



State Administration Council Chairman, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects upgrade of drains to ensure proper flow of water on both sides of Yangon-Pathein Road in Hlinethaya Township of Yangon Region yesterday.

**C**hairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, the Yangon Region Chief Minister, the commander of Yangon Command and officials, inspected efforts to ensure proper flow of water along both sides of Yangon-Pathein Road in Hlinethaya Township of Yangon Region yesterday morning.

The Senior General inspected upgrading of drains along both sides of Yangon-Pathein Road in Hlinethaya Township to ensure proper flow of water, and construction of pedestrian ways. After hearing the reports

# Yangon-Pathein Road to have upgraded drains along both sides

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing gave guidance on keeping both sides of the road neat and tidy, and construction of drains in systematic calculation to ensure smooth flow of water through outlet channels.

of officials, the Senior General gave guidance on keeping both sides of the road neat and tidy, meeting road characteristics, unblocking drains, and construction of drains in systematic calculation to ensure smooth flow of water through outlet channels. The Senior General observed upgrade of drains along both sides of Nyaungdon Road and No 4 Highway in Shwepyitha Township, and expansion of the motor road in a motorcade. — MNA/TTA

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# NATIONAL

## Applicable health research must be expanded to widely disseminate findings to the public

❖ Our people need to have good basic health and live long, healthy and fit. To achieve this, it is important to choose nutritious and health-aligned foods and to adopt healthy lifestyles. Applicable health research on these matters must be expanded, and the findings should be widely disseminated to the public through awareness efforts.

(An excerpt from the video speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, at the opening of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Myanmar Health Research Congress on 20 January 2025)

## Weather

### Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Sunday 20 July 2025)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Monsoon is strong to vigorous over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

**Special Features:** According to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, the Severe Tropical Storm “WIPHA” over the South China Sea has move Westwards and now lie over near the Southern Coasts of China. It is likely continue to move Westwards and it may reach over the Gulf of Tonkin on 21 July 2025. Thereafter, it is likely to continue to cross Northern Vietnam on 22 July 2025.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 21 July 2025:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Magway and lower Sagaing regions and Kayah, Rakhine and Northern Shan states, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay Region and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of regionally heavy falls in Taninthayi Region and Mon State and isolated heavy falls in Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady regions and Kayin State. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD:** The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Magway and Taninthayi regions and Rakhine and (Northern and Eastern) Shan states. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Occasional squalls with rough to very rough seas will be experienced in the Deltaic, the Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35-40 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 11-14 feet in the Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Seas will be moderate off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Wave height will be about 6-8 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Regionally heavy rain in Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayah, Kayin, Mon and (Southern and Eastern) Shan states.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 21 July 2025:** One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 21 July 2025:** One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 21 July 2025:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

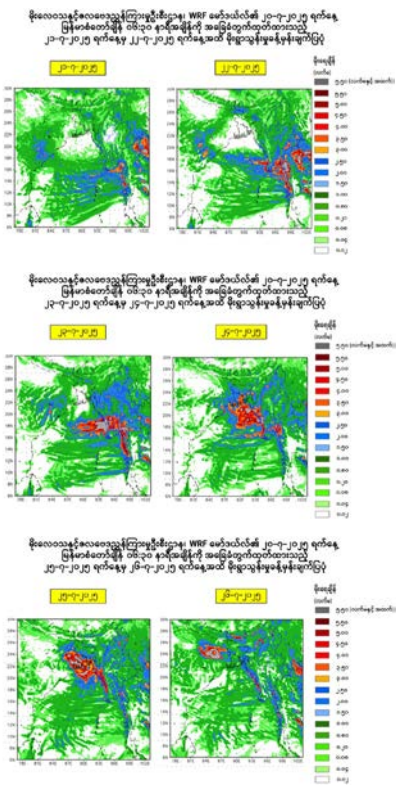
## Special Weather News

Issued at 6 pm MST on 20 July 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 4:30 pm MST today, the Severe Tropical storm “WIPHA” over near the Southern Coast of China and it is likely to move to westwards and thereafter, it is likely to continue to cross Northern Vietnam with the remnants of the Severe Tropical storm “WIPHA” may reach to Myanmar on 22 July 2025 and a low pressure area may form over the North Bay of Bengal on 24 July 2025 and monsoon will be continuously strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan states with regionally and isolated heavy falls during from 21 to 26 July 2025. Occasional squall with rough to very rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35-40 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 10-14 feet off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts.

### Advisory

People should be aware of the natural disasters such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, thunder, lightning strike, lightning, hails, flash floods and landslides in the hilly areas and near small rivers and to make necessary preparations for inland water transport, domestic flights and irrigation dams. — DMH



## Japan Foundation to host Surasura Tadoku event with free admission

SURASURA Tadoku reading event has been scheduled on 25 July at Japan Culture Centre, Japan Foundation in Yangon, with free admission.

For every Japanese language learner, Tadoku reading event holds every Friday last week of the month. Tadoku is a fun learning method to read books in simple Japanese language.

Any Japanese language learners from N5 to N1 can join and every participant will receive Tadoku reading card. Present will be rewarded when their Tadoku reading card receives three

marks and Japan Foundation said it has set up new Tadoku books and waiting for Tadoku readers.

The Tadoku reading event will hold from 10:00 am to 11:30 am on 25 July at the Japan Foundation located on 1<sup>st</sup> Natmauk Lane in Bahan Township. Registration can be made at [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oy\\_HkXxhhky73GK1b\\_fZOcx1DayfGCZOuKxp21RgZbpUREU-3V0E3TEhNQkc2UUc4M-kRZQ1JGTUi4uMicrosoftForm](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oy_HkXxhhky73GK1b_fZOcx1DayfGCZOuKxp21RgZbpUREU-3V0E3TEhNQkc2UUc4M-kRZQ1JGTUi4uMicrosoftForm), before 12:00 pm on 23 July. — MT/ZS



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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)

MoTC holds monsoon fingerling stocking ceremony

THE Ministry of Transport and Communications organized the 2025 Monsoon Fingerling-Releasing Ceremony yesterday at the Ngalaikyaba diversion weir, west of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee office, Nay Pyi Taw.

The ceremony was attended by State Administration Council Member, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo and his wife, deputy ministers and their wives, the permanent secretary, departmental officials, and staff.

During the event, the DPM

Union minister and his wife, along with officials and staff, released fingerlings into the diversion weir.

A total of 11,000 fingerlings of rohu and silver barb were released into the diversion weir for ensuring food security, conserving water resources and preventing the depletion of fish species. — MNA/KZL

Deputy Prime Minister, Union Minister General Mya Tun Oo and his wife seen adding fingerlings at yesterday's event in Nay Pyi Taw.



Functions of industries in PyinOoLwin, Mandalay and Kyaukse districts

UNION Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than visited the Research Department (PyinOoLwin) in PyinOoLwin Township on 19 July to review food-product quality test being carried out for MSMEs in Upper Myanmar. He inspected laboratory analysis of wastewater to ensure products which must be safe for public consumption. He also looked into the newly-opened PyinOoLwin District Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection office, established to better support MSME development in the district.

Meeting with staff, the Union minister called for upgrading laboratory capacity and personnel skills so that food products made by MSMEs can be tested to international standards. He urged officials to stay close to ground realities, identify the specific needs of MSMEs in their



Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than observes food-product quality testing being carried out for MSMEs in the Research Division (PyinOoLwin) on 19 July 2025.

respective districts, and provide timely, effective technical assistance.

The Union minister then proceeded to the Soap Factory (Mandalay) in Aungmyaythazan Township and the Mahaaungmyay District Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection office to inspect re-

pairs to buildings and machinery damaged by the recent earthquake. He instructed that all reconstruction and rehabilitation work must comply strictly with

the Myanmar National Building Code Guidelines 2025.

He also visited the Hline Colour Corrugated Iron Sheet Industry, Taw Win CI Sheet Line Industry, and Top One One CI Sheet Line Industry in the Mandalay Industrial Zone of Pyigyidagun Township to encourage production activities and discuss operational requirements with management.

He later travelled to Kyaukse Township to inspect the Pharmaceutical Factory (Inyaung) and the Household Goods Factory (Minzu), and to Myittha Township to check on the No 7 Textile Factory (Myittha), reviewing ongoing restoration of quakeaffected structures and equipment at each site. The Union Minister also examined progress and issued guidance to ensure safe, timely completion of repair works. — MNA/KZL



# NATIONAL

## Union Information Minister meets with film producers to discuss film industry development

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn met with film producers and entrepreneurs yesterday afternoon at the Film Promotion Division of the Information and Public Relations Department in Bahan Township, Yangon, to discuss the development of the film industry.

First, the Union minister discussed the current conditions for film releases and the need for increased production. He emphasized the importance of coordination and cooperation among the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO), film producers, and cinema owners to establish a



Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn and film producers and entrepreneurs discuss the development of the film industry at the Film Promotion Division of the Information and Public Relations Department in Bahan Township, Yangon, yesterday.

screening system that is convenient for everyone, while also

highlighting the State government's efforts to develop the

film industry.

MMPO Chairman U Kyi TH

Soe Tun, film producers, and officials discussed the challenges in film screening and various aspects of film industry development, with the Union minister facilitating the discussions.

Yesterday morning, the Union minister, together with MMPO Chairman U Kyi Soe Tun, met with entrepreneurs who submitted expressions of interest for the "Movie City Project" in Hlegu Township, Yangon Region, to discuss prioritizing art-based initiatives in the project's implementation and adhering to established rules and regulations. — MNA/TH

## Reopening of Nawngkhio-Kyaukkyan-Ohmmakha-Ohmmathee-PyinOoLwin-Mandalay route helps transport of cement to construction projects

TATMADAW has been conducting counter-terrorism operations in relevant military command areas for the people to peacefully live there. On 16 July, Tatmadaw totally occupied Taungkham and its vicinity and Nawngkhio which had been temporarily controlled by terrorists.

Residents fled Taungkham and its surrounding areas and Nawngkhio Township under control of terrorists, discarding their businesses. As a result, people suffered impacts of low socioeconomic life.

Terrorists committed halting the local commodity flow by controlling Nawngkhio-Kyaukkyan-Ohmmakha-Ohmmathee route. Hence, cement from Crown cement plant near Laungphan Village, seven miles north-

west of Nawngkhio could not be distributed to necessary areas affected by Mandalay earthquake. That is why people purchased cement at higher prices.

Currently, Tatmadaw controls Taungkham and surrounding areas and Nawngkhio Township and reopens Nawngkhio-Kyaukkyan-Ohmmakha-Ohmmathee-PyinOoLwin-Mandalay route in order to ensure smooth flow of commodity while carrying out regional development process. Residents have returned home conveniently to resume their socioeconomic life.

Thanks to reopening of the route, a total of 59 vehicles transported 36,580 bags of cement weighing 1,947 tonnes from Crown cement plant to Mandalay



Lorries with trailers carrying bags of cement from Crown cement plant head to Mandalay from Nawngkhio yesterday.

yesterday. As a result, people can purchase cement at fair prices to use it in reconstruction of public buildings, roads and bridges, and religious edifices in addition to other construction projects.

The government is actively working from all angles to support and enhance the socioeconomic lives of people across the country. At the same time, Tatmadaw is also stepping up

necessary security operations in certain regions and states to protect the public from the threats of terrorist activities, ensuring that people can live peacefully and securely. — MNA/TTA

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Three-day illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth K2.187 bln



Confiscated illegal items across regions and states.

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to combat the illicit trade are continued effectively by the law.

On 17 July, the combined teams impounded a Forland truck (estimated value of K18 million) carrying illegal 1.722 tonnes worth K123.2 million at the checkpoint in Bokpyin Township, a wooden boat (approximately K23 million) in Kawthoung Township and illegal coal weighing 7.146 tonnes

worth K35,733 in Bokpyin Township. The action was conducted under the Myanmar Mines Law, the Myanmar Marine Fisheries Law and the Forest Law.

On 17 and 18 July, the combined on-duty teams seized consumer goods and foodstuffs worth K29.32 million, two trucks (approximately K70 million) carrying foodstuffs worth K18.432 million without official documents at the checkpoint in Thayawady Township and illegal teak weighing 4.572 tonnes,

hardwood weighing 0.882 tonne and illegal other timbers weighing 6.149 tonnes in Toungoo, Nyaunglebin and Thayawady districts. The action was taken under the Forest Law and Customs procedures.

Similarly, on 18 July, the combined teams nabbed Mitsubishi Fuso truck (approximately K28 million), heading to Mandalay from Yangon, carrying foodstuffs valued at K19.964 million without official documents at the Myitnge

checkpoint, foodstuffs valued at K44.625 million that were smuggled and piled up by the side of road on Maeyan-Sinphyu road in Tachilek Township, foodstuffs valued at K43.86 million that were smuggled and piled up by the side of road on Wailaylan-Malipakaw-Mongkoe road and foodstuffs valued at K42.585 million that were smuggled and piled up by the side of road on Tachilek-Kengtung road. The action was carried out as per Customs procedures.

Moreover, the combined teams confiscated industrial materials worth K115.834 million without official documents from four containers at the Myanmar Industrial Port, industrial materials worth K1.287 billion without official documents from 36 containers at the Asia World Port, industrial materials valued at K1.512 million without official documents at the Yangon International Airport (Warehouse), two trucks (approximately K85 million), travelling from Mawlamyine to Yangon, carrying industrial materials valued at K92.103 million without official documents in Waw Township.

On 18 July, under the management of the Customs Department, a combined team inspected shipments at Asia World Port and seized two categories of undeclared industrial goods from eight containers,

estimated at K113.908 million. Legal action is being taken in accordance with customs procedures.

Similarly, on 19 July, task forces in Sagaing Region conducted inspections and seized one category of undocumented foodstuffs worth K7.02 million at the Yadanabon Bridge Checkpoint. In addition, 27 barrels of illegally held diesel fuel (estimated at K17.55 million) were seized near the Chindwin River in Monywa. The total estimated value of seizures in Sagaing Region amounted to K24.57 million, with legal action underway under the Export and Import Law and the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law.

In Bago Region, a combined team seized 1.024 tonnes of illegal teak worth K0.696 million in Nyaunglebin District, with action being taken under the Forest Law.

Furthermore, according to records from the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Myanmar Police Force, inspections on 19 July resulted in the seizure of 16 unregistered vehicles and 59 unregistered motorcycles, which are being processed under the relevant laws and regulations.

The Steering Committee reported 33 arrests on 17 and 19 July, seizing illegal goods worth approximately K2.187 billion. — MNA/MKKS/KZL

MSF resolves nearly 300 cases of seafarer entitlement in five years

THE Myanmar Seafarers Federation (MSF) has reportedly settled around 300 cases related to seafarers' entitlement from 2020 to 2025.

The MSF is now rebuilding the trust of the seafarers, and in doing so, the settlement of the difficulties faced by the crew and their families is also included, according to MSF's president, Captain Soe Min Aung.

The 6<sup>th</sup> ceremony for selecting executive members of MSF for 2025-2027 financial year was held at MSF head office on the morning of 19 July.

Fifteen candidates entered the election for the executives, while retired veteran seafarer members, current sailors and young recruits voted at the ceremony. — Htun Htun/ZN



This image displays MSF's sixth election for executive members.



# NATIONAL

## Masons and carpenters enjoy job opportunities during the rehabilitation of Inwa



Reconstruction is being carried out in quake-hit Inwa.



INWA has been under rehabilitation and in the meantime, masons and carpenters have enjoyed the growth in career opportunities.

The city was severely damaged by Mandalay earthquake which hit in March

and now reconstruction works have been carried out, resulting in many job creations for masons and carpenters, said residents.

“Now this is monsoon and people have started repairing their quake-affected

houses, that helping the grassroots especially those who earn their living on masonry and carpentry,” said a resident.

In Inwa, the restoration works have been in progress and at the same time, residents resumed their livelihood to

sustain their living as well as farmers returned to work. The electricity is also restored now, he added.

However, due to damaged transpiration, the visitor arrival to Inwa is still unable to recover. — MT/ZS

## Systematic assessments underway to provide assistance to earthquake-affected areas

THE Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) headquarters stated that systematic assessment and analysis work is underway to continuously provide assistance for the earthquake-affected Mandalay Region, along with support from domestic and foreign donors.

The assessments were conducted between 10 and 17 July, during which MRCS officials visited households affected by the Mandalay earthquake in Amarapura Township and systematically surveyed.

Staff from the MRCS’s Disaster Management Department, along with local Red Cross volunteers and members from Mon State and Ayeyawady Region Red Cross brigades, also took part in the effort.

Similarly, to continue providing assistance to those affected by natural disasters, the MRCS — supported by both domestic and international



This photo captures staff from Myanmar Red Cross Society and local Red Cross volunteers conducting systematic research and analysis to continue providing assistance.

donors — visited households in Htantabin and Ottwin townships of Bago Region that experienced flooding in 2024, as well as households in Kyaukdaga Township that were impacted by

a severe earthquake in March 2025. These visits and assessments were conducted last June, and the MRCS will continue to provide systematic assistance. — ASH/TH

## EPS returnees eligible for insurance claims

EPS workers who returned to Myanmar after working in the Republic of Korea can claim insurance, said the EPS Centre in Myanmar.

Among EPS workers returned to Myanmar, those who are left to claim insurance on the return journey and gratuity are urged to contact the Myanmar EPS centre office. A list of 73 EPS workers who are eligible for the insurance claim has been made public, along with their names, passport numbers, date of birth and amount of insurance.

All ESP workers are urged to check the list to see whether they are included or not, and all are eligible for it if they have insurance coverage and it doesn’t concern the status of illegal stay. For information, workers can contact 09 426217648 between 9 am and 5 pm. — MT/ZS

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# BRIC allows US\$7.26M of increased foreign investment in Bago Region in June

THE Bago Region Investment Committee approved the increase of foreign investment to US\$0.726 million in Bago Region in June, according to Bago Region government.

The committee held its meeting 3/2025 to raise the investment amount of foreign invested businesses being operated in Bago Region.

As a result, foreign investment valued at US\$0.726 million increased in Bago Region in June 2025. From 1 February 2021 to date, the region has approved foreign investment worth US\$209.748 million and citizens' investment amounting to K197,054.221 million to create employment opportunities for 13,321 residents.

As Bago Region focuses on functionalities of agriculture and livestock businesses, it was reported that local authorities will invite local and foreign investments to manufacture agricultural machinery, fertilizers, animal feedstuff and solar energy in the region.

The Bago Region Investment Committee approves new Myanmar citizens' investment and foreign investments in accord with the laws and procedures monthly to create employment opportunities for residents.

— ASH/TTA

A file photo shows production of a garment factory in CMP system with foreign investment in Bago Region.



## YGEA offers free 36<sup>th</sup> gold training

THE Yangon Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association (YGEA) is currently conducting a 36<sup>th</sup> gold technique training for free at its office located at 42/50 on Shwebontha Street, Pabedan Township, including gemstone-related subjects.

The training encompasses the identification, grading, and valuation of both natural and synthetic gemstones, gemstone mining areas and types of gemstones, by U Maung Maung San (Gems & Jewellery Trading Co Ltd) and U Win Tint (Summit Gem-mological Laboratory).

YGEA also provides an awareness course on anti-money laundering and combatting the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT course).

The respective experts will disseminate education and knowledge about gold



This image shows a trainer conducting the 36<sup>th</sup> gold technique training.

mining, gold refining, gold trading, basic calculations to run a gold shop, goldsmith, gold mortgage, gold rate calculation, gold/silver coins and jewellery.

A total of 150 trainees, including gold shop owners, merchants, traders, gold refinery owners and those interested in gold, are attending gold training. — ASH/KK

## Myanmar ethnic entrepreneurs leave for Thailand to showcase local products

A delegation of Myanmar ethnic entrepreneurs departed from Yangon International Airport by air on the morning of 20 July for Thailand to participate in the 2025 Larna Expo International, to be held at the International Convention Centre in Chiang Mai, Thailand, from 22 to 28 July.

The delegation comprises U Hein Htet Aung, Daw Nang Kham Pwe, Daw Aye Kay Khine,

and Daw Hnin Htet Su Lwin, who are members of the Myanmar Ethnic Entrepreneurs Association.

During the expo, the team will exhibit a range of Myanmar-made products, including agricultural produce, handwoven textiles, dried tea leaves, tea-based snacks, and health-supporting food products. — Myo Min Thura/KZL



The Myanmar Ethnic Entrepreneurs Association members are seen before departing for Thailand. **PHOTO: MYO MIN THURA**

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Lend a helping hand to patients with Alzheimer

WORLD Alzheimer’s Day, which falls on 21 September, occurs during World Alzheimer’s Month. On World Alzheimer’s Day, health organizations across the globe focus their efforts on raising awareness about this disease.

Alzheimer’s disease was first identified in 1906. It is a progressive brain disorder that gradually erodes memory and thinking abilities. Over time, patients with Alzheimer’s lose their capacity to perform even simple daily tasks. It is the leading cause of dementia, and currently, there is no known cure or proven method to prevent the disease.

Alzheimer’s disease affects an estimated 44 million people worldwide. It is most common in Western Europe, followed by patients from North America. As global populations continue to age, the number of people impacted by Alzheimer’s is expected to rise. Generally, everyone needs to notice the suffering of such

For individuals living with Alzheimer’s disease and their families, the support they receive from their surroundings can help restore and strengthen their emotional resilience. In the same way, even if we are not directly affected, we should offer as much support and share our experiences to help uplift the spirits of those affected. Only then can healthcare efforts become more successful.

a disease above 65, as the risk of developing Alzheimer’s doubles approximately every five years.

The theme for World Alzheimer’s Month 2025, which includes World Alzheimer’s Day on 21 September, is “Ask about Dementia” and “Ask about Alzheimer’s”, according to Alzheimer’s Disease International (ADI). This theme promotes open discussions about dementia and Alzheimer’s disease to encourage early diagnosis, reduce stigma, and foster greater understanding.

The various medications provided by healthcare professionals greatly benefit the physical health of patients. At the same time, the encouragement and support from the community around them serve as an invaluable source of emotional strength for their mental well-being. Myanmar society is deeply rooted in the values of compassion, kindness, mutual respect, and a strong spirit of social responsibility and helping one another. The people of Myanmar naturally possess a willingness to assist those who are vulnerable or in need, without hesitation or reluctance.

Therefore, when encountering individuals with Alzheimer’s disease, it is important not to discriminate or exclude them from the community. Instead, we should provide as much support as possible to patients and caregivers who may be physically and emotionally burdened. Although there may not be a complete cure for the disease, with the help and support of the community, patients should be able to live in comfort and dignity throughout the course of their lives.

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The Burma Circle of the Geological Survey of India and Its Contributions to the Geology of Myanmar

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JADEITE FROM BURMA

This article is a continuation of Episode 63, featuring jadeite from Burma, contributed by H.L. Chhibber in 1934.

4. The Uru Boulder Conglomerate Jadeite-Workings

The Uru Boulder Conglomerate is worked for jadeite in numerous places, and these workings can be classified as follows:

- 1. Stream-bed workings, where mining is possible throughout the year.
- 2. Hillside workings, where the rock is quarried during the rains, which help in sluicing away the overburden and the matrix of the conglomerate.

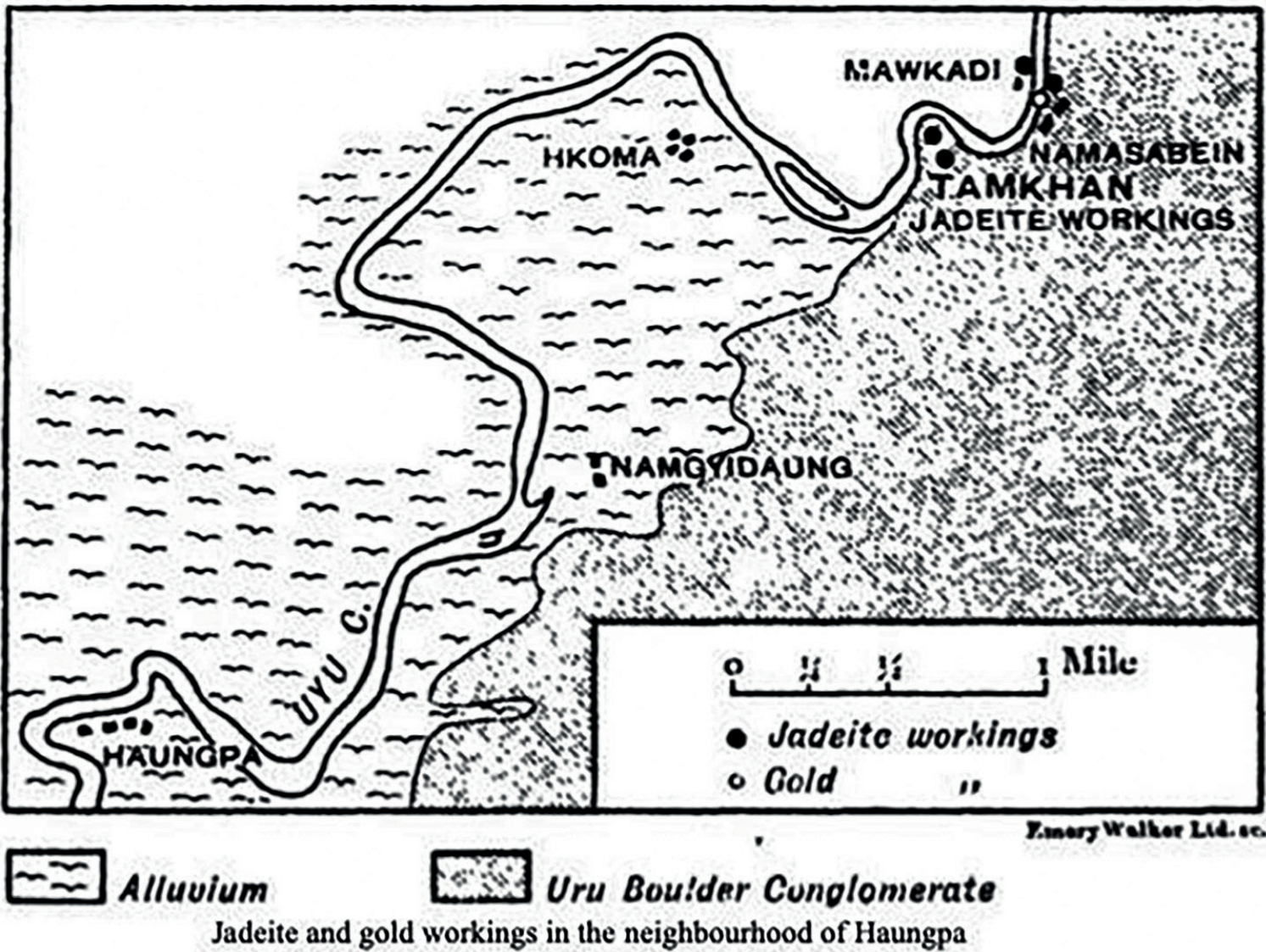
The following section is generally observed in the Bounder Conglomerate workings for jadeite.

- I. Alluvium at the top, of variable thickness.
- II. A layer of pebbles and gravel, which the miners called “Kadi Kyaw”.
- III. Boulder Conglomerate, which is locally called “Kyauk Kyaw”.
- IV. Sand-rock with boulders, locally known as “Thai Kyaw,” which is generally gold-bearing, and, according to the miners, jadeite boulders of better quality are found in this layer. When this layer is absent, it is thought that the place is not worth working, and valuable finds are not expected.
- V. Bedrock, locally called “Phah”, and mining is stopped when it is reached. Jadeite boulders are found only in III and IV.

In the neighbourhood of Hpakan (25° 36’ 38”, 96° 18’ 40”)

Hpakan is an important mining centre, and workings for the jadeite exist in several neighbouring localities listed below:

- 1. Pantinmaw, opposite the confluence of the Uru and the Mowmoan Chaungs. Here, some fine, typical sections of the Boulder Conglomerate are visible. Monyin Chan, about 1 1/3 miles east of Hpakan on the right bank of the Uru Chaung.
- 2. An-ma. These workings are situated 5/8ths of a mile east of Hpakan on the left bank of the Uru River. There is a thick capping of alluvium, approximately 14 feet thick, at the top of the Boulder Conglomerate, and the thickness of the latter is nine feet. At the time of my visit, women were washing for gold here.
- 3. Mowmoan Chaung, near Mowmoan village (25° 36’ 53”, 96° 19’ 11”) and in the lower course of the stream of the same name.



- 4. Mowmoan Chaungbyba (upper working). Jadeite workings extend right up to the source of the Mowmoan Chaung and in some of its tributaries.
- 5. Mow-Maung, in the stream of the same name, north-west of Hpakan (25° 36’ 38”, 96° 18’ 40”).
- 6. Shulungka. In the neighbourhood of Shulungka (25° 36’ 23”, 96° 17’ 28”), there are both stream-bed (in Sabyi hka) and hillside workings. From the number of deserted pits and water leads seen here, it appears that jadeite mining must have been more years ago than it is at the present day.
- 7. Kalamaw (25° 36’ 55”, 96° 16’ 55”). These workings are situated a mile above Shulungka and lie in the Sabyi hka stream. Old iron pipes are still lying about here. The village is surrounded by high cliffs of the Boulder Conglomerate on all sides.
- 8. Sabyi and Sabyi Wa (25° 37’ 24”, 96° 16’ 15”) (both deserted).
- 9. Hpakangyi. A little over one-third of a mile ESE of Hpakan (25° 36’ 38”, 96° 18’ 40”), on the left bank of the Uru chaung.

Opposite these workings are precipitous cliffs about 200 feet high above the level of the river bed.

10. Mowtaung, a little below Hpakangyi.

In the neighbourhood of Sankywe (San-choi) (25° 35’ 25”, 96° 17’ 47”)

- 11. Sankat, about 7/10ths of a mile, some five degrees west of South of Hpakan, on the right bank of the Uru Chaung.
- 12. U-mar, about 4/5ths of a mile N.E. of Sankywe (25° 35’ 25”, 96° 17’ 47”) on the left bank of the Uru chaung.
- 13. Sankywe (marked Sanchoi on the map, 92 C/6).

In the neighbourhood of Parpyin (25° 35’ 21”, 96° 16’ 40”).

- 14. Mena-aik, a little over 1 ½ miles ENE of Mamon (25° 35’ 10”, 96° 15’ 57”). This locality was once worked for gold, in addition to jadeite.
- 15. Nampagon, a little above Parpyin.
- 16. Parpyin. In one pit near the stream, the following section was observed:

In the neighbourhood of Mamon (25° 35’ 10”, 96° 15’ 57”).

- 17. Thabeymaw, about half a mile north-east of Mamon (25° 35’ 10”, 96° 15’ 57”) on the right bank of the Uru Chaung.
- 18. Mamon, in the neighbourhood of the village of Mamon.
- 19. Meikkye.
- 20. Htintingyi.
- 21. Htingtingale.
- 22. Sabwe, in the Sabwe Chaung. The workings 20-22 all lie along the Uru Chaung below Mamon.

In the neighbourhood of Nammaw (25° 38’ 20”, 96° 15”).

- 23. There are several important jadeite workings in the neighbourhood of Nammaw.

In the neighbourhood of Haungpa (25° 30’, 96° 6’ 15”).

- The following important workings for jadeite occur in the neighbourhood of Haungpa.
- 24. Namasabein.
- 25. Mawkadi.
- 26. Tamkhan.

27. Tape.

In the region, Tamkhan is the most important mining centre, and the area enclosed by the inverted U-shaped bend of the stream (Uru Chaung) is worked. The mining methods are the same as in the north.

The interesting working of Sietaung must not be omitted. They are situated about two miles south-south-east of Saingmaw (25° 35’, 96° 17’ 30”) or about one-fifth of a mile south-west of the confluence of the Nammaw and Hwehka chaungs. This locality was worked for precious stones even during the time of the Burmese kings, but was subsequently deserted. About nine years ago, jadeite mining was renewed, and one stone was sold for Rs6000. Several deserted pits number about 1,000. The workings are situated on both sides of the Hwehka Chaung; however, those on the left bank constitute the majority. The thickness of the Boulder Conglomerate varies from 1 ½ feet to six feet at the most. In 1929, only one pit was being worked in, which overburden constituted 13 feet five inches, underlain by a boulder-bed six feet in thickness, which overlies the serpentine forming the bed-rock; but a comparatively larger number of people are engaged in the industry during the rainy season. It appears that this Boulder Conglomerate was deposited by the Hwehka Chaung since it disappears at a distance of about 100 yards from the stream. The nature of the boulders is also different from those seen towards the north, the majority of them being granodiorite, diorite, granophyre, and quartz.

**Methods of mining:** Before commencing mining, Jade-Nats (Spirits) are propitiated by almost every worker, irrespective of their nationality. It is believed that if the Nats are pleased, the miners will make valuable finds quickly.

Generally, at the top of some overburden (alluvium), which is sluiced away by a water race formed by diverting the channel of a stream. Then the Boulder Conglomerate is quarried with picks, crowbars, and mamooties, so that a steep face is obtained. A water dammed a little upstream is made to flow as a race over this steep face, washing away all the earth, earth, leaves the boulders exposed to view. They are carefully examined for jadeite. If water is not available from the stream, then a pit is dug in its bed, and it is replenished from the Boulder Bed. Then it is pumped out by an ingenious contrivance, described below, onto the desired place. On the other hand, in the bed of the Uru Chaung and some of its

tributaries, water almost invariably fills the pits dug in the Boulder Conglomerate, so that to carry on mining, it is necessary to empty the pits. For this purpose, a long bamboo is used as a pipe or pump cylinder in which a wooden plunger with a T-shaped handle at the outer end and a leather valve at the inner end is worked. It is remarkable how it exhausts the water so rapidly. The number of pumps employed in a pit depends on the amount of water to be bailed out. At Mawkalon, in an exceptionally large pit, as many as eight or nine pumps have to be worked simultaneously.

It must be noted here that the work is not all carried out on up-to-date scientific lines, but in the old, primitive fashion. The people work blindly, believing entirely in their luck.

The miners are not all scrupulous in selecting the locality they propose to work. In this way, they are entirely guided by instinct. If in a particular spot, some valuable find is made, almost all the coolies flock to it. Such methods very often result in considerable wastage of labour and money, as no record is kept of the worked-out places. Not infrequently, the same spot is dug over three or four times with obvious results.

Another important drawback is that the work is not systematic. Their present methods result simply in picking up the best pieces of jadeite and neglecting entirely the less valuable ones. The whole industry requires reorganisation.

In the Boulder Conglomerate workings, every race and nationality is represented. Kachins, Shans, Burmans, Chinese, and occasionally an Indian are to be seen: the Shans probably form the majority. The labour is financed by jadeite merchants.

5. Workings in the Uru Chaung

Occasionally, jadeite workings are situated in the Uru Chaung itself. A stray labourer might search for jadeite boulders from the bed of a stream. This is a laborious task as the man has not uncommonly to stand in water, about thigh deep, all the time while, as a rule, the reward of his exertions does not arrive very promptly.

In places, the Shans dive in the Uru chaung in search of the previous stone. This method is used at Mamon and Chaunglon. The latter locality is about a quarter of a mile east-north-east of the confluence of the Nammaw and the Uru chaung. (to be continued).

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# NATIONAL

## Mingala Clinics receive K1.1M donation from late actor's family

THE family of late Academy Kyaw Hein (U Kittisara) donated K1.1 million on 17 July at the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO) to the 24-hour Mingala Clinics established by Dr Nay La. These clinics provide free medical care for families of MMPO members, according to Director Academy Zaw Myint Oo, Central Executive of the MMPO.

MMPO Vice-Chair U Aye Kyu Lay said, “The family of Daw Than Nwe Aye, the widow of the great actor U Kyaw Hein (U Kittisara), made this donation through our organization. It is part of a commemoration of the fifth anniversary of his passing and his 78<sup>th</sup> birthday. Along with the K1.1 million donation to Dr Nay La’s Mingala Clinics, our MMPO also received a donation of K5.5 million from them for scholarships and stationery supplies for the children of our members.”

The 24-hour Mingala Clinics, operated by Dr Nay La’s family, are located in Thingangyun, Thanlyin, North Okkalapa and Kamayut townships in Yangon Region. MMPO family members can access free medical treatment at these clinics by presenting their membership cards. — ASH/KZL



Academy Zaw Myint Oo, on behalf of the late actor Kyaw Hein’s family (U Kittisara), donates K1.1 million to Dr Nay La.

## “5 Million” group art exhibition to showcase works by six artists

A group art exhibition titled “5 Million” will be held at Artistic Space Art Gallery in Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region, from 19 to 23 July, according to sources.

The exhibition will feature over 70 paintings by artists Aung Myat, Soe Aung, Aung Lin, Shwe Ko Aung, Thant Zin, and Deik. The artworks, created using various mediums such as watercolour, oil, and acrylic, will be on display throughout the event.

“The ‘5 Million’ group exhibition, featuring six artists, will be showcased at Artistic Space Art Gallery. Each artist brings a unique style and approach to the exhibition. We warmly invite art lovers to visit here between 10 am and 5 pm from 19 to 23 July,” said an organizer of the exhibition.

The paintings on display will vary in size, including dimensions such as 24 by 24 inches, 36 by 24 inches, 18 by 24 inches, and 18 by 18 inches. Prices will range from a minimum of K700,000 to K1.5 million in maximum.— ASH/ KNN



A glimpse of the promotional card for the group art exhibition “5 Million”.

## Romance drama “Win-Win” to premiere on Mahar App in HD on 27 July

THE romance drama titled “Win-Win” will premiere in HD quality as an original series on the Mahar Application on 27 July, according to reports.

The story and script of the series were written by Thinn Natha, while Pyae Phyo Naing (PPN) directed and produced the single-episode drama.

Actor Yair Yint Thaw, who stars in the series said, “It is a light and heartwarming romance drama. We filmed it in a way that captures a sweet and simple love story among young people.”

The drama features a cast including Yair Yint Thaw, Myo Ko Kyaw, Myo Sandi Kyaw, Phone Thiri Kyaw, along with many other supporting actors. — ASH/KZL



Main actors Yair Yint Thaw and Phone Thiri Kyaw on the poster of “Win-Win.”



## Myanmar film ‘Prestige’ to screen in fourth week of July

THE Myanmar film ‘Prestige’ is set to be released in high-end cinemas nationwide in the fourth week of July.

The story was written by director Maung Myo Min (Yindwin Phyt) in collaboration with Ko Kyaw. Ko Kyaw also directed the screenplay, while director Kyaw Zaw Lin (Atwayponyeik) oversaw the production under Poe Poe film production.

The film explores the theme of maternal love. It portrays the deep bond between mothers and their children – how sons transform into tigers, symbolizing harm rather than becoming a source of strength for their mothers, and how daughters become flames, representing devastation instead of offering comfort and protection.

“The film also features the story of an LGBT mother who faces difficulties throughout her pregnancy. The emotional struggles and resilience of mothers are powerfully depicted in this heartfelt film,” said Academy Aye Myat Thu.

The cast includes Academy Aye Myat Thu, Wyne Su Khaing Thein, Naw Phaw Eh Htar, and many others. — ASH/MKKS

Aye Myat Thu and guest star Phyo Ngwe Soe.



# France museum-goer eats million-dollar banana taped to wall

A recent incident at the Pompidou-Metz museum in France involved a visitor biting into a fresh banana worth millions, part of Italian artist Maurizio Cattelan's conceptual artwork titled "Comedian."

This piece, which was purchased for \$6.2 million in New York last year, has sparked controversy since its debut at the 2019 Art Basel show in Miami Beach. Cattelan expressed disappointment that the visitor only consumed the banana and not the skin or the tape, which are integral to the artwork.

The museum's security staff quickly intervened, and the ba-

nana was replaced shortly after the incident, as it is regularly swapped out due to its perishable nature.

Cattelan has criticized the art market for being speculative and failing to support artists, using "Comedian" as a commentary on these issues. The artwork has been consumed before; performance artist David Datuna famously ate it in 2019, claiming hunger. Cattelan is also known for creating an 18-carat gold toilet called "America," which was stolen in 2020, with the thieves later found guilty in a British court. The gold remains unrecovered. — AFP



'Comedian' is worth millions. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

# Global beauty industry frets about US tariff hikes at key trade expo

The globalized nature of the beauty industry means supply chain disruptions could have widespread consequences.



People visit the booth of VOESH, a company specializing in clean and vegan skincare products, at the Cosmoprol North America in Las Vegas, the United States, on 16 July 2025. PHOTO: QIU CHEN/XINHUA

AT Cosmoprol North America, a leading beauty trade show in Las Vegas, international exhibitors expressed significant concerns regarding US President Donald Trump's proposed tariff increases.

The current 10 per cent tariff is set to rise by an additional 25 per cent, totaling 35 per cent, which poses serious financial challenges for companies in the

beauty industry.

Vera Oh, CEO of VOESH, highlighted the difficulties of relocating manufacturing to avoid tariffs, noting the complexities involved in establishing new supply chains.

The trade policy uncertainties have led to widespread discussions among industry leaders, with many companies reporting shifts in sourcing

preferences due to tariff fears.

For instance, Lior Eitan from TruffLuv Global mentioned that buyers are increasingly favouring shipments from Israel to circumvent tariffs, despite higher shipping costs.

The globalized nature of the beauty industry means that any disruption in the supply chain could have far-reaching consequences. — Xinhua

# US tech CEO in viral Coldplay concert video resigns

THE CEO of a New York tech firm stepped down Saturday after a viral video of him embracing a colleague at a Coldplay concert triggered widespread memes and online speculation.

The CEO of an American tech company resigned Saturday after a video of him embracing an alleged colleague at a Coldplay concert went viral and fueled relentless memes.

"Our leaders are expected to set the standard in both conduct and accountability, and recently, that standard was not met," New York-based Astronomer said in a statement shared on LinkedIn.

"Andy Byron has tendered his resignation," the firm said, after previously launching an investigation.

During a Coldplay concert in Foxborough, Massachusetts on Wednesday, the jumbotron zoomed in on a man and a woman embracing in the stands.



But the canoodling pair appeared shocked and horrified when they spotted themselves on the big screen, with the man ducking out of frame and the woman hiding her face.

Within hours, internet sleuths tracked down the man as Astronomer CEO Andy Byron and said the woman was the company's chief people officer, Kristin Cabot, alleging that the two were having a not-so-discreet affair.

The video has garnered millions of views on TikTok and other social media, giving rise to memes discussing everything from the folly of having an affair at a Coldplay concert, to the hypocrisy of an HR representative seemingly caught in a workplace relationship. — AFP

Coldplay's Chris Martin said after the canoodling couple were featured on the jumbotron: "Either they're having an affair or they're just very shy". PHOTO: AFP/FILE



# India-UK FTA set to boost bilateral trade by euro 25.5 billion annually: British High Commission official

*The FTA includes provisions for tariff reductions on 90% of traded goods between India and the UK.*



DEPUTY Trade Commissioner for South Asia at the British High Commission, Anna Shotbolt has said that the India-UK Free Trade Agreement is projected to increase bilateral trade between the two countries by euro 25.5 billion every year.

She highlighted that under this FTA, there are provisions for tariff reductions on 90 per cent of traded goods between the two countries.

“However, it is not only about tariffs, which are indeed a crucial aspect that will benefit many industries. Creative companies will also benefit through stronger copyright protections, and the services sector will see gains as well. The Double Taxation Avoidance Convention will also help workers on both sides, creating more transparency and

certainty,” she said at an event organised by industry body PHDCCI in the national capital.

The India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA), signed and finalised on 6 May after nearly three years of negotiations, is one of the most comprehensive free trade agreements ever entered into by India.

Ranjeet Mehta, CEO and Secretary General, PHDCCI, emphasized the importance of the social security clause that supports Indian professionals going to the UK and said that we must take advantage of this FTA.

As PHDCCI celebrates 120 years of its legacy, we plan to mount a business delegation to the UK this September; as we are keen to explore the opportunities this agreement presents, added Mehta. — ANI

## Afghanistan’s global trade network expands to over 100 countries

AFGHANISTAN has expanded its international trade reach, establishing commercial ties with more than 100 countries worldwide, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce has announced.

“Afghanistan’s international trade now spans over 100 countries, with the overall trade volume reaching around US\$13 billion,” said Nooruddin Azizi, acting minister of Industry and Commerce, during a government accountability programme.

Over the past 12 months, 43

countries have used Afghanistan as a transit route to deliver goods to 21 destination countries. During this period, Afghanistan has transited more than 8 million tons of goods, according to Azizi.

He also noted that the country’s gross domestic product (GDP) has grown from \$14.58 billion to \$17.3 billion. The ministry has implemented 85 development projects in 28 out of 34 provinces, creating job opportunities for 142,000 individuals during the cited period.— Xinhua



A fuel cargo train departs from Afghanistan, at the Afghanistan-Uzbekistan Friendship Bridge in the border town of Hairatan, Balkh province on 23 June 2025. PHOTO: WAKIL KOHSAR / AFP

## What’s in the EU’s two-trillion-euro budget bazooka?



The EU’s 2028-2034 budget will now be the subject of fraught negotiations between member states and the bloc’s lawmakers. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

ON Friday, EU members began debating the bloc’s proposed two-trillion-euro budget for 2028-2034, revealing significant divisions among the 27 capitals regarding spending priorities.

The European Commission aims to balance economic support, agricultural funding, and increased defense spending while managing existing debts. Member states have expressed reluctance to increase contributions, with Sweden’s EU Minister Jessica Rosencrantz

emphasizing the need for fiscal restraint amid national budget pressures.

Key proposals include a 451-billion-euro competitiveness fund.

However, the agricultural sector is bracing for potential cuts, as at least 300 billion euros are earmarked for farmers, with some funds potentially redirected to other areas, raising concerns among member states like France.

Environmental funding is

also a priority, with 35 per cent of the budget, approximately 650 billion euros, allocated to climate initiatives. However, some environmental groups criticize the vagueness of these targets.

Additionally, future funding will be tied to adherence to democratic values, a move that has drawn criticism from Hungary. The EU also plans to establish a 200-billion-euro fund for international investments and aid, reflecting its global engagement strategy. — AFP



# Japan industry, academia team up to build hulking rescue robots

JAPANESE electronics maker Murata Manufacturing Co., Waseda University and two other companies teamed up to develop humanoid search and rescue robots as part of a wider effort to revive Japan's formerly world-leading robotics sector.

The four entities, including Kyoto-based robot maker Tmsuk Co and technology service company Sre Holdings Corp in To-

kyo, said in late June that they plan to develop a robot with all Japan-made components, such as sensors and precision instruments.

The robot is designed to stand 3 metres tall, weigh 300 kilogrammes, walk at around 5 kilometres per hour and lift 100 kg or more. Given its demographic challenges, the companies believe disaster-prone Japan needs to develop such rescue robots.

"We want to build a robot that is much stronger than a human and can move rubble," Tmsuk Chairman Yoichi Takamoto said at a press conference in late June.

Japan was once a global leader in humanoid robotics, with Waseda University having developed the world's first full-scale bipedal robot, WABOT-1, in 1973. Honda Motor Co led humanoid robotics technol-

ogy with ASIMO, whose final model was released in 2011. Hoping to play catch-up with US and Chinese manufacturers, the four partners aim to develop a pilot model by the end of 2026 and a mass-production version by March 2029, they said. — Kyodo

Honda Motor Co.'s ASIMO humanoid robot performs in Tokyo on 24 March 2022.  
**PHOTO: KYODO**



# India's tyre sector forecasts 7-8% growth

INDIA'S tyre sector is set to see steady revenue growth of 7-8 per cent this fiscal, driven by replacement demand that accounts for half of annual sales, even as offtake by original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) will likely be subdued and exports steady, said Crisil Ratings in a report.

The report added that the rising premiumisation is expected to give a slight leg-up to realisations. However, escalating trade tensions and the risk of dumping by Chinese producers diverting inventories because of US tariffs could pose challenges.

Operating profitability



India's tyre sector is set to see steady revenue growth of 7-8 per cent this fiscal. **PHOTO: ANI**

is likely to remain steady at 13-13.5 per cent, supported by stable input costs and healthy capacity utilization.

This, along with strong accruals, lean balance sheets and calibrated capital spending, should help

sustain the sector's stable credit outlook, the report added.

The Indian domestic demand remains the mainstay, propelling 75 per cent of total volume with exports making up the rest. — ANI

# Traded value of real estate deals in Oman hit OMR1.11bln by May 2025

THE total value of real estate transactions in the Sultanate of Oman fell by 10 per cent reaching OMR1.11 billion by the end of May 2025 compared to OMR1.23 billion during the same period in 2024.

Data released by the National Centre for Statistics (NCSI) and Information showed a 13.5 per cent increase in fees collected for all legal transactions,

reaching OMR30.9 million, compared to OMR27.2 million during the same period last year.

Value of sales contracts.

The traded value of sales contracts also increased by 17.3 per cent to reach OMR536.3 million by the end of May 2025 compared to OMR457.2 million during the same period in 2024. — ANI

*Pyae & Myat*

## Marriage Announcement

With immense joy and heartfelt gratitude, we are delighted to announce the marriage of daughter of U Aung Aung and Daw Khin Su Hlaing

**Myat Phu Khine**

Age: 25 Years (23.7.1999)/Passport No: 595856889  
Race, Religion: Myanmar, Buddhist/ Nationality: United States of America  
Occupation: Restaurant server  
Address: 4215 81<sup>st</sup> st 1P Elmhurst, NY 11373 and  
son of U Zaw Min Oo, Daw Than Than Win

**Pyae Phyo Myat**

Age: 23 years (7.7.2002)/ Registration No. 11/SaTaNa(N)133947,  
Passport No:MI 820374/ Race, Religion: Rakhine, Buddhist,  
Occupation: gym trainer  
Address: No(24), Ahthawka street, Kyaukmyaung, Tamwe township, Yangon region.

This Certificate of Marriage is made an 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at Yangon by mutual consent as follows:  
Regitation No: No. 270/2025 the above statement are verified correct and signed on (11.7.2025)

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Agent For:

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ROLLING UPDATES  
WORLD

Japan’s ruling bloc struggling to retain upper house majority: poll

*The Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and Komeito must win at least 50 of 125 contested seats to retain a majority.*



A voter casts a ballot for the House of Councillors election on 20 July 2025, at a polling station in Osaka. **PHOTO: KYODO**

JAPAN’S ruling coalition is struggling to retain its majority in the House of Councillors in Sunday’s election, a Kyodo News exit poll showed, in a severe blow to Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba.

The Liberal Democratic Party and its coalition partner the Komeito party must win at least 50 of the 125 contested seats to clear the majority line. Failure

to do so would plunge Japan into political turmoil, as Ishiba would have to seek support from opposition parties in the upper house.

The ruling camp has already lost its majority in the more powerful House of Representatives.

The election serves as a gauge of voter confidence in Ishiba’s minority government, with his leadership under scrutiny over the rising cost-of-living

crisis and ongoing tariff negotiations with the United States.

Also in focus is how much strength opposition forces, including the right-leaning populist Sanseito party, will gain amid the projected headwind for the ruling camp.

Upper house members serve fixed six-year terms, unlike those in the lower house, which can be dissolved by the prime minister. Half of the upper house is up for election every three years to prevent a complete turnover of seats.

Of the 125 seats, including one to fill a vacancy, 75 will be elected from electoral districts and 50 through proportional representation. Around 520 candidates are vying for the seats.

Voters cast two ballots — one to select a candidate for their electoral district and the other for proportional representation, under which seats are allocated based on the total number of votes received by each group and its listed candidates. — Kyodo

NEWS IN BRIEF

Car rams Los Angeles crowd, injuring at least 28: Fire department

AN “unknown vehicle” drove into a crowd in Los Angeles in the early hours of Saturday, injuring at least 28 people, the LA Fire Department said.

More than 100 firefighters responded to the scene in East Hollywood assisting three patients in critical condition, six in serious condition and 19 listed as fair, the Fire Department said.

An earlier report from officials had listed four to five people in “at least critical condition.”

ABC News quoted a Fire Department official saying that preliminary investigations pointed to a driver losing consciousness and ramming a large crowd outside a nightclub. However, this could not be immediately verified.

The area where the incident occurred is near Hollywood landmarks including Sunset Boulevard and the Walk of Fame – a sidewalk emblazoned with stars commemorating movie industry figures. — AFP

Fire erupts at major oil refinery in SW Iran

A fire erupted on Saturday at Abadan oil refinery in Iran’s southwestern Khuzestan province, the official news agency IRNA reported.

Nine groups of firefighters were at the scene to contain the fire, which broke out at the refinery’s unit No 70, the IRNA quoted Alireza Ahmadian, managing director of Abadan County’s fire department, as saying.

A black smoke resulting from the fire has engulfed parts of Abadan city, said the report.

According to the Abadan Oil Refining Company, the fire has been brought under control, and production at the refinery is continuing uninterrupted. — Xinhua

36 year old Saudi ‘Sleeping Prince’ passes away after 20 years in coma

PRINCE Alwaleed bin Khaled bin Talal Al Saud, widely known as Saudi Arabia’s ‘Sleeping Prince’, has passed away at 36 after nearly two decades in a coma caused by a 2005 car accident in London.

His father, Prince Khaled bin Talal, confirmed the news on X, expressing sorrow and faith in Allah’s will. The family had kept him on life support, hoping for a recovery despite his critical condition.

Alwaleed received care at King Abdulaziz Medical City in Riyadh. Funeral prayers will be held on 20 July with condolences accepted until 22 July. — ANI

At least 34 dead, dozens missing as Ha Long Bay tourist boat capsizes



The vessel was carrying 48 passengers and five crew members when it capsized because of sudden heavy rain, state media reported. **PHOTO: AFP**

A tourist boat ferrying families around Vietnam’s Ha Long Bay capsized in a storm on Saturday afternoon, leaving at least 34 people dead, according to state media

reports, as rescuers scrambled to locate the missing.

The vessel was carrying 48 passengers and five crew members when it capsized in the UNE-

SCO World Heritage site because of sudden heavy rain, the VNExpress news site said.

Most of those on board were families visiting from the capital

Hanoi, with more than 20 children among the passengers, it said.

“Border guards rescued 11 people and recovered 34 bodies,” it added.

Rescue efforts were set to continue into the night to find the eight still missing.

Ha Long Bay office worker Tran Trong Hung told AFP the storm started in the afternoon.

“The sky turned dark at around 2 pm (0700 GMT),” he said. There were “hailstones as big as toes with torrential rain, thunderstorm and lightning”, he said.

Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh sent his condolences to the families of the deceased and called on the defence and public security ministries to conduct urgent search and rescue.

Authorities would “investigate and clarify the cause of the incident and strictly handle violations”, a statement on the government website said. — AFP



SPORTS

Club-level Lethwei tournaments and SEA Games Muay assessment matches thrill fans



Kyaw Naing Tun (White Blood) versus Kyar Thit Aung (MFC).

THE Department of Sports and Physical Education, in collaboration with the Myanmar Lethwei Federation, organized the Club-Level Myanmar Lethwei Tournaments and the SEA Games Muay Assessment Matches yesterday at Theinbyu Gymnasium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon. The event featured eight draw bouts, three of which ended in victories.

In the three-round bouts, La Min (Smart Fight) fought Mike Kae Lay (Ray); Ye Min Aung (Smart Fight) faced Moe Kyoe (Nagar Marn); Htet Myat

(Wan Wan) competed against Pyae Phyoe Aung (Tiger King); Zin Bo Aung (Nget Aw San) faced One Star (Ray); Naing Lin Soe (MK 1) went up against Naing Zin Oo (Tiger King); Tike Moun (White Blood) fought Myo Jet Khaung (Wan Wan); Nga Mike Thar (Nget Aw San) competed with Saw Maung Nge (Wan Wan); and Kyaw Naing Tun (White Blood) fought Kyar Thit Aung (MFC). All matches showcased strong punches, powerful strikes, and effective counters, resulting in exciting draws.

In the later bouts, Kyaw Myat Naing (Taw Win Ayeayr)

lost to Hein Wai Soe (Nget Aw San) due to an inferior performance, while Kaung Htet Zaw (STL) defeated Yan Paing Soe (YMA) with a decisive knockdown in the second round.

In the women's Muay assessment match for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Southeast Asian Games, Elizabeth (Federation) defeated Shwe Thet Htar (Taw Win Ayeayr) on points. The chairmen of the Myanmar Traditional Boxing Federation and the Myanmar Muay Federation, U Wunna, awarded trophies and cash prizes to the outstanding boxers. — Arkar Linn/KZL

Shan United to face Lao Club in ASEAN Club Championship playoff

THE 2025-2026 ASEAN Club Championship playoff matches are set for August, with Myanmar's Shan United drawn against Lao club EZRA.

The ASEAN Football Federation had initially planned for 14 teams to compete in the final stage. However, due to the withdrawal of two Indonesian clubs, the tournament will proceed with 12 teams as in the previous season. Four teams will compete in the playoff round, with the two winners advancing to the group stage. Shan United (Myanmar) will meet EZRA (Lao), while Cebu (the Philippines) will face Kasuka (Brunei).

Shan United will play their first-leg away match on 9 August and the second-leg home match on 15 August at Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon. Since EZRA cannot host matches in Vientiane, they will play their home fixture at Chonburi Stadium in Thailand.

EZRA is currently facing Myanmar clubs frequently, having also drawn Yangon United in the AFC Challenge League playoff, resulting in three playoff matches against Myanmar clubs within a week.

If Shan United progresses, they will join Group B in the final stage, facing strong league



Shan United competing in the MNL League Cup final. PHOTO: SOE NYUNT THAW

champions. Based on the group stage draw, Group A features Buriram United (Thailand), BG Pathum United (Thailand), Selangor (Malaysia), Cong An Ha Noi (Vietnam), Tampines Rovers (Singapore), and the winner of Cebu (the Philippines) vs Kasuka (Brunei). Group B includes Bangkok United (Thailand), Johor Darul Ta'zim (Malaysia), Nam Dinh (Vietnam), Lion City Sailors (Singapore), Svay Rieng (Cambodia), and the winner of Shan United (Myanmar) vs EZRA (Lao). — Chit Ko Ko/KZL

Bublik wins first clay title in Gstaad

KAZAKHSTAN'S Alexander Bublik battled past Argentine Juan Manuel Cerundolo 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 in the Gstaad final on Sunday to clinch his first career clay-court title.

World number 34 Bublik won on grass at Halle last month and scooped his second

title of the season in Switzerland after bouncing back from a first-round loss at Wimbledon.

"This is my sixth title and I have played the greats of the game, but this final I will remember as one of the toughest I ever played," said Bublik. "It was complete torture." — AFP



Kazakhstan's Alexander Bublik clinched his first career clay-court title in Gstaad. PHOTO: AFP



Britain's Tyson Fury (left) has twice been defeated by Ukraine's Oleksandr Usyk. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Fury targets third fight against undisputed heavyweight champion Usyk

TYSON Fury has expressed confidence that Oleksandr Usyk is aware he is the only fighter capable of defeating him, following Usyk's impressive fifth-round victory over Daniel Dubois at Wembley, which secured him the IBF title and solidified his legacy as a boxing great.

The undefeated Usyk, 38, previously defeated Fury by split decision in May 2023, adding the IBF belt to his collection of WBC, WBA, and WBO titles. Fury, 36, who retired after losing to Usyk in December, has indicated a desire to return to the ring.

In a recent Instagram video, Fury congratulated Usyk on

his performance but asserted, "there is only one man who can beat him," referring to himself.

He emphasized his belief that he won both encounters against Usyk, stating, "the world knows it". Fury's promoter, Frank Warren, acknowledged that a potential third fight with Usyk would be significant but noted that WBO mandatory challenger Joseph Parker is next in line for Fury.

Warren expressed that Fury is eager to fight at Wembley, while also recognizing Parker's deserving position for a title shot. The future of Fury's next fight remains uncertain, with options for both Usyk and Parker on the table. — AFP





# Russia joins top 5 nations in industrial sector contribution to GDP



ICL Techno is a Russian computer manufacturing enterprise that functions as a part of the ICL Group. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ICL TECHNO

**R**USSIA has emerged as the fifth-largest country in the world by the contribution of its industrial sector to the economy, according to an analysis by Sputnik based on World Bank data.

In 2024, the global leader in industrial

output was China, where the sector's contribution to GDP increased by nearly 2 per cent, reaching \$6.8 trillion. The United States came in second, with a 3 per cent growth, totaling \$5.1 trillion. Germany, in third place, was one of the few major economies where the industrial

sector saw a decline, dropping by 2.5 per cent to \$1.2 trillion. India ranked fourth, expanding its industrial output by 4 per cent to \$957 billion.

Russia's industrial sector showed the fastest growth among the top 10 largest economies, with a remarkable 6 per cent

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increase, bringing its contribution to \$668 billion. This growth enabled Russia to secure the fifth position globally.

The United Kingdom took the sixth spot, with a 3.5 per cent growth, totaling \$610 billion. Mexico followed, with a modest growth of less than 1 per cent, reaching \$586 billion.

The remaining countries in the top 10 saw a decline in their industrial sector contributions. France's industrial output decreased by 2 per cent to \$554.9 billion, Saudi Arabia's fell by 4 per cent to \$554.8 billion, and Indonesia experienced a slight dip of 0.4 per cent, totalling \$549 billion.

In total, the global industrial sector added \$28.9 trillion to the world economy last year, compared to \$28.5 trillion the previous year. — SPUTNIK

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Ukraine proposes new round of talks with Russia for next week

A source in the Russian negotiation team confirmed to Sputnik on Saturday that Ukraine had proposed to hold another round of ceasefire negotiations next week.

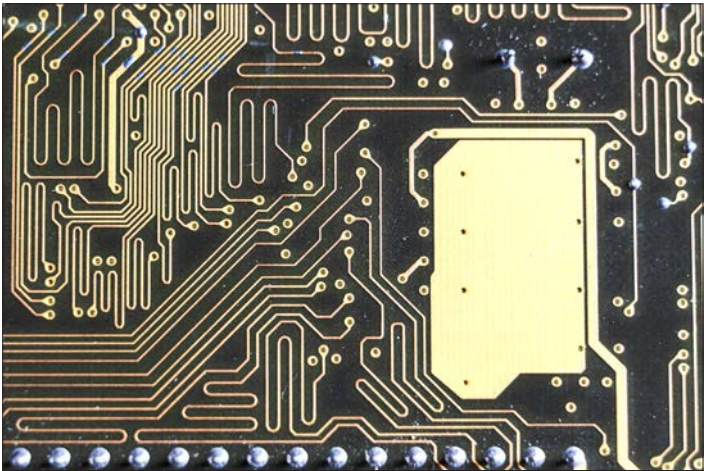
Earlier in the day, Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council Rustem Umerov had passed to Russia a proposal to hold another meeting of negotiation teams next week.

The source confirmed the information, adding that Russia had been ready for another meeting for a long time.

"The signals from Kyiv make it possible for us to hope that a specific date will appear soon," the source added. — SPUTNIK

# India advances in tech with first domestic semiconductor

*The first "Made in India" chip is expected to be available in 2025.*



These chips are intended for use in various industries, including automotive, telecommunications, energy, and rail. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/PEXELS

INDIA will produce and release its first domestically designed and manufactured semiconductor this year, Indian Minister of Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnav said on Saturday.

"Now, we are starting the manufacturing of semiconductor chips. We have already approved six semiconductor plants. Their construction is going on. We will have the first Made in India chip in 2025," the Economic Times quoted Vaishnav as saying at a conference in the southern city of Hyderabad.

Some of the most complex types of chips are being developed in the cities of Hyderabad, Bangalore, Pune, Gurgaon and Chennai, the minister added.

In May, Vaishnav said that India would present indigenous 28-90 nanometre chips that could be used in the automotive, telecommunications, energy and rail industries. — SPUTNIK