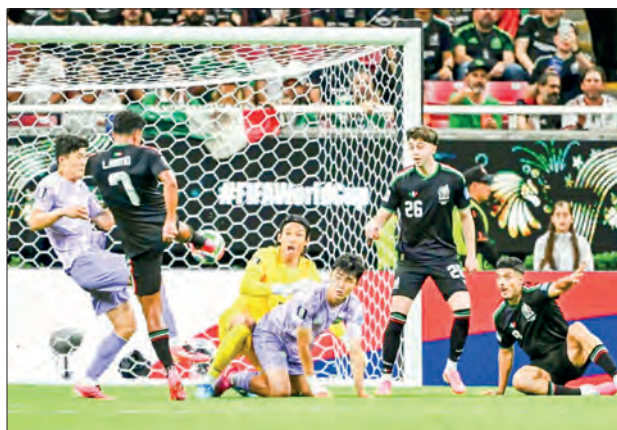
CO-HOSTS Mexico became the first team to reach the knockout rounds of the World Cup with a 1-0 win over South Korea at a delirious Guadalajara Stadium on Thursday.

After a dreary first period, Luis Romo's goal just after half-time thanks to a goalkeeping error put Mexico through as Group A winners with a match to go.

Mexico stopper Raul Rangel made a superb double save in the dying minutes to preserve their lead.

Finishing top keeps Mexico at home in the last 32 with a game against a third-placed team in Mexico City.

"It's really difficult to deal with the emotions,"



Mexico midfielder Luis Romo lashes home the winning goal in a 1-0 World Cup Group A win over South Korea. **PHOTO: AFP**

coach Javier Aguirre said of the challenges going into the game.

He reserved special praise for Rangel and the supporters in Guadalajara.

"His save was just amazing," said Aguirre.

"It was quite a tactical match, and hard to digest

for the fans, but they were outstanding.

"I would just like to say thank you to them, they've been fantastic ever since we got here.

"Mexico jerseys were everywhere, everywhere you turned it was green shirts." — AFP

Robertson and Scotland eye World Cup history against Morocco

SCOTLAND captain Andy Robertson urged his team to build on their opening World Cup win against Haiti and get a result against Morocco on Friday which would help propel them into the knockout rounds of the tournament for the very first time.

"I don't think any of the lads or the coaching staff and backroom staff have shied away from it," Robertson told reporters at the Gillette Stadium on the eve of the game.

"We want to be the first team to be able to do that for our country. And it's obviously a nice feeling to try and do that.

"We know how difficult it's going to be. We're now playing against one

of the best teams in the world.

"But we also believe that if we perform to our maximum, then we can make it difficult for anyone."

"I think we've proven that over the years," added the 32-year-old, who has just signed for Tottenham Hotspur after almost a decade at Liverpool.



Scotland are off to a winning start at the World Cup. **PHOTO: AFP**

Scotland kicked off their World Cup campaign in the United States with a 1-0 win over Haiti at the same venue near Boston last weekend.

That was their first World Cup game since 1998 and their first win at the tournament since 1990, as well as only their fifth ever at the finals. — AFP

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WORLD

Two decades of global impact: Moscow kicks off landmark BRICS 20th anniversary celebrations

THE ongoing BRICS Anniversary Week entered its fifth day in the Russian capital on 19 June, drawing together a diverse assembly of policymakers, academics, media professionals, and business leaders to review two decades of cooperation and map out the bloc's future roadmap, TV BRICS reported.

Jointly organized by the TV BRICS International Media Network and the M I Rudomino All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature, the week-long pro-

gramme is being hosted at the BRICS+ Information and Cultural Media Centre. Concluding on 20 June, the event features a series of strategic cultural, educational, and diplomatic engagements dedicated to evaluating the grouping's multilateral contributions across global economic, humanitarian, and developmental spheres over the past 20 years.

and Editor-in-Chief Janina Tolstikova said the media centre continues to serve as an important platform for dialogue among experts from different countries. She noted that discussions held during the anniversary events would contribute to analytical and news content produced by TV BRICS partner media organisations, helping enrich the collective BRICS agenda with expert perspectives, research, and data.

The programme began with a discussion on



Russian hostesses wearing traditional attire prepare to offer the symbolic "bread and salt" welcome to arriving foreign dignitaries at the Kazan International Airport ahead of the 16th BRICS Summit in October 2024.

PHOTO: PHOTOHOST AGENCY BRICS-RUSSIA 2024. RU/FILE

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Speaking about the initiative, TV BRICS CEO

literature and publishing in BRICS and Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) countries. A key highlight of the week is the panel discussion titled "BRICS – 20 Years: Results, Achievements and Prospects for Cooperation", featuring representatives from government institutions, academia, civil society, and the business community across Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. — ANI

Modi outlines India's AI vision at VivaTech 2026, rolls out red carpet for global tech players

The Summit, Europe's largest technology and startup event, brings together startups, technology leaders and investors under one roof.

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday outlined India's vision for Artificial Intelligence stating that its democratization is important for ensuring that its benefits reach everyone.

Addressing the 10th edition of the VivaTech Summit, in Paris, PM Modi rolled out the red carpet for top tech companies emphasizing that his government is easing regulations and expanding ease of doing business. He asked the attendees to visit the India pavilion and get a feel of the start-up innovation and India's immense energy.

The Summit, Europe's largest technology and startup event, brings together startups, technology leaders and investors under one roof.

He said that the India pavilion shows the prowess of India's startup ecosystem. From world's first 3D printed rocket engine to advanced genetic en-



This image shows a panel discussion at the Viva Technology conference. PHOTO: VIVATECH

gineering therapies and AI solutions that detect cancers and other critical diseases, the India pavilion is host to emerging technology.

The Prime Minister laid emphasis on the booming artificial intelligence (AI) technology improving access, driving economic growth and also help sustain our healthy planet.

Weighing on the AI

technology, PM Modi said that for India AI means all-inclusive underlining the importance of the principle of inclusivity that is at the heart of the Modi government.

The Prime Minister asked everyone present to take the lead and work with India and deliver for all. Using the example of Sarlaben to showcase India's AI prowess, PM Modi said that it is helping

women dairy farmers in livestock management. Launched by Amul, Sarlaben is a voice-first AI assistant that helps dairy farmers managing their livestock right from their nutrition to health. The Prime Minister also delved on India's great achievements in space technology stating that India was the first country to land near the south pole of the moon. — ANI

Hormuz ship crossings spike after war deal: trackers

A total of 25 commercial vessels crossed the newly-reopened Strait of Hormuz on Thursday, the highest number since mid-April, according to data from maritime tracking firm AXSMarine published on Friday.

The spike came after Iran and the United States agreed to reopen the crucial route under an agreement to end the war, but before the cancellation of talks between the sides in Switzerland that had been

planned under that deal.

On 18 June "we ob-

served 25 verified commercial vessel crossings



In this picture obtained from Iran's ISNA news agency on 18 June 2026, vessels are seen anchored in Bandar Abbas along the Strait of Hormuz. PHOTO: AFP

through the Strait of Hormuz — the highest single-day count since 18 April and more than five times the average daily level recorded during the first ten days of June," AXSMarine said in a news release.

Iranian forces effectively closed off the strait after US and Israeli strikes sparked the war on 28 February. Maritime authorities reported dozens of attacks on ships in the area. — AFP