

# The Global **NEW LIGHT** of MYANMAR

## Preventing division and racism is everyone's responsibility

The council continues to offer opportunities for open dialogue, welcoming ongoing discussions and fostering a durable peace.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing sent a message to the ceremony to mark the 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Chin National Day on 20 February 2025. The full text of the translated message is as follows: -

### Esteemed Chin ethnic national brethren,

On this special occasion of the 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Chin National Day which falls on 20 February 2025, I extend my heartfelt wishes for prosperity and auspiciousness to all Chin ethnic groups and all national peoples of the Union. May everyone be blessed with good fortune and well-being.

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## 23,000+ foodstuff industries make up nearly 50% of private sector

Only when the government and private sector are in close cooperation to fulfil needs will manufacturing and commodity flow improve.



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views the display at yesterday's event in Nay Pyi Taw.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing underscored that a total of 9,984 industries produce foodstuffs out of 49,025 industries of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) across the nation.

The Myanmar Foodstuff Development Forum (2025) was inaugurated at the Myanmar International Convention Centre II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, with an address by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior Gener-

al noted that any country can be assessed with Gross Domestic Product-(GDP) for its economic development. The calculation of GDP can be based on agriculture, industrial and service sectors.

He recounted that the Industrial Development Commission, the Electricity and Energy Development Commission and the Agriculture and Livestock Development Commission were formed for the harmonious development of the industrial and economic sectors of the State.

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### Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the opening of the Myanmar Foodstuff Development Forum (2025)

1. Encouraging MSMEs to have achievement aims at the development of the internal economy as well as domestic production.
2. Efforts must be made to manufacture import substitute goods and enhance manufacture of export products step by step.
3. A total of 23,887 foodstuff industries have registered, accounting for 49.63 per cent in the private industries.

# NATIONAL

## Fostering a Love for Forests: Cultivating Trees for a Greener Future

Embracing a love for forests and nurturing the growth of all planted trees is essential.

Trees must be systematically cultivated to ensure a lush, green environment and favourable weather for future generations.

*(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the first monsoon tree-growing ceremony 2024 of Tatmadaw families at the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) on 7 June 2024)*

## Govt to combat support for terrorism, armed insurgents

THE Constitution stated that the Union is the ultimate owner of all lands and all natural resources above and below the ground, above and beneath the water and in the atmosphere in the Union. Moreover, the relevant laws for State-owned natural resources are enacted following the stipulation of the Constitution – the Union shall enact necessary laws to supervise the extraction and utilization of State-owned natural resources by economic forces, and the exploration of natural resources is permitted under the respective laws.

However, the rapacious business elements extracted the State-owned natural resources unlawfully taking advantage of terrorist attacks and armed attacks in certain regions of the country to provide terrorist groups and armed insurgents. In extracting the State-owned natural resources unlawfully, it is also found that the poor locals who do not understand the law are persuaded with financial incentives in extracting processes. Such doings are supposed to be encouragement for violence under the Counter Terrorism Law, and so, those working in unlawful extraction should be aware of it.

The government will expose and take effective actions against those extracting the State-owned natural resources to provide terrorist groups and armed insurgents. Therefore, the people should avoid working in the illegal extraction of natural resources that encourage and support terrorist groups and armed insurgents. — MNA/KTZH

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## Appointment of Head of Service Organization

THE State Administration Council has appointed U Hsan Win Tun, Deputy Director-General of the Information Technology and Cybersecurity Department under the Ministry of Transport and Communications, as Director-General of the same department on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

## Gold Market Rate as of 19 February 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,500,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

## Fifth-day Tatmadaw military band competition held in Nay Pyi Taw



The fifth-day Tatmadaw military band competition in action yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

THE Level A and Level B competitions of the 31<sup>st</sup> Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, and Air) Military Band Competition, commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armed Forces Day, continued yesterday morning at the Nay Pyi Taw Transit Centre parade ground.

The office of the Commander-in-Chief

(Air) band competed in Level A, while Level B featured band 1 from Central Command, band 2 from Yangon Command, and band 1 from the East-South Command.

The event was attended by Tatmadaw members (Army, Navy, and Air) Military Band Competition Committee, judges, contestants, and guests. — MNA/MKKS

## Weather

### Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Wednesday 19 February 2025)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Weather is partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and a few cloud elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 20 February 2025:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Taninthayi Region and Kachin, Chin States and isolated in Upper Sagaing Region. Degree of certainty is 80%. Weather will be partly cloudy in Kayin, Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave

height will be about 4-6 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Isolated to scattered rain or thundershowers in Upper Sagaing, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon States.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20 February 2025:** Generally fair weather.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20 February 2025:** Generally fair weather. — DMH

# 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)*

## 23,000+ foodstuff industries make up nearly 50% of private sector

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The Senior General emphasized that the forum aims to create a better economic environment for the development of foodstuff industries, promote the manufacturing of quality and safe foodstuffs along the production chain, ensure local food security and produce import substitutes to be able to penetrate the international market, create new plans for continuous comprehensive development of foodstuff industries and disseminate clear laws, procedures, techniques and standards for sustainable

development of foodstuff industries.

He continued to say that a total of 23,887 foodstuff industries have registered so far, accounting for 49.63 per cent in the private industries.

He highlighted that a total of 2,004 foodstuff industries have registered among other registered industries in industrial zones. Only when the government and private sector are in close cooperation to fulfil needs will manufacturing and commodity flow improve.

The Senior General explained that encouraging

MSMEs to have achievement aims at developing of internal economy as well as domestic production. In doing so, raw materials are essential for the manufacturing of products. Hence, the policy was adopted for producing domestic raw materials. Products of agriculture and livestock farms are certain raw materials. Efforts must be made to manufacture import substitute goods and enhance manufacture of export products step by step. High quality of products and proper packaging forms contribute to increased demand and supply process.

A video clip on the development of Myanmar's foodstuff industry was screened. President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Aye Win reported on holding the Myanmar Foodstuff Development Forum 2025.

UMFCCI President U Aye Win and Chairman of Myanmar Foodstuff Producer and Exporter Association U Aung Shwe presented an emblem of the forum to the Senior General.

The Senior General visited booths of foodstuffs manufactured domestically at the forum,

asked about what he wanted to know and gave guidance.

Also present at the ceremony were SAC Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, council members, Union ministers, Union-level dignitaries, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, deputy ministers, departmental heads, businesspersons and officials.

The forum will take place till 20 February. It will feature sector-wise seminars for the development of Myanmar's foodstuff industries. — MNA/TTA

## Myanmar, Thailand, China expedite repatriation of telecom fraudsters



Yesterday, representatives of Myanmar, Thailand, and China discussed facilitating the repatriation of foreigners involved in telecom fraud and destructive actions in Mae Sot, Thailand.

Delegations led by Deputy Police Chief 1 Police Maj-Gen Tin Ko Ko of the Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Thailand's

The discussion between Myanmar, Thailand and China in progress yesterday in Mae Sot, Thailand.

Tak Province Vice-Administrator Mr Narongchai Jindaphan, and Deputy Director-General Mr Liu Ning Ning of Criminal Investigation Department of Public Security of China attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the three leaders discussed the acceleration of tackling online scams and online gambling, systematic transfer of offenders among the countries of origin, transit countries and arrival countries, cooperation to draft the action plan by forming the task force among three countries, and quick transfer of third-country nationals via Thailand. — MNA/KTZH

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On 20 February 1948, a public assembly in Falam abolished the feudal system and chose the regional democratic system. This date was designated as "Chin National Day", and it has been celebrated annually with great honour for 77 years. In the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, including the Chin ethnic group, all indigenous peoples of the Union have lived together for centuries on the same land, sharing the same water, and uniting with family values. As a result, they have been able to stand proudly and with dignity in the world. Even when Myanmar lost its independence and sovereignty, the Union spirit of all ethnic groups helped to regain it.

Throughout the struggle for the nation's independence and the process nation-building after gaining independence, the Chin ethnic group stood side by side with the Union's other ethnic groups, united in spirit and action. During the period of British colonial rule, Chin ethnic leaders such as Bo Khai Kam, Bo Con Bik, Bo Lall Lwe, and Bo Thaug Linh, along with the Chin people, bravely fought in resistance with other ethnic groups. Even during the struggle for independence, leaders like U Thong Za Khup, Naing-Ngan Gonyi (First Class) recipient U Kio Mang, Wunna Kyaw Htin U Hlur Hmong, Thiri Pyanchi U Thaug Cin Thang, and Independence Mawgun recipient (First Class) Thadoe Maha Sithu U Vammathumong were found to have fought courageously in battles.

Naing-Ngan Gonyi (First Class) recipient Thiri Pyanchi U That Ling who participated in drafting three Constitutions of the State in 1947, 1974 and 2008, Lt-Col Hrang Thio, Lt-Col Lyan Ciin Zamg, Captain Thura Aung San Thuria Taik Chun, Colonel Zeya Kyaw Thin Van Kul, and Naing-Ngan Gonyi (First Class) recipient Maj-Gen Thaug Za Khai, who fought against internal insurgency in the post-independence era, each served their respective duties with dedication for the benefit of the State.

For the durability of the nation and the Union, and perpetuation of sovereignty, many Chin ethnic heroes, sacrificed their lives, blood, and sweat for the State and Tatmadaw. These heroes, who played significant roles in history, are worthy of great honour and respect for the Chin State and the Chin ethnic people.

Currently, there is a significant threat to the nation due to violent conflicts, violations of the law, and destructive actions within the country, including in certain areas of Chin State. These threats pose a severe danger to the nation. It is essential to pay special attention to preventing the spread of hatred among the people, which is being fueled by internal and external destructive groups, and to protect the long-standing bonds of unity and fraternity that have existed for thousands of years among national brethren of the Union.

Everybody needs to prevent instigation against people and the implementation of narrow-minded racism.

The terror acts currently being faced stem from the outcome of the 2020 general election, where election fraud was exposed and annulled. Instead of objectively assessing the situation, these acts began due to a desire to seize power through immoral means, starting with violent protests. Some ethnic armed organizations, with misguided attitudes towards the State and its people, also took advantage of the ensuing instability to launch terror attacks and destroy peaceful regions. As a result of these events, innocent civilians' lives, homes, and belongings, as well as public infrastructure in areas including Chin State, have been severely damaged and destroyed, leaving people in poverty and suffering, which is well known to all.

The local ethnic people are the ones who are directly experiencing the negative consequences of armed terrorism. The losses incurred are primarily the nation's resources and infrastructure. In a situation where progress and development are underway, the damage and destruction caused by such reckless actions reduce the country's strength and require considerable time and resources to restore the original state. The government is also providing financial support to employees and citizens who have been displaced due to these terror acts. Therefore, we urge all ethnic people, including the Chin, to cooperate and participate in efforts to end these violent conflicts and achieve peace and stability for both the country and the people.

The State Administration Council has set two political visions: to strengthen a genuine disciplined multiparty democratic system and to build a union based on democracy and a federal system. It has also set two national visions: ensuring the prosperity of the nation and food security. To achieve these objectives, the Council has defined a five-point Roadmap and nine objectives, which are being actively implemented. The Council is committed to promoting the national interest and the welfare of the people by bringing an end to armed conflicts, ensuring a stable and peaceful environment, and advancing economic and social progress. To improve the socioeconomic life of the people, priority will be given to economic development. If the economy improves, other sectors such as political, social, and health sectors will also see progress and improvement.

As a result, agricultural produce will be able to increase production more effectively according to regional needs, and priority should be given to developing livestock farming businesses that align with the region. The agricultural and livestock products produced locally should be further enhanced and developed into high-quality MSME products. Efforts

should also be made to ensure food security in the region, meet domestic needs, and increase exports. The government is providing the necessary technology, capital, and production capacity for operating MSMEs with continuous aid plans.

As the country needs to initiate the plans to build a Union based on democracy and federalism and implement the socioeconomic life of individuals, the government is striving to ensure the development of all sectors, including education. All children of school age should have the opportunity to attend school, receive school education, and improve their transition between grades. In addition to vocational education, they should be able to complete higher levels of education. By doing so, we aim to cultivate educated young people who will contribute to the nation's future. Only then can we ensure the prosperous future of the nation, led by capable and knowledgeable youth.

The State Administration Council is actively working to successfully hold free and fair multiparty democratic general elections, which is its ultimate goal. Only after resolving armed conflicts in respective areas can elections be conducted in a fully free and fair manner. The State Administration Council is committed to implementing the ceasefire agreements under the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) in the ongoing armed conflicts. Therefore, discussions have been held with ethnic armed groups, and the Council continues to keep the path to lasting peace open. The State Administration Council is committed to ensuring that all voters are free from threats, oppression, unlawful coercion, and group dominance, and to conducting a fair, dignified, and accurate election. For free and fair elections to be held, the entire country must remain stable and peaceful. Therefore, we urge all Chin ethnic people to unite with love for their region, nation, and the union, and to work together to ensure peace and stability in their region and the success of the upcoming election.

The stability and peace of the nation, along with the rule of law, are crucial for the country's development and nation-building. Therefore, I kindly urge all ethnic peoples, including the Chin nationals, to work together with the government to achieve a ceasefire in armed conflicts. I send this message of goodwill, wishing that the Chin people, based on the spirit of union and patriotism, would be able to work for the interests of the Chin State and the Union on this auspicious occasion of the 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Chin National Day.

*Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu  
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## Amarapura era mural paintings showcase Myanma Thanaka history



Depictions of ancient wall and mural paintings illustrate the history of Myanmar Thanaka. PHOTO: ZWE MARN

THE pilgrims are increasingly interested in observing the mural paintings of ancient pagodas and temples in Sagu Township, Magway Region, and the mural paints of the Amarapura era featuring palace women wearing Thanaka showcase part of the history of Myanmar Thanaka, said a historian.

A total of 11 pagodas in Sagu Township depict ancient wall paintings, No (11) Yokesone Zedi in Kyaungywa ward showcases artworks of the Nyaung Yan

era, while Shwe Bhone Thar pagoda in Ooyinzn village the Konbaung era, two Shwe Taung Oo pagodas in the entrance of Kwetae village Amarapura era, Shitmyathna pagoda in Kyan Monastery of Thamahti village Yadanabon era, and the ancient artworks at Shwe Zedi in Pinlethet village, other artworks in Ponnayashin pagoda in Minbu (Sagu) created one year after King Thibaw was exiled, colonial artworks at Yokesone Zedi behind Htaygyi pagoda, Chin Thaelay Sa-

ing pagoda in the west of Sayonelan and Thein Zedi in Waizayanta Monastery in Thamahti ward.

The mural paints of the Amarapura era at Sutaungpyae Yokesone Zedi located in the south of Htaygyi pagoda included the paintings in which palace women wearing Thanaka highlighted the history of Myanmar Thanaka culture, and the historians also suggested that wearing of Myanmar Thanaka can be seen in Bagan era in addition of Nyaung

Yan era.

“Saku is an ancient cultural region. The ancient pagodas and temples are full of mural paints depicting stories of Buddha, 550 Jataka and other stories. We found the paintings on the walls of Su Taung Pyae pagoda that the palace women are wearing Thanaka. It is proof that Myanmar Thanaka was used as a cosmetic in Pyu, Bagan, Nyaung Yan and Amarapura eras. The wall paintings of the Bagan era contain only a few colours. But, we see colourful paintings in Nyaung Yan and Amarapura eras. It is a matter of pride to see the practice of applying Thanaka by palace women over 400 years ago as a traditional heritage passed down since the reign of Myanmar’s ancient Kings,” said historian U Zaw Win.

Sagu Township with historic proofs of Myanmar Thanaka boasts mural paintings ranging from AD 13, and 14 to AD 17-19. The pagodas and temples with mural paintings of the Pyu era need to be conserved. The pagodas, temples and stupas of Bagan, Konbaung and colonial eras in Sagu Township boast mural paintings, and the paintings of Nyaung Yan and Amarapura eras highlight the dignity of Myanmar Thanaka. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

## MoHT launches one-week culinary course in Chinese cuisine

UNION Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Kyaw Soe Win addressed the opening ceremony of the Chinese food culinary course at Shwe San Eain Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The course was jointly launched by the Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Mandalay) and Fujian Foreign Language School with the assistance of the Yunnan Economics Trade and Foreign Affairs College marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and China.

The event was attended by Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Zeyar Lin, Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee member 3 U Khun Nay Tun Oo, the permanent secretary, directors-general, deputy directors-general and relevant officials from the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Principal and teachers of Fujian Foreign Language School, the vice-principal and professor, faculty members, train-

ers from Yunnan Economics Trade and Foreign Affairs College, relevant officials of Nay Pyi Taw hotel and tourism associations and trainees.

In his speech, the Union minister highlighted the intention of the course to offer better services to Chinese travellers and bring benefits to those who want to run hotels, restaurants and Chinese food in Myanmar.

Establishing Chinese restaurants in certain townships can attract Chinese visitors.

The ministry opens such training courses nationwide to emerge skilful human resources in preparing the food and service industry.

He urged the participants to work together to improve the services in the hotel and tourism sectors.

The vice-principal of the Yunnan Economics Trade and Foreign Affairs College and the principal of Fujian Foreign Language School briefed the training course and had documentary



Union Minister U Kyaw Soe Win and officials observe the cooking course launch.

photos taken together with all attendees.

The Union minister observed the

lecture and practical sessions. The course will be conducted for one week. — MNA/KTZH

# NATIONAL



This photo displays students taking the matriculation examination in 2024.

## 220,000+ candidates to take 2025 matric exam at 817 centres nationwide

ACCORDING to the Department of Myanmar Examinations, a total of 817 examination centres will be set up across the country for the 2025 matriculation examination.

The matriculation examination will take place from 17 to 22 March 2025 without any breaks. Candidates will have to sit for a single subject each day, including Myanmar, English, Mathematics, Chemistry/Geography, Physics/History, and

Biology/Economics. The exams will be held from 9 am to 12 pm.

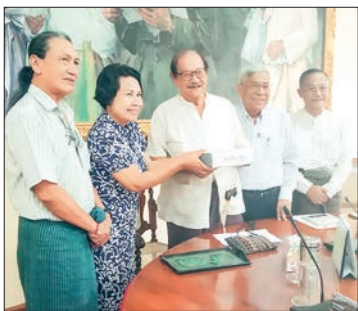
More than 220,000 candidates from the states and regions across the country will sit for the examination.

Additionally, applications for the exam will be accepted until 1 March. Arrangements will also be made to accommodate students who need to transfer to their examination centres due to various reasons. — MNA/MKKS

## Academy Award-winning makeup artist donates K1M to MMPO

TWENTY-TWENTY-FOUR Academy Award-winning makeup artist Lone Lone (Lingadipa) donated K1 million to the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization on 18 February.

The donation aims to be used in MMPO's donation of rice,



This photo captures Academy Award-winning makeup artist Lone Lone presenting donations to MMPO officials.

cooking oil and foodstuffs which is done often for those in the movie industry, according to MMPO Vice-Chair U Aye Kyu Lay.

“Our organization has provided basic foods for our people in the movie industry at an opportune and for this funding, our artists in the movie industry and external donors have often made contributions. We made the 16th time donation in January and now Academy Lone Lone has come to give her contribution for the next round of donations,” said U Aye Kyu Lay.

MMPO distributed basic foods to those in different groups of the movie industry from 22 to 25 January as its 16th-time donation. — ASH/ZS

## 5,000 displaced in Sittway receive food vouchers from MRCS & Danish Red Cross



Two individuals collect food supplies using food vouchers.

THE Myanmar Red Cross Society, in collaboration with the Danish Red Cross, has distributed food vouchers to displaced households currently in Sittway, Rakhine State.

According to MRCS, from 31 January to 8 February, a total of 4,997 individuals from 1,464 displaced households received these vouchers.

Each displaced person

was provided with a food voucher worth K68,500, which could be exchanged for 6 Pyins of rice, 50 ticals of chickpeas, 50 ticals of salt, and 50 ticals of cooking oil. In total, 4,997 vouchers were distributed, amounting to K342.294 million.

These vouchers do not provide food directly but instead allow recipients to collect food items from designated vendors upon presenting the voucher.

The distribution of these vouchers was carried out by MRCS with support from the Danish Red Cross. Local Red Cross volunteers, Red Cross members, and community members participated in the distribution process. — ASH/KNN

## Zoe 1,000 Myanmar action film begins shooting in Thanlyin



The 'Zoe 1,000' film commencement ceremony is in progress.

THE Myanmar action film 'Zoe 1,000' (1,000 antiheroes) has begun shooting in Thanlyin, Yangon Region, starting in the last week of February, as confirmed by Director Thu Htoo San.

The film's storyline was written by THS, with the script co-written by De Yay Hline, Pyay Nyine and THS. Thu Htoo San will direct the film under Hunk Film Production.

“I have worked on several films without my name credited as the director. However, this

will be the first time I officially take on the role. This action film will be different from previous ones, featuring a unique setting. Though the script was developed around 2018, it is only now being brought to life. Unlike the Zoe 1,000 video version released earlier, this film will include fresh elements,” Thu Htoo San stated.

The film features a star-studded cast, including Thu Htoo San, Academy Award winner Aye Chan Maung, Sai Se Tuam Kham, Shwe Thamee, Aung Lay,

Nay Ye, Nay Thit Aye Aung, Min Hein, Bhone Hlyan, Nga Pyaw Kyaw, Naing Luu, Min Zaw, Kaung Sithu, Okka Kyaw, Ko Thet, Aung Kaung Set, Pyae Kaung Su Thant, Chaw Theinga Ko and guest appearances by Academy Award winner Moe Moe Myint Aung, Nay Htet Lin, Ko Moe Thu, and the Black-Z Stunts team.

The official launch ceremony for the film took place on 18 February at the Botahtaung Pagoda in Botahtaung Township, Yangon. — ASH/KZL

## EOI sought for private hospitals in PyinOoLwin



A general view of the entrance of PyinOoLwin.

A committee implementing the establishment of private hospitals in PyinOoLwin invited companies to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to set up private hospitals of

international standards, under the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) system.

The project will be located on the state-owned land in PyinOoLwin Township,

Mandalay Region. This project aims to support private health sector development and provide comprehensive healthcare services for people, prioritizing chronic kidney disease, eye diseases, cancer, kidney surgery and primary care.

Those citizens who would like to invest and establish a private hospital focusing on the aforementioned health problems on the state-owned land are invited to submit the EOI by 23 April 2025 (4 pm). EOI form can be available at the Private Health Division of the Ministry of Health in Nay Pyi Taw and interested companies can inquire about details through 067 4311069, 067 3411630 and the division's email privatehealthdivision@gmail.com. — NN/KK

## Myanmar secures US\$83M FDI from China between Apr & Jan

MYANMAR drew over US\$83 million from China in the past ten months of the current financial year 2024-2025 beginning 1 April, including an expansion of the capital by the existing enterprises, statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) indicated.

Singapore is the top investor in Myanmar during the April-January period this FY, with an estimated capital of US\$446.65 million including the expansion of capital by existing enterprises. China stood as the second largest investor this FY with an estimated capital of over \$83 million made by 30 newly approved enterprises and existing ones. Thailand is ranked third in the line-up with more than \$46 million from two new businesses and the existing ones.

The Myanmar Investment

Commission greenlit 52 foreign projects from 11 countries and regions (China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Marshall Islands, the Russia Federation, Japan, and the UAE) to make investments of over \$656 million in the past ten months, including expansions of capital by existing enterprises.

Chinese companies primarily made investments in the manufacturing sector and infrastructure projects.

This FY, the oil and gas sector found a capital expansion of \$357 million. The manufacturing sector drew \$148.6 million, the transport and communications sector attracted \$87.7 million and the services sector received over \$51 million. The remaining FDI flowed into agriculture, livestock, fisheries and power, respectively. — KK

## Shrimp exports reel in US\$23M between Apr & Jan

DEPARTMENT of Fisheries stated that shrimp exports amounted to US\$23.6 million in the past ten months of the current financial year 2024-2025 beginning 1 April.

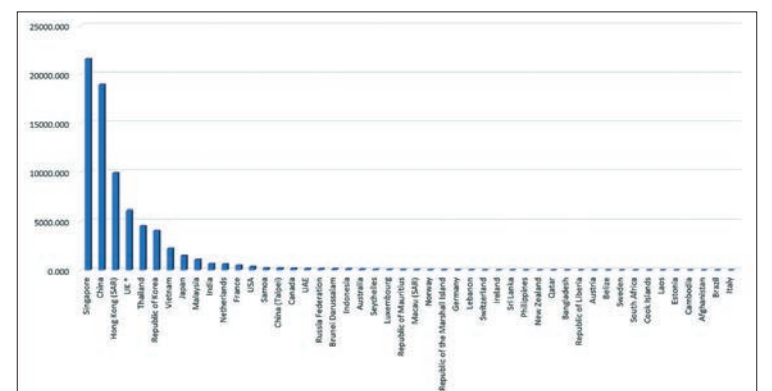
Myanmar's shrimp exports by sea earned \$16.168 million from 5,670.47 tonnes,

while shrimp exports at borders were estimated at \$7.495 million from 1,357.94 tonnes during the April-January period. Shrimp exports, therefore, totalled 7,028.4 tonnes worth \$23.6 million.

Myanmar exports fishery products to 40 international

countries including Japan, Bangladesh, China and Thailand by sea and via land borders.

Myanmar's fish export bagged over \$521 million from 402,308 tonnes in the past nine months (April-December) of the current FY. — NN/KK



Figures: (US\$ in million) Foreign investments of existing projects as of 31 January 2025 by country/region. SOURCE: DICA

## ITC Thagaya to offer industrial skills training in May

NO 3 Industrial Training Center Thagaya located in Yedashe Township, Bago Region, will offer one-year industrial skilled training from 19 May 2025 to 8 April 2026.

The ITC Thagaya will conduct a Machinery Course, CAD/CAM Course, Electrician Course, Electronic Course and Foundry Course with 30 per cent of theoretical learning and 70 per cent of practical approaches. Each course is limited to 30 trainees in maximum.

Those interested who have taken the matriculation exam under the old curriculum or



Dedicated trainees engaged in practical session.

new curriculum between the ages of 17 and 25 are eligible to attend the courses. They must be unmarried, healthy and fit enough to complete the courses

and committed to follow the rules.

Application forms can be downloaded through the website (<https://industry.gov.mm>)

and the No 3 Industrial Training Centre - Thagaya Facebook page. The deadline for submission of the application is 4 pm on 25 March 2025.

Furthermore, a citizenship scrutiny card, three licensed photos, a ward administrator's recommendation, a police clearance certificate, a health certificate, a recommendation letter that they have attended Grade 11 under the old curriculum or Grade 12 under the new curriculum or matriculation exam pass certificate, vaccination certificate for COVID-19 are required to be provided.

The entrance exam for

qualified applicants will take place on 2-4 April at ITC Thagaya, in aspects of English, Mathematics and general knowledge related to industry. Interviews will proceed at the centre as well. Trainees will be provided dormitory, K45,000 monthly stipends for food costs and K40,000 worth two uniforms. Those who complete the course will receive a certificate. Individuals can enquire about details through 09 420731549 and 09 420731547 of the ITC Thagaya, and 0673405051 of the Training Centres Supervision Department under the Ministry of Industry. — NN/KK

# OPINION

## Initiate socioeconomic life of Chin ethnic people

**A** PUBLIC assembly in Falam of Chin State which abolished the system of local governance and chose the regional democratic governance system initiated the Chin National Day on 20 February 1948. It has been celebrated annually with great honour for 77 years.

The struggle for the nation's independence and the process throughout history, as well as the time when the nation was built after gaining independence, saw the Chin ethnic group standing side by side with the Union's other ethnic groups, united in spirit and action. Likewise, all Chin ethnic people served their respective duties with dedication for the benefit of the State.

The government remains dedicated to enforcing the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) to resolve ongoing armed conflicts. It continues engaging with ethnic armed groups, promoting open dialogue, and striving for lasting peace. The Chin people are encouraged to unite with love for their region and nation, working together to maintain stability and support the success of the upcoming election.

ing people in poverty and suffering.

It is essential to pay special attention to preventing the spread of hatred among the people, which is being fueled by internal and external destructive groups, and to protect the long-standing bonds of unity and fraternity that have existed for thousands of years among national brethren of the Union. Everybody needs to prevent instigation against people and the implementation of narrow-minded racism.

The local ethnic people are the ones who are directly experiencing the negative consequences of armed terrorism. The losses incurred are primarily the nation's resources and infrastructure. In a situation where progress and development are underway, the damage and destruction caused by such reckless actions reduce the country's strength and require considerable time and resources to restore the original state.

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**S**OME people may think that a student tends to become an outstanding one simply due to his or her born ability. It cannot be said this is correct at all. I agree that many students turn out to be natural geniuses, but it will happen together with other external factors. As for me, an outstanding student may or may not have an excellent memory, but surely, he or she is given to own never-diminished perseverance and greater intrinsic motivation than a normal student. Not only that, outstanding students are usually inclined to bring benefits for both themselves and others. Now, I want to describe the reasons behind being an outstanding student, depending on my over ten years of teaching experience.

Some students themselves are hungry for education. They always do loud and still whatever brings education. Often they are eager to learn something new and also physically, mentally or emotionally ready to do so. As always, they can manage to avert physical fatigue due to their sports or games, mental fatigue due to their relationship with family members, friends or teachers and emotional fatigue due to their close neighbourhood or atmosphere, even though they get involved in these situations. They like to go to school regularly and even without a day's leave

throughout the whole academic year. They are seldom browned off with revising or reviewing their well-taken school lessons. Students by instinct or with very intrinsic motivation could do well in their studies without any external motivation. In spite of this, teachers should play a huge role in students' learning success. Some students have a terrible memory and like learning by rote as usual, but when they have a chance to be taught by seasoned teachers, their learning achievement is more likely to be considerable than they expect. If students with poor memory can do great in their studies together with experienced teachers, how much improvement of learning effect will highly intelligent students get in studying school subjects? Thanks to skilled teachers, good students will become better and then better students can be top of the best scholars' list. This is because skilful teachers can take control of their students' positive or negative emotions, make use of effective pedagogy in accordance with students' likes or needs, practise or guide students as much as necessary and have affection or interest in school children.

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## Reasons Behind an Outstanding Student

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)



But here, students' academic success will evidently differ from each other on account of their guardians' parenting style. In actual fact, parents are the very first teachers of a child, also as the Myanmar saying goes. Some parents wish their children to get educated as much as they can, yet they often neglect to financially provide for their children even if they can afford it. On the other hand, honest to say, that some parents are unable to give financial support to their children's education. All parents, great and small, should provide physical help for students on the way to school at least, driving them to school for example, if they desire their students' educational accomplishment. It is certain that under no circumstance will only parents' financial assistance be adequate for outstanding students in the future. Astute parents of their children's education are non-indulgent people as well as they will be able to use the carrot and the stick for the children as much as needed.

A safe, well-developed, enjoyable learning environment looks like a great external motivator for an outstanding student's education. Sometimes an educational environment stimulates an average student to develop into a better scholar. The educated who can make an adequate living as per their

qualification are role models to young students in the educational environment. Of course, such an environment can be viewed as an atmosphere of educational competition among students, that is, the atmosphere arouses students' endeavour to get into the top ten, not that of beauty, clothing and jewellery competitions, as well as will contribute essential material and energy to efficient learning of students. In the main, only an educationally improved environment is an environment of education. A traditional economics- or agriculture-oriented society is not an educational community.

On the other side, there are several reasons for not being an outstanding student to a learner. Some students themselves appear indifferent to their education. Hence, even though their parents would like them to pursue education only, it stands to reason that the children will never excel in their studies. Unfortunately for them, some students do not find an opportunity to learn from good teachers who have mastery of both subject matter and instructional methods. Unless these students have powerful self-directed learning or independent study, they will also infrequently do extremely well in their school subjects. Some students compete against others for classroom learning activities, but they do not study

at home for love or money, knowing that other students do not do their homework, either. The worst of it is that students are learning in an environment where their educational efforts hardly ever bear fruit.

The main reason behind an outstanding student is the student himself. A student will have been an outstanding scholar only if he wants to actually. Apparently enough, outstanding students attend school and other classes that are worthwhile going without fail. They have everything in readiness for a lesson start. Rarely do they bring such personal feelings as hunger, thirst, sorrow, depression, despair, hopelessness, and anger due to someone or something into the classroom. They learn quite tactfully from their respective teachers. Even intelligent students will have memorized some subject matter by heart just after class. Whether having short-term memory or long-term memory, some students earnestly revise and review their lessons again and again. Finally, conducting study regularly, setting a suitably flexible timetable, having a self-learning style, and taking out an imaginative production in arts or science subjects are other reasons behind an outstanding student.

## Researchers discover the brain cells that regulate eating

*This finding could pave the way for new obesity treatments, as these neurons help regulate meal cessation by allowing for a gradual reduction in eating rather than an abrupt stop.*

**S**CIENTISTS have found specialized neurons in the brains of mice that order the animals to stop eating. Though many feeding circuits in the brain are known to play a role in monitoring food intake, scientists also believe that the neurons in those circuits do not make the final decision to cease eating a meal.

The neurons identified by the Columbia scientists, a new element of these circuits, are located in the brainstem, the oldest part of the vertebrate brain. Their discovery could lead to new treatments

for obesity.

"These neurons are unlike any other neuron involved in regulating satiation," says Alexander Nectow, a physician-scientist at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, who led the research with Srikanta Chowdhury, an associate research scientist in the Nectow lab.

"Other neurons in the brain are usually restricted to sensing food put into our mouth, or how food fills the gut, or the nutrition obtained from food. The neurons we found are special in that they

seem to integrate all these different pieces of information and more." The decision to stop eating is a familiar phenomenon. "It happens every time we sit down to eat a meal: At a certain point while we're eating, we start to feel full, and then we get fuller; and then we get to a point where we think, okay, that's enough," Nectow says.

How does the brain know when the body has had enough — and how does it act on that information to stop eating? Other researchers had previously tracked the decision-making cells to the

brainstem, but the leads ended there in previous research.

Nectow and Chowdhury deployed new single-cell techniques that make it possible to peer into a region of the brain and discern different types of cells that until now have been difficult to distinguish from one another. "This technique — spatially resolved molecular profiling — allows you to see cells where they are in the brainstem and what their molecular composition looks like," Nectow says.

During their profiling of a brainstem region known for pro-

cessing complex signals, the researchers spotted previously unrecognized cells that had similar characteristics to other neurons involved in regulating appetite. "We said, 'Oh, this is interesting. What do these neurons do?'"

To see how the neurons influenced eating, the researchers engineered the neurons so they could be turned on and off, by the researcher, with light.

When the neurons were activated by the light, the mice ate much smaller meals. The intensity of the activation determined how

quickly animals stopped eating. "Interestingly, these neurons don't just signal an immediate stop; they help the mice to slow down their eating gradually," Chowdhury says.

Nectow and Chowdhury also looked at how other eating circuits and hormones affected the neurons. The researchers found that the neurons were silenced by a hormone that increases appetite and activated by a GLP-1 agonist, a class of drugs now popular for treating obesity and diabetes.

SOURCE: ANI



Scientists have discovered specialized neurons in the brainstem of mice that play a crucial role in signaling when to stop eating, integrating various signals related to food intake. **ILLUSTRATION: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/CONCEPT ART**



# NATIONAL

## MoHT Deputy Minister promotes Myanmar attractions to Russian tourists in Mandalay

DEPUTY Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Phyo Zaw Soe met 38 Russian tourists currently visiting Myanmar yesterday at the Mingala Mandalay Hotel in Mandalay. The visit was organized by Radiant Tours.

The deputy minister encouraged the tourists to share their positive experiences from this trip, as well as the warmth and hospitality of the Myanmar people, with their family and friends upon returning home. He also urged them to share memorable moments captured during their travel on social media, helping to promote Myanmar's natural beauty, diverse ethnic cultures, and tourism industry.

In response, the Russian tourists noted that they had come from different regions



Deputy Minister U Phyo Zaw Soe meets a tour group of 38 Russians in Mandalay yesterday.

across Russia. They expressed confidence that news of Myanmar's attractions would quickly spread throughout their home country upon their return.

The deputy minister also provided updates on the ongoing Russian language courses in Myanmar and discussed the convenience of using the MIR card, a payment system widely used in Russia, for transactions in Myanmar. To mark the occasion, he presented souvenirs to the visitors, and group photos were taken.

The Russian tourists are set to embark on a 10-day tour covering Myanmar's major destinations, including Mandalay, PyinOoLwin, Bagan, Poba, Inlay, Bago, and Yangon. — MNA/MKKS

## 250 illegal foreign nationals detained in Myanmar

MYANMAR'S authorities detained 250 illegal foreign nationals who had entered Myawady, Shwe Kokko, and KK Park areas through unauthorized routes yesterday as the government continues to crack down on illegal online gambling, telecom fraud and other crimes in border areas.

Officials are working with relevant agencies to collect personal information and re-

records of these individuals for prompt repatriation. Between 30 January and 19 February 2025, authorities have identified and detained a total of 1,553 illegal foreign nationals in Myanmar.

The state government remains committed to eliminating online fraud, online gambling and other cyber crimes in border regions that threaten national secu-

urity and public safety. With cooperation from international organizations and the public, authorities are enforcing strict measures to suppress these crimes under the law. Regional governments are also actively identifying and taking action against illegal online gambling and financial fraud operations to prevent their presence within the country. — MNA/KZL



Immigration officials processing the handover of detained illegal entrants.

### MSME loans available for application

MSME owners in Nay Pyi Taw, the Union Territory, as well as in regions and states, can apply for the necessary loans to expand their businesses, purchase machinery, and procure raw materials. These loans are provided by the Myanma Economic Bank, Myanma Agricultural Development Bank, and 16 private banks.

The annual interest rates are three per cent for loans where at least 30 per cent is used for fixed capital, four per cent for loans used entirely 100 per cent as working capital and five per cent for loans issued under the Credit Guarantee Insurance (CGI) system.

MSME business owners who wish to apply for loans are advised to contact the relevant MSME agencies in Nay Pyi Taw, the Union Territory, regions, and states.

MSME Development Fund Management Committee

### Daily newspapers available online

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# NATIONAL

## MDY PDF members arrested for killing innocents in Mandalay Region

THE terrorist groups CRPH, NUG and their subordinates PDF terrorists, organizations and individuals intentionally murdered innocent civilians including government employees, bombed public areas and robbed people's properties aiming to affect the State's stability and impose fear among the public.

On 26 January, one hundred household head U Win Oo from Aungthaya Ward in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Region, was shot dead by the terrorists while sitting at the "Aung Kyaw Soe" betel quid shop.

Acting on tip-off, the security forces arrested two offenders Nan Win Soe (aka) Naing Win Soe and Min Khant (aka) Gu Gu together with one 9mm bullet in Htundon Ward, Chanmyathazi Township, on 2 February,

According to the confession, another suspect Aung Aung (aka) Aung Lay was arrested with four homemade pistols, 17 9mm bullets, 11 MG1 plastic grenades, one 91 grenade and one China-made grenade in Htundon Ward, Chanmyathazi Township, on the same morning.

On 3 February, according to Nan Win Soe (aka) Naing Win Soe, the police arrested Zaw Zaw Tun (aka) Zaw Thet (aka) Phet Ti from Myananda Ward was arrested in Singaing Township, and on 5 February, Tun Tun Myint from Kywenapha Village in Singaing Township was arrested. On 6 February evening, Thurein Tun from Kyunlone Okeshaung Ward in

Chanmyathazi Township was arrested.

A total of six male offenders who killed the civilians were arrested with four homemade pistols, 18 9mm bullets and 13 homemade grenades in Mandalay Region.

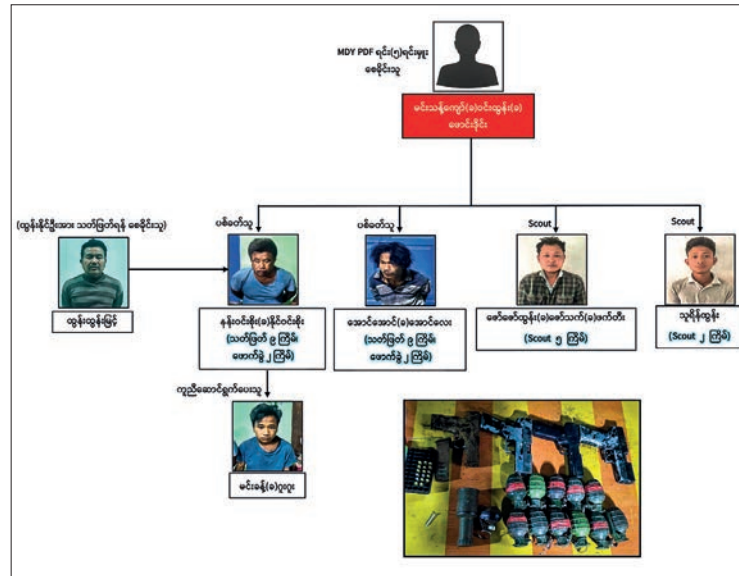
According to the confession, they made friend with Min That Kyaw (aka) Win Tun (aka) Phaung Daing (still at large) member of the MDY PDF terrorist group in August 2022, and took four homemade pistols, 31 9mm bullets and 15 grenades to commit terrorist attacks under the instruction of Min That Kyaw (aka) Win Tun (aka) Phaung Daing (still large), and kept them at the house of Aung Aung (aka) Aung Lay.

They committed nine murders and two explosions in Mandalay and Singaing townships.

(1) On 27 April 2024, Nan Win (aka) Naing Win Soe and Aung Aung (aka) Aung Lay shot civilian U Aung Win on the bridge at the entrance to Ooyingyi Village in Singaing Township.

(2) On 29 June, Thurein Tun watched the situation for Nan Win (aka) Naing Win Soe and Aung Aung (aka) Aung Lay to kill 100-household head U Phoe Kyaw in Thanhlat Hmawtaung Ward in Chanmyathazi township.

(3) On 4 July, Thurein Tun watched the situation for Nan Win (aka) Naing Win Soe and Aung Aung (aka) Aung Lay to kill 100-household head U Tin Lin at the "Ngwe Sanda" teashop



A diagram of arrestees and seizure of weapons and munitions.

in Kyunlone Okeshaung Ward in Chanmyathazi Township.

(4) On 14 July, Zaw Zaw Tun (aka) Zaw Thet (aka) Phet Ti watched the situation for Nan Win (aka) Naing Win Soe and Aung Aung (aka) Aung Lay to

kill 100-household head U Kyaw Sein from Thalayswa Village in Amarapura Township on the Sagaing-Mandalay Road, in Hmantan Ward in Amarapura Township.

(5) On 13 October, Zaw Zaw Tun (aka) Zaw Thet (aka) Phet Ti watched the situation for Nan Win (aka) Naing Win Soe and Aung Aung (aka) Aung Lay to shoot a traffic police force member who was serving duty at the corner of 125 street and 62 street in (Salone) Ward in Pyigyidagun Township.

(6) On 6 December, Zaw Zaw Tun (aka) Zaw Thet (aka) Phet Ti watched the situation for Nan

Win (aka) Naing Win Soe and Aung Aung (aka) Aung Lay to shoot 100-household head U Zaw Thura Tun in Myitnge Ward in Amarapura Township.

(7) On 1 January 2025, Nan Win (aka) Naing Win Soe and Aung Aung (aka) Aung Lay shot Yan Kin ward administrator U Saw Nay Tun near the office by the Sagaing-Myitnge Road in Yankin Ward in Myitnge Township.

(8) On 15 January, Tun Tun Myint instructed Nan Win (aka) Naing Win Soe and Aung Aung (aka) Aung Lay to kill civilian Tun Naing Oo from Kywenapha (South) Village in Singaing Township by paying K 50,000.

(9) On 26 January, Nan Win (aka) Naing Win Soe and Aung Aung (aka) Aung Lay shot 100-household head U Win Oo from Aungthaya Ward in Chanmyathazi Township.

They also committed two

explosions in Mandalay under the instruction of Min That Kyaw (aka) Win Tun (aka) Phaung Daing, a member of the MDY PDF terrorist group.

On 19 July 2024, Zaw Zaw Tun (aka) Zaw Thet (aka) Phet Ti watched the situation for Nan Win (aka) Naing Win Soe and Aung Aung (aka) Aung Lay to explode the Mytel office in Mahaying Ward 2 in Mahaaungmye Township.

On 12 January 2025, Zaw Zaw Tun (aka) Zaw Thet (aka) Phet Ti watched the situation for Nan Win (aka) Naing Win Soe and Aung Aung (aka) Aung Lay to explode Htone Bo-Py-inOoLwin road inspection camp in Sauktawwa Village, Amarapura, and one civilian was injured.

According to the confession, Min That Kyaw (aka) Win Tun (aka) Phaung Daing (at large) provided them Kone million via Kpay for each murder and explosion, and Nan Win (aka) Naing Win Soe, Aung Aung (aka) Aung Lay and Zaw Zaw Tun (aka) Zaw Thet (aka) Phet Ti took K300,000 respectively and shared K100,000 to those who watched the situation for them.

The arrested suspects will face legal action under the law. The people can participate in fighting terrorism and arresting insurgents as quickly as possible, secretly report to the officials about their hiding places and activities, and the whistleblowers and those who help arrest the suspects will be covertly rewarded. — MNA/KTZH

## Two women injured in Pakari Village attack

PDF terrorists attacked Pakari Village in Dawei Township, Taninthayi Region, using handmade grenades. The attack injured two innocent women.

The incident happened at around 8 pm on 18 February. Terrorists threw grenades towards the southeastern part of the village. The explosion caused shrapnel injuries to two women. They were quick-

ly taken to a military hospital for treatment.

PDF terrorists often attack towns and villages, harming civilians. Security forces are increasing protection in the area to prevent more attacks. — MNA/KZL

Photos show deliberate attack by PDF terrorists, leaving two women wounded.



## Bomb drop at Shwebo novitiation: 1 child killed, 14 injured by PDF's

ARMED insurgents and PDF terrorists who want violence launched bomb drop attacks using two drones onto Payan village monastery, a non-military target, in Shwebo Township, Sagaing Region, while the Shinpyu ceremony (novitiation) was held in the monastery. Dropped bombs fell onto the religious hall and exploded, killing a nine-year-old

child and wounding 14 civilians.

The dead body and injured were taken to the Shwebo General Hospital for medical treatment. Civilians strongly condemned such attacks resulting in casualties among innocent civilians, including children. Security forces conducted security measures for stability. — MNA/KTZH



# Chinese, Italian companies collaborate to drive new energy technology innovation

CHINA Iron & Steel Research Institute Group (CISRI) and Italian multinational company RINA signed a cooperation agreement in Beijing on Tuesday to strengthen collaboration in technological innovation in new energy, according to CISRI.

Under the agreement, the two parties will concentrate on key energy sectors and critical material technology needs, and establish an

international cooperation platform dedicated to the research, evaluation, and engineering application of advanced materials.

Additionally, they will deepen collaboration in areas such as technical consulting to enhance integrated solutions for the full lifecycle of new energy material technologies.

These initiatives are designed to support China's efforts to build a clean, low-carbon, safe, and efficient energy sys-



The finished products warehouse of the cold rolling plant of Shougang Jingtang United Iron and Steel Co., Ltd in Caofeidian of Hebei Province. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/XINHUA/FILE**

tem while driving the high-quality development of the new energy industry. — Xinhua

## KFC shifts US headquarters from Kentucky to Texas

FRIED chicken restaurant giant KFC will be moving its US headquarters from Louisville, Kentucky, to Plano, Texas, its parent company said on Tuesday.

The shift comes as part of a plan for parent firm Yum! Brands to have two brand headquarters in the United States, one in Texas and the other in California.

"This strategic decision will involve relocating KFC US corporate office employees currently in Louisville, Kentucky, to the KFC and Pizza Hut Global headquarters in Plano, Texas," said the company in a statement. — AFP

## Tohoku Shinkansen services halted after technical issue

TOHOKU Shinkansen bullet train services were temporarily suspended between Tokyo and Sendai in northeastern Japan on Wednesday after a technical issue was identified with a train's current collector, operator JREast said. While services on the line resumed around 1:10 pm, the incident also led to delays on the Akita, Yamagata, Hokuriku and Joetsu Shinkansen lines run by the company. — Kyodo

### PESTICIDES DISTRIBUTER CHANGING

The manufacture of **Shandong Max Agro Co.,Ltd** have registered the following product in Pesticide Registration Board of Myanmar to distribute in Myanmar. Now, we have to change from old distributor name "**Myanmar Max Agro Service Co.,Ltd**", to new distributor name "**Myanma Taiza 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. Myanmar Max Agro Service Co.,Ltd. Ph-09401573814

Sr.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration No.
1.	Max Ema 50	Emamectin benzoate 5% WG	P2024-6565

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Sr.	Old Trade Name	New Trade Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1.	TN-Kozin	Kozin	Copper oxychloride 45% + Kasugamycin 5% WP	P2024-6552

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V UNI-ACTIVE VOY.NO. (0342-791N)

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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

**M/S EVERGREEN MARINE (ASIA) PTE., LTD**

### Disinherited from being a Son

Maung Thet Oo Lwin (12/TaMaNa(N)122912) the son of U Aye Lwin (10/MaLaMa(N)026657) and Daw Aye Aye Maw (10/MaLaMa(N)028935) from Yangon City, Tamwe Township, Bowling Aung Mingalar ward, Gandhamar Street, No. 29, did unacceptable things without his parents' knowledge and left home of his own accord, from today, he has been disinherited. In addition, the parents are completely unaware of any issues related to it, and we would like to announce that we will not be responsible for solving any issues.

(Please feel free to inquire.)

U Aye Lwin + Daw Aye Aye Maw

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# ROLLING UPDATES

## WORLD



This file photo taken on 2 May 2018 shows French President Emmanuel Macron (2<sup>nd</sup> L) and former Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull (3<sup>rd</sup> L) standing on the deck of HMAS Waller, a Collins-class submarine operated by the Royal Australian Navy, at Garden Island in Sydney.

LUDOVIC MARIN / AFP / FILE

## Australia says foreign spies target nuclear subs programme

*Mike Burgess, the intelligence boss, said that Australia's safety is getting worse. He shared some secret details about what dangers the country might face.*

FOREIGN spies are targeting Australia's nuclear-powered submarine programme and plotting to harm or kill opponents living in the country, the nation's intelligence chief warned Wednesday.

Overall, Australia's security environment is becoming "degraded", Mike Burgess said in a wide-ranging speech that declassified some of his agency's secretive thinking about

the national threat outlook.

Besides disclosing the international subterfuge waged against Australia, Burgess cautioned that terrorism remained a real threat but that the perpetrators were now more likely to be acting alone, and in their teens.

Australian plans to deploy stealthy nuclear-powered submarines in a pact with the United States and Britain -- known

as AUKUS -- offer an enticing target, including to friendly nations, said the Australian Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO) director-general.

Foreign intelligence services seek to understand future AUKUS submarines' capabilities, how they will be deployed, and to undermine allies' trust in Australia, Burgess said in the speech in Canberra. — AFP

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Clashes erupt between anti-Israel protest groups, pro-Israel counter-protesters in Brooklyn

CLASHES erupted between anti-Israel protest groups and pro-Israel counter-protesters after the former held a rally in a Jewish neighbourhood in Brooklyn on Tuesday night, terming the residents as "settlers" and "Zionists". The protest, led by the Pal-Awda activist group, took place in Boro Park, The Times of Israel reported.

Around 200 anti-Israel protesters gathered on a street in the neighbourhood within a barricaded area set up by the police. Residents of Jewish neighbourhood residents and other pro-Israel counterprotesters held protest on the sidewalk across the street. Dozens of police officers separated the two sides who were holding the protest in Brooklyn. The protest started just after sundown and the temperature was below freezing. — ANI

#### South Korean court reopens case of former president's killing

A South Korean court said on Wednesday it had reopened the case of the assassination of former president Park Chung-hee by his intelligence chief.

Park had ruled the country with an iron fist for more than 15 years when he was shot and killed by spy boss and trusted aide Kim Jae-gyu during a dinner in 1979.

Kim was subsequently sentenced to death by a military court for killing the head of state with the goal of "insurrection" and was hanged shortly after. — AFP

#### Brazil prosecutor charges Bolsonaro over failed coup plot

Brazil's attorney-general on Tuesday formally charged far-right former president Jair Bolsonaro and 33 others over an alleged coup attempt after his 2022 election loss.

Bolsonaro, 69, and his co-accused were hit with five charges over the alleged bid to prevent President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva from taking office after a bitter election race.

Attorney-General Paulo Gonet Branco filed the charges at the Supreme Court "based on manuscripts, digital files, spreadsheets and exchanges of messages that reveal the scheme to disrupt the democratic order", his office said in a statement.

"They describe, in detail, the conspiratorial plot set up and executed against democratic institutions." — AFP



This photo taken on 31 May 2024 shows a view of the Forbidden City in Beijing, capital of China. PHOTO: CHEN YEHUA/XINHUA

## Beijing to share air pollution clean-up practices with Bangkok

BEIJING will share its best practices in battling air pollution with its sister city Bangkok, capital of Thailand, according to a memorandum of understanding (MOU) recently signed by environment authorities of these two cities.

The Beijing Municipal Ecology and Environment Bureau and the Environment Department of the Bangkok Metropolitan Ad-

ministration signed, via video, the Memorandum of Understanding on Air Quality Monitoring and Management Cooperation, doing so against the backdrop of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of China-Thailand diplomatic relations.

This MOU, spanning a timeframe of three years, states that Beijing will share its best practices with Bangkok in battling

air pollution, particularly in monitoring and reducing PM2.5 pollutants, which are airborne particles of 2.5 microns or below in diameter, with the two cities cooperating in this realm.

Cooperation efforts will see Beijing facilitating mutual visits, while also offering training sessions and supporting Bangkok in its pilot projects. — Xinhua

# SPORTS

## 300,000 tickets sold in six days for Milan-Cortina Winter Olympics

WITH less than one year remaining to the opening of the 2026 Milan-Cortina Winter Olympics, preparations are advancing at a brisk pace, as evidenced by record-breaking ticket sales and robust volunteer recruitment.

At a press conference held on Tuesday at the Foreign Press Association in Rome, Andrea Varnier, Chief Executive Officer

of the Milano-Cortina Foundation, announced that nearly 300,000 tickets had been sold in just six days since the public ticketing programme was launched on 6 February.

Varnier revealed that the ticketing platform received over 350,000 requests from around the globe, with 70 per cent coming from abroad.



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In parallel, the volunteer recruitment program has exceeded expectations. Initially, the organizers planned to recruit 18,000 volunteers. However, the response has been

overwhelming, with 96,000 applications received to date, including a notable number of submissions from China which ranks fourth after Italy, the United States, and France. "This not

only reflects the global influence of the Winter Olympics but also indicates that the preparations are progressing with unprecedented enthusiasm," Varnier added. — Xinhua

## Last-gasp equalizer sees Bayern past Celtic in Champions League

ALPHONSO Davies' dramatic last-minute equalizer earned Bayern Munich a 3-2 aggregate victory over Celtic in Tuesday's Champions League playoff.

Leading 2-1 from the first leg, Bayern came out with purpose in front of a sellout crowd at the Allianz Arena. Early chances came from Serge Gnabry, whose header from Michael Olise's cross was cleared off the line, and Harry Kane, whose powerful shot was saved by goalkeeper Kasper

Schmeichel.

Despite Bayern's early dominance, Celtic threatened, with Callum McGregor firing wide after a quick counter. Josip Stanisic cleared Nicolas Kuhn's shot off the line, and Daizen Maeda tested Bayern goalkeeper Manuel Neuer twice.

Leon Goretzka missed a golden chance to open the scoring after half-time, only for Schmeichel to make a fine reflex save. Celtic punished Bayern's

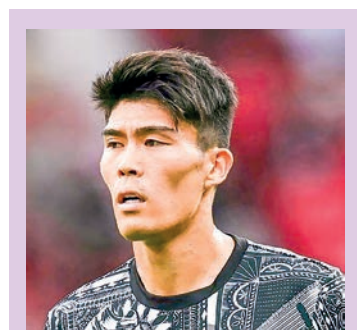
missed opportunities on the hour mark. Kim Min-jae's poor clearance allowed Kuhn to break through and slot past Neuer to give Celtic the lead on the night and draw level 2-2 on aggregate.

Bayern responded with pressure, as Goretzka's header went narrowly wide and Leroy Sane dragged a shot past the post. Schmeichel was kept busy, denying Joshua Kimmich's deflected effort in the closing stages. — Xinhua



Alphonso Davies (C) of Bayern Munich shoots to score during the UEFA Champions League knockout phase play-off second leg football match between Bayern Munich and Celtic FC in Munich, Germany, 18 February 2025. **(PHOTO BY PHILIPPE RUIZ/XINHUA)**

## Arsenal's Tomiyasu out for season after knee surgery



The 26-year-old Japan international has made just one appearance since suffering the injury, which he sustained in pre-season. **PHOTO: AFP**

ARSENAL defender Takehiro Tomiyasu will miss the rest of the season following surgery on his right knee, the Premier League title contenders announced Wednesday.

The 26-year-old Japan international has made just one appearance since suffering the injury, which he sustained in pre-season.

The Gunners have endured several injury setbacks during the current campaign, with Kai

Havertz and Gabriel Jesus both out for the season, and Bukayo Saka and Gabriel Martinelli sidelined at the moment. "Takehiro Tomiyasu has undergone a successful surgery on the right knee issue which he first sustained in pre-season," said an Arsenal statement. — AFP

## IOC president Bach issues rallying cry to youth

INTERNATIONAL Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach expressed his expectations for the younger generations during his visit to Beijing Sports University.

Bach Tuesday emphasized the IOC's effort to bridge esports with traditional sports, highlighting the importance of maintaining Olympic values throughout this process. He said the fact that esports has already become a phenomenon

among youngsters has raised concerns, such as those over fair play and gender equality.

"From the very beginning there is a very clear red line what we would not engage with are the games which are not aligned with the Olympic values. We need the young generation who knows how to communicate, and they must seize the opportunities and take the responsibilities." — Xinhua



**T**HE top diplomats from Russia and the US met in the Saudi capital Tuesday for a marathon four-and-a-half hours' worth of talks on Ukraine and the search for some semblance of normalcy in ties between the nuclear superpowers. Sputnik reached out to veteran former US DoD insider Karen Kwiatkowski to get a sense of the meeting's significance.

Donald Trump "has a big list of things that he wants to accomplish in a very short amount of time" and his goal vis-a-vis Ukraine is to take the issue "off of the front burner", Kwiatkowski, a retired US Air Force Lt-Col and ex-DoD and NSA analyst-turned whistleblower, explained.

The US president appears to see the Ukrainian crisis "as a problem for the United States and for Europe and for Russia that really can be resolved", and is proving "very willing to work directly with Russia because he is back to realism in a sense", Kwiatkowski noted.

"This is the beginning of the end of US government Russophobia and moving into a much better space. It's very, very important," the international politics and military expert emphasized.

"Trump is bringing back not just great power politics, but a very realistic approach" to world affairs. "We have major potential partners, potential adversaries, and Trump believes in dealing with them rather than ignoring them or trying to pick fights with them," Kwiatkowski said. — SPUTNIK

## Riyadh meeting shows Trump aims to bring realism back to US foreign policy: Ex-Pentagon insider

*Trump reportedly aims to address the issue quickly and is willing to engage directly with Russia.*



(From left) US Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, National Security Advisor Mike Waltz, Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan al-Saud, National Security Advisor Mosaad bin Mohammad al-Aiban, the Russian president's foreign policy advisor Yuri Ushakov, and Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov attend a meeting together at Riyadh's Diriyah Palace on 18 February 2025. **PHOTO: POOL VIA AFP**

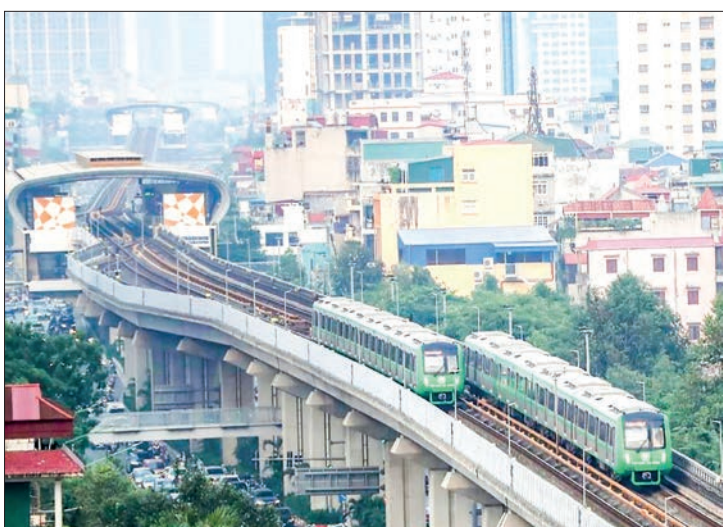
## Vietnam's parliament approves investment for Lao Cai-Hanoi-Hai Phong railway project

VIETNAM'S National Assembly on Wednesday approved investment for the Lao Cai-Hanoi-Hai Phong railway project, Vietnam News Agency reported.

According to the proposal by the Vietnamese government, the main railway line will stretch approximately 390.9 km, with three branch lines totaling about 27.9 kilometres.

The railway will pass through seven provinces and two cities, namely Lao Cai, Yen Bai, Phu Tho, Vinh Phuc, Hanoi, Bac Ninh, Hung Yen, Hai Duong and Hai Phong.

It will be designed to have a speed of 80 kilometres to 160 kilometres per hour. The project aims to construct a modern, integrated rail line to meet both domestic and international transportation demands, particularly between Vietnam and China. — Xinhua



Trains run on the Cat Linh-Ha Dong urban elevated railway in Hanoi, Vietnam, 9 October 2024. **PHOTO / XINHUA**

### GLOBAL DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

## Meta plans undersea cable to link five continents

FACEBOOK and Instagram parent company Meta has said it will lay an undersea cable stretching across five continents to carry data, including for developing artificial intelligence.

The cable will run for more than 50,000 kilometres (31,000 miles) between the US, South Africa, India, Brazil and "other regions", Meta wrote in a blog on Friday. Global digital communication relies on a vast network of undersea conduits, with roughly 1.2 million kilometres of cable already installed, according to a 2024 report by the US-based Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).

Digital giants like Meta

have recently muscled in to the world of subsea cables, long dominated by specialist companies like America's SubCom, France's ASN, Japan's NEC and China's HMN. Intercontinental data flows underpin swathes of global economic activity, but suffer regular accidental damage from incidents like underwater landslides, tsunamis or dragging ship anchors.

They can also be targets for deliberate sabotage and spying.

NATO in January launched dedicated patrols of the Baltic Sea after suspected attacks on telecom and power cables that experts and politicians have blamed on Russia. — AFP