

State Ceremony Honours Myanmar's Independence Martyrs



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing and State dignitaries pay tribute to the martyrs at the Martyrs' Mausoleum in Yangon on 19 July 2026.

The Martyrs' Mausoleum, the Bogyoke Aung San Museum, and the Ministers' Office (Secretariat Building) were crowded with people who came to pay tribute and express their appreciation for the great contributions and sacrifices of martyrs.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing paid tribute to the martyrs at the ceremony to mark the 79th Anniversary of Martyrs' Day 2026 at the Martyrs' Mausoleum in Bahan Township, Yangon, yesterday morning.

The President cordially greeted the families of the martyred leaders and guests. The President, together with Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe, Chief Justice of the Union U Tha Htay, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Ye Win Oo, Central Committee on Organizing the 79th Anniversary of Martyrs' Day Union Minister for Hotels, Tourism and Culture U Maung Myint, laid a wreath of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the mausoleum and paid tribute.

SEE PAGE 4

Public Flocks to Bogyoke Aung San Museum on 79th Martyrs' Day

ON 19 July 2026 — the 79th Anniversary of Martyrs' Day — monks, laypeople, and the general public visited the Bogyoke Aung San residence museum on Bogyoke Museum Road (formerly Tower Lane) in Bahan Township, Yangon. The museum, where General Aung San once lived, features eight exhibition zones displaying personal artifacts and historical memorabilia. Near the entrance sits the General's motorcar, while upstairs corridors show restoration photos preserving the house's original state.

Among the highlights, a silicone statue of the General reading on the left veranda draws



Students observe a silicone statue of General Aung San. **PHOTO: THITSA**

particular attention, as does the family dining table set with boiled peas and Nanbya (baked Indian flat bread) and a handwritten note from the General to his wife Daw Khin Kyi. British and Japanese ceramic tableware are also on display, alongside a digital room showcasing period technology. In the guest hall, visitors can view a painting by U Ngwe Gaing depicting the General farming, as well as a coat gifted by India's Mr Nehru. The master bedroom features the general's clothing, hats, and shoes, with an adjacent study and bathroom.

SEE PAGE 2

Myitkyina University to host international education forum in November

THE Myitkyina International Education Forum (2026), featuring academics from various universities across ASEAN, China, India, Japan, and South Korea, will be held in November at Myitkyina University in Kachin State, according to the Kachin State Government.

The forum will be the grandest and most prestigious state-level international education conference in the history of Myitkyina. As a new educational milestone that will elevate the prestige of Kachin State on the global stage, the forum will not only enhance the state's educational quality but also harmoniously connect global perspectives with regional potential, thereby accelerating state development and peace.

The forum will be organized with the strategic objective: "From Regional Development to National Peace and Socio-economic Progress". The event will feature paper presentations, special lecture sessions by experts, peace and education workshops, as well as exhibitions showcasing local products and research-based innovations.— ASH/KNN

Students seen studying at Myitkyina University.



NATIONAL PAGE 10

Myanmar to export premium rice varieties following domestic seed quality boost

NATIONAL PAGE 11

Spiked iron rings discovered in Thatbyinnyu Temple

NATIONAL

Flag Flown at Half-Mast for 79th Martyrs' Day

A flag-lowering and tribute ceremony was held at 7:30 am yesterday at the Secretariat Building, formerly known as the Ministers' Office, on Theinbyu Road in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, where General Aung San and other national martyrs were assassinated.

Attendees included Yangon Mayor U Myo Myint Aung, who serves as secretary of the 79th Martyrs' Day Organizing Work Committee, committee members, government officials, district and township administrators, firefighters, Red Cross members and honour guards.

They paid tribute to General Aung San and the fallen leaders by lowering the national flag to half-mast and observing two



The ceremony of lowering the State Flag to half-mast in progress at the Ministers' Office (Former Secretariat) in Yangon yesterday in commemoration of the 79th Martyrs' Day.
PHOTO: THITSA

minutes of silence.

To mark Martyrs' Day, the meeting room where the leaders were killed and the Parliament Building within the Secretariat compound were opened to the public free of charge from 9 am to 5

pm.

Exhibits included 28 personal items left behind by the martyrs, the tables and chairs used during their meeting, contemporary news reports and articles, the building's history and architecture, and

historical photographs of the more than 130-year-old Parliament Building. Students and visitors also took part enthusiastically in a quiz programme, with commemorative gifts awarded to successful participants. — MNA/ST

Heavy Rainfall Warning No 19

Issued at 8 am MST on 19 July 2026

ACCORDING to the observations at 6:30 am MST today, due to the strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal and the unstable air condition over the Bay of Bengal and rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls during 20 to 27 July 2026.

Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. The surface wind

speed in squalls may reach 30-35 miles per hour. The wave height will be about 9-11 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

People should be aware of the strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal and the unstable air condition over the Bay of Bengal and such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, flash floods and landslides in the hilly areas and near small rivers and inland water transport and domestic flights. — DMH

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm on Sunday, 19 July 2026)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 20 JULY 2026: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah and Mon states, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Rakhine State and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Mandalay and Sagaing regions and Kachin and northern Shan states. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing regions and Kachin, Chin and Shan states. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hails may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: The squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. The surface wind speed in squalls may reach 25-30 miles per hour. The wave height will be about 7-9 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: The likelihood of increase of rain in Yangon, Bago, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin and Mon states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20 JULY 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20 JULY 2026: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20 JULY 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

Public Flocks to Bogoyoke Aung San...

FROM PAGE 1

On the upper right side, the children's bedroom displays Aung San Lin's clothing, playing cards, schoolbooks, and handwritten notes, along with family photos and commemorative pictures of the younger son. Adjoining this is a special meeting room with speech excerpts and photographs of the General and his wife with Gyienphaw ethnic damsels. Outside,

the kitchen and a preserved pond — where Aung San Lin tragically drowned — remain as they were, and the final exhibition zone at the exit offers interactive tech displays and puzzle challenges.

Deputy Director Daw Thi Thi Thaung of the National Museum (Yangon) explained: "From the General's birth on 13 February 1915, to his assassination on 19 July 1947, we compre-

hensively present his independence efforts, family life, and historical journey. Students and visitors showed great interest."

The museum drew crowds of students and families, with successful puzzle solvers receiving souvenir gifts. Regular opening hours are 9:30 am-4:30 pm (closed Mondays and public holidays), though on Martyrs' Day it opened specially from 7 am-5 pm. — MNA/ST



Visitors view around the living room at the Bogoyoke Aung San Museum in Bahan yesterday.

NATIONAL

“The country’s progress depends on all the people standing united, working to the fullest of their abilities, maintaining discipline, and understanding the law.”

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing attended yesterday’s ceremony marking the 79th Martyrs’ Day (2026) to pay solemn tribute to the nation’s martyred leaders in recognition of their historic sacrifices.

Following the ceremony, President U Min Aung Hlaing responded to questions from members of the media regarding his attendance to pay tribute on Martyrs’ Day, as well as issues relating to the country’s development and national unity at the present time. His responses are as follows:

“As a democratically elected government and as the country’s leadership, we have a responsibility to accord the nation’s martyred leaders the highest



President U Min Aung Hlaing responds to media questions at the 79th Anniversary of Martyrs’ Day ceremony.

recognition and respect. That is why we have come to attend the Martyrs’ Day ceremony — the highest national observance held in honour of the martyred leaders. Other leaders have joined me in attending the ceremony as well.”

“I came to join everyone in paying tribute to the nation’s martyred leaders in a spirit of unity and solidarity.”

“We must always study and appreciate the vision of the nation’s leaders, including the martyred leaders

led by General Aung San, and understand how they sought to build the country and forge a united nation.”

“Following independence, it was essential for everyone to remain united in order to build a cohesive nation. However,

unity alone is not enough. We must also work for the good of the country. Discipline is equally important. It is true that there are still areas where greater discipline is needed. If we work together in unity, in an orderly and disciplined manner, and to the best of our abilities, there is no reason why the country cannot achieve development and progress. There is no reason why we cannot become a nation that stands shoulder to shoulder with the rest of the world. The people of Myanmar possess great strength and potential. What is needed is for each of us to make full use of our own capabilities and efforts.”

“National ethnic unity is of paramount importance. Before the country lost its independence, all ethnic nationalities lived

together in unity. After independence was lost, various divisive influences undermined that unity. Even after independence was regained, ethnic unity continued to be weakened by different forms of division. It is therefore essential that we restore unity and build a strong, united Union. If we fail to do so, conflicts will inevitably persist. That is why unity is so important.”

“To achieve unity, we must understand the importance of discipline and respect for the rule of law. We must also equip ourselves with knowledge and skills. We will pursue these efforts in an integrated manner because they are of vital importance.”

“For the country to achieve progress and development, I would like to call on all the people to stand united.” — News Crew

Martyrs’ Day Families Call for Unity, Peace and National Progress

RELATIVES of Myanmar’s fallen independence leaders paid tribute at the 79th Martyrs’ Day ceremony at the Martyrs’ Mausoleum in Bahan Township, Yangon, calling for peace, national unity and continued efforts to build the country.

U Ye Aung Than, a relative of General Aung San, attended on behalf of U Aung San Oo, who was unwell. He said he was proud to belong to General Aung San’s family and urged the public to safeguard the independence for which the martyrs had struggled. “Peace is important,” he said, adding that the country would benefit if all people could live peacefully.

U Ye Myint Aung, a family member of Thakin



Mya, said national unity was essential because the independence movement had brought together people from many ethnic and religious backgrounds, including Muslims and Christians. He said the martyrs had focused collectively on the goal of independence, and that similar unity today could help Myanmar develop.



U Thant Zin Cho, a family member of Deedok U Ba Cho, also stressed that national progress depended on people of all ethnic communities living together with mutual understanding. He called for peaceful and stable conditions, saying these could be achieved through unity and the absence of conflict. Open discussion, understanding each other’s



needs and forgiveness were important foundations for unity, he added.

Sao Kai Hpa, a family member of the late Mongpun Sawbwa Sao San Tun, said he attends the annual ceremony every year and was pleased to see people gathering in large numbers to pay their respects. He encouraged everyone to remain united.



Daw Myint Myint Khaing, a relative of Mahn Ba Khaing, urged the public to work together from their respective roles to realize the leaders’ vision of an independent, developed and peaceful nation. Although many years had passed since the leaders’ deaths, she said shared commitment and collective action remained vital to achieving



that goal.

Nant Soe Soe Khaing, also from Mahn Ba Khaing’s family, described unity as the country’s most important need. She expressed gratitude for the legacy of independence handed down by previous generations and for her grandfather’s contribution as a Kayin leader. She said unity should

NATIONAL

State Ceremony Honours Myanmar's ...

FROM PAGE 1

Also present at the ceremony were Union ministers, the Yangon Region chief minister, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of the Yangon Command and deputy ministers.

At the event, the flag of the Republic of the

Union of Myanmar was lowered to half-mast as a symbol of mourning. The Guard of Honour paid tribute by presenting arms, while the military band sounded the last post in honour of the fallen comrades. They observed a two-minute silence and shared the merits in their memory.

Family members and

representatives of the martyred leaders laid wreaths at the mausoleum to pay tribute and share merits gained.

Officials of the Yangon Region government, representatives of political parties, heads of foreign embassies to Myanmar and charges d'affaires ad interim also laid wreaths at the mau-

soleum and paid tribute. Representatives from social and religious organizations laid wreaths at the mausoleum to pay tribute to General Aung San and martyred leaders.

Members of the Sangha, students and people lined up in an orderly manner to pay tribute in remembrance and appre-

ciation for the great contributions and sacrifices of the martyred leaders.

On the occasion of the 79th Anniversary of Martyrs' Day 2026, the flag of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was flown at half-mast nationwide as a symbol of mourning. At 10:37 am, the time when the martyrs were assassinated, Myanma Radio and

Television and Myawady Television sounded the siren as a mark of respect.

People also visited the Martyrs' Mausoleum, the Bogyoke Aung San Museum, and the Ministers' Office (Secretariat Building) to pay their respects and learn more about these historic sites.— MNA/TTA



U Ye Aung Than, a grandson of U Aung Than who was an elder brother of Bogyoke Aung San, lays wreaths and pay tribute at the Bogyoke's tomb.



Family members pay tribute to Thakin Mya.



A family member pays tribute to Deedok U Ba Cho.



A family member pays tribute to U Ba Win.



Family members lay wreath to pay tribute to Mahn Ba Khaing.



Family members pay tribute to Mahn Ba Khaing.

NATIONAL



Family members lay wreaths and pay tribute to Mongpun Sawbwa Sao San Tun.



Family members pay tribute to U Razak.



Family members pay tribute to U Ohn Maung.



Family members lay wreaths and pay tribute to Yebaw Ko Htwe.



Diplomatic corps from foreign embassies in Myanmar pay tribute to the martyrs at the mausoleum.



Members from political parties, social organizations and locals pay tribute to the martyrs at the mausoleum.



Members from political parties, social organizations and locals pay tribute to the martyrs at the mausoleum.



NATIONAL

VP-led Myanmar delegation back from China

THE delegation led by Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye, who attended the 5th China Xizang Trans-Himalaya Forum for International Cooperation held in Nyingchi (Linzhi), Xizang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China, departed Nyingchi (Linzhi) by air for Yangon on the morning of 18 July.

The Vice-President and party were seen off at Linzhi Airport by Vice-Chairman Mr Zhao

Peng of the People's Government of the Xizang Autonomous Region and officials.

The Vice-President and party arrived back in Yangon yesterday morning. They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Aung Naing Thu, regional ministers, the regional advocate-general, Ambassador of China to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia and officials. — MNA/TTA



Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye is seen being welcomed back at Yangon International Airport on her arrival from the People's Republic of China yesterday.

Four Dagon Myothit townships designated as special development zone outside Yangon

DEVELOPMENT projects have been still underway in four Dagon Myothit townships as a part of special development zone outside Yangon, Union Minister for Construction U Myo Thant told the Pyithu Hluttaw.



Four Dagon Myothit townships' map.

He replied to the question raised by Pyithu Hluttaw MP Dr Shwe Pyi Soe from Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Constituency in Pyithu Hluttaw meeting on 17 July, "Is there any upgrade plan for Dagon Myothit district through the road connecting districts and a special economic zone plan in the district?"

The Union Minister responded that master plan for upgrading Yangon has been already written and according to it, four Dagon Myothit townships are located primarily in it. In addition, the implementation of the special development zone project has been continued according to different financial years and it also features housing projects that are being planned to build by the foreign investment, he said.

Development projects will continue to be implemented in the four major townships for Yangon upgrade plan for Dagon Myothit (North), Dagon Myothit (South), Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) and Dagon Myothit (East), said the Union Minister. — TWA/ZS

NSPNC holds talks with PSLF/TNLA

AFTER an offer was made to ethnic armed organizations to hold peace talks, the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee and Palaung State Liberation Front (PSLF/TNLA) held a meeting at Shwe San Eain Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the meeting, NSPNC Chairman Lt-Gen Yar Pyae said that the discussions need to focus on achieving durable peace, as well as regional stability, peace, and development. He pledged to address education, healthcare, and regional development matters for the people in the Ta'ang Palaung region. He added that, as an elected government has now emerged, amendments to the 2008 Constitution could also be carried out. He also urged open and frank discussions on matters re-



The photo shows peace talks between the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee and Palaung State Liberation Front (PSLF/TNLA) at Shwe San Eain Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

lated to regional stability, peace, development, and areas where joint efforts and coordination could be undertaken.

PSLF/TNLA Vice-Chair-1 Tar Jok Jar expressed his satisfaction for the unconditional meeting to ensure peace and stability and development of the country. At present, he added that the armed conflicts have ceased and the people have begun to

experience peace and stability. He expressed his belief that positive and constructive outcomes would emerge from today's discussions.

The attendees at the meeting bilaterally talked about cooperation in implementing the 100-day peace endeavours of the President and NSPNC, following the Haigeng agreement, implementation of the ceasefire agreement,

resolving the political problems through the political ways to ensure improvement of socioeconomy of the residents and peace restoration of the State, the stance on cooperation in peace process, and education, healthcare, regional development and transport measures.

Secretary of the committee Lt-Gen Min Naing explained the political requirements via the peace process, and situations for initiating the durable peace, regional development measures and the previous discussions with PSLF/TNLA.

Both sides signed to approve the meeting minute on discussions. PSLF/TNLA Vice-Chair-1 Tar Jok Jar spoke words of thanks while NSPNC Chairman Lt-Gen Yar Pyae gave a remark and presented gifts to PSLF/TNLA. — MNA/TTA

Ngwehsaung hosts Chinese culinary training graduation

A graduation ceremony for a Chinese culinary training course was held at the Yamonna Oo Hotel in Ngwehsaung, Ayeyawady Region, on 15 July.

The training was organized under the supervision of the Ministry of Hotels, Tourism and Culture in cooperation with Kunming Vocational University of Science and Technology in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China, and Fujian International Language School.

A total of 72 hotel staff from the Ngwehsaung and Chaungtha hotel zones attended the course, which ran from 3 to 15 July. During the ceremony, officials presented certificates to the successful trainees and tokens of appreciation to the instructors. The training aims to enhance participants' culinary skills and contribute to tourism development by improving Chinese cuisine preparation among hotel employees. — Kyaw Lin Oo (IPRD)/KZL

Global NEW LIGHT of MYANMAR

www.gnlm.com.mm



CIRCULATION & DISTRIBUTION

(+95) (01) 8604532,
Hotline - 09 255597511

ADVERTISING & MARKETING

(+95) (01) 8604530,
Hotline - 09 251022355
marketing@gnlm.com.mm
subscription@gnlm.com.mm

Printed and published at the Global New Light of Myanmar Printing Factory at No.150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, by the Global New Light of Myanmar Daily under Printing Permit No. 00510 and Publishing Permit No. 00629.
gnlmnews@gmail.com,
newsroom@gnlm.com.mm
www.gnlm.com.mm

Write for us

We appreciate your feedback and contributions. If you have any comments or would like to submit editorials, analyses or reports please email aungthuya@gnlm.com.mm with your name and title.

Due to limitation of space we are only able to publish "Letter to the Editor" that do not exceed 500 words. Should you submit a text longer than 500 words please be aware that your letter will be edited.

NATIONAL

Alms meals donated at Yangon City Hall to commemorate 79th Martyrs' Day

ALMS meals were donated to the venerable monks as a commemorative service to the martyrs of national independence at the City Hall of the Yangon City Development Committee yesterday.

Chairman of the Central Committee on Organizing the 79th Martyrs' Day Ceremony and Union Minister for Hotels, Tourism and Culture U Maung Myint, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Aung Naing Thu, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Htay Aung, the deputy minister for Hotels, Tourism and Culture and relevant officials and invitees attended the ceremony.



Union Minister U Maung Myint and the congregation offer alms meals at the Yangon City Development Committee in Yangon yesterday.

Shwebo Sayadaw Aggamaha Pandita Bhaddanta Candavamsa Lankara Bhivamsa, Vice-Chair of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, administered the Five Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Metta Sutta, and

the congregation presented offerings and shared merits gained in dedication to General Aung San and martyrs. After the event, the Union minister and the congregation offered alms meals. — MNA/KZL

79th Martyrs' Day donation and remembrance ceremony held in Nay Pyi Taw

A religious ceremony marking the 79th Anniversary of Martyrs' Day 2026 was held at 10:00 am yesterday at the Nay Pyi Taw Council Office to offer alms and share merits for the fallen national leaders.

The event was attended by members of the Sangha, led by State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Presiding Patron of Pali Tekkatho Mingala Zeyon Monastery of Pyinmana Aggamaha Pandita Bhaddanta Javanatikha, along with Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Kan Myint Than, Commander of the Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Kyi Thaik, deputy



Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Kan Myint Than and the congregation observe the Five Precepts at the merit-sharing event in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

ministers, and council members. During the ceremony, the attendees took the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Neminda, listened to Parittas, and offered donations to the monks. Following a Dhamma

sermon, merits were shared for the martyred leaders. At 10.37 am, marked by a siren, the attendees observed a one-minute silence to honour the fallen heroes before serving a midday meal to the monks.— MNA/KNN

Martyrs' Day Families Call for Unity, Peace and National Progress



U Ye Aung Than, a family member of General Aung San.



U Hla Kyi, a relative of U Razak.



U Thant Zin Cho, a family member of Deedok U Ba Cho.



U Aung Ko Ko, a relative of Yebaw Ko Htwe.

FROM PAGE 3
be built on love, and that younger generations had a responsibility to carry forward what their ancestors had begun. U Hla Kyi, a family member of U Razak, said ethnic unity had been crucial to achieving independence and required no further explanation of its importance. He said the martyrs had already shown, through their actions and ideas, how people should work together for

the country. Dr Min Myint, a relative of U Ohn Maung, thanked the authorities for holding the Martyrs' Day commemoration at the national level. He recalled his father's role in promoting ethnic unity, including helping to bring Sama Duwa Sinwa Nawng, a Kachin leader, into contact with General Aung San ahead of the Panglong Conference. He said his father had worked prominently and successfully to

advance unity among the country's communities. U Aung Ko Ko, a family member of Yebaw Ko Htwe, said ethnic unity had been the basis for the independence struggle. He noted that efforts to unite the country's frontier and central regions contributed to the Panglong Agreement and to independence for the whole of Myanmar. He said unity remained necessary to protect national stability and sovereignty, particu-

larly at a time of political differences and growing geopolitical and economic pressures. Stronger unity, he said, would create a more peaceful domestic environment and allow development work to continue without disruption. The relatives' messages centred on a common appeal: honouring the martyrs' sacrifice by strengthening mutual respect, peace and unity across Myanmar. — News Crew/ST

MoALI develops AI mobile app and digital services for farmers

THE Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation is developing a mobile application called 'Taungthu Gyi AI' to help farmers identify crop diseases and pests.

By uploading photographs of affected crops, farmers will receive real-time, AI-driven diagnoses and control measures to apply in their fields. The project is being jointly implemented with the Ministry of Transport. Union Minister U Min Naung noted that while Myanmar's transition to modern farming takes time, digital transformation is already active in public services, education, and market information. Current initiatives include on-



Crop pests commonly found in paddy fields.

line registration for agricultural inputs, linking animal product trade to the National Single Window system, and issuing electronic phytosanitary certificates. Additionally, private apps are supplying weather and soil data, while the Department of Agriculture has launched a dedicated call centre to handle farming enquiries. — TWA/KZL

OPINION

Intensify trade and business cooperation with neighbours

MYANMAR'S land and water transport routes have greatly contributed to cross-border movement and trade activities with five neighbouring countries. If border trade routes with neighbouring countries can be systematically developed and implemented, it will further promote national development and improve the socioeconomic well-being of the people.

Therefore, during the tenure of the current Government, priority has been given to upgrading and resuming the implementation of existing route development projects that connect Myanmar with neighbouring countries. These projects were initiated and carried out by successive previous governments but have experienced delays and setbacks due to various reasons. Under the current Government's administration, concerted efforts are being made with emphasis placed on completing and implementing these projects as quickly as possible.

To promote trade, the Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa-Tamu route, which is being used to connect with India, will provide Myanmar with investment and economic opportunities if stronger connectivity and exchanges are established between Myanmar and the six northeastern states of India. Similarly, conducting trade with China's Yunnan and Sichuan provinces, which share proximity with Myanmar, would bring significant benefits. If Shan State (East), through its connections with China, Laos, and Thailand, can engage in reciprocal trade activities with these neighbouring countries, Shan State (East) will experience substantial development and economic growth.

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

To promote trade, the Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa-Tamu route, which is being used to connect with India, will provide Myanmar with investment and economic opportunities if stronger connectivity and exchanges are established between Myanmar and the six northeastern states of India. Similarly, conducting trade with China's Yunnan and Sichuan provinces, which share proximity with Myanmar, would bring significant benefits. If Shan State (East), through its connections with China, Laos, and Thailand, can engage in reciprocal trade activities with these neighbouring countries, Shan State (East) will experience substantial development and economic growth.

Many trade routes with neighbouring countries are important for Myanmar, and these must be implemented as quickly as possible. Myanmar can utilize these trade routes to enhance bilateral trade with neighbouring countries. In doing so, construction aspects, security measures, and legal regulatory mechanisms must all be addressed.

To carry out construction projects, agreements with respective countries as well as agreements with relevant organizations must be finalized. As such, efforts must be made to construct strategically important highways that are included in major projects being implemented in cooperation with neighbouring countries, so that they can serve as vital infrastructure for promoting trade and enhancing economic cooperation.

Increasing Yield per Acre or Profit per Acre: What Benefits Farmers More?

By Maung Pyay (Sinbaungwe)

IN modern agriculture, it is generally considered that increasing profit per area (Profit per area) is more important than increasing crop yield per area (Yield per area). However, an ideal agricultural system can maintain a proper balance between both 'profit' and 'yield'.

Understanding the Difference between 'Yield' and 'Profit'

Yield per area means obtaining a higher crop output from a specific land area, for example, a paddy yield increasing from 70 to 100 baskets per acre (an extra 30 baskets). Internationally, crop yield is measured in metrics such as tons/hectare, kilograms/acre, etc.

Profit per area refers to the income that remains after deducting agricultural production costs. The profit calculation formula is: Profit = Total Income - Cultivation Costs. Even if a farmer achieves a very high yield, if the cultivation cost is excessively high, they will have a low profit or might even face a financial loss.

Why is Profit per Area More Important?

There are many reasons why it is more significant to consider profit per area.

(a) Long-term Survival of Farmers: Farmers cannot survive in the long run merely by having high yields; they can only survive on the profits they earn. A farmer's primary objectives would likely be:

- to increase family income;
- to ensure the long-term sustainability of farming operations;
- to pay off existing debts;
- to make future investments in farming; and
- to raise their overall standard of living.

Consider this example:

Farm Plot	Yield	Cultivation Cost	Revenue	Net Profit
Plot A	10 Baskets	250,000 Kyats	300,000 Kyats	50,000 Kyats
Plot B	8 Baskets	120,000 Kyats	300,000 Kyats	180,000 Kyats

Plot A has a higher yield, but Plot B yields more profit. Therefore, high yields do not always mean successful farming.

(b) High Yields Often Require Substantial Inputs: To maximize yield, farmers often need to use more chemical fertilizers, employ intensive irrigation systems, apply more pesticides, and use expensive hybrid or genetically modified (Hybrid/GMO) seeds. Additionally, they may face higher machinery costs and rising labour expenses, which increase cultivation costs

and result in higher financial risks. Sometimes, the additional yield gained is not worth the extra cost – a concept known in economics as 'Diminishing Economic Returns'.

(c) Market Price Determines the Actual Income: Even if yields are high, crop prices may drop at harvest time due to market overproduction, and expenses may not be immediately recovered. For example, a tomato harvest might be excellent, but if the market is flooded with tomatoes, prices will drop, and farmers may suffer losses. A remedy at such a time is to transform raw tomatoes into value-added products such as tomato juice, tomato sauce, tomato jam/puree, canned tomatoes, or tomato chutneys/pickles. Internationally, smallholder farmers do not usually operate these processing industries; instead, with government supervision and support, large merchants and companies establish factories near tomato fields.



Figure 1 Value-added Tomato Products

Therefore, profit depends not only on yield but also on the market economy.

Achieving Sustainable Farming

Some crucial aspects to consider in modern agriculture include water-use efficiency, nutrient-use efficiency, energy efficiency, carbon efficiency, and environmental sustainability. A system that yields slightly less but keeps costs low, minimizes environmental impact, and provides stable profits can ultimately be considered more successful than one that simply yields a lot.

Consider the following examples.

(a) Rice Farming in Asian Countries:

Some rice farmers in Asia are reducing the use of urea fertilizer, increasing the use of organic fertilizer, and decreasing chemical and pesticide use. They are also reducing water usage through the Alternative Wetting and Drying System (AWD) in paddy fields. Though yields may drop slightly, costs are significantly reduced, leading to higher net profits. For instance, if farmers want to use more organic manure like cow dung and buffalo manure (FYM – Farmyard Manure) in their fields, they can raise more draft cattle, buffaloes, or small-scale dairy cows, and grow pasture legumes for these ruminants. To encourage farmers, governments and cooperative societies to assist such Integrated Crop-Livestock Farming systems, which increase farmers' income. As an additional consequence, soil nutrients will naturally increase, improving soil fertility in the long run.

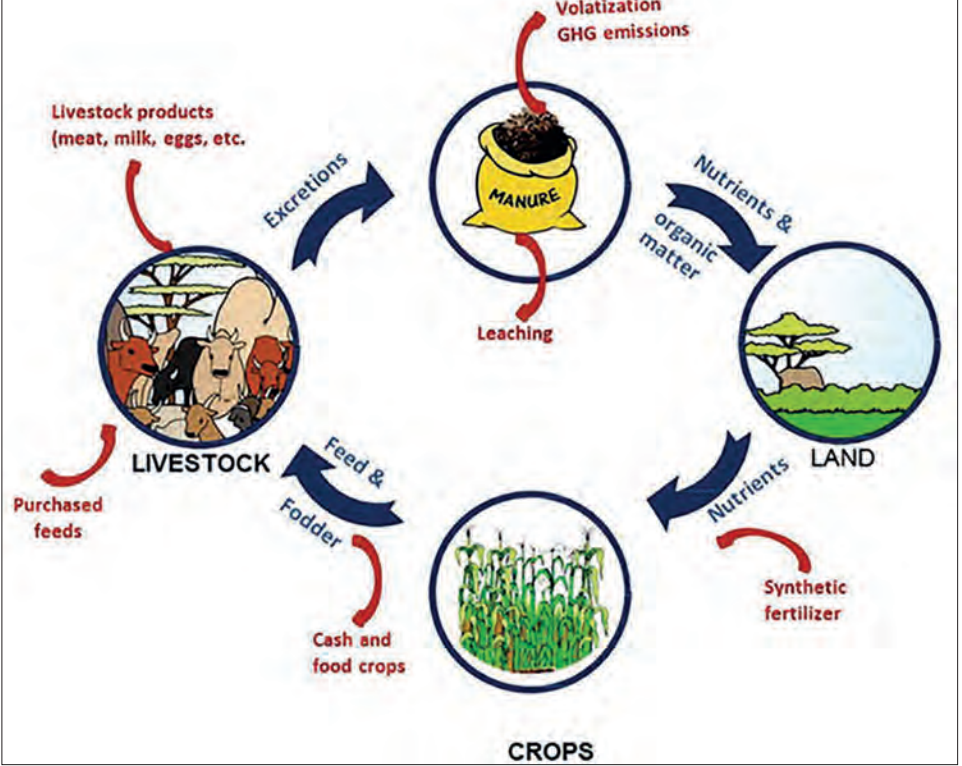


Figure 2: Integrated Crop-Livestock System

(b) Organic Farming:

In organic farming, yields may be lower than in conventional farming methods, but because organic products fetch better prices and input costs are lower, farmers can earn higher profits.

This is not to say that high yields are not important. High yields remain necessary under conditions involving food scarcity, population growth, limited agricultural land, and risks to food security. Therefore, higher productivity, the use of improved varieties, and better crop management

are still required for nations.

The ultimate goal of modern agriculture is to achieve a profitable and sustainable yield. This means it should not just be about maximum yield, but rather about achieving optimal economic efficiency.

Why are Farmers struggling to achieve their Ideal Goals in Myanmar?

The reasons for this state of affairs can be grouped into the following categories.

1. Focusing solely on Production without calculating the Economics

Instead of analyzing which crop offers a good Return on Investment (ROI), what the future market demand looks like, how production costs are rising, or where the break-even point is, most farmers simply continue with the mindset of 'doing the same thing and growing the same crop every year'. For example, if the yield increases but the price drops, there is no profit; if input costs rise but the selling

price does not, loan interest ends up eating into the profits. Therefore, despite doing agricultural work, it has not yet become a systematic agribusiness.

2. Weaknesses in the Agricultural Extension System

Although there are departments of agriculture in universities and institutes, knowledge transfer at the ground level is still weak. Experts possess the theory, while farmers know the field reality, but the two sides have not connected effectively yet.

SEE PAGE 11

ARTICLE

Healthy Food, Healthy Life: A Simple Change for a Stronger Myanmar

By Lynn Lynn Myat Oo

FOOD is more than nourishment – it brings families together, reflects our traditions, and expresses our love for one another. In Myanmar, we are fortunate to enjoy a wide variety of delicious dishes. However, many of our favourite meals contain generous amounts of cooking oil, salt, fish sauce, soy sauce, and other seasonings. While these ingredients enhance flavour, using them in excess can quietly affect our health over time.

Today, non-communicable diseases such as high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, and kidney disease are becoming increasingly common in Myanmar. Although these conditions have many causes, unhealthy eating habits are among the major risk factors. The good news is that simple changes in our daily cooking can make a significant difference.

Too Much Oil - More Than Just Extra Calories

Oil is an essential ingredient in cooking, but excessive consumption can lead to unwanted health problems. Foods prepared with large amounts of oil are often high in calories and unhealthy fats, which may contribute to weight gain, obesity, high cholesterol, and cardiovascular disease.

Instead of deep-frying or using excessive oil, try healthier cooking methods such as steaming, boiling, grilling, baking, or stir-frying with only a small amount of oil. Choosing healthier oils and using them

sparingly allows us to enjoy our favourite dishes while protecting our health.

The Hidden Danger of Too Much Seasoning

Many people believe that the more seasoning is added, the tastier the food becomes. However, seasonings such as salt, fish sauce, soy sauce, monosodium glutamate (MSG), stock powders, and ready-made sauces often contain high levels of sodium. Excessive sodium intake can increase blood pressure, strain the kidneys, and raise the risk of heart disease and stroke.

Our taste buds can gradually adapt to less salty food. By reducing seasoning little by little, we can still enjoy delicious meals without compromising our health.

Let Nature Add the Flavour

Healthy food does not have to be bland. Natural ingredients can enhance the taste and aroma of meals while providing additional nutritional benefits. Garlic, onions, ginger, lemongrass, turmeric, fresh chilli, pepper, lime, coriander, basil, and other fresh herbs bring vibrant flavours without relying on excessive salt or oil.

Fresh vegetables and fruits also add colour, texture, vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants that help strengthen our immune system and support overall well-being.

Healthy Habits Begin at Home

Every family has the power

to build healthier eating habits. Parents and grandparents can set an example by preparing balanced meals and encouraging children to enjoy fresh foods from an early age. Packing healthy lunches, serving more vegetables, limiting processed foods, and drinking plenty of water are simple yet meaningful steps toward better health.

When shopping, take a moment to read food labels. Many packaged foods contain hidden amounts of oil, sodium, and sugar. Being an informed consumer helps us make wiser choices for ourselves and our loved ones.

Small Changes Today, Better Health Tomorrow

Improving our diet does not mean giving up the foods we love. It simply means preparing them more healthily. Reducing oil and seasoning one spoonful at a time may seem like a small change, but over months and years, these small decisions can greatly reduce the risk of chronic diseases and improve our quality of life.

A healthier Myanmar begins in every kitchen and at every dining table. By cooking with less oil, reducing excessive seasoning, and choosing fresh, wholesome ingredients, we invest not only in our own well-being but also in the health of our families and future generations.

Let us make every meal a step toward a healthier, stronger Myanmar – because good health begins with the choices we make today.



NATIONAL/NEWS QUIZ



Thiha Tun arrives at Yangon International Airport before departing to represent Myanmar at the Mister Supranational 2026 pageant in Poland.

Thiha Tun to represent Myanmar at Mister Supranational 2026

MR Supranational Myanmar titleholder Thiha Tun will represent Myanmar at the Mister Supranational 2026 pageant in Poland.

The international competition, regarded as one of the world’s leading male pageants, is scheduled to take place between 31 July and 1 August, and will feature contestants from countries including Mexico, Indonesia, Zambia, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Spain, South Korea, Chile, the Philippines, the Dominican Republic, Peru, South Africa, Vietnam and Ecuador.

Thiha Tun said he was honoured to represent Myanmar and hoped to showcase the country to the best of his ability, drawing on his previous experience in international competitions. — ASH/KZL

Myanmar to export premium rice varieties following domestic seed quality boost

MYANMAR will begin exporting premium rice varieties to international markets, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

The ministry stated it is working to ensure that all seed requirements can be produced domestically. It has already developed improved rice varieties through the Department of Agricultural Research, including Aung Naing Toe rice as well as Yezin Pawsan-1 and Pawsan-2, which can be cultivated throughout the year.



Myanmar rice being prepared for export at a port.

“Instead of exporting only ordinary white rice in the future, Myanmar will be able to export premium quality rice varieties. At present, the coverage of quality seed use has reached around 91 per cent for hybrid maize, 70 per cent for groundnuts, 81 per cent for sesame, 46 per cent for sunflower, 45

per cent for pulses, and 61 per cent for long staple cotton,” an official from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation said.

The ministry added that the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Agricultural Research are distributing high-yielding, high-quality seeds for rice, pulses and oilseed crops. They are also working to produce hybrid maize seeds domestically within the next three years to meet local demand. —ASH/KZL

Thayawady’s MSY project activities inspected



THE Department of Rural Development inspected the progress of agricultural and livestock breeding activities financed through the revolving fund of the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project in Yetaik Village, Thayawady Township, yesterday.

Officials visited seasonal crop plantations to

view round the cultivation of sponge gourd and roselle, and reviewed the progress of pig farming activities. They met with members of the village Mya Sein Yaung Village Project Committee to examine whether the monthly financial records had been properly completed and encouraged beneficiaries to expand small-scale household income-generating activities while ensuring systematic management of the revolving fund to prevent any loss or misuse.

The Mya Sein Yaung Village Project was implemented in the village with revolving funds of K30 million. At present, a total of K46 million has been disbursed at concessional interest rates to 144 project members, all of whom are successfully operating and expanding their household livelihood activities with support from the project funds. — Karan (Rural)



Weekly News Quiz 12-18 July 2026

GLOBAL NEWS QUIZ

On 17 July 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched India’s first hydrogen train in Haryana. What environmental problem does this clean train help solve?

A. Traffic jams on roads
B. Air pollution and harmful gases
C. Loud noise in big cities
D. The high cost of making train tracks

NATIONAL NEWS QUIZ

When was the Myanmar-Korean Friendship Bridge (Dala Bridge) unveiled?

A. 6 February 2026
B. 2 June 2025
C. 16 March 2026
D. 26 February 2026

What is the title of the military exercise that Myanmar and Russia have jointly operated recently?

A. Operation Tiger
B. MARUMEX
C. Tiger-2026
D. Tropical Storm

Which of these features did the European Union say can make social media addictive?

A. Two-factor authentication (security login)
B. Smart systems that show you personalized videos
C. Cloud storage backup (saving files online)
D. End-to-end encryption (private messaging)

Based on Christie’s announcement for the FIFA charity auction, which specific items are officially listed as part of the World Cup memorabilia sale?

A. The official FIFA World Cup championship trophy and training cones used by the winning team.
B. The golden whistle used by the head referee during the tournament’s opening match.
C. A match ball utilized during the final game and the outfits worn by performers during the halftime show.
D. Certified, autographed matchday jerseys from every participating team captain.

SEE ANSWERS OF QUIZ ON PAGE 15

NATIONAL/ARTICLE

WHO to hold webinar on tobacco and new nicotine products

THE World Health Organization (WHO) will hold an online awareness webinar on tobacco, new nicotine products and misconceptions about areca nut use on 24 July.

The session will target teenagers, parents, guardians, teachers and healthcare workers, and will be conducted in the Myanmar language from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

The WHO said e-cigarettes (vapes) are increasingly attracting young people through more than 16,000 flavours and social media marketing. Nicotine in vapes can cause addiction and affect adolescent brain development. Tobacco use causes more than eight million deaths worldwide each year, including around 1.3 million deaths from second-hand smoke exposure. — TWA/KZL

Dala-Twantay YBS makes residents convenient

A new YBS route from Dala to Twantay has helped residents having access to convenient travel and now the commuter number has risen to some ten thousands, said U Lyan Cing Mang, joint secretary of the Yangon Region Public Transport Committee (YRTC).

The route, which is being run by 20 buses, has received many commuters, he said.

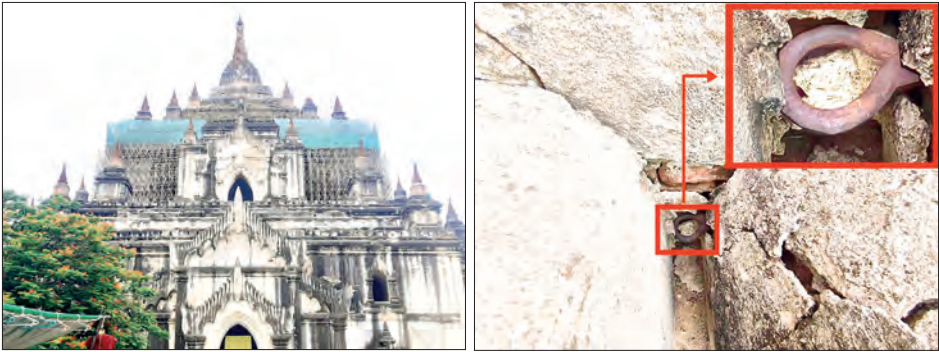
“The Dala-Twantay route has many passengers, approximately some ten thousands. Most use the card payment system but some use cash,” he said.

As a pilot project, the new YBS route from Dala to Twantay was launched as from 1 June 2026 by Yangon Bus Public Company (YBPC) and it includes a total of 14 stops from Shwesandaw Pagoda in Twantay to Cherry Gate in Dala.

The bus fare is K700 by YPS card and K800 by cash payment. YPS cards are available at Shwesandaw Pagoda and Cherry Gate as well as onboard. The card price is K15,000 including bus fares worth K6,000, said YBPC. — MT/ZS



The Dala-Twantay YBS bus.



Photos show Thatbyinnyu Temple (L) and the spiked iron rings discovered on the fourth terrace of Thatbyinnyu Temple. **PHOTOS: BAGAN BRANCH OF DANM**

Spiked iron rings discovered in Thatbyinnyu Temple

THE Bagan Branch of the Department of Archaeology and National Museum has announced that iron rings with spikes have been discovered between the decorative mouldings near an encircled stupa on the fourth terrace of the Thatbyinnyu Temple, a World Heritage site in Bagan. The discovery was made during ongoing conservation work conducted jointly by the Bagan Branch of the department and conservation experts from the People’s Republic of China.

A total of 11 rings were recovered on the northwest, southeast, and southwest corners. The announcement stated that research conducted on the bricks and plaster at the site where these rings were found confirmed that they date back to the Bagan era. Furthermore, the rings were discovered embedded within the brickwork between the decorative mouldings.

Research into whether iron rings were embedded within walls during the Bagan period indicates similar findings elsewhere: Ananda Temple, Dhammayangyi Pagoda, Abeyadana Pagoda, Nanpaya Pagoda, and Gupyaugyi Temple (Myinkaba).

The findings regarding the 11 iron rings discovered at Thatbyinnyu Temple have been submitted to the Committee for Verification of Antiquities and archaeological experts in Nay Pyi Taw for further authentication. — Htun Htun/ZN

Increasing Yield per Acre or Profit per ...

FROM PAGE 9

Laboratory knowledge rarely reaches the actual fields, and explanations are seldom provided in accessible ‘farmer language’. Further, education on practical economics for farmers is lacking, and there is a shortage of demonstration fields across states and regions. There is also weak continuous monitoring (weak follow-up) of farmers adopting new technologies, leaving many farmers to rely solely on the advice of chemical companies, fertilizer companies, or pesticide salesmen.

3. High Input Costs and Unstable Output Prices

Farmers are not price setters; they remain price takers who must accept whatever market price is offered. They face uncontrollable input prices such

as fertilizers, chemicals, diesel, labour costs, and transportation costs. Yet, at harvest time, sales depend heavily on middle brokers, export policies remain unstable, and due to a lack of updated market information, individual farmers continue to bear all the risks alone.

4. Few Value-Added Products

Most of Myanmar’s agricultural outputs are still trapped in a raw material economy. For example, for sesame and peanuts, there are a few trusted pure cooking oil brands. For rice, there is a lack of high-end branding or premium packaging comparable to internationally renowned Basmati or Jasmine rice. Corn and soybean meals are underutilized in the domestic livestock sector

(weak feed industry), and processing industries for fruit juices, wine, etc., as well as the dairy industry, remain weak.

Consequently, other countries capture the high-profit segments of the value chain. For instance, although our country produces grapes, apples, and oranges, we still have to buy imported juices, milk, and dairy products at high prices (though high-quality import-substitute domestic products are gradually increasing).

5. Farm Mechanization and Technology Gaps

Agricultural labour is becoming scarce, with some rural youth going abroad. Another problem is that, unlike in other countries, precision agriculture is not yet utilized, smart irrigation systems are scarce, and agricultur-

al drone adoption is low. Also, soil testing systems for farmers remain weak, and data-based farming is minimal, rendering farming exhausting and keeping profit margins low.

6. Smallholder Fragmentation

Most farmers operate on very small acreages. Rural farmlands are highly fragmented into small plots, which drives up mechanization costs and limits bulk selling. To make matters worse, farmers suffer from low bargaining power and a weak contract farming environment, forcing individual farmers to practice traditional ‘survival farming’ just to get by.

7. Teaching Agriculture Merely as a Science while Neglecting the Business Perspective

Universities teach

subjects like plant pathology, entomology, agronomy, and soil science purely as scientific disciplines. However, what is truly needed are modern agricultural skills like agribusiness, farm management, marketing, domestic and international communication technologies, farmer psychology, supply chain management, and digital agriculture.

Concluding Remarks

When the author was young, a senior official from the Department of Agriculture once said: “If foreign markets depress rice prices, export lots of beans. Once we get dollars, we can just import and eat high-quality rice! The main thing is to have plenty of hard currency (Foreign Exchange - FE).”

Beyond modern technology, wouldn’t it be

highly beneficial if all rural communities understood practical market economics and agricultural economics/agribusiness? Rice is a national staple crop and must be handled with care. However, for other cash crops, we want farmers to be at peace, earn profits, and escape the cycle of debt.

Just like the blind parents praying to see their son Suvannasama (သုဝဏ္ဏသာမ), who lay fallen from a poisoned arrow, rise and carry a golden pot of wealth, we wish to kill three birds with one stone. What if we launch initial pilot projects in some farmlands across states and regions, shifting from an ‘increased yield per acre system’ to an ‘increased profit per acre system’? What if we try making that change?

ECONOMY WORLD

Air China launches direct flights between Beijing, Bishkek

This flight will become a stellar example of Belt and Road cooperation between China and Kyrgyzstan.

AIR China's inaugural direct flight between the capitals of China and Kyrgyzstan officially launched on Friday after flight CA893, departing from Beijing Capital International Airport, successfully landed at Manas International Airport in Bishkek.

Speaking at the launch ceremony of the new route, Chinese Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan Liu Jiangping said that the launch of the new flight is an important achievement in strengthening the connectivity between the two countries. It will further expand air links between the capitals, significantly facili-



Passengers of flight CA894 check in at the Manas International Airport in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 17 July 2026. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

tate cross-border travel and create an efficient and convenient means for deepening trade, economic cooperation, and humanitarian contacts between China and Kyrgyzstan, Liu added.

The ambassador said that this flight will become a stellar example of Belt and Road cooperation between China and Kyrgyzstan.

Zhalyn Brimkulov, director of operations

and production at JSC "Airports of Kyrgyzstan", said that the new air route will help passengers travel more quickly and easily, and its launch showcases the economic ties and friendly relations between Kyrgyzstan and China.

According to Air China, regular flights in both directions of the new air service operate three times a week, namely on Mondays, Fridays, and Sundays. Flight CA893 departs from Beijing and travels to Bishkek, with a flight time of five hours 40 minutes; flight CA894 departs from Bishkek and travels to Beijing, with a flight time of four hours 50 minutes. — Xinhua

EU reforms carbon market under pressure from industry

THE European Union on Friday proposed easing its carbon trading scheme for companies, as it unveiled reforms to one of its flagship climate policies under pressure to shore up industry.

The overhaul of the two-decade-old Emissions Trading System (ETS) has been subject to fierce wrangling between countries, industry and activists over the pace of the bloc's climate push.

In the face of demands from carbon-intensive economies such as Italy and Poland, Brussels has laid out a series of concessions that will now need to be agreed with all 27 member states and EU lawmakers.

Broadly speaking, the reforms would allow European industry in the coming years to carry on carbon emissions for a longer period and at a lower cost than previously set.

If they commit to investing in decarbonisation efforts, companies will still

be able to obtain free carbon allowances until 2038, instead of 2034 as was previously the case.

"We are adopting a more business-friendly and, may I say so, savvy approach," said EU climate commissioner Wopke Hoekstra, while insisting the bloc was still sticking to its overall ambitions.

Starting in 2036, manufacturers will also be able to purchase international carbon credits by financing decarbonisation projects outside the EU, which would count toward their emissions reductions.

Since 2005, the EU's carbon trading system has sought to tackle climate change by curbing pollution from power producers and energy-intensive industries such as steel, cement and chemicals.

The ETS forces heavy polluters to pay for the greenhouse gases they emit, obliging them to buy allowances that are capped in number, sold in auctions and tradable. — AFP



The reforms would allow European industry in the coming years to carry on carbon emissions for a longer period and at a lower cost than previously set. **PHOTO: VISUAL PURPOSE/UNSPLASH**

France blocks access to Polymarket

FRANCE said Friday it was blocking access to the online prediction market Polymarket, as punters continued to make bets despite a ban already in

place.

The national gaming authority ANJ said Friday that Polymarket's webpage would be blocked on French territory, which



The blocked access to Polymarket's website comes after visits increased despite a ban on bets from France. **PHOTO: VISUAL PURPOSE/WEBOPEDIA**

adds to a November 2024 ban on financial transactions to the site.

Polymarket is one of a number of online prediction markets which allow people to bet on the outcome of future events.

The ANJ said the site's continued availability — where betting odds on different events are updated in real time — constituted advertising.

"Advertising, by any means whatsoever, in favour of an unauthorised betting or gambling site is a criminal offence," the ANJ said, and noted the

finances could reach 100,000 euros (\$114,000).

The regulator said that despite the ban on transactions from French accounts, visits from French internet addresses to Polymarket's site have been rising, hitting 578,751 last month.

The betting markets have caused a number of problems.

France's weather agency Météo-France filed a complaint in April after one of its weather probes was hacked in order to fix bets on Polymarket. — AFP

Panama bids to regain control of strategic oil pipeline

THE Panamanian government said Friday it would buy the remaining 41 per cent private stake in Petroterminal from a US company, giving Panama complete control of the strategic oil pipeline.

Once the transaction is completed, "Panama will own 100 per cent" of Petroterminal, "consolidating national control over one of the country's most important strategic infrastructures", the gov-

ernment said in a statement.

It said the acquisition would be funded "with the income and cash flows generated by the company itself", without giving the value of the transac-

tion.

"Our goal is for this strategic infrastructure to generate increasing value and greater benefits for all Panamanians," Panama's Minister of Economy and Finance Felipe Chap-

man said.

Chapman said the acquisition was "in strict accordance with the law".

Petroterminal was created in 1977 as a joint venture between Panama and the US company

NIC Holding Corp to store and distribute hydrocarbons that could not pass through the Panama Canal on the way to the east coast of the United States because of the size of the ships. — AFP

Pakistan’s technology exports reach record US\$4.6B in FY26

PAKISTAN’S technology exports reached a record US\$ 4.6 billion in the financial year 2025-26, marking a 21-per-cent year-on-year increase, the Finance Ministry said on Saturday.

Technology exports totalled \$416 million in June 2026, up 12 per cent from the previous month and 23 per cent compared with the same period last year, the ministry said in a statement.

The strong performance highlights the growing contribution of Pakistan’s information technology, software development and IT-enabled services sectors, as demand for digital solutions continues to expand in in-

ternational markets, the statement added.

The technology sector has emerged as a key source of foreign exchange earnings while creating skilled employment opportunities, attracting investment and supporting the country’s transition toward a knowledge-based, export-oriented economy, the ministry said.

The measures are expected to further strengthen Pakistan’s technology ecosystem and enhance the country’s competitiveness in global digital markets, supporting sustainable export-led economic growth, the statement added. — Xinhua



People work at their stations at the National Incubation Centre (NIC), a start-up incubator, in Lahore. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

The Global New Light of Myanmar

www.gnlm.com.mm

ဆတင်းစာ မှာယူရန်ပါက ဆက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါတယ်

09 454 237 515

JR East unveils design of new inspection train for shinkansen lines

EAST Japan Railway Co has unveiled the design of the new E927 inspection bullet train expected to be used for its shinkansen lines starting in fiscal 2029.

Nicknamed “Soar”, the seven-car train with a white body emblazoned with green and red asymmetrical stripes will succeed the existing six-car East-i.

The new train, equipped with 48 cameras, can inspect the rails and overhead lines as it travels at a speed of up to 320



Photo shows an illustration of the “Soar” inspection train for shinkansen lines. PHOTO: KYODO

kilometres per hour, the same maximum speed as passenger bullet trains and faster than the 275 kilometres per hour East-i. Soar will be used on

the Tohoku, Joetsu and Hokuriku shinkansen lines, as well as the Akita and Yamagata shinkansen lines, which share some sections with local trains.

It will also carry a newly developed device that estimates wheel and rail pressure and identifies which rail distortions need to be fixed first. JR East said it plans to introduce automatic judgment technology using artificial intelligence to check the condition of rails and overhead lines in the future. — Kyodo

Air Cambodia orders 20 Chinese-built C909 regional jets

AIR Cambodia, the country’s national flag carrier, has signed an agreement with the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China, Ltd (COMAC) to purchase 20 C909 regional jets, the

Chinese planemaker said. The agreement, signed in Shanghai, makes Air Cambodia the first foreign flag carrier to place a bulk order for Chinese-built C909 aircraft,

COMAC said. The first batch is scheduled for delivery in the second half of 2026 and will enter commercial service with the airline. Industry insiders said the new

aircraft are expected to help Air Cambodia expand its route network, increase transport capacity and strengthen connectivity between Cambodia and regional markets. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V AS SUSANNA VOY.NO. (0053N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V AS SUSANNA VOY.NO. (0053N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **20-7-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **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.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

(ONE) OCEAN NETWORK EXPRESS LINE

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V CTP FORTUNE VOY.NO. (365W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V CTP FORTUNE VOY.NO. (365W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **20-7-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **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.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA SHIPPING

လူကြီးမင်းတို့၏ကလေးကို အချွယ်နှင့်မလိုက်အောင် ထူးချွန်စေချင်တယ်ဆိုရင် ဒီလိုကျောင်းမျိုးကို တက်ပြန်အောင် တက်လိုက်ပါ။

P.E.S. English Class

U WIN MAW (Research) U.S.A.

General English Courses (6 skills)

Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking, Thinking and Applying

IELTS Duolingo TOEFL

GED IGCSE OSSD

Grade 5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12 & For All Levels

မနှစ်ကတက်ခွင့်မရလိုက်သူများ အမြန်ဆုံးဆက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါပြီ။ ဦးရာလူနေနိမ့်ဖြင့် တစ်တန်းတွင် ဆရာတစ်ယောက်၊ တပည့်တစ်ယောက်ဖြင့် ထိထိရောက်ရောက် သင်ပေးသည့် တစ်ခုတည်းသောကျောင်း အထူးလိုအပ်ပါက အိမ်အထိ လာရောက်သင်ကြားပေးသည်။

ဆရာ America မှပြန်ရောက်ပြီ။ Yangon, Myanmar 09 5155 324

Changing Distributor for Registered Pesticide

Distribution of pesticide registered by **Shandong Weifang Rainbow Chemical Co., Ltd** is changing from **MARLARMYAING PUBLIC CO., LTD** to **RAINBOW AGROSCIENCES CO., LTD**. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Co-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gygone, Insein within 2 weeks.

No	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Reg. NO.
1	Tancap 80 WG	Captan 80% WG	F2022-3946
2	Riceshield 75 WP	Tricyclazole 75% WP	F2021-3112

RAINBOW AGROSCIENCES CO., LTD
Phone: 09456060160, 09456060180

ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Arab League, GCC condemn Iranian strikes on member states

They labelled the military escalation a severe breach of international law.



This screen grab taken from UGC video footage posted on social media on 18 July 2026, shows a plume of black smoke and flames billowing over the town of Mangaf, south of Kuwait City. **PHOTO: AFP**

THE Arab League and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) have united in a wave of strong diplomatic condemnation of Tehran following Iran’s series of coordinated missile and drone strikes targeting vital civilian and utility infrastructure across several countries in West

Asia, including Kuwait, Bahrain, and Jordan. The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is a powerful political, economic, and military alliance comprising six Arab nations, including Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, and Bahrain. While

the Arab League is a regional intergovernmental organisation of 22 states across the Middle East, North Africa, and the Horn of Africa. They labelled the military escalation a severe breach of international law, warning of catastrophic wider security

repercussions. The Secretary-General of the Gulf Cooperation Council, Jassim Al-Budaiwi, forcefully denounced the strikes on civilian infrastructure. In a statement carried by the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), Al-Budaiwi emphasised the extreme danger of the current escalation. “What Iran has undertaken is an extremely dangerous escalation and a grave violation of international law and the United Nations Charter; and war crimes that necessitate international accountability and prosecution,” Al-Budaiwi stated. Echoing these concerns, Arab League Secretary-General Nabil Fahmy warned that the reckless offensive represents a deliberate attempt by Tehran to expand the theatre of war. — ANI

Wildfire scorches 12,000 hectares north of Madrid

A wildfire raging 100 kilometres (60 miles) north of Madrid has spread, burning more than 12,000 hectares and forcing several hundred people to evacuate, local authorities announced on Sunday. The fire that started on Thursday in Guadalajara province, which includes the Sierra Norte Natural Park, has not caused any casualties so far but has been described as “difficult” by regional president Emiliano Garcia-Page and local authorities on X. It broke out in a forest-covered, mountainous region that is home to endangered species

including eagles, wolves and butterflies. It comes hot on the heels of a blaze that started on Wednesday near Zaragoza, in the northeast, has burned nearly 16,000 hectares and is “far from under control”, according to the latest update provided on Saturday evening by the regional government of Aragon. No casualties have been reported. Earlier this month, Spain witnessed one of the deadliest wildfires in its recent history, when a blaze in the southern province of Almeria killed 13 people and destroyed 7,000 hectares. Spain is on the front



A screen grab taken from footage released on 18 July 2026 shows the military fighting a massive wildfire in a sparsely populated part of the Aragon region in northeastern Spain. **PHOTO: MILITARY EMERGENCIES UNIT (UME) VIA AFP**

line of climate change and has experienced increasingly long and frequent heatwaves in recent years, with temperatures well above 40C, creating conditions conducive to devastating fires.

Scientists say human-driven climate change is increasing the length, intensity and frequency of heatwaves, which dry out vegetation and contribute to the likelihood of wildfires. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Japan sends security aid to Cambodia

JAPAN will provide defence equipment worth 500 million yen (\$3 million) to the Cambodian military under Tokyo’s security assistance framework designed to support like-minded partners, the government said Sunday. In the first defense equipment provision to Cambodia utilizing the “official security assistance” programme, Japan will deliver communication devices to the Cambodian army and patrol boats to the navy, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said in a press release. The two governments held a signing ceremony for the agreement in Phnom Penh earlier in the day. “Contributing to the enhancement of Cambodia’s security capabilities and to peace and stability in the region will be significantly meaningful in strengthening the security relationship between the two countries,” the ministry said. — Kyodo

Five Indonesian boat survivors rescued at sea

FIVE people who went missing after the KM Nurul Salsa sank off Indonesia’s South Sulawesi province were found alive on Saturday after surviving four days at sea, the country’s search and rescue agency said Sunday. The survivors were rescued near Matallang Island after being spotted by a passing fishing vessel. They survived by staying afloat and holding onto a fish aggregating device used by local fishermen, according to the agency. The five survivors have received medical treatment and undergone further assessment, said Muhammad Arif Anwar, head of the Makassar Search and Rescue Office. The search for the 20 people still missing was continuing, with additional vessels and personnel deployed from search and rescue offices in Kendari and Maumere to reinforce operations across an expanded search area, he said. — Xinhua

Hungarian president cuts short own mandate

HUNGARIAN President Tamas Sulyok on Saturday signed the country’s 17th constitutional amendment, triggering the end of his mandate as head of state. Once the law is published in the official gazette, the termination of his mandate will take effect the following day. In a video statement, Sulyok said he had signed the amendment because he had “no constitutional means of acting against this amendment, which violates constitutional principles but was adopted by the National Assembly (parliament) ... through a lawful procedure”. Prime Minister Peter Magyar welcomed the signing, saying it had “removed the last obstacle to implementing our joint decisions”. He said he would consult parliamentary parties on a successor, adding that “the moral basis of the nomination can only come from the trust of society.” — Xinhua

SPORTS

Tuchel lauds England’s spirit after winning bronze

ENGLAND manager Thomas Tuchel hailed the “unbelievable” resilience of his squad on Saturday after England secured its best World Cup finish in 60 years, overcoming France 6-4 in a thrilling bronze-medal match.

England surged to a 4-0 lead in the first half, and while France found its rhythm after the interval, it was ultimately unable to overturn the deficit. Bukayo Saka completed a hat-trick for



Bukayo Saka scored a hat-trick for England against France in the World Cup third-place play-off. PHOTO: AFP

England.

“I cannot worship this performance and this mentality today highly enough,” Tuchel said. “We had one day less to prepare, thousands more kilometers in our bones than the opponent, and we come from the heat... but again and again, we found a way. It was normal for us to suffer, and I am very impressed that we showed the reaction we wanted.”

The victory was powered by a clinical Saka hat-trick, justifying Tuchel’s faith in the winger. “He is a key player for me. He was excellent today and showed exactly why he is a pillar of this team,” Tuchel said.

The manager was criticized by public following the semifinal loss earlier this week. “The press conference yesterday felt as if we went out in the group stage, but 24 hours later, we have the biggest success in sixty years. I take the blame for the decisions that didn’t work against Argentina, but I strongly believe we built more in this World Cup than we can lose in thirty minutes,” he said. — Xinhua

Ayeyawady, Yangon set for Women’s League clash



Players of Yangon United FC. PHOTO: YUFC

THE 2026-2027 Myanmar Women’s League Matchweek 6 will take place from 20 to 22 July, with a key encounter between Ayeyawady and Yangon United at YUSC Stadium.

Shan United will host their first home match of the season in Taunggyi, becoming the third team after Yangon United and Ayeyawady to stage home games in the 10-team league.

After Matchweek 5, ISPE lead the standings with 15 points, while Ayeyawady and Yangon United are joint second with 12 points each. Shan United sit fourth with 10 points. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

World Cup all-time top scorers

FOLLOWING Saturday’s third-place playoff match, Kylian Mbappe of France leads the all-time World Cup scoring leaderboard with 22 goals, closely followed by Argentina’s Lionel Messi in second place with 21 goals.

Miroslav Klose of Germany holds the third spot with 16 goals, while Brazil’s Ronaldo follows with 15 goals.

West Germany’s Gerd Müller and England’s Harry Kane are tied with 14 goals each, just ahead of France’s Just Fontaine at 13 goals and Brazil’s Pelé at 12 goals. Rounding out the top scorers are Hungary’s Sándor Kocsis, West Germany’s Jürgen Klinsmann, and Portugal’s Cristiano Ronaldo, who are all tied with 11 goals apiece. — Xinhua

England World Cup star Rogers set to join Chelsea: reports

CHELSEA have agreed a deal to sign England World Cup midfielder Morgan Rogers from Aston Villa, according to several reports on Saturday.

Rogers, 23, who has impressed during the tournament in North America, will fetch a transfer fee of 117 million pounds (\$157 million) and will sign a seven-year deal with US-owned Chelsea, the reports said.

His departure from Villa follows that of Belgium World Cup midfielder Youri Tielemans, who joined Manchester United this week.

Villa have moved to sign reinforcements and announced on Friday 20-year-old Switzerland World



Cup winger Johan Manzambi is joining from German side Freiburg for a reported club record fee of just over 50 million pounds. — AFP

Advertise with us / Hotline

09 454237515
09 255597511

ANSWERS OF QUIZ FROM PAGE 10

WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ
Test Your Knowledge Weekly

Weekly News Quiz
12-18 July 2026

Answer Key

NATIONAL NEWS QUIZ
Correct Option: A
Correct Option: C

GLOBAL NEWS QUIZ
Correct Option: B
Correct Option: B
Correct Option: C



Khamenei calls Trump's signature "worthless"

IRAN'S Supreme Leader Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei on Saturday launched a scathing attack on the United States, calling it the "Great Satan" and declaring that the signature of US President Donald Trump on the 14-point memorandum of understanding was "utterly worthless".

Khamenei also warned that Iran and its "Resistance Front" have "unforgettable lessons" in store if Washington continues its military strikes on the Islamic Republic. In a message addressed to the Iranian nation, Khamenei accused the United States of repeatedly violating agreements with Iran, saying the breaches had once again exposed Wash-

ington's "dishonesty, irrationality, unreliability, and malicious nature".

"The repeated breaches of the agreement by the Great Satan [the US] regarding the MOU signed by the Presidents of Iran and the US have once again laid bare a fundamental truth: the signature of the US President is utterly worthless and devoid of credibility. Coercion, totalitarianism, and brutality are inseparable components of the US creed and doctrine," Khamenei said.

The Iranian leader further alleged that the US had revealed its "true, unmasked face" through its actions, describing them as another example of "criminality and broken promises". — ANI

China's homegrown C919 aircraft to serve first international route



A Chinese passenger jet C919 is displayed at the Singapore Airshow in Singapore, 20 February 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

CHINA'S domestically developed large passenger aircraft, the C919, will begin its international service on 12 August, Air China has announced. The route operated by Air China will connect Beijing and Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia, with one round-trip flight per day. The outbound flight departs from Beijing Capital International Airport at 3:00 pm and arrives in Ulaanbaatar at 5:15 pm.

The return flight leaves Ulaanbaatar at 6:30 pm and lands in Beijing at 8:35 pm. Tickets are now available. — Xinhua

New Zealand-led FIT trade partnership expands to 19 members

The FIT Partnership now includes economies from Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Americas.

The Future of Investment and Trade (FIT) Partnership has expanded to 19 members less than a year after its launch, a senior New Zealand official said on Saturday. South Korea, Peru and Thailand formally joined the FIT Partnership at a ministerial meeting held this week in Auckland, New Zealand's largest city. "Small- and medium-sized trading nations want practical ways to improve opportunities for their exporters, and they see FIT delivering that," Trade and Investment Minister Todd McClay said in a statement.

With New Zealand as a founding member, the FIT Partnership now includes economies from Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Americas, including Singapore, Chile, the United Arab Emirates and Norway. "Working with like-minded economies through FIT supports our exporters, strengthens our



South Korea, Peru and Thailand formally joined the FIT Partnership at a ministerial meeting held this week in Auckland, New Zealand's largest city. PHOTO: NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS & TRADE

trading position and grows our economy," McClay was quoted as saying.

At the ministerial meeting, members committed to practical initiatives aimed at enhancing trade and reducing barriers, said McClay, chair of the ministerial meeting. Eight countries backed a New Zealand-led declaration targeting non-tariff barriers, which New Zealand estimates affect 9 billion NZ dollars (US\$5.26 billion) in its trade, according to the meeting outcomes.

New Zealand and other FIT partners issued a ministerial declaration on digital trade, including pilot projects on electronic commercial documentation, McClay said. Thirteen members issued a ministerial declaration on economic resilience to address economic security risks, while a new work area was agreed to focus on global subsidies, which "distort trade and investment flows, suppress global prices, and disadvantage competitive exporters", noted McClay. Separately, New Zealand and Singapore brought into force a bilateral agreement on essential supplies, under which Singapore will provide fuel, medicines and chemicals, and New Zealand will supply food, aimed at safeguarding supply chains during disruptions caused by the ongoing Middle East conflict. — Xinhua

Russian scientists unveil highly accurate lung diagnostic test

RESEARCHERS from Saint Petersburg State University and Almazov National Medical Research Center have created a mathematical model that distinguishes between two "twin" lung diseases using routine blood samples and avoids invasive procedures.

- The algorithm analyzes immune cell ratios — specifically regulatory T-cells and memory B-cells - with about 90 per cent accuracy in differentiating the two

conditions

- Tuberculosis is infectious and requires isolation; sarcoidosis is non-infectious and autoimmune — but both look nearly identical on X-rays and under a microscope
- Misdiagnosis rates are currently 40-60 per cent, leading to ineffective or harmful treatments
- The system is fully automated and flags uncertain cases for additional testing—preventing false confidence. — SPUTNIK

More than 50,000 US troops deployed across Middle East

MORE than 50,000 US military personnel are currently deployed across the Middle East, US Central Command (CENTCOM) said on Sunday.

"More than 50,000 US men and women in uniform are operating across the Middle East. They remain highly vigilant, focused, lethal, and ready," CENTCOM said in a statement posted on X. On the night of 18 June, Iran and the US signed a memorandum calling for an end to the conflict that began on 28 February. However, the US military has carried out several attacks on Iran since 8 July. The Iranian military responded with strikes on US bases in several Middle Eastern countries.

Tehran also accused Washington of violating the ceasefire agreement. On 9 July, US President Donald Trump declared the ceasefire no longer in effect. — SPUTNIK