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Russian President Mr Vladimir Putin and SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing exchange handshakes following a state dinner at Moscow's Kremlin Palace.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is currently in Moscow to attend the military parade to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 to be held in the Russian Federation, attended the dinner hosted by President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Putin at the Kremlin Palace, along with Heads of State of other countries, yesterday evening.

President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Putin

SAC Chairman PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing joins world leaders at Russian President's state dinner

welcomed the Senior General together with the Heads of State of other countries who will attend the military parade, at the Kremlin Palace. The Senior General and Heads of State of other countries, together with the President of the Russian Federation, enjoyed the dance performances in honour of the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 at the Andereevsky Hall.

The Senior General and the Heads of State of other countries together with President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Putin had the dinner.

After the dinner, President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Putin cordially greeted the Senior General and Heads of State of other countries. — MNA/TTA

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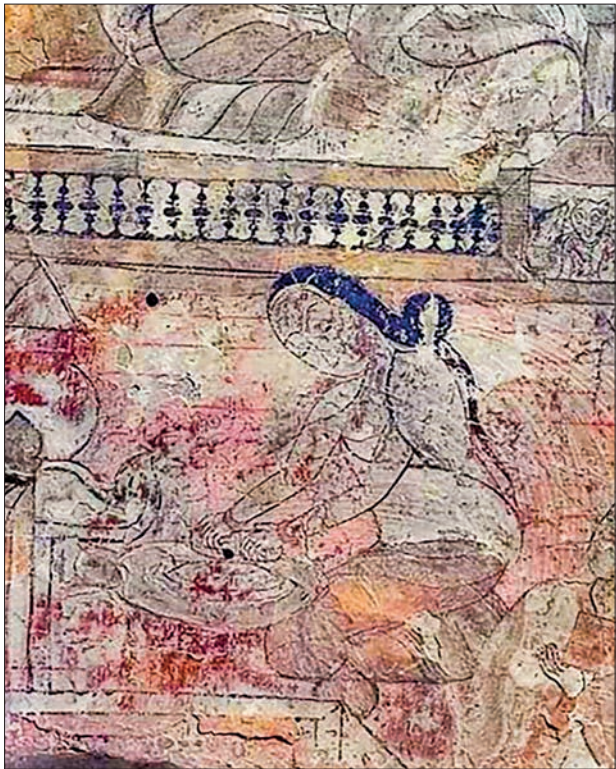
Myanmar ships over 140,000 tonnes of rice to external markets in Apr

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Youth Success: Discipline and Lawfulness as Foundations for Nation-Building

- Youths must adhere to discipline and laws to achieve success in their lives.
- By following the laws and regulations set by the government, they can become valuable, law-abiding citizens dedicated to serving the nation.

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the ceremony of presenting awards to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination 2024 with distinctions in all subjects on 22 July 2024)



These photos showcase the resilient beauty of the Culamani and Apeyadana murals, undamaged by the recent Mandalay earthquake. **PHOTO: ANM (BAGAN BRAND)**

Bagan, Inwa-era murals at Apeyadana, Culamani unharmed by quake

THE earthquake hit Bagan, and the mural paintings of the Bagan and Inwa eras of Apeyadana and Culamani pagodas were not seriously affected, according to the Archaeology Branch of the National Museum Department.

“There is no heavy damage at the Bagan pagodas after the earthquake, but there are only minor impacts. After the earthquake, the relevant organizations managed



the situation per the directives of the departmental heads. The maintenance group also inspected the groups, and the mural painting groups also examined whether the paintings were destroyed or not. Among them, the historic Thanaka wearing paintings at Apeyadana and Culamani pagodas were not affected. We are so glad as they are not affected as they are not replaceable and are precious Myanmar cultural heritages,” said U Min Zaw Htwe, assistant director of the department.

There are 3,822 UNESCO-recognized pagodas and temples in Bagan, and most of the pilgrims visit Shwezigon, Arnanda, Alotawpyae, Thatbyinnyu, Htilominlo,

Gadawpalin, Hngetpyittaung, Bu, Maha Bodhi, Culamani, Dhammayangyi, Shwesandaw, Mya Zedi, Lawka Nanda, Dhamma Razaka, Tooth Relic and Pyathetgyi, which were not hit by the earthquake.

Although the Bagan region encountered damage due to earthquakes and continuous rainfalls in the past, quick repair works were conducted. Therefore, the local and foreign travellers can study the cultural heritage of the Bagan era. After the earthquake on 28 March, the historic Thanaka wearing paintings of 11th Century AD at Apeyadana and Culamani pagodas were not affected, and are now preserved carefully. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH

3-day variety show geared up to support Mandalay quake victims

THE fundraising variety show for the victims of the Mandalay earthquake will be held at the National Theatre in Yangon starting from 6 pm on 10-12 May.

On 10 May, the event will be organized by Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization, while by Myanmar Music Association (Central) on 11 May and Myanmar Theatrical Organization (Central) on 12 May.

On 10 May, the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization will present the original soundtracks of famous artistes, and the event will include “Acht Sone Apaung Saing” play of director Than Htike (Shwe Yeik) from Aung Khit Min Film Production with the cast members: Kyaw Htet Aung, Kyaw Htet Zaw, Min Taw Win, Khin Zarchi Kyaw, Aye Wutt Yi Thaug, Ma Ma Hsaung and other artistes. moreover, “Pyi Thu Achaw Taw”



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This image shows an invite to the Film, Theatrical, and Music Fundraising Variety Show at Yangon’s iconic National Theatre.

dramatic play will be presented by HEY Play Application, and it will be directed by director Tin Maung San Min Win, and the cast will be Sai Si Twan Kham, Nay Htut, Naw Phaw El Htar, May Pachi, May La Than Zin and other artistes.

Bo Bo Film Production and Triple Six Film Production will jointly present the “Ngar Doh Ar-lone Lu... Atu Tu” play, which will be directed by directors Soe Moe Min and Thet Oo Maung, and the cast includes Kaung Myat San, Shin Mway La, Chuu Lay, Chue

Sitt Han and other artistes.

Director Nyo Min Lwin will present “Phoke Thwin Yahtar” with Yan Aung, Thar Nyi, Marn Hein, Si Thu Maung, Mya Yar and other artistes while Director Maung Myo Min (Yindwinphyit) will present “Manat Phyan Myar

Hla Par Say” opera with Nay Toe, Kyaw Kyaw Bo, Tun Tun, Ye Lay and other artistes.

On 11 May, Myanmar Music Association (Central) will organize a music concert that includes famous vocalists Nwe Yin Win, Bo Bo Han, Khin Maung Htoo, Kai Zar, Si Thu Lwin, Zaw Paing, Wai La, Pu Su, Sai Sai Kham Leng, He Lay, Hlawn Paing, May Kha Lar, L Seng Xi, Ni Ni Khin Zaw, Wyne Su Khine Thein, Mee No, Seng San, Chan Myae Maung Cho and Irene Zin Mar Myint with the Okkar Oo Thar and Immortal Band.

On 12 May, Myanmar Theatrical Organization (Central) will present opera, play and duo dance.

Those who want to support the show can buy tickets by dialling the hotline numbers at 09 880942792 and 09 880942793. — FDC/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.

(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)



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Kazakhstani President Mr Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, yesterday.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is currently in Moscow to attend the military parade to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 to be held in the Russian Federation, held a meeting with Mr Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, at Ritz Carlton Hotel yesterday evening.

At the meeting, the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan expressed his deep sorrow to the government and people of Myanmar for the losses and damage sustained due to the major earthquake that occurred in Mandalay,

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Kazakhstani President

Myanmar. He said he also believes that, through joint efforts between the government and the people, recovery and reconstruction efforts will be carried out effectively and that the country will be able to overcome this difficult time.

In his response, the Senior General said that it has now been 25 years since diplomatic relations were established

between Myanmar and Kazakhstan. The Ambassador of Myanmar to Kazakhstan has presented the letter of Credentials to His Excellency of Kazakhstan in April 2025.

In response to the major Mandalay earthquake that occurred in Myanmar, the Senior General highlighted that he deeply appreciated a letter of condolence sent by His Excel-

lency of Kazakhstan expressing his sympathy for the loss of lives and property, and offering support for Myanmar. Myanmar, for its part, will continue to enhance cooperation with Kazakhstan.

The Senior General and the Kazakhstani President exchanged views on the promotion of bilateral cooperation measures.

Also, present at the meeting were Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe and Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan U Thit Linn Ohn. The President of the Republic of Kazakhstan was accompanied by officials. — MNA/TTA

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SAC Chairman PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing replies to queries raised by RT TV Channel and Krasnaya Zvezda of Russian Federation

State Administration Council Chairman, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, currently in the Russian Federation, received RT TV Channel and Krasnaya Zvezda Daily newspaper of the Russian Federation at Ararat Park Hotel in Moscow separately yesterday morning and replied to their questions.

In the interview, the Chief Editor of RT TV Channel and the special reporter of Krasnaya Zvezda Daily newspaper asked about shakes of the Mandalay earthquake in Myanmar; rescue and aid from international community, cooperation between the Russian Federation and Myanmar in all sectors in addition to humanitarian relations, perceptions over the history of the military parade to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945, the perspective for the first participation of a parade unit representing Myanmar Tatmadaw in the parade, the role of Myanmar in ASEAN region and other measures. The Senior General thoroughly replied to their queries. The full text of questions and answers will be provided.



State Administration Council Chairman Premier Senior General Min Aung Hlaing grants exclusive interview to Russia's RT TV in Moscow.

After the interviews, news agencies presented gifts and an emblem and a book to mark the centenary of Krasnaya Zvezda Daily newspaper to the Senior General, who returned commemorative gifts. — MNA/TTA

Daw Kyu Kyu Hla cordially holds meeting with Russian Federation Council Speaker

DAW KYU KYU HLA, wife of State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, currently in the Russian Federation, held a meeting with Speaker of the Federation Council of the Russian Federation Mrs Valentina Matvienko at the Office of the Federal Council of the Russian Federation yesterday morning.

The Speaker of the Federal Council of the Russian Federation warmly welcomed the wife of the Senior General and her entourage. The wife of the Senior General signed the guest book. The Speaker of the Federal Council and the wife of the Senior General reciprocally introduced their entourages.

At the talks, the Speaker of the Federation Council of the Russian Federation expressed her deep condolences for the losses and damage caused by the recent major earthquake in Mandalay, Myanmar. The Russian Federation will provide necessary assistance in the reconstruction



Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, spouse of SAC Chairman and Prime Minister, meets Russian Federation Council Speaker Mrs Valentina Matvienko in Moscow.

efforts. In Russia, there are initiatives focused on the protection and empowerment of women, including the Eurasian Women's Forum, which is held every three

years. This forum actively addresses the challenges faced by women and children. She expressed her hope that Myanmar will also be able to participate in such initiatives related to women.

The wife of the Senior General said that after experiencing the earthquake disaster in Myanmar, the country received assistance and support from the international community, including the Russian Federation. So, Myanmar expresses its deep gratitude for this kind of support. The multifaceted assistance provided by the Russian Federation has been of great benefit to Myanmar, and Myanmar will further beef up cooperation.

They also cordially discussed the potential for cooperation in the education and economic sectors between the two countries.

After the meeting, they exchanged commemorative gifts and posed for documentary photos together with attendees. — MNA/TTA

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SAC Chairman PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla enjoy ballet performances to mark 80th Anniversary of Victory in Great Patriotic War 1941-1945



State Administration Council Chairman Premier Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his spouse Daw Kyu Kyu Hla attend the 80th Anniversary ballet gala in Moscow.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla together with delegation members who are in Moscow to attend the military parade to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945 to be held in the Russian Federation arrived at the State Academic

Bolshoi Theatre at night on 7 May to enjoy The Young Lady and The Hooligan ballet performances to mark the 80th Anniversary Celebration.

At the State Academic Bolshoi Theatre, the Senior General, his wife and party were welcomed by Speaker of the Federation Council Mrs Valentina Matvienko and officials. The Senior General, his wife and delegation members, along with officials

from the Russian Federation and audiences, enjoyed the ballet performances.

After the performances, the Senior General and his wife presented a flower basket to the entertainment troupe through an official.

The State Academic Bolshoi Theatre is one of the most famous theatres across the world, and it became a focal point for Russian Operas and Ballet Per-

formances presented by Tchaikovsky, Glinka and Mussorgsky in the 19th and the 20th centuries. The major renovation was carried out at the theatre from 2005 to 2011. It was facilitated with modern machines to maintain the beauty of a historic building. At present, the Bolshoi Theatre has become a cultural symbol of Russia and presents world-class artistic performances. — MNA/TTA

Daw Kyu Kyu Hla holds talks with Chairperson of Russian Chapter of BRICS Women's Business Alliance

DAW KYU KYU HLA, the wife of Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, currently in the Russian Federation, held a meeting with Ms Anna Nesterova, Chairperson of the Russian Chapter of the BRICS Women's Business Alliance, at the Office of the Federal Council of the Russian Federation yesterday morning.

The Chairwoman of the Russian Chapter of the BRICS Women's Business Alliance warmly welcomed the wife of the Senior General and the party.

At the meeting, they cordially exchanged views on participation of women from government and business realms in the BRICS Forum to be held soon, running of the branches of BRICS Women's Business



Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, spouse of SAC Chairman and Prime Minister, meets BRICS Women's Business Alliance Russia Chairperson Ms Anna Nesterova in Moscow.

Alliance in global countries and potential for opening its branch depending on Myanmar's interest, current time to recognize the role of women in the global issues, requirements to encourage women for carrying

out their daily social measures in addition to global issues with courage, confidence, diligence, leadership, creation and power, enhancement of women's entrepreneurship in Myanmar, and further cooperation in education

and women's affairs between Myanmar and Russia.

After the meeting, the wife of the Senior General and the Russian Chairwoman exchanged gifts and posed for documentary photos together with attendees.

Also present at the meeting were Daw Nilar, wife of the SAC Joint Secretary, the wife of the Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air), Vice-President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin May Soe, the wife of the Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation and officials. The Chairperson of the Russian Chapter of the BRICS Women's Business Alliance was accompanied by officials.

In the afternoon, the wife of the Senior General and the party visited the State Tretyakov

Gallery in Moscow. Curators conducted them round the gallery and replied to questions raised by the wife of the Senior General.

The State Tretyakov Gallery is one of the most prominent and world-renowned exhibition halls showcasing Russia's most important cultural and artistic treasures. It provides an opportunity to explore the artistic and cultural development of the Russian people, allowing visitors to witness the uniqueness of Russian traditions, customs, attitudes, historical heritage, and the excellence of fine arts through the artworks on display. The gallery plays a significant role in helping adults, young people, and children understand and appreciate Russian art's value and high standards. — MNA/TTA

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SAC member DPM Union Defence Minister lays wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, meets Russian Deputy Defence Minister

STATE Administration Council Member, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Defence General Maung Maung Aye, who accompanies SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is currently in the Russian Federation, laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Moscow yesterday morning.

As Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Defence General Maung Maung Aye, together with Deputy Minister for Defence of the Russian Federation Colonel General Alexander Fomin, arrived at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; Minister for Defence Mr Andrey Belousov and officials of the Russian Federation welcomed them.

The Union Minister, alongside the Russian Minister for Defence and Defence Ministers from foreign countries, laid a



Deputy Prime Minister and Union Defence Minister General Maung Maung Aye lays wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Moscow yesterday.

wreath at the Tomb.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister held a meeting with Deputy Minister for Defence of

the Russian Federation Colonel General Alexander Fomin at the Plaza Garden Hotel in Moscow. The meeting was also attended

by the delegation members of the Union Minister.

The Union Minister and party were welcomed by the Russian

Deputy Minister for Defence at the meeting hall of the hotel.

The Union Minister said that he was grateful for the substantial assistance received from Russia in response to the severe Mandalay earthquake in Myanmar, including the deployment of emergency rescue teams, medical teams, and the provision of humanitarian aid such as medicines.

They also exchanged views on ongoing cooperation between Ministries of Defence of both countries, two armed forces between the two countries, and defence sector; further promotion of cooperation in military technologies between the two countries, measures of military scholarship students, and a plan to widen the scope of cooperation in defence and security measures between the two countries.

— MNA/TTA

SAC members visit Myanmar Theravada Buddhist Vihara Centre, Etnomir Cultural and Educational Centre



The Myanmar delegates are pictured during their visit to the Myanmar Theravada Buddhist Vihara Centre and the Etnomir Cultural and Educational Centre.

STATE Administration Council Members currently in the Russian Federation visited the Myanmar Theravada Buddhist Vihara Centre and the Etnomir Cultural and Educational Centre of Kaluga Region yesterday.

In the morning, the SAC

members left for the Myanmar Theravada Buddhist Vihara Centre in Moscow. At the centre, they donated alms to members of the Sangha. They listened to the sermon delivered by members of the Sangha and shared merits gained. They

also offered day meals to members of the Sangha.

They also visited the Etnomir Cultural and Educational Centre of Kaluga Region. They paid homage to the Shwezigon Replica Pagoda and viewed around the centre. — MNA/TTA

New political party applies for registration under election law

THE People Power for Democracy Party (PPD) has submitted its application to establish a political party under Section 3 of the Political Parties Registration Law, which allows for participation in the upcoming multiparty democratic general elections. The application was filed with the Union Election Commission yesterday.

As of today, a total of 76 po-

litical groups have applied: 26 parties seeking to register under Section 3 for new establishment, and 50 parties applying under Section 25 to maintain their existing registration. The Union Election Commission is currently reviewing the latest application submitted by the People Power for Democracy Party for approval. — MNA/KZL

MERCY Malaysia provides free medical treatment to earthquake victims in Kyaukse

IN Kyaukse Township, Kyaukse District, Mandalay Region, a medical team from MERCY Malaysia, comprising mental health specialists and physical rehabilitation experts, provided medical treatment to earthquake-affected people at Kyaukse General Hospital yesterday morning.

Led by Ms Masniza Binti Mustaffa from MERCY Malay-

sia, the team of mental health and physical rehabilitation specialists treated patients suffering from skin diseases, injuries, urinary tract infections, hypertension, diabetes, and other ailments. The free medical services will continue for 10 days, from 30 April to 9 May, with around 120 earthquake-affected people receiving treatment daily. — Aung Paing Paing Kyaw/MKKS

DPM Union Minister inspects matric exam training camps in Sagaing

MEMBER of the State Administration Council, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office Admiral Tin Aung San inspected the training camps for matriculation exam students and repair works after the quake in Sagaing Region yesterday.

The Deputy Prime Minister first went to Sagaing University of Education and met with the professors, faculty members and students.

During the meeting, he presented K100 million provided by the government for the students, while the regional chief minister presented K4.7 million

for faculty members and deputy education minister gave notebooks for the students.

He then heard the reports made by the officials regarding the teaching processes, administration and assistance.

The Admiral also inspected the kitchen and instructed the officials to ensure healthy food for the students.

He proceeded to SunU Pongyashin Pagoda and inspected the clearing of debris and presented cash to Tatmadaw members, members of the Myanmar Police Force and Fire Brigade.

He paid homage to Sitagu Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nyanis-



Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister Admiral Tin Aung San is pictured during his inspection tours in Sagaing.

sara and donated cash.

He also met temporarily displaced people in Sagaing Region due to terrorist attacks, and presented K3,847 million of the National Disaster Management Fund for the displaced people to the regional chief minister.

At noon, Admiral Tin Aung

San inspected the purified drinking water distribution through the river water pumping project of the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development and the Myanmar Red Cross Society on the strand road of the Ayeyawady River.

On arrival at Sagaing

Bridge, he observed the clearing of debris by Myanmar Economic Corporation and Tatmadaw (Navy), and instructed officials concerned to allow the waterway before monsoon, ensure occupational safety and check the strength of mid-water piles.

— MNA/KTZH

Chinese ship delivers 17,000 tonnes of Octane to aid quake recovery in Myanmar

THE Chinese ship MT Yu Dong carrying 17,000 tonnes of Octane 92 arrived at the Max Energy Terminal in Kyauktan Township, Thanlyin District, at 2:45 am on 7 May. This marks the 12th donation from the People’s Republic of China to support rehabilitation efforts following the major earthquake that struck Mandalay.

The handover ceremony for the 17,000 tonnes of Octane 92 took place yesterday morning. Attendees included Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, regional ministers, officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ Strategic Studies and Training Department, officials from the Ministry of Energy, representatives from the Myanma Port Authority, and officials from the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement’s Disaster Management Department. Additionally, officials from the Thanlyin District Administration Body, the Kyauktan Township Administration Body, and



The handover of 17,000-tonne Octane donated by China in progress on 7 May.

other relevant personnel were present. The donation was officially handed over at Thilawa

Port by Mr Ouyang Daobing, Economic Counsellor from the Chinese Embassy.

The Ministry of Energy will continue to transport the received Octane to earthquake-af-

ected areas for use in rehabilitation efforts. — Zwe Htet Ko (IPRD)/MKKS

Improve the socioeconomic life of farmers

As the global population continues to grow, experts estimate that the current population of over eight billion will reach nine billion by 2050. Consequently, the role of farmers will be crucial in cultivating crops and producing sufficient agricultural output to meet the needs of the increasing population.

Disasters related to climatic conditions are occurring with increasing frequency around the world. Among the affected sectors, agriculture is the most vulnerable to the adverse impacts of natural disasters. According to records, over 11,000 extreme climate events and flash floods occurred globally between 1970 and 2019, resulting in losses and damage affecting more than two million people and amounting to US\$3.64 trillion.

The World Meteorological Organization has reported that droughts, storms, floods, and extreme heat rank among the top ten worst natural disasters. Whenever such disasters occur, the affected areas inevitably suffer extensive loss and damage. Therefore, it is crucial for everyone to consider how best to mitigate the harm to lives, property, and the long-term consequences of these adverse impacts.

According to the Global Climate Risk Index 2018, Japan, the Philippines, and Germany were the countries and territories most affected by weather-related loss events in that year. For the period from 1999 to 2018, Puerto Rico, Myanmar, and Haiti ranked highest in terms of cumulative impact. Therefore, it is important to prioritize and strengthen the agricultural sector in Myanmar, given its vulnerability to climate-related events.

Around 50 per cent of domestic workers are employed in the agricultural sector, which supports approximately 70 per cent of the rural population. Although Myanmar currently has food security, internal instability, climate change, natural disasters, labour shortages, poverty, and low incomes continue to impact the socioeconomic conditions of farmers.

The government is striving to enhance the lives of farmers, develop the agricultural production system, and produce agricultural and livestock products that can compete internationally. It also aims to increase farmers' incomes and improve the socioeconomic well-being of rural communities. Now is the time to accelerate efforts to improve the socioeconomic conditions of farmers, develop the agriculture sector, and ensure food security.

As the agriculture sector contributes 30 per cent of the nation's Gross Domestic Product, improving the lives of farmers is essential. The socioeconomic conditions of farmers will only improve when the government and relevant authorities address key issues such as the high cost of agricultural inputs, insufficient water supply, low crop prices, and burdensome loans.

Keep them out

By Kyaw Myint Tun

feat of the Nazis? Wow!!! Keep these hypocrites out of Myanmar! Keep them out!

Myanmar is very familiar with foreign interference. A particular foreign country has been interfering in Myanmar's affairs since its independence. Wait, that's not factually accurate, the interference is since before independence. They have been trying to break apart Myanmar. Who invented "divide and conquer"? That's why the so-called "federalism" is being

talked about aloud. Let's not be fooled! Federalism is a cover for the eventual disintegration of the country. A leader of that particular country even recited Kipling while visiting the most venerable Shwedagon Pagoda! Imagine a leader of a country says something so offensive on a visit to the Sistine Chapel or the Western Wall? Only in Myanmar; they get away! To them, the Myanmar people will always be of a lower caste. They don't really care about these brown skin

people from a small country in Asia. It's their unfinished business from 80 years ago that they continue to tirelessly pursue. In their mind, the sun hasn't set on the empire! Keep them out!

Self-absorbed people (SAPs) in the Ivory Towers in Geneva and New York don't understand and are ignorant about the history of Myanmar. The great envoy couldn't help to stay away after the historic earthquake. Something like this might not come for another

100 years! Great photo ops and video clip with the ruins in the background. Wonderful addition for future employment. Great LinkedIn moment! Nothing more! It was not about compassion! Let's not forget, truly out of compassion (oh so truly out of great compassion!), the big boss visited Cox's Bazar in the 9th year of the term! People should be moved to tears by such a show of compassion! Tensions in Kashmir have been rising in recent weeks. Let's

remind people that those SAPs have been in Kashmir since 1948. Their longest presence anywhere. What did they ever do except change one envoy after another? Now, Kashmir is on the brink of a full-blown conflict. No wonder their big Uncle is considering withdrawing from funding. What did they do all those decades in Sudan? South Sudan? Congo? Recent headlines on Haiti said, "Gang-ravaged Haiti nearing point of no return". One million Haitian children face a critical food shortage. In Sudan, "more Sudanese refugees are fleeing as far as Europe". Again, the simple question is, what have they done in these countries all these years? Keep them out! Their objective is to pro-

long conflicts, not to solve. Solving conflicts translates to the end of payroll. Even after their term, they can't fade away. They have to keep their names on the radar for future appointments. These egomaniacs are so blinded, they didn't realise they borrowed SAC (yes, SAC!) in their acronym. Some put on military fatigues to visit refugee camps and armed ethnic groups. Who's that tough guy? Keep these SAPs out!

Last but not less important, shout out to the world-class sex harasser at the Court! Como estáis? (The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author.)

Advanced Learners' Independent Study

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

To think about it candidly, everybody is a permanent learner. We will have been learning until our last time. Students and teachers are included in a type of lifelong learning process. In such lifelong learning, learners, especially students, should practice independent study. What is independent study, then?

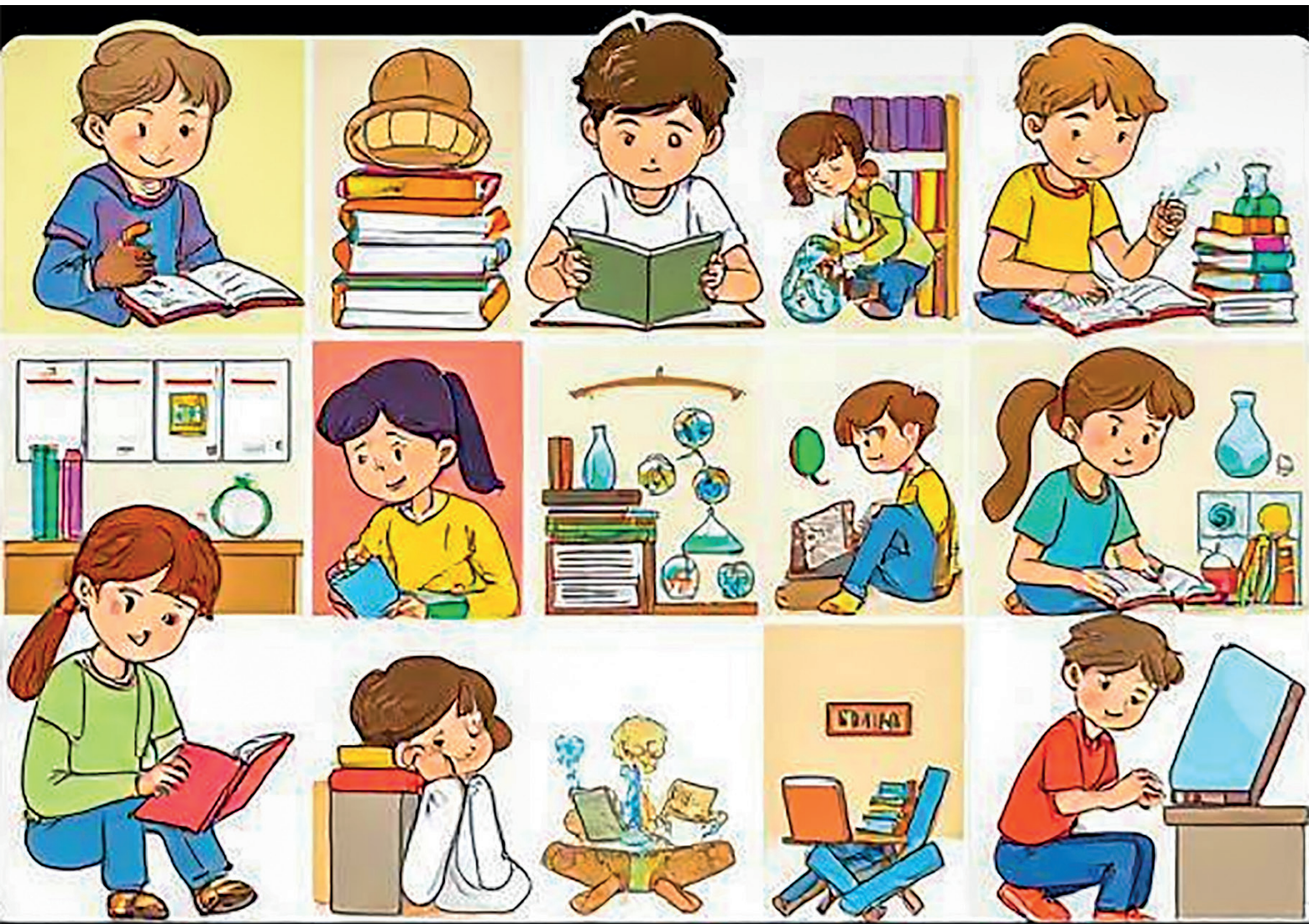
Of course, independent study is any kind of school-related assignment where students do more or less alone, mainly guided by information-processing and behaviouristic theories. For example, reading, writing a composition, rehearsing words for a spelling test and preparing a report are independent study. By the time students are thought to be 'working', teachers often envision them engaged in some kind of independent study or practice assignment. The purposes of independent study are to provide rehearsal or practice, to give opportunities to know how

to learn, to occupy students legitimately so that the teacher can perform other important tasks, and finally to foster continuous learning.

The characteristics of independent study include the type of teacher prescribed or student chosen, the teacher's role or the availability of the teacher to guide, and the context in school or at home. Good independent study learners believe that the purposes of independent study are valuable because they have confidence in students' ability to work alone and are able to demonstrate valence and challenge arousal or the ability to engender students with curiosity or enthusiasm and get them involved in the independent work, variety and challenge or the ability to identify and set independent study assignments that vary enough to be interesting and are challenging enough to maintain attention, wittiness or the ability to communicate to learners that

we know what they are doing even when we are not nearby or looking at them, which refers to the teachers who seem to have eyes in the back of their heads and wittiness is a kind of sixth sense, and overlapping, which means the teacher's ability to attend to more than one thing at a time and in a sense, it is akin to being a juggler.

Good independent study consists of three parts: preparation, delivery, and closure. The first part requires the teacher 1) to establish the general purpose and specific objectives, 2) to settle on the assignment's nature and type, and 3) to ensure that the assignment is within learners' interest and ability. The second part demands 1) students' attention, 2) the teacher absolutely clearly regarding the assignment's purpose and objective, 3) relating assignments to what has and will be learned, 4) making certain that they may get help and what to do if they finish early,



5) moving about to monitor and interact with learners, and 6) diagnosing students' progress and providing assistance when needed. The third part makes the teacher collect, assess and evaluate the work, giving learners

specific feedback and re-teaching when necessary. Independent study is particularly beneficial to teachers who have strong needs for affiliation, recognition, play, and autonomy. It also helps teach-

ers to meet job-related needs for affiliation, control, student success, and time management. Furthermore, it is advantageous when the intention is that students either rehearse information or practise skills and when

they need to know how to learn. This study is too advantageous for students who have strong needs for achievement, autonomy, cognisance, construction, orderliness, and recognition. And it is beneficial when students feel

that independent study will help them achieve mastery or independence. However, the greatest drawback to independent study is not with the technique itself but with its intentions, conduct and assessment. If the intentions of this study are not clear or reasonable, students may resist the assignment or exert minimal effort. Not only that, when learners do perceive the task as meeting some need or having value, they will not honour it. In terms of conducting an independent study, it must be forewarned that the teacher had better monitor the study, provide feedback and help students see that the assignment is as valuable as other work.

So, when should independent study be used? Independent study ought to be used when learners need to rehearse or practice information or a skill to get it into long-term memory and when learners need to know how to learn independently. If students are assisted in knowing how to learn, they will no longer need schools or teachers. In other words, they are empowered by independent study. Many teachers are given to using this practice to keep students legitimately occupied so that they can work with other students in reading or math groups. Indeed, its sole intention is to keep students occupied.

NATIONAL

Brunei Sultan receives ASEAN & +3 information ministers

SULTAN Haji Hassanal Bolki-ah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah of Brunei Darussalam on 7 May received the Ministerial representatives Responsible for Information from ASEAN Member States, Plus Three countries, the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community U San Lwin, who are currently in the country to attend the 17th Conference of ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI).

After the meeting, the attendees posed for the group photos.

Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn then received the Cambodian delegation led by Cambodian Information Minister Mr Neth Pheaktra and exchanged views on matters related to bilateral cooperation in the information and media sectors and the attendance of



The commemorative group photo of the Sultan of Brunei with ASEAN, China, South Korea, and Japan information ministers during an audience on 7 May.

the Myanmar delegation to the Asia Media Summit to be held in Siem Reap, Cambodia, in 2025.

In the evening, the Union minister visited the new location of the Myanmar Embassy

to Brunei, and Daw Khin Sandar, Chargé d'Affaires of the Myanmar Embassy, reported on the construction of the new embassy. Then, the Union minister proceeded to the Myanmar

Embassy to Brunei together with the Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community. He met with the staff and presented food and gifts to them.

Yesterday morning, the Union minister, together with delegates from various countries attending the 17th AMRI, participated in a study tour organized by Brunei. The programmes included a river cruise along the Brunei river, and observation to the Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddin Bridge, Kampong Ayer (the Water Village), the Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddin Mosque, Jong Batu Rock Island, Mangrove Garden, the Brunei Water Park, the School of Culture and Handicrafts, and the Brunei Technology Museum.

The AMRI is held along with the AMRI+3 every two years, aiming to provide necessary guidance on enhancing mutual understanding and building trust among member countries through ASEAN and regional information activities.

Myanmar hosted the 12th AMRI in Nay Pyi Taw in 2014. — MNA/KTZH

Yoma Group, partners donate for Mandalay quake relief

YESTERDAY, Yoma Group donated K100 million to the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement to support essential assistance and rehabilitation efforts for earthquake victims in Mandalay. Union Minister Dr Soe Win received the donation, expressed grati-



Union Minister Dr Soe Win accepts the donation from the Yoma Group and their partners.

tude, and presented a certificate of appreciation. — MNA/MKKS

Global aid pours into Myanmar as quake toll hits 3,795

AS of 8 May, 3,795 people died, 5,104 were injured, and 86 remain missing in six regions and states of Myanmar that were severely affected by the powerful earthquake that struck on 28 March.

Search and rescue teams from the Myanmar Fire Brigade, along with local and international rescue organizations, have been carrying out emergency operations in the affected areas without delay. So far, 653 people have been rescued alive from collapsed buildings, and the bodies of 797 deceased persons have been recovered.

Both local donors and philanthropic individuals have been providing financial aid and relief supplies to those affected by the disaster. Similarly, foreign governments, international organizations, and charitable donors have been offering monetary and material assistance.

Between 5 pm on 7 May and 5 pm on 8 May, various forms of international assistance arrived at Yangon International Airport. Instant noodles weighing 0.4 tonne donated by Lotus Charity Society through the Singapore Embassy to Myanmar, mosquito nets and ready-made meal boxes weighing 0.94 tonne provided by the Buddhist Tuchi Charitable Foundation based in Chinese (Taipei), and instant noodles and clothing weighing 0.494 tonne from Kri Sakthi Nyanaethira Kanimadam Yogi Ramsuratkumar Shiramam and Persatuan Renganut Devi Shri Karumariamman Temple through the Myanmar Embassy to Malaysia.

These relief items will swiftly be distributed to the affected communities to ensure timely support. — MNA/MKKS

82 Ethiopian nationals deported for involvement in telecom fraud

THE Government has continued its collaborative efforts with international bodies and neighbouring countries to eradicate telecom fraud and related crimes. As part of these actions, 82 Ethiopian nationals, who were illegally residing in Myanmar via border routes and involved in online gambling, telecom scams and other criminal activities in areas such as Myawady, Shwe Kokko, KK Park, and Kyaukkhat, have been deported through Thailand to their home countries.

This deportation was carried out on humanitarian grounds and in the spirit of friendly international relations, in full compliance with legal procedures.

To ensure smooth and systematic deportation, Kayin State Social Affairs Minister U Saw Htun Aung met departmental officials yesterday morning. He instructed them to verify the accuracy and completeness of documentation and data related to the deportation.

The official deportation ceremony was attended by Minister

U Saw Htun Aung, relevant officials, and Second Secretary Mr Wendwosen Melkamu from the Embassy of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to India. Necessary documents were formally handed over to the receiving country's representatives.

From 30 January to 8 May 2025, a total of 9,059 foreign nationals who had entered Myanmar illegally were identified and detained. Among them, 7,795 individuals have already been deported via Thailand under the law, while the remaining 1,264 are ready for deportation and are currently held under proper care.

The Myanmar government reiterated its commitment to taking strong and effective action against foreign nationals involved in online scam centres and those orchestrating such networks from behind the scenes. It also pledged to actively cooperate in swiftly repatriating foreigners facing difficulties or those who have become victims of human trafficking. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

Local, foreign experts conduct joint Mandalay building inspection

ENGINEERS from the Mandalay Region Construction Entrepreneurs Association (MCEF) and Engineering Ministries International (EMI) jointly inspected the strength of residential and public buildings in Mandalay, according to the association.

The engineering team, comprising members from EMI and MCEF, has inspected two residential buildings, two gold shops,

two churches, the Mandalay University of Traditional Medicine, and Mandalay University since 1 May. The team will continue inspections and provide recommendations until 9 May.

The MCEF has inspected and provided recommendations for more than 300 residential buildings since 6 April and continues to assess and advise Mandalay homeowners request-

ing evaluations of their homes' structural strength.

Similarly, on 1 May, a team of construction experts, including officials from the Myanmar Engineering Federation and foreign construction specialists, inspected the main building of Mandalay University, which was damaged by the Mandalay earthquake, to initiate repair and reconstruction work. — ASH/TH



This photo captures MCEF and EMI engineers uniting to inspect the structural integrity of residential and public buildings in Mandalay.

Shwedagon to host consecration ceremony and gold foil offering



This photo showcases the previous year's donations for the full-body gold foils at the Shwedagon Pagoda.

THE Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees stated that the consecration ceremony and donating ceremony of the full-body gold foils to the Shwedagon Pagoda will be held at the Shwedagon Pagoda at 7 am on 15 May at the Aungmyay place at the southwest corner of the pagoda.

The board has implemented the process of donating the full-body gold foils to the Shwed-

agon Pagoda since 18 September 2024, and the donation has been completed on 31 March 2025.

It is also known that the Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees invited all the devotees of the Shwedagon Pagoda who participated in the offering of the full-body gold foils to attend the ceremony to share merits. — ASH/MKKS

Yangon Region grants registration to 481 private schools for 2024–25

THE Yangon Region Education Office held a ceremony on 6 May at Basic Education High School No 4 in Ahlon Township to present certificates of private school registration to 481 private schools in Yangon Region that had been granted permission to open for the 2024–2025 academic year by the Ministry of Education.

At the ceremony, U Htay Aung, Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs and Chair of the Yangon Region Private School Supervisory Committee, delivered the opening speech. Dr Cho Cho Myat Aung, Deputy Director-General from the Yangon Region Education Office and Secretary of the Private School Supervisory Committee, explained the registration



This image depicts a ceremony for presenting registration certificates to 481 private schools in Yangon Region.

process for private higher education schools and private basic education schools. Certificates of private school registration were then presented to the responsible officials from the private schools.

For the 2024–2025 academic year, a total of 481 private schools in Yangon Region have been granted permission to open, including 46 colleges, 111 international schools, and 324 private basic education schools operating under the national curriculum. — ASH/KNN

Myanmar readies for 72nd Miss World stage in India

KHISA Khin, who holds the title of Miss World Myanmar 2025, will represent Myanmar at the 72nd Miss World competition, which will take place in Telangana, India. She is the youngest contestant in this year's edition and has pledged to showcase Myanmar's history and culture with pride on the global stage.

Khisa Khin is no stranger to international pageants. In November 2023, she competed in the Miss Tourism International contest in Malaysia alongside contestants from over 50 countries. That same year, she also earned the title of Miss Earth Land



Miss Khisa Khin is seen with Miss Thae Su Nyein at Yangon International Airport.

Myanmar 2023 and received the Best of Speak Out award at Miss Earth Myanmar.

She has been preparing intensively for the Miss World pageant under the management of Radiance Event Production. Her presentation will feature a blend of traditional culture and modern talent, including a performance linked to karate. She departed for India on the afternoon of 6 May to join the competition. — ASH/KZL

'The Great Master' premieres with red-carpet glamour at President Cinema

THE red-carpet show for the Myanmar film 'The Great Master' was held on 6 May at the President Cinema in Dagon Township, Yangon Region.

The storyline of the film was written by Thet Oo Maung, while the screenplay was co-written by Thet Oo Maung and Lu Nyo Chaw. The film was directed by Academy Award-winning director Ko Zaw (Aryon Oo) for Aung Thiri Film Production.

"I can say that this film is like working together with Htoo Aung. It's a dream I've always wanted to

come true. The filming process was really enjoyable, and we created many memorable moments on set," said actor Tyron.

Starting from 9 May, the film will be screened nationwide at major cinemas. The film's theme song was composed by songwriter Soe Gyi and performed by singers Deyan and Phyo Thiha.

The cast includes renowned actors such as Academy Award winners Kyaw Ye Aung, Soe Myat Thuza, Ye Aung, Chu Lay, Moe Di, as well as Naw Phaw Eh Htar and Khin Hlaing. — ASH/MKKS

Myanmar ships over 140,000 tonnes of rice to external markets in Apr

MYANMAR exported over 140,000 tonnes of rice to international markets by sea, comprising over 69,000 tonnes of rice and 73,000 tonnes of broken rice in April.

Myanmar bagged over US\$1.129 billion from 2.48 million tonnes of rice and broken rice exports in the financial year 2024-2025 (1 April 2024-31 March 2025), according to the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

The Ministry of Commerce is working together with the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association, Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association, Myanmar Industries Association, Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association, Myanmar Fisheries Products Processors and Exporters Association to meet monthly export targets and facilitate exports. — NN/KK

Export rice bags seen being loaded onto the overseas-going merchant vessel at Yangon Port.



CBM pumps US\$710,000 into financial market on 7 May

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$710,000 on 7 May again.

CBM announced on 6 May that it would sell US\$33 million and 200 million baht to those engaged in the fuel oil industry. CBM sold 397,843 yuan on that day.

CBM injected over \$42 million, over 20 million baht and 500,000 yuan in April,



The facade of the Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw.

over \$126 million, 320 million baht and 3.6 million yuan in March, over \$88 million, 7.5 million yuan and 161 million baht in February and over \$124 million, over 13.8 million baht and over 4.8 million yuan in January. CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

DUHD seeks EOI for Pyidawtha Housing Redevelopment Project

DEPARTMENT of Urban and Housing Development under the Ministry of Construction called for Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Pyidawtha Public Rental Housing redevelopment project in Mawlamyine city, Mon State.

Those Myanmar citizen developers and companies can submit EOI to the DUHD located on 1st Ayadaw Street, regarding the redevelopment of the Pyidawtha Public Rental Housing on 9.407 acres of land in Mawlamyine (N-58-59) in Phattan Ward, Mawlamyine, by 4 pm on 30 May 2025. The EOI application costs K100,000.

The bidders must enclose the document and information. They are not allowed to reveal them to others or institutions. Tenders can be purchased upon compliance with the tender rules and regulations. They will be informed of the tender opening date again. Individuals can enquire about details through the DUHD at 09 5680316 and 09 5127468. — NN/KK

Gold Market Rate as of 8 May 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,710,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

Yangon-Mawlamyine trains resume service 10 May



This photo shows the bridge, Aninepon, between Hninpale and Taungzun stations on the Yangon-Mawlamyine railway destroyed by a landmine.

TRAIN schedules from Mawlamyine to Yangon will resume on 10 May after being postponed as of 6 May, according to Mawlamyine railway station.

The 80-foot-long No 65 bridge located between Hninpale and Taungzun stations on the railroad was destroyed

by terrorists on 6 May.

The railway station said, repair works are going to be finished and the train schedules will be resumed on 10 May added that No 82 Up train will run by airbag coaches, it added.

For the day, train tickets will be sold

at the railway station's ticket booking counter on 8 May from 7 am to 3 pm, and ordinary class tickets will be sold on 9 May. Currently, Myanma Railways' officials have managed to finish the repair of the blockage as early as possible.

— MT/ZS

Yangon Cultural Connections Festival launches in May

CULTURAL Connections to be held in Yangon in May, with eight countries taking part.

The event will be held from 16 to 25 May, and embassies and cultural centres from Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, the United Kingdom and the United States will be welcoming anyone to learn about their respective countries.

The event invites visitors to explore unique cultures, make new connections, and immerse themselves in international culture through food, music, art and many other exciting activities.

“Whether you visit one or all of the embassies and centres, each place will offer unique experiences, connections and opportunities for exploration,” it stated.

Interested visitors are invited to check for the latest information, including dates and programme details, for each venue. — MT/ZN

Incomplete OWIC applications: Official list published



Overseas Worker Identity Card (OWIC).

THE list of 59 overseas skilled workers on leave whose Overseas Worker Identity Card applications with incomplete documents was released on the Ministry of Labour's Safe Migration Telegram on 8 May.

Some were on vacation, and they would have to resubmit due to incomplete documents.

These incomplete applicant lists are being released daily on the Ministry's Telegram. As of 5 May, 192 workers will need to resubmit with complete documents. Among them, 29 were within the age limit, and cases include name discrepancies, visa requirements, expired work permits, COE requirements, lack of EC/DL, lack of airport entry/exit stamps, and the need for a leave letter.

Most of the cases were due to no visa and inability to check work permits. Currently, there are about 10,000 male and female workers who have signed EC contracts to work abroad and are waiting to obtain OWICs, according to licensed agencies.

Previously, applications for OWICs had been processed at the offices in North Dagon and 8-Mile Mayangone Township on the same day, but from 20 March 2025, its process has changed to send necessary documents by post to the Nay Pyi Taw Labour Office. — Htun Htun/ZN

S Korea returnees must note mandatory re-entry dates for safe migration

WORKERS who went to work in the Republic of Korea through the Public Overseas Employment Agency (POEA) and returned to the mother country on leave will have to wait until the date back to work at the Safe Migration under the Ministry of Labour.

A permit for leaving the country has been allowed on the waiting list corresponding to the date and time that they reported to the POEA.

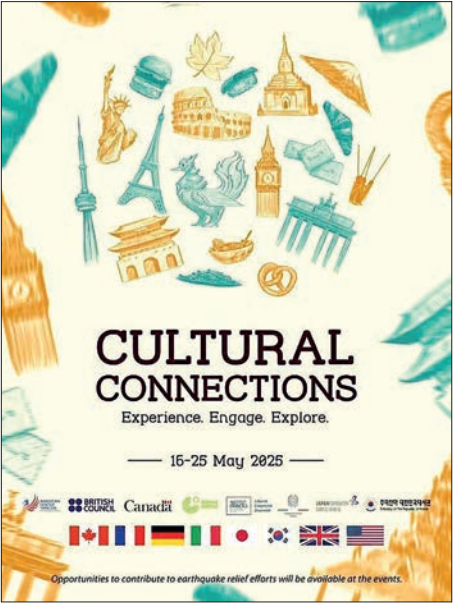
Workers must report to the POEA when they return to the

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Two workers who are permitted to depart are announced.

mother country on leave, it said. They will need to watch when they are allowed to leave, at the Safe Migration Telegram link and can go back to work if they are included in the name list.

Concerning applications for the departure permit with full necessary documents by OWIC workers, the eligible list has been announced, and if workers are unable to leave by the prescribed date, they will need to do submission again after the air ticket, said Safe Migration. — MT/ZS



An advertisement announcing the Cultural Connections event.

Daily newspapers available online

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Emirates airline group announces record \$6.2 bln gross profit

DUBAI'S Emirates Group, which includes the Middle East's biggest airline, announced on Thursday gross annual profit of \$6.2 billion, its third record in three years.

The 18 per cent rise in profit, based on strong customer demand, slimmed to \$5.6 billion after the UAE's recently introduced corporate tax, which was applied for a full financial year for the first time.

"The Emirates Group has raised the bar to set new records for profit, revenue and cash assets," chairman Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum said in a statement.

The group invested \$3.8 billion in new aircraft, infrastructure and technology "to support its growth plans", the statement said.

Its workforce grew by nine per cent to an unprecedented 121,223 employees. — AFP



State-owned Emirates Group operates the world's largest long-haul carrier. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Swiss drugmaker to build new manufacturing facility in Shanghai

SWISS pharmaceutical giant Roche has announced plans to invest 2.04 billion yuan (about US\$283 million) in building a new biopharmaceutical manufacturing facility in Shanghai's Pudong New Area, strengthening its localization strategy in the Chinese market.

The new biologics manufacturing site, in Zhangjiang High-tech Park, will span approximately 35,300 square metres. It will specialize in producing Vabysmo, a bispecific antibody approved for treating eye diseases, in response to the growing demand for innovative medicines in China.

The facility is expected to be completed in 2029 and slated to officially begin operations in 2031. According to the company, this investment will strengthen its entire pharmaceutical value chain in China by enhancing its supply chain and local manufacturing presence. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MCL 12 VOY.NO. (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MCL 12 VOY. NO. (-)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **8-5-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **SHWE ME** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Phone No: **2301928**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S MAWLAMYINE CENTURY LOGISTICS CO LTD

Ministry of Immigration and Population Department of Population

Invitation of proposals for International Consultant

1. The Ministry of Immigration and Population have to compile and publish the population projection report based on from the 2024 Myanmar Population and Housing Census data to use as a reference for the national planning and socio-economic development for the coming years.
2. The experienced international consultant will be recruited through competitive selection and evaluation processes, and interested candidates are invited and suggested to refer below information to submit the proposal:
 - (a) The date and time that the interested candidates can get TOR for international consultant - During 12-5-2025 to 30-5-2025 TOR can be available at www.dop.gov.mm
 - (b) The place which can be submitted the proposal - Department of Population, Ministry of Immigration and Population, Building No (48), Nay Pyi Taw
 - (c) Method of submission of proposal - In person or by email: pop.dept.mm@gmail.com
 - (d) Deadline for submission of proposal - 30-5-2025 at 16:30 PM MMT.
3. Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
4. If you want to know more about proposal form and the terms and conditions, you can contact the following phone number and email during office hours:
Department of Population, Nay Pyi Taw
Phone No. +9567-431066, +9567-431067
Email Address. pop.dept.mm@gmail.com

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Distribution and Registration processes of pesticide produced by **JIANGSU YONGAN CHEMICAL CO., LTD** are transferring from **SEVEN SEVEN ONE CO., LTD** to **GOLDEN WISH AGRIBUSINESS CO.,LTD**. Any Objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board for the following pesticide within (14) days.

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GOLDEN WISH AGRIBUSINESS CO.,LTD.
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SITC ZHENGDE VOY.NO. (2507N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SITC ZHENGDE VOY.NO. (2507N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **9-5-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S SITC CONTAINER LINE CO., LTD

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V HONG JIA 21 VOY.NO. (2513E)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **9-5-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Myanma Port Authority

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M/S OCEAN SALUTE SHIPPING PTE LTD

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SITC ZHI VOY. NO. (2506S)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **9-5-2025** 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.

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SPORTS



Tottenham's James Maddison will miss the rest of the season. **PHOTO: AFP**

Spurs star Maddison ruled out for rest of season

TOTTENHAM boss Ange Postecoglou confirmed James Maddison will miss the rest of the season ahead of Thursday's crucial Europa League semifinal showdown with Bodo/Glimt.

Maddison suffered a knee injury after scoring in last week's 3-1 first-leg win against the Norwegian club.

After undergoing tests on the problem, the England international has discovered he will not feature again this term.

The 28-year-old's absence is another setback in an injury-plagued campaign for the Premier League club.

Postecoglou is already without captain Son Heung-min due to a foot issue, although England striker Dominic Solanke has been declared fit for the second leg in Norway.

"Madders tweaked his knee in the first leg so he is out and will miss the rest of this season," Postecoglou told reporters on Wednesday.

"Yeah, disappointing for him because he's been a big part of this latter part of the season for us, particularly in Europe.

"He misses out but it has always been a constant of this season. Everyone else from the first leg travelled and is ready to go. — AFP

Olympics: Bach welcomes future Japan bid after Sapporo withdrawal

OUTGOING International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach said Thursday that Japan is "very much welcome" to bid for another Summer or Winter Games, once issues such as corruption surrounding the staging of past events are addressed.

Sapporo dropped its bid for the 2030 Winter Games in October 2023 following bid-rigging and bribery scandals linked to the 2020 Tokyo Games, which were postponed by a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with the northern city subsequently unable to convince a skeptical public of the bid's merits.

"(A future hosting bid is welcome) if we can be sure on the IOC side that these Japanese business practices, this kind of corruption, is over and has been addressed," Bach, who will become the IOC's honorary president for life in June, said in an interview with Kyodo News.

"We understand what happened there within Japan because of the business practices of some Japanese business people...We also hope that this leads to a clarification and adaptation of Japanese business practices."

Bach said Japan remains a major presence in the Olympic movement, noting its continued role as host of various



International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach gives an interview in Tokyo on 8 May 2025. **PHOTO: KYODO**

international tournaments across sports, including the Asian Games next year, as well as the success of its athletes, who won its overseas record of 20 gold medals and 45 overall at the Paris Games last summer. — Kyodo

Swiatek makes fast start at Italian Open

IGA Swiatek dismissed Elisabetta Cocciaretto in just 52 minutes as she opened her account at the Italian Open on Thursday.

World number two Swiatek came to Italy on the back of a demoralising straight-sets defeat to Coco Gauff in the semifinals of the Madrid Open.

But the 23-year-old Pole dropped just a single game in winning 6-1, 6-0 against Italian Cocciaretto to move onto a third-round meeting with either American Danielle Collins or Elena-Gabriela Ruse of Romania.

Swiatek is a three-time winner of the Italian Open and is using the claycourt tournament as a key step towards her defence of her French Open title, but she is yet to win a tournament this season.

In another second-round match, former world number one Naomi Osaka beat Swiss player Viktorija Golubic 2-6, 7-5, 6-1.

World number one Jannik Sinner will make his return to competition after a three-month doping ban by facing Mariano Navone on Saturday after the Argentinian beat Federico Cina 6-3, 6-3 on Thursday. — AFP

PSG finish off Arsenal to reach Champions League final



Fabian Ruiz salutes the Parc des Princes crowd after putting Paris Saint-Germain into the lead against Arsenal in Wednesday's Champions League semifinal second leg. **PHOTO: AFP**

PARIS Saint-Germain booked their spot in the Champions League final with a 2-1 victory over Arsenal on Wednesday, sealing a 3-1 aggregate win thanks to goals from Fabian Ruiz and Achraf Hakimi in a pulsating night at the Parc des Princes.

Paris Saint-Germain clinched a place in the Champions League final as goals by Fabian Ruiz and Achraf Hakimi gave them a 2-1 win over Arsenal in the second leg of their last-four tie on Wednesday, securing a 3-1 aggregate triumph.

Ruiz crashed in a shot from the edge of the area in 27 minutes at the Parc des Princes after PSG had withstood an early bombardment from the visitors.

Already leading in the tie after Ousmane Dembele's goal in last week's first leg, PSG then saw Vitinha have a second-half penalty saved.

However, Hakimi put the tie beyond Arsenal when he scored in 72 minutes, even if Bukayo Saka did then pull one back for the visitors. — AFP



Xi urges safeguarding legacy of WWII victory

Xi emphasized that China and Russia will collaborate to safeguard the outcomes of WWII and oppose hegemonism, promoting a UN-centred international system.

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Wednesday called for concerted efforts to defend the legacy of World War II (WWII) victory as the world is once again reeling from the specter of hegemonism and power politics.

Xi made the call as he arrived in Moscow for a state visit to Russia and celebrations marking the 80th anniversary of the victory in the Soviet Union's Great Patriotic War.

In a written statement issued upon arrival, Xi said China and Russia will work together to safeguard the victorious outcome of WWII, and resolutely oppose hegemonism and power politics.

China and Russia, both major countries of the world and permanent members of the UN Security Council, will join hands to firmly safeguard the UN-centred international system and the international order underpinned by international law, practise true multilateralism, and promote the building of a more just and equitable global governance system, he said.

Xi's visit comes at the invitation of Russian President Vladimir Putin. This marks his 11th visit to Russia since he became the president of China.

During his stay, Xi is expected to have in-depth communication with Putin on bilateral relations and cooperation, as well as major international and regional issues of common concern.



Chinese President Xi Jinping inspects the guard of honour during a grand welcome ceremony at the Vnukovo Airport in Moscow, Russia, 7 May 2025. **PHOTO: XIE HUANCHI/XINHUA**

According to China's Foreign Ministry, Xi's attendance at the celebrations marking the 80th anniversary of the victory in the Soviet Union's Great Patriotic War is an important part of his visit. It will be Xi's second time attending Russia's 9 May Victory Day commemorations as Chinese president.

A massive military parade will take place in Moscow's Red Square on Friday.

Flags with the word "Victory" fluttered in the wind along the streets of Moscow, and the roads were lined with billboards and decorative windows depicting the history of the Great Patriotic War of the Soviet Union.

On the night of 8 May 1945, Germany signed the surrender document in Karlshorst, Berlin, marking the end of WWII in Europe. However, due to the

time difference, Moscow had already entered 9 May — the date the Soviet Union, and later Russia, commemorates as "Victory Day".

Meanwhile in Asia, China's final major campaign against Japan — the Battle of Western Hunan — reached its decisive phase. Japan's surrender aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay on 2 September 1945, brought WWII to an end. — Xinhua

India neutralizes Pakistani drone, missile attacks; targets air defence systems



A nationwide mock drill was conducted on Wednesday (7 May) at 244 places to prepare citizens for emergency situations, equipping them with essential survival skills in the event of an attack. **PHOTO: AFP**

AFTER India executed Operation Sindoor in which nine terror sites deep inside Pakistan were destroyed, Pakistan attempted to engage a number of military targets on the night of 7 May.

The military targets were engaged in Northern and Western India, including Awantipura, Srinagar, Jammu, Pathankot, Amritsar, Kapurthala, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Adampur, Bhatinda, Chandigarh, Nal,

Phalodi, Uttarlai, and Bhuj, using drones and missiles. These were neutralized by the Integrated Counter UAS Grid and Air Defence systems.

Indian Air Force S-400 Sudarshan Chakra air defence missile systems were fired last night against targets moving towards India. On Thursday morning Indian Armed Forces targeted Air Defence Radars and systems at a number of locations in Pakistan. — ANI

THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS

Sweden's King Gustaf to visit to Japan from Tuesday to attend Expo

SWEDEN'S King Carl XVI Gustaf will make a four-day visit to Japan starting Tuesday to attend the World Exposition in Osaka, the Japanese government said Thursday.

During his stay through 16 May the king will attend a "National Day" event at the Expo and have dinner with Japan's Emperor Naruhito, according to the Foreign Ministry.

The government "hopes the visit will further strengthen the friendly relations between Japan and the Kingdom of Sweden," the ministry said. — Kyodo