

# The Global **NEW LIGHT** of MYANMAR

## SAC Chairman PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing leads Myanmar delegation to Minsk, Belarus

**T**he Myanmar high-level goodwill delegation, led by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, on an official visit to Russia at the invitation of President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, departed from Pulkovo International Airport in Saint Petersburg yesterday afternoon, Russian local time, to continue their goodwill visit to Belarus at the invitation of President Lukashenko. They were seen off at the airport by Mr Grigoriev Evgeny Dmitrievich, Chairman of the External Relations Committee of the Saint Petersburg Government, Myanmar Consul-General U Aung Pe Thet, and other officials.

The goodwill delegation later arrived at Minsk International Airport in Belarus, where they were welcomed by Belarussian Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Maxim Ryzhenkov, the Ambassador of Belarus to Myanmar, Myanmar Consul-General U Moe Kyaw Thu, and officials among others.

At the airport, State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing was welcomed by the Guard of Honour of Belarus, in keeping with the tradition of welcoming heads of state on state-level goodwill visits.

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister then arrived at the Victory



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing arrives at Minsk International Airport in Belarus, welcomed by Belarussian Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Maxim Ryzhenkov and the Honour Guard Company of Belarus on the former state-level goodwill visit.

Monument in Minsk for the wreath-laying ceremony, where he was welcomed and greeted by officials.

Afterwards, the State Ad-

ministration Council Chairman and Prime Minister laid a wreath at the Victory Monument, while the Guard of Honour of Belarus played the National Anthem of

the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the National Anthem of the Republic of Belarus during the ceremony.

Subsequently, the State Ad-

ministration Council Chairman and Prime Minister received a salute from the Guard of Honour and cordially greeted the officials. — MNA/TH

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## Leveraging Agricultural Strength for Export Growth through Nationwide Collaboration

OUR country has a strong foundation for successfully operating agricultural and livestock activities and is strategically positioned to export these products based on market demand.

Collaboration among all departmental officials and citizens is essential for the development of agriculture and livestock farms.

*(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with members of the Shan State government and regional- and district-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)*

## Objectives of 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armed Forces Day 2025

- To actively participate in serving three main functions of Tatmadaw national defence duty, training duty and public benefit duty upholding Our Three Main National Causes;
- To steadfastly carry out measures for State development and genuine, eternal peace by ending the armed conflicts under the Constitution (2008) and NCA;
- To protect the State and its citizens from dangers and provide sector-wise assistance for the safety and socioeconomic development of the people;
- To provide necessary assistance to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election by Tatmadaw for the emergence of a Union based on democratic and federal systems after carrying out measures per the stipulations of the State of Emergency.



The opening event of the Sitagu Ketumati Ayudana Hospital in progress yesterday, unveiled by Sitagu Sayadaw, Union Minister U Tin Oo Lwin, Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win, and officials.

## Sitagu Ketumati Ayudana Hospital opened in Toungoo

THE opening ceremony of Sitagu Ketumati Ayudana Hospital was held at the hospital in Toungoo township, Bago Region, yesterday.

It was attended by monks led by State Ovadacariya Shwegyin Nikaya Ganadhipati Shwegyin Sangharaja Chancellor of Sitagu International Buddhist Academies and Sitagu Hospitals Abhidhaja Maharathaguru Abhidhaja Aggamaha Saddhammajotika

Mahadhammakathika Bahujanahitadhara Sitagu Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Nyanissara and Sitagu Ketumati Buddhist Academy (Toungoo) Prof Sitagu Ketumati Ayudana Hospital in charge Dr Bhaddanta Tikphasara, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Tin Oo Lwin, Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win and relevant officials.

First, the Union Ministers and party took five precepts

from the Sitagu Sayadaw.

Then, the well-wishers donated cash for the hospital, and the Union ministers received it on behalf of the Sayadaw.

The Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and the attendees shared the merit gained.

After the ceremonial procedures, the Sitagu Sayadaw and Union ministers comforted the patients and presented them with financial aid. — MNA/KTZH

## Chin New Congress Party applies for political party registration

THE Chin New Congress Party has submitted its application to establish a political party under Section 3 of the Political Parties Registration Law. The application was formally filed yesterday with the Union Election Commission (UEC), ensuring compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

As of today, a total of 20 parties have applied for registration under Section 3 of the Political Parties Registration Law, while 50 parties have applied for continued registration under Section 25 of the same law. This brings the total number of parties seeking recognition to 70. The Union Election Commission is currently reviewing the newly submitted application as part of its ongoing registration process. — MNA/KZL

## Gold Market Rate as of 6 March 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,470,000 as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

## Top websites and web portals to access Military Service Rules

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

## Myanmar TV series 'Loon' to premiere on 24 Mar

THE Myanmar television series 'Loon' is set to premiere on 24 March.

The screenplay was written by Evren, with contributions from Hayman Hein, Yi Mon Htet and Nyo Thway, while director Pyae Phyoo Naing (PPN) took charge of the production. The series is an original creation of

Canal+ Zat Lenn, a subscription-based television network.

The cast includes Aung Yay Chan, Nae Thit Aye Aung, Thar Nyi, Min Thu, Lin La Pyae Htet, Lin Zarni Zaw, Academy Khin Moh Moh Aye, Tha Tha, Myat Thu Ko, Wun Yan Kha, Daw Lone Tin and many other actors. — ASH/KZL



## 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)*

# Myanmar Consulate-General inaugurated in Saint Petersburg



The opening ceremony of the Myanmar Consulate-General at the K-2 Government Guesthouse in Saint Petersburg in progress on 5 March, unveiled by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

The opening ceremony of the Myanmar Consulate-General took place at the K-2 Government Guesthouse in Saint Petersburg on the evening of 5 March local time with the attendance of State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Also present at the event were SAC Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, Council Member General Nyo Saw, Union Ministers U Than Swe, Admiral Moe Aung, Dr Kan Zaw, U Ko Ko Lwin and Dr Myo Thein Kyaw,

Bago Region Chief Minister U Myo Swe Win, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of Commander-in-Chief, Myanmar Ambassador to Russia U Thit Linn Ohn, deputy ministers, Governor of Saint Petersburg Mr Alexander Beglov, the Russian Ambassador to Myanmar, cabinet members of Saint Petersburg, Myanmar Consul-General U Aung Pe Thet, relevant officials, scholars and invitees.

The ceremony commenced with the playing of the National Anthems of the two countries.

The Senior General, the Union Minister for Foreign Af-

airs and the Governor of Saint Petersburg cut the ribbon to inaugurate the Consulate-General.

In his opening speech, Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe said that although Myanmar and Russia are geographically far apart, the two countries have established a strong and friendly relationship throughout diplomatic history due to the close bonds between their people. To enhance the growing bilateral cooperation, Myanmar has opened consulates-general in Saint Petersburg and Novosibirsk. The establishment of the

Consulate-General in Saint Petersburg, a city with a rich history and advancements in political, economic, modern science and technology sectors, is believed to promote the mutual interests of both countries.

The governor of Saint Petersburg said the Myanmar Consulate-General was established in Saint Petersburg of Russia thanks to the strong and growing relationship between Russia and Myanmar. The establishment of the Consulate-General is expected to further enhance diplomatic ties between the two countries.

He also highlighted the role

of the Consulate-General, which serves as a bridge between the two countries, expressing gratitude to the Senior General for taking immediate measures to be able to open the Consulate-General.

Afterwards, the Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs presented gifts to the Senior General and Saint Petersburg Governor, marking the opening of the Consulate-General.

After the ceremony, the Senior General and attendees posed for commemorative group photos. — MNA/KTZH



# NATIONAL

## Myanmar, Saint Petersburg to enhance cooperation and relations

**C**hairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, currently in

the Russian Federation on his official goodwill visit, held a meeting with Saint Petersburg Governor Mr Alexander Beglov at the K2 Government Guest-

house in Saint Petersburg on the evening of Russian standard time on 5 March.

They exchanged views on efforts to open the Myanmar

Consulate-General to enhance cooperation and relations between Myanmar and Saint Petersburg; further efforts to develop health, education,

transport, tourism, industry, economic and trade sectors, and construction of Theravada Buddhist ordination hall, monastery and pagoda in Saint Petersburg.

Also, present at the meeting were Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, Council Member General Nyo Saw, Union Ministers, the Chief Minister of Bago Region, Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Thit Linn Ohn, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) and officials. The Governor of Saint Petersburg was accompanied by the Russian Ambassador to Myanmar and officials of the Saint Petersburg government.

In the evening, the governor of Saint Petersburg hosted a dinner to mark the opening of the Myanmar Consulate-General in Saint Petersburg to the Senior General and delegation members.

After the dinner, the Senior General presented cash awards to the entertainment troupes. — MNA/TTA



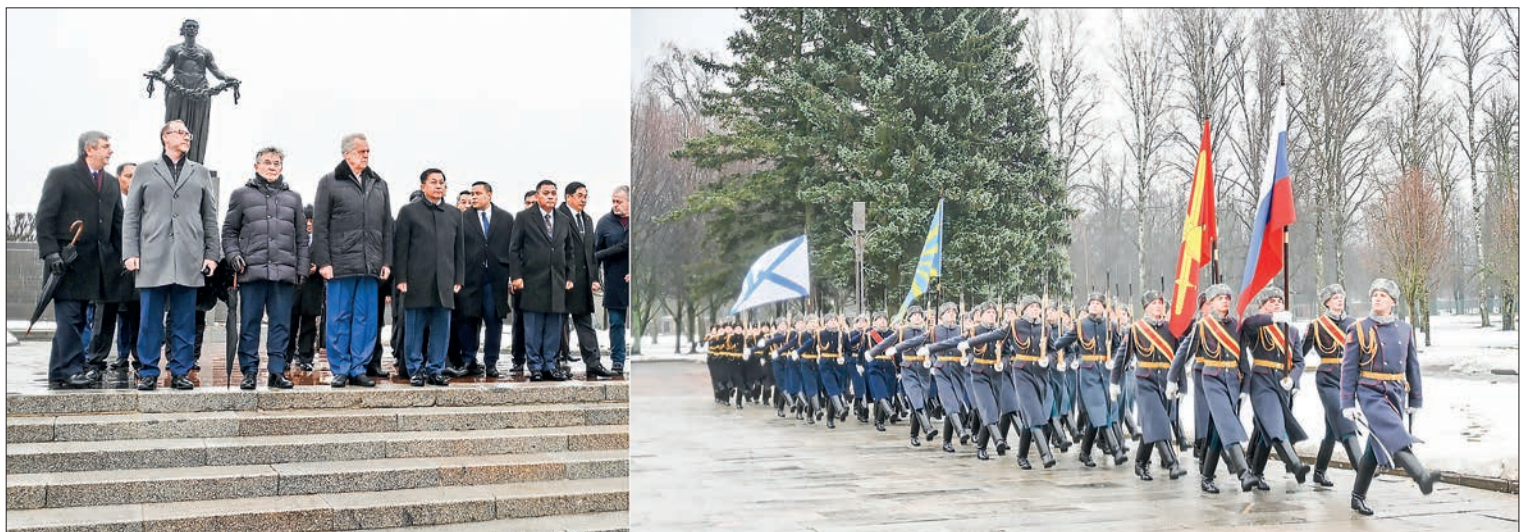
SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Saint Petersburg Governor Mr Alexander Beglov on 5 March.

## Myanmar Leader lays wreath at Piskaryovskoye Memorial Cemetery in Saint Petersburg

**S**tate Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, currently in the Russian Federation on his official goodwill visit, laid a wreath at the Piskaryovskoye Memorial Cemetery in Saint Petersburg yesterday morning at Russian standard time.

The Senior General, accompanied by Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo and delegation members, arrived at the Piskaryovskoye Memorial Cemetery in Saint Petersburg, where they were welcomed by officials of the Saint Petersburg government.

The Senior General laid a wreath at the cemetery. Meanwhile, the Guard of Honour of the



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives the salute of the Guard of Honour during the wreath-laying ceremony in Saint Petersburg.

Russian Federation played the national anthems of the Republic

of the Union of Myanmar and the Russian Federation.

The Senior General took the salute of the Guard of Honour and

cordially greeted the officials. — MNA/TTA



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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets staff and family members of the Myanmar Consulate-General in Saint Petersburg.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing highlighted that Myanmar should collaborate with Russia to enhance Myanmar's sports sector.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, currently in Saint Petersburg of the Russian Federation on his official goodwill visit, met staff and families of the Myanmar Consulate-General in Saint Petersburg in the Russian Federation yesterday morning of local standard time.

On his arrival at the Consulate-General, the Senior General and his entourage were welcomed by the Myanmar Consul-General and staff and families of the Consulate-General.

The Senior General and party sprinkled scented water on the signboard of the consulate-general and toured the office.

Next, the Senior General gave a speech to staff and families of the consulate-general and officer trainees who are attending the courses in Saint Petersburg.

The Myanmar Consul-General reported on the functions of the consulate-general, staff affairs, and training courses of

## Myanmar eyes export opportunities in Saint Petersburg

The Myanmar Consulate-General is responsible for addressing and fulfilling the specific needs of trainees to ensure that they can engage in a structured and systematic learning experience while attending universities in Saint Petersburg.

trainees. The Senior General asked what he wanted to know and attended to the needs.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said that he has arranged the opening of the Myanmar Consulate-General in Saint Petersburg over the years. The city is a hub for transport due to a large number of industries as well as the development of education. The city improves relations with Myanmar. Now, direct flights are being operated between Mandalay and Novosibirsk City, and arrangements are being made to operate one more direct flight between Mandalay and Saint Petersburg. It

is necessary to complete all measures concerning Russia in time. Staff families of the Consulate-General have to serve duties and complete the tasks in time through check, re-check and counter-check processes. They have to submit reports on beneficial and detrimental measures for the State.

He underscored that Myanmar is working to maintain and enhance good relations with the Russian Federation. In areas of cooperation, Myanmar is collaborating in such sectors as the economy, education, healthcare, and social affairs. Regarding economic matters, it is neces-

sary to export products from Myanmar to Russia. Due to the geographical distance, suitable products must be exported to Russia. In this regard, it is important to establish effective and efficient communication channels.

He noted that Myanmar focuses on the production of raw materials and also operates CMP (Cut, Make, and Pack) garment manufacturing businesses. Similarly, raw rubber materials can be exported. Likewise, rice, coffee, tea, and other agricultural products, as well as forest products, can also be exported. Efforts should be made

to explore market opportunities for exporting Myanmar's products to Saint Petersburg.

The Senior General highlighted that healthcare services and medicines are of good quality in Saint Petersburg. Although Myanmar produces medicines, there is a shortage of cancer treatment medications used in hospitals. Therefore, it is necessary to cooperate with partners in the technologies to produce such cancer treatments. Furthermore, it is necessary to make arrangements for Myanmar students to attend universities in Saint Petersburg to pursue scientific and technological studies. Myanmar should collaborate with Russia to enhance Myanmar's sports sector.

He urged the Consulate-General to fulfil the needs of trainees for systematic learning at universities in Saint Petersburg and other necessary measures. Trainees have to emphasize their learning process.

Staff members of the Consulate-General need to learn

the Russian Language to achieve greater success in the work process, he added.

The Senior General presented foodstuffs and cash awards to the families of the Myanmar Consulate-General and officer trainees.

It was also attended by Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, Council Member General Nyo Saw, Union Ministers U Than Swe and Admiral Moe Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Thit Linn Ohn, and staff and families of the Myanmar Consulate-General in Saint Petersburg. — MNA/TTA



# NATIONAL

## Exam days to see priority in stable power supply

SPECIAL arrangements must be made to ensure the uninterrupted power supply during the exam period of matriculation, university and colleges from 17 to 22 March, 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 second meeting at the SAC Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, the Admiral said 545MW is generated to the national grid after the first meeting of the commission and more electricity is supplied to the public. During the short period, the Head of the State instructed the implementation of the solar power project, and the commission prioritized the directive by connecting the solar power plants with power grids to



The second meeting of the Electric Power and Energy Development Commission in progress yesterday, addressed by SAC Member, Deputy Prime Minister, and Union Minister at the PM Office Admiral Tin Aung San.

supply power to the far-reaching areas separately.

In the renewable energy development sector, it needs to check whether the imports are qualified or conform with the local and international standards, and it should follow the SOPs in installing and power utilizing.

He continued that due to the

effort of the Ministry of Energy, the Yadana offshore gas field distributed 30million cubic feet per day more than the existing limit and it received 110MW more in the power system.

He then highlighted the role of natural gas in industrial, transport and fertilizer manufacturing in addition to the electricity sec-

tor, and the need to explore new oil and gas fields and launch new offshore projects while the ministry arranges to allow Standard Well in certain areas with hand-dug oil wells.

He added that the current refineries are being upgraded and reconstructed to produce quality fuel locally, aiming to reduce fuel

oil import volumes. It also needs to produce quality fertilizer, which is a key agrochemical in the agricultural sector.

He then instructed them to inspect the illegal power usage by forming special task forces in Yangon, Mandalay and other regions and states.

He continued that special arrangements must be made to ensure the uninterrupted power supply during the exam period of matriculation, university and colleagues from 17 to 22 March. Technology, human resources and investment are keys to developing the electricity and energy sectors. 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 first meeting's decisions, electricity and power projects, use of renewable energy, and other work processes and plans. — MNA/KTZH



The signing event between Myanmar's Starbanner Co Ltd and Russia's Tabiya Limited Liability Company in progress, attended by SAC Member General Nyo Saw, Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw, and UMFCCI officials.

## Myanmar-Russia Business Forum secures deal on rice exports and fertilizer imports

DURING the Myanmar-Russia Business Forum held in Moscow on 5 March, Myanmar and Russian companies reached an understanding on exporting parboiled rice to Russia and importing fertilizers and pesticides from Russia.

As a result, Myanmar's Starbanner Company Limited and Russia's Tabiya Limited Liability Company signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) yesterday morning at the Lotte Hotel

in Saint Petersburg.

The signing ceremony saw State Administration Council Member General Nyo Saw, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw, representatives from the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), and the Myanmar Fertilizer Association. — MNA/KZL

## Myanmar, Russia discuss energy sector cooperation

UNION Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin met Russian Deputy Minister of Energy Mr Pavel Sorokin and Mr Alesksander Boldyrev, Head of the

International Relations Department of the Russian state-owned oil and gas company Zarubezhneft, during the Russian visit of the State Administration Council Chairman and Prime Minister. The meeting took place at 9:30 am on 5 March at the Radisson Collection Hotel in Moscow.

The discussions covered cooperation on several key energy projects, including investment in

the construction of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal near the Dawei Deep-Sea Port for domestic use and export, as well as the development

Special Economic Zone, securing Myanmar's fuel supply at a friendly price, and accessing advanced technology for oil and natural gas exploration and



Union Minister U Ko Ko Lwin meets Russian Deputy Minister of Energy Mr Pavel Sorokin for energy sector cooperation on 5 March.

of natural gas pipelines connected to the terminal. They also explored investment in building an oil refinery within the Dawei

production. The meeting reviewed the potential for Russian companies to invest in offshore oil and gas exploration. — MNA/KZL



# Myanmar achieves 2.37M tonnes in rice exports in 11 months of FY2024-2025

MYANMAR bagged over US\$1.087 billion from 2.37 million tonnes of rice and broken rice exports in April and February of the current financial year 2024-2025, according to the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

The export volumes are 111,862 tonnes worth \$55 million in April 2024, 71,279.5 tonnes worth \$36 million in May, 162,325.75 tonnes worth \$84 million in June, 165,444 tonnes worth \$81 million in July, 207,369 tonnes worth \$97 million in August, over 219,560 tonnes worth \$104 million in September, 424,784.27 tonnes of rice worth \$189 million in October, over 334,530 tonnes worth \$156 million in November, 337,490 tonnes worth \$145 million in December, 209,599 tonnes worth \$87 million in January 2025 and 129,452 tonnes worth \$52 million in February respectively.

The majority of exports went from maritime trade, while border trade saw only a small volume



Export rice bags are organized at the warehouse.

of exports.

The federation aims to achieve 2.5 million tonnes of rice exports in the 2024-2025 financial year (April-March).

The Ministry of Commerce has been cooperating with departments and institutions con-

cerned to achieve monthly export targets and beyond depending on the supply volume of rice, broken rice, pulses, corn, rubber and fisheries from the respective companies.

Ministry of Commerce is working together with the Re-

public of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association, Myanmar Garment Manufacturers As-

sociation, Myanmar Industries Association, Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association, Myanmar Fisheries Products Processors and Exporters Association to meet monthly export targets and facilitate exports.

The federation is projected to achieve 2.5 million tonnes of rice export in the FY 2023-2024, generating earnings of \$1 billion. However, rice exports fell short of the target with 1.6 million tonnes worth \$845 million.

The Central Bank of Myanmar's monetary policy to control export earnings impeded rice exports, hurting exporters financially. The El Nino weather condition also hampered rice export, the Myanmar Rice Federation president affirmed.

Myanmar exported 2,261,203 tonnes of rice and broken rice to foreign trade partners in the past 2022-2023 FY (April-March), with an estimated value of \$853.472 million. — NN/KK

## MMFA launches batch-1 financial planning training on 22-23 Mar

MYANMAR Microfinance Association (MMFA) will conduct Financial Planning Training (Batch 1) from 9 am to 4 pm on 22-23 March 2025 at the MMFA office in Yangon Region. The course is tailored to Operation Managers, Senior Branch Managers, Branch Managers, Assistant Branch Managers, Supervisors, and individuals

engaged in the HR Department, Finance Department, Training Department and a microfinance company and those who are interested in exploring a career in the microfinance sector. Financial Planning Training will offer the following modules: Module 1: Financial Goal Setting, Module 2: Budgeting, Module 3: Tax Planning, Module 4: Cash

Flow Management, Module 5: Debt Management, Module 6: Financial Risk Management, Module 7: Emergency Fund Planning and Module 8: Monitoring, facilitated by certified trainers from the Frankfurt School of Finance & Management.

The registration fee is K120,000 for non-members.

Members can enjoy a K20,000 discount. Trainees will receive a completion certificate. Those who are enthusiastic can enrol in the course by 16 March through <https://shorturl.at/PAr0f>. Individuals can enquire about details via the contact number of MMFA at 09 965209010 during office hours. — NN/KK

## MPA to bid for unclaimed shipping containers and 5 LCL shipments

MYANMA Port Authority under the Ministry of Transport and Communications stated that 43 unclaimed containers and five less-than-container load (LCL) shipments are to be auctioned off under an open tender system at 1 pm on 20 March.

Those 43 containers have been abandoned at Myanmar Industrial Port, Asia World Port Terminal and Myanmar International Terminals Thilawa for over one year. They will be put up for auction.

According to the Tender Acceptance and Evaluation Committee, tender forms and guideline booklets are available at the Myanmar Port Authority on Merchant Road in Botahtaung Township between 5 and 18 March. Interested individuals can enquire about details through 01 8610230. — NN/EM

## CBM to sell THB50M to importers



A counter staff is pictured counting greenback notes at the money exchange outlet.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 5 March that it would soon sell 50 million baht to importers. Later, it sold over eight million baht on that day.

CBM announced the sale of \$23 million and 150 million baht on 3 March to fuel oil importers. It injected them into the fuel oil sector on 4 March.

It sold for \$550,000, 400,000 yuan and 638,550 baht on 3 March. CBM pumped over \$88 million, 7.5 million yuan and 161 million baht in February and over \$124 million, over 13.8 million baht

and over 4.8 million yuan in January. CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and the currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK



## OPINION

### Comfort elderly people with social protection

**M**YANMAR is actively engaging with the international community to coordinate and implement social protection programmes while facilitating the exchange of best practices among member states. The country has been implementing the Myanmar National Social Protection Strategic Plan (2014), which has now reached its ten-year milestone.

Social protection encompasses nine key benefits: healthcare, disability benefits, unemployment benefits, old-age benefits, workplace injury compensation, family support benefits, maternity benefits, survivor benefits, and benefits for those with severe injuries. Myanmar provides these benefits based on the availability of national financial resources and collaborates with international organizations to enhance and expand these efforts.

As part of its initiatives, the Department of Social Welfare is implementing financial assistance programmes, including a social pension scheme for individuals aged 85 and above and financial support for pregnant mothers and children under two years old. For the 2024-2025 financial year, these benefits are being distributed through branches of the Myanmar Economic Bank. Moreover, efforts are being made to ensure that all children under two receive proper developmental support without exclusion.

Currently, the elderly support programme is being implemented on a monthly basis at the township level. Under the Elderly People Law enacted in 2016, steps are being taken to issue identification cards for senior citizens to facilitate benefits, grant exemptions, raise public awareness, and conduct registration and verification processes. Similarly, all nine social protection benefits are accessible to the entire population.

Implementing social protection programmes presents significant challenges for relevant ministries. At present, funding is provided by the state, but alternative financing mechanisms are being considered for the future. Globally, social protection programmes are continuously implemented in every country. On average, 12.9 per cent of GDP is allocated to social protection spending worldwide, while low-income countries allocate approximately 1.1 per cent of their GDP. The level of support varies depending on a country's economic capacity.

Myanmar is collaborating with the international community to strengthen social protection efforts and exchange best practices among member states. The country is actively working with the International Social Security Association (ISSA), which was established on 4 October 1927 and consists of 338 organizations from 163 countries. Myanmar is actively participating in 20 ASEAN social protection bodies.

As a government responsibility, social protection programmes are essential for public welfare. These initiatives are not only noble but also fundamental rights of citizens. Since these programmes represent investments for the direct benefit of the people, it is imperative to ensure the successful implementation of all nine key social protection initiatives.

## The Importance of Public Health Education in Achieving Universal Health Coverage

By Dr Than Lwin Tun

**U**NIVERSAL health coverage (UHC) means that all people have access to the full range of quality health services they need, when and where they need them, without financial hardship. It covers the full continuum of essential health services, from health promotion to prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliative care.

Public health is the science of protecting and improving the health of people and their communities. This work is achieved by promoting healthy lifestyles, researching disease and injury prevention, and detecting, preventing, and responding to infectious diseases. Overall, public health is concerned with protecting the health of entire populations. These populations can be as small as a local neighbourhood or as big as a whole country or region.

Public health education refers to the educational process that provides students with knowledge and skills related to various aspects of public health,

including biology, environmental factors, communication, data management, epidemiology, health policy, and emergency management. It aims to prepare students for cross-disciplinary roles and to promote a better world by expanding their focus to account for health factors in their future careers.

Public health education plays a critical role in achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by promoting health literacy, preventative care, and fostering healthier behaviours within populations. The following are a few key points on how public health education contributes to UHC:

#### ❖ Raising Awareness about Health Issues

Public health education helps raise awareness about common health conditions, preventive measures, and available healthcare services. When people are well-informed about health risks, such as the dangers of smoking, unhealthy diet, or lack of exercise, they



When people are well-informed about health risks, such as the dangers of smoking, unhealthy diet, or lack of exercise, they are more likely to make healthy lifestyle choices, which can reduce the burden on healthcare systems. **ILLUSTRATION: CONCEPT ART**

are more likely to make healthy lifestyle choices, which can reduce the burden on healthcare systems.

#### ❖ Promoting Preventive Healthcare

By educating communities about preventive measures, such as vaccination, screening for diseases (e.g., cancer, diabetes), and safe hygiene practices, public health education helps in reducing the incidence of preventable diseases. This not only improves health outcomes but also helps reduce healthcare costs in the long term, aligning with UHC goals of providing equitable and affordable healthcare.

#### ❖ Empowering Communities

Public health education empowers individuals and communities to take responsibility for their health. When people understand their rights to healthcare and know how to navigate the healthcare system, they are better able to access services, adhere to medical treatments, and avoid delays in seeking care.

#### ❖ Addressing Health Inequalities

Public health education can address health disparities by targeting vulnerable populations, including those in rural areas, low-income groups, and marginalized communities. By providing information tailored

to their needs, education can break down barriers to accessing healthcare and ensure that underserved populations are not left behind in achieving UHC.

#### ❖ Improving Health Behaviours

Health education encourages individuals to adopt healthier behaviors, such as quitting smoking, reducing alcohol consumption, engaging in physical activity, and managing stress. These behavioural changes contribute to a reduction in the prevalence of chronic diseases, which can strain healthcare systems and impede UHC efforts.

#### ❖ Supporting Mental Health Awareness

Mental health is a critical component of UHC, and public health education can reduce the stigma surrounding mental health issues. Educating the public about mental health can help people seek the necessary support, reducing the burden on emergency and acute care services while promoting mental well-being for all.

#### ❖ Promoting for Programme Changes

Educating the public can foster an environment where people promote necessary programme changes that support UHC, such as the expansion of healthcare coverage, improved health infrastructure, and equi-

table distribution of healthcare resources.

#### ❖ Improving Health Literacy

Health literacy is essential for individuals to make informed decisions about their health. Public health education improves people's ability to understand medical information, which is necessary for following treatment plans, understanding prescription instructions, and making health decisions that are aligned with the resources available in their healthcare system.

In summary, public health education serves as a foundation for achieving UHC by promoting informed, health-conscious populations, reducing preventable health issues, and empowering individuals to take control of their health. It creates a more equitable healthcare system and also takes the opportunity to promote a healthy life.

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## Sleep patterns may reveal comatose patients with hidden consciousness: Study

*This research represents a significant advancement in neurocritical care, offering hope for more accurate assessments of patient recovery.*

**S**EVERAL studies conducted over the last decade have found that up to a quarter of unresponsive patients with recent brain injuries may have a level of consciousness that is generally hidden from their families and physicians.

New research from Columbia University and NewYork-Presbyterian may soon help physicians identify unresponsive brain-injury patients with hidden consciousness who are likely to achieve long-term recovery by looking for brain waves that are indicative of normal sleep patterns.

"We're at an exciting crossroad in neurocritical care where we know that many patients appear to be unconscious, but some

are recovering without our knowledge. We're starting to lift the lid a little bit and find some signs of recovery as it's happening," says Jan Claassen, associate professor of neurology at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, who led the study.

"Families of my patients ask me all the time, will my moth-

er wake up? How is my mother going to look in three, six, or 12 months? Very often we cannot guide them very precisely, and it's crucial that we improve our predictions to guide their decision making."

Claassen, who is also chief of critical care and hospitalist neurology at NewYork-Presbyterian/

Columbia University Irving Medical Center, has previously developed sophisticated techniques to identify patients with hidden consciousness by analyzing a patient's EEG recordings as they are presented with a command in the neurocritical care unit. The techniques detect EEG brain wave activity, indicating that the

patient can hear and understand their physicians' instructions (to open and close their hand, for example) even though the patients do not physically respond.

But the techniques can be difficult to implement and can yield false-negative results.

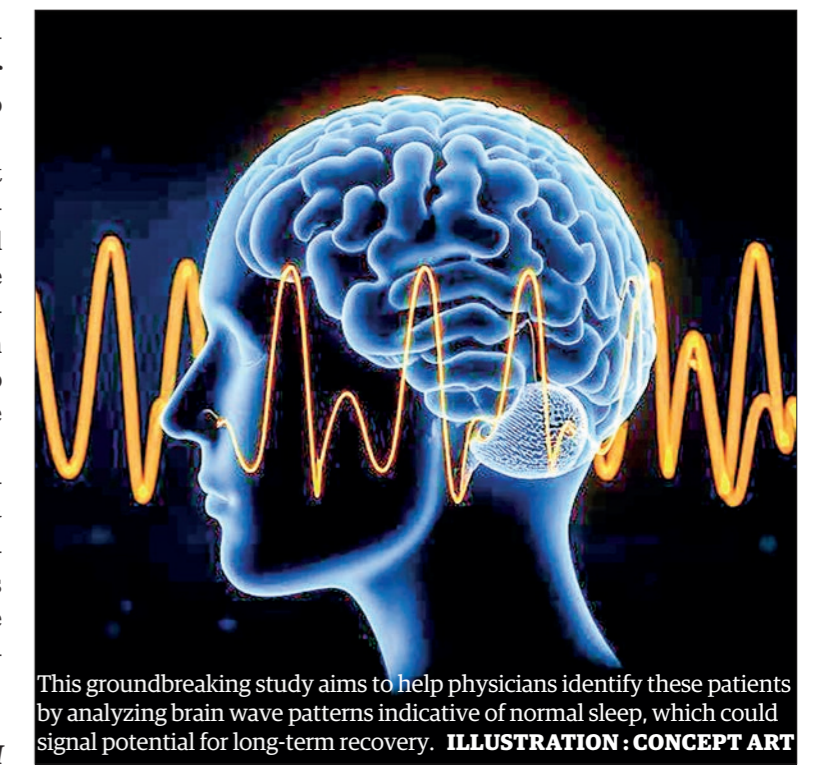
Claassen decided to focus on sleep, as brain circuits that

are fundamental for consciousness, including cognitive motor dissociation, are also critical to control sleep.

"I'm always thinking about how my work can be best implemented and used in the real world, and looking at sleep made sense practically and scientifically," Claassen says. "Sleep brain waves are easy to record and do not require intervention from the care team."

In the new study, the researchers looked through EEG recordings of overnight brain activity in 226 comatose patients who also underwent the more complex testing for cognitive motor dissociation.

**SOURCE: ANI**



This groundbreaking study aims to help physicians identify these patients by analyzing brain wave patterns indicative of normal sleep, which could signal potential for long-term recovery. **ILLUSTRATION: CONCEPT ART**



# NATIONAL



This photo captures the preparatory measures taken for the 76<sup>th</sup> Pa-O National Day celebration in Myaingkalay, Kayin State.

## 76<sup>th</sup> Pa-O National Day to illuminate traditional Taboung Festival celebrations

ACCORDING to U Khun Sai Pha, an official from the Pa-o Ethnic Literature and Culture Association in Kayin State, the 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pa-O National Day will be celebrated alongside the traditional Taboung Festival in areas predominantly in-

habited by the Pa-O ethnic people in Kayin State on 13 March, the full moon of Taboung.

“This festival will be held in the Pa-O Self-Administered Zone and major cities in Shan State (South), where the Pa-O ethnic group predominantly

resides, with traditional Pa-O songs and dances. It will also be celebrated in other areas of the country where the Pa-O ethnic group lives. In Kayin State, preparations are underway for a grand celebration in the Myaingkalay region,” he said. — ASH/TH

## MRF: Thilawa SEZ rice mills to adopt solar energy by May



This picture shows solar power being installed at the rice mills in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone.

SOLAR system installation at rice mills that are being developed in Thilawa Special Economic Zone in Thanlyin, Yangon Region, is slated to be completed in May, according to the

Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

Solar panels have been installed in 11 rice mills to generate 15 megawatts of electricity.

“Those 11 mills are driven by solar panels with a capacity of 15 megawatts. The installation is nearly finished. Rice mills powered by solar energy will reduce the consumption of electricity from the national power grid. It will reduce reliance on the grid as well as contribute to a greater amount of electricity to other industrial businesses nearby. It is a kind of solar power plant. This solar project is aimed to run in May. It needs a large capital of K2.5-3 billion per megawatt,” said MRF President U Ye Min Aung.

This installation project commenced in 2023. Moreover, rice mills in Labutta Township in Ayeyawady Region, Bago and Yangon regions will be equipped with solar energy as well. Solar system installation projects will be expanded to meet growing energy consumption. — ASH/KK

## ‘Htawara Eainmet’ Concert to bring unforgettable performances to fans

SINGERS He’ Lay and Wyne Su Khine Thein will hold a concert titled ‘Htawara Eainmet’ (Eternal Dream) at Transporter Bar in North Okkalapa Township, Yangon, on 8 March.

The concert will start at 6 pm on that day and will feature performances by both singers accompanied by the

Transporter Band, which will provide top-tier musical support.

“I will be performing dually with Wyne Su at Transporter Entertainment on 8 March. There will also be amazing DJ and MC performances, offering an energetic and exciting show. The audience can enjoy top-notch live DJ

performances, so I invite everyone not to miss this event,” said He’ Lay. — ASH/KZL

He’ Lay and Wyne Su Khine Thein to perform at the ‘Htawara Eainmet’ concert.

## Myanmar film ‘Gangawni’ premieres before nationwide release on 14 Mar

THE premiere show of the ‘Gangawni’ movie, which is set to be released in major cinemas nationwide on 14 March, was held on 4 March at the President Cinema in Dagon Township, Yangon Region.



Cast members at the premiere show of ‘Gangawni’

The film ‘Gangawni’ is based on a well-known university romance novel by Min Lu. The screenplay was written by Lwin Min Arnt, and the film was directed by Academy Wyne under Khayaybyu Film Production.

Director Academy Wyne shared his thoughts: “Watching a film I directed nearly seven years ago together with fellow artists and my audience brings me great joy. Since it was an adaptation of an already successful novel, there was a lot of pressure. I had to ensure that the essence of the original story remained intact while also making it a great film for the audience. This movie is a touching love story, and I believe viewers will find it deeply moving. The cast will also be able to see their youthful days again”.

The cast of ‘Gangawni’ includes Chan Min Ye Htut, A Lin Yaung, Academy Phway Phway, Shwe Thamee, and many others. — ASH/MKKS





# NATIONAL

## Eugenia grafts thrive in trade despite shortage

DESPITE the shortage of Thabyay (Eugenia) grafts, which is Myanmar's traditional offering flower to the Buddha, its trade is good, according to the Eugenia farmers.

As plantations were covered with mud and sand because of the flood, farmers faced no good flowering and difficulties in replanting this year, resulting in a shortage of supplies in the market.

"The trade in Eugenia grafts is good. We had to buy the ones that had already been planted. When the flood hit, the plants were covered with silt. The flowers were not beautiful. We weren't able to grow them in this rainy season. So, the grafts are scarce. Sales are still strong," said Ma Yati Moe Oo, a Eugenia farmer from Chaungsauk village, Pobbathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw.

Last year, the majority of Eugenia grafts grown in Nay Pyi Taw were purchased from Shwetaung, the farmers said.

Among many types of flowers offered to the Buddha, the Eugenia graft is one the best as it is durable for two weeks to three months, depending on the quality while water is regularly changed. — Thit Taw/ZS



Eugenia grafts are arranged for sale in the market.



This photo captures apartment buildings in downtown Yangon.

## Yangon's real estate rent market on the rise

THE rental market in Yangon has continued to rise without a decline, according to real estate agents and tenants.

Rents of apartments and houses in Yangon have not declined due to office workers, families moving from other cities, and people coming to attend training.

"The rental market is still active. Once vacant, there comes another tenant. There is

no difference between low and high-rise rooms, houses and apartments. People with large families rent houses. Employees and friends to share living rent apartments. Rental activity is active in almost every township," said Daw Soe Soe, a real estate agent in Kyimyindine.

Rents are booming, and rental prices are high, with more rooms being rented on

contracts and deposit systems.

"Rental prices are higher than before. And there are almost no monthly rentals. There are many rentals on six-month, three-month contracts, and deposit systems," said a tenant.

Recent buyers are more likely to be people who need to live than investors, according to the real estate community. — MT/ZN

## Pangas catfish farming rises during dried fish season

IT is fish-drying season, and fish farm owners have been more focused on pangas catfish as the fish can fetch a better price than other big fish such as pomfret and rohu.

"Fish farm owners who breed big-sized fish species prefer now pomfret, rohu and pangas catfish; among them, they've more focused on pangas catfish. Because, pangas catfish price is better than others as it is fish drying season. Pangas catfish is good for making dried fish," said Ko Zaw Moe from a fish hatchery in Kayan Township.

At present, pangas

catfish farming is largely found in Ayeyawady Region, and small-scale farms thrive in Thanbyuzayat, Mudon and Mawlamyine.

"Pangas catfish farms are found in near-

ly all areas of Ayeyawady Region. Next in Thanbyuzayat, Mudon and Mawlamyine, where small-scale farms breed the fish mixing with pomfret and rohu," he said. — Thit Taw/ZS



Farmed pangas catfish.

## MCEF to offer OSH training



The Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Federation holds an executive meeting on 4 March.

LED by the committee for technology development under the Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Federation, an OSH training course will be provided in March.

The safety supervisor course is scheduled from 22 to 25 March, from 9 am to 5 pm at MCEF Hall, and interested site engineers, safety officers and supervisors can join. Trainees are limited to 20 and fee is K200,000 but the first batch offers

a special discount of 50 per cent so it only costs K100,000, plus free lunch and coffee.

MCEF will offer a certificate of completion, and the course will bring job opportunities to engineers and a chance to contact MCEF member companies to be granted an internship. Registration can be made at the MCEF head office located at the corner of Thanthuma Road and Waizayanta Road, Thuwunna Junction in Thingangyun Township. — MT/ZS



# NATIONAL

## Myanmar deports 456 undocumented foreign nationals, detains 100 more

A total of 456 foreign nationals involved in online gambling and telecom fraud in Myawady's Shwe Kokko, Maethawtalay, and KK Park areas of Kayin State were deported yesterday.

These individuals had illegally entered Myanmar through border routes after transiting through neighbouring countries, including Thailand. Authorities have also identified and detained 100 more individuals for further investigation.

The deportation process was conducted with officials from relevant countries, including Kayin State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Colonel Min Thu Kyaw, Deputy Director-General Mr Liu Ning Ning of the Criminal Investi-



Myanmar Immigration and officials processing undocumented foreign entrants.

gation Bureau under China's Ministry of Public Security and Director Ploen Klinpayom from Thailand's Tak Provincial

Immigration Bureau. Myanmar authorities handed over the necessary documentation to officials from the respec-

tive countries in an orderly manner.

Myanmar authorities have identified and detained a total

of 4,342 foreign nationals who entered the country illegally between 30 January and 6 March 2025. Among them, 1,213 individuals have already been deported to their respective countries via Thailand under legal procedures, while preparations are underway to deport the remaining 3,129 individuals. They are currently being held under proper supervision.

The detained individuals include nationals from China, Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Pakistan, India, Uganda, Ethiopia, Nepal, Thailand, Japan, Rwanda, Kenya, Kazakhstan, Cambodia, Ghana, Bangladesh and Chinese Taipei. The majority of those detained are Chinese nationals. — MNA/KZL

### Counter-argument to false information

## Media spreads false claims on govt actions in 4 townships

A Facebook page called Khit Thit Media published false reports under the following headlines: "The Tatmadaw is compiling a list of 722 young men in NyaungU Township for military service, and people are being urged to resist injustice without fear"; "The Tatmadaw enters Hngamasayit village in Shwebo Township, beheads a civilian, U Aung Soe, burns a 90-year-old grandmother to death, and reduces about 100 houses to ashes"; "Tatmadaw burns villages in Salin Township for three consecutive days, with

hundreds of houses destroyed", and "Tatmadaw drops bombs on Tawtha village in Pale Township using a paramotor; injuring one person".

The government of the country has clarified that the conscription process is carried out in accordance with the law and proper procedures. The reports by the "Khit Thit Media" Facebook page have intentionally misrepresented the actions of the government to distort the public's perception and mislead them.

Furthermore, the reports

published by this page have also been found to misrepresent the Tatmadaw's actions purposefully.

Similarly, a Facebook page named 'Ayeyarwaddy Times' reported that, in over four years, the military council had arrested around 2,000 individuals for criticizing them online. The article, published on 1 March, also falsely depicted the government's actions as misleading and deliberately fabricated to confuse the public and lead them astray. — Pyae Pyae/MKKS

## False claims on village fire amid PDF terrorists' retreat

SUBVERSIVE media outlets have been spreading false and misleading reports, alleging that security forces set fire to and destroyed Zayatni Village in Yesagyo Township, Magway Region, on 5 March.

In reality, security personnel carrying out security duties in Yesagyo Township came under attack from PDF terrorists inside the village, who fired small arms at them. This led to

an exchange of gunfire between the two sides. As security forces launched a counteroffensive and surrounded the area, the terrorists set fire to several houses before fleeing the village.

These media outlets have been fabricating and circulating propaganda to distort the public perception of security forces by spreading false and misleading information. — MNA/MKKS

## Nationwide crackdown on illegal trade bolstered by public support

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, task forces have been established in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, as well as in various regions and states, to enhance efforts against illegal trade. Additionally, One-Stop Service teams, led by the Customs Department, have been formed. These operations are being actively carried out at border checkpoints, border trade offices and stations, permanent inspection checkpoints, trade routes, warehouses, international ports and airports, and coastal ports to effectively combat illegal trade.

The availability of information is crucial to these efforts. In February 2025, authorities received 57 reports from responsible citizens, of which two were false, while 55 led to successful seizures. As a result of these reports, 96 cases were opened, involving the seizure of 58 types of goods, including various timber species, industrial equipment, consumer goods, and foodstuffs. The estimated value of the confiscated illegal goods amounted to K5,493.224 million. Additional-



Confiscated vehicle involved in illegal trade.

ly, unregistered motor vehicles, motorcycles, and watercraft used for smuggling were also seized.

To encourage public participation, informants who provided crucial information in February 2025 will be rewarded with 20 per cent of the total value of the confiscated goods, amounting to K1,098.645 million. Relevant authorities are working to ensure the prompt distribution of these rewards.

Responsible citizens can report illegal trade activities by calling the mobile number 09 404339969, the landline number 067 409883, or by emailing antiillegaltradeinfo@gmail.com. — MNA/MKKS



# China opens first air cargo route between Urumqi and Islamabad

The new cargo route will further boost the development of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor.

A new air freight route linking Urumqi in northwest China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region and Islamabad in Pakistan officially opened on Tuesday, as a plane carrying 2.57 metric tonnes cross-border e-commerce cargo left Di-

wopu International Airport for Pakistan with a flight duration of about 2.4 hours.

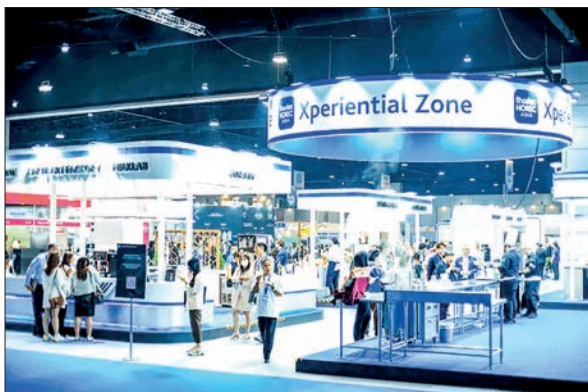
The new cargo route will further boost the development of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and promote economic and trade ex-

changes between the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) partner countries. Two to four flights are scheduled on this route every week, providing more than 26 metric tonnes of air-cargo delivery capacity per week. — Xinhua



The maiden flight carrying 2.57 metric tonnes cross-border e-commerce cargo prepares to leave Diwopu International Airport for Pakistan in Urumqi, northwest China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, 4 March 2025. PHOTO: SF AIRLINES

# Hospitality, food service trade show kicks off in Bangkok



Pichai said the Southeast Asian nation's renowned status as a global tourist destination and the post-pandemic recovery of the tourism and hospitality sectors have been key drivers of growth. PHOTO: THAIFEX-HOREC ASIA 2025

THAIFEX-HOREC Asia 2025, the comprehensive trade show for the Ho-ReCa industry, covering hospitality, restaurants, cafes, and catering services, kicked off here on Wednesday.

Thai Minister of

Commerce Pichai Nariphaphan said at the opening ceremony that the event brings together key players across the entire supply chain and serves as a platform for showcasing new products, technologies, and innova-

tions in the industry, featuring over 460 companies globally. Pichai said the Southeast Asian nation's renowned status as a global tourist destination and the post-pandemic recovery of the tourism and hospitality sectors have been key drivers of growth in the HoReCa industry.

Well-equipped with world-class infrastructure, a strong business network and skilled professionals, along with the government's support, the kingdom aims to position itself as a global hub for the service industry, he said. "We are confident that this economic trend will foster business confidence and enhance trade partnerships with Thailand," he added. — Xinhua

# Bullet trains halted in eastern Japan after train's cars decouple

A bullet train on the Tohoku Shinkansen Line made an emergency stop near a station in Tokyo on Thursday after two cars decoupled, the railway operator said, leading to a suspension of bullet train services in eastern Japan.

No injuries have been reported so far. Around 650 passengers were onboard at the time of the incident.

The Hayabusa-Komachi train service, which consists of two linked trains, was found decoupled between Ueno and Omiya stations at around 11:30 am and halted near Nishinippori Station on a local commuter line for examination, according to East Japan Railway. — Kyodo

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# ROLLING UPDATES

## WORLD

## Macron's speech gives impression that France seeks to continue war: Kremlin



French President Emmanuel Macron. PHOTO: AFP

*Russia's reaction to the possible deployment of the French contingent on the territory of Ukraine is obvious to everyone, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.*

THE speech of French President Emmanuel Macron creates the impression that France is seeking to continue the war, moreover, nuclear rhetoric appeared in his words, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Thursday.

"If you read Macron's speech, you get the feeling that France is really looking for a continuation of the war. Moreover,

France is ready to use its nuclear weapons for security purposes and so on. This is already such nuclear rhetoric, such a claim to nuclear leadership in Europe, that is, it is very, very confrontational," Peskov told reporters,

Russia's reaction to the possible deployment of the French contingent on the territory of Ukraine is obvious to everyone,

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Thursday.

"We have a speech by the French president, which is very confrontational towards Russia, and we read there the words of the French president that he means to deploy a contingent in Ukraine after the ceasefire, he said. — SPUTNIK

## South Korea air force jet accidentally drops bombs

TWO South Korean Air Force fighter jets accidentally dropped eight bombs on a village during a joint training exercise with US forces on Thursday, officials said, with civilians among 15 people injured.

The Air Force KF-16 jets were participating in joint US-South Korea live-fire training exercises in Pocheon, about 25 kilometres (16 miles) south of the heavily fortified border with nuclear-armed North Korea, military and government officials said.

The two jets accidentally released eight MK-82 general-purpose bombs — four each — which landed "outside the

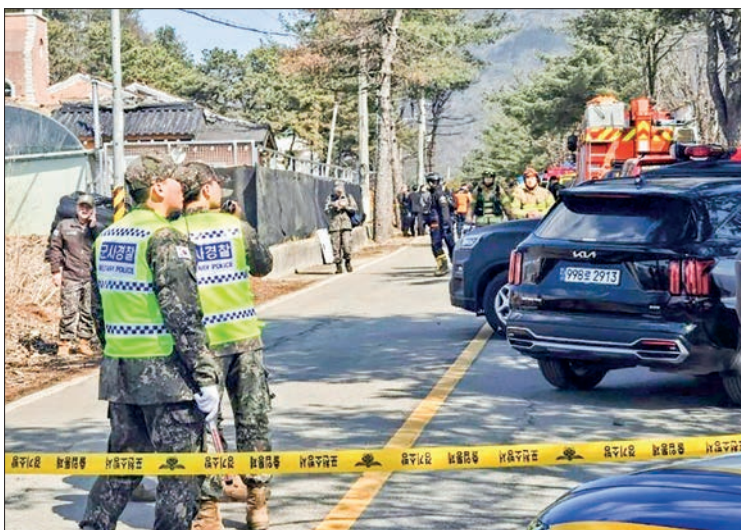
designated firing range", the Air Force said.

"The pilot appears to have entered incorrect coordinates during the pre-flight preparation process," an Air Force official told reporters.

One Pocheon resident told Yonhap news agency he was watching television when he heard the bombs explode.

"I suddenly heard an enormous explosion, like a thunderclap, and the whole house shook," said the resident, who gave only his surname Park.

The two aircraft were meant to fire simultaneously at a target as part of the exercise, the Air Force official said. — AFP



South Korean soldiers stand near a bomb accident site outside a military live-fire training range in Pocheon. PHOTO: YONHAP/AFP

## Britain to require electronic travel authorization for European visitors



Eligible people can apply for the ETA - a digital travel permit linked to their passports - starting on Wednesday. This replaces traditional visa requirements for short-term visits. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

THE British government announced on Wednesday that European visitors will need to apply for an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) starting 2 April, as part of the final phase of a global rollout aimed at enhancing border security and streamlining entry processes.

According to the Home Office, eligible people can apply for the ETA - a digital trav-

el permit linked to their passports - starting on Wednesday. This replaces traditional visa requirements for short-term visits.

The policy follows the system's implementation for non-European travellers, including those from the United States, Canada, and Australia. To date, more than 1.1 million ETAs have been issued globally.

"Expanding the ETA worldwide underscores our commitment to a secure, contactless border system while ensuring a seamless travel experience," Minister for Migration and Citizenship Seema Malhotra said. She added that the digital approach strengthens immigration controls and aligns with Britain's broader strategy to innovate through technology. — Xinhua



# SPORTS

## AFC Challenge League: Shan United suffers heavy defeat

MYANMAR'S Shan United team faced a heavy defeat away from home in the first leg of the 2024-2025 AFC Challenge League East Zone quarterfinals held on 6 March.

In the match, Cambodia's Svay Rieng FC triumphed over Shan United with a 6-2 victory. Meanwhile, the Chinese Taipei club Tainan City and the Indonesian team Madura United played to a 0-0 draw. With their loss, Shan United's chances of progressing to the semi finals are now slim.

Shan United entered the match with a full squad of key players, initially trailing 2-1 at halftime. However, the second half saw a

series of goals from Svay Rieng, resulting in a heavy defeat. Svay Rieng's goals came from Cristian, who scored a hat-trick in 17, 31, and 59 minutes. Fiji netted in 54 minutes and Ratanek scored in 75 minutes. Shan United's only goal came in 65 minutes when defender Zwe Khant Min scored an own goal. For Shan United, Khun Kyaw Zin Hein scored in 39 minutes and Rintaro Tite added another in 88 minutes.

The second leg between Shan United and Svay Rieng will take place on 13 March at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Shan United player (red) vies for the ball against an opponent. PHOTO: SVAY RIENG FC

## Lyon owner backs Fonseca as coach despite nine-month ban



Paulo Fonseca has paid a heavy price for his angry altercation with the referee last weekend. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

LYON'S American owner John Textor has given his full support to Paulo Fonseca despite the manager's nine-month ban for confronting a referee, assuring the Portuguese "you are the right man for Lyon".

Former AC Milan boss Fonseca has paid a heavy price for his altercation with Benoit Millot during his side's 2-1 win over Brest in Ligue 1 on Sunday when he touched heads with the match official.

The French League's disciplinary commission on Wednesday banned him from the dug-out and the referee's changing room until November.

To compound his plight he

has also been banned from entering his own team's changing rooms until mid-September.

It was not the ideal birthday present on the day Fonseca turned 52.

The massive setback just weeks after he replaced Pierre Sage as manager inevitably cast doubt on his future at Lyon.

But Textor was quick to dispel any notion it could spell an early exit from the club placed sixth in Ligue 1.

"Happy Birthday Paulo! I stand with you today and always," Textor posted on social media after the commission's ruling was made public. — AFP

## Feyenoord's Ueda returns, Endo helps Liverpool win at PSG

JAPAN forward Ayase Ueda returned from injury as Feyenoord lost 2-0 at home to Inter Milan in the Champions League round of 16 1<sup>st</sup> leg on Wednesday, while midfielder Wataru Endo had another strong cameo in Liverpool's dramatic 1-0 win at Paris Saint-Germain.

Ueda came on a minute before the hour mark at De Kuip in Rotterdam after the visiting Italians led through Marcus Thuram's 38<sup>th</sup>-minute volley and a thumping 50<sup>th</sup>-minute finish from Lautaro Martinez.

Piotr Zielinski had a 65<sup>th</sup>-minute penalty saved for Inter before the 26-year-old Ueda was brought down in-

side the opposite box five minutes later, but no penalty was given for the Dutch side as they drew blank.

"I was looking to take the defenders on and have a shot. I need to raise my quality," said Ueda, who has two goals in the Champions League this season. "I need to produce the kind of result that is expected of me."

Ueda was back in action for the

first time since 12 February when Feyenoord beat AC Milan in the knockout-phase play-offs 1<sup>st</sup> leg. It also marked his first game under new manager Robin van Persie, their former star forward appointed on 23 February.

Japan captain Endo, whose playing time has been steadily increasing in recent weeks for Liverpool, helped them claim an unlikely win at Parc des Princes in Paris, where Arne Slot's men were outshot 28-2 but kept a clean sheet thanks to a string of world-class saves from goalkeeper Alisson. — Kyodo



Feyenoord's Ayase Ueda (top) vies for the ball during the second half of a Champions League round of 16 first-leg match against Inter Milan at De Kuip in Rotterdam on 5 March 2025. PHOTO: KYODO





# Cambodia PM: RCEP consolidates ASEAN's regional integration

**T**HE Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) has consolidated ASEAN's regional integration and fostered mutually beneficial economic relations, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet said on Thursday.

Fuelled by robust intra- and inter-ASEAN trade and a pro-investment environment, the Association of South-east Asian Nations (ASEAN) has been positioned as a strategic hub for global capital flows, Hun Manet told about 600 participants at the opening ceremony of the Cambodia-ASEAN Business Summit 2025 in Phnom Penh.

The ASEAN region presented a compelling investment landscape marked by robust economic dynamism and a steadfast commitment to economic partnership and regional integration, he noted.

"ASEAN's successful navigation of the economic partnership landscape is evident in its comprehensive network of free trade agreements with key leading economies," he said. Entering into force in 2022, RCEP comprises 15 Asia-Pacific countries including 10 ASEAN member states — Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam — and their five trading partners, namely China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand. — Xinhua

*Hun Manet described the region as an attractive investment landscape characterized by economic dynamism and a commitment to partnership and integration.*



People work at a factory in the Sihanoukville Special Economic Zone (SSEZ) in Preah Sihanouk province, Cambodia on 19 July 2022. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIONAL PHOTO/ SSEZ/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA/FILE**

## RENEWABLE ENERGY GOALS

### China's first homegrown 16MW gas turbine rolls off production line

A major Chinese electric generator producer, Harbin Electric Corporation, has achieved a milestone in the high-end equipment manufacturing sector with the successful assembly and roll-out of the country's first domestically developed 16-megawatt (MW) gas turbine prototype, named HGT16.

Dubbed the "crown jewel" of equipment manufacturing, gas turbines are critical to energy, aerospace, industrial production and offshore engineering, thanks to their high power density, efficiency and low emissions.

This achievement aligns with China's broader national goal to bolster the resilience of its renewable power systems. Cao Zhi'an, chairman of Harbin Electric Corporation, revealed that the newly launched HGT16, measuring six metres in length, 2.4 metres in width and 2.8 metres in height, boasts a power output of no less than 16MW and thermal efficiency exceeding 36 per cent, the Science and Technology Daily reported on Thursday. — Xinhua

## Trump to order dismantling of Education Department: reports

**PRESIDENT** Donald Trump is expected to sign an executive order as soon as Thursday instructing his newly confirmed Education Secretary Linda McMahon to dismantle the department she now leads, US media has reported.

The Wall Street Journal cited a draft of the executive order circulating Wednesday which directs McMahon to "take all necessary steps to facilitate the closure of the Education Department" based on "the maximum extent appropriate and permitted by law".

Trump, 78, promised to decentralize education as he campaigned for a return to the White House, saying he would devolve the department's powers to state governments. The US Department of Education, which was established in 1979 under former president Jimmy Carter, by law cannot be shuttered without Congress passing an act with 60 votes in favour in the Senate.

However, as with other agencies in the federal bureaucracy under Trump's second administration, the department could see widespread slashes to pro-

grammes and employees, kneecapping its functionality.

The Republican leader's threat to shut down the education department has angered Democrats, teachers' unions and many parents, who see it as an attack on the public education system. — AFP



Students walk past a public school on 5 October 2020 in the Brooklyn Borough of New York City. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/AFP /FILE**