

Quality infrastructure saves lives, protects property in earthquakes

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A CEREMONY to commence the Post-Earthquake Technical Forum under the title of technically reviewing post-earthquake construction and renovation process and preparing potential technical challenges in the future took place at Mingala Thiri Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, with an address by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

The Senior General and forum participants observed a one-minute silence for the demise of monks and people in the devastating Mandalay earthquake to mark its fourth month of the incident.

They all viewed a video clip on the technical reviewing post-earthquake construction and renovation process, and preparing potential technical challenges in the future.

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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing looks into the booths displayed at yesterday's forum in Nay Pyi Taw.

Speaking at the forum, the Senior General said that the established infrastructure must meet earthquake-resistant standards and quality benchmarks in order to effectively protect the lives and property of the people from losses and damages.

The State has initially provided K500 billion as funding to support the reconstruction of homes and buildings of the people damaged by the disaster. In addition, a further K2 trillion is being provided to continue supporting reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts.

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the Post-Earthquake Technical Forum

- Myanmar has to consider the construction of skyscrapers, high-rise buildings, and advanced structures using high-quality construction materials and advanced technology similar to Japan, China and Indonesia.
- Only when all levels of stakeholders within the construction industry collaborate systematically and with awareness can the basic infrastructure we are responsible for building today ensure the safety of people's lives and homes when facing future earthquake risks.
- Participating experts have to engage in open and collaborative discussions to identify practical solutions for constructing earthquake-resistant buildings.

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National unity is of great importance for peace, stability and sovereignty of the nation

❖ National unity is vital to the peace, stability, and enduring sovereignty of a country.

(An excerpt from the message sent by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, to the ceremony to mark the 78th Anniversary of Shan State Day, which falls on 7 February 2025)

Parties allowed to register as applications stay open

THOSE who want to establish a political party apply to the Union Election Commission by stating the name of the party they wish to establish. To date, 27 groups have applied for the right to establish a party, and 22 have been allowed to establish.

Among these 22 parties, U Min Min Tun-led Peace and Development Party yesterday applied for registration as a political party to the Commission as per Rule 7 of the Political Parties Registration Rules within 30 days from the approval date.

To date, 15 out of 21 political parties have been approved for registration, and the remaining groups that have applied for registration permits are also under scrutiny. — MNA/KTZH

SAC issues second amendment to Political Parties Registration Law

THE State Administration Council yesterday issued the second amendment to the Political Parties Registration Law as the SAC Law No 43/2025 under Section 419 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The amendment highlighted that a clause (11) will be added behind clause (10) of Section 12 (a) of the Political Parties Registration Law. — GNLM/TTA

Military Secrets Protection Law enacted

THE State Administration Council yesterday enacted the Military Secrets Protection Law as the SAC Law No 44/2025 under Section 419 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

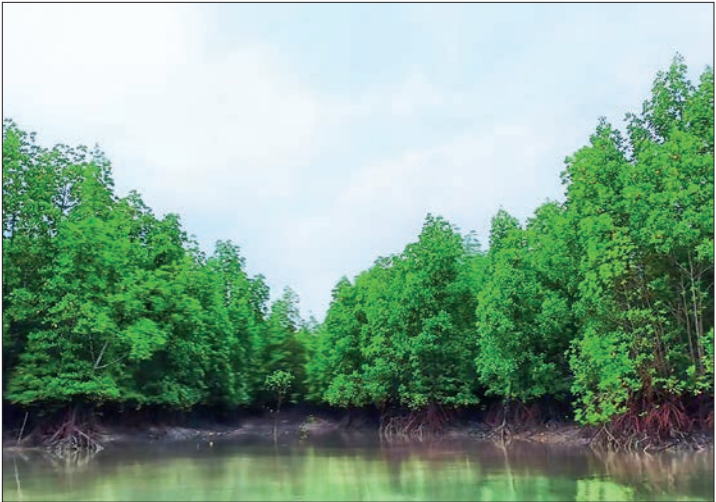
The law primarily aims to protect military grand strategies, strategies, tactics, and matters related to military training, technologies and technical systems concerning naval vessels, aircraft, other vehicles, machinery, weapons, ammunition, and military equipment used by Tatmadaw, production and installation techniques, military technologies, procedures, or systems, and relevant measures officially announced by the relevant ministry from time to time as military secrets.

The objectives of this law are to contribute to the national security of the country by protecting and safeguarding military secrets and to prevent the training, assistance, or involvement in the use of military secrets by foreign governments, foreign military organizations, non-military foreign organizations, unauthorized armed groups, or any other individuals, and to prevent the exchange or transfer of such military secrets to them. — GNLM/TTA

Chaungnyiko mangrove forest designated for biodiversity conservation

THE Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (MoNREC), exercising its authority under Section 6 (e) of the Forest Law enacted in 2018, has declared 6,354 acres of land in Kyunsu Township, Myeik District, Taninthayi Region, as the “Chaungnyiko Protected Public Mangrove Forest” through Notification 74/2025 dated 22 July 2025.

The ministry designates protected public forests and forest reserves to maintain mangrove forest ecosystems, support biodiversity, protect against natural disasters by serving as natural barriers, provide seafood for local communities, and improve the overall management of mangrove forest areas.



The Chaungnyiko Protected Public Mangrove Forest.

Protecting the Chaungnyiko mangrove forest offers several benefits, including conserving mangrove woodlands, preserving habitats for bird species, enhancing ecosystems for fish, and strengthening disaster resilience, contributing significantly to the stability of marine ecosystems. — MNA/MKKS

Weather Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Monday 28 July 2025)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 29 July 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of regionally heavy falls in Kayin, Mon States and isolated heavyfalls in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Lower Sagaing and Ayeyawady Regions and Chin, Rakhine, Shan (Southern and Eastern) States. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and northern 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 seas will be experienced off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-13 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Strong monsoon.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29 July 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29 July 2025: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29 July 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

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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)

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Due to the major Mandalay earthquake, he recounted that a total of 3,739 monks and civilians lost their lives. In terms of infrastructure damage, more than 50,000 residential homes were destroyed, along with roads, bridges, towers, schools, hospitals, religious buildings, and numerous factories and workplaces.

The Senior General stressed that many quake-affected countries, including Japan, China, and Indonesia, have been able to construct skyscrapers, high-rise buildings, and advanced structures using high-quality construction materials and advanced technology. As such, Myanmar has to consider how to build similar buildings like aforesaid countries.

The Senior General expressed gratitude to all experts, professionals and technicians for their efforts in overseeing high-rise and public-use building projects, jointly conducting assessments, setting the level of damage based on a colour-coded system, and formulating Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to guide the repair of earthquake and disaster-affected infrastructures.

To ensure the proper implementation of standards in construction activities, he noted that as the Ministry of Construction, together with the Myanmar Engineering Council, the Myanmar Architects Council, the Federation of Myanmar Engineering Societies, the Myanmar Geosciences



Photos show Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presenting honorary certificates of appreciation at the Post-Earthquake Technical Forum yesterday.

Society, the Myanmar Earthquake Committee, and various urban engineering and earthquake-related organizations, jointly coordinated efforts, the Myanmar National Building Code (MNBC), which was first issued in 2012, was revised and reissued once in 2016 and again in 2020.

He underlined that only when all levels of stakeholders within the construction industry including cement, iron, and steel material importers and sellers, local manufacturers, structural design professionals, developers, contractors, supervising engineers, and quality inspectors—collaborate systematically and with awareness can the basic infrastructure we are responsible for building today ensure the safety of people’s lives and homes when facing future

earthquake risks.

The Senior General emphasized that the 2025 edition of the Myanmar National Building Code (MNBC), developed based on the latest geoscientific data from the recent major Mandalay earthquake, incorporates updated standards and specifications that are adequate for potential future earthquakes. It includes more detailed and region-specific seismic zone maps and an analysis of the modes of failure observed in buildings damaged during the earthquake. Moreover, it introduces seismic load calculation methods tailored to different building types. As such, MNBC 2025 is expected to serve as an effective Earthquake Resilient Design Framework for Myanmar.

At today’s Post-Earthquake Technical Forum, he

continued that participating experts have to engage in open and collaborative discussions to identify practical solutions for constructing earthquake-resistant buildings. The aim is to thoroughly examine the current state of the construction industry in the country and explore how to ensure full compliance with the established rules, regulations, and standards.

The Senior General urged government officials, engineers and architects from the private sector, developers, producers, importers, distributors, and sellers of construction materials, all stakeholders, to join work collaboratively in the Post-Earthquake Technical Forum to create safe and secure basic infrastructure for citizens in the future, ensuring protection from hazards and

peace of mind.

The Senior General presented honorary documents of appreciation to chairs from the Myanmar Engineering Council, Myanmar Architects Council, Myanmar Engineering Society, the Expert Committee for the Supervision and Inspection of High-Rise and Public-Use Building Construction Projects, the Myanmar Geosciences Society, and the Myanmar Earthquake Committee.

Speakers and resource persons of papers to the forum introduced themselves to the Senior General. The Senior General visited the booths to mark the Post-Earthquake Technical Forum.

Also, present at the forum were SAC Vice-Chairman, Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, SAC members, union-level dignitaries, union ministers, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, deputy ministers, experts at home and abroad, chairs and members from the engineering and architectural related organizations, and guests.

The Post-Earthquake Technical Forum is organized with the objectives of technically reviewing the reconstruction of infrastructure damaged by the major Mandalay earthquake and discussing solutions to proactively prepare for potential future technical challenges. It is reported that the forum will continue until 29 July. — MNA/TTA

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SAC Member inspects development programmes in Kayah



SAC Member Porel Aung Thein and officials review the renovation of the Sutaungpyae Myonan Pagoda in Loikaw.

STATE Administration Council Member Porel Aung Thein, accompanied by Kayah State Chief Minister U Zaw Myo Tin and other officials, met with the staff and members of the State

Development Committee and members of the market affairs board at the new Thiri Mingala Market in Loikaw, Kayah State, yesterday.

During the meeting, the SAC member addressed the need, inspected the newly constructed market complexes and ongoing construction processes, and cordially greeted the shoppers and sellers.

The SAC member and party went to Loikaw University and oversaw the maintenance work.

After the meeting with faculty members, the SAC member observed the maintenance work in the university compound. The university construction processes have been completed over 60 per cent.

They proceeded to road paving and drainage construction sites in Yaynikan village of

Mahtawkhu village-tract, and inspected the work processes.

On arrival at the pig farms in the same village, the SAC member emphasized the need to expand pig breeding to ensure food security in the state and the meat sector of the country.

On 27 July, the SAC member and state chief minister visited Chikel Kandarawadi monastery in Loikaw, and paid homage to the Presiding Sayadaw and donated offerings and alms. They also comforted the people living in Htaythama ward and in the villages of Chi Kal village-tract.

They visited Thiri Mingala Hill (Taungkwe) and Sutaungpyae Myonan pagoda, and donated cash for the all-around renovation of the pagoda. — MNA/KTZH

Pilot projects for stronger, resilient communities discussed

THE Working Committee on the Development of a Resilient and Strong Social Community organized its third coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the meeting, Union Minister for Ministry 2 at the Office of the State Administration Council Chairman U Ko Ko Hlaing, who is also Chairman of the working committee, highlighted the inspection tours to Mandalay and Sagaing, and three work plans to be conducted in Mandalay Region as the second phase.

He added that the pilot projects will be implemented in flood-hit Moehti, Moemi in Yamethin Township, Chaungphyay and Thabyaybin villages in Wahphyutaung region.

The continued discussions were made to establish a weaving zone or a weaving village

for the quake-affected weaving entrepreneurs and to attract investment. For the mid-term project, the public awareness programmes and public services of the government will be conducted in 489 villages of 15 townships that are within five kilometres of the fault. Moreover, the measures to conduct training for human resource development and reduce impacts on natural disasters by cooperating with the government and social welfare organizations at the KBZ Centre.

As another pilot project in Sagaing, over 25,000 quake survivors will be relocated to Ywahtaung, and proper measures will be taken to ensure their incomes.

Moreover, four sectors will be implemented in the pilot project of Nay Pyi Taw, aiming to



Union Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing addresses the third coordination meeting of the Working Committee on the Development of a Resilient and Strong Social Community.

ensure the safety and peaceful improvement of the affected people, increase their income, develop the ability of their human resources and strengthen

cooperation and unity within their community.

Deputy Minister U Myint Soe, who is secretary of the working committee, and participants

coordinated the discussion regarding the reconstruction and all-around development projects in Nyaungpintha and Magyibin villages. — MNA/KTZH

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MDA inaugurated; Launch of Diploma in Diplomacy held

THE inauguration ceremony of the Myanmar Diplomatic Academy (MDA) and the launch of its flagship “Diploma in Diplomacy 1/2025” were held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday at the Lawkanatt Hall and the MDA premises in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the inauguration ceremony, U Than Swe, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, delivered the inaugural speech. The event was also attended by U Wunna Maung Lwin, Member of the State Administration Council; U Ko Ko Hlaing, Union Minister for the Ministry 2 at the Office of the Chairman of the State Administration Council; Dr Nyunt Phay, Union Minister for Education; Deputy Foreign Ministers U Lwin Oo and U Ko Ko Kyaw; Member of the Union Civil Service Board U Kyaw Myo Htut; the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Directors-General and senior officials from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Education; Ambassadors and Members of the Diplomatic Corps; Members of the Advisory Board and Board of Studies of the MDA; Rector and faculty of the Naypyitaw State Academy; as well as trainees from Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon classes of the Diploma in Diplomacy Programme 1/2025.

In his address, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister U Than Swe emphasized that the launch of the Myanmar Diplomatic Academy is a milestone for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and an important investment for the future of Myanmar’s international relations. He also stated that diplomacy is one of the key foundations for peace, stability and



Deputy Prime Minister and Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Than Swe sprinkles scented water on the commemorative plaque of newly inaugurated Myanmar Diplomatic Academy.

development of a nation, and it needs lifelong learning.

He stated that before the year 2000, Myanmar had no formal diplomatic training centre and relied exclusively on on-the-job mentoring. Recognizing the vital role of diplomacy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs launched structured training through Basic Diplomatic Skills (BDS) and Enhanced Diplomatic Skills (EDS) courses from 2000 onwards. These have trained over 8,000 young professionals who now serve in the nation-building.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister also highlighted that the commitment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to establishing a dedicated institution for diplomatic training as it initiated plans to create the Myanmar Diplomatic

Academy since 2013; formed the Advisory Group and Board of Studies; and organized seminars, workshops, consultations; and international study visits to guide the development of the Academy. He added that MDA is now initially offering a Diploma in Diplomacy Course and will introduce BA (Diplomacy) and MA (Diplomacy) courses in the future.

He acknowledged the firm support of predecessors, retired ambassadors, senior diplomats, rectors and professors from different universities and members of the Advisory Board for their initiative and dedicated efforts to establish this Academy. He also emphasized the importance of continued collaboration of the Diplomatic Corps in Myanmar to support the Academy’s programmes. He concluded

by affirming that the MDA represents a significant step toward strengthening Myanmar’s diplomatic capabilities and addressing global challenges through effective diplomacy.

Afterwards, a documentary video on the establishment of the Myanmar Diplomatic Academy was displayed, followed by group photos.

The second part of the ceremony was held at the Academy premises, with the symbolic sprinkling of scented water on the Academy’s commemorative plaque by Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister U Than Swe, together with Member of the State Administration Council U Wunna Maung Lwin, and Union Ministers U Ko Ko Hlaing and Dr Nyunt Phay.

After the ceremony, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister U Than Swe delivered a special lecture titled “The Implementation of Myanmar’s Foreign Policy” to the participants of the Diploma in Diplomacy Programme 1/2025.

Jointly conducted by the Myanmar Diplomatic Academy and Naypyitaw State Academy, the Diploma in Diplomacy Programme 1/2025 is an eight-month programme comprising two semesters. The curriculum includes diplomacy, international relations, foreign policy, international law, multilateral institutions, and contemporary global challenges.

A total of 113 participants – 62 in Nay Pyi Taw and 51 in Yangon, representing a cross-section of government ministries, the private sector, and recent university graduates with a demonstrated interest in diplomacy and global affairs will attend the programme. — MNA

Union Education Minister meets Russian Ambassador



Union Minister Dr Nyunt Phay holds talks with the Russian ambassador yesterday.

UNION Minister for Education Dr Nyunt Phay received Mr Iskander Azizov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Myanmar, at the meeting room of the Ministry of Education in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Both sides exchanged views on promoting cooperation in the education sector between Russia and Myanmar, issues of foreign education, improving the quality of Russian language teachers and teaching Russian.

Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Myint, officials, and Ms Anastasia Solovieva, the ambassador of the Russian Federation to Myanmar, attended the meeting. — MNA/MKKS

Website launched with info on 2025 Mandalay earthquake

THE website www.myanmar-earthquake.gov.mm has been launched to provide information about earthquakes that occurred in Myanmar, including the powerful Mandalay earthquake that struck on 28 March 2025, to allow individuals to share their personal experiences during the tremor, to receive donations from well-wishers for damage caused by the quake, and to effectively provide humanitarian aid and financial contributions for the losses and damage.

The website provides a centralized platform where users can access earthquake-related news and information and learn

about the incidents caused by the earthquake. Moreover, individuals can share their personal experiences and report damages they have encountered. Meanwhile, the donors can choose specific areas to support and make direct donations conveniently using their preferred payment methods, such as KBZ Pay, CBPay, AYA Pay, OK \$, and Wave Pay online via MMQR. For international donors, they can make a cash donation using a Visa Card or a Mastercard.

Individuals can contact 067 3404777 for further information related to the website. — MNA/KTZH

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MoI Union Minister meets Thai Ambassador and delegation

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn met with Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mongkol Visitstump along with his delegation at the Ministry of Information meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Both sides had cordial discussions on Myanmar-Thailand friendship and the ability to pub-

lish accurate news, promoting cultural and tourism sectors as well as cooperation in all sectors, not just the media sector, between the two countries.

Deputy Minister U Ye Tint, the Permanent Secretary and officials from the Thai Embassy attended the meeting. — MNA/MKKS



Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mongkol Visitstump calls on Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn yesterday.

MoFA Dy Minister receives Russian Ambassador



The Russian ambassador calls on Deputy Minister U Ko Ko Kyaw yesterday.

DEPUTY Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ko Ko Kyaw received Mr Iskander Azizov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

They cordially discussed and exchanged views on further strengthening ASE-

AN-Russia Dialogue Relations under the ambit of Myanmar in its capacity as the Country Coordinator and outcomes of the ASEAN Post-Ministerial Conference with Russia held on 10 July 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, which was co-chaired by Myanmar and Russia.

Both sides also discussed matters of mutual interest,

including ASEAN-Russia engagements and cooperation within the ASEAN-led mechanisms, such as the East Asia Summit (EAS) and the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF).

Following the courtesy call, the ambassador of the Russian Federation presented commemorative gifts to six players from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs who had participated in the ASEAN-Russia Online Chess Tournament held on 18 April 2025. Additionally, a chessboard signed by Mr Sergei Karjakin, Member of the Federation Council of the Russian Federation, President of the Chess Federation of the Moscow Region, was handed over to the deputy minister of Foreign Affairs on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Chess Team. — MNA

MoFA Deputy Minister receives Indian Ambassador



The Indian ambassador calls on Deputy Minister U Lwin Oo yesterday.

DEPUTY Minister for Foreign Affairs U Lwin Oo received Mr Abhay Thakur, Ambassador of India to Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

They cordially discussed

strengthening cooperation, particularly in the fields of culture, business and education based on mutual interests. They also exchanged views on boundary-related matters between Myanmar and India. — MNA

Holographic sticker to be used on OWIC

THE Department of Labour of the Ministry of Labour issues Overseas Worker Identification Cards (OWICs) to workers who hold a Passport for Job (PJ) and are going to work abroad, aiming to get the legal rights of their host countries and solve the labour-related cases quickly.

To prevent forgery and ensure great-

er security, the Overseas Worker Identification Card (OWIC) will be issued with a security (holographic) sticker starting from 1 August 2025. — Ministry of Labour

A sample of an OWIC with a security sticker.



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K22B allocated for rural electrification of 30,000+ homes this FY

A total of K22 billion will be utilized on the rural electrification project in the current financial year 2025-2026, aiming to cover over 30,000 households in remote areas where the national grid is hard to reach, according to an official of the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development.

This rural electrification project is carried out with a small-scale solar system for a single house and a mini-grid system. Small-scale solar systems for a single home will reach rural communities in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, Yangon Region, Ayeyawady Region, eastern and southern Shan State, as it is the only via-

ble common solution for electrifying remote areas in Myanmar. The project scales up mini-grid sites to provide reliable, affordable and clean energy in remote areas in Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi regions.

“Small-scale solar system for a single house has been planned for 28,076 households in 339 villages in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, Yangon, and Ayeyawady regions and southern and eastern Shan State. Mini-grids will reach 10 villages in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions, extending the electrification project to 2,154 households, said an official of the ministry.

Rural electrification projects also spent K22 billion in



The Minbu Energy power plant site in Minbu Township, Magway Region.

the 2024-2025 FY. The Ministry of Electric Power reported a total electricity generation of 59,218.9 MWh on 26 July 2025 and 56,829.3 MWh on 27 July 2025. — ASH/KK

AMATA Holding pauses resort and ballooning services

AMATA Holding Public Company Limited informed its shareholders about the company's current operations, in which Amata Resort & Spa and Oriental Ballooning Service are temporarily closed.

AMATA Holding Public Company Limited commenced share trading on the Yangon Stock Exchange on 3 June 2021 as the seventh listed company and the first ever company in the hotel and tourism services sector listed on the exchange.

The company's business operations are managed by its subsidiaries; United International Group Limited (UIG) running hotel and tourism services under the name Amata and Myanmar Ballooning Company Limited (MB) operating passenger hot air balloon services under the brand “Oriental Ballooning”, in key tourism sites such as Ngapali, Inlay, Bagan, and Myeik Archipelago regions.

Nonetheless, the compa-



Display panel showing share indexes at Yangon Bourse.

ny's revenue primarily relies on the arrival of tourists and homegrown visitors. Following the coronavirus pandemic, hotel and tourism businesses' income has significantly declined. Unprecedented incidents (flood, earthquake) happened in the country, leading to a substantial drop in the company's revenue.

The Amata Resort & Spa and Oriental Ballooning Service businesses temporarily

shut down in May 2024. Seasonal business operations of Amata Garden Resort, My Bagan Residence by Amata, Amata Garden Resort and Amata Resort & Spa (Andaman) are active.

The company's directors notified the shareholders that they believe the current challenges are just temporary. Its operations will return to normal once tourism recovers. — NN/KK

Myanmar ships about 6,000 tonnes of sesame seeds in Q1

MYANMAR exported about 6,000 tonnes of various sesame in the first quarter Q1 (April-June) of the current financial year 2025-2026, generating income of US\$8.1 million, according to Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association.

The association aims to meet the export target of 90,000 tonnes of sesame this FY. Myanmar's sesame is primarily exported to China, and is also sent to Thailand, the Republic of Korea, Japan and Singapore. — NN/KK



A container vessel is seen docking for loading and unloading cargo at Yangon Port.

Yezin to host 6th research paper session on 26 Sept

THE sixth research paper reading session, titled “Unlocking Agricultural Potential: A System Approach to Yield Gaps and Productivity”, will take place on 26 September in the Agricultural Research Department, Yezin, Nay Pyi Taw.

Therefore, research papers and posters regarding agricul-

ture, livestock, irrigation, dams, water resources, forests and climate change are invited to be submitted by 31 August 2025.

Individuals can enquire about details through the director at 09 797707146 or the Research office at 09 420700614 and email conference.dar@gmail.com. — NN/KK

Ensure smooth commodity flow for socioeconomic stability

ONE of the primary needs of the people is to have access to goods at fair and reasonable prices, with stable price levels and an adequate supply of consumer products. Recognizing this, the State Government is giving priority to food security and the development of domestic production, while also focusing on maintaining price stability in the market.

Price fluctuations often result from changes in the economic landscape, such as supply shortages of essential consumer goods or disruptions in commodity flow. Typically, when these issues are resolved, prices tend to return to normal. However, when prices remain high, it is frequently due to unethical practices such as profiteering, market manipulation, and deliberate disruptions aimed at destabilizing the market. These actions result in continued price increases and undermine market stability.

In addition to these efforts, the State continues to create economic opportunities, support MSMEs, monitor financial activities, enhance export development, and ensure smooth and transparent commodity flow. Together, these actions aim to strengthen the national economy and improve the socio-economic well-being of the population.

Some traders deliberately exploit the market out of excessive greed, engaging in unethical practices and undermining economic fairness. The presence of such individuals, coupled with market competition and intentional market sabotage, adds further pressure on prices. While traders may benefit from rising prices, the impact is especially harsh on salaried workers and low-income households with limited means.

To address these challenges, it is essential to boost the production of essential food items using existing agricultural resources and infrastructure. Agro-based industries must be developed further, and the cultivation of oilseed crops such as groundnut, sesame, sunflower, and mustard should be promoted to enhance domestic oil sufficiency.

The State is not only supporting the development of production industries for national food security but also working to expose and prevent unethical profiteering. Market stability requires action against monopolies, price manipulation, unfair competition, and money laundering, along with protection for legitimate, fair-operating local businesses.

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Warmly Welcome Newly Appointed Medical Doctors and Dentists

By Dr Than Lwin Tun

ACCORDING to one of the objectives of the Social Affairs of State Administration Council (SAC), “To elevate the Health and Sports sectors inclusive of all the people, improving the longevity and

minimize out-of-pocket expenses for patients by reducing the costs through effective planning and resource allocation. He noted that in order to improve the overall health standards of the public and to increase life expectancy, it is es-

s to provide high-quality medical treatment in case illnesses occur. The Chairman of the SAC disclosed that the government is placing great emphasis on ensuring that the public can receive medical treatment in a peaceful and

that the medics should follow the professional ethic, medical ethic, and civil rules and ethics. The Union Minister stated the need to be mature and stable, to view everything with a wide perspective, and to have a sense of re-



The SAC Chairman greets newly appointed medical doctors and dentists warmly.



The SAC Chairman presents certificates of State gazetted officer appointment to a representative from the medical universities.

health of the nation”, the Ministry of Health (MOH), Myanmar, laid down the two objectives, to enable every citizen to attain total life expectancy and enjoy longevity of life, and to ensure that every citizen is free from diseases. To do that, the newly appointed medical doctors and dentists are the main implementing human resources.

The Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, attended the ceremony of appointment of new medical doctors and dentists as Government Gazetted Officers on 18 July 2025 at Myanmar Convention Centre, Yangon. At the ceremony, the SAC Chairman delivered a speech that SAC is prioritizing the objective that “nothing is more important than human life” and is striving to provide accessible and high-quality healthcare services to everyone.

He stressed that public hospitals have been organized to provide full-time emergency patient care, and efforts are being made to

essential to strengthen the delivery of primary healthcare services. To achieve this, it is important to adequately produce sufficient human resources in the health sector and assign them responsibilities accordingly.

The Chairman of the SAC continued that the State is continuously supporting the improvement of healthcare standards for ethnic nationalities, with the understanding that only with good health can people work and pursue education. He expressed his pleasure for fresher medical doctors and dentists to serve their duties to provide healthcare services to the people, as health personnel are responsible for resolving health problems of the people as much as possible. In implementing public healthcare services, the Senior General unveiled that the State is implementing effective policies and plans based on the country’s resources in order to take preventive measures to stop the outbreak of diseases, as well

comfortable environment. To that end, it is upgrading and renovating public hospitals, constructing new ones, enhancing disease detection and advanced medical care, and consistently supplying medicines and modern medical equipment.

He urged them that emphasis should be placed on actions such as improving nutrition and living conditions, administering preventive vaccinations, analyzing and addressing mortality rates, and implementing relevant measures effectively in the respective regions where responsibilities are assigned. The Chairman of the SAC presented certificates of State gazetted officer appointment to representatives from four medical universities, while the Joint Secretary gave certificates of State gazetted officer appointment to representatives from two medical universities and the University of Dental Medicine.

In the second session of the ceremony, Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win said

sponsibility and accountability for being government employees, and to apply their skills for the people and show loyalty to the country and people. Myanmar Medical Council President Dr Myo Khin

and Myanmar Dental Council President Dr Paing Soe briefed the ethics to be followed by the medical doctors and dentists. The officials presented order letters to be assigned as assignment of



The performance of the health staff at the ceremony.

Government Gazetted Officers to the 1,259 new medical doctors from different Universities of Medicine and 21 new dentists at the event.

In addition, congratulations to the newly appointed medical doctors and dentists, and your role is pivotal in not only diagnosing and treating but also in providing comfort, guidance, and hope to those in need. Remember, every challenge you face is an opportunity to grow, and every success is a step forward in your journey to make a difference and embrace your responsibilities with confidence and compassion. That’s a significant achievement and testament to years of hard work and dedication. We hope that all of you can bring success and fulfilment to this noble profession.

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Mosquito killing pill, Ivermectin drops malaria by 26%: Study

In 2023, there were 263 million malaria cases and 597,000 deaths globally.

A GROUNDBREAKING study has revealed that the mass administration of ivermectin — a drug once known for treating river blindness and scabies — can significantly reduce malaria transmission when used in conjunction with bed nets.

Ivermectin administered to the whole population significantly reduces malaria transmission, offering new hope in the fight against the disease. The BOHEMIA trial, the largest study on ivermectin for malaria to date, showed a 26 per cent reduction in new malaria infection on top of existing bed nets, providing strong evidence of ivermectin’s potential as a complementary tool in malaria control.

The results of this project, coordinated by the Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal) — an institution supported by the “la Caixa” Foundation — in collaboration with the Manhica Health Research Centre (CISM) and the KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme, have been published in The New England Journal of Medicine.

Malaria remains a global health challenge, with 263 million cases and 597,000 deaths reported in 2023. Current vector control methods, such as long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs) and indoor residual spraying (IRS), have become less effective due to insecticide resistance and behavioral adaptations in mosquitoes to bite outdoors and during dusk or dawn, when people are not protected by these measures.

This underscores the urgent need for innovative solutions to combat malaria.

Ivermectin, a drug traditionally used to treat neglected tropical diseases like onchocerciasis, which causes river blindness, and lymphatic filariasis, which causes elephantiasis, has been shown to reduce malaria transmission by killing the mosquitoes that feed on treated individuals.

Given the rising resistance to conventional insecticides, ivermectin could offer an effective new approach to tackle malaria transmission, especially in regions where traditional methods have become less effective.

The Unitaid-funded BOHEMIA project (Broad One Health Endectocide-based Malaria Intervention in Africa) conducted two Mass Drug Administration (MDA) trials in the high-burden malaria regions: Kwale County (Kenya) and Mopeia district (Mozambique).

The trials assessed the safety and efficacy of a single monthly dose of ivermectin (400 mcg/kg) given for three consecutive months at the start of the rainy season in reducing malaria transmission.

In Kenya, the intervention targeted children aged 5-15, while in Mozambique it focused on children under five.

In Kwale County, Kenya, children who received ivermectin experienced a 26 per cent reduction in malaria infection incidence compared to those who received albendazole, the control drug used in the study. The trial involved over 20,000 participants and more than 56,000 treatments, demonstrating that ivermectin significantly reduced malaria infection rates — particularly among children living further from cluster borders or in areas where drug distribution was more efficient. Moreover, the safety profile of ivermectin was favourable, with no severe drug-related adverse events and only mild, transient side effects already seen with ivermectin in campaigns against neglected tropical diseases.

“We are thrilled with these results,” says Carlos Chaccour, co-principal investigator of the BOHEMIA project and ISGlobal researcher at the time of the study.

SOURCE: ANI

NATIONAL

Nawngkhio BEHS 2 reopens, healthcare services resume at temporary hospital

SECURITY forces and responsible personnel are working together to repair school buildings and furniture destroyed by terrorists, to make the school environment clean and beautiful and to ensure mine safety to quickly resume basic education schools in Nawngkhio Township, Shan State (North), and to enable students to study peacefully, with local ethnic parents also participating.

To provide education to school-age children by grade, the Basic Education High School 2 opened yesterday, and 251 students are currently learning education. In addition, enrolment is continuing for new students who have enrolled. The students who have enrolled



Students are seen learning peacefully in the classroom (L) and locals receive healthcare services (R) in Nawngkhio.

are provided with free textbooks, stationery and school uniforms provided by the Ministry of Education.

In addition, doctors and medical workers from Tatmadaw and the Ministry of Health jointly conducted a temporary hospital in the Myanan Tawwin Mingala Hall to facilitate the healthcare of local ethnic people and provide medical treatment. To date, 137 local ethnic people have received necessary healthcare. — MNA/MKKS

Endorsement of Revised Myanmar Standards Version Adoption

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| 93. | MMS IEC 62087-3:2023 Audio, video, and related equipment - Determination of power consumption - Part 3: Television sets |
| 94. | MMS IEC 62196-3:2022 Plugs, socket-outlets, vehicle connectors and vehicle inlets - Conductive charging of electric vehicles - Part 3: Dimensional compatibility requirements for DC and AC/DC pin and contact-tube vehicle couplers |
| 95. | MMS IEC 62208:2023 Empty enclosures for low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies - General requirements |
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| 115. | MMS ISO 10993-4:2017+AMD1:2025 Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 4: Selection of tests for interactions with blood |
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NATIONAL

Three ladies show up to hold music concert

A music concert titled ‘Three Ladies Show with Ladies and Dancing Night’ will be held by three female singers at Lafaya Bar in Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region, according to singer Eint Chit.

“Eint Chit, L Seng Zi and Irene Zin Mar Myint will perform energetically with the music of the Public Band. Young singers of the Public Band, DJ artistes and dancers will share modern beats and provide support, so we invite come and support,” said singer Eint Chit.

The music concert will be held on the night of 1 August as a Night Live Concept, and the Public Band will provide the best support for their singing and performances. — ASH/MKKS



This image displays a poster for the ‘A Night to Dance with the Ladies’ music concert.

Traffic fatalities drop in early 2025



This photo reveals that YBS and a drinking water truck collided on Yadana Street in Ward 61, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, Yangon Region, on 21 July 2025.

OVER six months in 2025, the death rate from road traffic accidents declined by 256 compared to the same period last year, according to the chart on traffic accidents in regions and states and the Yangon-Mandalay Highway.

Including Nay Pyi Taw and all states and regions and the highway, as from January to June 2024, there was a total of 2,163 cases, in which 3132 were injuries and 1,148 were deaths; however total of 1,692 accidents happened, leaving 2,478 injuries and 892 deaths over the same period this year.

This year's death rate rose by 12 in Sagaing Region, 6 in Taninthayi Region and one in Kayah State compared to last year, however fell by 49 in Mandalay Region, 44 in Yangon Region, 31 in Magway Region, 24 on the highway, 23 in Bago Region, 22 in Shan State and Mon State, 21 in Kachin State, 14 in Ayeyawady Region, 13 in Kayin State, five in Nay Pyi Taw, four in Rakhine State and three in Chin State.

Last year, there were 433 accidents in Yangon Region with 497 injuries and 222 deaths, 346 accidents in Ayeyawady Region with 534 injuries and 137 deaths, 310 accidents in Bago Region with 469 injuries and 141 deaths and 292 accidents in Mandalay Region with 405 injuries and 164 deaths.

In 2025, there were 386 cases in Yangon Region with 369 injuries and 178 deaths, 272 cases in Ayeyawady Region with 452 injuries and 123 deaths, 242 cases in Bago Region with 325 injuries and 118 deaths and 185 cases in Mandalay Region with 246 injuries and 115 deaths. — MT/ZS

Kyunsu, Myeik ferries back in service after weather halt

PASSENGER ferries have resumed normal service between Kyunsu and Myeik in Taninthayi Region after being suspended due to weather. Since 23 July, the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology has announced that all ferries, cargo, economy, and other coastal passenger ferries, except for express boats, will be unable to depart due to severe sea waves.

Although express boats travel up-down routes twice daily and wooden boats and wooden cargo boats run up-down routes once daily in Kyunsu Township, these services were temporarily discontinued beginning on 23 July due to weather conditions. It is planned to restore normal operation once the

weather improves and the vessels are allowed to leave when the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (Taninthayi Region) permits it.

As the weather is currently good, the ferry service has been operating to Kyunsu and Myeik as scheduled since 16 July, with two up-down daily ferry trips and one up-down cargo boat trip. — ASH/MKKS



Ferry passengers embarking at the dock.

NATIONAL

Moderate tourism rebound expected in 2026 with regional and Western visitors

TOURIST arrivals from neighbouring countries and the West were decent until the earthquake, with expectations of improvement in the 2026 travel season, according to the Union of Myanmar Travel Association (UMTA).

Inbound tourism remained moderate from 2022 to the pre-earthquake period of 2025, with some travellers from the US, Spain, Portugal, India, China, Thailand, and Russia also visiting, said UMTA vice-president Dr Thet Lwin Toe.

"Tourism is booming right now. As of 2020, arrivals declined, but after visas were re-opened in 2022, inbound tourism recovered reasonably well. The numbers weren't bad in 2022, 2023 and 2024, with tourists



International travellers are seen on the Shwedagon Pagoda platform.

coming from the US, Spain, Portugal, India, China, Thailand, and Russia. But after the earthquake, arrivals dropped. The next target is the Western market. According to the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Americans lead among Western visitors. I

hope the tourism season of 2026 will be better", he said.

Rising costs for foreign tourists were noted, and ad-

ressing these issues could improve the situation.

"Visas are free to some extent, but a visa-on-arrival would be more beneficial. Airfares are expensive; for example, while a Myanmar citizen pays K300,000 for a flight to Mandalay, a foreigner has to pay K600,000. A foreign tourist has to pay K1 million to Bangkok, and if he continues to Myanmar, his cost becomes double. Such different pricing for locals and foreigners isn't seen in Thailand, Japan or India. The policy needs to change for better tourism growth," he added.

Both inbound and outbound tourism saw significant growth until the 2025 tour season, driven by businesses, pilgrimage and other purposes. — MT/ZN

MCEF to continue offering AI courses

ACCORDING to the Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Federation, its Technology Development Committee will continue to offer AI courses.

The MCEF invites those interested to contact the association for details about these AI courses.

A one-day training session titled Introducing AI to Modern Construction, organized by the MCEF and the Yangon Region Computer Industry Association (MCIA Yangon), was held at the MCEF Conference Hall on 26 July.

Topics covered included AI applications for the construction industry, such as creating business plans, improving project management, utilizing AI in the design and pre-construction



This image captures an AI training course provided by the MCEF Technology Development Committee.

phases, upgrading building information modelling (BIM), generative design, accounting and cost management, and AI guidance. Furthermore, an AI action plan workshop was conducted after participants were divided into small groups. The course concluded with discussions on implementing AI at work sites and its future applications in the industry. — MT/ZN

Flood hits Kalaw on morning of 28 July

A flood has happened in southern Shan State's Kalaw starting from 28 July morning, according to residents.

"This morning, a flood happened in Kalaw's downtown Wards 2, 3 and 4, and some houses have been under water," said a resident.

It rained for long hours in Taunggyi a few days ago, prompting authorities to urge residents in lowland areas of Aungban, Nyaungshwe, Inle and Kalaw to prepare.

In past, flood was described as an abnormal weather condition for highland regions, but lately, this disaster has been happening frequently. — Htun Htun/ZS



This photo captures Kalaw being flooded on 28 July.

Isuzu mulls moving small truck production to US for 2028



Photo taken from a Kyodo News helicopter shows an Isuzu Motors Ltd factory in Fujisawa, Kanagawa Prefecture on 28 July 2025. PHOTO: KYODO

JAPANESE truck maker Isuzu Motors Ltd is considering moving the production of light-duty trucks from its factory near Tokyo to the United States for 2028 to reduce the effect of tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump, its president said.

Shinsuke Minami, 65, told Kyodo News last week he hopes the move will cater to the growing demand of trucks amid the proliferation of online shopping and necessary delivery services, adding that the production capacity of the Fujisawa plant in

Kanagawa Prefecture will not be cut as the company aims to expand its global market share.

“Although there are some parts we will have to export from Japan when manufacturing in the United States, we hope to increase our local procurement rate,” Minami said. “We need to carefully review the effects of tariffs on our profits.”

The number of units sold by Isuzu in the United States annually hovers between 30,000 to 40,000, of which the production of around 20,000 is outsourced to a local company, while the remaining vehicles are exported from its factory in Fujisawa. — Kyodo

Slovakia eyes full Russian gas supply as self-destructive EU ban looms

SLOVAKIA’S state-owned energy supplier SPP aims to source up to 100 per cent of its gas from Russia next year, just as a new EU ban on spot purchases takes effect in January, Bloomberg reported.

Russian gas is “the most cost-effective” for Slovakia, SPP’s Trade Director Michal Lalik told the outlet. This is why the country is prioritizing it.

While the EU forges ahead with its self-destructive plan to cut off cheap and reliable Russian gas by 2027, Slovakia and Hungary will continue honouring existing contracts with Gazprom, keeping the tap open even

as most of Europe turns it off.

The upcoming restrictions could free up pipeline capacity for remaining long-term customers like Slovakia’s SPP and Hungary’s MVM, both of which are set to benefit from transitional exemptions.

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Slovakia’s PM Robert Fico has repeatedly called the EU plan “economic suicide.” — SPUTNIK



An employee looks at Kazachya gas compressor station, facility of Gazprom's TurkStream gas pipeline, in Krasnodar region, Russia. PHOTO: SPUTNIK

India's e-commerce set for significant growth: report

ONLY 20-25 per cent of India's 850 million internet users currently indulge in online shopping, and hence the country's e-commerce sector is set for significant growth in the coming years, the global strategy and management consulting firm McKinsey and Company said in its latest report.

Local media quoted the report as saying that India had witnessed a strong rise in e-commerce activity over the past few years, as there had been a rapid growth of quick commerce platforms delivering goods in a very short time.

According to the report, e-commerce accounted for only 7-9 per cent of India's total retails (as of fiscal year 2023), and this share was expected to more than double to 15-17 per cent by the year 2030. — Xinhua

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Myanma Port Authority

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| No | Trade Name | Active Ingredient | Reg. Type | Reg. Number |
|----|---------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1. | Sinafat 75 SP | Acephate 75% SP | Full | F2022-3897 |

Address: **Aka Yarzar Co.,Ltd.**,

No.(1/3), R-6 Road, Yangon Industrial Zone, Mingalardon Township, Yangon, Myanmar.

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| 1. | V.T Manme 72 WP | Mancozeb 64% + Metalaxyl 8% WP | Full | F2021-3131 |
| 2. | V.T Jade 80 WDG | Sulphur 80% WDG | Full | F2021-3145 |
| 3. | V.T Two Four 82.5 SL | 2,4D Amine Salt 82.5% SL | Full | F2021-3133 |
| 4. | V.T Kill 480 SL | Glyphosate 480g/l SL | Full | F2021-3146 |
| 5. | V.T One 75 SP | Acephate 75% SP | Full | F2021-3148 |
| 6. | V.T Tap 95 SP | Cartap Hydrochloride 95% SP | Ful | F2021-3135 |

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Nobel panel, A-bomb survivors urge youth to carry torch of peace



Norwegian Nobel Committee chair Jorgen Watne Frydnes (R) shakes hands with Terumi Tanaka, co-chair of Nihon Hidankyo, after a press conference in Tokyo on 27 July 2025. PHOTO: KYODO

THE Norwegian Nobel Committee and Nihon Hidankyo, Japan’s leading group of atomic bomb survivors, jointly urged younger generations at an event Sunday in Tokyo to “carry the torch” for peace by listening to the stories of survivors and keeping up the momentum for nuclear disarmament.

“The nuclear taboo is under threat, and the hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors) are ageing. In not too many years, we will no longer have the testimonies of those who were there, those who could tell this story,” said Norwegian Nobel Committee chair Jorgen Watne Frydnes.

Nihon Hidankyo, also known as the Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organ-

izations, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize last year for its efforts to achieve a nuclear-free world through witness testimony. The symposium at Sophia University’s Yotsuya Campus marked the first time the Nobel committee has travelled to a laureate’s country to cohost an event.

In a joint press conference, Terumi Tanaka, the 93-year-old co-chair of Nihon Hidankyo, expressed hopes that the awarding of the prize would encourage Japanese people to raise their voices “strongly enough to move the government” to take a more proactive stance in calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Recognizing that the future belongs to the youth, Tanaka said “I hope that going forward, young

people will take an interest, engage with sensitivity, and listen to the hibakusha. I want them to reach the point of understanding that (nuclear weapons) must never be allowed to exist.”

Frydnes, 40, once again lauded the dedication of Nihon Hidankyo, noting that since the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to the group, many movements and individuals have reengaged on the issue of nuclear disarmament.

“Hopefully (the 80th anniversary) will be a turning point where world leaders are listening to all those people around the world who say, we cannot live in a world where we are living in a nuclear prison waiting for collective annihilation,” he said. — Kyodo

Australian researchers’ discovery could lead to more effective cancer treatment

AUSTRALIAN scientists have discovered a new target protein that could enable more precise and effective treatments for Hodgkin Lymphoma, a common blood cancer.

Researchers at the Australian National University (ANU) revealed that the protein H2A.B, found normally only in sperm-producing cells, is hijacked by cancer cells in Hodgkin lymphoma patients, according to an ANU statement.

ANU Professor David

Tremethick, who led the study, described H2A.B as “a rogue switchboard”, actively reshaping gene expression, but since it’s mostly absent in healthy tissues, targeting it could kill cancer cells while sparing normal ones. “It’s not just sitting on the DNA, it’s actively reshaping how genes are read, how proteins are made, and even how the cancer cell’s internal machinery is rewired to promote tumour growth,” Tremethick said. — Xinhua

Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia face medium risk of severe haze in 2025: report

SINGAPORE, Indonesia, and Malaysia face a medium risk of experiencing a severe transboundary haze event for the rest of 2025, according to an assessment released Monday by the Singapore Institute of International Affairs.

The latest report marks an increase from the institute’s 2024 assessment, which rated the risk as “low” on its three-tier scale of low, medium, and high.

Elevated agricultural prices

and a rise in deforestation have heightened the likelihood of fires and haze, the report said, noting a surge in hotspots and smoke haze across parts of Sumatra in mid-July this year, with transboundary haze drifting from central Sumatra into parts of Peninsular Malaysia. Economic and policy shifts could also inadvertently drive deforestation and increase haze risk if fire continues to be used for land clearing, the report warned. — Xinhua



Residents and firefighters attempt to extinguish a wildfire as smoke and flames rise from a forested area in the Gursu district of Bursa early on 27 July 2025. PHOTO: AFP

FIREFIGHTERS battled blazes across Türkiye on Monday, as the country sweltered in a summer heatwave, officials said.

Wildfires over the past week have led to at least 14 deaths in Türkiye and sparked the evacuations of 19 villages and more than 3,500 people elsewhere from their homes.

Türkiye’s latest heatwave peaked with temperatures above 40C across much of the country last week and even reached a record 50.5C on Friday in the far southeast, in

Silopi, near the Iraqi and Syrian borders.

Firefighters battled blazes around the city of Bursa in the northwest, the Karabuk region in the north and the Kahramanmaraş region in the south.

“Five fires have been brought under control in four provinces,” said Agriculture and Forestry minister Ibrahim Yumakli.

But he said the efforts were hampered by strong winds that are fanning the flames.

“Given the size and intensi-

ty of the fires, the state’s ability to respond quickly to such disasters is sometimes limited,” he said.

“If there is wind, there are no planes and it takes hours, even days, for you to take control,” he said.

In recent days, 19 villages had to be evacuated in the Safranbolu region in the north, and more than 3,500 people around Bursa.

A firefighter battling the flames died of a heart attack on Saturday. — AFP

SPORTS

Pogacar wins fourth Tour de France title

TADEJ Pogacar captured his fourth Tour de France title with a comfortable advantage after the final stage on Sunday.

The 26-year-old Slovenian rider's previous triumphs in the world's most prestigious cycling race came in 2020, 2021 and 2024.

"Just speechless to win the Tour de France, this one feels especially amazing," he said. "Just super proud that I can wear this yellow jersey."

Two-time champion Jonas Vingegaard finished the overall race 4 minutes, 24 seconds behind Pogacar in second place, while Florian Lipowitz was 11 minutes adrift in third. Belgian rider Wout van Aert won the 132.3-kilo-

metre 21st and last stage. Because of the risk of heavy rain and crashes, organizers had earlier decided to neutralize the times 50 kilometres from the end, with Pogacar ef-

fectively securing his victory providing he crossed the finish line. But despite the danger of crashing on slick roads, Pogacar showed his will to win and launched

his attack in the Montmartre climbs amid the fans' cheers, only to see Van Aert roar back for a stage win. Pogacar crossed the line in fourth place. — Xinhua



UAE Team Emirates - XRG team's Slovenian rider Tadej Pogacar celebrates his overall victory as he cycles to the finish line of the 21st and final stage of the 112th edition of the Tour de France cycling race, 132.3 km between Mantes-la-Ville and Paris Champs-Élysees, on 27 July 2025. PHOTO: AFP

Fernandez dominates Kalinskaya to win DC Open

Canada's Leylah Fernandez produced a dominant performance to defeat Russia's Anna Kalinskaya in straight sets and win the WTA Tour's DC Open in Washington on Sunday.

The 22-year-old bagged the first WTA 500 victory of her career and her first title since 2023 to win 6-1, 6-2 in just over an hour.

The win completed

a fairytale week for Fernandez, the 2021 US Open finalist who had beaten top seed Jessica Pegula and former Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina on her way to the fourth title of her career.

Fernandez said she had grown in belief throughout her campaign. "In the beginning of the tournament (there) was still a lot of doubt, but as the tournament

progressed, I was starting to play better," Fernandez said.

"I have gone through so many different challenges this week. I think it has just made me stronger in a way, that if I can get through this week — through the cramps, through the long matches, through the heat and humidity — I can get through anything."

Fernandez got off to a

blistering start, dominating Kalinskaya's serve to take the opening set in just 30 minutes.

After three holds left Fernandez 2-1 up, the breakthrough came in the fourth game with Kalinskaya's serve looking increasingly vulnerable.

The Russian was soon in trouble at 15-40 down, and then double-faulted to hand Fernandez the break and a 3-1 lead. — AFP

Obituary
Daw Mu Yar Soe
(53 years)

It is with deep sorrow to announce to all the relatives and friends that the funeral procession of Dr Mu Yar Soe, beloved granddaughter as well as daughter of (U Kyaw Khin + Daw Khin Yee) - Myo Nyunt Yadana Family, daughter of (U Soe Win) + Dr Daw Khin Myo Myint, niece of U Ye Myint + Daw Nwe Nwe Han, (U Zaw Win) + Daw Khin Myo Win, (Daw Khin San Aye), Daw Khin Myo Thwe, Daw Khin Nann Nwe (Myo Nyunt Yadana - Bogyoke Market) and Daw Thet Maw Htwe, younger sister of U Kyaw Ze Ya + Dr Phyu Pyar Soe, elder sister of U Kyaw Lin Soe + Trizar and Ian Wright + Dr Thandar Soe, aunty of May Myat Noe Kyaw, who passed away at No.16 Pangyan street, San Chaung (North) ward, San Chaung township, Yangon at 02:23 pm on 25.7.2025 (Friday), was held and cremated at Htein Bin Cemetery on 26.7.2025. (Saturday).

Dedicating to the deceased, the remaining family will offer donations to Buddhist monks and listen to a religious sermon on 31.7.2025 (Thursday), we invite you with dejected attitude to join the seventh day ceremony of the demise.

The remaining family

Guardiola plans sabbatical after Man City tenure ends

MANCHESTER City coach Pep Guardiola says he will take a break from football when he eventually leaves the Premier League side.

Speaking to GQ Hype Magazine, Guardiola looked back on his side's struggles last season, as City finished a distant third in the Premier League and failed to reach the last 16 of the Champions League, and also discussed the strain his job takes both physically and mentally.

"I know that after this spell with City I'm going to stop, that's for sure, it's decided, more than decided," said the 54-year-old, whose current contract

expires in 2027. "I don't know how long I'll stop for, one year, two years, three years, five, ten, fifteen, I don't know. But I'm going to stop after this spell with City, because I need to stop and focus on myself, on my body," insisted Guardiola, who took a similar decision to have a year out of football after leaving FC Barcelona in 2012.

Guardiola said that he had "learned to slow down a bit" with the passing of time, but pointed out that in his job he felt responsibility to "many people who trust you, who love you: the players, the president, the sporting director." — Xinhua

China's Chen Yuxi secures 4th straight world 10m synchro platform title

CHINA'S Chen Yuxi captured her fourth straight world title in the women's 10-metre synchronized platform at the World Aquatics Championships on Monday.

Chen, partnering with 20-year-old Zhang Minjie, earned a total score of 349.26 points to take the gold. Mexico's pair of Alejandra Estudillo Torres and Gabriela Agundez Garcia claimed silver with 304.80 points, while Kim Mi Hwa and Jo Jin Mi of the DPR Korea secured bronze with 293.34.

Chen, 19, has been a dominant force in platform diving since 2020, particularly in tandem with teammate Quan Hongchan. The duo won gold in this event at both the Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 Olympic Games. — Xinhua

Chen Yuxi/Zhang Minjie of China compete during the women's 10-metre synchronized final of diving at the World Aquatics Championships in Singapore, 28 July 2025.



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Thailand, Cambodia agree on ceasefire, says Malaysian PM

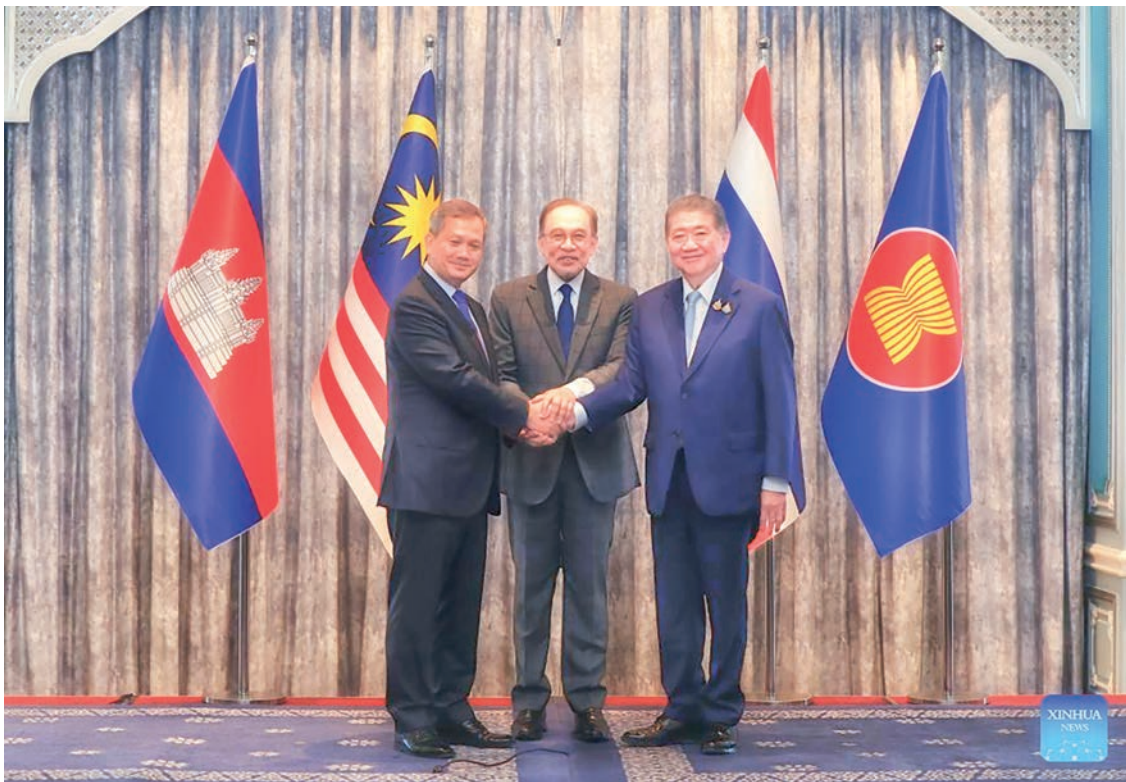
THAILAND and Cambodia's leaders have agreed to implement a ceasefire starting midnight on Monday, Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim said following a meeting hosted by him here.

At a joint press conference with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet and acting Thai Prime Minister Phumtham Wechayachai following the ceasefire talks, Anwar outlined a step-by-step de-escalation process and the mechanism through which it will be implemented and monitored.

"Both Cambodia and Thailand reached a common understanding as follows — an imme-

diately and unconditional ceasefire with effect from 24:00 hours (local time) on 28 July 2025. This is a vital first step towards de-escalation and the restoration of peace and security," he said.

According to Anwar, the initial ceasefire will be followed by the reestablishment of contacts between the regional army commanders on both sides through a face-to-face meeting at 7 am local time on 29 July, which will be followed by a meeting of the defence attaches of both sides, led by the chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) if both sides are agreeable, and finally a meeting of the General Border Committee



Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim (C), Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet (L) and Thailand's acting Prime Minister Phumtham Wechayachai shake hands in Putrajaya, Malaysia, 28 July 2025.

PHOTO: BERNAMA VIA XINHUA

(GBC) on 4 August to be hosted by Cambodia.

"As the current chair of ASEAN, Malaysia stands ready to coordinate an observer team to verify and ensure the im-

plementation of the ceasefire. Malaysia will also consult with fellow ASEAN member states to participate in the observation effort, reflecting a regional commitment to supporting peace on

the ground," he said. "Both sides also agree to resume direct communications between both prime ministers, foreign ministers and defence ministers," Anwar added. — Xinhua

Food arrives in Gaza after Israel pauses some fighting

TRUCKLOADS of food reached hungry Gazans on Monday after Israel promised to open secure aid routes, but humanitarian agencies warned vast amounts more were needed to stave off starvation.

With Gaza's population of more than two million facing famine and malnutrition, Israel bowed to international pressure at the weekend and announced a daily "tactical pause" in fighting in some areas.

"For the first time, I received about five kilos of flour, which I shared with my neighbour," said 37-year-old Jamil Safadi, who shelters with his wife, six children and a sick father in a tent near the Al-Quds hospital in Tel al-Hawa.

Safadi, who has been up before dawn for two weeks searching for food, said Monday was his first success. Other Gazans were less fortunate; some complained aid trucks had been stolen or



A military transport aircraft drops humanitarian aid over the northern Gaza Strip, on 27 July 2025. PHOTO: AFP

that guards had fired at them near US-backed aid centres.

"I saw injured and dead people. People have no choice but to try daily to get flour. What entered from Egypt was very limited," said 33-year-old Amir al-Rash, still without food and living in a tent.

Israel imposed a blockade on Gaza on 2 March after talks

to extend a six-week ceasefire broke down. Nothing was allowed into the territory until late May, when a trickle of aid resumed. Now, the Israeli defence ministry's civil affairs agency says the UN and aid agencies had been able to pick up 120 truckloads of aid on Sunday and distribute it inside Gaza, with more on the way Monday. — AFP

ISS may remain in use till 2030

THE International Space Station (ISS) is expected to stay in operation until at least 2030 after the current US-Russia agreement to use it through 2028 expires, said Roscosmos Director-General Dmitry Bakanov on Monday.

In an interview with Russia's RBC TV, Bakanov said that any decision to end the station's operation must be made jointly by Russia and the United States. "At this stage, the consolidated decision of Roscosmos and NASA is that the station is needed at least until 2028, and most likely, perhaps even until 2030," he said.

Launched in 1998, the ISS weighs about 435 tonnes and reaches 470 tonnes when docked with spacecraft. It is a multinational project involving Russia, the United States, Canada, Japan and 10 European Space Agency member states — Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Spain, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, France, Sweden and Switzerland. — Xinhua

IAEA to visit Iran in two weeks

A team of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) will visit Iran within the next two weeks, Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Esmail Baghaei said Monday.

A manual regarding the future of Iran's cooperation with the UN nuclear watchdog will be presented, based on a recent parliamentary bill restricting such cooperation, Baghaei said.

On 25 June, the Iranian parliament passed a law to suspend the country's cooperation with the IAEA. On Wednesday, an official from Iran's foreign ministry said Tehran had agreed to receive an IAEA technical team. — Xinhua