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Myanmar Embassy calls on nationals to follow local laws, visa rules

THE Myanmar Embassy in the United States has specifically advised Myanmar citizens there to be aware of local laws, visa regulations, traffic regulations, and announcements from authorities.

The host government strictly enforces immigration laws, focusing on detaining and prosecuting illegal immigrants and criminal offenders to ensure security and public safety, and urges illegal immigrants residing there to leave.

Foreigners with overstayed visas may face detention, fines, imprisonment, deportation, or permanent bans on re-entry, so Myanmar citizens need to exercise caution.

Those who have arrived legally with a visa may continue to undergo security checks later. Those found to have violated immigration laws or misused their visas may face visa revocation, deportation, and serious consequences.

Therefore, Myanmar people there are advised to pay close attention to announcements from authorities and local news. Illegal migrants wishing to voluntarily depart are encouraged to register through the CBP Home App www.dhs.gov/cbphome and to visit <https://www.cbp.gov/about/mobile-apps-directory/cbphome> for more information, and authorities have urged illegal aliens to voluntarily depart without harming the dignity of their country.

The embassy encouraged Myanmar nationals to comply with the rules and regulations, and if the passport has expired for a long time, they can apply for a certificate of identity in advance, for which they can download the required documents from the embassy's website and contact via email/phone. — MT/ZN



The building housing Myanmar's embassy in Washington is seen in a photo published on the embassy's Facebook page.



The Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association stated that black grams, which India primarily purchases, are commonly found only in Myanmar. A trader evaluates black gram in the picture.

Black gram prices steady as India's market shifts

Myanmar's black gram price remains stable as foreign demand has been slowing down.

Traders from Ayeyawady Region report flat pricing of black gram from the beginning of May. Low demand for India's mills led to a decline in black gram prices in Myanmar. Black gram from Madhya Pradesh State has been flooding the market, India's news outlets stated.

Myanmar's black gram prices declined compared to those of the corresponding period last year. Growers are expecting high prices due to high input costs.

India imported 31 per cent more black grams this financial year. India's bean production is likely to drop due to adverse weather conditions. Consequently, the price

is expected to rebound.

India has extended the free import policy of black gram (urad) until March 2026, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, announced on 10 March.

This policy is to meet the growing demand in India, traders stressed. India is the main buyer of Myanmar's black gram and pigeon peas. Consequently, the prices of black gram and pigeon pea are closely tied to India's demand and fluctuations in the foreign exchange market.

Myanmar mainly exports black gram, green gram and pigeon pea to India. Of them, black gram and pigeon peas are primarily shipped to India, while green gram is exported to China and Europe.

India has growing demand

and consumption requirements for black grams and pigeon peas. According to a Memorandum of Understanding between Myanmar and India signed on 18 June 2021, India will import 250,000 tonnes of black grams and 100,000 tonnes of pigeon peas (tur) from Myanmar for five consecutive years from the 2021-2022 financial year to the 2025-2026 financial year. This G-to-G pact will not affect the pulses' annual quota set by India. Myanmar's exporters are also entitled to deliver the pulses to India under that yearly quota.

The Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association stated that black grams, which India primarily purchases, are commonly found only in Myanmar, whereas pigeon peas, green grams and chickpeas are grown in African countries and Australia. — NN/KK

NATIONAL

Building a Knowledge-Powered Nation: Advancing Education for a Prosperous Future

A nation’s development is rooted in its wealth of knowledgeable and skilled human resources.

To accelerate progress towards a prosperous future, the State is committed to cultivating individuals with comprehensive knowledge and expertise. Simultaneously, efforts are underway to establish a high-quality, well-rounded education system that nurtures talent and fosters innovation.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with students from the five-year BEd course No 6 of the University for the Development of National Races held on 25 October 2024)

Myanmar Gazette

Heads of Service Organizations appointed

THE State Administration Council has appointed the following persons as Heads of Service Organizations, shown against each of their names on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(1) U Han Win Aung Deputy Permanent Secretary Union Minister’s Office Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Director-General ASEAN Affairs Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(2) Dr Khin Thida Deputy Director-General Department of Education Research, Planning and Training Ministry of Education	Director-General Department of Education Research, Planning and Training Ministry of Education

Well-Marked Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 6 pm MST on 28 May 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 4:30 pm MST today, the low-pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal(off Odisha coasts) has further intensified into a Well-Marked Low-Pressure Area. It is likely to move slowly northwards and further intensify into a depression duing next 24 hours.

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Wednesday 28 May 2025)

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at 4:30 pm MST today, the well-marked low-pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal(off Odisha coasts) still persists. It is likely to move slowly northwards and further intensify into a depression duing next 24 hours. Monsoon is vigorous over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 29 MAY 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kayah, and northern Shan States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of regionally heavyfalls in Magway Region and Chin, and Rakhine States and isolated heavyfalls in Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Sagaing, and Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin State. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

STATE OF THE SEA: Frequently squalls with very rough seas will be experienced in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach 40-45 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 13-15 feet in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Occasional squalls with rough to very rough sea will be experienced in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach 35-40 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-13 feet in elsewhere in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of isolated heavy rain or thundershowers in Yangon, Bago, Sagaing, Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin, Chin, Rakhine States.

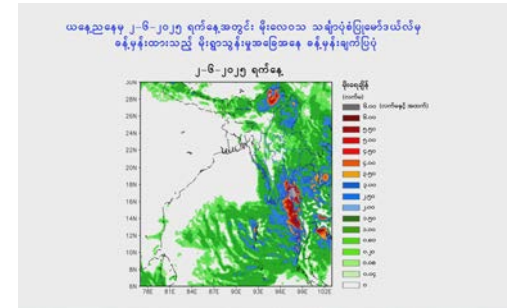
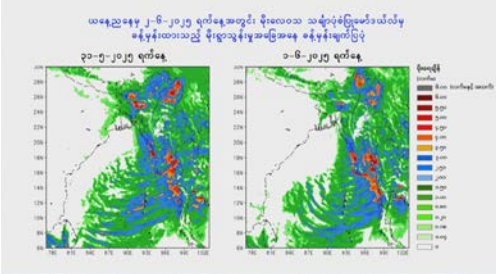
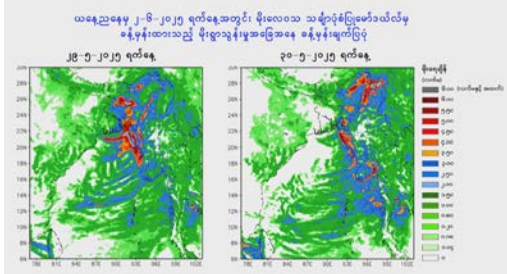
FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29 MAY 2025: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

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

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

Special Weather News

Issued at 6 pm MST on 28 May 2025



ACCORDING to the observations at 4:30 pm MST today, due to the well marked low-pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal (off Odisha coasts) and monsoon is vigorous, rain or thundershowers are likely to 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 likelihood of isolated heavyfalls during today evening to

2 June 2025. Frequently squalls with very rough seas will be experienced in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach 40-45 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 13-15 feet in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Occasional squalls with rough to very rough sea will be experienced in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach 35-40 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-13 feet in elsewhere in Gulf of Mottama, off and along 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 inland water transport and domestic flights. — 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.

(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)

DPM MoFA Union Minister receives interim UN Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator and UNICEF Representative

U THAN SWE, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mr Marcoluigi Corsi, United Nations Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator ad interim (UNRC/HC ai) and Representative of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) in Myanmar who is about to accomplish his assign-

ment in Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. They exchanged views on matters relating to cooperation between Myanmar and the United Nations during the tenure of Mr Marcoluigi Corsi in Myanmar. Also, present at the meeting were senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA



The UN Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator ad interim and UNICEF Representative calls on Deputy Prime Minister and Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Than Swe yesterday.

Huawei donates emergency supplies to quake-hit MIFER staff

MR ZHAO YOU JUN, Chief Executive Officer of Huawei Technologies Co Ltd, together with company officials, donated a total of 11 types of items, including consumer goods and medicines, for earthquake-affected staff of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations (MIFER). The donation was made on the afternoon of 28 May at the ministry’s Office 1 in Nay Pyi Taw.

Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw expressed his gratitude, stating that nearly 80 per cent of the ministry’s staff based in Nay Pyi Taw had been impacted by the recent earthquake. He thanked Huawei for providing urgently needed supplies, including temporary tents, mosquito nets,



Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw presents the appreciation certificate to CEO Mr Zhao You Jun of Huawei Technologies Co Ltd.

medicines, water purification units and related materials. Afterwards, the Union minister, the deputy minister, directors-general and other senior officials received the relief items on behalf of the ministry and presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr Zhao You Jun in recognition of Huawei’s generous contribution. — MNA/MKKS

Ongoing rescue, relief & rehab efforts for earthquake victims

AS of 28 May, the death toll from the powerful earthquake that struck Myanmar on 28 March has reached 3,739, with 5,104 people injured and 68 reported missing across six severely affected states and regions.

Search and rescue operations, coordinated by the Myanmar Fire Services Department and both domestic and international response teams, are ongoing in the hardest-hit areas. Rescue personnel have managed to save 653 survivors trapped under collapsed buildings, while 816 bodies have been recovered from the rubble.

Local donors continue to provide monetary and material aid to victims of the disaster. International support has also been forthcoming, with various countries, organizations, and philanthropic groups sending financial and humanitarian assistance.

On 26 May, a shipment of medical supplies donated by the Parami Group, a Vietnamese Buddhist organization, arrived at Yangon International Airport. The shipment weighed approximately 0.15 tonne.

All relief materials are being distributed as quickly as possible to those in need. — MNA/MKKS

NATIONAL

MoI provides stipends and stationery to student offspring of staff members



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn presents educational support funds for students through personnel from the Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information.

THE Ministry of Information held a ceremony to present educational support funds and stationery to the children of its staff for the 2025–2026 academic year, at the meeting hall of the Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the event, Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn said such support is a sign of mental support, and also a spirit of unity and solidarity among the staff. In return for this goodwill, staff members should raise their children to become intelligent, ethical, and loyal citizens who contribute positively to the nation. He added that only through a strong education system and an educated generation can the country become healthy, resilient, developed, prosperous, and wealthy.

The Union minister provided educational support funds and

stationery to the parents of students from the Minister’s Office, MRTV and the Department of Information and Public Relations, and Deputy Minister U Ye Tint to the parents of students from the Printing and Publishing Department, Media Development Department and News and Periodical Enterprises.

The ministry provided K5,000 and one dozen books to each of the primary students while K7,500 and one dozen books to middle school students, K10,000 and two dozen books to high school students and K15,000 and two dozen books to university students, amounting to K52,300,000. The support covered a total of 2,733 students: 1,348 primary students, 544 middle school students, 521 high school students and 320 university students. — MNA/KTZH

MSWRR Union Minister attends handover of prefabricated schools

THE handover ceremony for prefabricated temporary school buildings donated by ASEAN member countries through the AHA Centre for earthquake-affected areas in Mandalay Region was held yesterday morning at the meeting hall of the Department of Disaster Management under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement (MSWRR).

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Myint, Deputy Minister for MSWRR U Soe Kyi, Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Myint Soe, permanent secretaries, directors-general, deputy directors-general, Executive Director of AHA



Union Minister Dr Soe Win speaks on the handover occasion of prefabricated schools for Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing Region, Mandalay Region and Shan State.

Centre Mr Lee Yam Ming, and AN Secretariat and the AHA Centre attended the ceremony.

To ensure that schools re-open in time during the first

week of June for the 2025–2026 academic year and to allow children to continue their education safely and comfortably, 20 prefabricated school classrooms donated by ASEAN countries will be constructed — five each in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing Region, Mandalay Region and Shan State.

At the ceremony, the Union minister delivered a speech, and AHA Centre Executive Director Mr Lee Yam Ming officially handed over the prefabricated schools to Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Myint and Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Myint Soe. Union Minister Dr Soe Win also presented a certificate of appreciation to the AHA Centre. — MNA/KZL

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Rescue and rehab efforts in progress in quake zones

TATMADAW members, Myanmar Police Force members, foreign rescue squads and volunteers are making concerted efforts in rescue and rehabilitation operations in the Mandalay earthquake-affected areas.

Lt-Gen Myo Moe Aung from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) inspected the collective cleaning activities at Mandalay Hill.

He proceeded to Sky Villa and observed the preparatory measures to demolish “A” building, clearing of debris from the areas where buildings were demolished, and systematic storage of items found during the clearing processes of Sky Villa at the receipt and transfer team temporary office and systematic return of items to the rightful owners.

He inspected the completed demolition and ongoing demolishing processes of dangerous buildings using heavy machinery in Chanayethazan and Ma-



Lt-Gen Soe Tint Naing inspects debris removal efforts by Tatmadaw members in Amarapura Township, Mandalay Region, yesterday.

haaungmyay townships.

Lt-Gen Soe Tint Naing from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) went to Chauksugontaw at the Triya-

dana Mahaaungmyay Pagoda in Amarapura Township, Mandalay, and inspected the clearing of debris at the religious buildings.

He also inspected the com-

pleted clearing activities of different organizations at the religious sites in Hmantan ward of Amarapura Township, and the demolition of buildings with

machinery by Oriental Highway Company and Chinese Hokkien tribes, and donated cash and offerings to Pinma Padamya Yeiktha Sayadaws.

Lt-Gen Myo Thant Naing from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) attended the awareness seminar on earthquake-resistant building construction at Mya Sein Yaung Hall in Singaing township.

He inspected the sales of cement, iron bars and plywood at cheap prices for the reconstruction of quake-hit pagodas, religious buildings and houses in Sintgaing.

He proceeded to basic primary schools in Ohhteintaung and Sitta villages and inspected the construction of temporary school buildings.

He also observed the construction of modular container houses and work processes at the Land Records Department in Singaing township. — MNA/KTZH

7 foreign telecom fraud suspects repatriated via Friendship Bridge II



The handover event of four Kenyan and three Burundian entrants in progress on 28 May.

AUTHORITIES repatriated seven foreign nationals who were involved in telecom fraud via the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge II, taking into account humanitarian concerns and friendly bilateral ties.

The suspects, four from Kenya and three from Burundi, illegally entered Myanmar through border routes, passing through neighbouring countries, including Thailand. They engaged in online gambling, online scams, and other criminal activities in Kayin State,

particularly in areas such as Myawady-Shwe Koko, Maetawthalay (KK Park), and Kyaukhket.

To ensure a systematic and smooth repatriation process, Deputy Director U Myint Bhone and officials from the Ministry of Immigration and Population in Kayin State met with joint departmental teams on the morning before the transfer. They reviewed the list, verified data accuracy, and made necessary arrangements.

A formal handover ceremony was then held with the presence of officials from Myanmar and relevant countries. Myanmar officials handed over the legal documentation of the foreign nationals to the respective country representatives in line with official procedures.

Between 30 January and 28 May 2025, Myanmar authorities apprehended and detained a total of 9,102 foreigners who illegally entered the country. Among them, 8,699 were repatriated to their respective countries via Thailand as per legal procedures, while the remaining 403 are prepared for transfer and are being well cared for.

The government is actively identifying and arresting foreign individuals involved in online scam centres and their masterminds. Also, it is working closely with respective countries to promptly repatriate foreigners in distress or those who are victims of human trafficking. — MNA/KZL

MoFA Deputy Minister receives Russian Ambassador

U Ko Ko Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mr Iskander Azizvov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to Myanmar, yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw.

Both sides cordially exchanged views on matters related to the promotion of the ASEAN-Russia Strategic Dialogue partnership under the coordinatorship of Myanmar from 2024 to 2027 and the development of projects implemented under the framework of Myanmar-Russia bilateral relations. — MNA

Top websites and web portals to access Military Service Rules

1. Office of the State Administration Council https://sacoffice.gov.mm	
2. Ministry of Defence https://www.mod.gov.mm	3. Ministry of Legal Affairs https://www.mlis.gov.mm
4. Ministry of Information https://www.moi.gov.mm	5. Myawady Webportal https://myawady.net.mm
6. Myanmar National Portal https://myanmar.gov.mm	

NATIONAL

1,500 gold shop owners seek licence

A total of 1,500 gold shop owners in Yangon Region have applied for a gem trading licence, the Yangon Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association.

About 1,000 of them have already obtained their licence, and there will be many more to come.

At present, the deadline for seeking a trading licence has been removed. Applicants need to provide a statement showing the 25 per cent deposit of the total

assets of the business at a bank. Transaction receipts must show a specific quantity of gold.

Applicants must provide a recommendation letter from the respective township's Department of General Administration, a police clearance certificate, a recommendation letter from the Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association or YGEA, mentioning that individuals are members of the respective gold associa-

tions, tax clearance certificate and business licence granted by the respective municipal office.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation stated that gold shop owners will face legal actions under Section 5 of the Essential Supplies and Services Law if they fail to obtain a licence and execute gold transactions per the rules and regulations. — ASH/KK



Gold ornaments on display at a gold shop in Yangon.

KBZMS disburses K1.23B in earthquake payouts, aids Mandalay's recovery



KBZMS staff being briefed on accelerating claims processing for earthquake recovery.

KBZMS, the general insurance arm of Kanbawza Group, has disbursed over K1.238 billion in insurance claims as of 22 May to support recovery in areas affected by the recent earthquake, according to company sources.

Efforts are currently underway to ensure

rapid disbursement of payouts to affected customers in regions impacted by the Mandalay earthquake, enabling them to rebuild as quickly as possible. In addition, KBZMS is reportedly extending policy periods as a goodwill gesture to ensure that customers can fully benefit from their insurance coverage.

Beyond immediate claims assistance, KBZMS – working in coordination with the Kanbawza Foundation – has pledged an initial K15 billion to aid earthquake-affected communities in Mandalay. The company is also investing an additional K30 billion in the construction of KBZ Centre Mandalay, bringing the total commitment to K45 billion.

The KBZ Centre Mandalay is being built on a 16-acre plot located at 73rd Street and 110th Street in Chanyathazi Township, Mandalay. It is designed as a long-term support hub and will feature free medical clinics, a donation and supply centre, a public dining hall capable of serving 300 people at once, free-access LPG gas stoves, bathing facilities, toilets, washing machines, and clean water distribution points. — ASH/KN

Myanmar film 'Ponyate' to air on CANAL+ Zat Lenn on 1 June



A scene from the 'Ponyate' movie, featuring expressive performances by Academy Kyaw Kyaw Bo and Alin Yaung.

THE Myanmar feature film 'Ponyate' (Reflection) is set to be broadcast on the subscription-based television channel CANAL+ Zat Lenn at 8:30 pm on 1 June, according to sources.

The film's original story and screenplay were written by Cho Wut Yee, who also directed

the production under Dream Film Production.

"The film was originally released in cinemas in August 2022. For audiences who missed the theatrical screening, CANAL+ is now offering a chance to watch it from home. It is a film that blends multiple genres. It features suspenseful and thrilling sequences as well as emotional storylines about friendship and affection," said director Cho Wut Yee. "Although it is my directorial debut, based on a story and script I wrote, I'm very satisfied with how the film turned out."

The film stars Academy Kyaw Kyaw Bo and Academy Khin Moh Moh Aye, along with Alin Yaung, May, and Ye Mon, among other notable actors and actresses. — ASH/MKKS

'Pyitsalat Moe' set for cinema release this July

THE Myanmar film 'Pyitsalat Moe' has completed production and is scheduled for theatrical release in July, according to producer and Academy Sai Sai Kham Leng.

The film is adapted from a popular novel by famous writer Loon Htar Htar (Say Tekkatho) and was co-directed by Academy winners Sai Sai Kham Leng and Mee Pwar. It is produced under the Frenzo production label.

"This film has brought together director Mee Pwar, Frenzo Production, actress Po Mahme Thar, DP Ko Phyo Kyaw and me, who had chemistry on the previous movie named

Padauk Ka Telt Gita, and many more artistes. We worked hard to create a heartwarming romantic story. Production began on 27 November last year and wrapped up by 26 December. Taking on two roles – both producer and actor – made this one of my most demanding projects. This is my third major production, and I am excited that it will premiere in cinemas this July," said Sai Sai Kham Leng.

The cast includes Sai Sai Kham Leng, Teza Lin Yaung, Thein Lin Soe, Nyi Nanda, May Toe Khine, Poe Mamee Thar, Academy Khinzar Chi Kyaw and many other artistes. — ASH/KZL



This image showcases a scene from the 'Pyitsalat Moe' movie.



NATIONAL

MMFA to offer Branch Performance Management Training (Batch 2) on 21 June

THE Myanmar Microfinance Association will conduct Branch Performance Management Training (Batch 2) on 21 June.

This course is designed for operations managers, senior branch managers, branch managers, assistant branch managers, supervisors, officers from the HR Department, and Training Department and those exploring career opportunities in the microfinance sector. Branch Performance Management Training will cover Social Performance Management and COC, Efficiency and Sustainability Management, Financial Management, Portfolio Quality Management and Risk and Compliance, HR and MIS subjects, with a certified trainer of Frankfurt School of Finance& Management & Microfinance Professional Myanmar (MPM). The training will be held on 21, 22, 28, 29 and 30 June.

The fee is K120,000 for non-members. Members can enjoy a K20,000 discount. Trainees will receive a completion certificate. Those enthusiastic can enrol in the course by 15 June through <https://shorturl.at/DiFA3>. For further details, individuals can contact 09 965209010 during office hours. — NN/KK

CBM to sell US\$30M to fuel oil importers



Fleet of bowsters rolls out from oil terminal for nationwide distribution.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 27 May that it would sell US\$30 million to fuel oil importers.

CBM sold over \$288,000, 300,000 yuan and 2.8 million baht on 26 May, over 990,000 yuan and two million baht on 23 May, over 5.7 million baht on 22 May, \$120,000 and two million baht on 21 May, \$568,000 and 1.9 million baht on 20 May, \$3 million on 19 May and \$300,000 and 1.6 million baht on 16 May.

CBM pumped \$138,500 and three million baht on 15 May and over 4.3 million baht on 14 May into the financial market.

CBM announced on 13 May that it would sell \$23.67 million to fuel oil traders and 50 million baht to importers. CBM sold over \$1.62 million on 13 May and over \$820,000 and 1.5 million baht on 12 May. CBM also injected over 3.6 million baht on 9 May again in the financial market after over 5.3 million baht and 723,000 yuan on 8 May, and \$710,000 on 7 May into the financial market. CBM announced on 6 May that it would sell \$33 million and 200 million baht to those engaged in the fuel oil industry. CBM sold 397,843 yuan on that day. CBM injected over \$42 million, over 20 million baht and 500,000 yuan in April, over \$126 million, 320 million baht and 3.6 million yuan in March, over \$88 million, 7.5 million yuan and 161 million baht in February and over \$124 million, over 13.8 million baht and over 4.8 million yuan in January. CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM’s notification on 15 March, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

YRIC greenlights 3 new investment projects creating 1,220 jobs

THE Yangon Region Investment Committee organized its fifth meeting in Yangon yesterday.

It was attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, who is also chair of the committee, members and invitees.

The meeting approved two domestic projects by Myanmar citizens in the hotel and tourism sector and one foreign project in the industrial sector. The projects included motel service, hotel service and CMP garment manufacturing with a capital of K6,613.250 million and US\$ 0.866 million, creating 1,220 jobs for locals.

The meeting also discussed the appointment of 2,500 local staff by one company and other reports made by 14 companies. — Zwe Htet Ko (IPRD)/KTZH



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein delivers a speech at the fifth meeting of the Yangon Region Investment Committee in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: ZWE HTET KO (IPRD)

Public Notice

THE Anti-Corruption Commission has established corruption prevention units within ministries to curb corruption effectively.

The ACC used SMS on mobile phones to ask the public who sought services at an office of the department of the relevant ministries via short code No “1111” for feedback, including the public feedback programme (PFP).

According to the PFP, the proper replies of the citizens via short code No “1111” will provide the quality of services of each department and the requirements for corruption prevention to be fixed.

Therefore, the public should reply to the questions of the ACC and corruption prevention units of the ministries via SMS at short code “1111”. Such doing is a supportive measure for PFP, and the people are urged to cooperate in the operations.

Anti-Corruption Commission

Answer “1111” to fight against corruption



Answer “1111” to improve services

OPINION

Recognize the essential role of vaccinations for humans

VACCINATIONS have played a crucial role in global health for hundreds of years. Across continents and cultures, people have relied on vaccines as one of the most effective tools to control and eliminate deadly infectious diseases. Despite facing numerous pandemics and outbreaks throughout history, the advancement of modern medical science has allowed researchers and doctors to develop life-saving vaccines, protecting millions of lives around the world.

One of the most remarkable examples of vaccine success is the eradication of smallpox. This devastating disease, which spread across Europe in the late 18th century, was considered one of the deadliest infections in human history. It claimed the lives of approximately 60 million people globally, with a significant number of victims being young children. In 1796, a breakthrough came when Edward Jenner, a rural English surgeon, developed the world's first smallpox vaccine. His discovery marked a turning point in medical science and ultimately led to the saving of countless lives.

The recent COVID-19 pandemic further demonstrated the importance of vaccines. In just the first year of the global rollout, COVID-19 vaccines were estimated to have saved 19.8 million lives. Without these vaccines, the death toll could have reached as high as 31.4 million people worldwide. The rapid development and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines highlighted the power of scientific innovation and international collaboration.

Vaccines continue to protect people from over 20 life-threatening diseases today. According to a 2024 survey published in The Lancet medical journal, vaccinations have saved the lives of approximately 154 million children since 1974. This equates to saving about six children every minute, with 95 per cent of those saved being under five years old.

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Today, vaccines remain essential for protecting public health, increasing human life expectancy, and supporting the social and economic development of nations. Missing vaccinations can leave children vulnerable to infections that could have been prevented, potentially leading to life-threatening situations. As such, governments and health authorities around the world must continue to prioritize and promote childhood vaccination programmes. Ensuring widespread access to vaccines is not just a health issue – it is a critical investment in the future of humanity. As such, the responsibility of relevant authorities and health awareness of people must contribute to the improvement of the health sector.

IN A world often driven by desires, aspirations, and immediate satisfaction, it is easy to become passionate about what we want to be. These desires, whether materialistic, celebrity-driven, or status-oriented, seem to dominate our goals and ambitions. However, focusing solely on what we want to be can lead to a shallow existence, driven by external validation and passing pleasures. Instead, we should prioritize what we should be the qualities, roles, and responsibilities that contribute to our growth, well-being, and the well-being of those around us. By shifting our focus from what we want to be to what we should be, we can foster a deeper sense of purpose, fulfilment, and societal contribution.

Understanding “What You Should Be” versus “What You Want to Be”

At the core of this discussion lies an important distinction: the difference between what we want to be and what we should be. “What you want to be” is often based on external desires or personal interests; it could involve wanting to be famous, rich, or admired. These goals are frequently tied to material success or the pursuit of passing pleasures. While there is nothing inherently wrong with having ambitions, when they are

Prioritize What You Should Be rather than What You Want to Be

By Dr Than Lwin Tun

the sole focus, they can lead to dissatisfaction and a lack of meaning.

On the other hand, “what you should be” refers to the values, responsibilities, and qualities that we are meant to cultivate to live a fulfilling life. It involves striving to be a person of integrity, kindness, resilience, and responsibility. Focusing on what we should be centres around personal growth, the development of character, and contributing positively to our communities. It encourages us to think about our roles in a broader sense and how we can contribute to the collective good.

The Condition for Prioritizing What You Should Be
1. Personal Fulfilment Through Growth and Responsibility

When we prioritize what we should be, we are embracing the long-term process of growth and responsibility. Becoming a person

of character, empathy, and discipline requires consistent effort and introspection. These qualities not only improve our personal lives but also allow us to build meaningful relationships with others. While pursuing what we want to be may provide temporary satisfaction, it rarely leads to lasting fulfilment. In contrast, focusing on the person we should be someone who lives by values, takes responsibility for their actions, and contributes to society provides a sense of deep satisfaction that is rooted in purpose and integrity.

2. The Danger of Materialism and Superficial Success

The world often pushes us toward materialistic goals the desire for wealth, status, or fame. While these goals can seem appealing, they can also be hollow. When we focus solely on what we want to be, we risk losing sight of what

truly matters. Achieving external success without cultivating inner qualities such as empathy, patience, and humility may leave us feeling unfulfilled. Additionally, the pursuit of material wealth or status may cause us to neglect our responsibilities toward others and ourselves. In contrast, prioritizing what we should be encourages a life that values internal growth over external recognition, leading to a deeper sense of meaning and lasting contentment.

3. Building Resilience and Purpose

Life is fundamentally filled with challenges, and the path to success is rarely smooth. When we focus on what we should be, we develop resilience and perseverance. Instead of chasing after a passing image of success, we build the mental and emotional fortitude needed to face setbacks



and adversity. The qualities that define what we should be, such as discipline, humility, and perseverance, equip us with the tools to navigate difficult circumstances. In turn, this resilience fosters a

sense of purpose that transcends the ups and downs of life, allowing us to stay grounded and focused on what truly matters.

4. Contributing to the

Greater Good

A key component of prioritizing what we should be is the recognition that we are part of a larger community. It is not just about our personal growth, but how we can contribute to the well-being of others. By focusing on qualities such as kindness, compassion, and responsibility, we are better equipped to serve those around us. Whether it's through our work, our relationships, or our broader societal engagement, prioritizing what we should be ensures that our actions have a positive and lasting impact on the world. This perspective fosters a sense of connection to something greater than us, creating a life that is both meaningful and impactful.

The Challenge of Balancing Wants and Should

While the case for prioritizing what we should be is clear, it is important to recognize that our wants and desires are not basically bad. Desiring success, happiness, or personal fulfilment is part of being human. However, the key is balance. We can still pursue our ambitions, but they should not overshadow the development of our character and responsibilities. By ensuring that our goals align with what we should be, we can create a life that honours both our desires and the greater good.

To find this balance, we must reflect on our goals and ask ourselves: *What do I truly want?* Is it something that aligns with my values and can contribute to the well-being of others? Am I willing to prioritize the qualities that will make me a better person, even if they don't immediately lead to the success I desire? This self-reflection helps ensure that our desires are grounded in purpose and that our actions are aligned with our deeper values.

Moreover, prioritizing what we should be rather than what we want to be is a powerful approach to living a meaningful and fulfilling life. While desires are natural and can motivate us to achieve great things, they should not be the sole driving force behind our actions. By focusing on qualities such as integrity, resilience, and responsibility, we not only become better individuals but also contribute positively to the world around us. The path to true fulfilment lies not in the pursuit of superficial goals but in the development of character and the ability to live in alignment with our values. In this way, we can create lives that are not only successful by external measures but also deeply meaningful, purposeful, and grounded in what truly matters.

Forum on Rebuilding Myanmar: Post-Earthquake Economic Recovery

By Zaw Oo

MYANMAR'S recent 7.7-magnitude earthquake has inflicted extensive damage on infrastructure, businesses, and livelihoods, with thousands of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) directly affected. This week in Nay Pyi Taw, business leaders from earthquake-affected regions and sectors – alongside representatives from the financial sector, construction and engineering firms, quality control inspectors, and civil society organizations – are coming together with government officials and members of the diplomatic community for a multi-stakeholder dialogue. The focus is on forging public-private partnerships for effective reconstruction and long-term recovery.

The forum is jointly organized by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and the Myanmar Narrative Think Tank,

two independent and non-political institutions committed to helping communities and the economy rebound. A key goal of the gathering is to coordinate joint needs assessments across affected sectors and regions to prioritize the rebuilding of MSMEs — the backbone of Myanmar's economy.

According to early estimates following two months of search, rescue, and emergency relief operations, the government has reported over 3,700 fatalities, the destruction of more than 67,000 homes, and severe disruption to central Myanmar's logistics infrastructure. This ranks the earthquake as one of the most devastating natural disasters in the country's history. In comparison, the 2015 floods, which caused

as, this earthquake has hit urban centres, key logistics hubs, and administrative zones, amplifying its economic and strategic impact.

The scale of damage requires a collective national effort – both from communities and businesses and with critical support from the government. While many private actors are ready to rebuild, certain barriers remain that only the public sector can address. For instance, reconstruction in the housing market depends on updated building codes and effective regulatory enforcement to ensure future resilience. Although demand for housing is high and both financiers and builders are ready to act, progress cannot be made without an enabling policy framework.

This forum will bring all relevant stakeholders together to explore practical solutions, manage risks, such as moral hazards

or inefficient resource allocation, and ensure long-term sustainability. It will also identify opportunities for financial institutions and insurance providers to step into underserved markets, fostering innovation and stability in the recovery landscape.

Crises often bring with them opportunities. This forum will allow industry associations and regional chambers to propose public-private partnership (PPP) initiatives for economic rehabilitation. At the same time, it will examine how Myanmar can improve its resilience to geopolitical and geo-economic shocks while expanding its economic integration with the region and beyond.

Myanmar has a strong track record of recovery and reform. After Cyclone Nargis devastated the Ayeyawady Delta in 2008, killing nearly 200,000 people, Myanmar developed its first post-disaster

recovery plan in partnership with ASEAN – opening the door to economic liberalization and institutional reform by 2010. In 2015, following devastating floods, the government collaborated with international financial institutions to conduct a Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA), unlocking a steady flow of development assistance for years to come. Even in 2020, when GDP dropped by 18 per cent due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Myanmar bounced back to positive growth within a year.

The agriculture sector, Myanmar's traditional economic backbone, continues to offer export potential, especially in rice, pulses, and maize. Here, Myanmar's immediate neighbours — China, India, and Thailand — played critical roles as early responders, deploying search-and-rescue teams and delivering aid during the golden hours after the quake. Now, as

the country transitions from relief to recovery, these partners have a chance to support longer-term economic development through trade and investment.

For example, China delivered aid through previously contested border trade routes, demonstrating the potential for these routes to support a more reliable flow of building materials and essential goods. At the same time, they could serve Myanmar's agricultural exports, ensuring supply chains remain affordable and functional.

India and Thailand, key markets for Myanmar's agricultural exports, can offer preferential trade arrangements to guarantee consistent demand for pulses and maize, giving affected farmers price stability and incentives to focus on high-yield crops. Moving away from annual quotas or seasonal restrictions would empower

farmers to recover more quickly and plan for the long term.

This kind of regional integration should guide Myanmar's recovery framework. It also serves the interests of neighbouring countries, especially in an era of global trade tensions and uncertain supply chains. Recent decisions by ASEAN leaders — and initiatives by Thailand and Malaysia to support Myanmar's recovery planning — are welcome developments that this forum will seek to build upon.

One of the most meaningful moments of the forum will be a national vote of thanks from Myanmar's people to the international community. China deployed the largest number of search-and-rescue teams, with its 15th batch of donated supplies arriving just last week. Thailand sent the largest contingent of medical professionals, whose work complemented

the US-based Samaritan's Purse “hospital plane”. India contributed essential disaster expertise and engineering support. Even fellow least-developed country Nepal extended its support — sharing invaluable lessons from its 2015 earthquake experience.

In a deeply fragmented multipolar world, Myanmar has been fortunate to receive support from friends both near and far. As we shift from relief to rebuilding, this forum aims to chart a forward-looking agenda — one focused on recovery, resilience, and renewed partnerships for Myanmar's economic future.

(Zaw Oo is a development economist and has contributed to Myanmar's post-disaster recovery efforts in 2008 and 2015. The views expressed are his own.)

NATIONAL

Announcement for well-wishers to donate cash to severe earthquake victims

TO support those affected by the Mandalay earthquake that struck on 28 March and to facilitate rehabilitation efforts, a second donation ceremony will be held in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory on Thursday, 29 May.

Those wishing to donate are encouraged to contact the following officials from the Department of Disaster Management under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief, and Resettlement at their earliest convenience:

- (1)

Daw Lei Lei Aye
Director-General
09 2021491
- (2)

U Nyi Nyi Naing
Deputy Director-General
09-5052352
- (3)

Daw Phyu Phyu Win
Director
Phone number 09 43054844
Office phone 067 404702, 067 404701, 067 404710

146 Myanmar workers deployed to S Korea under EPS



Some Myanmar EPS workers.

A round of sending EPS workers to the Republic of Korea was made on 28 May, through the Public Overseas Employment Agency (POEA), according to the Myanmar Embassy.

By Myanmar National Airlines' charter flight UB 8301, the new 146 manufacturing workers arrived at Incheon Airport from Yan-

gon on 28 May.

The labour attaché from the Myanmar Embassy in Seoul welcomed and advised them what they should follow, and provided the assistance they needed, said the embassy.

Under the employment permit system (EPS), POEA has been sending Myanmar workers to South Korea; 182 workers were sent on 22 April, and 142 workers- 58 are manufacturing workers, 25 are forestry workers, 19 are construction workers, 7 are service sector workers (includes a woman) and 15 are agriculture and livestock workers were sent on 19 March.

Similarly, 107 manufacturing workers and 37 agriculture and livestock workers, totalling 144, were sent on 15 January, and 139 manufacturing workers and 8 construction workers, totalling 147, were sent on 12 February, according to statistics released by the embassy. — MT/ZS

DMH: Depression likely to form in BOB within 24 hours



Images show conditions of a possible depression in the next 24 hours.

A depression is likely to form in the next 24 hours, according to a statement issued by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology at 11 am on 28 May.

According to the measurements made at 10:30 am today, Myanmar Standard Time, the low-pressure area over the northwest Bay of Bengal (off the coast of Odisha, India) has strength-

ened and become a well-marked low-pressure area. It is forecast to move northward slowly, strengthen further and become a depression in the next 24 hours.

“Cyclogenicity in the next 48 hours is considered high, and the ECMWF cyclone activity, including genesis, stated that there is a 100 per cent chance of a depression. The India Meteorological Department forecast that it may develop from a well-marked LPA to a depression. There is not enough time to intensify because it is very close to the coast,” said meteorologist U Win Naing.

If it reached the cyclone level as well as landfall, it would have been a named one in 2025.

“If it strengthened, rain and wind would be more intense in Myanmar, especially in the Rakhine coastal area. I will mainly report on the intensified situation,” he said at around 2 pm on 28 May. — Htun Htun/ZN

Sitagu’s 12th eye donation round aids 19,567 patients

DURING the 12th round of eye-sight donation, Sitagu Cakku Dana Hospital in Yangon provided treatment for 19567 patients with eye conditions.

Of them, 14,815 were provided eye examination, while 4,496 underwent surgery, and 256 received laser treatment.

The hospital’s eyesight donation project has been successful under the guidance of Sitagu Sayadaw. It helped patients regain their sight: 1,468 patients in first time, 1,807 patients in second time, 2,041 patients in third time, 2,608 patients in fourth time, 554 patients in fifth time, 2,327 patients in sixth time, 601 patients in seventh time, 2,825 patients in eighth time, 896 patients in ninth time, 2,385 patients in tenth time, 1,593 patients in eleventh time and 462 patients in twelfth time.

Sitagu Cakku Dana Hospital thanked eye specialists, nurses and medical assistants, volunteers and donors for medicines, food, transportation and accommodation. — MT/ZS



Patients are receiving treatment at the Sitagu Cakku Dana Hospital.

EARTHQUAKE

(Issued at 2:40 pm MST)

A slight earthquake of magnitude 3.8 Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about 21 miles north-northeast of Mong Pan), latitude 20.61°N, longitude 98.46°E, depth 10 kilometres, about 86 miles southwest of Kengtung seismological observatory was recorded at 14 hours 28 minutes 13 seconds MST on 28 May 2025. — DMH

Rocking ‘King Lear’ to draw young audience in Iran

The production includes elaborate 17th-century-inspired costumes and live Persian-language songs by Iranian rock musician Reza Yazdani.

AN Iranian director is revitalizing William Shakespeare’s “King Lear” with a contemporary staging in Tehran that incorporates rock music and a vibrant light show to engage younger audiences. In a country where artists navigate strict censorship, Elika Abdolrazzaghi, a prominent actress and director, has reimagined the classic play to make it more accessible.

She believes that a traditional rendition would be too heavy for modern viewers, so

she has infused the performance with music from British rock band Muse and German group Rammstein, along with dynamic movement and dance. The production features elaborate costumes inspired by 17th-century fashion, and live performances of Persian-language songs by renowned Iranian rock musician Reza Yazdani. The show has resonated with audiences, with attendees praising its engaging performances and innovative set design. — AFP



Tragedies such as King Lear are ‘universal and resonate with people around the world’, said lead actor Ahmad Saatchian. **PHOTO: AFP**

‘Harry Potter’ series finds its Harry, Ron, and Hermoine



Over 30,000 actors auditioned for these iconic roles following an open casting call launched by HBO last fall. **PHOTO: ANI**

HBO’S ‘Harry Potter’ TV series has officially found its Harry, Ron and Hermoine.

Dominic McLaughlin, Arabella Stanton and Alastair Stout will step into the shoes of Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint to essay the roles of Harry Potter, Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley.

Welcoming the new actors on board, the makers on Instagram wrote, “Dear Mr Potter, Miss Granger, and Mr Weasley: We are pleased to inform you that you have a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Please welcome Dominic McLaughlin as Harry Potter, Arabella Stanton as Her-

mione Granger, and Alastair Stout as Ron Weasley to the HBO Original Series Harry Potter.”

Over 30,000 actors auditioned for the lead roles since HBO launched an open casting call last fall, as per Variety.

Speaking about the series, showrunner Francesca Gardiner and executive producer and director Mark Mylod in a statement said, “After an extraordinary search led by casting directors Lucy Bevan and Emily Brockmann, we are delighted to announce we have found our Harry, Hermione, and Ron.

“The talent of these three unique actors is wonderful to behold, and we cannot wait for the world to witness their magic together onscreen. We would like to thank all the tens of thousands of children who auditioned. It’s been a real pleasure to discover the plethora of young talent out there.” — ANI

‘One in a billion’: French stuntwoman putting fizz into Hollywood

SARAH Lezito, a French winemaker’s daughter, has transformed her childhood passion for motorbikes into a successful career as a stunt double for Hollywood stars, including Scarlett Johansson in “Avengers 2” and “Black Widow”. At 32, she stands out as one of the few motorcycle stuntwomen, leveraging her impressive social media presence to transition from the vineyards of France’s Champagne region

to the glitz of Hollywood.

Lezito began her journey at 13, practicing stunts on her family’s agricultural quad. Her breakthrough came in 2013 when a video titled “One out of Billion Girls” caught the attention of the “Avengers 2” team, prompting her to abandon her winemaking studies for a career in stunts. Since then, she has appeared in major films like “Inferno” and “The Batman”. — AFP



French stuntwoman Sarah Lezito does her stuff. **PHOTO: AFP**

ECONOMY

WORLD/AD

German court says emitters can be held responsible for climate change costs

A German court on Wednesday said that emitters could be held responsible for the costs caused by their carbon emissions in a ruling from a case brought by a Peruvian farmer against German energy giant RWE. “If there is a threat of harm, the polluter of CO2 emissions may be obligated to take preventive measures... (or) bear the costs in proportion to their share of the emissions,” the higher regional court in Hamm said, although it rejected the farmer’s specific claim. — AFP

PESTICIDES DISTRIBUTER CHANGING

The manufacture of **Thep Watana Co.,Ltd** have registered the following products in Pesticide Registration Board of Myanmar to distribute in Myanmar. Now, we have to change from old distributor name “**Sa Sa International Co.,Ltd**”, to new distributor name “**Noble King Co.,Ltd**”. If any object or enquiry, please contact to Pesticide registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayint Naung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon, from here to next 14 days. **Noble King Co.,Ltd**. Ph-09401573814

Sr.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration No.
1.	Lakic	Kasugamycin hydrochloride hydrate 2% w/v SL	P2020-4915
2.	Dennis	Difenoconazole 15% + Propiconazole 15% EC	P2020-4751

PESTICIDES DISTRIBUTER CHANGING

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Sr.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration No.
1.	NAB-Dollar	Pretilachlor 50% EC	P2020-4836

PESTICIDE TRADE NAME CHANGE ADVERTISING

The following pesticide distributed by **Taw Win Dar Co.,Ltd** and here we would like to pesticide trade name change advertising. Anyone who would like to object or inquiry about new trade name contact within 14 days to Joint-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayint Naung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon. Taw Win Dar Co.,Ltd Tel:09-401573814

Sr.	Old Trade Name	New Trade Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1.	Santis	Poe Ngar Kaung	Acetamiprid 20% SL	P2020-5079



The manufacturing of cars involves energy-intensive processes such as part manufacturing, assembly, and painting, which release substantial amounts of carbon dioxide. **PHOTO: KYODO/FILE**

Japan enacts law obliging firms to join CO2 emissions trading scheme

The law targets companies emitting 100,000 tonnes of CO2 or more annually, including industries like steel and automotive.

JAPAN’S parliament on Wednesday enacted a law obliging 300 to 400 major firms to participate in a carbon emissions trading system that will be introduced in the financial year starting April 2026. The revised law, designed to advance the country’s green transformation and decarbonization, targets companies producing 100,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide or more a year across a broad range of industries including the production of steel and cars. The government estimates that the companies account for nearly 60 per cent of domestic greenhouse gas emissions. Under the trading system, the companies will be allotted a maximum emission allowance. Carbon credits will have to be purchased on market for any emissions above that threshold from companies that amassed a surplus by not reaching their threshold. The ability to sell surplus credits creates an incentive for companies to reduce emissions. — Kyodo

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MAERSK VALENCIA VOY.NO. (518W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MAERSK VALENCIA VOY.NO. (518W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **29-5-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/MIP** where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon. Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel. No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day. Phone No: **2301185** **Shipping Agency Department**
Myanma Port Authority
Agent For:
M/S MAERSK A/S

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V GOLSAN VOY.NO. (SCY1179)

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Agent For:
M/S LAND AND SEA INTERMODAL LOGISTICS
SDN BHD LINE

Australia approves 40-year extension for contentious gas plant

AUSTRALIA on Wednesday approved a 40-year extension to a major liquified gas plant, brushing off protests from Pacific island neighbours fearful it will inflame climate damage. The North West Shelf is a sprawling industrial complex of offshore rigs and processing factories pumping out more than 10 million tonnes of liquified gas and petroleum each year. Run by resources giant Woodside, it is one of the world’s largest producers of liquified natural gas -- and one of Australia’s biggest polluters. Originally slated to close in five years’ time, Environment Minister Murray Watt on Wednesday approved an extension to keep it running until 2070. — AFP

Chinese, European enterprises vow to deepen semiconductor ties

The meeting emphasized China's opposition to unilateralism and bullying practices, advocating for the security and stability of the global semiconductor supply chain.

THE Ministry of Commerce said that it held a meeting on Tuesday to discuss deepened cooperation in the semiconductor sector between China and Europe.

Attendees included officials from central government departments, representatives from the China Semiconductor Industry Association and the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China, as

well as over 40 semiconductor enterprises from both sides.

The meeting said that China and Europe occupy critical positions in the global semiconductor supply chain. Strengthening collaboration in this field aligns with the shared interests of both sides.

Against the backdrop of a complex and challenging international landscape marked by ris-

ing uncertainties, China will continue to advance high-standard opening-up and create a fair, stable, transparent and predictable environment for enterprises.

The meeting stressed that China firmly opposes unilateralism and bullying practices, advocating for the security and stability of the global semiconductor supply chain. — Xinhua



Technicians work in the workshop of optical chips at a chip company in Quanzhou, Fujian province on 23 February 2023. PHOTO: XINHUA

‘State of emergency’ in Panama after strike leads to layoffs

THE Panamanian government on Tuesday declared a state of emergency in one province after US banana giant Chiquita Brands laid off about 5,000 workers following a strike that had ground its production to a halt.

Workers went on strike a month ago in the province of Bocas del Toro, blocking roads and halting school instruction to protest a pension re-

form approved by Congress.

Construction workers have also been striking for the past month over the pension reforms.

The “state of emergency” declaration allows the government to speed past bureaucratic hurdles to address economic or social crises quickly. Bocas del Toro lives off tourism and banana production. — AFP



Vehicles drive through banana plantations belonging to a subsidiary of US banana Chiquita Brands in Bocas del Toro, Panama. PHOTO: AFP

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Price adjustment announced for Global New Light of Myanmar

Due to the rising costs of newsprint, ink, and printing plates for the daily newspaper, the price of The Global New Light of Myanmar Daily will be set at K500 per copy starting from 1 June 2025. Delivery charge will be collected separately, and such a rate will depend on the location.

We respectfully request that the readers understand the unavoidable circumstances of a changing price, and we are grateful for the support from our valued readers.

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PESTICIDE TRADE NAME CHANGING

Notice is hereby given that the official trade name has been changed of Marlarmyaing Public Co., Ltd. for the following insecticides by Mountain Peak Cropcare Pte., Ltd.

Old Trade Name	New Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration Type	Registration No.
M-Glyphosate	Super M	Glyphosate 48% SL	Full	F2018-1605
Marlar Fighter	Busan	Difenoconazole 12.5% + Azoxystrobin 20% SC	Provisional	P2024-6430

We invite objections to Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Office, Plant Protect Division, Department of Agriculture, West Gyogane, Insein Township, Yangon from all parties within the period of fourteen (14) days from the publication of this notice. If no objections are received within the period prescribed, parties mentioned about shall proceed with the completion of formalities recorded with the Pesticide Registration Office.

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

World Health Assembly concludes with historic pandemic agreement adopted

The 78th World Health Assembly concluded after nine days, adopting a global pandemic agreement and approving a base programme budget of over \$4 billion for 2026-2027.

THE nine-day 78th World Health Assembly concluded in Geneva on Tuesday, during which member states adopted the much-anticipated global pandemic agreement and approved the base program budget of over US\$4 billion for 2026-2027.

The World Health Organization (WHO) noted that the adoption of the Pandemic Agreement culminated more than three years of intensive negotiations

launched by governments in response to the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, driven by the goal of making the world safer from and more equitable in response to future pandemics.

“The WHO pandemic agreement will run among the most significant achievements in the history of this organization and of global health,” WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said after the

global pact’s adoption, underscoring that it places humanity in a stronger position than ever before to prepare for and respond to pandemics.

Delegates at the Assembly approved a base program budget of \$4.2 billion for 2026-2027, fully based on the Fourteenth General Program of Work, the global health strategy developed by the UN specialized agency for the next four years. —Xinhua



The World Health Organization (WHO) stated that the Pandemic Agreement is a result of over three years of negotiations aimed at improving global preparedness and equity in response to future pandemics. **PHOTO: AFP /FILE**

Moscow to hand over peace memorandum to Kyiv soon

MOSCOW will send a draft peace memorandum to Kyiv

soon, which will outline the key principles of a potential



Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova attends a weekly briefing on 23 March 2023. **PHOTO:RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY PHOTO/XINHUA**

settlement, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova said Tuesday.

“Russia continues to work on a draft memorandum regarding a future peace treaty, which will outline a number of positions, including the principles of a settlement, the timing of a possible peace agreement, a potential ceasefire,” Zakharova said at her weekly press briefing.

She said that once the memorandum is completed it will be sent to Kyiv, adding that Russia expects Ukraine to be preparing its own draft to send in response. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Japan to allow visa-free visits from Montenegro to boost exchanges

JAPANESE Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba on Wednesday told his Montenegrin counterpart Milojko Spajic about a plan to start visa exemptions for short-term visitors from the Balkan nation to boost bilateral exchanges.

Calling Montenegro “an extremely important partner that share values and principles,” Ishiba also agreed with Spajic to work together to uphold a “free and open” international order based on the rule of law, according to the Japanese Foreign Ministry.

The planned launch of the visa-free scheme for Montenegrin passport holders from 1 September is expected to facilitate exchanges of people between the two countries, Ishiba was quoted as saying during the meeting in Tokyo. He also said Japan will support Montenegro, a NATO member, in its goal to join the European Union by 2028, the ministry said. — Kyodo

New Zealand Foreign Minister arrives Kathmandu on two days’ visit, ahead Everest Day

NEW ZEALAND’S Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Winston Peters has arrived Kathmandu on his maiden two days’ visit to the Himalayan Nation.

Peters was received by Foreign Secretary Amrit Bahadur Rai at the airport along with other Foreign Ministry officials.

The New Zealand Foreign Minister is scheduled to make courtesy meeting with Nepali President Ram Chandra Paudel, Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli on Wednesday itself. Apart from the President and the Prime Minister, Peters will also conduct bilateral talks with Foreign Minister Arzu Rana Deuba. He also will be holding meeting with leader of opposition and former Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal today itself.

Deputy PM Peters tomorrow will embark on Everest flight and visit the heritage sites of Kathmandu, as per the Foreign Ministry of Nepal. Visit of Peters comes a day ahead of the Everest Day. — ANI

Indonesia, France strengthen ties during Macron’s visit

INDONESIAN President Prabowo Subianto on Wednesday hosted French President Emmanuel Macron in Jakarta for high-level talks covering key sectors such as defense, energy, economy, investment, education, and transportation.

“Today, we agreed to advance further by adopting

a shared vision toward the 100th anniversary of Indonesia-France relations by 2050,” Prabowo said during a joint press conference after their meeting.

In the defence sector, the two countries pledged to enhance collaboration, including efforts to build human resource

capacity. On the economic front, both leaders voiced support for more balanced trade and investment ties.

“In various fields, our ties are growing stronger, particularly in energy transition, food security, free nutritious meal programme, and maritime affairs,” Prabowo said. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Maung Maung Lwin makes history with goal against Man United

MYANMAR'S football star Maung Maung Lwin etched his name into history by scoring the only goal in ASEAN All-Stars' sensational 1-0 victory over English giants Manchester United in a post-season friendly held on the night of 28 May at Bukit Jalil Stadium in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Despite United fielding a squad mixed with senior stars and young prospects, it was the ASEAN All-Stars who emerged victorious thanks to a stunning 70th-minute strike by Maung Maung Lwin. Coming off the bench in the second half, the Myanmar winger capitalized on a de-

fensive lapse to deliver the decisive blow, becoming the first-ever Myanmar player to score against Manchester United.

United, still reeling from a disappointing domestic season where they finished in the bottom half of the Premier League and lost the Europa League final to Tottenham Hotspur, looked sluggish in their Asian opener. Their starting lineup featured familiar names like Harry Maguire, Casemiro, Rasmus Hojlund, Kobbie Mainoo and Andre Onana, while the second half saw wholesale changes with the introduction of Bruno Fernandes, Alejandro Garnacho and Amad Diallo.



All-Stars Maung Maung Lwin (L) celebrates with a teammate after scoring a goal during the exhibition friendly football match between Manchester United and Asean All-Stars at the National Stadium Bukit Jalil in Kuala Lumpur on 28 May 2025. PHOTO: AFP

Despite these changes and some late pressure, the Red Devils were unable to find a breakthrough, with Maung Maung Lwin's goal standing firm until the final whistle. The result delivers an early blow to United's post-season tour and provides ASEAN football with a landmark moment in front of a packed Southeast Asian crowd. — Ko Nyi Lay/ KZL

2025 Inter-State & Region Rowing Championship kicks off at Inya Lake



Rowers are arduously competing in close quarters on Inya Lake during the championship event.

THE opening ceremony for the 2025 Inter-State and Region Rowing Championship was held yesterday at 3 pm at Inya Lake in Yangon.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, officials from the Myanmar Rowing Federation, including its chairperson, team officials, coaches, athletes from various states and regions, and guests attended the event.

Yangon Region Chief Minister first delivered a speech, followed by an address from the Deputy Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, who officially opened the championship.

Officials greeted the participating athletes and watched the first day of rowing competitions. According to the organizers, the championship includes 12 teams with around 330 athletes competing. The event will run until 29 May. — Arkar Linn/KZL

Cunha set for Man Utd move - reports

MANCHESTER United are set to sign Brazil international Matheus Cunha after meeting the £62.5 million (\$85 million) buyout clause in his Wolves contract, British media reported on Wednesday.

The Red Devils have moved swiftly to begin an overhaul of Ruben Amorim's squad after their worst season since the English giants were relegated 51 years ago.

United finished 15th in the Premier League and lost the Europa League final to Tottenham, meaning they failed to qualify for European competition next season.

The BBC reported United will pay the fee in three instalments over the next two years after Wolves rejected a proposal to split the payment over five years.



Cunha scored 17 goals to help haul Wolves out of a relegation battle as they finished behind United only on goal difference in the Premier League table. — AFP

Matheus Cunha is set to join Man Utd from Wolves. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

More to life than football, says Klopp after Liverpool parade crash

LIVERPOOL'S beloved former manager Jurgen Klopp said there are more "serious things in the world than football" after a car ploughed into supporters at the end of a parade to celebrate the club's Premier League title triumph.

A 53-year-old man from the Liverpool area has been held by police on suspicion of attempted murder and taking drugs after 65 people were

injured in Monday's shocking scenes.

Klopp, who left the English giants a year ago, was in attendance for the parade.

It was the first chance the club and supporters had to celebrate a title triumph together for 35 years as the 2019/20 league won by Klopp's side came during a period of restrictions on public gatherings due to COVID-19.

"The mood was incredible

and from one second to the other, everything changed because we then learned again there are more serious things in the world than football," Klopp said when being presented with an award by the League Managers' Association.

"Thoughts and prayers go definitely to the, as far as I know right now, injured people, but to the families, of course, as well". — AFP



Putin: Moscow security summit to shape new strategies for global stability

Vladimir Putin referenced the recent celebration of Victory Day on 9 May, emphasizing it as a symbol of unity and a commitment to collaborative efforts in addressing global challenges.

V LADIMIR Putin expressed confidence that the International Meeting of High Representatives for Security Issues in Moscow will help elaborate meaningful approaches to bolster international peace and stability.

“Just recently, on 9 May, we solemnly marked the anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War. The celebration in Moscow stood as a powerful symbol of unity around the legacy of that triumph—once again highlighting the commitment of our friends and partners to building a safer world through constructive cooperation and collective efforts to solve global challenges,” said the Russian President.

— SPUTNIK



Military parade marking the 80th anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War. PHOTO: ALEKSEY MAISHEV, RIA NOVOSTI/FILE

Trump offers Canada free Golden Dome system — but there’s a Catch

US President Donald Trump has said that joining the Golden Dome missile defence system will cost

Canada \$61 billion, calling on the country to become part of the United States to save money.



White House Chief of Staff Susie Wiles looks on from behind a chart on the Golden Dome missile defence system as US President Donald Trump speaks during a press conference in the Roosevelt Room of the White House on 12 May 2025, in Washington, DC. PHOTO: AFP

Last week, Trump said that his administration is launching the Golden Dome missile defence programme worth \$175 billion, aimed at delivering the highest level of protection for US airspace. Trump noted that Canada showed interest in joining the program, and his administration plans to discuss this matter with Ottawa.

“I told Canada, which very much wants to be part of our fabulous Golden Dome System, that it will cost 61 Billion Dollars if they remain a separate, but unequal, Nation, but will cost ZERO DOLLARS if they become our cherished 51st State. They are considering the offer,” Trump said on Truth Social.

Trump has repeatedly advocated for Canada to join the US, arguing that the country does not earmark sufficient funds for defense, relying on Washington for protection. — SPUTNIK

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Argentina urges UK to resume talks on Falkland Islands after Chagos deal

THE Argentine Foreign Ministry, against the backdrop of the UK’s decision to transfer the Chagos Archipelago to Mauritius, has called on London to resume talks regarding the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands.

On Thursday, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer announced the signing of a deal to transfer sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago, where a UK-US military base is located, to Mauritius.

“Argentina welcomes the signing of the agreement between the British government and Mauritius regarding the Chagos Archipelago ... Argentina once again calls on the UK to resume talks on the sovereignty of the Malvinas Islands ... Restoring Argentina’s full sovereignty over these territories and maritime spaces is a permanent goal of the country’s foreign policy,” the ministry said in a statement on Monday.

There has been a long-standing dispute between the governments of Argentina and the UK over sovereignty over the Falkland Islands. In 1982, the two countries fought a war that lasted for several weeks and ended in defeat for Buenos Aires. — SPUTNIK