

Myanmar, India armed forces boost friendship and cooperation



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Defence Services Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win pose for the documentary photo alongside the Indian delegation and meeting attendees yesterday.

Plans are underway to further cooperate in peace, stability, the rule of law, security and development in the border area between Myanmar and India.

VICE-CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win received a delegation led by Director-General of the Defence Intelligence Agency of the Indian Armed Forces and Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff Lieutenant-General

Shrinjay Pratap Singh, AVSM, YSM, at Bayintnaung Villa in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon. At the meeting, they frankly discussed further promotion of friendship between the two countries and the two armed forces and cooperation measures, rescue and relief teams and humanitarian aid from India dispatched to Myanmar at the time

when the Mandalay earthquake hit, further assistance in rehabilitation efforts, cooperation in peace, stability, the rule of law, security and development at border area of both countries, and the issue to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election in Myanmar with full essence. After the meeting, the Vice-Senior General and the Director-General of the

Defence Intelligence Agency of the Indian Armed Forces and Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff exchanged gifts and had documentary photos taken together with attendees. Also, present at the meeting were General Ye Win Oo from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and senior Tatmadaw officers. The Director General of the Defence Intelligence Agency of the Indian Armed Forces and Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff was accompanied by Colonel Jaswinder Singh Gill, Defence Attache of India to Myanmar, and officials from the Indian Armed Forces. — MNA/TTA

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High-quality domestic products and cooperative systems vital to boosting exports

- ❖ To boost exports, domestically manufactured products must be of high quality, competitively priced, and aligned with market demands.
- ❖ Since rules and regulations govern the operation of State-capital businesses, they can be run individually or through a cooperative system.
- ❖ Therefore, the relevant ministries must collaborate to promote the national economy through a cooperative system.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the Union government meeting held on 17 January 2025)

Public Notice for Visitors to Martyrs' Mausoleum on Martyrs' Day

- Any kind of ballpoint pens, mobile phones, flags, handbags, cameras, lighters, flower wreaths/ flower bouquets/flower baskets, vinyl, bottles, sticks, and pipes that are used in carrying flags are not allowed to be brought into the compound of the Martyrs' Mausoleum.
- All the visitors are required to wear masks systematically without fail.
- All must enter after washing their hands thoroughly at the designated places and using the hand sanitizers provided there.
- It is required to bring Citizenship Scrutiny Cards, or employee card or student ID card or any other card to identify the personal data while mentioning the personal information, including name, ID card number, address and phone number for temperature screening and medical checkups at Link Road in Bahan Township.
- Visitors will have to queue at least six feet apart from each other to follow the social/physical distancing set by the Ministry of Health.
- If any suspicious symptoms, including high body temperatures (38 degrees Celsius or 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit), cough, difficulty breathing, or fatigue, are detected, visitors have to follow the recommendations of the relevant authority.
- They have to follow the arrangements of those serving duties at the mausoleum.
- Those paying tributes will have to queue at least six feet apart from each other, and only 10 persons will be allowed to pay tributes to the martyrs each time, and they also must keep six feet apart while inside.
- All the visitors must strictly follow the COVID-19 health notices and information released by the Ministry of Health.
- Elderly people and those with chronic illnesses are not allowed to visit.
- Those suffering from fever, cough, difficulty breathing or fatigue are not allowed to visit.
- For group tributes, a time limit of no more than ten minutes is recommended.

Public Notice for Visitors to Bogyoke Aung San Museum

- Any kind of ballpoint pens, mobile phones, flags, handbags, cameras, lighters, flower wreaths/ flower bouquets/flower baskets, vinyl, bottles, sticks and pipes that are used in carrying flags are not allowed to be brought into the Bogyoke Aung San Museum.
- All the visitors are required to wear masks systematically without fail.
- All must enter after washing their hands thoroughly at the designated places and using the hand sanitizers provided there.
- The inspection on ten prohibited items and Body search will be conducted at the junction of Natmauk Road and Bogyoke Museum Road in Bahan Township and it is required to bring Citizenship Scrutiny Cards or employee cards or student ID cards or certain cards to identify the personal data while mentioning the personal information including name, ID card number, address and phone number for temperature screening and medical checkups.
- Visitors will have to queue at least six feet apart from each other to follow social/physical distancing set by the Ministry of Health.
- If any suspicious symptoms, including high body temperatures (38 degrees Celsius or 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit), cough, difficulty breathing, or fatigue, are detected, visitors must follow the recommendations of the relevant authority.
- They must follow the arrangements of those serving duties at the museum.
- All the visitors will have to queue at least six feet apart from each other in line with the set numbers, and stay at least six feet apart from each other.
- All the visitors have to strictly follow the COVID-19 health notices and information released by the Ministry of Health in a timely manner.
- Elderly people and those with chronic illnesses are not allowed to visit.
- Those suffering from fever, cough, difficulty breathing or fatigue are not allowed to visit.

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Appointment of Head of Service Organization

THE State Administration Council has appointed U Myint Zin Htoo, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, as Director-General of the same organization on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

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

Reviews ongoing for new party applications

INDIVIDUALS seeking to establish new political parties are continuing to submit their applications to the Union Election Commission, clearly specifying their intended party names. As of today, a total of 27 groups have applied for permission to establish political parties.

Among the applicants, the Peace and Development Party and the New Generation Wamsanu Party comply with

the Political Parties Registration Law and its relevant rules. Accordingly, the Commission granted permission for their formation today.

However, the application of the People Power for Democracy Party (PPD) was rejected after scrutiny by the relevant ministries revealed that it did not meet the requirements set out in Section 4 of the Political Parties Registration Law. Similarly, the Li

Shaw National Party was found not to comply with Section 6 of the same law. Based on the decision of the Union Election Commission's plenary meeting 30/2025, both applications were formally denied using Form C under the Political Party Registration Rule.

To date, 21 political parties have been granted formation approval, while five applications have been rejected. — MNA/KZL

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

ARMED terrorists have been launching attacks by using residential homes and administrative buildings in towns and villages as cover, where they have forcibly settled. They aim to shield themselves from Tatmadaw counterattacks while also persuading temporarily displaced persons to return to their native areas and recruiting new members. That enables terrorists to use civilians as human shields. Tatmadaw is committed to safeguarding the sovereignty of the State and will respond to these threats based on intelligence and prevailing conditions. Therefore, residents in areas where terrorists have taken control must prioritize their safety and protect themselves from being exploited by these groups.

(An excerpt from guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Shan State cabinet members and state-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)

MoI holds 2025 monsoon fingerling stocking ceremony

TO increase fish populations in rivers, streams, and dams within the Union Territory, preventing the depletion of fish species, ensuring their long-term sustainability in natural waters and lakes, and promoting fish production across the country, the Ministry of Information organized the 2025 Monsoon Fingerling-Releasing Ceremony yesterday evening at the Mingala Lake on the Pynmana-Taungnyo Road

in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw. The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn and his wife, the permanent secretary, departmental officials, and staff. During the event, the Union minister and his wife, along with officials and staff, released fingerlings into the Mingala Lake. — MNA/MKKS



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn and his wife seen adding fingerlings at yesterday's event in Nay Pyi Taw.

Myanmar, Russia accelerate drive for No 2 Steel Mill (Pinpet) project



Union Minister Dr Charlie Than receives Russian Ambassador Mr Iskander Azizov in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

UNION Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than received Russian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Iskander Azizov in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. Both sides cordially discussed and exchanged views on the implementation of the No 2 Steel Mill (Pinpet) project, inspection and repair works of Russian experts for the test run of air purification plant, technical support of National University of Science and Technology (MiSiS) for producing pig iron with remelt method, signing of agreement for execution of the project by TPE Company Limited, coordination with TPE Company

Limited to carry out the project effectively and other effective work plans for the No 2 Steel Mill (Pinpet) project as it is a vital project for Russia and Myanmar. Also, present at the meeting were relevant officials from the ministry and the Russian Embassy. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar detains 23 undocumented entrants

MYANMAR detained 17 Filipinos, two Indians, two Chinese nationals, one Malaysian and one Ethiopian, totalling 23 individuals, involved in telecom fraud and other criminal activities in Kayin State yesterday. Between 30 January and 16 July 2025, a total of 9,247 illegal immigrants were identified and detained in Myanmar. Of this number, 9,055 individuals have already been deported through

Thailand to their respective countries, while arrangements are being made to deport the remaining 192 individuals. These individuals are currently under detention while awaiting repatriation. The government is strictly cracking down on online scams and online gambling by cooperating with other countries, including neighbouring countries. — MNA/KTZH



Myanmar Immigration and officials processing undocumented foreign entrants.

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Tatmadaw reoccupy Nawngkhio

Nawngkhio Township, located 2,759 feet above sea level, is in Kyaukme district of Shan State (North), and surrounded by Thabeikkyin and Mogok townships to the north, while Kyaukme to the east, Yaksawk to the south and PyinOoLwin to the west. It also possesses good transport connections to Mandalay, PyinOoLwin, Kyaukme, Hsipaw and Lashio with the Mandalay-Lashio Road and railways, while Taunggyi with No 43 Pyidaungsu Road.

Moreover, the major route for China-Myanmar border economic affairs, Mandalay-Muse road (No 14 Asia Road) passes Nawngkhio from west to east, and all the townships across the nation through PyinOoLwin and Mandalay and other townships in Shan State (North) through Kyaukme Township.

Shan, Dhanu and Myanmar people live there peacefully. Agriculture is the main business in Nawngkhio, and the locals operate livestock breeding, minerals, manufacturing, services, tourism, transport and trading. Nawngkhio also boasts waterfalls, caves, landscapes, different ethnic groups and historic places. The tourism industry develops its proper transport and high arrivals of travellers, and the socioeconomic status of residents also develops.

TNLA and PDF terrorists launched attacks against the units and headquarters in Nawngkhio with excess forces starting from 25 June 2025. They torched the houses of locals, forcibly took the public properties, aiming to affect the governance mechanism. Therefore, locals, including students, children and elderly people, moved to their relatives' houses and temporary refugee camps from their native towns.

Due to their sudden ambush, Tatmadaw officers, other ranks and convoys defended to lose their outposts and headquarters, sacrificing their lives. However, the dead and injured became high, and also due to the high numbers of terrorists, Tatmadaw members retreated to intermediate positions and cooperated with the bases of Taungkham and PyinOoLwin. Then, they established a temporary defence



Tatmadaw members seen on a hill near Taungkham where they recaptured from terrorists.

at the site of Taungkham and PyinOoLwin-Nawngkhio, and attacked the terrorist groups.

TNLA, MDY-PDF and Danu PDF terrorists who temporarily controlled Nawngkhio and accelerated their attacks, entering the villages, schools and monasteries near the vicinity areas of Taungkham station starting from 10 August 2024, and they used the villagers as human shields to attack Tatmadaw convoys and bases. However, Tatmadaw was ready with defence lines in strategic fronts, and they could not easily break through the defence. They used drones and heavy weapons and initiated ambushes. They temporarily blocked the Naunglin-Maepoke-Zaygon road, the Narsho-Zaygon junction, and entered the Yarpin-Innpho-Taungshay road and blocked Taungkham village. They attacked Tatmadaw stations via the Naunglin-Maepoke-Zaygon road. At the same time, they expanded their attack in Kyaukkyan, Ommakha, Yaymaungthan, Bangway along the PyinOoLwin-Nawngkhio road and Hokho, Thanbo and Kyaukmelay along the PyinOoLwin and Mogok road.

Tatmadaw deployed commandos, additional troops and administrative orders in Taungkham, and explored the ground situation with the air and heavy weapon support. Starting from 25 August 2024, Tatmadaw launched the Counter-Terrorism Operation in certain areas controlled by the terrorists. On 28 February 2025, Tatmadaw re-controlled the routes that con-



This photo shows firearms and ammunition seized from terrorists.

nect Makyiyay to Taungkham and also Kyaukmelay to Thanbo village and the Gangaw-Ohmmathi route.

Tatmadaw has been able to significantly break the morale of the TNLA and PDF terrorist groups and has gained the full support and encouragement of the local population. As a result, military officers and soldiers participating in combat operations have been demonstrating high morale, strong determination, and a heightened spirit to fight. By combining strategic ground and air military tactics, Tatmadaw has systematically attacked and occupied locations where the terrorist insurgents had temporarily established camps. These operations have led to the successful reoccupation of Nawngkhio. On 8 July 2025, Tatmadaw had full control over the vicinity of Namhsaunghu along the Taungkham-Kangyi-Nawngkhio route, while Gokteik along the Taungkham-Shwethoon-Gokteik-Nawngkhio route on 12 July, from Ohmmathi-Ohmmakhar village along the PyinOoL-

win-Nawngkhio Pyidaungsu road on 15 July.

Tatmadaw convoys dug trenches step by step to reoccupy Nawngkhio and its vicinity areas, sacrificing their lives, and there were 20 clashes and 566 armed engagements within 11 operational months. The famous clashes were Ngonmin Zedi, Point 1130, Zetawun Phayagon, Magyiyay Monastery, Htonephosuvillage, Kanbawza Monastery, Narsho village, Shwesaphaw Monastery, Saltaungpyae Pagoda, Mahmaw village, Taungshay village, Kyaukkan village, Namhsaunghu, Myatchinnu, Shwepinyunt, Shwethoon, Konesan, Gokteik and Point 1118. Tatmadaw seized 171 dead bodies of terrorists, 116 magazines and other materials. Terrorists were not able to defend against the counterattacks of Tatmadaw, and they retreated.

On 16 July, Tatmadaw occupied the whole Nawngkhio area and fulfilled the desire of local ethnic people who wanted to return to their houses peacefully and operate their business

safely without any threats from terrorists.

Although some of the civilians and the locals who fled from their towns did not support Tatmadaw due to different political stances before the clashes, they came to understand that they would lose their human rights and other chances in the economy, social, health and education sectors if they were under the control of TNLA and PDF terrorists. They also supported Tatmadaw eagerly, and reported to Tatmadaw regarding the ground information and cooperated with Tatmadaw.

When TNLA and PDF terrorists temporarily controlled Nawngkhio, they constructed bunkers at the religious buildings, schools, departmental buildings, hospitals and houses, and they attacked Tatmadaw convoys using locals as human shields. Moreover, they burgled the houses and shops of locals and took valuable materials, food and other commodities. They also destroyed the roads, the Goatwin bridge, by planting mines.

Tatmadaw convoys are working to ensure that residents who had temporarily fled from Nawngkhio can safely return and live in their homes. Efforts are being made to quickly restore the government administrative mechanisms and to clear landmines planted by the terrorist insurgents, in line with the Geneva Conventions. Tatmadaw, in cooperation with local people, will begin repairing and rebuilding schools, hospitals and clinics, government offices, religious buildings, and houses that were destroyed by the insurgents. Security operations in the area are also being strengthened.

All members of the Myawady TV respect and honour Tatmadaw officials and other ranks who participated in the counterattacks for the safety of the socioeconomic status of people and Nawngkhio, and also families of Tatmadaw and supporters of Tatmadaw who fully provided the necessary assistance, including mental support to Tatmadaw officials and other ranks. — MNA/KTZH

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Demand should be in accordance with rules and disciplines

Now is a time when political consciousness is emerging, with some wavering. Our government complies with demands as much as possible. Like the parents who acquiesce to their children and take action against them if they reach beyond disciplines, our government will take action against those who are undisciplined and take more opportunities than they should. Demand your needs in accordance with rules and disciplines. We will comply with them in accordance with the rules.

(Excerpt from the speech made by Bogyoke Aung San in Natmauk on 25 March 1947)



Vacationers in Bagan during monsoon. PHOTO: THE THAN HTAY AND FRIENDS TRAVEL & TOURS

Bagan tourism stable, peaks on public holidays

THE arrival of visitors to Bagan has been normal, but it has been seen usually larger on public holidays, according to residents. The visitor arrival has been low generally in monsoon when compared to that of the peak season, not meaning a complete halt, but normal. “This is monsoon, so the arrival of visitors is just moderate, but many pilgrims visit on weekends and holidays. We have loads of visitors on Full Moon Day of Waso,” said a resident.

At present, the majority of visitors are locals, though the tourist arrival is likely to mount in peak season, Thadingyut. “The arrival of foreigners seems larger when the weather is cold. But local visitors have made travelling as long as they feel convenient, and when it doesn’t rain a lot,” he said. Currently, local tourists have gone on vacation in Hpa-an, Bagan-NyaungU, Bago and resorts on the outskirts of Yangon. — MT/ZS

Dy Minister calls for efficient gas-based power generation



The 230-kVA Hlawga Main Power Station.

DEPUTY Minister for Electric Power U Aye Kyaw has instructed the personnel to focus on efficient power generation based on the availability of natural gas. The deputy minister said as above while meeting departmental officials at the Hlawga Gas Power Plant during his visit on 14 July. Moreover, he also instructed to give priority to the maintenance of

the staff’s living quarters with proper usage, to grow edible plants in the plant compound, to take continuous security measures around the housing and the plant, to be united among the government employees and to maintain a good relationship in the workplace. Also, on the same morning, the deputy minister and his team visited the 230-kVA Hlawga Main

Power Station in Yangon Region to ensure that the power plant can continue to generate electricity in a full and stable state, and power line connection is to be carried out safely and systematically within the prescribed period. The total electricity generated on 15 July was 58,601.4 megawatt hours, according to the Ministry of Electric Power. — Htun Htun/ZN

Ayeyawady, Sittoung overflow in NyaungU, Seiktha, Madauk

DUE to the rise in Ayeyawady and Sittoung rivers, danger levels have been reached in NyaungU, Seiktha and Madauk, according to a statement by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology at 7:30 am on 16 July. In NyaungU, the Ayeyawady river level was currently one centimetre above the danger level and could fall below it, while in Seiktha, it was reaching the danger level and may rise by about half a foot during the next day, remaining above it. The water level of the Sittoung River was more than half a foot above the danger level in Madauk and is expected to rise by about three inches over the next day, remaining above it. Therefore, people living in the lowlands in these three townships were advised to move to flood-free areas. According to the Global Flood Monitoring System’s detailed forecast dated 15 July, a flood was possible in Bago Region, said meteorologist U Win Naing. “As Ayeyawady and Pan Hlaing rivers rise along with the rising Sittoung river, the low-lying communities along the riverbanks in Bago Region may face flooding from 28 July to 1 August. In addition, the water of the Sittoung River, which continues to flow from Lower Paung Laung dam to the Gulf of Mottama to the south, may begin to rise from 24 July at station ID GO942 ‘Toungoo’”, he said. — MT/ZN

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Prize-giving ceremony celebrating Dhammacakka Day held

A prize-presenting ceremony celebrating Dhammacakka Day was held at Zabuthiri Beikman in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region.

The ceremony was organized by Venerable Ashin Pakta Linkara. During the event, U Mann Maung, Chairman of the National Federation for Dhammacakka Propagation, delivered a speech of thanks. Officials presented awards, certificates of appreciation, cash prizes, and medals to the winners of the Dhammacakka article competition and to the three winning teams of the Dhammacakka recitation ceremony.

In the Dhammacakka article competition (freelance category), organized by the Dhammacakka Propagation Association of the Dhamma Pala Foundation, the first prize was awarded to U Aung Kyaw Htoo from Ma-



This photo features a prize-presenting ceremony celebrating Dhammacakka Day.

yangon Township. The second prize went to Sing Kha Thu (also known as U Kyi Thaung) from Kyauktada Township, and the third prize was awarded to Aung Chit Soe (Latha), also known as U Than Maung, from Thakayta Township.

In the Dhammacakka reci-

tation competition, the first prize went to the Sasana Yaungchi Team, the second prize to the Ponyakari Team, and the third prize to the Buddha Yaungchi Team from Wards 3 and 4, Kyauklata Township, Ayeyawady Region.

The winners of the Dhammacakka article competition (freelance category) and the Dhammacakka recitation competition received K1 million for first prize, K700,000 for second prize, K500,000 for third prize, and K300,000 each for two consolation prizes.

The ceremony was attended by the Associate Secretary Sayadaw of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee (Mahana), along with monks, officials from the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, donors, and members of Dhammacakka recitation associations. — ASH/TH

Tennis coaching course concludes in Yangon



Award presentation to trainees.

THE closing ceremony of the 2025 Tennis Coaching Course, jointly organized by the Myanmar Tennis Federation (MTF) and the Yangon Region Education Office, was held on 14 July at the Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Region.

This course was offered to physical education teachers from basic education schools across Yangon Region, including teachers from private and international schools. A total of 45 teachers attended the course.

The course aimed to inspire student interest in sports, provide fundamental training in tennis and help nurture a new generation of talented tennis

players through structured and systematic coaching.

Attendees at the ceremony included the Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs, who is also the Deputy Chair of the Yangon Region Youth Affairs Committee, the MTF Deputy Chair and officials, representatives from the Sports and Physical Education Department, officials from the Basic Education Department and the Yangon Region Education Office, members of the Yangon Region Youth Affairs Supporting Committee, physical education teachers, teachers from Mother's Home Private High School, students, and guests. — ASH/KZL

Myanmar film 'Mahn' to release in early Aug

THE Myanmar film Mahn is set to be released in early August, according to director Than Hteik (Shwe Yeik), who is responsible for both filming and directing the production.

The story was written by Nyi Ye Min, and the film is being directed by Than Hteik (Shwe Yeik) for Aung Khit Min Film Production.

"This is a family drama. It doesn't contain any inappropriate content, so it's suitable for families to watch together. The film aims to raise family awareness. It was shot in 2024 and stars Thiha Aung, the son of veteran actor Ko Ko Oo, and Htin Thitsar, the daughter of Academy Khin Zar Chi Kyaw. The release is planned for late July or early August," said director Than Hteik (Shwe Yeik).

The cast includes Kyaw Htet Zaw, Academy May Myint Mo, Thiha Aung, Min Paing, Htin Thitsar, Thuriya, Academy Award winner Myat Kay Thi Aung, Lin Zar Ni Zaw, Myo Myo Khaing,



A poster for the film 'Mahn'.

Aye Khet Khet Paing, Papa Thin, Myo Myo, and many others, with guest star Thuriya also appearing in the film. — ASH/MKKS



Solo one-lady performance coming soon

SINGER Eint Chit is set to perform a solo show at Transporter Restaurant in South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region, on 20 July at 7:00 pm, according to the singer.

"At my solo show on 20 July, the band, Transporter In-House Vocals, and DJ Artistes will provide solid beats. Audiences can also enjoy energetic performances by dancers Kop and the Daily Gita Band. We warmly invite everyone to join us at Transporter on 20 July," said Eint Chit. — ASH/MKKS

A billboard for singer Eint Chit's one-lady show.

CAD releases July rice price updates

THE Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce stated that reasonable market prices of rice for July 2025 were issued.

The Ministry of Commerce issued reasonable prices for all varieties; K59,000-K71,000 per 108-pound bag of non-premium rice varieties (Aemahta, Ngasein, Sinthukha, Ngasein Yakyaw, Kayinma, Yadanatoe, Tunpu, GW-11, 747, Theepu, Shweman, and Nankauk, among others), K68,000-K78,000 per bag of rice varieties (Zeeya, Ngwetoe, Minaya, Nankauk, Shweman) that are consumed locally and exported, K75,000 to K99,000 to Shwethwe, Anyatha, Pakan, Hmawby -2,3, 90-day short matured rice, Manaw Thukha, Sinthuka, Byawtun, Ayeyapadetha, Ayeyamin produced from Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago regions, K90,000-K155,000 to moderate quality rice including Magyantaw, Ayeyamin and Ayeyapadetha produced from Mandalay, Magway, Sagaing, Nay Pyi Taw and upper Myanmar regions, and premium Pawsan rice (Ayeyawady Pawsan, Shwebo Pawsan). The retailers are not entitled to make a profit of more than eight per cent of the set reasonable market prices, the ministry announced.

The ministry determined reasonable market prices by considering the following factors: fair profit for the farmers, millers and distributors, reasonable prices for consumers, last year's market price, global market prices and other commodities prices. There are separate prices for modern trade with consumer packaging at mini-marts and supermarkets.

If individuals have difficulty buying rice, they are urged to contact the Myanmar Rice Federation. The buyers can complain about overpricing to the Consumer Affairs Department and MRF.

MRF warned that overpricing, sales with inaccurate measurement and quality and non-compliance with directives are subject to fines and taxation and prosecution under Section 5 of the Essential Supplies and Services Law. Thus, rice millers, rice shops, traders and merchants are encouraged to follow the rules. — NN/KK

YSX stock trading values hit K522M in June



Shareholders observe the index panel at the Yangon Stock Exchange.

THE grand trading value of the eight listed companies on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) totalled K522 million from 187,634 shares traded in June 2025, according to YSX's statistics.

At present, shares of eight listed companies: First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), TMH Telecom Public Co Ltd (TMH), the Ever Flow River Group Public Co Ltd (EFR), Amata Holding Public Co Ltd. (AMATA) and Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Co Ltd (MAEX) are traded in the securities market.

MTSH topped the trading on equity with over K170 million from 56,880 shares, followed by FPB with stocks worth K98.8 million from 54,061 shares, FMI with K92.3 million from 14,003 shares, EFR with K45.89 million from 28,533 shares, MAEX with K38.24 million from 12,563 shares, AMATA with K34.22 million from 8,888 shares, TMH with K31.17 million from 11,155 shares and MCB with K11.43 million from 1,551 shares.

The stock trading values were estimated at K619.24 million in May, with 176,845 shares traded in May.

The stock trading in June is up by over K24 million (39,419 shares) compared to that of May. — NN/KK

CBM to inject \$33M to fuel oil industry

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 15 July that it would pump US\$33 million into the fuel oil industry. In addition to an injection of over 324,360 yuan into the financial market, CBM sold over \$771,290 million to the edible oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM sold over \$757,230 and 1.426 million yuan on 14 July. Furthermore, CBM sold over \$1.58 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$359,230 to commodities-importing companies as well.

CBM sold over \$1.7 million to edible oil-importing companies on 11 July 2025.

CBM sold over \$1.5 million purchased from CMP companies to edible oil-importing companies on 10 July, in addition to an injection of \$621,000 and 600,000 yuan



File photo shows the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) Yangon Branch.

into the financial market.

CBM announced on 8 July that it would sell \$30 million to fuel oil importers. CBM also sold \$885,100, which was purchased from the CMP companies, to

edible oil-importing companies.

CBM sold \$1.8 million and 1.3 million yuan on 7 July. Furthermore, CBM sold over \$1.87 million to edible oil companies and over \$912,150 to commodi-

ties-importing companies on the same day.

CBM sold \$1.75 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$481,540 to commodities-importing companies on 4 July, in addition to an injection of \$578,542 and 900,000 yuan into the financial market.

CBM sold \$678,000, 1.24 million yuan and 2.94 million baht on 3 July. CBM sold \$3.346 million to edible oil-importing companies, over \$578,400 to commodities-importing countries on that day.

CBM announced on 2 July that it would sell 10 million yuan to importers. CBM sold over \$1.593 million to edible oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM announced on 1 July that it would pump \$33 million into the fuel oil sector. CBM sold over \$1.15 million that purchased

from CMP companies to edible oil-importing companies.

CBM sold \$8.4 million, 13.9 million baht and 5.2 million yuan in June 2025, in addition to an injection of \$14.9 million that was purchased from the CMP enterprises into the financial market.

CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. 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

Beware of the declining birth rate across the world

MANY countries around the world are currently grappling with declining birth rates and overall population shrinkage. While a lower birth rate may seem beneficial for an overpopulated planet, it can lead to generational imbalances and long-term social and economic challenges.

In recent decades, there have been significant global shifts in fertility and life expectancy. In the early 1970s, the global fertility rate averaged 4.5 children per woman. By 2015, that number had dropped to below 2.5 children. At the same time, global life expectancy has steadily increased, from 64.6 years in the early 1990s to 72.6 years in 2019. Although increased lifespans are generally a positive development, they also mean that societies will face a growing elderly population that must be supported by a shrinking workforce.

This shift has serious implications. A reduced number of children and a rising elderly population pose economic and demographic risks for any nation. With fewer working-age people to support retirees, the strain on public services and economic productivity is likely to increase. Over time, this imbalance could undermine national development and social stability.

The COVID-19 pandemic also played a significant role in further reducing birth rates across the globe. Data from various countries reveal this trend: Spain experienced a 20 per cent decline in births, Italy saw a 22 per cent drop, and France reported a 13 per cent decrease. Similar patterns are evident in parts of Asia as well, where birth rates have steadily declined in recent years.

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So as to address this issue, governments of all countries must take proactive steps. Long-term planning, family-friendly policies, and targeted human resource development programs will be essential in preparing for the future. Encouraging stable population growth through sustainable and supportive measures can help countries avoid the potential negative impacts of a shrinking and ageing population.

OF THE world's languages, the Myanmar language is included in the global linguistic field as a great language, as far as I can see. Most people say that the English language is easy to learn but hard to master. On the contrary, the Myanmar language will be difficult to study as well as to have a good command, particularly if the learner is not a native speaker. In the Myanmar curriculum for high schools of our nation, the subject of the Myanmar language is categorized into three sessions: Part I, Speaking Lessons, Part II,



Native language teachers must enhance their methods, study language intricacies, and engage students with humour and relevant content. **ILLUSTRATION: PIXABAY**

Teaching of Myanmar Language Prose, Poetry and Drama to High School Students

Reading-Reciting Lessons, and Part III, Writing Lessons. All of these lessons in Myanmar are worth studying, every teacher and learner knows. In the second part of reading-reciting lessons, prose, poetry and drama, the three subjects of literature, can all be seen. Here, prose, poetry and drama teaching of the Myanmar language to high school students will be presented, depending upon my personal teaching experience.

Among the subjects of literature, prose is the most straightforward writing, that is, it is easy to understand and also free to write. Hence, almost all language teachers start to teach prose instead of poems and dramas. In my young student

life, I did not get why my Myanmar teachers began to teach prose before poems, but later, I have known that poems and dramas finally come out of prose thoughts, which means that a poem or drama cannot be well composed by anyone if he or she is unable to think about or write good prose only. Even though prose is the life of language and literature, prose teaching seems somewhat boring to little students, especially when language teachers are incompetent to handle prose. While teaching prose, language teachers should let their students either read aloud or read in silence that prose word for word, all by themselves, rather than the teachers reading out

loud. After that, prose teachers ought to discuss choice words, phrasal usages, sentence constructions, unity of paragraphs, passage organization, contextual coherence and writing flow to match in order step by step together with their students. Since prose is usually a sort of subject matter which are so readily understandable for students that it does not need explaining any more, language teachers have nothing to do with prose teaching except for making their students know some glossaries and difficult concepts in the passage.

Unlike prose, a poem looks like a naturally beautiful girl, most liked by boys, called readers. As I am aware, most students

are interested in both poems and in poetry teaching. In general, poems can be recited in a normal tone as well as sometimes sung almost like a song. What is more, many poems are so short to the point that students can learn them by heart. Of course, poems in rhyme and rhythm are always sweet and pleasant to hearers' or listeners' ears. There might be some students who do not like prose at all, whereas a few students dislike poetry reading. Many students like to read poems for the simple reason that nursery rhymes always make child readers amused and folk tales often attract poem-lover students' attention with archaisms, dialect words or expressions and traditional routines, for example.

In the main, it is really enjoyable to recite or sing a poem, whether it is a classic poem or a modern poem. A poem is like a beautifully alternated ring of star-flowers, while a poetry teacher is probably similar to a person re-alternating these flowers. There is still a point that should be noticed, especially by poetry teachers. Today is not the age of poems in rhyme and over-writing, except for free verse. Thus, language teachers need to give a simple explanation to students of the rhyming schemes or patterns of a poem, together with poetic licence to embroider a good poem.

In the history of Myanmar literature, there have appeared several golden ages of literature, namely, the golden ages of poems, dramas and short stories one after another. Although the mass production of dramas could be seen in Myanmar literature, there were probably no dramas of top quality, I believe.

By Hu Wo
(Cuckoo's Song)

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Key Notes on Public Health Surveillance

By Dr Than Lwin Tun

PUBLIC health surveillance is the essential pillar of the healthcare system. It plays a crucial role in protecting communities, guiding public health actions, and improving population health outcomes. Without proper surveillance, health threats can go unnoticed, allowing diseases to spread unchecked and causing significant harm to society.

Public health surveillance is the continuous and systematic collection, orderly consolidation and evaluation of pertinent data with prompt dissemination of results to those who need to know, particularly those who are in a position to take action.

Effective disease control programs rely on effective surveillance and response systems. Strengthening disease surveillance capacity makes countries better identify disease prevention priorities, plan for the best possible health of their populations,

sensitize beneficiaries, focus on evidence-based interventions that work and monitor the trends to show impact as well as to detect issues to address.

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Public health surveillance is a tool to estimate the health status and behaviour of the populations served by ministries of health, ministries of finance, and donors. Because surveillance can directly measure what is going on in the population, it is useful both for measuring the need for interventions and for directly measuring the effects of interventions. The purpose of surveillance is to empower decision makers to lead

and manage more effectively by providing timely, useful evidence.

In the specialized area of surveillance for biologic terrorism, syndromic surveillance refers to active surveillance of syndromes that may be caused by potential agents used by biologic terrorists and sometimes refers to alternative measures such as increases in the use of over-the-counter drugs or increases in calls to emergency departments.

Early Detection and Prevention

One of the most important reasons for public health surveillance is the early detection of disease outbreaks. By continuously monitoring health data, public health officials can quickly identify unusual patterns or increases in illness. For example, if surveillance systems detect a sudden rise in flu cases, they can alert healthcare providers and the public, allowing preventive measures such as vaccination campaigns or public advisories to be put in place.



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Early detection saves lives, reduces healthcare costs, and limits the spread of disease.

Informed Decision-Making
Accurate and timely data from surveillance systems allows policymakers and healthcare leaders

to make informed decisions. Reliable information helps in setting pri-

orities, allocating resources, and designing effective public health interventions. For example, if data shows a high incidence of diabetes in a certain region, targeted education and prevention programmes can be introduced to address lifestyle factors contributing to the problem.

Tracking Long-Term Health Trends

Surveillance is not only important during outbreaks but also for tracking long-term health trends. By analyzing data over years or decades, public health experts can monitor the impact of interventions, identify emerging health threats, and adapt strategies as needed. This long-term monitoring is especially important for chronic diseases, mental health, environmental hazards, and occupational health risks.

Supporting Research and Innovation

Public health surveillance provides valuable data for scientific research. Researchers use surveillance data to study the causes of diseases, evaluate treatment effectiveness, and develop new prevention strategies. Innovations in

healthcare, such as new vaccines or public health policies, often rely on information gathered through careful monitoring.

Building Public Trust and Transparency

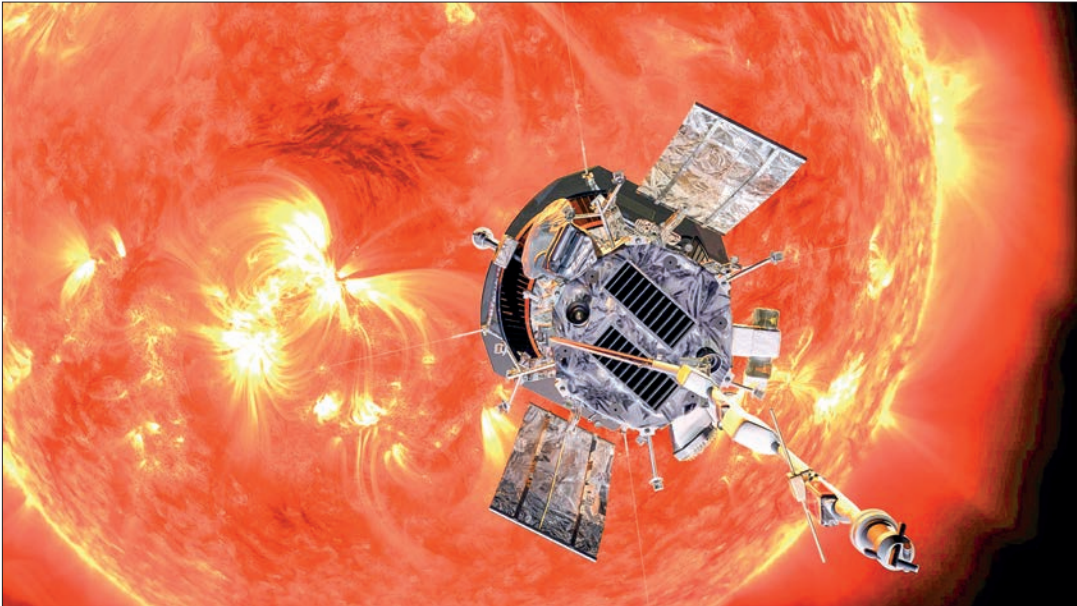
Transparent reporting of health information builds public trust. When communities are informed about health risks and the measures being taken to protect them, they are more likely to cooperate with public health recommendations. Trust is especially important during public health emergencies, such as pandemics, where community participation is critical for controlling the spread of disease.

In addition, public health surveillance and monitoring are vital for safeguarding the health of populations. They enable early detection of diseases, support informed decision-making, track health trends, contribute to research, and build public trust. Investing in strong surveillance systems is a wise and necessary step for every nation seeking to improve the well-being of its people and prepare for future health challenges.

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Skimming the Sun, probe sheds light on space weather threats

The Wide-Field Imager for Solar Probe (WISPR) has been instrumental in capturing high-resolution images of CMEs.



The Parker Solar Probe is equipped to observe critical solar activities such as coronal mass ejections (CMEs) and the solar wind. **PHOTO: NASA**

THE Parker Solar Probe has captured unprecedented images of the Sun during its closest approach, providing invaluable data for scientists studying space weather. Launched in 2018, the probe recently reached a milestone, coming within 3.8 million miles of the Sun's surface, a distance that, if scaled to one foot between Earth and the

Sun, would place Parker just half an inch away. This proximity allows for detailed observations of solar phenomena, including coronal mass ejections (CMEs) and the solar wind. The probe's heat shield, designed to withstand extreme temperatures, has performed remarkably well, experiencing temperatures

around 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit instead of the expected maximum of 2,500 degrees. Its single imager, the Wide-Field Imager for Solar Probe (WISPR), has provided high-resolution images of CMEs, revealing dynamic interactions that can significantly impact space weather and, consequently, Earth. — AFP

Pakistan's quiet solar rush puts pressure on national grid



Pakistan has unexpectedly surged towards its target of renewable energy, making up 60 per cent of its energy mix by 2030. **PHOTO: AFP**

PAKISTAN is experiencing a significant shift towards solar power, with an increasing number of households opting for rooftop solar panels to escape the burdens of the national grid. In Karachi, residents like Fareeda Saleem have turned to solar power for uninterrupted electricity, despite the initial installation costs. After being cut off from the grid due to unpaid bills, Saleem sold her jewelry and borrowed money to purchase solar panels, an inverter, and a battery for energy storage. — AFP

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Any Myanmar drama to the core could not be given a literary award throughout the history of Myanmar literature, apart from the translation of `King Lear` by Saya Min Thu Wun. Despite this, there were many dramas of the highest quality in Myanmar literature, for instance, `Yethepyazet` by U Ponya and `Mahasanchinthu` by Saya Zaw Gyi, whose words mean `a water peddler` and `an aristocratlike person` respectively. In truth, a drama is generally literature in verse, in other words, a combination of prose and poetry writings. When teaching drama, not only language teachers but also their learners must be careful of background situations such as history, time and place, characters' manners, characterization, and the accomplishment of drama objectives. Most of all, it is absolutely good to speak out the rhyming words of characters in a good voice; therefore, the role-play method is used as the most suitable teaching pedagogy in drama study. By doing so, stu-

dents will be able to memorize drama learning material by rote more than the conventional lecture-discussion method. It would be no easy task if native teachers taught students their language to students speaking the same language, attracting their attention. Strange to say, some students get bored easily with prose, poems and dramas in textbooks just as they see them. I think that is not the problem of subject matter, but the professional incompetence of teaching methods. A language teacher must be a researcher on the language, as always. He should have studied as many archaisms as needed in his language. Also, their teaching techniques ought to be upgraded and updated in accordance with educational aims, mainstream education, language needs, their own styles, and students' likes. Words of humour and interest tend to play an essential role in language teaching. Only because literature is created in language does a linguistic teacher need to have had mastery of the language, phonetics and semantics in particular.

Indigenous Australians lose landmark climate court case against government

INDIGENOUS Australians from the Torres Strait Islands recently lost a significant court case aimed at holding the government accountable for inadequate emissions targets amid climate change threats. The Torres Strait Islands, located off Australia's northern coast, face rising sea levels that are increasing at a rate nearly three times the global average. Over the past four years, Torres Strait elders have fought in court to demonstrate that the government has failed to take meaningful climate action to protect their communities. The Federal Court ruled that

the government was not legally obligated to shield the islands from climate change impacts. Justice Michael Wigney criticized the government for setting emissions targets between 2015 and 2021 that did not align with the best available scientific evidence, although he noted that these targets would have had minimal effect on global temperature rise. With fewer than 5,000 residents, the islands are experiencing severe consequences from climate change, including eroded coastlines and salinization of soil. — AFP



The rising popularity of artificial jewellery was prominently showcased at the Indian Fashion Jewellery and Accessories Show 2025. PHOTO: ANI

Indian women embrace style, emotion through jewellery

The increasing interest in artificial jewellery suggests a shift in consumer preferences, with more individuals seeking affordable yet stylish options that allow for personal expression without the high costs associated with traditional fine jewellery.

IN India, traditional celebrations are increasingly highlighted by vibrant artificial jewellery, which has become a staple of festive fashion, especially among women seeking stylish yet affordable options.

New Delhi-based make-up artists Shivani and Tarun, founders of Star Academy, are transforming beauty standards

by offering personalized jewellery styling that complements clients' outfits and reflects their unique personalities.

Shivani emphasizes that jewellery is not merely an accessory but an emotional expression, resonating deeply with clients.

The rising popularity of artificial jewellery was show-

cased at the Indian Fashion Jewellery and Accessories Show 2025, featuring over 100 exhibitors and highlighting the dynamic growth of the fashion jewellery industry.

The event underscored India's evolving style, where elegance meets affordability, and tradition blends with modernity. — ANI

Lupita Nyong'o opens up on uterine fibroids diagnosis

OSCAR-WINNING actress Lupita Nyong'o got candid about her health and shared struggles with uterine fibroids, non-cancerous growths that develop in or around the uterus, reported E! News. "In March 2014, I won an Academy Award. That same year, I discovered that I had uterine fibroids," Lupita wrote in her Instagram post, adding, "30 fibroids. I had surgery to remove them. I asked my doctor if there was anything I could do to prevent them from recurring.

She said: 'You can't. It's only a matter of time until they grow again.' The ace star shared that she did not realize the condition affected so many women until she started discussing her experience "privately" with her inner circle.

"When we reach puberty, we're taught periods mean pain, and that pain is simply part of being a woman," said Lupita. "We're struggling alone with something that affects us most," reported E! News. — ANI



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Man irked by Japan go-karting noise arrested for attempted arson

A Japanese man enraged by the noise of go-karting popular with foreign tourists was arrested Wednesday for trying to set fire to the motor vehicles, according to police and local media.

Go-karting is a popular sight in Japan -- the birthplace of Super Mario -- with tourists, dressed up as the video game icon and other characters, allowed to manoeuvre their way through Tokyo streets.

The 28-year-old Japanese man was arrested on charges of attempted arson, Tokyo police told AFP.

Police said the man was suspected of setting fire last month to waste on the premises of a

Tokyo company that operates go-karting tours, with flames spreading to its parked go-karts.

Nearby walls were also burned, but the fire was quickly extinguished, police said.

Public broadcaster NHK quoted the suspect as telling investigators that he was "stressed out by the engine noise of the go-karts".

His workplace was reportedly located adjacent to the scene of the fire. The go-karting operator received a letter in May threatening to "set karts aflame if engines are turned on after tomorrow", NHK reported, adding that police were probing a link to the arson attack. — AFP



People drive go-karts while dressed in Super Mario costumes in Tokyo in 2022. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Cameron Diaz to star in action comedy 'Bad Day'

CAMERON Diaz, who, after a near-decade hiatus, made a return to acting this year with Netflix's hit 'Back in Action', is all set to be seen in 'Bad Day', an action comedy to be directed by Jake Szymanski, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

Beau Bauman is producing with his Good One Productions.

Laura Solon wrote the original story, which revolves around a single mother struggling to make one small promise to her daughter on the worst day of her life.

The project has been described as a comical version of Joel Schumacher's 1993 drama Falling Down, in which Michael Douglas plays a man who reaches his breaking point while rushing to go to his daughter's birthday party," according to The Hollywood Reporter.

Diaz is one of Hollywood's most bankable big-screen actresses. She took a hiatus in 2014, having appeared in films ranging from Something About Mary and The Holiday to Bad Teacher and Shrek, as per the outlet. — ANI

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Trump says Indonesia to face 19% tariff under trade deal

US President Donald Trump said Tuesday he has struck a trade deal with Indonesia, under which goods from the Southeast Asian country will face a lowered tariff rate of 19 per cent.

In exchange for sharply reducing the rate, Trump told reporters at the White House, the United States will have full market access to Indonesia. "As you know, Indonesia is very strong on copper, but we have full access to everything. We will pay no tariffs," Trump said. "That's probably the biggest part of the deal...I think it's a good deal for both parties."

Trump's announcement came about a week after he threatened to impose a 32 per cent tariff on goods from Indonesia, starting 1 August.

Indonesia was among the more than 20 countries to which he sent letters last week, unilaterally informing them of their new tariff rates.

— Kyodo

US banks see lower recession risk despite tariff fog

Bank executives highlighted the resilience of the US economy, noting that businesses are adapting to ongoing tariff uncertainties. This adaptability is seen as a positive sign for economic stability.

LARGE US banks reported results that topped estimates Tuesday as executives pointed to American economic resilience and said businesses were adapting to tariff uncertainty. Executives from JPMorgan Chase and Citigroup described US consumers as still fundamentally in good shape despite continued risks to the outlook. Both banks now see a lower risk of recession compared with April, when they last reported results. Top officials with the banks also



Bank executives said more clients are pushing ahead with decisions despite tariff uncertainty. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

characterized clients as less frazzled by President Donald Trump constantly changing trade policy compared with April, when financial markets were in turmoil. In the last week alone, Trump has threatened deep tariffs on some two dozen countries and spoken of new levies on copper and pharmaceuticals — announcements that many market watchers remain skeptical will be enacted in light of previous tariff pivots by the US president. — AFP

Ministry of Transport and Communications Myanmar Port Authority Open Tender Invitation

1. The Ministry of Transport and Communications, Myanmar Port Authority, hereby invites qualified and interested companies to submit tender proposals for the construction of 1500 BHP Harbour Tug (1- Unit) during 2025–2026 and 2026–2027 fiscal years, using foreign currency (USD).
2. Date and Time for Tender Forms Sale - During office hours from 17th July, 2025 to 30th July, 2025.
3. Location for Tender Forms Sale - Planning Section, Theinbyu Dockyard, Mechanical Engineering Department, No.557/559, Strand Road, Botahtaung Township, Yangon.
4. Tender Opening Date, Time and Location - 31st July 2025, 13:00 hrs
No. 10, Pansodan Street, Head Office, First Floor, Myanmar Port Authority, Kyauktada Township, Yangon.
5. If you need more detailed information, please contact us at telephone no. +95 9 515 8404, +95 9 401 010 293, and email: cmeoffice.mpa@gmail.com

Tender Acceptance and Evaluation Committee
Myanmar Port Authority

MYANMA Port Authority “NOTICE of High Tide”

EXCEPTIONALLY high spring from 20.05 feet to 20.28 feet high above the chart datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period of July 25th to July 28th, 2025. Please be noted that it is not serious level of tide because the highest tide level have reached up to 22 feet above the chart datum in year 2014 and 2015, and this notice is normally issued whenever high tide of Yangon River is expected to reach over 20 feet high above the chart datum in order to take precautionary measures to the public living near river foreshore area of Yangon City.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE M.V SITC HAKATA VOY.NO. (2520S)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SITC HAKATA VOY.NO. (2520S)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **17-7-2025** 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 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm 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
Myanmar Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S SITC CONTAINER LINE CO., LTD

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Myanmar Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S SEALAND MAERSK ASIA PTE LTD.

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanmar Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S MAWLAMYINE CENTURY LOGISTICS CO LTD

EU trade chief heads to Washington for trade talks

THE EU’s top trade negotiator Maros Sefcovic is jetting to Washington Wednesday for talks with his US counterparts as the bloc renews its push to settle the transatlantic tariffs standoff.

“Sefcovic is flying to DC this afternoon, for separate in-person meetings” with US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick and US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer, said European Commission trade spokesman Olof Gill.

President Donald Trump threw months of EU-US talks into disarray at the weekend by threatening a 30-per-cent levy on European goods from August 1 if the transatlantic allies don’t strike a deal.

Leading up to Saturday’s missive, Brussels thought it was on the cusp of closing a deal with Washington, but EU officials remain hopeful they can reach an agreement by the end of the month.

— AFP

Stellantis pulls plug on hydrogen fuel cell vans

JEEP-MAKER Stellantis said Wednesday it was pulling the plug on plans to build light vans using hydrogen fuel cells, saying it saw no prospects for it to be commercially viable.

The company, whose stable of brands also includes Peugeot, Citroen and Fiat, had planned to begin serial production of commercial vans equipped with hydrogen fuel cells this summer at sites in northern France and southern Poland.

“The hydrogen mar-



Stellantis showed off its hydrogen fuel cell commercial vans at the Paris Motor Show last year. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

ket remains a niche segment, with no prospects of mid-term economic sustainability,” said Jean-Philippe Imparato, Stellantis’s chief operating officer

for the European region.

The company cited limited availability of hydrogen refuelling infrastructure, high capital requirements, and the need for stronger consumer purchasing incentives.

“We must make clear and responsible choices to ensure our competitiveness and meet the expectations of our customers with our electric and hybrid passenger and light commercial vehicles offensive,” Imparato added.

— AFP

PESTICIDES DISTRIBUTOR CHANGING

Registered pesticides distributing by **YONTA MYANMAR Co.,Ltd.** in the territory of Myanmar for the product as following are transferring to **Uni Crop Co.,Ltd.** as per mutual consent from both parties. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Pesticide registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayint Naung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon within (14) days.

Uni Crop Co.,Ltd. Ph:09765665462

No	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration No.
1	E-T Ace 75SP	Acephate 75%SP	F 2018- 1490
2	E-T Dimet 50WP	Dimethomorph 50%WP	F 2021- 3178

Notice for change of distributor

Notice is hereby given that the official distributor – Myanmar Arysta LifeScience Co.,Ltd. to Titan Agro Science Co.,Ltd. has been changed for the following pesticide manufactured by Hokko Chemical Industry Co.,Ltd.

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No.	Brand Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1.	Kasumin Liquid	Kasugamycin Hydrochloride 2.3%	FF 2020 – 014

Myanmar Arysta LifeScience Co.,Ltd.
Suite # 09 – 02, Crystal Tower, Kyun Taw Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon.
01 – 933 93 59, 933 93 60

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No.	Brand Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1.	Nominee Gold 100 OF	Bispyribac – sodium 10% OF (w/v)	F 2015 – 848

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No.	Brand Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1.	Evisect S 50% SP	Thiocyclam Hydrogen Oxalate 50% SP	F2022–2210

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No.	Brand Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1.	Mospilan 20 SP	Acetamiprid 20% SP	F 2018 – 169
2.	Topsin M 70 WP	Thiophanate – methyl 70% WP	FFF 2021 - 008

Myanmar Arysta LifeScience Co.,Ltd. Suite # 09 – 02, Crystal Tower, Kyun Taw Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon. 01 – 933 93 59, 933 93 60

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No.	Brand Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1.	Torac 15 EC	Tolfenpyrad 15% EC	F 2024 – 3444
2.	Applaud 25 WP	Buprofezin 25% WP	F 2015 - 445

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

At SCO meet, Jaishankar highlights India’s focus on startups, medicine, and digital tools

The minister mentioned that India has undertaken several initiatives within the SCO, focusing on areas such as startups, innovation, traditional medicine, and digital public infrastructure, showcasing India’s commitment to contributing positively to the region.

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday said that India has taken the lead in promoting innovation, startups, traditional medicine, and digital public infrastructure within the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).
Sharing the highlights of his participation at the SCO Foreign Ministers’ Meeting through a post on X, Jaishankar said India

remains open to new ideas that genuinely benefit the region, but stressed that cooperation must be built on mutual respect, equal sovereignty, and territorial integrity.
“India has taken several initiatives in the SCO in domains ranging from startup and innovation to traditional medicine and digital public infrastructure. We will continue to positively ap-

proach new ideas and proposals that are genuinely for our collective good,” he wrote.
He also pointed out that deeper regional collaboration requires more trade, investment, and connectivity. However, he raised concerns about the lack of assured transit within the SCO region, calling it a major barrier to economic cooperation.
— ANI



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar highlighted that India is taking a leading role in promoting innovation, startups, traditional medicine, and digital public infrastructure within the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). **PHOTO: ANI**

Monsoon rains, flash floods kill 116, injure 253 across Pakistan

TORRENTIAL monsoon rains and flash floods have killed at least 116 people and injured 253 others across Pakistan since 26 June, the country’s National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) said Tuesday.
According to the NDMA’s latest report, five more deaths and 41 injuries were recorded in the past 24 hours due to rain-re-

lated incidents.
The eastern Punjab province recorded the highest number of fatalities with 44, followed by the northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province with 37, the southern Sindh province with 18, and the southwestern Balochistan province with 16. One death and five injuries were reported in Pakistan-controlled

Kashmir, while no casualties were recorded in Gilgit-Baltistan and the Islamabad Capital Territory, said the NDMA. The agency has issued a weather alert, warning of potential flash floods in parts of Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Balochistan provinces, as heavy rainfall is forecast to continue through Thursday. — Xinhua



Torrential monsoon rains and flash floods have killed at least 116 people and injured 253 others across Pakistan since 26 June. **PHOTO: TASNIM**

Iran seizes foreign tanker over smuggling fuel in Gulf of Oman

IRAN has recently seized a foreign oil tanker in the Gulf of Oman for carrying about 2 million liters of smuggled fuel and detained the crew, Mizan news agency of the Iranian judiciary reported on Wednesday.
Iranian law enforcement officers confiscated the oil tanker after it failed to provide the necessary legal documents during inspections, the report quoted Chief Justice of Iran’s southern Hormozgan province Mojtaba

Qahremani as saying, without specifying the date of the seizure or the nationality of the vessel and its crew members.
Qahremani said a case was filed, adding the vessel’s captain and 16 other crew members were under detention. Iran’s subsidized fuel prices have made smuggling fuel out of the Middle Eastern country a lucrative business. In the past few years, Iranian naval forces seized several ships laden with smuggled fuel. — Xinhua

Polls suggest tough election for Japan PM

JAPAN’S unpopular ruling coalition faces tough upper house elections this weekend, opinion polls suggested, potentially ending Shigeru Ishiba’s premiership after less than a year.
Ishiba, 68, has headed a minority government since October when he led the long-dominant Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) to its worst general election result in years. The new surveys indicate that the ruling coalition of the LDP and the smaller Komeito

party could lose its upper house majority on Sunday when 125 out of 248 seats are up for grabs. The ruling bloc is “on course” to lose the majority, Kyodo News said on Tuesday, citing its latest poll. It “would likely trigger calls for Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba’s resignation”, Kyodo said. Voters are unhappy about inflation — in particular, the price of rice — and scandals within the LDP, which has governed Japan almost uninterrupted for decades. — AFP

SPORTS

ASEAN U23 opener: Myanmar draw unexpectedly with Timor

MYANMAR was held to a dramatic 4-4 draw against Timor-Leste in their opening match of the 2025 ASEAN U23 Championship group stage on 16 July in Indonesia.

Despite taking the lead multiple times, Myanmar could not hold onto their advantage and were forced to settle for a point, with a late equalizer from Timor sealing the result. The Timorese side featured several naturalized players and managed to frus-

trate Myanmar, who are under new head coach Karosaki from Japan. It was Karosaki's first official tournament and first match in charge, and he is still without a win in international competition with the U23 side.

Heavy rain made conditions difficult, but Myanmar opened aggressively. In 13 minutes, Shine Wunna Aung scored the opener, followed by a 39-minute penalty converted by Zaw Win Thein to make it 2-0. Just before halftime, Timor pulled one back through Motar in added time, 45+2 minutes.

In the second half, Timor equalized in 53 minutes via Figo. Myanmar responded quickly – Than Toe Aung scored a header from a free kick rebound in 55 minutes, and Min Maw Oo fired in from distance in 61 minutes to restore a two-goal cushion. However, Myanmar again failed to control the game. Timor's Canavaro scored in 75 minutes, and Alexandre struck deep into stoppage time (90+1) to snatch a draw.

Myanmar will next face Thailand in their final group match on 22 July. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Myanmar and Timor-Leste share the spoils in a thrilling 4-4 opener at the ASEAN U23 Championship. PHOTO: MFF

Parish confirms Palace will appeal over Europa League demotion

CRYSTAL Palace chairman Steve Parish has confirmed his club will appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport after being demoted from the Europa League.

Palace qualified for the Europa League with a shock FA Cup final win over Manchester City in May.

But UEFA, European football's governing body, ruled Palace should drop down to the Conference League over a conflict of interest involving the club's former director John Textor, who also part-owns French side Lyon.

Textor stepped away from Palace at the start of July, but the ownership issue relates to the end of last season when the south London team secured a maiden European appearance by winning the first major trophy in their history.

UEFA's ruling would mean Nottingham Forest, who finished seventh in the Premier League, take Palace's place in the Europa League, but Parish has signalled his intent to contest the decision.

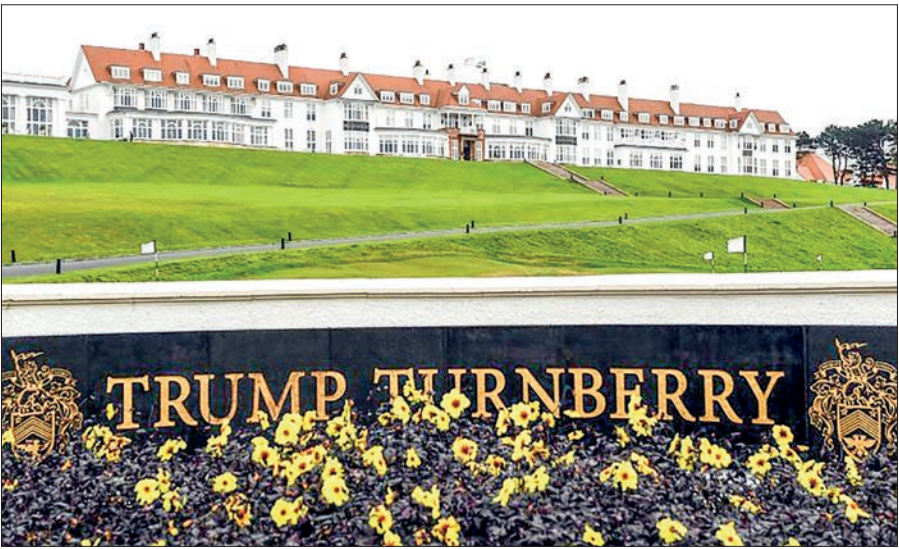
"We are still fighting," Parish told the The Rest is Football podcast. "There's an appeal process, so we go to CAS which is the court for arbitration and, you know, we're very hopeful. We think we've got great legal arguments. "We don't think this is the right decision by any means. We know unequivocally that John didn't have decisive influence over the club.

"We know we proved that beyond all reasonable doubt because it's a fact." — AFP

British Open could return to Trump's Turnberry

BRITISH Open organizers the Royal and Ancient (R&A) refused to rule out a return to US President Donald Trump's Turnberry course if infrastructure challenges were overcome. The Scottish course, which was bought by Trump in 2014, has not hosted the only major outside the US since 2012. In the wake of the storming of the US Capitol by Trump supporters in January 2021, the R&A said the British Open would not return to Turnberry until "the focus will be on the championship" rather than the course's proprietor. Mark Darbon, new chief executive of the R&A, straight-batted the prospect of awarding Turnberry the championship until significant upgrades are made around the course on Scotland's west coast.

"We love the golf course but we've got some big logistical challenges there," Darbon told a press conference ahead of



Turnberry has not hosted a British Open since Donald Trump bought the Scottish course in 2014. PHOTO: AFP

the 153rd British Open, which begins at Royal Portrush on Thursday.

"You see the scale of their setup here

and we've got some work to do on the road, rail and accommodation infrastructure around Turnberry. — AFP

Chelsea keeper Petrovic joins Bournemouth



Chelsea goalkeeper Djordje Petrovic has joined Bournemouth. PHOTO: AFP

CHELSEA goalkeeper Djordje Petrovic joined Bournemouth in a deal worth a reported £25 million (\$33 million) on Wednesday.

Petrovic agreed a contract that will keep him at the Vitality Stadium until June 2030.

The 25-year-old had been at Chelsea since joining from MLS side New England Revolution in 2023.

Petrovic, who spent last season on loan at French team Strasbourg, made 31 appearances for the west London club.

"I'm really happy to be here. I came to Bournemouth because I want to grow and I want to play at the best level," the Serbia international said. "Together with this club, with these facilities, I think we can achieve it. I want to help the team get the results, improve every day and be a better player". Bournemouth had Kepa Arrizabalaga on loan from Chelsea last season. — AFP

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BILATERAL JUDICIAL COOPERATION

Laos, Cambodia strengthen joint efforts against transnational crime

OFFICIALS from Laos and Cambodia gathered here for the first Laos-Cambodia Prosecutors' Office Meeting on Cooperation in Combatting Transnational Crime, with a particular focus on drug trafficking.

The meeting took place on Tuesday and brought together senior prosecutors from both countries to deepen cooperation, Lao News Agency reported on Wednesday.

In his speech, President of the Supreme People's Prosecutor Office of Laos, Xaysana Khotphouthone, said that the meeting marked a significant milestone in strengthening bilateral judicial cooperation, noting that it reflects the deepening strategic partnership between the two nations and aims to reinforce collaboration in criminal prosecution, particularly in the fight against transnational and drug-related crimes.

In response, the Lao government has declared drug control a national agenda, implementing stricter policies and targeted law enforcement strategies. In 2024, authorities recorded 5,012 drug-related cases, with an additional 1,422 cases reported in the first five months of 2025. — Xinhua

China, Australia sign MoU to implement, review free trade agreement

Since its entry into force in 2015, the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement has significantly enhanced bilateral economic and trade relations.



Chinese Premier Li Qiang and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, who is on an official visit to China, hold the 10th China-Australia Annual Leaders' Meeting at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, 15 July 2025. **PHOTO: LI XIANG/XINHUA**

CHINA and Australia signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the implementation and review of China-Australia Free Trade Agreement on Tuesday, according to the Chinese Ministry of Commerce (MOC).

The document was signed by Chinese Commerce Minister Wang Wentao and Australian Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Jan

Adams, witnessed by Chinese Premier Li Qiang and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

Since its entry into force in 2015, the free trade agreement has significantly boosted bilateral economic and trade relations, delivering substantial benefits to both sides, said the MOC.

As 2025 marks the 10th anniversary of the agreement, the two countries

will maintain close cooperation, continue high-quality implementation of the agreement, and jointly conduct a review to identify areas for further improvement or expansion, the MOC said.

This will enhance trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, providing a higher level of institutional support for bilateral economic and trade cooperation, the MOC said. — Xinhua

Kremlin calls on all parties to put pressure on Ukraine to continue talks with Russia

MOSCOW is calling on all parties to put pressure on Ukraine so that a new round of negotiations with Russia can take place, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Peskov said that Russia remains ready for a third round of negotiations with Ukraine, but proposals for a meeting have not yet been received from Kiev.

"We call on everyone to do this. In this case, the main ones are the mediation efforts of the United States — President [Donald] Trump and his team. Many statements have been made, many words about disappointment. Of course, we want to hope that in parallel with this, pressure is being exerted on the Ukrainian side [to continue negotiations]," Peskov told reporters.

The US scheme for arms supplies to Ukraine is business, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov added. "This is business. There were deliveries before. No one stopped them. It is just a question of who pays for them," Peskov told reporters when asked to assess US President Donald Trump's decision to sell weapons to Europe so that they can supply them to Ukraine. — SPUTNIK



Photo taken on 7 March 2022 shows a view of the third round of talks between Russian and Ukrainian delegations at the Belovezhskaya Pushcha. **PHOTO: BELTA NEWS AGENCY VIA XINHUA/FILE**