

# The Global **NEW LIGHT** of MYANMAR

## Myanma Pawsan rice seeks GI status

First exported in 2001-2002, Myanma Pawsan - known globally as Myanma Pearl Rice - earned international acclaim when Pyapon Pawsan won top honours at the World Rice Conferences in 2009 and 2011.



A farmer showcases Myanma Pawsan paddy grain, globally known as Myanma Pearl Rice.

**M**YANMAR Rice Federation (MRF) stated that Myanmar is working towards achieving Geographical Indication (GI) status for

Myanma Pawsan Rice in the global market although it has already achieved popularity in the international market. Myanma Pawsan was first exported

in the 2001-2002 financial year, and Pyapon Pawsan won the third prize for World's Best Rice at the World Rice Conference **SEE PAGE 11**

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## DUHD to sell affordable housing units

A total of 249 rooms in seven buildings will be put up for sale in June 2025 by linking with the home loan programme of the CHID Bank.

The Department of Urban and Housing Development under the Ministry of Construction will sell apartment units of Yoma Yeiktha, Yuzana Phase III, Thilawa and Kyansitmin Phase I housing under a home loan of the Construction, Housing and Infrastructure Development Bank (CHID) with a low interest rate.

There are 2,020 people who have deposited more than K3 million at the CHID Bank as of 31 March 2025, and they are eligible

to register their applicant name through DUHD Sale Housing Facebook messenger between 16 and 20 June 2025 from 9 am to 4 pm. They must fill in their name, father's name, national scrutiny card, name of the housing and CHID Bank's down payment serial number after observing types of buildings, price, apartment size and location. It will exercise a first-come, first-served system. Early birds will be entitled to draw lots.

Drawing lots will be held on 27 June 2025, and housing loans will be granted to those winners who are allowed to buy an apartment unit. — ASH/KK



This picture captures apartment units to be sold under a home loan programme with a low interest rate from the CHID Bank.

# NATIONAL

## Serving national defence duty to safeguard the entire country and people

- A citizen serving the duty of national defence means protecting and safeguarding the entire country and all people.
- Carrying out such a duty is also a responsibility of national pride.
- Just as Tatmadaw, which hold the primary responsibility for national defence, must be supported and assisted by the people, Our Three Main National Causes must be carried out collectively by both the people and Tatmadaw.

*(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 on 25 October 2024)*

### Myanmar Gazette

## Head of Service Organization appointed

THE State Administration Council has appointed Dr Kyi Kyi Than Aung, Deputy Director-General of the Legal Advice Department of the Ministry of Legal Affairs, as Director-General of the Legislative Vetting Department of the same organization from the date she assumes charge of her duties.

## Weather

### Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Monday 2 June 2025)

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

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 3 JUNE 2025:** Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing Region and Kayah State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway and Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Southern Shan States. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD:** The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Yangon, Bago, Magway, Upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin, Mon, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine and 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 these phenomena.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Occasionally squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-13 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Moderate monsoon.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 JUNE 2025:** Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 JUNE 2025:** Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 JUNE 2025:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

## Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 7:30 pm MST on 2 June 2025)

ACCORDING to the 6:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Myitkyina has exceeded by about two inches above its danger level. It may continue to rise from the present water level by about 11/2 feet during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

It is especially advised to the people who settle near the river banks and low lying areas in Myitkyina Township, to take precaution measure. — DMH

## Flood Warning

(Issued at 2 pm MST on 2 June 2025)

ACCORDING to the 12:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Katha is observed as 81/2 feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next two days.

It is especially alert to the people who settle near the river banks and low lying areas in Katha Township, to take precaution measure and to stay away from the flood-prone areas in time if the water level will rise. — DMH

## New Minimum Temperature Record of June

Issued at 2 June 2025

Sr No	Station	Date of New Record	New Tmin Record		Date of old Record	Old Tmin Record		Past Years of opening station
			(°C)	(°F)		(°C)	(°F)	
1	Myitkyina	2-6-2025	18.7	65.7	19-6-1966	19.0	66.2	59

## COVID-19 report, 2 June 2024

### NEW TESTS

1,778

### NEW CASES

17

### CASUALTIES

NIL

Myanmar National Centre for Diseases Control  
Department of Public Health

## 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

## 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)*

## Huawei donates relief supplies for earthquake victims through DMC

HUAWEI Technologies (Yangon) Co Ltd donated consumer goods, medicines and medical supplies to the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement yesterday afternoon to provide necessary assistance to the people affected by the earthquake.

National Disaster Management Committee First Vice-Chair Union Minister for Home Affairs



Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung received the donation, expressed gratitude and presented a certificate of appreciation.

The donation ceremony was attended by the leader of the Disaster Management Committee Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen

Aung Kyaw Kyaw and Secretary of the National Disaster Management Committee Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Kyi. The relief items have been handed over to the Ministry of Health. — ASH/MKKS

Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung accepts the donation and presents an appreciation certificate to Huawei Technologies (Yangon).

## Over 5M students return as new school year begins

THE basic education schools and monastic schools for the 2025-2026 Academic Year reopened in regions and states across the nation and also in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area yesterday, and the students peacefully attended the school.

A total of 5,822,954 students attended the schools, including basic education schools, monastic schools and private schools across the nation yesterday.

The government provides free textbooks, notebooks and stationery to all primary to high school students, and free school uniforms to KG and primary students in the 2025-2026 academic year.

Moreover, classrooms have been arranged, trans-

port facilitated, and efforts have been made to improve the overall cleanliness and aesthetics of the schools.

The chief ministers of regions and states, including the Nay Pyi Taw Council, inspected the reopening of schools. Late enrolment remains open for students who were unable to register earlier for various reasons. — MNA/KTZH



Photos above and at top show students returning to schools in Yangon and Bago Regions, Thazi, and Toungoo.

# NATIONAL

## DPM MoPF Union Minister inspects affiliated departments in Yangon



Deputy Prime Minister Union Planning & Finance Minister U Win Shein meets personnel from the Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank.

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein met the managing director, general managers and departmental heads of the Myanmar Insurance (head office) in Yangon yesterday.

During the meeting, the Deputy Prime Minister urged responsible personnel to strive towards the development of insurance businesses collectively, the implementation of insurance protection schemes that benefit the public, and the establishment of a systematic and prompt compensation process for damage and losses of the government and private due to the Mandalay earthquake, and to become a reliable insurance

enterprise.

He then met the staff and briefed the directives of the government and the ministry.

On arrival at the Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank (head office), the managing director and officials explained the work operations.

The Deputy Prime Minister also instructed the regional and state governments, as well as district and township loan supervisory teams, to draft plans to recover the debts, supervise to curb unnecessary crimes, and operate systematic banking services that support farmers.

He also cordially greeted the staff and gave proper instructions. — MNA/KTZH

## 2025 U23 Inter-Township Sepak Takraw Tourney kicks off

THE opening ceremony of the 2025 Under-23 Inter-Township Men's and Women's Sepak Takraw Tournament was held yesterday morning at National Indoor Stadium 1 in Thuwunna, Thingangyun Township.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein delivered the opening speech and

extended a warm welcome to the participating teams. Following the ceremony, the chief minister and attendees watched the first match of the tournament.

A total of 45 men's teams and 22 women's teams are taking part in the competition, which will run until 9 June. — Arkar Lin/MKKS



Shwepyitha and Thanlyin are competing in the 2025 U23 Inter-Township Sepak Takraw Tourney.

## Ayeyawady floodwaters ease slightly in Myitkyina



Relocation of residents underway.

DUE to heavy rainfall in Myitkyina, Kachin State, the water level of the Ayeyawady River began to rise on 1 June 2025, causing river water to overflow into neighbourhoods and villages located along the riverbanks.

On 1 June, the water level of the Ayeyawady River rose to approximately 1,218 centimetres. According to the measurements on 2 June, the water level has receded to around 1,195 centimetres – about five centimetres below

the danger level of 1,200 centimetres.

In areas affected by the river's overflow, local Tatmadaw members assisted residents by relocating them to safer areas. They also carried out rescue operations using motorboats and vehicles in locations where movement was difficult.

Commander Maj-Gen Aung Zaw Htwe of the Northern Command and other responsible officials visited the area to inspect the ongoing relief and rescue efforts. — MNA/MKKS

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# NATIONAL

## Tatmadaw, police oversee quake relief in Mandalay and Sagaing

TATMADAW members, Myanmar Police Force personnel, foreign rescue teams, and volunteers are intensifying coordinated efforts in rescue and rehabilitation operations in the areas affected by the Mandalay earthquake.

Lt-Gen Thet Pon from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) inspected debris clearance and maintenance work at religious sites in Sagaing. He also reviewed the cleaning of drains, the removal of debris, and the assessment of collapsed buildings, pagodas, and religious structures along the main road in Thawtapan Ward, NanOo Myothit, Poetan Ward, and Ywahtaung Ward in Sagaing Township. Renovation and reconstruction work at the SunU Ponnyashin Pagoda on Sagaing Hill and repairs to other damaged areas using machinery were also inspected.

Later, officials from the Ministry of Health inspected healthcare services provided by the Tatmadaw Mobile Medical Team to monks, nuns, and residents in Sagaing at the 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gymnasium in Parami Ward. They also oversaw the clearance of the football stadium, which had collapsed due to the earthquake, by Myanmar Police Force personnel and coordinated efforts



Lt-Gen Thet Pon encourages the Tatmadaw Mobile Medical Team.

with relevant authorities.

Similarly, Lt-Gen Myo Moe Aung from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), along with Central Region Command Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Ko Htike and other officials, visited Mandalay General Hospital to encourage patients in the Neurosurgery and Orthopaedic Departments, providing them with nutritious food. Officials then inspected preparations for the removal and clearance of Building A of Sky Villa in Aungmyaythazan Township, Mandalay, which was damaged by the

earthquake. They observed the removal of debris from demolished buildings and the systematic handling of items recovered during the clearance, which were submitted to the Material Collection and Return Team. Coordination with relevant authorities followed as necessary.

Afterwards, the team visited Mahamuni Pagoda in Chanmyathazi Township, where debris had already been cleared. Temporary support structures and reconstruction work are now underway to ensure the site's safety for public visits.

Likewise, Lt-Gen Soe Tint Naing from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) visited Maygawun Monastery in Amarapura Township, a pagoda in Kuntheetan Ward, and inspected the cleaning and renovation of monasteries and pagodas affected by the earthquake.

Lt-Gen Myo Thant Naing from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) visited Basic Education High School (Myoma) in Phaungywa Ward and the No 1 Basic Education High School in Sugon Ward in Kyaukse Township,

and he offered encouragement to students preparing to retake the Grade 12 examination. He also inspected the resumed exam session, which had been disrupted by the earthquake, at the Government Technical Institute (Kyaukse) in Tasoe Village. In addition, he reviewed the construction of three temporary departmental buildings in the staff housing complex of the District General Administration Body in Sukone Ward, which was damaged by the quake.

He then attended the Flood Prevention Coordination Meeting held at the hall of the Department of Highways in Kyaukse Township, where he made recommendations on preparedness involving personnel, machinery, procedures, and relief materials for natural disaster response by officials in each township.

Next, he visited the Fire Services Department to review preparations for emergency rescue operations in the event of natural disasters and provided food supplies to staff members.

It was also reported that the team visited Thamane Kyaw Monastery in Taungnantha Kwatthit Ward in Kyaukse, where they donated cash and other items to the monks. — MNA/MKKS

## Music City Summer Camp 2025 wraps with graduation, art show in Yangon

THE graduation concert and art exhibition of the Music City Myanmar Summer Camp 2025 took place on 1 June at the National Theatre (Yangon) in Dagon Township, Yangon Region.

Paintings created by students and instructors from the Music City art courses were displayed from 9 am to 4 pm at the theatre. The graduation ceremony and live music performances by students of the summer camp were held from 2 pm to 4 pm.

“The Music City Myanmar music school was established to give students access to a wide range of international music styles and nurture future talent in the field of music. At this graduation ceremony, over 300 students from the art, guitar, violin, and piano classes were awarded certificates of completion,” said Academy Diramo, founder of Music City Myanmar.

The graduation event featured performances by the students, their music instruc-



Graduation concert and art exhibition of Music City Myanmar Summer Camp 2025.

tors, and prominent vocalists, including Academy Sai Sai Kham Leng, Ni Ni Khin Zaw, and Aung Htet.

Music City Myanmar currently offers courses in guitar, violin, piano, vocals, Myanmar traditional dance, harp, xylophone, and painting. The branches of the school are located in Dagon Township (South), Dagon Myothit (North) Township, and Junction Mawtin in Lanmadaw Township, Yangon Region. — ASH/MKKS

# NATIONAL

## Supporters of terrorists through unlawful online sales arrested

AUTHORITIES arrested Phyu Phyu Hnin, who ran Treasure Hnin Online Shop, from Chanayethazan Township in Mandalay Region on 13 April 2025 and Bhone Myint Aung from Dagon Myothit (South) Township in Yangon on 8 May.

According to the investigation, cases were opened against these two offenders under Penal Code Section 505-a as they persuaded the government employees to join the Disloyalty Civil Servant (DCS) and created posts on social media to affect the State's stability and initiate the unrest. They also distributed

foreign products illegally sent by defector Chan Mya Nyein (aka) Chan Chan, a vocalist, collected the bills and provided finance to terrorist groups that the vocalist wanted to provide.

Chan Mya Nyein (aka) vocalist Chan Chan established the Facebook page named Shop Me in February 2025 and sold the accessories online without a licence, distributed these items to the country illegally, used the income for her own sake and provided to terrorist groups.

The government issues the needed orders for the trade and services to be in line with



Chan Mya Nyein (aka) Chan Chan (at large).

the law and declares the online sale activities as essential supplies and services. The online illegal sales in local and foreign countries without any licences and redistribution through the insurgents who illegally import cause losses to the State budget, and plans are underway to take action against Phyu Phyu Hnin and Bhone Myint Aung.

Similarly, actions are being taken against those who connect or buy or support these two methods with those who operate online sales to support the NUG and PDF terrorist groups



Phyu Phyu Hnin (arrested).



Bhone Myint Aung (arrested).

like Eaint Poe U, owner of the Pancelo account, Irene, owner of the Ma Irene account, Thin Thin Nwe, owner of ShweNadi account, Zune Nilar Htay, owner of Zune Nilar Htay account, Aung Thaw, owner of Aung Thaw account, DCS Sayama Khaing Su Lwin, owner of Khaing Su Lwin, Htet Ni Ni Than, owner of P&H Fashion account and Chan Mya Mya Thaw, owner of Tr Chan Chan, under the Counter Terrorism Law.

Although the government makes efforts to promote State stability and development, NUG

and PDF terrorists commit explosions to impose fear among the public, and some supporters of terrorists and defectors earn money through unlawful businesses to support terrorist groups. Therefore, people who connect with them, buy products, resell or support them to do so will face legal actions, and people can secretly report to the authorities regarding unlawful online sellers and buyers who intend to support terrorists, and actions will be taken against those who run illegal online sales on social media. — MNA/KTZH

## Junior assistant teacher, husband killed by terrorists in Magway

PDF terrorists commit destructive actions at educational buildings and schools, and murder and threaten the teachers.

On 1 June, the PDF terrorists threatened Daw Than Nyunt, aged 61, Junior Assistant Teacher of Wetchoke BEHS (branch) in Wetchoke village of Natmawk Township of Magway Region, to join the Disloyalty Civil Servant (DCS) while she was together with her husband, U Thaung Khin, aged 59, at her house. Meanwhile, she refused

their proposal by saying she is serving her duties for the future of the students. Then, the couple was abducted to about two miles from her village and brutally killed.

From 1 February 2021 to 1 June 2025, terrorist groups murdered 79 educational staff, while there were 35 injuries.

Civilians strongly condemned terrorist attacks against teachers, and security forces carried out security measures promptly. — MNA/KTZH

## 7 dead, 6 injured in terrorist attack in NyaungU



Images show casualties and injuries among locals in Bagan Myothit, NyaungU.

PDF terrorists, subordinates of NUG and CRPH and armed insurgents commit a range of terror attacks to impose fear among the public.

On 1 June evening, about 15 PDF terrorists opened fire while ward administrator U Myint Zaw and town elders were organizing a meeting at the religious hall of Guntga ward in Bagan Myothit, NyaungU, in Mandalay Region. Seven, including U Myint Zaw, died on the spot, and six were injured. The victims were taken to the NyaungU District Hospital for medical treatment.

Security forces cooperate with locals to arrest terrorists as quickly as possible. — MNA/KTZH



Location map of the terrorist attack in Bagan Myothit, NyaungU.



Location map of terrorist attack in Natmawk, Magway Region.

# NATIONAL

## MR seeks Yangon–Mandalay rail upgrade deal

THE Myanma Railway (MR) called for interested businesses to submit a tender for railway upgrading work on the Yangon–Mandalay line.

Under an opening tender 93/MaMa/CE, the Yangon–Mandalay upgrade project includes the Bago–Nyaunglebin rail section (crossing Phayagyi, Pyinpongyi, Kadoat, Phaungtawthi, Eainchaylayzal, DaikU, Pyuntazar to Nyaunglebin) and eight semi-detached civil service housings with RC structure, brick walling, concrete floor and utility (water, electricity and sanitary facilities).

The opening tenders 94/MaMa/CE, 95/MaMa/CE, and 96/MaMa/CE are chain link fencing projects (Lots 1, 2, and 3 with



A general view of the Yangon Railways Station.

25,000 feet each Lot), Nyaunglebin-Taungoo rail section.

The opening tender 97/MaMa/CE is for two semi-detached civil servant houses on a 44-foot by 32-foot MR Seeks Yangon–Mandalay Rail Upgrade Deal area and eight rooms for gatekeepers on an 88-foot by 32-foot area with utility facilities.

The tender form can be purchased at the MR office located at the corner of Merchant Road and 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Botataung Township, Yangon, starting from 2 June. Tender submission will be accepted by 2:30 pm on 2 July. Individuals can enquire about details through MR's contact numbers 01 294352 and 01 291994.

— NN/KK

## Yangon palm oil reference price dips this week ending 8 June



Barrels of cooking oil being loaded onto a truck for nationwide distribution.

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil set for the Yangon market was set lower at K6,310 per viss for the week ending 8 June from K6,390 per viss in the previous week ending 1 June, according to the Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution.

The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs and banking services to decide the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil weekly.

Despite the reference price, the market price is way

too high.

To control overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed consumers of lodging complaints for overcharging through the call centre hotline in late August. The department urges consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices.

The Committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market manipulation will face legal action under the Essential Goods and Services Law.

The department is working together with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the

cooking oil importing companies to offer affordable rates of imported palm oil for consumers.

The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs Department, or sent to the Facebook page of the department and the region and state departments concerned.

The domestic consumption of palm oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. About 700,000 tonnes of palm oil are yearly imported through Malaysia and Indonesia to meet domestic demands. — NN/KK

## BISFE Expo 2025 invites Myanmar businesspeople

BUSAN Metropolitan City of the Republic of Korea will host Busan International Seafood & Fisheries (BISFE Expo 2025) on 5-7 November 2025 at the Busan Exhibition and Convention Centre, and Myanmar businesspeople are invited to participate in the BISFE, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

A 3m x 3m booth will be provided for Myanmar business people. They can request an invitation letter and other necessary

documents from the organizers to apply for a visa and participate in the expo.

Seafood and fishery products, aquaculture equipment and marine biotechnology, fishing gear, HACCP equipment and facilities, seafood processing and packaging will be exhibited.

Those interested in joining BISFE Expo 2025 can register through the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization at 067 408623 and email: event.td.myantrade@gmail.com. — NN/KK

## MMFA to conduct 8<sup>th</sup> Responsible Microfinance Training on 25 June

MYANMAR Microfinance Association (MMFA) will offer Responsible Microfinance Training (Batch 8) from 1 pm to 4 pm on 25-27 June.

This training covering Client Protection Principle is tailored to those with loan officers and above positions at microfinance companies and those who are interested in exploring a career in the microfinance sector, by Daw Phyu Yamin Myat, Frankfurt School of Fi-

nance & Management Certified Trainer & Microfinance Professional Myanmar (MPM).

The fee is K80,000 for non-members. Members can enjoy a K10,000 discount. Trainees will receive a completion certificate. Those enthusiastic can enrol in the course by 18 June through <https://shorturl.at/hGu2k>. For further details, individuals can contact 09 965209010 during office hours. — NN/KK

# OPINION

## A unique paradigm to address supply and demand

TO ensure the development of a country, it is necessary to have a strong economy. In order to build a strong economy, the government has a responsibility to take action. Since the country's GDP is currently lower than that of neighbouring countries, we must strive to make even greater efforts moving forward.

Myanmar has been making continuous efforts to enhance the productivity of its agricultural sector. Despite efforts to boost the production of oil crops, yields remain low, resulting in the continued annual import of edible oils from abroad. Due to the shortfall in achieving crop production targets, it has been estimated that the country's income has decreased by over US\$8 billion.

If the agricultural sector were able to operate at full capacity, it is estimated that national income could increase by approximately \$14 billion.

In Myanmar, the need for fuel remains high. Each year, the country imports fuel worth approximately \$5 billion. Although the government has permitted the import of electric vehicles (EVs) to reduce fuel consumption, restrictions remain due to the continued need for foreign currency. Despite a trade surplus, the demand for foreign currency and the rise in exchange rates persist due to a decline in other forms of consumption.

There are restrictions on the importation of fuel, edible oil, and electric vehicles (EVs) from abroad. Due to various forms of illegal trade and the use of unlicensed motor vehicles and motorcycles, fuel consumption has increased significantly. This has not only resulted in major tax revenue losses for the state but could also lead to numerous security challenges. Therefore, it is necessary to take action against those involved with illegal vehicles.

The government has the duty to create an environment where work can be done and to provide encouragement, but the responsibility for implementation lies with the relevant organizations and the authorities specific to each region or sector. The government is providing loans and fulfilling necessary requirements for the agriculture sector, but the projects in the respective regions and states have not yet achieved the desired level of success.

If production can be increased, then not only will inflation not rise, but commodity prices will also remain stable. Therefore, everyone must genuinely engage in productive work, and efforts must be made to improve the country's economy. It is also essential to find solutions to the various factors contributing to rising commodity prices, including the high cost of production and the imbalance between supply and demand.

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

By THAN HTUN (GEOSCIENCE MYANMAR)

## EPISODE: 62

### JADEITE FROM BURMA

This article is a continuation of Episode 61, featuring jadeite from Burma, contributed by HL Chhibber in 1934.

#### 1. Outcrop Mines

##### (b) The Mienmaw dyke

On the Mienmaw dyke are situated the outcrop of Shammonmaw (25° 43'39", 96° 20'40"), Mienmaw (25° 43' 24", 96° 20'40") and Sharoinawngmaw (25° 44'59", 96° 29'40"). The two extreme outcrops are separated by a distance of 1.5 miles in a north-south direction.

Shammonmaw: The outcrop of Shammonmaw is marked by two old workings aligned in a north-south direction. The northern one is bigger and is 70 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 25 feet deep and was filled with water at the time of the author's visit. Mienmaw: The important locality of Mienmaw has been worked on spasmodically by several people. There is a heavy overburden of red earth with abundant iron concretions, 25-30 feet in thickness, but nothing about the relationships of the rocks of the dyke could be seen since the old workings have been filled up with red earth washed from above; only serpentine and chloritic schist (byindone) could be seen in places. In one place chromite-epidote was observed with albitite ("palun") and this is a favourable indication of the occurrence of green jadeite in the vicinity: chrome epidote is formed where chromite is present in serpentine, and the associated minerals, albite and jadeite, are coloured green as a result of absorption of the epidote.

Sharoinawng-maw: The workings of Sharoinawng-maw lie deserted now, though a China-

man from Hmawlu, near Zeba, worked it for two years some times ago and employed 50 to 60 coolies both here and at Wikhomaw. After he died in China, the work had to be abandoned.

##### (c) The Pangmaw dyke

The third dyke with a N W-S E extension for a little over three-quarters of a mile comprises the outcrops of Pangmaw, Wikhomaw and Kyobatmaw.

Pangmaw: The old workings known as Pangmaw are found 80 paces N E of the Pang hka, where it is crossed by the Namshamaw-Mienmaw path, where ten small deserted pits are to be seen. Jadeite and albite are both found here with inclusions of amphibole. The serpentine is rendered fibrous near the contact and occurs as detached boulders around the pits. In the neighbourhood of the jadeite workings, chromite and iron ore boulders also occur in a small water course.

Wikhomaw: About half a mile N W of Pangmaw, 13 old pits are to be seen, which mark the jadeite outcrop of Wikhomaw. The biggest pit, which is really a combination of three smaller ones, is about 60 feet in length in a north-north-east-south-south-west direction. The breadth of the work is 32 feet. At the top, there is an overburden of red earth about 6 feet in thickness. It is underlain by schistose and serpentine.

Kyobat-maw: The old workings of Kyobat-maw are about one-quarter of a mile north-west of Wikhomaw. Besides several small deserted pits, there is a long trench cut in the serpentine, about 100 yards in length, 10 feet in width, and about 25 feet in depth in places. The trend of the cutting is east-west but in places swings between E N E and W S W.

(d) The Namshamaw dyke  
The following outcrops



Open-cut jade mines at Hpakan. PHOTO: THAN HTUN (2014)

of jadeite are situated in the neighbourhood of Namshamaw (25° 45' 31", 96° 22' 28"):

- (1) Namshamaw.
- (2) Mawsitsit.
- (3) Wayutmaw.

This dyke strikes in the same direction as the Pangmaw dyke, with a W N W - E S E trend.

Namshamaw: The jadeite workings of Namshamaw are situated near the confluence of the Namsai and Uru chaung. Blocks of jadeite of irregular shape, which seem to have travelled little, occur in red earth formed by the decay of the serpentine. Very likely the jadeite boulders excavated here represent disintegrated portions of a dyke which has either not been exposed yet or lies a little to the west. Early in 1929, Chinamen were working for jadeite here. A little to the north of Manshamaw lie the deserted workings of Konfimaw, making an occurrence of red jadeite (konpi).

Mawsitsit: The deserted workings of Mawsitsit lie about half a mile west (slightly north) of Namshamaw in a stream and adjoining it. The old pits are lying filled with deep water, thereby concealing the relationships of the rocks. The local people recognise two varieties:

1. Mawsitsit (chromo-jadeite) of dark green colour.
2. Kyet tayoe (chrome garnet) bright green colour.

Of the two, Mawsitsit finds most favour as a semi-precious stone.

Wayutmaw: The jadeite outcrop of Wayutmaw is about a mile west-northwest of Mawsitsit. At the top, there is an overburden about 6 feet in thickness which overlies the weathered jadeite, and the mines did not go much deeper than that. Several old pits are still to be seen. Fairly big boulders of chromite were observed near this locality,

#### 2. Detrital Boulder Workings.

Two localities in the neighbourhood of Tawmaw were worked for detrital jadeite boulders in the past: (1) Pan Din Maw (25° 41'17", 96° 16'23"), (2) Paim-ma-chait (25° 38'51", 96° 15'). These very shallow or almost surface workings deserve separate treatment since they constitute a class by themselves.

(1) Pan Din Maw: The jadeite-bearing locality of Pan Din Maw was discovered by a Kachin about 20 years ago. It was worked for only one year about six years ago, but as a valuable mineral was not found in any quantity, the pits were deserted. The latter can be approached by a woodcutter's path, bifurcating from the main Tawmaw-Lonkin road, a little over a furlong E.S.E. of mile 41, marked on the map (92 C/6). A number of very shallow pits are to be seen on the left bank of a small unnamed stream, flowing

W N W - E S E, which are a little over a mile E N E of the spot where the path leaves the main road. The pits are only 2 to 3 feet deep, and no jadeite occurs at a depth of 4 feet. It is found in the form of partially worn boulders along with serpentine. It is very likely that these boulders were detached from the dyke exposed at Tawmaw and transported for some distance before being embedded in the red earth of their present home.

(2) Paim-ma-chait: The second locality is situated about 2 ½ miles S W of Tawmaw, and lies one-third of a mile north-west of the Tawmaw-Lam-ong road. About 30 years ago, Kachin hunters discovered the place. Some 20 years ago, it was the scene of mining activities for one year, but it was ultimately abandoned for the same reason as Pan Din Maw. Between 40 and 50 old pits are to be seen, and their diameter

varies between five and four feet, the maximum in rare cases being five feet. Their depth varies from three to four feet, and in rare cases it is as much as six feet. They are all on the right bank of Paim-ma-chait Chaung, and boulders of jadeite are also found in the bed of the stream itself. Jadeite, as in the previous case, is found in the form of boulders, and to test the quality of the stone, they were broken with hammers; very igneous ones were cracked with fire. Amphibole occurs as inclusions in the jadeite. I was told that only one stone, of the value of Rs180, was found along with several smaller ones valued at about Rs20 each. A number of chromite boulders were discovered scattered in the stream.

#### 3. Jadeite workings in the Tertiary Conglomerates.

A. In the neighbourhood of Kansai (25° 47' 1", 96° 22'48"), the following workings occur: (1) Pangmamaw, (2) Mutantumaw, (3) Samhtanmaw, (4) Shilamaw, (5) Sanimaw, (6) Aungbilemaw, Hpelaimaw.

All these workings, except the last, which was not visited by the author, lie in the Tertiary conglomerates, and the torrential streams descending from the neighbouring hills of serpentine with jadeite must have been responsible for their deposition.

(1) Pangmamaw: The old workings of Pangmamaw are to be seen in the Pangma hka and its tributaries. Kachin worked the banks of the stream and sometimes the adjoining ground for boulders of jadeite in the past. The workings are situated in the Tertiaries, which comprise soft, bluish, greenish, and yellowish sandstones, shales, coarse grits, and conglomerates. The list includes both coarse and fine varieties, and quartz, quartzite, schists, serpentine, and chromite take part in their constitution. Some of

the boulders of serpentine are huge and must have been derived from the hills on the east, where the Pangma Chaung takes its source, but the Tertiaries must have been in position before the establishment of the present drainage system.

(2) Mutantumaw: One of the main tributaries of the Pangma chaung is called the Mutantu hka, and hence the name of the workings. These workings have been deserted, though formerly Kachins, Shans, and Chinese worked here. It is reported that the quality of the jade is not good and is rather scarce.

(3) Samhtanmaw: The workings of Samhtanmaw lie in a small tributary stream (of the same name) of the Pangma hka, which joins the Uru River near Kansai.

(4) Sanimaw: The workings of Sanimaw are situated in the Sani hka, east of Kansai. The overburden, about 6 feet in thickness, is underlain by the boulder bed, about 4 feet in thickness, consisting mostly of partially worn boulders of serpentine and crystalline schists. The boulders of jadeite itself are angular and irregular in shape, showing that they have not undergone much transport. Several ore pits are to be seen in the neighbourhood of the stream.

(5) Shilamaw: The workings of Shilamaw lie in the stream of this name, which joins the Uru River below Kansai.

(6) Aungbilemaw: The old jadeite workings known as Aungbilemaw lies in the lower course of the Seintu hka. (to be continued).

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# NATIONAL

## Over 1,000 households evacuated as Ayeyawady floods Kachin State



A house in Redam village of Khaunglanphu seen washed away by the Maykha flood on 1 June.

OVER 1,000 households in Kachin State have been evacuated as the level of the Ayeyawady River rises, the Myanmar Fire Services Department said on 2 June.

A total of 55,117 people from 1,165 households have been relocated as of 2 June, it stated.

Rescue teams from the Myanmar Red Cross Society, MSFD and officials are continuing to evacuate locals in low-lying areas of Kachin State since the flooding began on 31 May.

"The Maykha River is already rising. Those living downstream should be especially careful of the flood. The water will reach Myitkyina in the next day," said a resident of Redam village in Khaunglanphu

Township on 1 June.

If the Maykha and Malikha are flooded, the water can reach Hinthada in the delta in about 13 days.

"If the Maykha Malikha confluence as well as the Chindwin in Homalin are flooded at



Flooding in Myitkyina seen on 2 June.

the same time, the water will reach Hinthada on the 3rd waning or waxing day. Draining two-thirds of Myanmar, the Ayeyawady cannot carry all the water for long. There are only two helping auxiliary rivers - Ngawan and Myit Makha called the Hlaing River in lower Myanmar. If all these conditions are met, the Ayeyawady and the western Bago will be flooded," said a person monitoring the river levels.

The Ayeyawady River in Myitkyina rose about two inches above the danger level on 2 June, and the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology has warned residents living in low-lying areas and along the riverbanks in Myitkyina Township to evacuate as soon as possible. — Htun Htun/ZN

## Raincoat sales surge amid recent weather shifts

IT has rained over the recent days, increasing the purchase of raincoats in the markets.

There are buyers for both adult and kid raincoats, said sellers.

"Over the recent days, it has

rained every day so purchases of both adult and kid raincoats have accelerated. Both long and short raincoats are being sold well. Some parents already bought raincoats for their children before the school season

arrived," said an owner of the umbrella and raincoat shop.

A parent of the student said she bought a raincoat for her kid so that her school bag and uniform wouldn't be wet when going to school.

"I bought my child a long raincoat because it has rained heavily so the umbrella alone can't give full protection from rain. The raincoat can cover the school bag and uniform from rain. Raincoat is necessary because it is now monsoon season," she said. Monsoon items such as umbrellas, rainwear sandals and raincoats have been sold well recently. — MT/ZS



Raincoats are arranged for sale.

## Elite Express delivers urgent medical aid to crash victims



Fire brigade personnel at the accident scene carrying out rescue operations.

ELITE Express Public Company Limited has announced that there were victims of a road accident and the Elite Express family is providing timely medical care for the victims onboard the vehicle.

The bus, which left Yangon on 1 June for Kyaukpadaung-Chauk, skidded at 3:15 am on 2 June due to heavy rains and water on the road, at 285-mile Flankyin Kyaungkwei between Thigon and Kyaukpadaung, between 14 miles and four furlongs.

The company has been providing timely medical care

and it would like to express its condolences to the families of the victims.

According to a press release from the Department of Fire Services, an express passenger bus overturned at 3:30 am on 2 June, on the Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung road and the Meiktila District Fire Station dispatched one Polish rescue and towing vehicle, one fire engine, one ambulance and a fire brigade to carry out rescue operations. Six people were killed and 11 injured were taken to Meiktila General Hospital by local ambulances. — MT/ZN

## Safe Migration alerts public to phishing scams seeking website links

AGENCIES will need to be cautious about a fake email asking for website links, warned Safe Migration.

The fake email stipulates that companies which have websites would have to submit info, license validation, company logo or photo, job postings and address along with website link, and companies without a website are required to set up a website as soon as possible because it is necessary in case of demand for sending labour to Japan, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand

and also advised to submit the website link after establishing.

The email dolmigrationsendings@gmail.com is fake, the spelling of sending has one extra "s", said Safe Migration.

"Dear agencies, the fake email dolmigrationsendings@gmail.com is asking for website links and it has one extra "s" in the spelling of sending. We would like to inform you that we never do like this informally by email," said Safe Migration, and added that the ministry's directives will be notified by official letter. — MT/ZS

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# NATIONAL

## AIQAR EVs imported by Unitrust cleared at Yangon Port

AIQAR Icar03 and AIQAR EQ7 electric vehicles, imported by Unitrust Enterprise Group Co Ltd. with the approval of the Steering Committee for National-level Development of Electric Vehicles and Related Industries, have arrived at Yangon Port. Vehicles were officially cleared through Customs yesterday as per the relevant rules and regulations. — MNA/MKKS



New arrival of electric vehicles at Yangon Port.

## Myanma Pawsan rice seeks GI status



This photo depicts a vast thriving paddy field.

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held in the Philippines in 2009 and the World's Best Rice award in 2011 held in Vietnam. Myanma Pawsan is regarded as Myanma Pearl Rice in the global rice market.

Moreover, efforts are being made to grab GI, the trust of the purchasing country and maintain the rice quality. Efforts will be made to integrate regionally cultivated varieties of Pawsan using technology in a way that preserves the original Pawsan's quality and characteristics. Produc-

tion will also be based on the preferences of domestic and international consumers and market demand. In addition, priority will be given to export to countries with the highest demand and market potential for Myanmar rice, such as China, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Saudi Arabia.

Ayeya Pawsan rice is mainly consumed in Ayeyawady, Yangon, Taninthayi regions and Mon and Shan states, while Shwebo Pawsan is consumed in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Mandalay and Sagaing regions.

The original Pawsan was cultivated in Myaungmya township of Ayeyawady Region in 1922, Pawsan Baygya rice from Kyauktan township of Yangon Region was cultivated in Shwebo township of Sagaing Region in 1997-1998, and the cultivation of Shwebo Pawsan rice variety has been expanded in the country.

The market share of Myanmar rice, including Pawsan, is 21 per cent in China, 27 per cent in Belgium, four per cent in the Philippines and five per cent in Indonesia. — ASH/KTZH

## PDF terrorists flee clash, torch homes in Nyaungshwe

CRPH, NUG and PDF terrorists commit armed terror acts, blow up roads and bridges and set fire to houses of the people in some regions to undermine peace and stability and the rule of law.

Security personnel and people's militia (local) troops who took necessary security measures in Nyaungshwe Township of Shan State (South) clashed with KNDF and PDF terrorists near Phayataung Village yesterday afternoon. Due to lacking ability to defend counterattacks of security forces, terrorists set

fire to houses of innocent people in the village to have a way to retreat and then withdrew to the south of the village. So, security forces pursued terrorists as they retreated and continued to carry out the necessary security operations.

Security personnel cooperate with residents and people's militia (local) troops to carry out necessary security operations aimed at identifying and arresting the terrorists who set fire to the homes of innocent villagers. — MNA/TTA



This photo shows a local's house damaged by terrorist fire in Nyaungshwe Township.

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# ECON: WORLD

## China's port cargo throughput sees solid growth in Jan-Apr

CARGO throughput at ports in China rose steadily during the first four months of 2025, signalling continued resilience in the world's second-largest economy despite external uncertainties.

The country's cargo throughput at ports totalled 5.75 billion tonnes during the January-April period, up 3.7 per cent year on year, data from the Ministry of Transport showed.

Container throughput, a leading gauge of trade health, increased 7.9 per cent year on year during this period to reach 110 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), according to the ministry.



This aerial drone photo taken on 28 May 2025 shows a view of the Yangpu International Container Port in the Yangpu Economic Development Zone in Danzhou, south China's Hainan Province. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

In April alone, the country's cargo throughput at ports climbed 4.8 per cent from a year earlier to 1.53 billion tonnes — with the pace of growth slightly down from an increase of 4.9 per cent registered in March.

Separate data from the National Bureau of Statistics on Saturday revealed that China's purchasing managers' index (PMI) for the manufacturing sector had edged up to 49.5 in May from 49 in April, with the sub-index for new orders rising to 49.8 from 49.2 — as production accelerated and market expectations strengthened. — Xinhua

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### S Korea's online shopping rises 2.5% in Apr

SOUTH Korea's online shopping rose in single digits in April due to solid demand for food and food delivery services, statistical office data showed Monday.

Shopping in cyberspace gained 2.5 per cent to 21.69 trillion won (US\$15.7 billion) in April compared to the same month last year.

The transaction of food and beverage in cyberspace grew 9.1 per cent, and demand for agricultural, livestock and fishery products spiked 13.2 per cent.

Online demand for food delivery service, mobile devices, and culture and leisure service advanced in double figures, while online purchase of cosmetics, daily necessities and travel and transport service climbed in single digits. Demand for footwear, furniture, sports items and computers in cyberspace fell in single digits, and online transactions of e-coupon service dived 49.1 per cent on a weaker trend to provide gifts such as coffee and cake through e-coupons.

Shopping through smartphones, tablets and other mobile gadgets mounted 4.6 per cent from a year earlier to 16.79 trillion won (\$12.2 billion) in April, accounting for 77.4 per cent of the combined online shopping. — Xinhua

#### Vietnam to cut work permit processing time for foreign workers

VIETNAM plans to reduce the processing time for foreign work permits from 36 days to 10 days and streamline applications through an online system, Vietnam News Agency reported Monday.

Vietnam's Ministry of Home Affairs is drafting a decree to simplify procedures and expand eligibility, including allowing foreign students with university degrees to work in priority sectors such as finance, science, innovation and digital transformation, the report added.

The report said that this new regulation aims to reflect Vietnam's demand for high-quality foreign workers in emerging industries like semiconductors and artificial intelligence. — Xinhua

## EU hits food delivery company Delivery Hero with 329 mln-euro-fine

THE EU on Monday slapped German food delivery company Delivery Hero and its Spanish subsidiary Glovo with a fine worth 329 million euros (\$376 million) after they violated antitrust rules.

EU regulators concluded Delivery Hero used its stake in Glovo between 2018 and 2022 to limit competition by exchanging sensitive information, agreeing not to poach each other's employees, and to divide among themselves national markets for food delivery.

Based in Germany, Delivery Hero has held a 94 per cent stake in Spain's Glovo since July 2022, but the EU's formal probe — launched last year — focuses on the period before it took sole control.

They are two of the biggest food delivery companies in Europe, delivering meals from restaurants, grocery shopping and other non-food products to customers at home ordering via their apps or websites.

The European Commission, which acts as the EU's competition watchdog, said the two companies admitted their involvement in the cartel and agreed to pay the fines to settle the case.



A food delivery firm Glovo's bag is pictured in Madrid on 2 December 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

“Cartels like this reduce choice for consumers and business partners, reduce opportunities for employees and reduce incentives to compete and innovate,” it said.

Delivery Hero will have to pay a fine worth 223 million euros, while Glovo must pay around 106 million euros, the commission said.

“This case is important because these practices were facilitated through an anticompetitive use of Delivery Hero's minority stake in Glovo,” EU competition chief Teresa Ribera said in a statement.

The two companies had agreed not to actively steal

each other's employees, initially covering managers before it was extended to all staff including logistics experts.

Their agreement did not cover delivery drivers who were not employees at the time of the infringements, but classified as self-employed.

The EU's decision is the first where the commission finds a cartel in the labour market and Ribera said it was “also the first time the Commission is sanctioning a no-poach agreement, where companies stop competing for the best talent and reduce opportunities for workers”. — AFP

## Indonesia's trade surplus plunges to US\$160 mln in Apr

INDONESIA recorded a trade surplus of US\$160 million in April, a sharp decline compared to US\$2.72 billion in the same month last year, Statistics Indonesia (BPS) announced on Monday.

"This marks 60 consecutive months of trade surpluses since May 2020," said Pudji Ismartini, BPS Deputy for Distribution and Services Statistics, at

a press conference.

Exports were valued at US\$20.74 billion in April, up 5.76 per cent year-on-year, while imports stood at US\$20.59 billion, rising 21.84 per cent annually.

From January to April 2025, Indonesia's trade balance surplus reached US\$11.07 billion, supported by total exports of US\$87.36 billion, an increase of 6.65 per cent year-on-year and

total imports of US\$76.29 billion, up 6.27 per cent year-on-year.

Bhima Yudhistira, director of the Centre for Economic and Law Studies (CELIOS), said the weakening trade surplus was due to importers front-loading raw materials and capital goods in response to the tariff postponement by the United States. — Xinhua

## Japan whaling ship returns after taking 25 fin whales in Okhotsk



Photo shows a commercial whaling ship upon its arrival at Sendai port in Miyagi Prefecture on 2 June 2025, after conducting a hunt in the Sea of Okhotsk. PHOTO: KYODO

A commercial whaling ship returned to a port in northeastern Japan on Monday carrying 25 fin whales taken in the Sea of Okhotsk.

The fin whale hunt in Japan's exclusive economic zone, north of the northern island of Hokkaido, was conducted for

the first time since Japan formally withdrew from the International Whaling Commission in 2019.

About 320 tonnes of fin whale meat were unloaded at Sendai port in Miyagi Prefecture on Monday, with some 1.6 tonnes set to be transported to six markets

across the country including Tokyo and Osaka as raw meat.

The ship departed Shimonoseki port in the western Japanese prefecture of Yamaguchi on 21 April.

The Japanese Fisheries Agency added fin whales to the list of commercial whaling target species in 2024, setting a catch quota of 60 for this year.

As an International Whaling Commission member, Japan halted commercial whaling in 1988 but continued to hunt whales for what it called research purposes.

The practice was criticized internationally as a cover for commercial whaling. — Kyodo

### The Announcement from The Association of Myanmar-Japan Socio-Economic Development Cooperation (AMJSEDC)

The Association of Myanmar -Japan Socio-Economic Development Cooperation (AMJSEDC) will be holding a Japanese language basic course based on A1 (Activities) (only one white book) from the Marugoto textbook series published by the Japan Foundation at the Akafuji Vocational Training Center as follows.

- Course date** - Monday, Wednesday, Friday. (3 days a week.)
- Course time** - 10 am to 12 pm.
- Course duration** - 3 months.
- Number of participants accepted** - 16 people.
- Course fee** - Free (scholarship)
- Course opening date** - 16.6.2025

**Note.** . The textbooks must be ordered by the trainees and can also be purchased at the training center.

Where to attend the training - Akafuji Vocational Training Center  
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# ROLLING UPDATES

## WORLD

## Iran demands US guarantee it will lift sanctions in nuclear talks

IRAN pressed the United States on Monday for guarantees that it will drop sanctions as a condition for a nuclear deal, after the White House reportedly sent a proposal it deemed “acceptable”.

With Iran and the United States engaged in talks over Tehran’s nuclear programme since April, Washington’s proposal for a deal came after a leaked UN report said Iran had stepped up production of highly enriched uranium.

Iran’s top diplomat and lead nuclear negotiator Abbas Araghchi was due to meet the head of the UN’s International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Cairo on Monday, a day after the report was leaked.

Iran has rejected the report, warning it would retaliate if European powers that have threatened to reimpose nuclear sanctions “exploit” the report.

The United States and



Vehicles of delegations leave the Omani embassy hosting a fifth round of nuclear talks between Iran and the United States, in Rome on 23 May 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

Western countries have accused Iran of seeking nuclear weapons, a charge Tehran has repeatedly denied, insisting it needs uranium for civilian power production.

Araghchi said on Saturday that he had received “elements” of a US proposal for a nuclear

deal following five rounds of talks mediated by Oman.

On Monday, foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei told a news conference in Tehran: “We want to guarantee that the sanctions are effectively lifted...”

“So far, the American side

has not wanted to clarify this issue,” he added.

He also condemned the report and threatened an Iranian response.

The report, Baqaei said, was the result of “pressure exerted by certain European countries on the agency”.

“If they want to further exploit this political report... they will surely have to face a proportionate response from Iran,” he added.

### Red line

The remarks come after a report by the UN agency showed Iran has stepped up production of uranium enriched up to 60 per cent — close to the roughly 90 per cent level needed for atomic weapons.

The US envoy in the nuclear talks said last month that the administration of President Donald Trump would oppose any enrichment.

“An enrichment programme

can never exist in the state of Iran ever again. That’s our red line. No enrichment,” Steve Witkoff told Breitbart News.

Iran has vowed to keep enriching uranium “with or without a deal” on its nuclear programme.

The United States has sent Iran a proposal for a nuclear deal that the White House called “acceptable” and in its “best interest” to accept, US media reported on Saturday.

The New York Times, citing officials familiar with the diplomatic exchanges, said the proposal calls on Iran to stop all enrichment and suggests creating a regional grouping to produce nuclear power.

Iran has held five rounds of talks with the United States in search of a new agreement to replace the deal with major powers that Trump abandoned during his first term in 2018.

— AFP

## Karol Nawrocki wins Poland’s presidential election



A girl and her mother cast a ballot together at a polling station in Warsaw, Poland, on 18 May 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

KAROL Nawrocki, an independent candidate backed by the opposition Law and Justice (PiS) party, won Poland’s presidential runoff election, the Polish National Electoral Commission (PKW) announced in a press conference Monday morning.

The final result, reading

“Elected in the second round,” was written next to Nawrocki’s name on the public website of the PKW on Monday.

Nawrocki, a historian and head of Poland’s Institute of National Remembrance, received 50.89 per cent of the vote in the presidential runoff, ahead of Rafal Trzaskowski, the

ruling Civic Coalition (KO) candidate and mayor of Warsaw, who garnered 49.11 per cent.

This was Nawrocki’s first presidential campaign — an uphill battle from the start. He consistently trailed Trzaskowski in the polls, including Sunday evening’s initial exit survey.

Born in 1983 in Gdansk, Nawrocki is set to succeed the incumbent president Andrzej Duda, whose second and final term ends on 6 August.

According to data released by the PKW, the turnout in the second round of elections was 71.63 per cent, meaning that Nawrocki is one of the Polish presidents who received the most votes since 1990.

According to the Polish Press Agency, Duda congratulated Nawrocki on Monday morning for winning the presidential election. — Xinhua

## News in brief

### Arab ministers reaffirm commitment to Palestinian cause

THE delegation of the Arab-Islamic Ministerial Committee on Sunday reaffirmed its continued efforts to stop the Israeli war in Gaza and launch a process to secure the Palestinian people’s right to an independent, sovereign state on their national territory.

The delegation held a virtual meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in Amman as Israel had blocked the delegation’s planned visit to Ramallah, according to a statement by the Jordanian Foreign Ministry. — Xinhua

### 8 injured in Colorado “targeted terror attack”

EIGHT people were injured Sunday in “a targeted terror attack” in Boulder, Colorado, authorities said.

The suspect was identified as Mohamed Sabry Soliman, said Mark Michalek, special agent in charge of the FBI’s Denver office, on Sunday evening at a news conference.

Boulder police confirmed Sunday night that eight people, namely four women and four men, were injured in the attack. Officials initially told news outlets that six victims had been taken to hospitals.

The 45-year-old suspect was allegedly heard yelling “Free Palestine” while using a “makeshift flamethrower” during the attack. He was also reportedly heard yelling “They are killers” and “How many children you killed.” — Xinhua

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## Myanmar secures gold medal in China-ASEAN Sepak Takraw Championship

THE China-ASEAN Sepak Takraw Championship continued on 2 June, during which the Myanmar Sepak Takraw team won its first gold medal.

The men's and women's Sepak Takraw regu events were held on 1 and 2 June, and the Myanmar Sepak Takraw team won one gold medal and one bronze medal.

In the men's regu event, the Myanmar team won the gold medal. During the group stage, they defeated the host team, China and Malaysia with 2-0 wins in both matches and advanced to the semifinals as a group leader. In the semifinals, Myanmar beat the

Laos team 2-0, and in the final, they faced Malaysia again and won 2-1 to claim the gold medal. In the women's regu event, the Myanmar team secured the bronze medal.

The quadrant event of the Sepak Takraw Championship will continue on 3 and 4 June, with the Myanmar team participating. In the men's quadrant event, Group A includes Malaysia, Vietnam, and Myanmar, while Group B includes China, Laos, and Thailand. In the women's quadrant event, Group A includes China, Thailand, Myanmar, and Cambodia, while Group B consists of Vietnam, the Philippines, and Laos. — Tun Thway Eain/TTA



Gold medallist Myanmar men's Sepak Takraw team. PHOTO: MSTAF

## Inter Milan needs to see glass half-full after trophyless season



Inter Milan's Italian head coach Simone Inzaghi walks away with his runner-up medal at the end of the UEFA Champions League final football match between Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) and Inter Milan in Munich, southern Germany on 31 May 2025. PHOTO: AFP

INTER Milan finished the season empty-handed after a crushing 5-0 defeat to Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League final last Saturday. But despite the bitter end, there were more positives than negatives for the Serie A side in a gruelling campaign. Now, Simone Inzaghi and his players must regroup and look ahead.

The Nerazzurri had been dreaming of a treble, with hopes of success in multiple competitions. However, their season unraveled in late April with a series of costly setbacks - including a Coppa Italia semifinal exit and

narrowly losing the Serie A title to Napoli by just one point on the final day.

With little time to recover, Inter shifted focus to the Champions League final, believing that lifting the trophy could still salvage the season.

But at the Munich Football Arena, what awaited Inter was a nightmare. PSG outclassed them from the start. The French side's relentless high press forced Inter to build from the back, a style they were clearly uncomfortable with.

In midfield, Hakan Calhanoglu struggled to dictate play under pressure from Vitorino Ferrei-

ra, while Lautaro Martinez was effectively neutralized up front and rarely troubled Gianluigi Donnarumma. These underwhelming performances helped PSG secure a historic victory.

Compared to PSG's trophy-laden campaign, Inter's season ended with an empty cabinet. Yet, their effort cannot be denied, having played 59 matches across all competitions.

Captain Lautaro Martinez sought to lift spirits after the final. He said: "We had an excellent season, even though we didn't win any titles. There is bitterness and the desire to come back stronger. We gave everything and did everything. Today, we suffered a defeat that hurts, but I'm proud."

Maintaining competitiveness across all fronts is never easy, and the congested schedule took its toll in the final months. Inter entered the final stretched thin and physically worn down.

Still, the season featured numerous highlights, both individual and collective. The striking partnership of Lautaro and Marcus Thuram developed into one of Europe's most dangerous duos. Wing-backs Denzel Dumfries and Federico Dimarco delivered their most impressive seasons since arriving, while Nicola Zalewski made a seamless transition after joining during the January transfer window. — Xinhua

## Lewandowski feeling good but in no hurry to decide future

FC Barcelona striker Robert Lewandowski expressed confidence in his ability to continue performing at a high level but declined to set a specific end date for his career at the club.

The 36-year-old played a key role in Barcelona's La Liga and Copa del Rey double-winning season, scoring 42 goals across all competitions despite being sidelined late in the campaign with a muscle injury.

Speaking to the Barcelona-based El Mundo Deportivo newspaper, Lewandowski was asked about his future and whether he has considered extending his stay beyond the remaining year on his contract.

"I think I have enough time to decide what I want to do after next season. I can play at the same level as last season," said Lewandowski, who noted that there could always be "something else outside of football that can ultimately change what's on my mind."

"That's why I think it's too early to think about these things now. I have a little time to rest, then I also have time for preseason and to prepare well for the season. I'm sure I'll be physically fit," he explained. — Xinhua



Barcelona's Polish forward (9) Robert Lewandowski celebrates scoring his second goal during the Spanish league football match between Athletic Club Bilbao and FC Barcelona at San Mames Stadium in Bilbao, on 25 May 2025. PHOTO: AFP



## Ukraine, Russia conclude Istanbul peace talks with positive outcomes

THE latest round of peace talks between Ukraine and Russia, held in Istanbul on Monday under Turkish mediation, concluded with what officials described as some positive developments, particularly on humanitarian matters.

Turkish Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Oncu Keceli confirmed that the talks, held behind closed doors, “did not end negatively”.

Following the talks, Ukrainian Defence Minister Rustem Umerov, who led the Ukrainian delegation, stated at a press conference that the two sides had reached concrete humanitarian outcomes in the talks.

Umerov said during the talks Ukraine presented its agenda to Russia, proposing a 30-day unconditional ceasefire, alongside the release of prisoners and the return of young soldiers and children.

Moscow will return Ukraine 6,000 bodies of fallen soldiers, said Russian Presidential Aide Vladimir Medinsky after the peace talks.

Moscow and Kyiv agreed to exchange all heavily wounded and 18-25-year-old soldiers, while Moscow proposed to declare a ceasefire with Ukraine for two to three days at some areas of the front line, he added. — Xinhua

## UN chief calls for probe into deaths near Gaza aid site



Palestinian children wait for food at a distribution point in Nuseirat, central Gaza Strip, 2 June 2025. PHOTO: AFP

UN chief Antonio Guterres called Monday for an independent investigation into the killing of dozens of Palestinians near a US-backed aid centre in Gaza after rescuers blamed the deaths on Israeli fire and the military denied any involvement.

Gaza’s civil defence agency said Israeli gunfire killed at least 31 people and wounded 176 near the aid distribution site in the southern city of Rafah, with AFP photos showing civilians at the

scene carting away bodies and medics at nearby hospitals reporting a deluge of gunshot wound victims.

The Israeli military, however, denied its troops had fired on civilians in or around the centre, and both it and the aid site’s administrator accused Hamas of sowing false rumours.

“I am appalled by the reports of Palestinians killed and injured while seeking aid in Gaza yesterday. It is unacceptable that Palestinians are risking

their lives for food,” Guterres said in a statement, without assigning blame for the deaths.

“I call for an immediate and independent investigation into these events and for perpetrators to be held accountable.”

The Israeli government has cooperated with the group running the site, the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF), to introduce a new mechanism for distributing aid in Gaza that has bypassed the longstanding UN-led system.

The UN has declined to work with the group out of concerns about its neutrality, with some aid agencies saying it appears designed to cater to Israeli military objectives.

### ‘Killed right in front of me’

An eyewitness from the scene in Rafah, Sameh Hamuda, 33, had told AFP he was headed towards the aid site amid a crowd of other Palestinians when “quadcopter drones opened fire on the people, and tanks started shooting”.

“Several people were killed right in front of me,” he said.

Another witness, Abdullah Barbakh, 58, also told AFP “the army opened fire from drones and tanks”. — AFP

## UK unveils plans for 12 new nuclear subs under AUKUS deal

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer will announce on Monday his country’s intention to build up to 12 nuclear-powered submarines as part of the AUKUS pack with the United States and Australia, UK Defence Secretary John Healey said.

“The Prime Minister will announce tomorrow that the UK’s conventionally armed, nuclear-powered submarine fleet will be significantly expanded, with up to 12 new SSN-AUKUS boats to be built,” Healey said in a statement released on the government’s website on Sunday.

He said the new vessels will replace the seven Astute Class attack submarines currently in service.

In February, Starmer announced the UK’s plans to raise defence spending to 2.5 per cent of GDP from April 2027 and further to three per cent of GDP in the next parliament. — SPUTNIK

## South Korea presidential candidates rally in final campaign stretch



Supporters of Lee Jae-myung, the presidential candidate for South Korea’s Democratic Party, gesture during his final election campaign event ahead of the upcoming 3 June presidential election in Seoul on 2 June 2025. PHOTO: AFP

CANDIDATES running in South Korea’s snap presidential election made a last push for votes on Monday, the eve of a poll triggered by ex-leader Yoon Suk Yeol’s martial law declaration.

South Koreans are desperate to draw a line under six months of political turmoil sparked by Yoon’s brief suspension of civilian rule in December, for which he was impeached and removed from office.

All major polls put liberal Lee Jae-myung well ahead in the presidential race, with the latest Gallup survey showing 49 per cent of respondents viewed him as the best candidate.

Conservative Kim Moon-soo, from the People Power Party (PPP) — Yoon’s former party — trailed Lee on 35 per cent.

Both candidates have framed the campaign as a fight for the soul of the nation.

Lee spent much of his final day of campaigning in his old stomping grounds of Gyeonggi Province — where he previously served as governor and built much of his support base.

He then headed to Seoul’s Yeouido, to hold his final rally at the site where people gathered to demand disgraced president Yoon be impeached after he attempted to suspend civilian rule in December.

By Monday evening, thousands of Lee’s supporters had gathered, waving blue balloons, as K-pop music blasted and vendors sold glo-sticks emblazoned with Lee’s beaming face. — AFP