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Myanmar and Russia strengthen ties through continued cooperation and understanding

The Prime Minister's visit to Russia is expected to significantly strengthen bilateral ties and foster enhanced cooperation across multiple sectors, including trade, economy, health, energy, security, and cultural exchange.



President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin welcomes Myanmar's Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at Kremlin Palace in Moscow yesterday.

STATE Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is currently in the Russian Federation at the invitation of President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, held an exclusive meeting with President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin at Kremlin Palace in Moscow yesterday evening.

The Senior General was cordially greeted by the President of the Russian Federation before the meeting.

The meeting was also attended by SAC Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, Council Member General Nyo Saw, Union Ministers U Than Swe and

Admiral Moe Aung, and Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Thit Linn Ohn. The President of the Russian Federation was accompanied

by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, the Foreign Relations Assistant Officer for the Foreign Policy of the President of the

Russian Federation, the Minister for Industry and Trade, and officials as well as heads of the government.

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Literature: A Source of Knowledge to Enrich Lives and Guide Society

THE knowledge gained from individuals' reading of literature will be able to provide significant support to improve their lives. They can provide guidance and clear direction to their families and society in their workplaces.

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with tutors, teachers and trainees at Mandalay Education Degree College on 26 August 2024.)

Objectives of 80th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day 2025

- (a) 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;
- (b) To steadfastly carry out measures for State development and genuine, eternal peace by ending the armed conflicts under the Constitution (2008) and NCA;
- (c) To protect the State and its citizens from dangers and provide sector-wise assistance for the safety and socioeconomic development of the people;
- (d) 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.

Top websites and web portals to access Military Service Rules

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



Public Health Department

Public Notice: Advisory for Prevention against Hepatitis A Infection

HEPATITIS A, caused by the Hepatitis A virus, is an infectious and epidemic disease that can affect any age group, especially children.

Transmissions

- Consuming contaminated food or drinks that contain dirt from an infected person.
- Close contact with infected individuals.

Symptoms

- Fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, vomiting, stomach pain, yellowing of the skin and eyes, dark urine, pale-coloured faeces, and pain in the bones and joints.
- Severe hepatitis can lead to sudden liver failure, posing a life-threatening risk.
- Those with Hepatitis B or C and HIV may suffer severely.

Preventive measures

- Be cautious of personal hygiene, washing hands with soap systematically before touching food, cooking, eating, and using the toilet.
- Wash all food thoroughly with clean water before cooking.
- Drink boiled water or purified water with water purification tablets or FDA-certified purified water.
- Avoid raw food and food that flies land on.
- Ensure that toilets and septic tanks are kept from leaks, and use the fly-proof toilet.
- To prevent the spread of diseases, if a vendor is affected by an illness, they should stop handling and selling food for at least 10 days after their skin and eyes have turned yellow.

Go to the nearest health departments immediately if symptoms are experienced.

1st meeting of 9th State Central Sangha Working Committee concludes



The first meeting of the ninth State Central Sangha Working Committee in progress yesterday in Yangon.

THE Ninth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha held its first meeting at Maha Pasana Cave on Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Hill in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, yesterday morning.

The meeting was presided over by the Committee Chairman Aggamaha Pandita Aggamaha Saddhammajotikadhaja Dr Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa, while Joint Secretary Sayadaw Aggamaha Pandita Bhaddanta Sihanada acted as master of ceremonies.

At the meeting, the Sayadaws supplicated the name lists

of Sayadaws for the ninth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, and the Presiding Sayadaw sought approvals and concluded the meeting.

At noon, Chairman Sayadaw read out the name lists of Vice-Chairman Sayadaw and joint secretary Sayadaws of the committee.

Chairman Sayadaw then presented religious certificates to the relevant monks and recognition certificates to Dhamma Duta Buddhist University, Shan State Buddhist University and Patapwinttaung Buddhist Missionary University as Buddhist

Universities.

Then, the representative Sayadaws signed the religious historical record book regarding the replacement, decision, approvals and records made at the seventh meeting of the eighth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha and the first meeting of the ninth State Central Working Committee of the Sangha.

The Chairman Sayadaw delivered Uyawjana Gatha and concluded the meeting.

Senior General Than Shwe (Rtd) and his wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing donated alms to Sayadaws. — MNA/KTZH

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)

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At the meeting, President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin said that he was delighted to meet the Prime Minister for the second time. The current visit of the Prime Minister will greatly contribute to strengthening the friendship and cooperation between the two countries. During this visit, agreements for bilateral cooperation will be signed. Trade relations between our two nations have also improved compared to the past. Moreover, the two countries continue to collaborate on international platforms. Once again, he expressed his pleasure in their meeting here in Moscow.

In his speech, the Senior General said that he thanked the President for the meeting in Moscow. It was the second meeting now after the meeting at the 7th Far East Economic Forum. Russia is a good and long-time friend of Myanmar. Despite the geographical distance, both countries share a close and friendly relationship. Historically, Myanmar and Russia have been maintaining cooperation and understanding. The diplomatic relations between the two nations have now reached the 77th anniversary. Meetings and discussions like this are highly beneficial for both countries. The Senior General said he would also like to express his gratitude for this opportunity in dialogue.

They also exchanged views on the enhancement of friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries, man-



Russian President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin hosts Myanmar's Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing for a historic meeting and discussions in Moscow.

ufacturing and trade measures, economic development matters, cooperation in investment, agriculture and livestock and other sectors.

The Senior General and the President of the Russian Federation attended the bilateral meeting.

At the meeting, ministers from both countries discussed the education and health sector, science and technology sector, manufacturing and trade sector, economic sector and prospects of cooperation in other

sectors. The Senior General and the Russian Federation President had necessary discussions.

Next, the agreements and memoranda of understanding were exchanged between the two governments. In the presence of the Senior General and the Russian Federation President, the Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation and relevant Union ministers and relevant ministers and officials from the Russian Federation signed the agreements

and exchanged notes. These agreements and MoU were the agreement on education qualification identification and bilateral recognition of degrees between the two countries, memoranda of understanding on taxation, MoU on health issues, memoranda of cooperation in culture and sports sectors, MoU on cooperation in nuclear and radiation safety rules for peacefully using atomic energy, MoU on cooperation in geological exploration business and technology,

MoU on cooperation in space exploration and usage arena with peaceful purpose, and a joint declaration on successful coordination over the draft agreement on investment promotion and protection between the two countries.

The SAC Chairman Prime Minister and the President of the Russian Federation released the joint declaration of the two countries to media. The joint declaration and dialogues between both sides will be published separately. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

Myanmar key partner and ally of Russia in Asia-Pacific region

FRIENDSHIP and cooperation between the two nations will be further strengthened and enhanced through an official visit of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, currently in Moscow of the Russian Federation to pay an official visit, met Prime Minister of the Russian Federation Mr Mikhail Vladimirovich Mishustim at the meeting hall of the Russian Federation Government House yesterday afternoon.

On arrival at the house, the Senior General was welcomed by the Russian Federation Prime Minister. They had documentary photos taken, and the meeting took place there.

Also present at the meeting together with the Senior General were 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) to the Russian Federation and officials. The Russian Federation Prime Minister was accompanied by ministers of the Russian government and offi-



Prime Minister of the Russian Federation Mr Mikhail Vladimirovich Mishustim discusses with Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting hall of the Russian Federation Government House yesterday afternoon.

cial.

At the meeting, the Russian Federation Prime Minister extended greetings, saying that they are deeply honoured and delighted by the friendly visit of the Senior General to their country. Myanmar is a key partner and ally of Russia in the Asia-Pacific region. Through this visit, they believe that the friend-

ship and cooperation between the two nations will be further strengthened and enhanced.

In his response, the Senior General said that he was delighted to meet the Russian Federation Prime Minister. The diplomatic relations between the two countries have turned 77 years, and friendly relations and cooperation between the

two countries are improving. The Senior General expressed his thanks to them for warmly welcoming the Myanmar delegation and himself.

They exchanged views on promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation, promotion of cooperation in trade, industry, manufacturing, agriculture and investment sectors, cooperation

in aerospace and satellite technology, development of tourism industry between the two countries, invitation to Russian businesspersons to invest in Myanmar, signing the memorandum of understanding between the two countries, and exchange of visit between high-ranking officials of the governments from both countries. — MNA/TTA

Tourism Association invited to join Nepal-Myanmar Trade Expo 2025

THE Nepali Embassy to Myanmar has invited interested parties from the Union of Myanmar Travel Association (UMTA) to participate in the Nepal-Myanmar Trade Expo 2025 to be held on 21-22 March at the Lotte Hotel Yangon in Yangon.

The exhibition aims to showcase about 30 Nepali companies from the services, tourism, IT, herbs, commodity products, and pharmaceutical sectors, and about 30 companies from Myanmar. Commodity products that can be trad-

ed between the two countries will include handicraft, chilli, tea, pulses and beans, textile, pharmacy, rice, plywood, stones for handicraft and traditional medicines.

Fifteen international travel-related companies and fif-

teen Bodh Gaya tour companies in Myanmar are expected to participate. The exhibition fees for two days are K1,000,000 for a nine-foot booth while K9,000,000 for a six-foot booth. Speakers will also be invited to join panel discussions on relevant topics.

Interested Myanmar tourism entrepreneurs and business partners can contact the UMTA via email office@umtanet.org and Secretary@umtanet.org, and at 09 2005648 and 09 5170456 for more details. — MT/ZN

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Myanmar to deepen parliamentary cooperation with Russia

STATE Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is currently on an official goodwill visit to Moscow, Russia, met Chairperson of the Federation

of the Council of the Federal Assembly Ms Valentina Matviyenko yesterday.

On arrival at the Federal Assembly building, the Senior General and party were welcomed by Federal Assembly

Chairperson Ms Valentina Matviyenko.

The Senior General signed the council's visitors' book. The Chairperson then introduced the officials to the Senior General, who also introduced his entourage.

At the meeting, the two parties openly exchanged views on cooperation between the two parliaments, the diplomatic ties of the two countries, progress in government-to-government, bilateral and people-to-people relations, further collaboration of two parliaments, enhancement in bilateral relations, exchange visits between two parliaments, preparations of State Administration Council to hold free and fair multiparty democratic general election, sending of Russian observers from the Federal Assembly to Myanmar during the election period, and establishment of bilateral relations between two parliaments when the Hluttaw is reconstituted in Myanmar.

The Senior General was accompanied by Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo and delegation members, the Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation, and officials from the Office of Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) while the Speaker was accompanied by relevant officials of the council.

Afterwards, the Senior General posed for a documentary photo together with the Chairperson and attendees. — MNA/KTZH



Chairperson of the Council of the Federal Assembly Ms Valentina Matviyenko has a discussion with State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in Moscow, the Russian Federation, yesterday.

Myanmar, Russia to promote cooperation in security sector

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing and Russian Security Council Secretary Mr Sergey Kuzhugetovich Shoigu held talks about the enhancement of bilateral relations.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is currently in Moscow of the Russian Federation to pay an official visit, held talks with the Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation Mr Sergey Kuzhugetovich Shoigu at his meeting hall yesterday morning.

On arrival at the Secretariat of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, the Senior General and his entourage were cordially welcomed by Security Council Secretary Mr Sergey Kuzhugetovich Shoigu.

At the meeting hall, they frankly

discussed improvement of relations between the two countries, promotion of cooperation in security measures, attendance of Myanmar delegates to the ceremony to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Victory over Fascism in the Great Patriotic War in Moscow, and invitation to Myanmar delegations to the security forums.

The Senior General conferred the Sithu Title of Pyidaungsu Sithu Thingaha Title on Mr Sergey Kuzhugetovich Shoigu.

Also present at the meeting were SAC Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, Council Member General Nyo Saw, Union Minister at the Ministry 1 of the SAC Chairman Office National Security Adviser Admiral Moe Aung and Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Thit Linn Ohn. — MNA/TTA



Russian Security Council Secretary Mr Sergey Kuzhugetovich Shoigu and Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing exchange gifts.

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Russia to support Myanmar's election

HLUTTAWS of Myanmar and the Russian Federation will enhance cooperation.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, currently in Moscow of the Russian Federation, held a meeting with Mr Vyacheslav Volodin, Chairman of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, at the meeting hall of the State Duma yesterday morning.

Also present at the meeting were SAC Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, Council Member General Nyo Saw, Union Ministers U Than Swe, Admiral Moe Aung, Dr Kan Zaw and U Ko Ko Lwin, Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Thit Linn Ohn and officials. The Chairman of the State Duma was accompanied by responsible personnel.

On arrival at the State Duma building, the Senior General and his entourage were welcomed by the Chairman of the State Duma of the Russian Federation.

At the meeting, they talked about functions of the State



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Duma of the Russian Federation, formation of the State Duma and political parties, cooperation between Hluttaws of Myanmar and the Russian Federation, taking State respon-

sibilities by the State Administration Council due to voting frauds in the 2020 multiparty democratic general election, preparations to hold a free and fair election, support of Rus-

sia to Myanmar for holding the election, conditions of some political parties harming peace and stability of the State due to taking foreign aid, formation of Hluttaws at different levels in

Myanmar and electoral forms, further cooperation between the two countries, and exchange of goodwill visits between the two Hluttaws of both countries. — MNA/TTA

SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing lays wreath at Unknown Soldier Tomb in Moscow



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pays tribute at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Moscow yesterday morning.

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is currently in Moscow, the Russian Federation, on his official visit, paid tribute at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Moscow yesterday morning.

The Senior General, together with SAC Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo and his entourage, arrived at the tomb, where they were welcomed by the commander of Moscow Station and officials.

Two soldiers carried the garland, and the Senior General laid a wreath at the tomb. Meanwhile, the Guard of Honour of the Russian Federation played the national anthem of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The Senior General took the salute of the Guard of Honour and cordially greeted officials. At that time, the Guard of Honour played the military songs of Myanmar Tatmadaw. — MNA/TTA

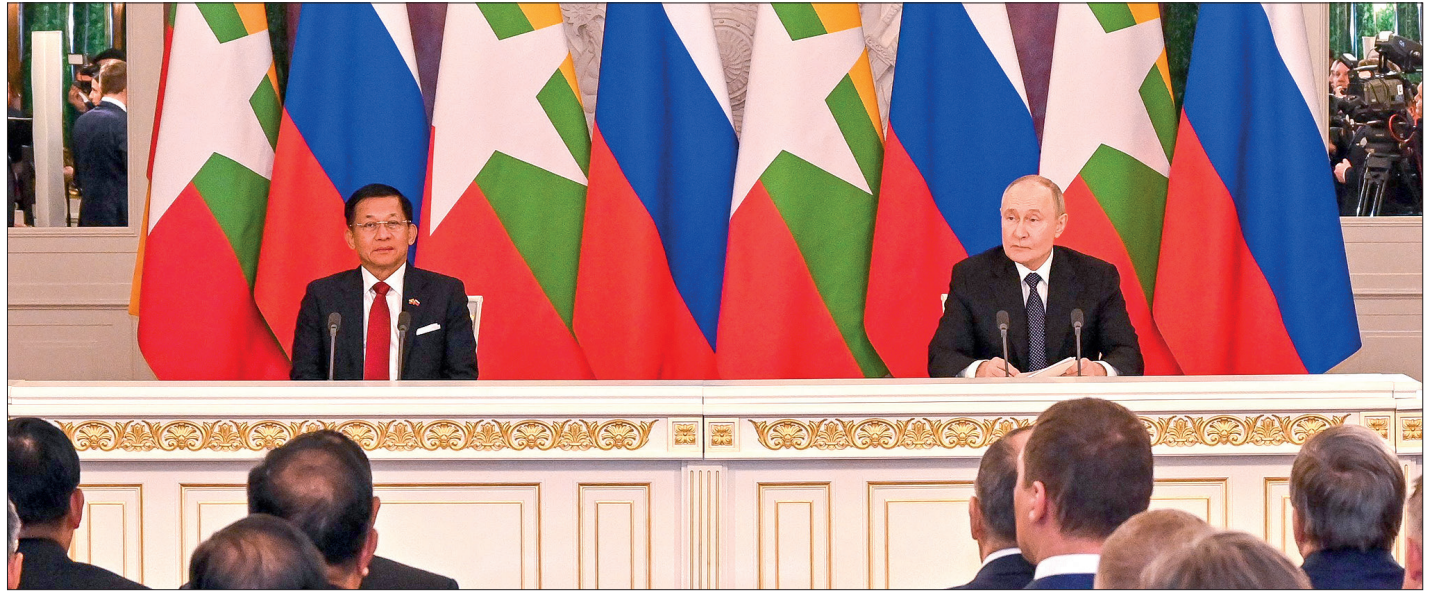
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Reciprocal joint declaration of two countries and speeches delivered by Russian Federation President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in meeting with media

President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin delivered a speech. He said:

We welcome the visit of Chairman of the State Administration Council and Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, to Russia. There is also a trustworthy relationship between our two countries. The Prime Minister and I are holding discussions. Our main focus is on the implementation of cooperative projects between our two nations. In previous years, we signed a joint declaration on bilateral cooperation. In 1948, Russia was among the first countries to recognize Myanmar's independence, back when it was part of the Soviet Union. Later, the Soviet Union assisted Myanmar, including support for scholars. With the help of the Soviet Union, Myanmar was able to implement significant projects in the education and healthcare sectors. Currently, Russia continues to support Myanmar. It is also assisting in Myanmar's industrial sector. Furthermore, Russia supports Myanmar in ensuring stability in its internal affairs. A joint declaration was issued, reaffirming our cooperation. We aim to further develop trade and investment between our two countries. Last year, the trade volume between our nations increased by approximately 40 per cent. Previously, it was around \$2 billion. We are ready to expand our mutual trade relations. We are also cooperating in the financial sector, including loans and banking matters.

Our two countries' governments are actively cooperating through the Bilateral Cooperation Commission. Recently, a trade commission meeting was held in Nay Pyi Taw. We are also collaborating in the energy sector and planning to expand further cooperation in this field. Moreover, we are prepared to work together in other areas, particularly in the development of renewable energy sources. An agreement has been reached for the construction of small-scale nuclear power plants in Myanmar, which will significantly contribute to the country's electricity supply. Several agreements related to construction in Myanmar have also been made, which will create numerous job opportunities for workers and specialists. We are implementing joint projects in the industrial and advanced technology sectors. With Russia's support, a satellite data research centre has been established in Myanmar. The Prime Minister will visit Russia's



space agency, where he will gain valuable knowledge about Russia's achievements in the space sector. Furthermore, we will enhance cooperation in the fields of culture and people-to-people relations. A Russian culture centre is planned to be opened in Myanmar. In Yangon, there are plans to construct the first Russian Orthodox Christian Church. Likewise, two cultural and Buddhist centres of Myanmar have been established in Russia.

We are very grateful to the Myanmar leaders for helping Myanmar citizens learn the Russian language. Russian is also taught at two well-known universities in Myanmar: Yangon and Mandalay University of Foreign Languages, as well as the Defence Services Academy. There are plans to expand Russian language education in Myanmar. Currently, around 300 Myanmar students are studying at Russian universities. In total, there are about 10,000 Myanmar scholars, including university preparatory students, degree holders, and academics. On 9 May, the 82nd National Victory Day will be celebrated in Moscow. I have invited the Prime Minister to attend this ceremony. The Myanmar Tatmadaw contingent will also participate in the Red Square parade, including the march-past event. During discussions, we talked about international affairs. On most international issues, the positions of Russia and Myanmar align or are similar. We are cooperating on the global stage. We are working towards peaceful development in the Asia-Pacific region. Russia and Myanmar are actively cooperating in the field of development. In conclusion, we are deeply grateful that we can work on constructive projects with our Myanmar friends. The visit of Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing includes vari-

ous significant matters. The discussions held during the visit of the Chairman of the State Administration Council to Russia have been successful. Based on the results achieved, I firmly believe that cooperation between the two countries will continue to develop in various sectors. Thank you very much for your patience and attention.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing also delivered a speech. He said:

Distinguished guests, including the esteemed President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Putin, and all distinguished attendees,

I am here in the Russian Federation on a friendly visit at the invitation of President Putin. Russia is an important and trustworthy friend of Myanmar. Therefore, I would like to emphasize the great value we place on the bilateral relations between our two nations, which are built on mutual trust, understanding, and respect. The diplomatic relations between our two countries were established in 1948, and our friendship has deepened over the past 77 years, and our cooperation has become increasingly successful. It is gratifying to witness the continued strengthening of our ties. During my visit, I had the opportunity to hold extensive discussions with President Putin on various international matters concerning both nations. Likewise, I met Defence Minister Mr Mikhail Vladimirovich Mishustin and the two parliamentary chairpersons. We also discussed ways to enhance economic cooperation, promote economic development, and further strengthen our bilateral relations. At today's meeting,

both of our sides were able to enhance and implement numerous mutual agreements. In particular, the President has already provided a detailed explanation earlier. Due to our mutual trust and productive discussions, we were able to sign ten agreements. During our visit, we will officially open Myanmar consulates in Saint Petersburg and Yaroslavl. We firmly believe that, through discussions and collaborations between both sides, we will be able to further expand our cooperation. Through this visit, the friendship between our two countries will deepen, and we are confident that cooperation will continue to develop in various sectors, including trade, economy, defence, science and technology, electricity, industry, and energy, achieving greater success in the near future. Myanmar fully supports Russia and its people in ensuring the stability of Russia's sovereignty and contributing to global peace. Moreover, as Myanmar works toward its political objectives, we sincerely appreciate Russia's consistent support for Myanmar on the international stage. Looking ahead, I would like to reaffirm that our two countries will continue to work closely together in international affairs.

Honourable President,

I sincerely express my desire to continue working together to further strengthen and enhance the relations between Myanmar and the Russian Federation through our collaborative efforts. I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the warm welcome and the comprehensive arrangements made for our friendship visit. Moreover, I would like to extend an invitation to you, Honorable President, to visit Myanmar for a friendship visit at a mutually convenient time.

OPINION

Invest in people and the planet for wildlife conservation

THE global environment provides habitats for both humans and wildlife, making their coexistence essential for preserving nature. Humans and wildlife are inherently interconnected, relying on each other for a balanced ecosystem that must be protected for future generations.

In 2025, the theme of World Wildlife Day, "Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet," highlights the need for more effective and sustainable financial investments to support conservation efforts. Currently, funding for wildlife conservation is insufficient, and collective action is crucial to securing a resilient future for both people and the planet to manage the lives of humans

In Myanmar, authorities strictly enforce laws against illegal wildlife hunting, smuggling,

and trade, working alongside responsible citizens to protect wildlife. UN Secretary-General António Guterres has called for an SDG Stimulus of at least US\$500 billion to enhance long-term development financing, including conservation efforts. To preserve the natural environment for the long-term existence of habitats for the people and the planet, everyone must actively support and contribute to wildlife conservation initiatives by joining hands with law enforcement agencies.

the increasing pressures of the global environmental crisis, innovative financing for wildlife conservation is more urgent than ever. More than 50 per cent of the world's GDP depends on nature, making biodiversity loss a direct threat to financial stability. For instance, fisheries contribute over 10 per cent of GDP in some countries, yet overfishing – affecting more than one-third of marine fish stocks – leads to unemployment, economic instability, and illegal harvesting.

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and wildlife and the nature of the planet in harmony. If so, the natural environment will be pleasant for all. Consequently, compassion will flourish in the society.

According to a United Nations press release, people worldwide depend on biodiversity-based resources for essentials such as food, fuel, medicine, housing, and clothing. To ensure that future generations continue to benefit from nature's resources and beauty, collaborative efforts are needed to sustain ecosystems and protect plant and animal species.

Celebrated annually on 3 March, World Wildlife Day serves as a reminder of the rich diversity of wild flora and fauna, raising awareness about their significance and the urgent need to combat wildlife crime and human-induced species decline. Conservation is a shared responsibility, requiring long-term commitment to safeguard biodiversity and protect endangered species.

With over one million species at risk of extinction and

AT THE phrase 'Emergency Department', everyone will surely feel formidable.

Patients and their family members, in particular, will be chilled to the bones. It will be repellent even to the hospital staff for its 24-hour service provision and overburdening nature. In contrast, the negative phrase 'Emergency Department' bears a positive sense to a patient afflicted with serious diseases or traumatic injuries and to the philanthropic hospital staff who relish saving the lives of the patients wrestling with death.

The Emergency Department is the first point of contact for many patients in a hospital. Delivering immediate, life-saving, high-quality care, it acts as an oasis for patients experiencing life-threatening medical, surgical or orthopaedic emergencies such as severe heart attack, hypertensive crisis, stroke, perforated ulcers of duodenum and stomach, perforated appendix, traumatic head injuries and fractures of bones. Moreover, it is instrumental in fighting against public health emergencies - disasters, epidemic outbreaks and mass casualty incidents.

It will be safest for a patient if he or she is transported to the hospital in an ambulances equipped with advanced life-support devices and staffed with a paramedic who provides pre-hospital care to the patients on the

way. When a patient and his or her accompanying family members arrive at the Emergency Department, they will have to meet the hospital staff of various sorts - security staff, general workers, receptionists, medical record staff, a triage team including doctors and nurses, an emergency team comprising emergency physicians and nurses, an orthopaedic team consisting of orthopaedic surgeons and nurses, a medical team composed of general physicians and nurses, a surgical team formed of general surgeons and nurses, radiologists, imaging technicians and lab technicians.

On reaching the entrance to the Emergency department, the patient and his or her family members will be greeted by the security staff, who create a safe environment for all comers. Then, they will meet the general workers, who usher them into the department and take their patient in a wheelchair or a trolley. As they take some steps into it, they will meet the receptionists, who welcome them from the reception counter, respond to their enquiries and direct them to the triage area. On the way to the triage area, throwing a sweeping glance around the department, they will find the atmosphere charged with a sense of stress and urgency: the family members of the patients waiting nervously in the waiting areas, doctors and nurses hurrying

What a Patient and his or her Family Members Experience in the Emergency Department

By Dr Maung Maung Win

from room to room for treating the patients, some attendants comforting their patients in front of the lab and imaging rooms, and some patients being cautiously taken to the admitted wards.

When this patient and the family members get to the triage area, they will meet the triage team including doctors and nurses, who quickly assess the severity of their patient's condition by evaluating the chief complaints, the history of the present illness, underlying diseases, vital signs measurements and then, prioritize care for him or her. Meanwhile, one of the family members will have to rush to the medical record counter to meet the medical record staff, who register the patient and issue an emergency patient record booklet. At the triage area, if the condition of the patient under examination does not require resuscitation, he or she will be sent to the medical

assessment unit or the surgical observation unit for further treatment.

But, if this patient's condition demands emergency resuscitation, he or she will be unhesitatingly taken into the resuscitation room. There, the family members of the patient will meet the emergency physicians and nurses. Emergency physicians, very important actors in saving the lives of emergency patients, will carry out all the necessary cardiopulmonary resuscitation, to reverse the patient's deteriorating condition. If the use of a ventilator or a defibrillator or both is needed, it will be upon these physicians. The emergency nurses will follow their instructions and assist them by providing the patient with the medications, intravenous infusions, and oxygen therapy, using patient monitor devices and doing ECG drawings.

The emergency team will coordinate and cooperate with many other specialists if necessary.

If the patient is a victim of a disaster, a road traffic accident or a mass casualty incident, the orthopaedic team, in league with the emergency one, will treat his or her traumatic injuries and bone fractures. If the severity of the patient's condition calls for an emergency operation, the surgeons on duty will perform it urgently in the operation theatre of the department. If the patient contracts the illness from an epidemic outbreak, he or she will be kept under surveillance and then provided with necessary treatment.

Now, if the condition of the patient in the emergency room has stabilized, he or she will be transferred to the medical assessment unit or the surgical observation unit. There, the family members of the patient will meet

a medical team headed by general physicians or a surgical team led by general surgeons, who monitor the patient's situation and instruct him or her to get necessary investigations. So, the patient and the family members will have to scurry to the imaging rooms, where the radiologists and the imaging technicians take and interpret the radiological images of the patient, and to the lab, where the lab technicians, under the guidance of a pathologist or a microbiologist, carry out the lab tests for him or her. Indeed, the role of investigations is of paramount importance for arriving at a confirmed diagnosis and administering the most effective treatment to a patient.

At the medical assessment unit or the surgical observation unit, if the condition of the patient being investigated and treated is improving satisfactorily, the doctors will discharge him or her

home, with their guidance on follow-up care. Now, to everyone's delight, the patient and the family members experience a happy ending here. But, if his or her situation is stagnant or worsening, he or she will be admitted to a suitable ward in the hospital for further treatment.

If the patient is poor, the family members will have to meet the medical social staff, who can help the patient by making contact with the social welfare organizations and seeking the necessary support for him or her. Moreover, these staff will be involved in the discharge planning of the patient and counsel him or her for further support after leaving the hospital.

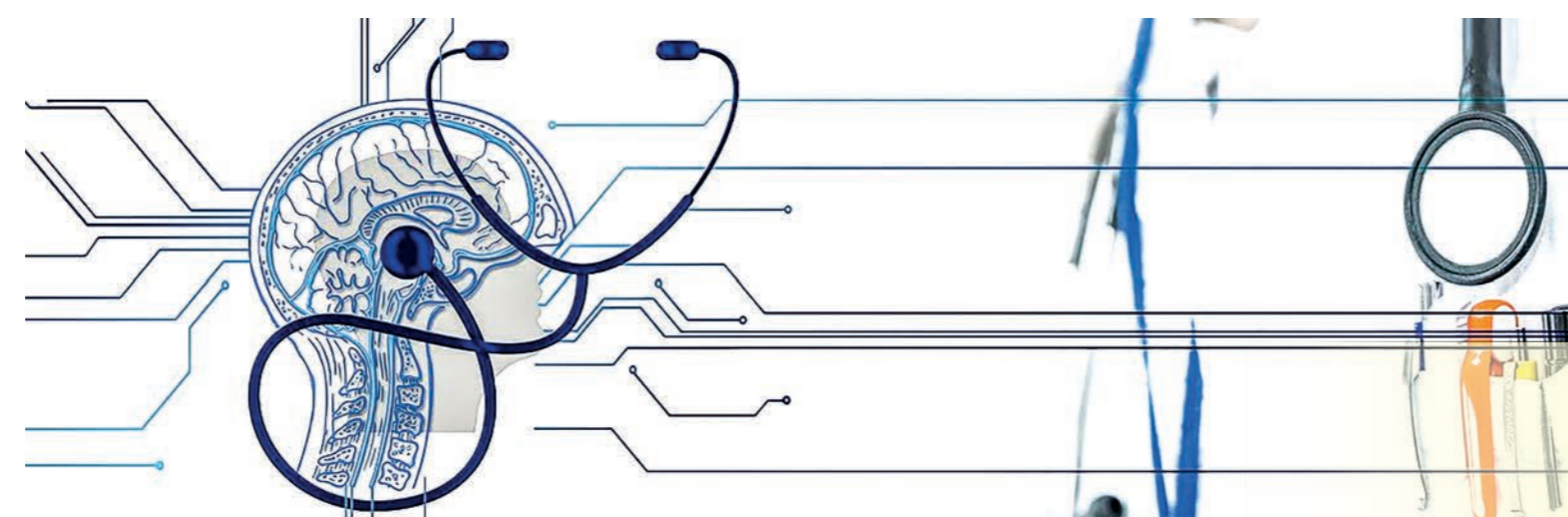
In fact, the family members of a patient arriving at the Emergency Department are overcome with their untold social problems and immense concern for the patient. Therefore, all the staff of the department should understand

their emotional outbursts and treat them kindly and forgivingly. The staff should be endowed with good public relations skills and foster social harmony with the family members. The staff should practise patience, sympathy and empathy towards them. The staff should respect the patient's dignity and keep his or her confidentiality. The treatment team should engage the family members in making decisions on how to treat the patient.

In conclusion, it is generally found that the staff of the Emergency Department in a hospital offer timely, comprehensive, efficient services to the patients as much as they can, that they can, in most cases, save the lives of the patients on the death-bed, and that they can thus enhance the image of the hospital. Hence, the Emergency Department can be, undoubtedly, supposed to be a haven for a patient attending it, not a scary place. However, it should be made more easily accessible to the patients and turned into a safer and more secure and relaxing atmosphere for them. On the other hand, there should be enough efficient staffing and up-to-date physical facilities in the Emergency Department because this can prevent the burn-out or collapse of the staff caused by overwork and, at the same time, help it operate successfully.

Key protein identified for treating Alzheimer's disease: Study

Utilizing human induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs), the team, led by Dr Hans Zempel, identified the 1N4R isoform of tau as a contributor to protein clumping in brain cells, which disrupts cell function and leads to cell death.



A TEAM of researchers from the University of Cologne has made an important contribution to understanding the role of the tau protein in Alzheimer's disease.

Using human induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs), the international team demonstrated that a specific variant of the tau protein, known as the 1N4R isoform, mediates the harmful effects of protein clumping in human brain cells. The study was led by

Dr Hans Zempel from the Institute of Human Genetics, who is also a group leader in the Career Advancement Program (CAP) at the Center for Molecular Medicine Cologne (CMMC) of the University of Cologne and University Hospital Cologne. If a person suffers from Alzheimer's disease, certain proteins accumulate in brain cells, forming clumps that restrict normal cell function or even cause the cell to die. Dr Buchholz and Dr Zempel's team have used

state-of-the-art techniques such as CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing and live-cell imaging in human induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) to demonstrate that the 1N4R tau isoform is responsible for the pathological effects on the cell. iPSCs are human stem cells that are generated from other cells.

For example, skin cells can be reprogrammed into iPSCs and then transformed into brain cells (neurons). The researchers tested different forms of the tau protein by expressing them specifically in nerve cells. This allowed them to analyse how each protein isoform affects the cell. According to Dr Sarah Buchholz, first author of the study, "this study represents a

significant advance in helping us to understand the mechanisms of Alzheimer's disease. By identifying 1N4R tau as a key protein, we have discovered a potential new target for future treatments."

The study's interdisciplinary approach not only helps to better understand Alzheimer's disease but also demonstrates the importance of human cell models in neurodegenerative research. Further studies are needed to translate the results of this study into clinical application, in particular to validate the results in adequate animal models and to develop specific therapeutics that will intervene in this process.

SOURCE: ANI

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NATIONAL

Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Fund workshops held

THE “Project Completion Workshop” and the “Regional Workshop” of the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund (2022) were held at Hotel Max in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Min Thu delivered an opening speech, followed by remarks from Mr Zhang Zhonghua, First Secretary of the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar, who highlighted the importance of the Mekong region and China-Myanmar relations.

A commemorative video showcasing projects implemented under the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund was screened, followed by project officials explaining their respec-



Attendees of the “Project Completion Workshop” and the “Regional Workshop” of the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund (2022) pose for the documentary group photo at Hotel Max in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

tive activities through posters. Experts, professors and representatives from China, Thailand, Vietnam and Japan, along with officials from relevant departments and researchers, presented their findings and answered questions from attendees.

The first project under the 2022 fund, the MLC-Education Project on water conservation and environmental awareness, was launched in November 2022 and completed in November 2024. The second project, the MLC-Medicinal Plants Project, focuses on cultivating and preserving medicinal plant species in Myanmar’s Mekong region. It started in November 2023 and will continue until October 2025. — MNA/KZL

MMPO to feature various programmes at its 79th anniversary

THE Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO) will celebrate its 79th anniversary on 8 March with various programmes, an official of the organization said during a media briefing held at the MMPO office on 4 March.

The 79th-anniversary ceremony will include the unveiling of bronze statues of film pioneers and the opening of Centenary Square at 9 am, followed by talks with MMPO’s

film training graduates, actors from the video era, and receptionists who served at the Myanmar Film Academy Award ceremonies, ending with a meal.

At 12:30 pm, the classic film ‘Ngaba’ will be screened at the Golden Jubilee Hall, followed by a fun event at the MMPO premises from 3 pm to 6 pm, featuring karaoke, a lucky draw offering prizes from K10,000 to K300,000 for needy artistes,

free food and drinks, games, and photo opportunities.

“Last year, the 78th anniversary was celebrated as a simple pre-event. This year, we plan to celebrate it on a larger scale. We aim to include all film professionals from various roles and levels,” said MMPO Secretary U Zaw Myint Oo.

In addition, as a special programme, the Myanmar Motion Pictures Museum will also open on that day. — MT/TH



This photo showcases the media briefing held at the MMPO office on 4 March.

Saudi Arabian Embassy hosts Iftar gathering



This photo showcases Saudi Arabia’s Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Saud bin Abdullah AL-subaie and some officials at a reception marking the breaking of the fast on the third day of Ramadan.

A gathering to mark Iftar, the breaking of the fast, on the third day of Ramadan, was held at the Lotte Hotel in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, on 4 March.

The annual event, hosted by the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Myanmar and led by Ambassador Mr Saud bin Abdullah Al-Subaie, brought together Muslims observing the holy month.

The event was attended by the Ambassador and officials

from the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Myanmar; representatives from Islamic religious organizations and schools, invitees from mosques in Yangon, and diplomats from other embassies in the city.

During the holy month of Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn until sunset, and after a day of fasting, mosques and other religious organizations provide food and drink to those observing the fast. — ASH/TH

The people are urged to receive vaccination of COVID-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of COVID-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increase of death rate due to the disease.

NATIONAL

265 foreign undocumented migrants detained in Myanmar

THROUGH trilateral cooperation between Myanmar, China and Thailand authorities continue to investigate and take decisive action against those involved in online scams and online gambling, including foreign nationals orchestrating such operations.

As part of these efforts, authorities detained 265 foreign undocumented entrants yesterday in Myawady-Shwe Kokko, who had crossed into Myanmar through illegal routes. Officials are now collecting the necessary personal information and records to facilitate their prompt repatriation to their respective countries. Kayin State government's Minister for Security and Border Affairs Colonel Min



Immigration processing undocumented foreign migrants.

Thu Kyaw supervised the operation, inspecting conditions and meeting with responsible

officials. He emphasized the importance of ensuring the detainees' well-being, including

healthcare, food, security and repatriation without unnecessary delays.

Between 30 January and 4 March 2025, authorities identified and detained a total of 3,992 undocumented foreign entrants in Myanmar. Among them, 757 individuals have already been repatriated as per legal procedures via Thailand, while arrangements are being finalized for the remaining 3,235 detainees to be sent back to their respective countries.

The 3,992 detained individuals include nationals from China, Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Pakistan, India, Uganda, Ethiopia, Nepal, Thailand, Rwanda, Kenya, Kazakhstan, Cambodia, Ghana and Chinese Taipei, with the majority being Chinese nationals. — MNA/KZL

Counter-argument to false information

Authorities refute police brutality and Tatmadaw disunity claims

ON 26 February, a Facebook page named Ayeyawady Times allegedly published false information claiming that two men had died as a result of torture at the Konpyin Police Station in Yekyi Township. Authorities stated that the report was intentionally misleading and aimed at deceiving the public.

The Myanmar Police Force asserted that it carried out its duties under the law and official procedures. It added that if specific complaints are lodged, proper investigations will be conducted, and appropriate action will be taken against those found guilty of wrong-

doing. Authorities further accused Ayeyawady Times of attempting to mislead the public and tarnish the reputation of the police force.

Similarly, on 25 February, the Irrawaddy Burmese Edition Facebook page reportedly spread false claims about internal divisions within the Tatmadaw. However, officials maintained that the Tatmadaw remains united and continues to carry out its responsibilities efficiently. They accused the page of deliberately spreading misinformation to undermine the Tatmadaw's unity and mislead the public. — Lin Lin/MKKS

Thailand deportee conscription reports declared baseless

A Facebook page under the name of Khit Thit Media said on 25 February that the Thai government has handed over 200 Myanmar nationals to the Myanmar government and that male returnees are being forcibly conscripted into the military. The statement is false, and the page allegedly spread misleading information to misguide the public.

Additionally, the same page falsely reported that the military council had changed its conscription system to rely

on household registration lists, extending the draft to Myanmar nationals living abroad. It also falsely claimed that those who evade conscription would face arrest warrants.

The Myanmar government stated that it is carrying out conscription under the law and established procedures. The Facebook page's claims are deliberate misinformation intended to mislead the public about government activities. — Thitsa/MKKS

False reports of youth detentions in Sagaing spread

FALSE reports have been circulating, claiming that young people are being arrested and detained in Sagaing Township, located near the Yadana-bon Bridge, which connects Sagaing and Mandalay.

These false news stories have been spread by illegal media outlets aiming to mislead the public and create confusion. In response to these claims, officials from the Sagaing Township People's Military Servants Summoning Body confirmed that the reports were inaccurate.

The false reports are part of a wider effort by PDF terrorists to disrupt peace in local communities. Authorities, in collaboration with residents, are conducting necessary security checks and patrols. These illegal media outlets are attempting to



This screenshot discloses misinformation.

spread false information to jeopardize peace and stability. — MNA/KZL

Daily newspapers available online

FOR those who would like to read the Myanma Alinn, the Kyemon and the Global New Light of Myanmar, published daily by the Ministry of Information, please visit www.moi.gov.mm/mal, www.moi.gov.mm/km, www.moi.gov.mm/nlm and www.gnlm.com.mm/e-paper.

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NATIONAL

MMPO to celebrate 79th Anniversary

THE Myanmar Motion Picture Organization was established on 8 March 1946, and it has been representing the film industry of Myanmar to date. It was set up as the Motion Pictures and Play Organization in 1946, renamed as Motion Pictures Council in 1962, the Motion Pictures Committee in 1974 and the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization in 1989. The organization reaches its 7th anniversary on 8 March 2025.

The Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization grandly held ceremonies marking the silver jubilee from 1946 to 1969, the golden jubilee from 1963 to 1993, the diamond jubilee from 1993 to 2019 and the 100th-anniversary event from 2019 to 2021.

The 79th anniversary of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization will be held at the organization in Yangon soon. The film 'Nga Ba', digitized by China, will be screened at the event. On 9 March, the six 2024 Academy Award-winning films will also be screened at the STAR Cinema (Public Access Media Centre) in Yankin township, commemorating the 79th anniversary. Here is an interview with the officials of the organization.

U Kyi Soe Tun (Chairman of

Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization)

The Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization will mark its 80th anniversary in the coming year. It marks the 79th anniversary on 8 March this year. We hope for its continued strength and sustainability in the coming years. The anniversary celebration of the current film industry members is to honour the organization established by our seniors. I want the members to remember that the MMPO benefits the members, and the members also benefit the MMPO. This event aims to highlight it.

The MMPO grants a pension to the seniors and holds the respect-paying ceremony. The reserve fund is also kept to provide for those facing difficulties. The 79th anniversary, which can also be called Film Day, is held to keep holding the film days and ensure the longevity of the film in coming years.

We also have huge expectations for new generations. It is high time we retired. Our ideas, opinions and attitudes are not refreshed. Therefore, we make efforts to substitute middle-aged artistes to ensure the sustainability of the organization and cooperate with youths who are familiar with modern tech-



U Kyi Soe Tun (MMPO Chairman)



U Zaw Myint Oo (MMPO Secretary)

nology. We don't have certain achievements from such doings. But we get a chance to show gratitude. Like the sermon delivered by Mingun Sayadaw, "Don't want anything", I also don't want anything. I am very satisfied as I have had a chance to a debt of gratitude to the Myanmar film industry.

U Zaw Myint Oo (MMPO Secretary)

We arranged something unique for the 79th anniversary of MMPO on 8 March. We prepare for talk shows, funfair and food stalls. It also includes meeting with great senior artistes and modern young artistes. We will screen the 'Nga Ba' film. In the past, some of the Myanmar films were sold to Russia, China, Germany and England. They placed

them at their museums, and when we asked for them, they digitized the film, and China helped us digitize the "Nga Ba" film. Now, we also have the "Thu Chit" movie. Moreover, Russia supported 'Chit Pan Thazin', and we have to take time to transfer the language from Russian to Myanmar. It cannot be completed on the ceremony day, but we will show the audience later. Daw Myint Myint Khin starred in that movie, and we want to screen it. But we need time to translate, so we will screen the "Nga Ba" film.

Marking the 79th anniversary of the organization, the 2024 Academy award-winning films such as Bodaw Kin, Chit Thu Thar Pan Ta Pwint Phyt Khae Hlin, Mee, Hnaung, Eain Mat Kar Yan and Tain Pachi

will be screened at the STAR Cinema at Myawady Centre in Moe Kaung street of Yankin from 9 to 29 March — two films once a week. Those who love Myanmar films can support us. We will show quality films. The organization made efforts for the convenience of film industry members so the films can be screened, and they can also resume their industry now. We arrange the best events so that the film industry members can meet happily.

In line with the motto "Film is for People", the unity of artistes and good tradition in supporting the country are historical proofs. The government also provides the needed assistance to the artistes under the guidance of the Head of the State. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH

CBM to sell \$23M, THB150M to fuel oil importers



The facade view of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) in Nay Pyi Taw.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 3 March that it will inject \$23 million and 150 million baht into the fuel oil sector.

It sold \$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

MRF Immersion Day 2025 awareness event to be held on 8 Mar

THE awareness event of MRF Immersion Day 2025 will be held on 8 March at the Mingala Hall on the first floor of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), organized by the Myanmar Rice Federation and MRF Young Entrepreneurs Society.

Interested individuals can register at MRF to attend MRF

Immersion Day 2025 by 6 March.

MRF Immersion Day 2025 will feature biotechnology research and services, awareness of adopting SI Units for rice transactions, the introduction of AI, IoT and Machine Learning for Myanmar's rice business, the potential to promote Solar Energy in Myanmar's rice industry and technical awareness programmes. — NN/KK

Gold Market Rate as of 4 March 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,450,000 as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

EU warns US tariffs on Canada, Mexico threaten transatlantic 'economic stability'

THE EU warned on Tuesday that US tariffs on Canada and Mexico threaten transatlantic "economic stability" and risk "disrupting global trade", urging Washington to reverse course.

Stinging US tariffs on Canadian and Mexican goods came into effect as a deadline to avert President Donald Trump's levies passed without the nations striking a deal.

"These tariffs threaten deeply integrated supply chains, investment flows, and economic stability across the Atlantic,"

European Commission spokesman Olof Gill said in a statement.

He noted that Mexico and Canada are the European Union's economic partners through two separate agreements. In January, the EU announced that it would strengthen its trade relations with Mexico, an upgrade that had been eight years in the making.

"The EU stands firmly against protectionist measures that undermine open and fair trade. We call on the United States to reconsider its approach

and work towards a co-operative, rules-based solution that benefits all parties," he added.

The EU itself faces Trump's extra levies.

His 25 per cent tariffs on US steel and aluminium imports will take effect from 12 March, affecting European industries. Brussels has vowed to retaliate with firm and proportionate counter-measures.

Trump has also signed plans for sweeping "reciprocal tariffs" that could hit both allies and adversaries. — AFP



(FILES) A freight train is seen near the Port of Montreal in Montreal, Canada, on 3 February 2025. PHOTO: AFP

Ford Feb US sales drop 8.9%

Ford Motor Co announced on Monday that it sold 158,675 vehicles in the United States in February 2025, down 8.9 per cent from the same period of last year.

Ford sales of hybrid vehicles rose by 27.5 per cent to 15,357 units; sales of electric vehicles increased by 15 per cent to 7,326 units; and sales of internal combustion engine cars fell by 12.7 per cent to 135,992 units.

Ford's sales of trucks rose by 7.7 per cent to 91,735 units in February; that of SUVs fell by 24.4 per cent to 64,148 units; and that of cars dropped sharply by 32.2 per cent to 2,792 units

The US automaker attributed the Feb. sales fall to costs cut and the potential impact of US tariffs on imports from Canada and Mexico. — Xinhua

Japan jobless rate in Jan unchanged at 2.5% amid tight labour market

JAPAN'S unemployment rate in January remained unchanged for the fourth consecutive month at 2.5 per cent, reflecting a tight labour market amid a worker shortage, the government said Tuesday.

The total number of people with jobs climbed 0.2 per cent to a seasonally adjusted 68.27 million, while those without jobs grew 1.2 per cent to 1.74 million, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications said.

The unemployment rate remained flat from a revised 2.5 per cent in December, the ministry said.

"The labour market seems to be expanding," a ministry official said, adding, "The employment situation at the moment seems not so bad."

Of those not in work, the number of people who voluntarily left their jobs decreased 1.3 per cent to 760,000, while those seeking employment rose 11.6 per cent to 480,000.

The number of people dismissed by employers or who reached retirement age fell 7.5 per cent to 370,000, according to the ministry.

The ministry official said the rise in the number

of people seeking jobs was possibly affected by recent inflation.

The job availability ratio increased 0.01 point from December to 1.26, up for the first time in four months, meaning there were 126 jobs available for every 100 job seekers, according to separate data released by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. By industry, there were 5.0 per cent more new job offers in the service sector than a year earlier, while academic research and specialized services saw a 3.2 per cent increase. — Kyodo

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTICE

AS the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 13th MARCH 2025 (Fullmoon Day of Taboung) and 27th MARCH 2025 (Armed Force Day), Loading, Unloading and delivery for Goods will be received on Payment as Holiday Fees.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ALS SUMIRE VOY.NO. (182N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ALS SUMIRE VOY.NO. (182N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 5-3-2025 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MIP where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Changing Trade Name For Registered Pesticide

The pesticide manufactured by ICP Ladda Co.,Ltd and distributed by ICP Shwe Me Fertilizer Co.,Ltd is changing trade Name as follow. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board within (14) days.

No	Previous Name	New Name	Active Ingredient	Registration No
1	Legacy 20	Flying Bis	Bispyribac-sodium 20% WP	P2024-6317

ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

A-bomb survivor's son repeats call for elimination of nukes at UN



The third meeting of the state parties to the 2021 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons is held in New York on 3 March 2025. **PHOTO: KYODO**

THE state parties to a UN treaty on banning nuclear weapons met in New York on Monday, with a Hiroshima atomic bomb survivor's son repeating his call for the eradication of such arsenals.

The participants gathered for a full session at the world body's headquarters for the first time since Nihon Hidankyo, Japan's leading group of atomic bomb survivors, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize last fall.

The participants at the third meeting of the 2021 Treaty on the

Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons will discuss the doctrine of nuclear deterrence and adopt a declaration when it ends on Friday.

"For young cells exposed to atomic bombs in mothers' wombs, the effects of radiation are immeasurable," 79-year-old Jiro Hamasumi from Tokyo said in a speech at Monday's meeting.

Hamasumi was born six months after his mother was exposed to radiation in the 1945 US atomic bomb attack on the western Japan city.

Calling the nuclear bomb the "devil's weapon," Hamasumi said, "We must not repeat the tragedy of the atomic bombings."

Japan, the only country attacked with atomic bombs, and countries with nuclear arsenals including the United States and Russia have not adopted the treaty.

The Japanese government did not send official observers to the first and second meetings in 2022 and 2023, respectively, and has not dispatched a representative for the ongoing round. — Kyodo

NEWS IN BRIEF

Russia-US talks on Ukraine unlikely before full diplomatic operations resume: Kremlin

Russia-US talks on Ukraine are unlikely to begin before the full restoration of diplomatic missions in both countries, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov was quoted by RIA Novosti as saying on Tuesday.

US and Russian delegations met in Istanbul on 27 February to discuss issues affecting the operations of their respective diplomatic missions in Moscow and Washington.

According to the Russian Foreign Ministry, the discussions included the status of Russian diplomatic properties in the United States, particularly the return of six properties that were "illegally seized" between 2016 and 2018. — Xinhua

UNIFIL commander urges Lebanon, Israel to refrain from escalation

Newly appointed UNIFIL Sector West Commander Nicola Mandolesi on Monday called on Lebanon and Israel to refrain from actions that could jeopardize the fragile stability in the region.

"The full implementation of Resolution 1701 is of utmost importance, and we call on all parties to refrain from any actions that could jeopardize the fragile stability currently in place," Mandolesi said when meeting with Mufti of Tyre and Jabal Amel in southern Lebanon, Judge Sheikh Hassan Abdallah, according to the official National News Agency (NNA).

"UNIFIL remains fully committed to the communities of southern Lebanon, working to restore security and stability while supporting the Lebanese army in deploying its forces in the region," Mandolesi said. He also highlighted UNIFIL's daily commitment to supporting the Lebanese army through joint patrols, knowledge-sharing, and coordinated operational activities. "This ongoing effort is essential to ensuring a safe and stable environment, contributing to the return of displaced residents to southern Lebanon," he said. — Xinhua

Severe flooding strikes Jakarta, surrounding cities after heavy rain

SEVERE flooding hit most areas in Jakarta and its satellite cities on Tuesday after heavy rain poured over the regions since Monday evening, leaving thousands of houses submerged and hundreds of residents affected.

Videos taken by residents showed severe flooding with water levels reaching rooftops and submerging entire cars. The floods also caused significant traf-

fic congestion across the cities.

Local media reported that a joint team from the regional disaster management agency, fire department, and search and rescue team was deployed to the affected areas to assist with evacuations and emergency responses.

Head of Indonesia's Meteorology, Climatology, and Geophysics Agency, Dwikorita Karnawati,

said the floods had been predicted in several regions across the Southeast Asian country.

"The heavy rain was caused by the detection of atmospheric waves such as the Equatorial Rossby wave and the Kelvin wave, followed by the formation of a low-pressure area and the convergence of several wind patterns from various directions," said Karnawati. — Xinhua



An online motorcycle taxi driver uses a smartphone while standing in the middle of the flood where several cars are submerged at the Grand Galaxy Shopping Area in Bekasi, West Java, on 4 March 2025.

PHOTO: AFP

SPORTS

Shan United to play AFC Challenge League quarterfinal opener away

THE 2024-2025 AFC Challenge League quarterfinal matches will take place on 5 and 6 March, with Myanmar club Shan United set to play their first leg away.

The tournament is divided into two zones. In the East Asia Zone, Shan United will compete against Cambodia's Preah Khan Reach Svay Rieng, Chinese Taipei's Tainan City and Indonesia's Madura United. Meanwhile, in

the West Asia Zone, Kuwait's Al-Arabi, Oman's Al-Seeb, India's East Bengal and Turkmenistan's Arkadag will battle for qualification.

Shan United will play their first leg of the quarterfinals away on 6 March, followed by the second leg on 13 March at Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon. The club secured its spot in the quarterfinals by



Shan United celebrating their 2024-2025 MNL championship win. PHOTO: THAW GYI

finishing first in Group D.

Having recently won the 2024-2025 Myanmar National

League (MNL) title with a record-breaking performance, Shan United now heads into in-

ternational competition in the AFC Challenge League quarterfinals. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

PSG v Liverpool match in Paris 'not classed as high risk': police

FRENCH police said the policing operation for Liverpool's Champions League match against Paris Saint-Germain on Wednesday would be "classic" and that the match was not classed as high risk.

The last 16, first leg tie at PSG's Parc des Princes stadium is the first time Liverpool have returned to the French capital since the 2022 Champions League final between the club and Real Madrid at the Stade de France was plunged into chaos.

A Paris police source said the security for the match would be a "classic arrangement for a Champions League match".

"The context is not the same as three years ago. It's not a final, it's at the Parc des Princes and not at the Stade de France and a lot of things have changed since then," the source said.

He added it was "not classed as high risk". Around 2,000 Liverpool fans will attend the game.

The Champions League final three years ago was delayed by more than 30 minutes as fans struggled to enter the Stade de France after police funnelled them into bottlenecks as they approached the stadium.

Police then fired tear gas towards thousands of fans locked behind metal fences on the stadium perimeter.

European football's governing body UEFA initially tried to pin the blame on supporters arriving late, but a French Senate inquiry concluded that poorly-executed security arrangements were the cause of the mayhem. — AFP

Joshua Van to face undefeated Rei Tsuruya at UFC 313

MYANMAR fighter Joshua Van will compete in UFC 313, which takes place on the morning of 9 March Myanmar time.

He is scheduled to face Japanese fighter Rei Tsuruya in the sixth bout of the event. Joshua Van has a professional MMA record of 12 wins and two losses from 14 fights, while Rei Tsuruya remains unbeaten with 10 wins in 10 fights. This will be Joshua Van's first fight of the year.

Van was initially set to fight Brazilian fighter Bruno Silva, but the bout was cancelled, leading to the matchup with Rei Tsuruya. Since joining the UFC in 2023, Joshua Van has fought six times, securing five wins and one loss. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL



PHOTO: UFC

Inoue eyes May bout in Las Vegas, Nakatani showdown in 2026

UNDISPUTED super bantamweight champion Naoya Inoue said he expects his next bout to take place in Las Vegas in May as he revealed his desire to square off with fellow unbeaten compatriot Junto Nakatani in spring 2026.

Speaking to reporters

after a TV recording on Monday, the 31-year-old Inoue said he is "watching footage" of his rumored next opponent, American Ramon Cardenas, ranked second by the WBA in the super bantamweight division.

Boasting a 29-0 record with 26 wins by knockout, Inoue welcomed the prospect of going head-to-head with the 27-year-old Na-

katani, the WBC bantamweight champ who has gone 30-0 with his 23rd KO on 24 February against Mexican challenger David Cuellar.

"It's a bout that Japanese fans are looking forward to," Inoue said. "If both of us keep winning our matches on the way, it will lift the mood".

For 2025, the "Monster" stated he is anticipating a match with Uzbekistan's interim WBA champ Murodjon Akhmadaliev in September in Japan before moving up a division to face WBA featherweight belt holder Nick Ball of Britain in December in Saudi Arabia. — Kyodo



Japanese boxer Naoya Inoue is pictured during the recording of a television programme on 3 March 2025. (Photo courtesy of WOWOW) PHOTO: KYODO



Arab leaders gather to hash out alternative to Trump's Gaza plan

ARAB leaders were gathering in Cairo Tuesday to discuss an alternative to US President Donald Trump's widely condemned plan to assume control of war-battered Gaza and displace its Palestinian population.

Hours before the summit opened, Israel demanded Gaza's "full demilitarization", which Hamas promptly rejected, calling disarmament a "red line".

The Arab League summit on reconstruction follows renewed backing of Trump's plan from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who labelled it "visionary and innovative".

Palestinians, Arab states and many US and Israeli partners have rejected Trump's proposal, opposing any efforts to expel Gazans.

The United Nations estimates Gaza's reconstruction will cost more than \$53 billion, after a devastating war triggered by Hamas's unprecedented 7 October 2023 attack on Israel.

Arab foreign ministers met Monday in Cairo for a closed-door meeting to prepare a plan to rebuild Gaza without displacing its people, an Arab League source told AFP on condition of anonymity.

The plan "would be presented to Arab leaders at Tuesday's summit for approval", the source said.

Several Arab heads of state are expected, along with foreign ministers or other high-level representatives.

Among those attending was Syria's interim President Ahmed al-Sharaa, state media said.

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi and Bahrain's King Hamad are expected to deliver opening remarks, according to a scheduled shared by the Arab



People watch on a big screen as Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi (R) welcomes Jordan's King Abdullah II ahead of an Arab League summit on Gaza on 4 March 2025. PHOTO: AFP

League. Trump triggered global outrage when he first floated his idea for the United States to "take over" the Gaza Strip and turn it into the "Riviera of the Middle East", while forcing its Palestinian residents to relocate

to Egypt and Jordan.

Trump has since appeared to soften his stance, saying he was "not forcing" the plan, which experts have said could violate international law. — AFP

WHO says won't 'give up' as US aid funding cuts take toll

THE World Health Organization acknowledged Tuesday that the US freeze on foreign aid funding has hit vital global health programmes but vowed to find a way to keep delivering to those in need.

The United Nations health agency said it was



This photograph taken on 2 December 2021 shows a sign of the World Health Organization (WHO) next to theirs headquarters, in Geneva. PHOTO: AFP

still too early to determine the full impact of the freeze on foreign aid spending by the United States – traditionally the world's largest aid donor.

But WHO spokeswoman Margaret Harris admitted that some programmes had clearly been affected, including the global measles surveillance network, which had been 100-per-cent funded by the United States.

On measles, "there is a big shortfall", she told reporters in Geneva.

"We're not going to let it collapse," she insisted, adding though that "finding a way to keep it going is of course challenging".

Janet Diaz, head of the Safe Scalable Care unit at WHO's emergencies programme, said the response to an ongoing Ebola outbreak in Uganda had been hit by the US aid freeze.

"WHO has had to step up and cover areas it usually doesn't support," she said, pointing to "biological sample transport and logistics and the deployment of surveillance teams to points of entries". — AFP

Pope breathing without mask after respiratory attacks: Vatican

POPE Francis was breathing without a mask on Tuesday after suffering two bouts of acute respiratory failure, the Vatican said as the leader of the world's Catholics spent his 19th day in hospital with pneumonia.

The 88-year-old Argentine pontiff, head of the Catholic Church since 2013, "slept all night long and continues to rest" following Monday's crisis, the Holy See said.

As of Tuesday morning, Francis had switched from an oxygen mask to high-flow oxygen delivered through a

cannula, a plastic tube which tucks into the nostrils, a statement read. He is continuing his treatment and respiratory physiotherapy, it added.

In its evening update on Monday, the Vatican stressed Francis's prognosis remained "reserved" – an indication that doctors cannot predict the likely outcome of his condition. Francis, who leads the world's 1.4 billion Catholics, was admitted to Rome's Gemelli hospital on 14 February with bronchitis, which developed into pneumonia in both lungs. — AFP