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A camera trap captures a rare Bengal tiger scavenging in the Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary. **PHOTO: KANU**

Myanmar-Russia Tiger Conservation stamps released

THE Myanmar Post released a new special postage stamp to commemorate the Myanmar-Russia Tiger Conservation on 20 July.

The Myanmar-Russia Tiger Preservation stamps were issued with the intention that stamp collectors and enthusiasts could collect the stamps marking the International Tiger Conservation Forum as a unified set.

To be able to release tiger conservation stamps, the first International Tiger Conservation Forum was held in Saint Petersburg in 2010, and the forum decided to hold the second forum in Vladivostok in 2022. Such action is intended

to cooperate with countries with tiger populations for releasing stamps featuring tigers, and Myanmar and Russia cooperated for it.

The 2nd International Tiger Conservation Forum, held from 5 to 8 September 2020 in Vladivostok of Russia, hosted representatives from 14 tiger range countries and agreed to release tiger stamps dated 5 September 2022 marking the successful holding of the forum. Myanmar sent three tiger stamps to MARKA of Russia, and the stamps were sold at the Post Offices in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and other regions and states at the same time on 20 July.

The three stamps featured the photo of a Myanmar tiger, flags of Myanmar and Russia, and the release date, 20 July.

The new stamp, a Block of 3 stamps (worth K200 each), featured the photos of tigers captured at Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw zoological gardens, Hukaung and Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary and the ones captured in camera traps. A total of 26 tiger stamps were designed, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation and the Ministry of Transport and Communications cooperated to release the stamps.

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CBM to sell \$27M to fuel oil firms, THB130M to importers

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 22 July that it would sell US\$27 million to those engaged in the fuel oil industry and 130 million baht to importers.

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CBM sold over \$1.75 million each into edible oil-importing companies and fuel oil-importing companies on 21 July again, after injection of over

9.36 million baht to construction companies and over 337,800 yuan and 500,000 rupees to the financial market on that day.

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An exchanger counting greenbacks at the money changer counter.

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❖ Discipline means encouraging the performance of appropriate and rightful actions while prohibiting actions that are inappropriate or unacceptable.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on his inspection tour of the local training depot in Taungnyo Station on 22 January 2025)

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Appointment and Duty-Assignment of Chief Justice of Mon State High Court

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Heads of Service Organizations confirmed and appointed

1. The State Administration Council has confirmed the appointment of U Mya Oo as Director-General of the Directorate of Industrial Collaboration under the Ministry of Industry after the one-year probationary period.
2. The State Administration Council has appointed Daw Tin Tin Htoo, Deputy Director-General of the Directorate of Industrial Collaboration under the Ministry of Industry, as Managing Director of the No 2 Heavy Industrial Enterprise of the same Ministry on probation from the date she assumes charge of her duties.

UEC approves Pa-O National Development Party's application to establish

GROUPS seeking to establish political parties have been applying to the Union Election Commission (UEC), specifying the names of the parties they intend to form. To date, 27 groups have submitted applications. Among them, the Pa-O National Development Party was found to comply with the Political Parties Registration Law and rules, and the UEC approved its applica-

tion to establish a political party yesterday.

Having received approval, the Pa-O National Development Party must now apply for official registration as a political party within 30 days, under Article 7 of the Political Parties Registration Regulations. As of today, 22 political parties have been approved to establish. — MNA/KZL

Newly constructed Kawthoung district and township court building inaugurated



Union Chief Justice U Tha Htay and officials cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony of the new district court building in Kawthoung, Taninthayi Region, yesterday.

UNION Chief Justice U Tha Htay, accompanied by Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko and other relevant officials, attended the inauguration ceremony of the Kawthoung district and township court building in Kawthoung yesterday.

The Union Chief Justice and party cut the ribbon to inaugurate the new court building, and the Union Chief Justice pressed the button to inaugurate the signboard.

After the ceremonial procedures, the managing director of Naung Yoe Myanmar Devel-

opment Company Limited presented about the building and handed over the documents to the Chief Justice of the Regional High Court.

The Union Chief Justice observed the new court building and made proper instructions. — MNA/KTZH

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

ARMED terrorists have been launching attacks by using residential homes and administrative buildings in towns and villages as cover, where they have forcibly settled. They aim to shield themselves from Tatmadaw counterattacks while also persuading temporarily displaced persons to return to their native areas and recruiting new members. That enables terrorists to use civilians as human shields. Tatmadaw is committed to safeguarding the sovereignty of the State and will respond to these threats based on intelligence and prevailing conditions. Therefore, residents in areas where terrorists have taken control must prioritize their safety and protect themselves from being exploited by these groups.

(An excerpt from guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Shan State cabinet members and state-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)

Power and Energy Commission discusses sector development

SINCE electricity and energy projects lure high investment by nature, increasing investment in the private sector should be a key priority, said Admiral Tin Aung San.

Chairman of the Electric Power and Energy Development Commission, State Administration Council Member, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, Admiral Tin Aung San, delivered a speech at the commission's 4/2025 meeting at the SAC Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, the Admiral said the State Administration Council formed the commission on 18 December 2024, and set 15 missions in seven months. These missions were carried out to a certain extent.

Regarding the Generation Mix, the ministries concerned, organizations and experts should discuss the matters related to National Electricity Master Plan 2014 (JICA) and Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) 2021 to set the Generation Mix with annual estimation depend-



Chairman of the Electric Power and Energy Development Commission, SAC Member, DPM Union Minister Admiral Tin Aung San addresses the 4/2025 meeting of the commission in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

ing on the power need of the country, not to affect the environment and inclusion of certain ratio of renewable energy.

Similarly, in consuming the electricity and energy, solar, wind and LNG resources are used, and also the procurement of power via cross-border power grids is implemented. In the energy sector, high technology is applied, while the new oil fields are explored, new offshore pro-

jects are conducted, and new oil refineries are established and upgraded.

Since electricity and energy projects lure high investment by nature, increasing investment in the private sector should be a key priority. Therefore, the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations formed a unit for enhancing international and regional cooperation and investment in the electricity

and energy sector. Moreover, arrangements are being made to invite local and foreign investment in electricity and energy sectors, create opportunities, offer incentives, reduce delays, ensure the One Stop Service for project land areas, financial services and resolve the challenges promptly.

The Admiral highlighted the instructions of the Head of State regarding the development in

the electrical sector, which plays a key role for national interest and socioeconomic, and other guidance of the Head of State made during the visit to a solar panel factory in Yangon.

He continued that offshore projects are important in the energy sector, and they need to supervise the relevant companies to start the study and exploration processes to initiate the projects within the time duration. It also needs to emphasize the completion of upgrading oil refineries in time to reduce the use of foreign exchange, and to ensure the effective use of power, so that the inspection team does not experience power loss and check the strength of the power grid and sub-power station.

The electricity and power sectors are wide, and they can develop with the collaboration of all respective stakeholders.

Meeting participants reported on implementations based on the third meeting's decisions, electricity and power projects, use of renewable energy, and other work processes and plans. — MNA/KTZH

DPM MoFA Union Minister receives UN interim Resident/HC & WFP Resident Representative

U Than Swe, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mr Michael Dunford, United Nations Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator ad in-

terim in Myanmar and Resident Representative of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

They exchanged views on

matters related to the existing cooperation between the Government of Myanmar and the United Nations agencies.

Also, present at the meeting were senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA



DPM and Union Minister U Than Swe meets United Nations Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator ad interim in Myanmar and Resident Representative of WFP Mr Michael Dunford in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

NATIONAL

All China Women's Federation donates supplies for Mandalay quake survivors



This photo shows Union Minister Dr Soe Win observing donation items from the All China Women's Federation in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

THE handover ceremony of relief items donated by All China Women's Federation (ACWF) to Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation for Mandalay earthquake survivors was held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win, who is also Chair of Myanmar Women's Committee, briefed on the search and rescue works conducted with the assistance of the government and international countries in Mandalay, Sagaing, Nay Pyi Taw Council and Shan State.

He expressed gratitude to the Chinese government for their

assistance in accommodation, search and rescue works, and healthcare services.

He also thanked All China Women's Federation (ACWF) for donating K180,000,000 worth of commodities, China Foundation for Peace and Development (CFPD) for its support and Myanmar-Chinese Cooperation and Communication Centre for donating in person.

Mr Wang Lei of China Foundation for Peace and Development and other officials clarified the donation, and Chairperson of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Dr Thet Thet Zin expressed gratitude. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar attends 20th Asia Media Summit in Cambodia

DEPUTY Minister for Information U Ye Tint attended the Pre-workshop of 20th Asia Media Summit "Youth Digital Empowerment Workshop and Girls in ICT Day Cambodia 2025" held at Sokha Siem Reap Resort and Convention Centre in Cambodia on 21 July.

It was also attended by Cambodian Information Minister Mr Neth Pheaktra, governmental officials of Siem Province, Deputy Information Ministers and senior officials from Asia-Pacific and ASEAN countries, representatives of Asia Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD), International Telecommunication Union (ITU), ASEAN Secretary-General Office, media sectors and university students of Cambodia.

The Pre-workshop was held in different sections under the topics of "Transforming Media Content Creation Through AI-Powered Tools Technologies", "Role of Broadcasting in Effective Early Warning System", "The Role of Information



Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Tint attends the 20th Asia Media Summit held at the Sokha Siem Reap Resort and Convention Centre in Cambodia on 22 July.

Diplomacy in Dispelling Disinformation", and "Technology Driving Accessibility for the Future Broadcast and Media". Myanmar delegates joined the sections.

On 22 July morning, Deputy Minister U Ye Tint led the Myanmar delegation and attended the 20th Asia Media Summit opening ceremony at the Sokha

Siem Reap Resort and Convention Centre.

After the opening ceremony, the deputy minister met the Cambodian Information Minister and gave commemorative gifts.

At noon, the deputy minister and delegates attended the discussion held under the themes of Disinformation: The Role of Media & the Government, Ena-

bling Accessibility in Broadcasting, Inspiring Voices from Across the World and Information as a Public Good: Upholding Credibility and Empowering Democracy.

They joined the AIBD Gala Dinner & Awarding Ceremony 2025 on the same evening, and Director Daw Moe Thu Zar Aung received the Sustainability & Green Technology Award

of E-Waste Solutions of AIBD for "Turning Trash into Better Tomorrow" Programme produced by MRTV.

The deputy minister and U Kyaw Soe Min, Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia, met the Cambodian Information Minister yesterday.

They discussed enhancement of bilateral relationship and sector-wise cooperation, further cooperation in combating misinformation and challenges in media sectors of the two countries and signing of MoU on media cooperation that was agreed by the two countries. They exchanged gifts after the meeting.

The deputy minister and delegates attended the other workshops. The Ministry of Information of Cambodia and AIBD jointly organized the 20th Asia Media Summit 2025 under the theme "Celebrating Two Decades of Excellence & Beyond", bringing together over 400 participants from Asia-Pacific and ASEAN countries, media leaders and students. — MNA/KTZH

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MCFA gives quake aid to Sports Ministry staff

THE Myanmar-China Friendship Association (MCFA) presented relief supplies to earthquake-affected staff of the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs at a ceremony held on 22 July in the multipurpose hall of the Sports Training Centre (Gold Camp) in Nay Pyi Taw.

The event was attended by the Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, Jeng Phang Naw Taung, Deputy Ministers U Htein Lin and U Zin Min Htet, directors-general and officials, along with Mr Zhang Zhong Hua from the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar, Mr Wang Lei, Myanmar representative of the China Foundation for Peace and Development, Senior President of the Myanmar-China Friendship Association and Myanmar Wushu Federation Chair U Thitsa (aka Mr Li BoBo), and ministry staff.

Mr Wang Lei first spoke about the donation, followed by Senior President U Thitsa (Mr



Union Minister Jeng Phang Naw Taung and attendees discuss with athletes from the Myanmar National Paralympic Sports Federation, who will take part in the 13th ASEAN Para Games.

Li BoBo), who outlined the association's current and future support efforts. Officials from the Myanmar-China Friendship

Association then handed the donated items to the Union Minister and deputy ministers, who in turn presented certificates

of appreciation to the donors. Relief items were subsequently distributed to ministry personnel affected by the earthquake, and

the Union Minister expressed his thanks for the support.

Later, the Union minister met Maj-Gen Hla Moe, President of the Myanmar National Paralympic Sports Federation, and federation officials at the ministry's meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw. The Union minister requested briefings on training camp arrangements, athlete preparedness, accommodations, medical care, competition readiness, and medal expectations for the 13th ASEAN Para Games.

Federation officials reported on planned events, athlete selection, current centralized training, health status and medical support, administrative and logistical needs, and targeted performance goals. The deputy ministers and relevant officials offered suggestions, after which the Union Minister discussed ways in which the ministry would provide further assistance. — MNA/KZL

NUAC (Yangon) hosts Bharatnatyam dance workshop and graduation ceremony



Indian Ambassador Mr Abhay Thakur and Rector Dr Kay Thi Htwe exchange souvenirs at yesterday's event in Yangon.

THE Bharatnatyam Indian Dance Workshop and Graduation Ceremony was held at the National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon). The event was attended by the Indian Ambassador to Myanmar, Mr Abhay Thakur; the Rector of the National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon), Dr Kay Thi Htwe; pro-rectors; officials and students from the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre

(Yangon); and teachers and students from the Department of Theatrical Arts.

The Indian Ambassador and the Rector of the National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon) delivered speeches at the ceremony.

Afterwards, a student from the Department of Theatrical Arts shared her experiences of the workshop, followed by a performance of the Bharatnat-

yam Indian dance by students from the Department of Theatrical Arts.

Next, students from the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (Yangon) performed the Saraswati dance. This was followed by a joint Pushpanjali dance by students from both the Department of Theatrical Arts and the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre. Students from the Department of Theatrical Arts also performed the Puppet and Human dance. In addition, Indian Dance Master Ms Lanan and Assistant Lecturer Daw Khine Mar Lwin from the Department of Theatrical Arts performed a Myanmar and Tamil Fusion dance. The programme concluded with students from the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre performing the Thingyan dance.

The Indian Ambassador and the Rector exchanged souvenirs, and the Vice-Rector gave a vote of thanks. — MNA/MKKS

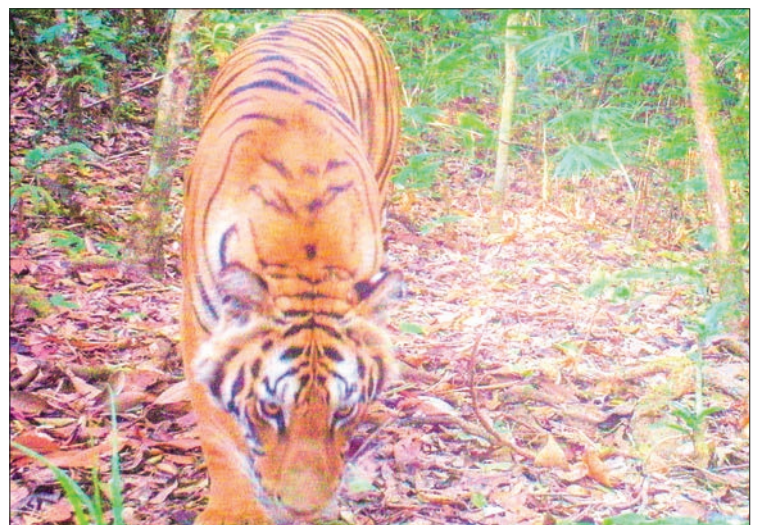
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“We are glad for the release of stamps. Moreover, if we work with countries with high tiger conservation methods, we will achieve significant outcomes in conservation. Tiger conservation cannot be done just by a nation, but if we work with other countries, we can prevent the extinction of tigers. Although we are far from Russia, their support in the technical sector will be supportive measures for the sustainable tiger population of Myanmar,” said U Nyein Aung,

staff officer of Taninthayi Nature Reserve.

Out of nine tiger species, the three extinct tiger species are the Balinese Tigers, Caspian Tigers, and Javan Tigers. Among the six tiger species, Bengal and Indo-China tigers are found in Myanmar. The release of stamps featuring three Myanmar tigers marks the Myanmar-Russia tiger conservation activities and a milestone for the International Tiger Conservation Forum. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH



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Tatmadaw columns reoccupy Thabeikkyin

THABEIKKYIN is located only about 77 miles from Mandalay by waterway. It is a town with good river transport and trade connectivity, as it is served by large vessels of the Inland Water Transport operating between Mandalay, Bhamo, and Myitkyina, as well as smaller ferry boats running between Mandalay and Thabeikkyin. By road, Thabeikkyin is approximately 40 miles from Mogok and about 60 miles from Mandalay. It is a strategically located town with accessible road links to various destinations — including Momeik, Bhamo, and Myitkyina in Kachin State, Kyaukme and Hsipaw in Shan State (North), and Mandalay as well.

Starting from 18 August 2024, joint forces of the TNLA and PDF terrorists launched full-scale attacks on military bases, battalions and units, and towns and villages in Thabeikkyin Township. They committed acts of terrorism, such as setting fire to civilian homes and forcibly looting property belonging to residents. As a result, many civilians were forced to flee their homes, buildings, and belongings to seek safety elsewhere.

Due to the sudden and overwhelming attacks by the terror-

ists, the security forces responsible for safeguarding Thabeikkyin Township bravely and fiercely resisted the assaults, putting their lives on the line to prevent the town from falling into the hands of the terrorist insurgents. Despite their determined resistance, the increasing number of casualties and the overwhelming strength of the enemy forced the security forces to conduct a phased tactical withdrawal. They regrouped at the local battalion headquarters near 7th-Mile village, where they launched a defensive stand against the terrorist groups' offensives. Their actions successfully halted the momentum of the terrorist attacks. During this time, necessary military preparations for counteroffensive operations were carried out with support and logistical transport provided by air.

With the necessary administrative and logistical support provided, coordinated airstrikes, naval fire support, and heavy weapon firing were conducted in a balanced combination of ground, air, and naval-based operations. Based on gathered ground intelligence, Tatmadaw launched a counter-terrorism operation within Thabeikkyin Township, which had been under the con-

trol of terrorists. The operation began around the local battalion headquarters and proceeded step by step, with ground security operations and successive offensive manoeuvres. As a result, Tatmadaw successfully regained control of 6th-Mile Village on 30 June 2025, 5th-Mile Village on 5 July, 4th-Mile Village and the nearby Tower Hill on 7 July. Finally, on 23 July, Tatmadaw was able to fully retake and regain control over the entire town of Thabeikkyin.

During the 11-month operation, Tatmadaw columns engaged with terrorists in 17 major clashes and 45 skirmishes and seized 51 dead bodies of enemies, 112 assorted arms and accessories.

During the period when the TNLA and PDF terrorist groups temporarily occupied and controlled Thabeikkyin town and surrounding areas, they carried out a range of destructive activities. They constructed bunkers inside religious buildings, schools, government offices, hospitals, and residential homes in towns and villages, using these locations to launch attacks against advancing Tatmadaw forces. They also used the homes of displaced residents as defensive positions and fired upon security forces from them. In addition, they looted homes



Tatmadaw members pose for a victory photo after reclaiming Thabeikkyin.

and shops, stealing valuable items, food supplies, and household goods. Furthermore, they planted landmines and destroyed public roads used by civilians, engaging in widespread acts of sabotage and destruction.

Tatmadaw columns have begun mine clearance operations within Thabeikkyin to ensure the safe return of local residents who were temporarily displaced. Residents who wish to return to their homes and resume their livelihoods peacefully and honestly

are encouraged to formally notify the relevant security authorities so that arrangements for their safe resettlement can be made. In addition, the relevant regional government authorities are working to promptly resume the functioning of administrative mechanisms, schools, and hospitals through the deployment of departmental staff. These developments are being reported with pride as part of the victories achieved by the brave soldiers of Tatmadaw. — MNA/TTA

MPT presents K100M special prize to Taunggyi Monk under lucky programme



MPT officials present the lucky draw prize to the winning monk.

MPT held a ceremony to present a special prize of K100 million to the abbot of Ariya Maggin Vipassana Monastery in Taunggyi, who won the grand prize in the “Kan Htoo Pyaw Shwin Awards” programme. The event took place yesterday morning at the MPT Manager’s Office in Taunggyi, Shan State (South).

Between July 2024 and February 2025, MPT organized two lucky draw programmes — “10-Year Anniversary, Buy and Win” and “Kan Htoo Pyaw Shwin Awards.” Through these programmes, a total of K800 million in cash prizes, including this K100 million special prize, and various telecom prizes were awarded to lucky winners across the country.

“We are pleased to present the K100 million prize to the abbot of Ariya Maggin Vipassana Monastery in Taunggyi. We hope this special prize will support

his meritorious activities. We sincerely appreciate all customers who participated in both programmes and extend our congratulations to all winners,” said Mr Yoshinori Yagi, Head of the Business Department at MPT-KSGM Joint Operations.

MPT is currently running the “New Year Bonanza – K150 million” programme from 11 March to 31 July 2025. During this period, all MPT customers have the chance to win prizes, including one grand prize of K100 million and five prizes of K10 million, along with weekly telecom prizes. Winners will be announced live in August 2025. Also, the “Tu Tu Ka Par TikTok New Year Bonanza – K150 Million” campaign offers participants chances to win cash and telecom prizes by joining through TikTok until 31 July 2025. — Aung Than Oo/KZL

Sein Lae Myay rice mill powered by solar energy

OF 28 rice mills that are designated to install solar as a cleaner alternative in grain processing, Sein Lae Myay rice mill is the first one equipped with (487kWp) Solar power, and the remaining are underway to install them, Myanmar Rice Federation stated.

Sein Lae Myay rice mills held a solar power event on 22 July 2025 in Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region, which is a solar power system in rice mills project under guidance of

MRF, with MRF's President, chair of Green Land Group and representatives of Perpetual Company Limited, Prime Power Sustainable Consortium Company PPSC, UAB Bank and rice millers from Nyaungdon Township.

Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) and 17 solar companies signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to utilize solar power in rice mills designated for exports, contributing to sustainable rice processing using

renewable energy. A preliminary assessment on the installation of 41.9-megawatt solar power projects at 28 rice mills by 17 solar companies began in March 2025, and installation is being undertaken.

Furthermore, MRF has been planning a project for the paddy farmers to get access to solar-powered irrigation systems with an investment from private solar companies.

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An opening event of the Green Land Rice Mill Solar Project in progress in Nyaungdon, Ayeyawady Region on 22 July 2025.

paddy farmers to get access to solar-powered irrigation systems with an investment from private solar companies.

MRF has been endeavouring to export three million tonnes

of rice in the current financial year 2025-2026, beginning 1 April, through collaboration with private companies as per the National Export Strategy for export-led growth. — NN/KK

Myanmar to import 1.6M tonnes of fertilizer, 32,000 tonnes of pesticide this FY

THE Urea Fertilizer Purchasing and Distribution Steering Committee stated that 1.6 million tonnes of fertilizer and 32,000 tonnes of pesticide are slated to be imported in the current financial year 2025-2026 beginning 1 April.

The Steering Committee has recommended business entities to import over 939,662 tonnes of fertilizer and over 19,510 tonnes of pesticide up to 6 September 2025, this FY. The Ministry of Commerce also endorsed imports of fertilizer and pesticide.

The statistics of the Department of Customs indicated that over 438,700 tonnes of fertilizer and 9,840 tonnes of pesticide were imported in the April-June period. The committee held a word coordination meeting on 21 July, where Union Minister U Hla Moe, chair of the committee, gave a remark that authorities concerned to coordinate matters to import the designated volume at the earliest and intervene in markets to ensure quality and price accountability through regulation on each brand and company to protect consumers and promote fair competition.

Afterwards, he also asked the committee members to ensure fair reference prices, to govern the market, to inspect if there is price manipulation with a pile of stocks and overcharging in regions and states, upon the reference price set for Yangon, plus transportation cost and profit.

Myanmar Fertilizer, Seed and Pesticide Entrepreneurs Association (MF-SPEA) also needs to encourage members to follow principles of the association and

comply with the rules. The association needs to support those companies that abide by the rules to facilitate the processing with the department concerned, he instructed.

The reference prices were set at K102,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Urea fertilizer (large granular), K124,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Rock Phosphate and K145,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Di Ammonium Phosphate. The figures showed an increase of K7,000 to 10,000 per bag in July.

The prices may vary a bit depending on transport charges in other regions and states, as the aforementioned prices are set for the Yangon Region, MFSPEA stated. Additionally, reference prices will be further announced as per rules and regulations. For overcharging, consumers can complain to the committee through contact numbers 067 410032 and 09 988539360. MFSPEA has already asked the member companies to stick to the reference prices.

At present, the Fertilizer Committee holds a quarterly meeting to ensure quality fertilizer for growers without facing shortages. Under the approval of the Fertilizer Technology Group, 12,297 fertilizer registrations have been granted after the 43rd meeting of the Fertilizer Committee. With individuals' consent, 2,088 registrations were voluntarily cancelled. The department revoked 2,867 registrations for expiration of validity, and 7,342 registrations are still under processing. — NN/KK

CBM to sell \$27M to fuel oil firms...

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CBM sold \$1.2 million, which were purchased from companies working on a Cut-Make and Pack basis, to edible oil companies on 16 July.

CBM announced on 15 July that it would pump \$33 million into the fuel oil industry. In addition to injecting over 324,360 yuan into the financial market, CBM sold over \$771,290 million into the edible oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM sold over \$757,230 and 1.426 million yuan on 14 July. Furthermore, CBM sold over \$1.58 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$359,230 to commodities-importing companies as well.

CBM sold over \$1.7 million to edible oil importing companies on 11 July 2025.

CBM sold over \$1.5 million purchased from CMP companies into edible oil-importing companies on 10 July, in addition to injection of \$621,000 and 600,000 yuan into the financial market.

CBM announced on 8 July that it would sell \$30 million to fuel oil importers. CBM also sold \$885,100 that was purchased from the CMP companies, to edible oil-importing companies.

CBM sold \$1.8 million and 1.3 million yuan on 7 July. Furthermore, CBM sold over \$1.87 million to edible oil companies and over \$912,150 to commodities-importing companies on the same day.

CBM sold \$1.75 million to edible oil-importing companies and over

\$481,540 to commodities importing companies on 4 July, in addition to an injection of \$578,542 and 900,000 yuan into the financial market.

CBM sold \$678,000, 1.24 million yuan and 2.94 million baht on 3 July. CBM sold \$3.346 million to edible oil-importing companies, over \$578,400 to commodities-importing countries on that day.

CBM announced on 2 July that it would sell 10 million yuan to importers. CBM sold over \$1.593 million to edible oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM announced on 1 July that it would pump \$33 million into the fuel oil sector. CBM sold over \$1.15 million, which was purchased from CMP companies, to edible oil-importing companies.

CBM sold \$8.4 million, 13.9 million baht and 5.2 million yuan in June 2025, in addition to an injection of \$14.9 million that was purchased from the CMP enterprises into the financial market.

CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March 2024, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

OPINION

Invest in the development of human resources

HUMAN resource is increasingly recognized as a key resource in today's developing world. In developing countries, particular emphasis is being placed on enhancing human resources. Unlike other forms of resources, human resource is not a finite or exhaustible resource. It has the potential for long-term, renewable growth — especially when nurtured among the youth. Therefore, loss or neglect of human resources must be prevented, and efforts must be made to systematically develop and strengthen it.

Today's youth are the ones who will carry the responsibilities of tomorrow. They should not be seen as passive bystanders, but rather nurtured and empowered to become capable and

valuable members of society. This requires providing education and guidance that instils strong character and core values. Only then can the nation fully develop and deploy its human resources across all sectors, ensuring they are placed in the right roles and opportunities.

In Myanmar, the COVID-19 pandemic that emerged around 2020, followed by political unrest and growing security concerns from 2021 onward, has contributed to declining birth rates and increased migration. These challenges have also caused significant job losses and reduced income levels. As a result, many young people have been driven to leave the country in search of better opportunities abroad.

In developed countries, the increasing number of elderly populations, along with the growing demand in labour-intensive sectors, has

led to a shortage in the labour force and workforce displacement. Similarly, in Myanmar, as the population gradually declines, it is essential to address migration trends and manage them carefully in order to prevent the loss of valuable human resources.

According to demographic projections, during the coming decades, the number of elderly people aged 65 and above will surpass the working-age population in both Myanmar and other developing countries. At that time, opportunities for lifelong learning and skills training, as well as the ability to engage people of all age groups in the labour force, will become increasingly necessary to maintain a productive workforce. Therefore, even as people grow older, it is important to create job opportunities in the private sector for those who still wish to work, recognizing their willingness and ability to contribute meaningfully.

Therefore, to ensure that young people — whether still in school, college, or university, or already participating in the workforce — develop into well-rounded, confident, and responsible contributors to their communities and the nation, it is vital that the government and all stakeholders work together in a coordinated effort to nurture and invest in their potential.

(Continued from yesterday)

At the very heart of the world, Myanmar stands anchored in its millennia-old civilizational roots, bearing witness to a rich and resilient cultural identity. **Looking forward, it is the solemn historical duty of every citizen to safeguard, uplift, and advance Myanmar's cultural legacy, ensuring that more of its heritage sites are recognized globally and that the nation's distinct identity continues to shine on the world stage.**

The religious and cultural traditions of Myanmar are not mere relics of the past; they are the lifeblood of the nation, intertwining social unity, moral elevation, artistic refinement, and historical depth. By preserving these enduring values, Myanmar reveals to the world a timeless story: that of a nation that, with its own crown, its own throne, and its own sceptre, has for centuries stood with dignity at the crossroads of history and heritage.

Social Value

The traditional Myanmar *Htamin-Wain* — the family meal circle — is far more than the mere act of sharing food. It is a cultural inheritance that embodies familial unity, ancestral customs, and deeply held social values. Within this circle, members of the household — elders and youth, parents and children — gather around a shared table, sitting together without distinction of rank or age. Meals are served and enjoyed in common, with every dish shared in a spirit of equality and togetherness.

This sacred tradition is more than a daily ritual; it is a symbol of cohesion. It nurtures love within the family, fosters open dialogue, and strengthens bonds that transcend generations. **Welcoming guests into the Htamin-Wain is a gesture of hospitality rooted in heritage, expressing the timeless Myanmar code of graceful generosity.**

At its heart, the *Htamin-Wain* reflects the broader values of Myanmar society: rural unity built upon the foundation of family, reverence for tradition and religion, and a deep-seated ethic of compassion, honesty, and harmonious living. It signifies an egalitarian spirit — where dignity is shared, and respect is given freely to all.

Moreover, Myanmar's deeply ingrained culture of charity and generosity stands proudly among the highest in the world. Despite being a developing country and one marked by internal conflict, Myanmar consistently ranks at the very top in global indices of giving and selfless contri-

Myanmar's Value – Myanmar's Future

By Maung Moe



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects the collapsed retaining wall at the Ministry of Legal Affairs, which damaged by Mandalay earthquake.

bution. This is no coincidence — it is a reflection of the moral fibre of the Myanmar people.

Though Myanmar may often be labelled a developing nation, or one mired in conflict, the enduring tradition of heartfelt generosity — our timeless culture of giving without hesitation — stands as an unyielding gem, gleaming with the moral clarity of true compassion. **These values shall remain, like an unsullied emerald in the mud, a testament to a people rich in faith and humanity, radiant upon the world stage.**

The Value of Union Spirit

The Union Spirit stands as the lifeblood and very soul of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. It embodies the noble sacrifices of the past, the resilience in the face of present-day challenges, and the graceful hopes we hold for a peaceful and prosperous future. **The Union is not a mere concept; it is the indispensable foundation upon which the unity, harmony, dignity, and enduring stability of a nation composed of diverse ethnicities, faiths, and cultures rests.**

Given Myanmar's diverse geography, ranging from hills to plains, from forests to rivers — and its multitude of indigenous brothers and sisters of varied ethnicities, traditions, and cultural identities, the Union binds

them all as one: siblings born of the same land, nourished by the same waters. Though varied in origin and appearance, they are bound by shared destiny and common heritage.

The Union Spirit exemplifies the power of unity. It calls for the construction of long-term, sustainable progress through collective will, collaborative effort, and a spirit of familial solidarity. In building such a future, every challenge faced by the State must be met and overcome with a renewed commitment to this spirit of unity.

From the days of regaining national independence and sovereignty, to today's endeavour of building lasting peace across the country and recovering from the devastating blows of natural disasters, the journey must continue under the strength of Union Spirit. It is this spirit that must carry us forward.

Preserving and manifesting this cherished value is not the duty of the government alone. It is a solemn obligation shared by every citizen, every community, and every ethnic group across the nation. It is only through this collective responsibility that the Union shall remain steadfast, and the future of Myanmar be made secure.

Myanmar Values in the Testing

Ground

In the aftermath of the 2020 general elections, a grave distortion of democratic principles unfolded. The then-governing administration, along with the Election Commission, engaged in actions that starkly contravened the spirit of a free and fair electoral process. These included the artificial inflation of voter lists through questionable methods, the conduct of voting procedures in certain constituencies in violation of legal frameworks, and a lack of transparency in the collection and declaration of election results.

Such manoeuvres, carried out under the guise of administrative authority, constituted an unlawful attempt to seize the reins of state power by illegitimate means. It was in this critical moment — when the sovereignty of the nation and the very foundations of its democratic order stood at risk — that Tatmadaw (Myanmar Armed Forces), under Article 417 of the Constitution, assumed responsibility for the governance of the country.

In doing so, the State Administration Council (SAC) was formed to safeguard the Union, preserve national sovereignty, and uphold the democratic system that had come under assault. This pivotal juncture became a solemn test of Myanmar's Union Spirit — a test of its resilience,

of its resolve to protect the sanctity of its national values, and of its unwavering commitment to unity, legality, and justice.

At the very same moment, we witness a troubling phenomenon: the deliberate amplification of discord — through divisive ideologies, ethnic tensions, and conflicting political systems — all tactically deployed to inflame conflict rather than to resolve it. These orchestrated efforts exacerbate existing fractures, further deepening the instability within the nation.

Amidst political turbulence, mounting economic challenges, and the shifting balance of power on the global stage, Myanmar continues to struggle for a dignified and resolute standing in the international community. **The State Administration Council, as the governing body, has been striving through various means to stabilize the nation's political landscape, which has been shaken by persistent conflict. With unwavering determination, it continues to advance forward, adhering to its strategic roadmap despite the daunting obstacles.**

Yet, due to a range of internal and external provocations — instigations, encouragements, and systematic reinforcements of unrest — the resulting impact has been felt profoundly across the nation.

The consequences are far-reaching: from the livelihoods of the people to their access to healthcare and education, the nation's essential development sectors have suffered both directly and indirectly.

In truth, amid the chaos and disarray, the intrinsic values of Myanmar — those that once served as guiding standards — have begun to fade, growing faint beneath the weight of persistent adversity.

Alongside the prevailing political instability, Myanmar has also been tested by severe natural disasters — events that have challenged not only the nation's resilience but also its capacity for recovery and reconstruction. **In the present era, all nations around the globe are grappling with the intensifying consequences of climate change, manifesting in increasingly extreme and unpredictable weather patterns. Myanmar is no exception.**

In May 2023, Cyclone *Mocha* struck the country with devastating force, followed by the aftermath of Typhoon *Yagi* in September 2024, whose residual storm clouds brought widespread flooding across vulnerable regions. Each of these events demanded strength, coordination, and endurance from the nation and its people.

Yet nature's sternest trial came on the afternoon of March 28, 2025, when a powerful earthquake measuring 7.7 on the Richter scale struck Mandalay and surrounding areas. The devastation was indiscriminate. It spared neither rich nor poor, made no distinction of ethnicity, religion, age, or political affiliation. It touched the lives of all humans and animals alike throughout the length and breadth of the country.

In the affected regions, the impact was profound: communities were uprooted, livelihoods disrupted, and critical infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and basic facilities, shattered. Perhaps most heartrending of all was the destruction of sacred and revered heritage — pagodas, monasteries, temples, lakes, and ancient stupas — collapsed and buried beneath the earth they once sanctified. For many, the sorrow was unbearable, the loss beyond consolation.

This, too, stands as a solemn test — a trial set forth by the forces of nature — upon the cherished values of Myanmar. It is a reminder that in moments of great upheaval, the strength of a nation is not only measured by its endurance, but by the unyielding spirit of its people and the sacredness of what they hold dear.

From the very moment the

earth ceased its violent tremor, the nation's highest leadership — headed by the Head of State and senior government officials — swiftly mobilized into action. They conducted immediate on-site inspections of the most severely affected areas and ensured that urgent humanitarian assistance was dispatched without delay. In close coordination with both domestic and international rescue organizations, they worked tirelessly to reach those trapped beneath the rubble and to carry out life-saving interventions with all possible haste.

Temporary shelters were promptly established for the displaced, providing a measure of safety and dignity amidst chaos. Meanwhile, the process of national recovery was set into motion with a structured, multi-phased approach aimed at restoring not only infrastructure but hope.

In the first phase, emergency repairs were undertaken on damaged roads, collapsed bridges, and vital infrastructure, enabling access and connectivity to the afflicted regions. The second phase focused on restoring essential services — communication lines, electrical grids, and water supply systems — thereby reestablishing the basic functionality of daily life.

Finally, in the third phase, structurally unsound buildings were carefully demolished, clearing the way for comprehensive reconstruction efforts. These were not mere restorations, but deliberate steps toward building resilient, long-lasting structures that could stand the test of time and nature.

This systematic response reflects not only the government's resolve but also the enduring spirit of a people who, even in the aftermath of destruction, choose to rebuild — stronger, safer, and united.

Assistance was received from ASEAN and various international organizations, facilitating the acquisition of technology, expertise, and financial support. Myanmar's unity and resilience were prominently highlighted in international media, underscoring the steadfast spirit of its people. To ensure sustainable long-term development, revised standards and benchmarks were established for the construction of earthquake-resistant infrastructure. Furthermore, training programs were conducted to enhance human resource capacity in natural disaster risk prevention and management. Efforts to restore religious and cultural heritage also served to uplift public morale, providing psychological strength to communities affected by the earthquake.

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MRCS President Dr Myo Nyunt and officials pose for a group documentary photo at the opening ceremony.

MRCS & ICRC launch communication training for field personnel

THE Myanmar Red Cross Society, in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), opened a communication training course for field personnel from Yangon Region on 22 July at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Kyauktada Township, Yangon Region.

The course was jointly organized by the Myanmar Red Cross Society, the Yangon Re-

gion Red Cross Supervisory Committee, and the International Committee of the Red Cross. At the opening ceremony, President Dr Myo Nyunt of the Myanmar Red Cross Society and ICRC Communication Coordinator Mr Francisco Javier Pavon Molina delivered opening remarks.

The course took two days from 22 to 23 July, and was at-

tended by 20 Red Cross staff members.

Alongside the ICRC communication coordinator, officials from the ICRC, the MRCS president, MRCS executive members, assistant general secretaries, directors, deputy directors, other responsible officials, and Red Cross staff participated in the training. — ASH/KNN

FMGEA plans to provide gold analysis and testing with XRF machine

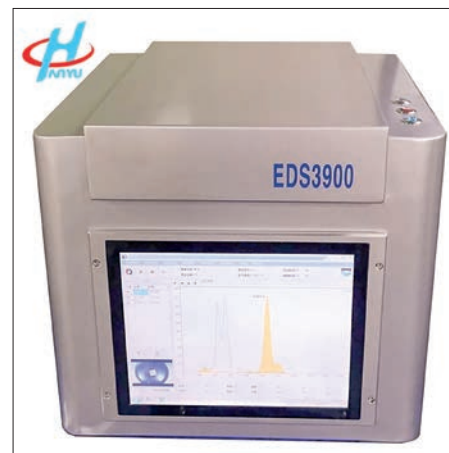
THE Federation of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Associations (FMGEA) has been planning to provide elemental analysis of gold to determine the composition and purity of gold materials.

The FMGEA will help evaluate gold purity, verify precious metal authenticity or analyse composition of gold products. Those who would like to test their gold need to present receipts from the gold shops. Upon completion of testing, FMGEA will issue a quality recommendation.

Those testing with XRF machines will not cover those products and receipts that were previously made before the announcement of gold testing.

Additionally, the federation will go on an inspection tour to check whether gold shops in Yangon Region make transactions with measurement of 16.329325 grammes per tical of pure gold or not. Gold shops in Yangon Region are required to display posters of the new measurement system prominently inside their premises.

The federation asked owners of gold shops to strictly adhere to instructions. Gold shops need to switch to a digital scale measurement system with 16.329325 grammes per tical of pure gold. — ASH/KK



This picture shows the XRF machine (X-ray) gold analyser that tests gold composition and purity.

Top vocalists to rock Taunggyi stage on 24 July

FIVE vocalists: Haymar Nay Win, Htet Nay Kyi, Phoe Pyae, Zwe Pyae, and Phyu Phyu Han will perform a live music show at the 360 Degree Bar and Restaurant in Taunggyi at 7 pm on 24 July, according to vocalist Haymar Nay Win.

“Taunggyi is a place where I have often connected with my fans. I miss those live shows. On the night of 24 July, we plan to give our fans an energetic and heartfelt performance together with my fellow musicians,” Haymar Nay Win said.

The Narrators Band and in-house vocalists will also perform alongside the singers at the event. — ASH/KZL



This image depicts a poster for the live show in Taunggyi featuring vocalist Haymar Nay Win.

Myanmar series to stream on HEY Play from 25 July after Yangon premiere

A press show for the series ‘Past Deeds of Merit Don’t Always Meet’ was held on 21 July at the Zealax Hotel & Residence in Ahlon Township, Yangon, according to Naw Phaw Eh Htar, who plays the leading role in the drama.

The drama is based on the novel by writer La Min Mo Mo, with the script written by Soul of Stars and directed by Pyae Phyo Naing.

“I’m also happy to reunite with my brother, Ko Nay Toe, who is a power star in Myanmar, in this drama. I haven’t worked with him for a long time. After reading the story, I felt a lot of pressure to portray the character of Pwint Oo Hla, as the fans already have a clear image of her in their minds. I prepared carefully for this. Once the drama airs, please tell me whether Pwint



Cast members and moviemakers are seen at the press show.

Oo Hla comes through in my performance. I’m waiting like someone who has just taken an exam,” said Academy Aye Myat Thu, who is also involved in the drama.

The drama is available on the HEY Play Application, and

it will also air on the HEY Play YouTube Channel at 7 pm every Monday to Friday starting from 25 July. The cast includes Academy Nay Toe, Academy Aye Myat Thu, Naw Phaw Eh Htar, and many others. — ASH/MKKS

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Thaungyin River in Myawady may rise 4 feet in a day, remains above danger level

THE Department of Meteorology and Hydrology stated at 1 pm on 23 July that the water level of the Thaungyin River in Myawady is more than half a foot above danger level and could rise by about 4 feet within a day and remain above it.

It also warned residents near the river banks and in low-lying areas to evacuate.

As Typhoon Wipha, may enter Maesot, Thailand, there can be mountain torrents, strong wind and landslides, some weather observers predicted.

“Recently, on 23 July, the 17-Zeetaw gate was flooded. Those living along the Thaungyin River were urged to move quickly to the highlands. The river is slowly rising and low-lying areas could be flooded in the next 16 hours”, a local warned.

The flood relief teams



The Thaungyin River situation at 11:40 am on 23 July.

have set up emergency rescue camps in several monasteries

in Myawady. People near the bank and low-lying areas

should relocate. If late, rescuers will find it difficult to work without a phone and internet connection. We will have rainfall of 50 to 80 millimetres today, so the water will continue to rise”, said a humanitarian volunteer.

In case of emergencies, residents can contact hotlines - the General Administrative Department at 095 670699, the fire department at 09 421973987 and 09 459378100, Mon Myat Phyu Sin rescue team at 09 777287287, Setana rescue team at 09 780040250, Red Cross Society at 09 793095200, Myanmar Rescue at 09 671500677, Myitta Shin at 09 698637552, Z-Rescue Myawady at 09 797119119, Kayin Border Guard at 09 776709705, Yeyint rescue at 09 694241969 and Ahninemae rescue at 09 760987005. — Htun Htun/ZN

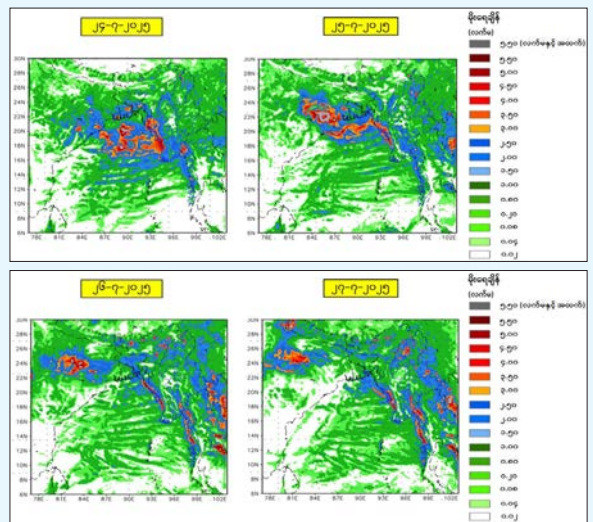
Special Weather News

Issued at 7 pm MST on 22 July 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 4:30 pm MST today, due to the Low-Pressure Cell is crossing in border areas of Laos and Eastern Myanmar and a low-pressure area may form over the North Bay of Bengal on 24 July 2025 and monsoon is strong to vigorous over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan States with regionally and isolated heavy falls during tonight to 28 July 2025. Occasional squalls with very rough seas will be experienced off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 45 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 14-16 feet off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts.

Advisory

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



2025 Korean Cultural Festival draws wide attention

AS an opportunity to enhance bilateral relations, the 2025 Korean Cultural Festival was held in Yangon and attracted many participants, said the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Myanmar.

It was organized by the Korean Embassy and took place for two days on 19 and 20 July at Lotte Hotel in Yangon. It was the first time that the festival resumed after 2019, and more than 1,000 participants joined the first day of Korean films festival, in which “A hen into the wild”, “Canola” and “The face reader” were shown.

Ambassador Mr Bae Byeong-soo said in the opening ceremony that he expected the Korean Cultural Festival to be a place for cultural exchange between Myanmar and Korea, and it is an opportunity to make the bilateral relationship stronger.

K-pop Festival Myanmar was also held on 20 July, and 13



The 2025 Korean Cultural Festival.

groups (seven dance groups and six singers) were selected for the 2025 K-pop World Festival, which is going to be held in October, jointly organized by Changwon and KBS. As special guests, the four-member Ondo K-pop group entertained at the festival.

Outside the festival area, along with booths giving an array

of Korean cultural experiences, the Korean traditional tavern Jumak, cosplay show, Taekwondo show, Myanmar art gallery and application counter for SNS supporters for the embassy were displayed.

It was not only a simple concert, but it also concluded as a cultural festival that everyone can enjoy. — MT/ZS

Labour Ministry urges agencies to send workers to higher-paying countries

UNION Minister for Labour U Chit Swe told employment agencies to ensure sending workers to countries which can offer high-paying jobs, during a meeting with the Myanmar Overseas Employment Agency Association (MOEAA) at a skill training school in Yangon’s

Bahan Township on 18 July.

The Ministry of Labour has now allowed workers to send as per the SOP of respective countries and has ensured the sending of new workers, depending on the number of returnees.

It has also issued a directive

for each agency not to offer demand letters monthly exceeding 50 workers for Thailand, 20 workers for Malaysia, 15 workers for Japan, 10 workers for Korea, 5 workers for Singapore and 10 workers for Laos and other countries. — Htun Htun/ZS

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“Though the powerful earthquake, measuring 7.7 on the Richter scale, shattered roads, bridges, and sturdy edifices built of brick, stone, and steel into ruins, it found no foothold against the unbreakable spirit of the Myanmar people – undaunted, unwavering, and unyielding amid the rubble.”

The State Administration Council is actively collaborating with the international community to expedite the restoration of damages caused by the earthquake and to build a more resilient and prosperous socio-economic system for the future.

Simultaneously, the State Government continues to advance peacebuilding efforts to resolve ongoing political challenges. Since February 1, 2021, there have been numerous unilateral ceasefire declarations by the Tatmadaw, reflecting a commitment to enduring peace. Following the devastating earthquake in Mandalay on 28 March, the military once again upheld ceasefire measures as a special priority, enabling focused efforts on reconstruction and the welfare of the people.

In furtherance of this commitment, the government convened the Peace Talk-2025 in March and the Peace Forum-2025 in June. These gatherings brought together a broad spectrum of stakeholders: members of the National Unity and Peace Coordination Committee;

retired military officers; representatives of the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) overseeing ceasefire compliance; delegates from political parties; signatories of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) from various ethnic armed organizations; dedicated peace practitioners; international guests; diplomats from foreign embassies; scholars and experts; media personnel; officials from union ministries and organizations; university professors; association delegates; and researchers. **The broad participation and vigorous dialogue clearly demonstrate the government and people's strong, shared aspiration for peace.**

Accordingly, the Chairman of the State Administration Council and Prime Minister, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, emphasized during these peace dialogues that, **“Peace policies are the essence of the NCA and embody the accumulated wisdom gained through successive peacebuilding efforts. These are immutable truths that must be respected and upheld to consolidate the current peace process. Our ultimate national aspiration is to establish a ‘Union State’ founded on democracy and federalism.”**

In light of this, despite the natural disasters confronting Myanmar and the internal and external sabotage threatening the unity of the Union, the government, military, and people are united – like a **phoenix rising from the ashes** – in their tireless efforts to strengthen the inval-

uable spirit of union. Together, we endeavour to transform the nation toward a brighter, more harmonious future.

Myanmar's Future

The State Administration Council, grounded in the principle of a **“Self-Reliance Policy,”** is steadfastly working in close partnership with the people to build a prosperous and united Union of Myanmar. **Looking ahead to December 2025, Myanmar is scheduled to hold a free and fair multiparty general election, representing a critical milestone in the ongoing pursuit of a federal democratic union.**

The multiparty democratic system anticipated to emerge from this election is expected to facilitate the effective implementation of power-sharing and resource-sharing mechanisms through legislative institutions, thereby reinforcing the broader national peace process. Beyond its procedural significance, the election embodies the collective aspirations of the populace, representing a pivotal step toward inclusive governance and lasting stability.

The election holds the promise of revitalizing and advancing Myanmar's distinct national identity, character, and core values, while laying the foundation for a future marked by inclusive growth and opportunity. Through this democratic process, Myanmar seeks to reaffirm its sovereign presence and articulate its national aspirations with clarity

and dignity on the international stage.

The election will serve as a vibrant renaissance for Myanmar's cherished values, restoring their brilliance to paint a hopeful future. The enhancement of these values is inseparable from the progress of Myanmar's democratic development.

Given the current circumstances, this election cannot be regarded simply as routine. Rather, it represents the threshold to a future Union grounded firmly in democracy and federalism. Passing through this gateway, Myanmar will cultivate constructive political habits, resolving conflicts through dialogue and consensus-building around the political table, and will thus lay the foundations for unity and the elevation of national values.

The forthcoming election represents a critical juncture in Myanmar's political trajectory, serving as a pivotal bridge toward the establishment of a democratic and federal Union. It may be aptly characterized as a **‘Gateway to Democracy,’** wherein collective aspirations coalesce to pave the way for a renewed and inclusive national future.

Myanmar's Way – Myanmar's Future

Myanmar's path toward a stable and prosperous future is complex and fraught with challenges, requiring sustained commitment to navigate political, social, and economic obstacles while capitalising on emerging opportunities. At the heart of this endeavour lies the successful conduct of a free and fair multiparty democratic general

election, which remains fundamental to the country's democratic transition and long-term development.

As Myanmar progresses along its chosen trajectory toward the implementation of future national strategies, it is imperative to preserve and uphold the country's historical legacy, foundational political values, economic potential, geographic centrality, religious and cultural heritage, and core social principles. **Equally essential is the cultivation of a shared sense of civic responsibility, cooperation, social cohesion, and collective resilience among all citizens – elements that are indispensable to building a strong, unified, and enduring Union.**

At this critical juncture, as Myanmar seeks to emerge from the turbulence of recent years, it is essential to embrace the rich diversity of its peoples and cultures as a foundation for national renewal. Advancing toward a stable, peaceful, and prosperous future will require a sustained commitment to inclusive development, harmonious coexistence, and the equitable pursuit of shared progress.

“To safeguard and breathe life into Myanmar's timeless values and to honour the weight of its pivotal place on the world's map, we must ignite a fierce patriotic flame and awaken the power of an Active Citizen. It is this very spirit that will rekindle the fading light of our cherished heritage, lifting ‘Myanmar values’ high once again – as we join hands and stride boldly toward the radiant dawn of our nation's tomorrow.”

Turkish port city Izmir seeks deeper ties with China in climate projects, tourism: mayor

THE city is one of 112 European cities in the EU's Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission, aiming for climate neutrality by 2030.

Türkiye's Aegean city of Izmir is pitching itself as a strategic partner for Chinese investors, offering climate-focused urban projects and incentives designed to attract international capital, Mayor Cemil Tugay has said.

Izmir is one of 112 Euro-

pean cities selected under the European Union (EU)'s Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission, with the goal of becoming climate-neutral by 2030. As part of this effort, the city has developed an investment portfolio built around 10 key thematic areas, comprising 34 projects. The total investment amounts to approximately 20.1 billion euros (approximately US\$23.3 billion),

Tugay said in a recent interview. “I believe this portfolio offers a long-term investment environment for Chinese firms that creates both environmental and social impact,” he said. Tugay also highlighted that Izmir provides a wide range of benefits, including tax exemptions, state-of-the-art infrastructure, R&D support, and streamlined export procedures. — Xinhua



An aerial drone photo taken on 21 July 2025 shows the Port of Izmir in Izmir, Türkiye. Türkiye's Aegean city of Izmir is pitching itself as a strategic partner for Chinese investors, offering climate-focused urban projects and incentives designed to attract international capital, Mayor Cemil Tugay has said. **PHOTO: IZMIR METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA**

Nasdaq edges down from records ahead of big tech earnings

THE Nasdaq retreated from a record ahead of earnings from Google parent Alphabet and other tech giants, while European markets fretted over an 1 August deadline for the EU to avert steep tariffs from US President Donald Trump.

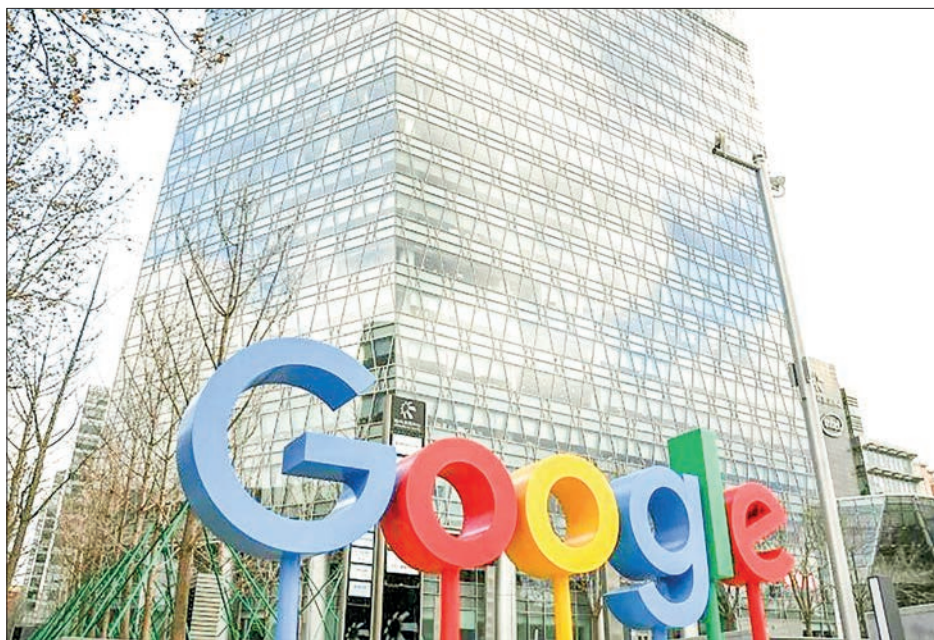
Both the Dow and S&P 500 finished higher,

but the Nasdaq dropped 0.4 per cent to snap a six-day streak of records.

Earnings from Alphabet and Tesla are due on Wednesday, the first two of Wall Street's "Magnificent Seven" equities to report this season. Several of the largest tech names -- such as Apple and Facebook parent Meta -- do not

report results until next week.

Corporate profit reports so far have painted a generally resilient picture of the US economy, but with gathering clouds in some sectors -- particularly automobiles -- from Trump's levies on major trading partners. — AFP



Google parent Alphabet, along with Tesla, will kick off earnings of the so-called 'Magnificent Seven,' a group of influential equities. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

General Motors profits fall on tariff hit but top estimates

AUTO giant General Motors reported lower second-quarter profits Tuesday following a \$1.1 billion hit from US tariffs but confirmed its full-year forecast.

The results topped analyst estimates, but GM cautioned that profits in the second half of 2025 would be lower than in the first semester.

The US automaker pointed to sales growth in North America where new and revamped trucks and sport utility vehicles sold briskly with solid pricing. GM was among the carmakers that benefited from a surge in demand this spring from consumers who wanted to beat US tariffs. Profits overall fell 35.4 per cent to \$1.9 billion year-on-year, while revenues dipped 1.8 per cent to \$47.1 billion. The tariff hit in the second quarter reflected that there were "minimal mitigation offsets", GM said in a slide presentation.

The Detroit-based company's outlook for a weaker second half of 2025 reflects "seasonally lower" volumes, increased spending on vehicle launches and the presence of two quarters with a tariff hit, compared to just one. — AFP

India's Infosys narrows revenue forecast as profits beat expectations



Infosys chief executive Salil Parekh reported a 7.1 per cent on-year rise in net profit for the June quarter. PHOTO: AFP

INDIAN IT giant Infosys on Wednesday increased the lower end of its annual growth forecast for the current fiscal year after reporting better-than-expected results for the June quarter.

The figures indicate a slow revival in client spending at India's second-largest software services exporter, which has grappled with a slowdown and global economic

uncertainty made worse by US President Donald Trump's tariff disruptions.

While Trump's tariffs don't directly affect India's IT firms, trade tensions hurt companies around the world and make them more hesitant to spend on big tech projects.

Infosys, which earns more than 80 per cent of its revenue from Western markets, said revenue will grow one to three per cent

on a constant-currency basis for the current financial year.

The company had earlier forecast that revenue for this fiscal year would either stay flat or grow as much as three per cent.

The Bengaluru-headquartered firm also reported a 8.6 on-year increase in net profit to hit 69.2 billion rupees (\$801 million) for the April-June quarter. — AFP

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V RASHA VOY.NO. (703)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V RASHA VOY. NO. (703)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **23-7-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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THANLWIN TECHNIC AVIATION SERVICES COMPANY LIMITED (the "Company") (under Members' Voluntary Winding Up)

Notice under Section 147, 152 (a) of the Insolvency Law and Rule 9 and 15 of the Insolvency Rules

As per special resolution duly passed in writing on 18 July 2025 by all of the members of the company:

1. The process of members' voluntary winding up will proceed and take effect from 18 July 2025.
2. Daw Cho Thandar Soe (CPA No. 498 and MAIP Membership No.00225) shall be and is hereby appointed as liquidator of the Company for the purpose of such members' voluntary winding up and is authorized to carry out the Company's affairs in respect of such winding up; and
3. All of the creditors (if any) of the Company are required to contact the liquidator before 24 August 2025 with detailed particulars of their claim attached with complete supporting documents. The Company shall not take any responsibility for or settle any debts that are claimed and submitted after such date.

Daw Cho Thandar Soe

B.Com CPA (CPA No.498 and MAIP No. 00225), Liquidator

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Date: 24 July 2025

ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

NEWS IN BRIEF

Russian navy conducts large-scale July Storm drills

THE Russian Navy has launched the large-scale operational exercise July Storm, involving forces from the Northern, Pacific, Baltic Fleets and the Caspian Flotilla, Russia's Ministry of Defence announced Wednesday. Guided by Navy Commander-in-Chief Admiral Alexander Moiseyev, the drills will run from 23 to 27 July across several maritime regions, including waters of the Pacific Ocean, Arctic Ocean, Baltic Sea and Caspian Sea.

According to the ministry, more than 150 warships and support vessels, 120 aircraft, 10 coastal defence missile systems, around 950 units of military and specialized equipment, and over 15,000 personnel are participating in the exercise. — Xinhua

Germany approves delivery of Eurofighter jets to Türkiye

GERMANY said Wednesday it had approved the delivery of Eurofighter jets to Türkiye, clearing the way for the sale of the warplanes after a long delay. "The ministry of defence has sent a written confirmation to the Turkish government confirming the approval of the export," government spokesman Stefan Kornelius told journalists in Berlin. — AFP

Pacific nation ponders taking asylum seekers from US

THE United States is looking to send asylum seekers to the sparsely populated volcanic isles of Palau, the small South Pacific nation said Wednesday. Scattered about 800 kilometres (500 miles) east of the Philippines, tropical Palau has long been one of the United States' closest allies in the Pacific.

Palau President Surangel Whipps Jr last week received a request from Washington to accept "third-country nationals seeking asylum in the United States", his office said in a statement. — AFP

Russian delegation heads to Istanbul for talks with Ukraine, confirms Kremlin

The discussions will focus on two contrasting draft memoranda regarding potential settlement terms, and significant diplomatic work is needed before any high-level meetings can occur, according to Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov.

THE Russian delegation for the new round of negotiations with Ukraine still includes four main members and four experts, a source told Sputnik on Wednesday. The next round of direct negotiations between Russia and Ukraine is expected to start in Istanbul on Wednesday evening.

This is the third round of talks since they restarted in May after a hiatus of over three years.

The upcoming discussions will be "quite complex", primarily centering on two contrasting draft memoranda regarding the terms of a potential settlement, according to Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov.

These documents were exchanged during the second round of talks on 2 June.

"There will be an exchange of opinions and actual negotiations on these two projects,"



Russian Presidential Aide and head of the Russian delegation Vladimir Medinsky attends Russia-Ukraine talks at Dolmabahçe Presidential Office in Istanbul, Türkiye. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

Peskov confirmed.

"Significant diplomatic work" lies ahead before any high- or top-level meetings between the two countries can be considered, noted the Kremlin press secretary. Al-

though reaching agreements on prisoner exchanges or the return of fallen soldiers' bodies would be considered productive, Peskov warned against anticipating swift or comprehensive outcomes. — SPUTNIK

India, Japan discuss boosting maritime connectivity



India and Japan deepened their partnership on maritime connectivity during a seminar titled "IPOI: India-Japan Partnership in Maritime Connectivity" held at the Indian Embassy in Tokyo. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/MUMBAI PORT TRUST**

INDIA and Japan continued to deepen their partnership on maritime connectivity and regional cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region during a seminar titled "IPOI: India-Japan Partnership in Maritime Connectivity" held at the Indian Embassy in Tokyo on Tuesday (local time).

Ambassador of India to Japan, Sibi George, delivered the inaugural remarks at the event, which featured special addresses by Japan's former Defence Minister and MP Mr Minoru Kihara, India's Secretary (East) Mr P Kumaran, and Mr Shingo Miyamoto, Director-General at Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). The discussions focused on strengthening India-Japan

cooperation on maritime linkages across the Indo-Pacific region.

The Indian Embassy later shared highlights of the event in a post on social media platform X, "Glimpses of a seminar on "IPOI: India-Japan Partnership in Maritime Connectivity" held at the Embassy.

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SPORTS

Manulife Cup Sepak Takraw Tournament set for Sept

THE Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation and Manulife Insurance will jointly organise the Manulife Cup Sepak Takraw Tournament, with the signing ceremony for the event held yesterday morning at the Wyndham Hotel in Yangon.

At the ceremony, Chairman U Ye Wint Htut Tin of the Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation and Manulife Insurance CEO,

Mr Gaurav Sharma signed the agreement.

Following the signing, both parties discussed their ongoing annual collaboration in hosting tournaments, developing Sepak Takraw, and promoting the next generation of players. The Manulife Cup Sepak Takraw Tournament is scheduled to take place in September. — Arkar Linn/KZL

Sinner reappoints coach he sacked in doping scandal

WORLD No 1 Jannik Sinner is teaming up once again with Umberto Ferrara, the fitness coach he sacked in the summer of 2024 after it was revealed that the Italian had tested positive for doping, his management team announced on Wednesday.

Since the revelation of Sinner's positive tests for the anabolic steroid clostebol, Sinner has constantly maintained his innocence, laying the blame squarely on his team.

Although he quickly dismissed Ferrara and his physiotherapist, Giacomo Naldi, after the revelation of his

positive tests, Sinner still described the former as an "excellent coach" on the sidelines of the ATP Finals in Turin in November 2024.

"Jannik Sinner has reappointed Umberto Ferrara as his fitness coach with immediate effect," his new management team Avima announced in a brief statement.

"The decision has been made in alignment with Jannik's management team as part of ongoing preparations for upcoming tournaments, including the Cincinnati Open and US Open. — AFP

Myanmar wins silver at 38th King's Cup Sepak Takraw



This photo displays the Myanmar women's national team competing in the Hook Takraw final.

THE Myanmar women's team secured a silver medal at the 38th Thai King's Cup 2025 tournament, currently being held in Hat Yai, Thailand, from 22 to 28 July.

The silver medal came from the Women's Hook Takraw Event on 22 July, with players Nwe Nwe Htwe, Kyu

Thin, Phyu Phyu Than, Khin Nhin Wai, Su Thin Zar Naing and Nay Chi Nway competing.

In this event, the Thai team claimed first place with 900 points, followed by Myanmar with 750 points, and Vietnam and Laos with 440 and 320 points, respectively.

The Myanmar team is also competing in the Men's Quadrant against Malaysia and Singapore, the Women's Quadrant against Laos, India and Vietnam, and the Mixed Quadrant against Thailand, Malaysia and Vietnam in the ongoing group-stage matches. — Arkar Linn/KZL

Juventus make Conceicao loan permanent

PORTUGUESE international Francisco Conceicao, who spent last year on loan at Juventus, has completed a full transfer from Porto, the Serie A club has announced.

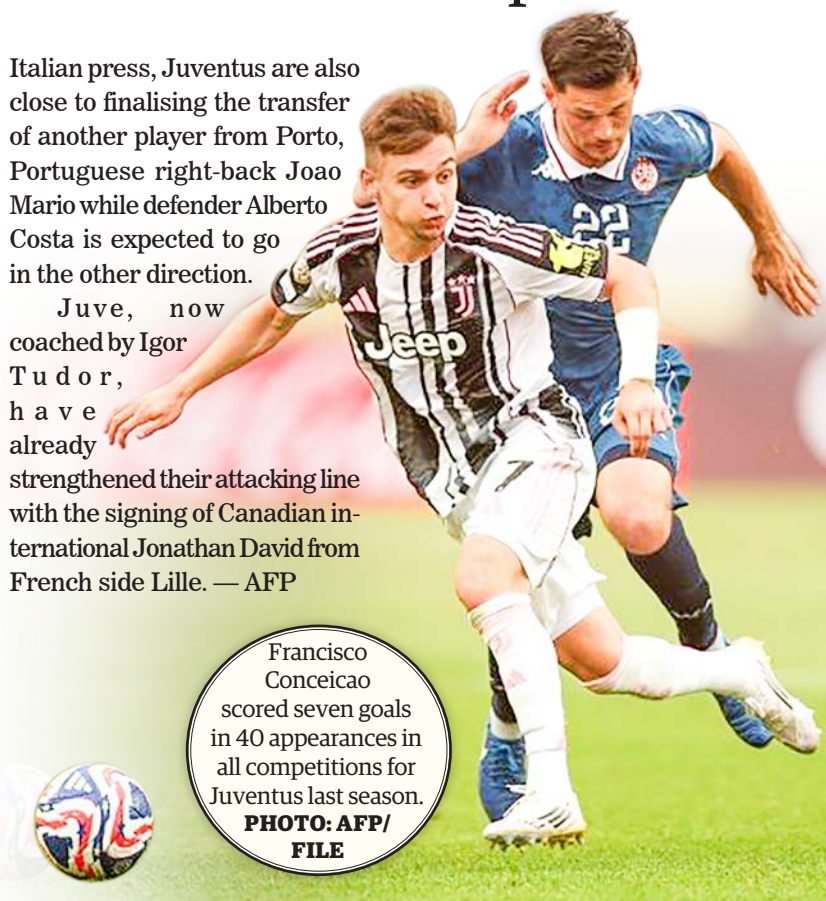
The 22-year-old winger, who has 11 caps for Portugal and scored seven goals in 40 appearances in all competitions for Juventus last season, has signed a deal taking him up to 2030.

"Juventus announce that they have reached an agreement with FC Porto for the permanent acquisition of Francisco Conceicao," Juve said in a statement released on Tuesday evening.

Juventus, the only Italian club listed on the stock exchange, said it had paid "30.4 million euros (\$35.6 million) payable in four annual instalments", in addition to 1.6 million euros in fees and other costs. According to the

Italian press, Juventus are also close to finalising the transfer of another player from Porto, Portuguese right-back Joao Mario while defender Alberto Costa is expected to go in the other direction.

Juve, now coached by Igor Tudor, have already strengthened their attacking line with the signing of Canadian international Jonathan David from French side Lille. — AFP



Francisco Conceicao scored seven goals in 40 appearances in all competitions for Juventus last season. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Canada swim star McIntosh primed to take worlds by storm

THREE world records in five days put Summer McIntosh in rare company and now the 18-year-old Canadian swimming sensation is primed to take the world championships by storm.

McIntosh won three gold medals at the Paris Olympics last year and then broke three world records in a breathtaking performance at the Canadian trials in June.

The teenager is the first swimmer to set world records in three different individual events since Michael Phelps did it on the way to his glittering eight-gold haul at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

"Absolutely wild," McIntosh said of the accomplishment in an interview with Canadian broadcaster CBC. Then she promptly pointed to a litany of things she could improve on in each race, saying the self-criticism is part of her mission to keep testing the boundaries of her sport.

"I don't think there is such a thing as a perfect race, at least I haven't done it yet," she said ahead of the world championships in Singapore starting on Sunday.

"There's room for more and that's what keeps me going. And I'm also still so young, I have so much more to achieve and I know I can get so much stronger." — AFP



DIGITIZATION OF
FINANCIAL SYSTEMS

Laos pushes
forward in
building self-
reliant economy

LAOS' Ministry of Finance is actively working towards building an independent and self-reliant economy, with a strong focus on optimizing revenue, controlling expenditure, and improving financial management.

According to a report from the ministry on Wednesday, the ministry has outlined several initiatives to strengthen the economy, including developing legislation, improving state budget management, enhancing oversight of state-owned enterprises, resolving public debt, and modernizing financial systems.

The ministry plans to expand tax sources, including construction, environmental, and carbon credit, while modernizing revenue collection to reduce leakage.

It also prioritizes repaying both domestic and foreign debts, increasing national reserves, and investing in key sectors such as education, healthcare, and infrastructure. There will be a strong focus on reducing reliance on foreign loans and ensuring efficient use of public funds.

Additionally, efforts to improve the management of state-owned enterprises, resolve public debt, and digitize financial systems will allow for more accurate tracking of state revenues and expenditures. These goals are set to be achieved by 2026, with some initiatives continuing into 2030. — Xinhua

Reports: US nuke weapons deployed
to UK for first time since 2008

The delivery involved a C-17 military transport aircraft from the US Air Force Nuclear Weapons Centre in New Mexico, with the flight pattern suggesting a permanent delivery rather than a routine transfer.



A US Air Force (USAF) F-15C Eagle fighter jet, is pictured on the tarmac at RAF (Royal Air Force) Lakenheath, east of England, on 15 June 2020. PHOTO: AFP

SEVERAL US nuclear bombs have reportedly been delivered to a British air base, marking what is believed to be the first deployment of American nuclear weapons on British soil since 2008, local media reported Tuesday.

The weapons, identified as B61-12 thermonuclear gravity bombs, were flown into RAF Lakenheath, a US-operated base in Suffolk, eastern England, the UK Defence Journal reported on Sunday.

The B61-12 is a free-fall nuclear bomb designed to be dropped from aircraft and weighs approximately 320 kilogrammes.

The delivery is believed to have originated from the US Air Force Nuclear Weapons Centre in New Mexico and involved the C-17 military transport aircraft, reports said. The aircraft flew with its transponders switched on, making it easily trackable by foreign governments and aviation observers.

Military experts were quoted by The

Times as saying that the flight pattern of the US transport aircraft resembled a "one-way drop-off", suggesting a permanent delivery rather than a routine transfer.

Two US fighter squadrons based at Lakenheath are capable of carrying these bombs using advanced F-35A stealth jets, potentially giving the UK a second nuclear deterrent alongside its fleet of Vanguard-class submarines, the UK Defence Journal said. — Xinhua

New AI robot training ground launched in China



This undated photo provided by the interviewee shows a staff member testing a robot at the Chengdu Humanoid Robot Innovation Centre in Chengdu, southwest China's Sichuan Province. PHOTO: XINHUA

A new training ground dedicated to advancing embodied artificial intelligence (AI) robots has been launched in southwest China's Sichuan Province, marking a step forward in the development of the country's high-end robotics industry.

Based in the city of Mianyang, the embodied AI robot training ground will operate as a comprehensive platform integrating research and de-

velopment, validation testing, standard-setting and commercialization.

The project, officially launched on 18 July, is a cornerstone of Sichuan's strategy to build a globally competitive embodied AI robotics cluster in west China, an official from the Sichuan provincial science and technology department told Xinhua on Tuesday.

Thanks to rapid advancements in technologies such as

AI and large language models, China's robotics industry is undergoing a rapid transformation from laboratory research to mass production and applications.

The industry is expected to see a market boom in the coming years. According to the Chinese Institute of Electronics, China's humanoid robot market is projected to reach 870 billion yuan (about US\$121.74 billion) by 2030. — Xinhua