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Message from U Min Aung Hlaing, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, on occasion of 29th Anniversary of BIMSTEC

ON the auspicious occasion of the 29th Anniversary of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), I, on behalf of the Government and People of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, extend my warm greetings and best wishes to the Governments and Peoples of the BIMSTEC Member States as well as the BIMSTEC Secretariat.

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President U Min Aung Hlaing presents the decent factory/workplace award to Shwe Wah Nadi Agriculture Co Ltd from Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawaday Region, at yesterday's event.

To combat climate change, priorities must shift towards driving green investments and low-carbon development across all sectors.

The global challenge of climate change and environmental issues can only be effectively addressed through cooperation among the international community and regional countries, said U Min Aung Hlaing, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the ceremony to mark the 2026 World Environment Day at the Yezin Forestry and Environmental Science University in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

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Quality boost, research needed to drive pulses market

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by officials, inspected seeds of crops produced by the Pulse Crops Research Section under the Agricultural Research Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation on the Yezin University Campus in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung and officials reported to the President on the production of seeds of pulse species, sunflower species and crops through the research works by the section.

In response, the President delivered a speech, saying that the country is currently exporting various types of pulses to international markets, including green gram, black gram, pigeon pea, chickpea, cowpea, and soybean, which meet market-quality standards.

He noted that it is necessary to continuously carry out quality control and improvement of these pulses, as well as ongoing research and production efforts to enhance their value to further strengthen market access.

He underlined that as pulse crops are economically important commodities that generate income through both domestic consumption and export, efforts should be made to continuously research and develop high-yielding, disease-resistant, and market-demand varieties that are suitable for local conditions.

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Import, storage, and distribution of fuel tankers at Thilawa inspected

THE director-general of the Petroleum Products Supervision and Inspection Department inspected the arrival and unloading of fuel tankers at the Thilawa Terminal in Yangon yesterday. He also inspected fuel tanker conditions, including whether the tonnage of imported fuel matches the permitted quantity and the amount loaded on the tankers, as well as taking fuel samples to verify quality consistency. In addition, he reviewed fuel storage conditions at the terminal and the status of tankers used for distribution.

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Inspections of distribution and arrival tankers are underway.



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Since its establishment through the Bangkok Declaration, BIMSTEC has served as an important platform for promoting regional cooperation and advancing economic growth and social development in the Bay of Bengal region, guided by the principles of equality, mutual respect, and partnership.

For twenty-nine years, BIMSTEC has made steady progress in strengthening its institutional framework and expanding cooperation across priority sectors. These collective efforts have enhanced its effectiveness and reinforced its role as a meaningful platform for regional collaboration.

As we approach the 30th Anniversary of BIMSTEC next year, there is a need to set a more ambitious path forward based on the achievements. Let us work together to ensure that BIMSTEC continues to evolve into a more effective, results-oriented, and responsive regional organization that delivers tangible benefits to our peoples.

BIMSTEC Day serves as a timely reminder of the vast potential within our region and the importance of unity in harnessing it. Together, we can build a more resilient, dynamic, and people-centred BIMSTEC community for the benefit of present and future generations.

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HE proceeded to the Htut Khaung checkpoint, where relevant departments jointly inspect fuel tankers departing from Thilawa to ensure compliance with requirements, and observed the inspection process.

According to reports, fuel stored in the country currently stands at 40 days' supply for petrol and 54 days' supply for diesel. At present, three fuel tankers

are unloading at Thilawa, one is en route, one is loading fuel at an international port, and five are waiting to be loaded, making a total of 10 tankers.

As fuel tankers continue to arrive regularly as scheduled, the Ministry of Electricity and Energy is making continuous arrangements to ensure a stable fuel supply and adequate storage levels. — MNA/MKKS

Pyinmana, Dekkhinathiri face brief outages for 7 June power upgrades

TO carry out the conversion work of the 33 kV Taungtha substation, which receives power from the 33 kV Pyinmana power line in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, to the 33 kV Development-2 power line, the 33 kV Pyinmana power line and the 33 kV Development-2 power line will be taken out of service from 8 am to 1 pm on 7 June.

Wards and surrounding villages in Pyinmana Township, wards in Dekkhinathiri Township, the hotel zone, NGOs, and two municipal water treatment plants will experience temporary power outages. Government offices and public facilities in the affected areas have been notified in advance. — MNA/MKKS

Myanmar Gazette

Appointment of Heads of Service Organizations confirmed; Head of Service Organization appointed

- The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of the following individuals as Heads of Service Organizations on the expiry of one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Zaw Lin	Director-General Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department Ministry of Border Affairs
(b) Dr Khin Thida	Director-General Department of Educational Research, Planning and Training Ministry of Education
- The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Zaw Tun, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Ethnical Literature and Culture under the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs, as Director-General of the Union Minister's Office on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

CNG renewal to require owner book endorsement from 10 July

VEHICLES using compressed natural gas (CNG) will be required to have a CNG endorsement stamped in their Vehicle Registration Book (Owner Book) by the Road Transport Administration Department before CNG licence renewal can be processed, according to Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise under Ministry of Elec-

tricity and Energy.

The new requirement will take effect on 10 July 2026 and aims to ensure accurate registration records for CNG-operated vehicles.

Meanwhile, combined inspection teams comprising officials from the Natural Gas for Vehicles Department, Road Transport Administration Department, Trans-



Combined inspection teams verify records of authorized CNG taxis, including information on vehicle owners and drivers, during field inspections.

port Planning Department and the Yangon Region Private Transport Committee conducted field inspections at CNG stations and key road junctions from 2 to 4 June.

The inspections focused on verifying the accuracy of records for authorized CNG taxis, including information related to vehicle owners and drivers, according to officials. — ASH/KZL

Potential Development of El Niño Conditions

Issued on 1 June 2026

- The Sea Surface Temperature (SST) over the Tropical Pacific Ocean near the equator indicate the possible development of El Niño conditions. According to forecasts from International Meteorological Agencies based on Numerical Weather Prediction Models, weak El Niño conditions have already developed and strong El Niño conditions could occur towards the end of 2026.
- Although El Niño is a phenomenon that occurs in the Pacific Ocean, its impacts can generally lead to irregular rainfall patterns, higher day temperatures, abnormal storm activity, drought and other extreme weather events.
- Updates regarding the development of El Niño conditions will continue to be issued in a timely manner. — DMH

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The President highlighted that in exporting crops abroad, efforts should be made to achieve higher sales volumes even with lower profit margins per unit.

He continued that although the various pulses currently being exported to foreign markets are of

good quality, it is understood that there are still shortcomings when compared with pulses from other countries.

He stressed that it is important to systematically conduct research and develop crop varieties that are suitable for each respective region. It is also necessary to further



President U Min Aung Hlaing looks into the exhibits at yesterday's inspection of crop seeds produced by the Pulse Crops Research Section.

expand the production of sunflower and sesame seeds.

The President gave guideline that when cultivated areas are expanded, seed production activities should be continuously conducted domestically through systematic re-

search in order to meet the resulting seed demand. Research teams should be despatched to the regions with large cultivated areas but low yields so as to conduct research to seek solutions.

— MNA/TTA

Vice-President U Nyo Saw attends 29th Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum

THE Plenary Session of the 29th Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum took place at the Expoforum Convention and Exhibition Centre in Saint Petersburg yesterday afternoon local standard time, attended by the delegation led by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyo Saw.

Also present at the forum were President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Putin, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Mr Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the United Republic of Tanzania Mr Samia Suluhu Hassan, Vice-President of the People's Republic of China Mr Han Zeng, State leaders, officials and businesspeople.

Russian President Mr Vladimir Putin delivered an address and led the discussions at the forum.

In the morning,



Vice-President U Nyo Saw holds talks with the Russian delegation at the 29th SPIEF.

Vice-President U Nyo Saw received a delegation led by Russia-ASEAN Business Council Chair Mr Ivan Viktorovich Polyakov and exchanged views on the strengthening of relations between Myanmar and the Council and the multi-sectoral cooperation, including the trade and investment sectors.

At the ceremony to

sign the memorandum of understanding on the Dawei Deep Sea Port Power Station, officials from Inter RAO Company of the Russian Federation and Launglon Economic Development Company Limited of Myanmar in the presence of the Vice-President and the Russian Minister of Economic Development.

On 5 June, officials of the Ministry of National Planning, Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and the Ministry of Commerce of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Fund RC-Investments of the Russian Federation signed the memorandum of cooperation (MoC). — MNA/TTA

Yangon General Hospital cardiology inpatient load tops 4,000

THE Cardiology Department at Yangon General Hospital (YGH) reportedly provided medical treatment to over 4,000 inpatients and more than 13,000 outpatients for heart-related conditions in 2025.

YGH is a 2,000-bed facility, and its Cardiology Department performs various cardiac tests and procedures, including echocardiograms, coronary angioplasties, radiofrequency ablation for arrhythmia, pacemaker implantations, and non-surgical device closures for congenital heart defects.

“Regarding cardiac treatments, we performed over 11,000 echocardiograms throughout the year, averaging between 600 and 700 cases per month. For emergency heart patients, we performed nearly 900 coronary angiograms and angioplasties. Out of those 900+ patients, about one-third required emergency treatments. Additionally, for patients with irregular heartbeats, we performed cardiac ablations for over 490 cases. We also conducted implanting pacemakers. Last year, we conducted 2020 cases of non-surgical device closures,” said Dr Nwe Nwe, professor and head of the department.

The Cardiology Department hopes to expand its treatment capabilities further this year. In addition, it trains future generations of doctors for the Doctorate in Cardiology in affiliation with the University of Medicine 1, Yangon, producing three specialists annually. — MT/ZN

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Speaking on the occasion, the President urged all attendees, saying that priority must be given to promoting green investment and development activities that reduce carbon emissions across all relevant sectors in addressing climate change resulting from the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions, and efforts to scale up such initiatives be strengthened and implemented effectively.

He continued that the theme being emphasized for this year's World Environment Day, calling for awareness and collective action across the globe, is "A Global Call for Climate Action", which urges everyone to join hands in combating climate change.

He stated that it is necessary to highlight the need for humanity to respond to the adverse impacts and natural disasters caused by climate change and to emphasize that issues re-

lated to climate change mitigation must be addressed urgently, with strengthened cooperation and increased collective efforts now more than ever.

He said that countries around the world, including Myanmar, face natural disasters every year, resulting in significant economic and social losses. He further stated that Myanmar's central dry zone is among the regions recording some of the highest temperatures in the world. He recounted that Chauk recorded a temperature of 45.3 degrees Celsius in 2025, while this year it reached 44.9 degrees Celsius. Likewise, 12 major towns in the central dry zone recorded temperatures of 41 degrees Celsius or higher. **While these conditions may be attributed to global warming, it is also true that forest and tree cover in the region is sparse.**

The President noted that studies show that

more than 269.8 million trees of various species were planted in Myanmar between 2016 and 2025, which is roughly equivalent to about one million acres. Although trees are used for various purposes to meet human needs, the loss of forests could be fully offset if every tree harvested were replaced by planting and nurturing another tree.

Therefore, he emphasized that it has become imperative for the State to systematically implement coordinated measures across all sectors, with special emphasis on climate change mitigation, and wished to remind all concerned of the urgent need to undertake such efforts.

He explained that Myanmar has acceded as a Party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its related agreements, namely the Kyoto Protocol and the

Paris Agreement, and has been actively cooperating with the international community in implementing climate change mitigation and response measures.

The President retold that the Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation attended the 30th Conference of the Parties (COP30) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Belém, Brazil, in November 2025, and, on behalf of Myanmar, delivered statements and participated in discussions at the Leaders' Summit and related meetings. This demonstrated Myanmar's commitment to working in cooperation with the international community to achieve a sustainable, inclusive, and climate-resilient future for future generations.

As a Party to the Paris Agreement, he continued that Myanmar has been

Key points of guidance given by the President at the World Environment Day ceremony

1. It is also planned to plant more than 21 million trees across approximately 30,000 acres nationwide in 2026.
2. Long-term plans have also been drawn up to 2030 to continue establishing mangrove plantations annually.
3. The State has established forest reserves and protected public forests, which occupy 26.11 per cent of the nation and 62 natural areas accounting for 6.59 per cent of the nation as 50 per cent forest coverage of the nation.

striving to implement, to the fullest extent possible, the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets set out in its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) submitted to the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), in accordance with its commitments under the Agreement.

He noted that relevant stakeholders must prioritize efforts to promote the development of key areas outlined in this programme,

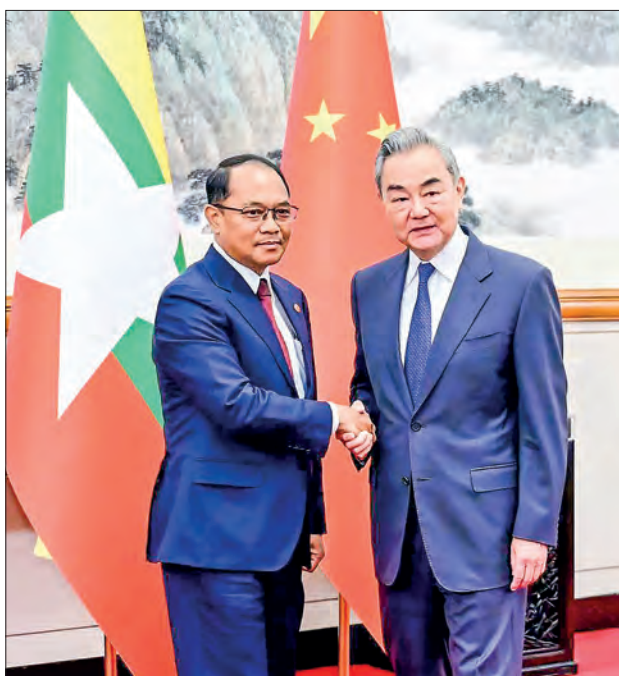
including the development of renewable energy, the planting and conservation of forests and trees, the introduction of climate-resilient agricultural systems, the development of urban and industrial sectors that can efficiently utilize energy, the distribution of high-efficiency improved cookstoves as alternatives to firewood, rural electrification based on solar energy, and the increased production and use of carbon-free electric vehicles.

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MoFA Union Minister pays official visit to China

AT the invitation of Mr Wang Yi, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, U Tin Maung Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, paid an official visit to China.

During the visit, Union Minister U Tin Maung Swe met Mr Wang Yi at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing yesterday. The two sides cordially exchanged views on further consolidating the existing traditional "Pauk-Phaw" friendship between Myanmar and China, accelerating pragmatic cooperation, including the building up of a "Community with a Shared Future", enhancement of cooperation between the two Foreign Ministries, boosting bilateral trade



Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Tin Maung Swe shakes hands with Chinese Foreign Minister Mr Wang Yi during their meeting in Beijing.

and investment, continue cooperation for stability and peace along the border, and China's continued support and assistance towards Myanmar's peace process

and socioeconomic development efforts.

Furthermore, both sides agreed to continue working on combatting online scams and other illegal

activities in the border areas, and to enhance mutually beneficial cooperation while rendering mutual support to each other on regional and international arenas.

During the discussions, the Union Minister expressed his profound appreciation to China for its consistent support for Myanmar, particularly for its contribution to the post-earthquake rehabilitation processes. He also emphasized that Myanmar fully supports the "One China Policy" and the four global initiatives of the Chinese leader and will continue to collaborate on regional and international areas, especially under the matters, including through the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and Lancang-Mekong cooperation frameworks.

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Myanmar plans adoption of Russian smart meter billing systems

UNION Minister for Electricity and Energy U Ko Lwin met Mr Vladimir Parshin, Chief Executive Officer of Telematic Solution Co Ltd, at the Expoforum Convention and Exhibition Centre in Saint Petersburg, the Russian Federation, on 4 June.

The Union minister is currently in the Russian Federation with the delegation led by the Vice-President U Nyo Saw to attend the 29th Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum.

During the meeting, discussions were held on investment and technology transfer related to the adoption of Russia's proprietary digital meter-reading and smart-meter billing systems in Myanmar, as well as the potential integration and upgrading of the systems currently in use. — MNA/TH



Union Minister U Ko Lwin meets Chief Executive Officer Mr Vladimir Parshin of Telematic Solution Co Ltd in the Russian Federation.

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3rd Pyithu Hluttaw enters day 3 of second regular session

THE second regular session of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the third day at the Pyithu Hluttaw building of the Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The third-day session was attended by 349 out of 351 Hluttaw representatives, accounting for 99.43 per cent.

At the meeting, Deputy Minister for Transport U Tun Lu replied to the questions raised by U Tin Aung Chit from Aunglan Constituency. He said vehicle registration renewal and driver's licence issuance services for Aunglan District are currently being handled by the Thayet District office. Aunglan District, comprising Aunglan and Sinbaungwe townships, currently has 12,087 vehicles and motorcycles and 18,707 driver's licences. Mobile field services for vehicle renewal and driver's licence examinations are being conducted in Aunglan twice a month, totalling 24 times annually.

He further explained that during field visits by the Thayet District office



The third-day meeting of the second regular session of the Third Pyithu Hluttaw is underway yesterday.

to Aunglan District, insurance-related services are also provided together in a One-Stop Service system. At present, Aunglan District is still being jointly served with Thayet District under this One-Stop Service arrangement, and due to current restrictions on opening new district offices, there is no plan yet to establish separate district office in Aunglan District.

He also clarified the questions of U Kyaw Than from the Manaung Constituency, stating that in order for ATR 72-

600 aircraft to operate at Manaung Airport, the current runway measuring 4,500 by 100 feet would need upgrading. As the first phase, a 1,500-by-100-foot extension to the south and overlay works would be proposed for funding in the 2027-2028 financial year, and implementation would proceed if funding is approved.

He replied to the questions raised by U Sai Wun Sam from the Mongkat Constituency. He said there are two possible flood prevention methods for Tapmai Vil-

lage. The first is to divert the Namhnon Creek by excavating a 1,260-foot-long channel through a high earth area opposite the village to straighten the creek and redirect water flow away from the village. The second is to directly protect the village with retaining walls along the creek bank, with about 650 feet of the section adjacent to the creek needing reinforcement up to the road level.

Therefore, the creek-straightening project near Tapmai Village will be implement-

ed under the Shan State Government's disaster prevention capital fund programme, and detailed surveys and measurements will be conducted so that the project can be prioritized in the nearest financial year.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Bo Bo Kyaw replied to the questions tabled by Sai Tun Lin from the Mongnai Constituency, saying mechanized dredging and clearing works on 0.45 mile of the 5.1-mile section between the Kyutaw Dam and Fainglone Dam of Mongnai will be carried out within 100 days before the rainy season under the 2026-2027 Union capital budget. The remaining 4.65 miles will be proposed under the 2027-2028 Union capital budget or other suitable funding sources, depending on budget approval. Completion of the works can protect about 3,000 acres of farmland from flooding.

Of the five breached embankment sections of the Namhton Creek to-

talling 2,325 feet between the Kyutaw Dam and Fainglone Dam, 1,125 feet had already been repaired during the 2025-2026 financial year with funding from the Shan State Government. The remaining 1,200 feet at four locations will be reinforced in the 2026-2027 financial year using a Union budget of K120 million.

The reserve embankments from the confluence of Namhton and Namgmae Mann creeks have become lower over time, and upgrading works on the 1.37-mile embankment section will be proposed for the 2027-2028 Union capital budget or other suitable funding sources, depending on budget approval.

Similarly, embankment raising and dredging works along the 1.43-mile stretch from the confluence of Namhton and Nam Mae Mann creeks to the Nakhon-Haekaw road will also be proposed under the 2027-2028 Union capital budget or other suitable funding arrangements.

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Myanmar-BRICS media ties to foster deeper relations

THE mutual exchange of information within the information and media sector between Myanmar and BRICS member countries, including Russia, will further strengthen relations among nations and increasingly promote mutual understanding among their peoples, Union Minister for Information U Htein Linn stated yesterday during an interview with the TV BRICS news agency in Saint Petersburg, the Russian Federation.

He also stated that, in line with the saying, "The media is a tool for shaping public opinion,"



Union Minister U Htein Linn meets the media – TV BRICS news agency – in Saint Petersburg yesterday.

the media not only influences public perceptions but also serves as a bridge for cultural exchange and mutual understanding among nations. He further noted that collaboration

with BRICS countries in developing digital infrastructure and cultivating human resources could help improve the socio-economic well-being of the people.

The Union minister

mentioned that, as the ministry is making multifaceted efforts to develop the country's media sector and strengthen friendships with partner nations, cooperation with the Russian Federation in the media sector plays an important role. He added that, to further promote cooperation in the information and news media sectors between the two countries, they are working with Russian state-owned television stations to exchange information and mutually share and broadcast documentaries and cultural programmes. — MNA/TH

Monsoon tree-planting ceremony held in Thanlyin

THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region, in cooperation with the Township Forest Department, organized the 2026 monsoon tree-planting ceremony in Pharku (East) Village this morning. The event aimed to promote a green environment, maintain ecological balance and encourage the participation of rural residents in tree-planting activities within the township.

Yangon Region Hlut-

taw Representative U Yan Myo Aung first explained the objectives and benefits of monsoon tree planting. Head of the Thanlyin District Department of Rural Development Daw Aye Aye Kyu then handed over saplings to the village administrator for growing them in the village.

Officials, departmental staff and residents jointly planted 600 Acacia mangium (brown salwood) saplings along both sides of the production road in Pharku (East) Village. — Maung Khaing (Rural)

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He clarified that the State has established forest reserves and protected public forests, which occupy 26.11 per cent of the nation and 62 natural areas accounting for 6.59 per cent of the nation, as 50 per cent forest coverage of the nation.

The President stressed that afforestation and reforestation activities are being actively carried out in already established forest areas, areas outside designated forest reserves, and inland regions in order to protect against the impacts of climate change, prevent flooding and soil erosion, and reduce risks from natural disasters.

From 2021 to 2025, he recounted that a to-

tal of over 160,000 acres of plantations—including state-owned plantations, commercial plantations, industrial raw-material plantations, watershed plantations, mangrove plantations, and village fuelwood plantations — have been established, with more than 122 million trees planted.

He underlined that it is also planned to plant more than 21 million trees across approximately 30,000 acres nationwide in 2026, including state-owned forest plantations. Special greening activities are being carried out in 13 districts of the tropical region, along railway lines, along both sides of ASEAN highways and other roads, as well as in the Bagan ancient cultural heritage

While these conditions may be attributed to global warming, it is also true that forest and tree cover in the region is sparse.

zone and the areas surrounding Inlay Lake, in collaboration with relevant departments. Similarly, a total of 1,715 acres of mangrove plantations were established in coastal areas in 2025, with more than two million trees planted. Long-term plans have also been drawn up to 2030 to continue establishing mangrove plantations annually.

The President awarded the national-level environmentally sustainable cities prize to Hpa-an of Kayin State, the national-level environmentally sustainable villages prize to new Bawnin Village in Kalaw Township of Shan State and the good factory/workplace award to Shwe Wah Nadi Agriculture Co Ltd in Nyaungdon Township of Ayeyawady Region,

respectively.

Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye presented first, second and third prizes to winners in the national-level clean and green school (high and middle school level); Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi, first, second and third prizes to winners in the national-level clean and green school (primary level); Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe, winners in the environmental commemorative university/college article contest; and Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung, winners in the basic education high school level essay contest.

The President and party watched video clips on the messages sent by the UN Secretary-General

and the UNEP Executive Director to mark the 2026 World Environment Day, and a knowledge-sharing video clip on 2026 world environmental conservation.

The President viewed the exhibitions on the 2026 World Environment Day and asked about the necessary measures regarding the presentations of officials.

Also present at the ceremony were Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Ye Win Oo, Union-level dignitaries, Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chair, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, members of the environmental conservation committee, deputy ministers and officials. — MNA/TTA

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Chinese Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Wang Yi stated China will continue working for the strengthening of friendly Pauk-Phaw relations and will continue to support Myanmar's peace process and its own way towards building a democratic nation in alignment with its own national interests. He also added that to enhance understanding and trust through close cooperation between the two Foreign Ministries and thereby advance mutually beneficial cooperation across all sectors.

Following the meeting, Mr Wang Yi, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the PRC, hosted a luncheon for Union Minister U Tin Maung Swe and the delegation.

Afterwards, the Union Minister met Mr Li Hongzhong, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China (NPC), at the Great Hall. They engaged in a cordial exchange of views on parliamentary and governmental initiatives, exploring opportunities to expand cooperation between the two Parliaments, and discussed ways to open up a new chapter in bilateral relations and cooperation. — MNA

MoIP UM receives UNHCR Representative to Myanmar

UNION Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing received Mr Barnaby Jones, Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to Myanmar, at the meeting hall of the Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The two sides cordially exchanged views on enabling UNHCR staff to inform relevant local authorities while carrying out domestic travel and neces-

sary assistance activities, coordinating only with officially registered NGOs and INGOs, ensuring that UNHCR uses information officially confirmed and released by relevant departments and organizations when publishing information, and continuing cooperation between the Ministry and UNHCR.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister U Lin Zaw Tun, the permanent secretary,



The UNHCR Representative calls on Union Minister U Myint Kyaing yesterday.

the director-general of the Immigration Department and other relevant officials. — MNA/KTZH

MSWRR Union Minister receives IOM Mission Chief



Mr Daihei Mochiguki, Chief of Mission of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), calls on Union Minister Dr Soe Win.

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win received a delegation led by Mr Daihei Mochizuki, Chief of Mission of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), at the ministry's guest hall yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on the signing of the MoU between the ministry and IOM, cooperation with IOM in anti-human trafficking prevention and rehabilitation activities, visa arrangements and domestic travel permissions for foreign staff.

Also present at the meeting were the director-general of the Disaster Management Department, the director-general of the Rehabilitation Department, the deputy permanent secretary, staff and representatives of the IOM office. — MNA/KTZH

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He also replied to the questions raised by U Thein Yi from the Htantabin Constituency, saying the project forms part of a 3.5-mile dredging project from the upstream section of the Thaephyu village creek to the Chaungthit Creek near Ywakantlant Village under the Yangon Region Government's capital fund for the 2026-

2027 financial year. A contract will be signed with the winning tender company, and the project will be completed before the end of the financial year.

While replying to U Khin Htay Maung from the Pynmana Constituency, he added that the Hnantaw Diversion Weir has already been constructed on Hnantaw Creek, but due to heavy

sedimentation in the upper and lower sections of the weir and irrigation channels, dredging and repair works are necessary. These works will be carried out with Nay Pyi Taw Council funds during the 2026-2027 financial year.

Similarly, dredging, embankment repair, and irrigation channel dredging are also required at the

Ziyine Dam, Kyauke Diversion Weir, and Kyakhat Diversion Weir located on the Ziyine Creek.

Therefore, repair works on these diversion weirs to ensure sufficient irrigation water for farmers will be proposed under the Nay Pyi Taw Council budget or other suitable funding sources for the 2027-2028 financial year, depending on the availa-

bility of funds.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker sought approval for the formation of a local and foreign non-governmental committee and its duties, authorities, rights, term and committee meetings, and the Hluttaw agreed to it. The 15-member committee was approved by the Hluttaw with U Thet Pon from Sagaing Constituency as chairman and U Tun Lwin from the ChaungU Constituency as secretary,

together with duties, authorities, rights, term and committee meetings.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker proposed the formation of a health and sports committee, and presented the formation with 15-member led by Dr Myo Tun from the Lashio Constituency as chairman, and Dr Nay Lin from the Hmawby Constituency as secretary.

The fourth-day session will be on 8 June. — MNA/KTZH

Working Committee on Economic and Commercial Matters holds meeting 2/2026



The Working Committee Meeting 2/2026 of the Working Committee on Economic and Commercial Matters is in progress.

THE Working Committee Meeting 2/2026 of the Working Committee on Economic and Commercial Matters was held on 4 June 2026 (Thursday) at the Director-General's Meeting Room of the Office of the Union Judiciary Supervision through an online and in-person hybrid system to discuss the completion of the compilation of "the Question and Answer Book on Copyright Law" and "the Summary Book on Copyright Law", which were revised and updated in accordance with the guidance and decisions adopted at the Working Committee Meeting 1/2026.

At the opening session, Union Supreme Court Justice U Thein Ko Ko, Union Supreme Court Justice Daw Pyone Pyone Aye, and Di-

rector-General Daw Tin Nwe Soe of the Office of the Union Judiciary Supervision delivered opening remarks, respectively. Following the opening remarks, the leader of the compilation team for the Question-and-Answer Book on Copyright Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Court Specialization Department, Daw Aye Aye Hlaing, presented the work that has been completed for the publication of "the Question-and-Answer Book on Copyright Law" and "the Summary Book on Copyright Law" for final approval by the committee meeting.

Thereafter, members of the Working Committee on Economic and Commercial Affairs and members of the compilation team of the Question-and-Answer Book on

Copyright Law were coordinated and discussed regarding the work that had been completed for the publication of "the Question and Answer Book on Copyright Law" and "the Summary Book on Copyright Law".

The Union Supreme Court Justice U Thein Ko Ko, Justice Daw Pyone Pyone Aye, the Director General of the Office of the Union Judiciary Supervision, members of the Working Committee on Economic and Commercial Matters, members of the compilation team for the Question and Answer Book on Copyright Law, and responsible officials from the Alternative Dispute Resolution and Court Specialization Department, with a total of 28 participants were attended the meeting. — MNA

Residents welcome civil servants returning to Falam

SINCE the Tatmadaw regained full control of Falam Township on 25 April, civil servants and their families who had been temporarily displaced in Kalay returned to Falam Township by vehicle yesterday.

They were warmly welcomed by the Chairman of the Falam District Management and Administration Committee, departmental staff, township leaders, and residents.

In order to ensure peace and stability in the area and to facilitate the normal operation of regional development programmes, departmental offices, and administrative mechanisms, the State Government and the Tatmadaw facilitated the return of civil servants and

their families temporarily displaced in Kalay Township by vehicle for the first time on 6 May.

Similarly, to carry out rehabilitation and relief efforts in Chin State, 16 types of relief and construction materials, includ-

ing 10 tonnes of cement, 20 tonnes of CI sheets, 10 tonnes of galvanized iron sheets, and eight tonnes of rice, have been delivered to Falam, Tiddim, and Tonzang townships for distribution to 600 households. — MNA/MKKS



Local people are seen welcoming civil servants returning to Falam.

Thanbyuzayat disburses K65.2M under Mya Sein Yaung Village Project

THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Thanbyuzayat Township, Mawlamyine District, Mon State, held a ceremony to disburse revolving funds under the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project in Padannangyi Village yesterday. Implemented under the project's eleventh round, the initiative aims to create employ-

ment opportunities and increase family incomes for rural people.

Head of the Thanbyuzayat Township Department of Rural Development Daw Su Thanda Lin first explained the project's objectives and rules. The project officer then clarified interest rates and regulations before handing over the total revolving fund of K65.2 million to the village pro-

ject committee.

Under the supervision of the Township DRD Head, the committee members disbursed K27.3 million to 15 farmers, K14 million to five livestock breeders, K1.2 million to one livelihood business operator, and K22.7 million to 14 traders. In total, the revolving funds were delivered directly into the hands of 134 project members. — Karan (Rural)

Prevent fire hotspot issues to conserve the environment

REGARDING the situation of potential transboundary smoke haze, the ASEAN Specialized Meteorological Centre (ASMC), based in Singapore, has downgraded its advisory level for the Mekong sub-region from Level 2 to Level 1, effective from 7 May 2026.

In addition, the centre stated that in the coming months, as the region transitions from the inter-monsoon period to the south-west monsoon, widespread rainfall is expected across the Mekong sub-region. Therefore, starting from 14 May, the advisory level for the Mekong sub-region will be downgraded from Level 1 to Level 0 (indicating the end of the dry season).

In Myanmar, the annual number of fire hotspots averages between 37,000 and over 56,000. Fire hotspots caused by forest fires and land clearing for agriculture - commonly known as shifting cultivation and slash-and-burn practices - are most frequently found in Shan State and Sagaing Region. The number of fire hotspots in Myanmar was 51,091 in 2024 and 45,025 in 2025, representing a decrease of 6,066 cases, or 12 per cent. Efforts are currently underway with the target of reducing this figure by up to 20 per cent in 2026.

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The issue of smoke haze and air pollution has become a very important environmental challenge in the region. Every country prioritizes ensuring that its citizens can live long, healthy lives free from illness. This issue cannot be addressed by a single country alone. As such, all neighbouring countries sharing borders with each other must actively cooperate and participate in joint efforts of prevention against fire hotspot issues.

Every year in March, April, and May, smoke haze levels tend to rise due to intense heat. In years with hot and dry weather conditions, more fire hotspots are likely to occur. Fire hotspot occurrences in Myanmar from January to 16 May 2026 increased by one per cent compared to 2025, while they decreased by 11 per cent compared to 2024.

For the reduction of fire hotspots and the control of transboundary smoke haze pollution, priority areas should be designated based on the number and density of fire hotspots in the respective regions and states. In place of shifting cultivation, highland farming practices should be promoted. Other measures include producing fertilizer from agricultural waste, preventing the careless use of fire in forest areas, raising public awareness among local communities, monitoring fire hotspot conditions, measuring ambient air quality, establishing response plans in the event of smoke haze pollution, and conducting simulation drills. These activities should be carried out continuously.

The Architecture of Illusion: Ego, Blame, and the Cost of Being Human

By Khin Maung Myint

1. The Failure Pattern: The Self-Serving Bias and External Locus

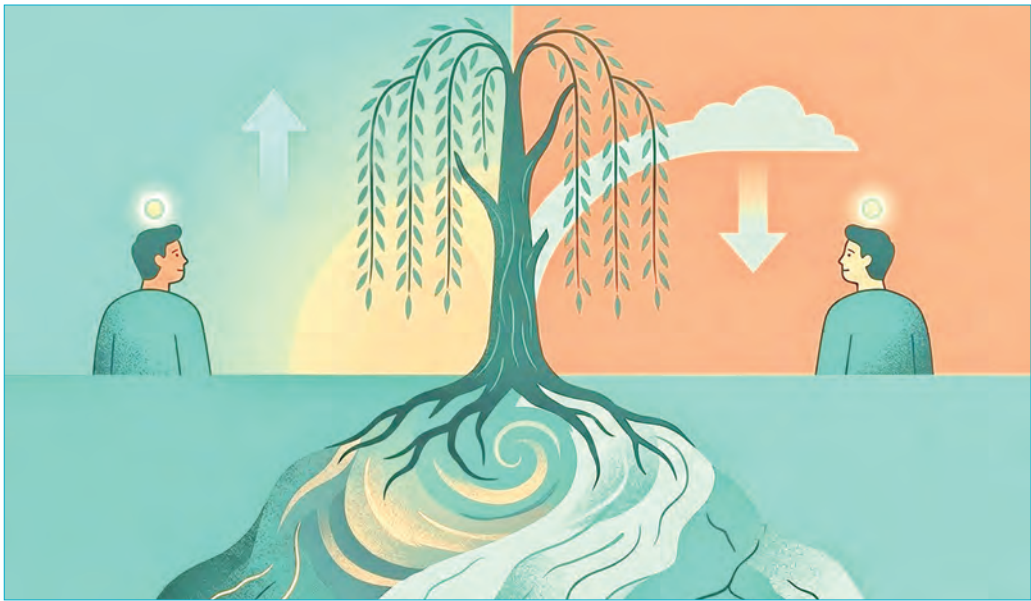
When someone fails to achieve a goal despite clear evidence of their own role in that failure, they are often employing a **Self-Serving Bias**. This is a cognitive shortcut that allows the individual to attribute positive events to their own character or actions, while attributing negative events to external, uncontrollable factors.

- External Locus of Control:** People who consistently blame “luck”, “God’s will”, or systemic issues (even when those issues are not the primary cause) possess an external locus of control. By placing the cause of the failure outside of themselves, they protect their self-esteem from the painful reality of incompetence or lack of preparation.
- Cognitive Dissonance:** The truth — “*I failed because I didn’t work hard enough*” — is often psychologically painful. To resolve the discomfort (dissonance) between the image of themselves as “capable” and the reality of their failure, the brain constructs a narrative that shifts the blame elsewhere. Blaming “luck” or “fate” is a psychological defence mechanism known as **rationalization**.
- The Trap of Victimhood:** While it is true that discrimination and systemic barriers are real, using them as a blanket shield against self-reflection prevents growth. When an individual adopts an external narrative, they surrender their agency; if you are merely a victim of fate, you have no power to improve your future.

2. The Success Pattern: The Fundamental Attribution Error and Overconfidence

Conversely, when someone succeeds, they often engage in the reverse of the failure bias. They minimize the role of luck, timing, or help from others and inflate their own internal traits.

- The Overconfidence Effect:** This occurs when an individual’s subjective confidence in their judgements is reliably greater than the objective accuracy of those judgements. Upon succeeding, they view the result as a direct consequence of their superior intellect or work ethic, ignoring the situational factors (e.g., being in the right place at the right



time) that contributed to the win.

- The Fundamental Attribution Error (Self-Directed):** We generally judge others by their circumstances and ourselves by our intentions. However, when we succeed, we tend to attribute our success to internal, stable characteristics (intelligence, talent) rather than situational variables. This creates an inflated sense of self-importance or “boasting”.
- Dunning-Kruger Effect:** Often, those who boast the most about their achievements lack the metacognitive ability to recognize that their success might have been an anomaly or a result of external systems. They do not realize how much they do not know.

Let Life Keep Flowing

By Laura Htet (UDE)

Our minds. Visiting a coffee shop we have never entered before can make an ordinary day feel more interesting. Rearranging our room, sitting near a window, or spending time in a new environment can quietly change our mood. These may seem like very small things, but small experiences often bring new energy into life.

What matters is not changing our destination but changing our perspective. A small shift in daily life can help us see familiar things differently.

Our bodies also need movement. Stress, sadness, disappointment, and worry do not simply

disappear on their own. Often, these feelings stay quietly inside us. Sometimes, we feel tired not only because of work but because we carry too many emotions without releasing them.

Exercise does not need to be difficult or extreme. We do not need to spend hours at the gym every day. A short evening walk, simple stretching in the morning, or even moving our bodies for a few minutes can help. Fresh air, sunlight, and movement often improve not only physical health but emotional health as well.

Have we ever noticed how walking quietly after a stressful

day sometimes makes us feel calmer? Or how a little movement can make heavy thoughts feel lighter? When the body feels better, the mind often feels better too.

We should also allow things in life to “flow”. Many of us keep our favourite things untouched, waiting for a special occasion. We save beautiful clothes, expensive perfume, or nice belongings for “the right day”. Yet sometimes, that special day never arrives.

Life becomes more meaningful when we enjoy the things we love in the present. We can wear our favourite clothes, use our lovely perfume, or drink coffee from our favourite cup instead of leaving it untouched on a shelf. Happiness often comes from small moments

that we allow ourselves to enjoy.

The same idea can apply to money. This does not mean spend-

ing carelessly or wasting money. Instead, it means understanding that taking care of ourselves is also important. Buying ourselves flowers, eating something we truly enjoy, or visiting a place we love is not selfish. Sometimes, simple acts of kindness towards ourselves can improve our mood and remind us

that we matter too. People who treat themselves with care often feel more hopeful and motivated in life. When we believe we deserve good things, even small joys can make us feel stronger.

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3. The Rare Middle Ground: Reality Acceptance

The individuals you describe as “far and few” — those who are realistic about their successes and failures — are characterized by high levels of **Self-Awareness** and an **Internal Locus of Control**.

- Integrity of Self:** These individuals have developed a robust self-concept that does not require constant validation through external stories. They can hold the reality of their failure without internalizing it as a flaw in their identity, and they can hold the reality of their success without letting it inflate their ego.
- Growth Mindset:** Rooted in Carol Dweck’s research, the growth mindset allows people to view failure as a data point for improvement rather than a threat to their ego. They ask, “*What can I change?*” rather than “*Who can I blame?*”
- Radical Acceptance:** This is a concept often used in Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT). It is the practice of accepting reality exactly as it is, without judgement or attempt to change the narrative. It doesn’t mean liking the situation; it means acknowledging it so that one can respond effectively.

Summary Table: The Psychological Spectrum

Situation	Common Bias	Underlying Mechanism	Result
Failure	External Attribution	Self-Serving Bias/ Rationalization	Stagnation & Victimhood
Success	Internal Attribution	Overconfidence/ Ego Inflation	Hubris & Blind spots
Reality	Accurate Attribution	High Self-Awareness/ Growth Mindset	Resilience & Evolution

Final Reflection

The reason these behaviours are so common is that **ego-protection is a powerful instinct**. It is easier to live in a world of “bad luck” or “self-made genius” than to sit with the vulnerability of being an imperfect human in a complex, often random world. The “realistic” few are not necessarily more talented; they are simply more willing to bear the discomfort of the truth.

In the Buddhist view, the person who blames the world for their failure and the person who boasts of their success are actually suffering from the same malady: **the inability to let go of the “I”**.

To stop blaming and to stop boasting is not merely a social nicety; it is a spiritual practice. It is the recognition that when you stop trying to build a fortress around your ego, you finally become free to move through the world with truth, clarity, and peace.

NATIONAL

Supplies airlifted to PutaO via Myitkyina

DEPARTMENTAL work- ing supplies were trans- ported to PutaO Township via Myitkyina using mili- tary aircraft, according to reports.

Under the guidance of the government, Tatmad- aw has been transporting construction materials, office equipment, food supplies, consumer goods, educational materials, and medicines to remote and hard-to-reach areas by aircraft and vehicles to support public services and regional development.

In the latest delivery, educational materials and medical supplies sent by the government were load- ed onto a military aircraft in Myitkyina for transport to PutaO. The loading process was observed by Kachin State Chief Min- ister U Khet Htein Nan, Northern Command Com- mander Maj-Gen Aung

Zaw Htwe, and relevant officials.

The supplies had been transported in two sepa- rate flights from Myitkyina to PutaO. Upon arrival, of- ficials received the materi- als for further distribution to respective departments.

— MNA/KZL

Relief supplies are being transferred to the relevant departments.



Relief supplies reach Falam and Haka

EXTRA consignments of relief and development supplies delivered by the government have arrived in Falam and Haka for locals and re- habilitation activities in Chin State, according to reports.

The supplies, includ- ing foodstuffs, consumer goods, school and office materials, medicines, medical supplies, con- struction materials and other assistance items, were transported from Kalay after being air- lifted from Yangon and Mandalay.

Vehicles carrying the supplies and de- partmental personnel



Essential food supplies arrive in Falam, Chin State.

reached Falam on the night of 4 June and ar- rived in Haka on the af- ternoon of 5 June, where local officials received the convoy.

The supplies will be distributed to local eth- nic communities through the relevant authorities and are expected to sup- port livelihoods, health- care, education and rehabilitation efforts in the region. Officials said assistance would contin- ue based on local needs.

— MNA/KZL

Mongshu’s Mya Sein Yaung Village Project reviewed



The review meeting of the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project is underway in Mongshu.

THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Mongshu Township, in Shan State (South) or- ganized a township-level review and coordination meeting on the Mya Sein Yaung Village Project yes- terday. The meeting was aimed at enhancing the effectiveness and success of project implementa- tion and facilitating the exchange of experiences gained from project ac- tivities.

Deputy Township Ad- ministrators U Pyae Phyoe Aung of the General Ad- ministration Department delivered the opening re- marks, and State Hluttaw Representative U Sai Naw Kham also addressed the meeting. Head of the Mongshu Township De- partment of Rural De- velopment Daw Myint Thida Han explained the objectives of holding the review meeting and clar- ified matters relating to project implementation activities.

Members of project committees from 59 villag- es implementing the Mya Sein Yaung Village Pro- ject and Village Revolving Fund Project then formed groups and exchanged views on strengths, weak- nesses and challenges encountered during the 2025-2026 financial year. Members of the town- ship-level project imple- mentation committee co- ordinated and provided necessary assistance on issues raised during the discussions.

The review meeting was attended by district- and township-level depart- mental officials, members of the Mya Sein Yaung Vil- lage Project committees and invitees. — Cho Than Nyunt (Rural)

Myanmar, S Korea to resume joint Saemaul Undong projects

THE Myanmar-Korea Saemaul Undong New Village Project will be resumed under bilateral cooperation in Myanmar.

The project was pre- viously implemented in Myanmar by the former Ministry of Cooperatives and the Ministry of Secu- rity and Public Adminis- tration of the Republic of Korea.

U Myo Myint Maung, Chargé d’Affaires and Ambassador of the My- anmar Embassy to Ko-

rea, visited the Korea Saemaul Undong Centre, where the Saemaul Undong New Village Project is being imple- mented, on 2 June and met Mr Choi Hyong Jae, Secretary-General of the Centre.

During the meeting, the Korea Saemaul Un- dong Centre will report- edly discuss measures to resume the Saemaul Undong New Village Project in Myanmar. — ASH/MKKS



U Myo Myint Maung, Charge d’Affaires and Ambassador of the Myanmar Embassy to Korea, Mr Choi Hyong Jae, Secretary-General of the Korea Saemaul Undong Centre meet on 2 June 2026.

NATIONAL

Bomb attack at Sagaing’s immigration office injures 19



Images disclose the injured following the bomb attack in Sagaing.

A total of 19 people, including government staff and members of the public, were injured after a timed explosive attack at the Township Immigration Office in Sagaing yesterday morning, according to reports.

The explosion occurred while the office was carrying out the “Lamin Project” to issue citizenship scrutiny cards and collect e-ID data for eligible citizens and students.

Authorities said six staff members and 13 civilians sustained shrapnel injuries in the blast, which also damaged office rooms and official documents. The injured were transported to the Sagaing General Hospital for medical treatment.

Officials stated that security forces are investigating the incident and working to identify and arrest those responsible, while condemning attacks targeting civilian administrative services. — MNA/KZL

3 additional illicit structures flattened in Shwe Kokko crackdown

AUTHORITIES demolished three more illegal three-storey buildings in Shwe Kokko yesterday as part of ongoing efforts to dismantle structures linked to online scam and gambling activities.

The buildings were among 77 structures identified for demolition in the Shwe Kokko and KK Park areas. With the latest action, a total of 36 buildings have been dismantled, while demolition of the remaining 41 structures will continue.

Officials said the campaign aims to prevent the re-establishment of online scam operations and forms part of broader anti-scam measures being implemented in cooperation with relevant domestic and regional stakeholders. — MNA/KZL

Images reveal the update before and after the demolition of the illicit three-storey buildings.

Tatkon’s concrete road construction for rural development inspected



Officials oversee the progress of the concrete road construction project in Tatkon Township.

THE Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, conducted a field inspection yesterday on the progress of a concrete road construction project in Paukpintha Village, Shar-taw Village-tract. Implemented under the Village Development Project (VDP) during the 2026-2027 financial year, the project aims to improve transport and contribute to the socioeconomic development of rural communities.

Head of the Tatkon Township Department of Rural Development Daw Zin Lin Htet and engineering staff, together with members of the Village Development Project Committee, inspected the ongoing concrete road construction work. She also met village elders and residents and discussed the need to emphasize completing the project within the prescribed period while ensuring quality standards.

The road measures 330 feet in length, 12 feet in width and six inches in thickness. The project is being implemented with K15 million from the Village Development Project (VDP) fund and K6 million contributed by local people, bringing the total fund to K21 million. With technical support from the staff of the Township Department of Rural Development, local villagers started implementing the project in the first week of May. The project has now reached about 90 per cent completion and, upon its completion, will provide year-round transport access for local communities. — Sein Lwin (Rural)

New Maximum Temperature Record

Issued on 5 June 2026

Sr No	Station	Date of New Record	New Max Record		Date of Old Record	Old Max Record		Past Years of opening station
			(°C)	(°F)		(°C)	(inches)	
1.	Zaungtu	4-6-2026	38.4	101.1	8-6-1990	37.5	99.5	39

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Myanmar rice export exceeds 300,000 tonnes in Apr-May

MYANMAR sent over 305,000 tonnes of rice and broken rice to foreign countries by sea in the past two months of the current financial year 2026-2027 beginning 1 April, bagging US\$93 million, according to the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

Myanmar's rice export volume is registered at 169,559

tonnes (\$51 million) in April and 136,262 tonnes (\$42 million) in May.

Myanmar's rice export in the financial year 2025-2026 (April-March) exceeded 2.7 million tonnes, bagging US\$861 million, MRF's data showed. Myanmar generated income of over \$1.129 billion from 2.48

million tonnes of rice and broken rice exports in the financial year 2024-2025 (1 April-31 March).

Ministry of Commerce is working together with the Republic of 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, and Myanmar Fisheries Products Processors and Exporters Association to meet monthly export targets and facilitate exports. — NN/KK

CBM injects over US\$6M into forex market on 4 June

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) pumped over US\$2.9 million to edible oil-importing companies, over \$109,300 to CMP companies and \$3 million to LNG companies on 4 June, along with \$1,650 worth of non-trade transactions.

CBM has been injecting US dollars into the edible oil-importing companies, with over \$2.89 million on 3 June, \$1.79 million on 2 June and over \$646,800 on 1 June, respectively.

Moreover, CBM sold \$3,003 to CMP companies on 3 June after making a \$48,250 valued non-trade transaction. CBM also sold over 26,400 on 2 June and over \$46,000 to CMP companies on 1 June, along with \$33,255 worth of non-trade transactions.

CBM pumped over \$51 million and 1.2 million baht into the foreign exchange market in May. CBM transacted over \$70 million and 28.8 million baht in April and over \$44.84 million, 61 million baht and 700,000 yuan in March 2026.

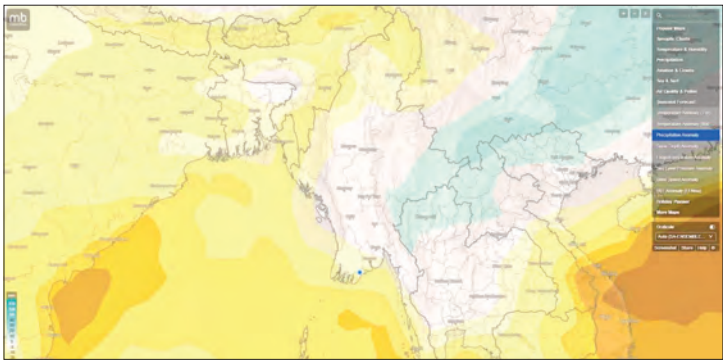
CBM injected over \$35 million, 34 million baht and over three million yuan in the foreign exchange market in February and over \$43 million, 65 million baht and over four million yuan in January 2026. CBM has injected foreign currencies into the foreign exchange market and the edible oil and fuel oil import sector, with a view to curbing the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation and maintaining market stability. According to CBM's notification on 15 March 2024, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

Early Monsoon Exit: Soil Moisture Key for Winter Crops

THE end of the monsoon is possible to arrive quickly this year, so farmers should prepare for maintaining the soil moisture so that water will be enough for their winter crops, said meteorologist U Win Naing.

Under the Meteoblue forecasts for late monsoon from 1 September to 10 October, it is shown with light green (slightly higher than the normal average) for central and northern Myanmar, but it is shown with no colour or white for coastal and southern regions.

The weather map for October shows the whole country is covered in light or no colour white zones, meaning the rain-



A weather chart.

fall will be lower than normal rainfall. It will still rain in early September; however, the monsoon will withdraw from Myanmar in mid-September or early October as usual. "The rainfall in late monsoon will be below or normal annual average," he

said.

Southern Myanmar and the Delta region will experience above-normal rainfall, while precipitation levels in central and northern parts of the country are forecast to drop below annual averages.

Under the Meteoblue forecasts from July to August, the rainfall is shown with dark green or blue zones (+20mm to +100mm), especially it is shown with darker colour in Rakhine Coast, Ayeyawady Region, Yangon Region, Bago Region, Mon and Kayin states and Taninthayi Region, as well as the dry zone in the central Myanmar is included in the green zone, he said.

The mid-monsoon is possible to become the strongest, and the rainfall is expected to be higher than the annual average in nearly all regions and states. With intense rainfall, there is a high risk of river floods, flash floods, and floods. — MT/ZS

YGN palm oil wholesale reference price shows slight decrease

THE wholesale reference prices of palm oil set for the Yangon market continued to decline at K7,354 per viss this week ending 11 June, according to the Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution.

The reference prices were registered at K7,423 in the previous week ending 28 May and K7,387 last week ending 4 June.

The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs and banking services to decide the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil weekly. Despite the reference price, the market price is still high. To control overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed consumers of lodging complaints for overcharging through the call centre hotline in late August. The

department urges consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices.

The Committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage attempting market manipulation will face legal action under the Essential Goods and Services Law. The department is working together with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the cooking oil importing companies to offer affordable rates of imported palm oil for consumers. The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs Department, or sent to the Facebook page of the department and the region and state departments concerned. The domestic consumption of palm oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. About 700,000 tonnes of palm oil are annually imported through Malaysia and Indonesia to meet domestic demands. — NN/KK

Trading Amount and Forex Rate in the Market on 5 June 2026

THE foreign currency amount traded in the foreign exchange market was for the import of edible oil, fuel oil, pharmaceutical and pharmaceutical raw materials, industrial raw materials, consumer goods, construction materials, agricultural materials, animal feed, and packaging materials. The CMP sector also sold US\$3.00 million to the LNG sector from its revenue. — MNA

	US\$	Chinese yuan	Thai baht	India rupee
Exchange rates	3,664.90~3,669.00	558.60~558.70	125.50~125.70	43.60
Trading amount in the market	11,690,878.08	22,669,805.27	17,092,111.70	
The amount sold by CBM to the market				

World Environment Day 2026: Industry leaders urge tech, climate finance growth

AS India seeks to balance economic growth with climate resilience, industry leaders on World Environment Day 2026 underscored the importance of technology, sustainable infrastructure, clean mobility, ecosystem restoration and climate finance in accelerating the country's transition towards a low-carbon future.

Observed this year under the theme "Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future," World Environment Day has renewed attention on the role of businesses in driving sustainability through innovation, investments and collaborative action.

Highlighting the role of technology in advancing sustainability goals, Sandeep Chandna, Chief Sustainability Officer, Tech Mahindra, said, "At Tech Mahindra, we believe technology is a key enabler in accelerating sustainability outcomes and driving responsible growth."

The company remains focused on achieving sustainability targets like net-zero emissions and renewable energy goals. Stakeholders emphasize that technology, renewable energy adoption, and growth capital are critical to scaling these climate-focused innovations. — ANI



Single-use plastics remain one of the most persistent environmental threats. PHOTO: PIXABAY

Chinese manufacturers drive shared gains with BRI partners

FROM pickup trucks rolling onto the streets of Saudi Arabia to blood purification devices entering Southeast Asian hospitals, Chinese manufacturers are deepening their ties with Belt and Road partner countries, bringing benefits to local businesses, healthcare providers and consumers.

Jiangling Motors Group Co Ltd (JMCG), a leading automaker based in east China's Jiangxi Province, has been steadily expanding its footprint in the Middle East. In early 2026, the company showcased its new pickup models, the Vigus Plus and the Grand Avenue, at the annual exhibition of Saudi Telecom Company in Riyadh, in partnership with



This photo taken on 2 February 2026 shows the first cross-Caspian Sea China-Europe freight train departing from the Nanchang International Land Port in Nanchang, east China's Jiangxi Province. PHOTO: LI QIAN/XINHUA

its Saudi Arabian partner Aljabr Holding Company.

In 2025, Chinese automotive giant JMCG saw its export sales surge 38.4 per cent to nearly 170,000 units, utilizing two distinct global brands across Southeast Asia, Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East. Over 34,000 vehicles entered the Middle East, with Saudi Arabia exceeding 10,000 units due to a stable localized operation system built with Aljabr Holding since 2022. — Xinhua

Irish slump drags eurozone economy into red in first quarter

THE eurozone recorded an unexpected contraction in the first three months of 2026 due to a steep slump in Ireland's economic figures, according to revised data issued on Friday.

The economy 21-coun-

try eurozone shrank 0.2 per cent compared to the previous three-month period, according to the EU's statistics agency, which had earlier estimated first quarter growth to be near-flat at 0.1 per cent.

The unusually steep downward revision was due to a sharper-than-estimated contraction in Ireland — where economic activity fell 12.1 per cent compared to an initial forecast of two per cent.

Ireland's statistics office, the CSO, said Thursday the exceptional revision was due to the incorporation of data related to multinational companies, which carry significant weight in the Irish economy. — AFP

Let Life Keep Flowing

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Perhaps one of the most important things that should continue flowing is the mind. Growing older is natural, but stopping personal growth can make life feel empty. Learning new things keeps our minds active and curious.

Reading books, trying new hobbies, meeting different people, or listening to new ideas can help us grow. Sometimes, one conversation or one new

experience can completely change how we see life. Curiosity makes life more interesting, no matter our age.

The truth is that life is always changing, even when we do not notice it. We cannot stop change, but we can choose whether we grow with it or remain stuck.

When we feel trapped, tired, or emotionally exhausted, we often wait for something big to happen — a perfect

opportunity, a miracle, or a major life change. But often, what helps us most is something much smaller.

A different routine. A short walk. A new place. A new experience. A new way of thinking. Little by little, these small changes can slowly wake us up again.

Being still is not always the same as being peaceful. Sometimes, staying in the same place for too long slowly steals

our excitement and energy. Life becomes brighter when we allow ourselves to move, change, and grow.

So, if life feels heavy or repetitive, perhaps it is time to let things flow again. We do not need to change everything overnight. We can start small, open ourselves to new experiences, and allow ourselves to grow. Sometimes, fresh air enters our lives only when we finally open the window.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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China, Laos agree to build all-weather community with shared future in new era

Xi pledged to upgrade ties and build an all-weather China-Laos community.



General Secretary of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party Central Committee and Lao President Thongloun Sisoulith arrives in Beijing, capital of China, 4 June 2026. Thongloun is in China for a five-day state visit. **PHOTO: JIN LIANGKUAI/XINHUA**

GENERAL Secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Chinese President Xi Jinping held talks with General Secretary of the

Lao People's Revolutionary Party Central Committee and Lao President Thongloun Sisoulith in Beijing on Friday.

Noting that China has always regarded Laos as a priority in its neighbourhood diplomacy, Xi said China is willing to work with Laos to achieve a new leap in bilateral ties and build an all-weather China-Laos community with a shared future in the new era.

Laos fully agrees with China and supports the upgrading of bilateral ties, and stands ready to work with China to consolidate high-level political mutual trust, Thongloun said. — Xinhua

Norway crown princess put on waitlist for lung transplant

NORWAY'S Crown Princess Mette-Marit, who suffers from an incurable lung disease, has been placed on a waiting list for a lung transplant, ushering in a period of great uncertainty regarding her health.

Mette-Marit, 52, was diagnosed in 2018 with a rare form of pulmonary fibrosis that causes breathing difficulties, which has repeatedly forced her to take sick leave or scale back her official duties.

Her condition has deteriorated significantly over the past six months, Are Holm, a lung specialist at the Oslo University Hospital Rikshospitalet, told a press conference Friday

afternoon. "We can see that there has been a significant increase in scar tissue in her lungs over the past year. And lung function tests show that her lung function has declined considerably in the last three months alone," Holm told reporters.

Scarring of the lungs, known as pulmonary fibrosis, occurs when the alveoli (tiny air sacs) and the tissue between them become damaged and thickened, stiffening the lung and thereby hindering the passage of oxygen into the blood.

"This is dangerous," Holm said. — AFP



Crown Princess Mette-Marit of Norway has a rare form of pulmonary fibrosis. **PHOTO: NTB/AFP/FILE**

New York state legislature passes one-year data centre moratorium

New York's state legislature passed a bill Thursday night that would prevent permits from being issued for the construction of new data centres for a year, potentially the first law of its kind in

the United States. The bill now heads to the desk of New York Governor Kathy Hochul, who could sign it into law or veto the measure. If Hochul signs the bill,

New York would become the first US state to impose a moratorium on data centres, which are critical infrastructure for AI companies whose programmes rely on the facilities to operate.

The bill also says that once the moratorium period ends, every new data center application must be presented at a public meeting before the government can issue a permit. — AFP



The Bering Strait is a narrow oceanic strait separating Asia (Russia's Chukchi Peninsula) from North America (Alaska's Seward Peninsula). **PHOTO: WORLD ATLAS**

Bering Strait tunnel megaproject moves forward, Dmitriev says

RUSSIA will sign an agreement on Friday to continue engineering design work on a proposed tunnel beneath the Bering Strait, Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) CEO and Presidential Special Representative for Investment and Economic Cooperation Kirill

Dmitriev said. "Tomorrow, we will sign an agreement to continue the tunnel design project. The tunnel will be built.

It will become one of the largest infrastructure projects between our countries," Dmitriev said in an interview with Rus-

sian media on the sidelines of SPIEF.

In October, Dmitriev raised the possibility of constructing a tunnel linking Russia and Alaska. He said a Bering Strait tunnel could be built in less than eight years using advanced technology. — SPUTNIK

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Poland's Maja Chwalinska is the first qualifier to reach the French Open final since the professional era began. **PHOTO: AFP**

Chwalinska, the 'tennis freak' making Roland Garros history

JUST two weeks ago, few but the most die-hard of tennis fans would have been familiar with the name Maja Chwalinska.

Now ahead of Saturday's French Open final against Mirra Andreeva, the 24-year-old Chwalinska stands on the brink of the pantheon of Roland Garros champions as she bids to become the first player in the Open era to win the clay-court Grand Slam after coming through qualifying to reach the main draw.

"I feel like I'm in the bubble, I would say. I don't know what's going on. I'm just very happy to be here," Chwalinska told reporters after becoming the first qualifier to reach the final at Roland Garros in the

professional era.

"I just try to focus on every single match, give my all, and then after the tournament, there will be time to kind of process it and breathe in, breathe out."

Lifting the Coupe Suzanne Lenglen would also make her just the second qualifier to win a major since professionalisation in 1968, equalling Emma Raducanu's exploits in New York five years ago.

But if the then-teenaged Briton had already made somewhat of a name for herself prior to winning the US Open by making it to the second week of Wimbledon two months earlier, Chwalinska has come from a lot further back to attain major glory. — AFP

Celtic fans oppose potential Keane move over Israel stay

CELTIC'S interest in appointing Robbie Keane as their new manager has sparked anger among the club's pro-Palestinian fans after his previous role with Israeli side Maccabi Tel Aviv.

Keane is the leading contender to take charge of the Scottish champions after reportedly entering talks with the club's principal shareholder Dermot Desmond.

Keane, who is Ireland's record goalscorer, enjoyed a prolific loan spell at Celtic in 2010.

But his decision to stay in Israel after the conflict in Gaza started sparked criticism in Ireland and turned a vocal section of the Celtic fan-base against him.

Celtic supporters have displayed Palestinian flags at matches throughout the conflict. — AFP

DR Congo criticizes Spain after Chile friendly cancelled over Ebola concerns

THE Democratic Republic of Congo has condemned a decision by Spanish authorities to cancel its pre-World Cup friendly against Chile on 9 June due to the ongoing Ebola outbreak in the African nation.

The match was scheduled to be played in

La Linea de la Concepcion in southern Spain, but on Tuesday the town's mayor, Juan Franco, announced that it would not go ahead on public health grounds.

"I have signed the decree banning the holding of the 9 June match between the Democratic Republic of Congo and

Chile," announced Franco, adding that "a report by the head of the local health service of La Linea advised categorically against hosting the match given the health risks which might arise".

The DR Congo team has been training in a health bubble in Belgium

ahead of its World Cup campaign. It's reported that none of the 26 players plays is based in the country or travelled directly from there to the training camp, although some members of the support staff and potentially some fans may have done so. — Xinhua

Spain held by Iraq in World Cup warm-up

SPAIN was held to a 1-1 draw by Iraq in a World Cup warm-up match in La Coruna on Thursday night, with the Asian side delivering a solid defensive display against a much-changed Spain team.

Spain coach Luis de la Fuente gave debuts to Barcelona midfielder Marc Bernal and Real Sociedad defender Jon Martin in his starting 11, despite the two being from the group of support players named to assist preparations for the 26-man World Cup squad.

A host of regulars were absent, including injured trio Nico Williams, Lamine Yamal and Victor Munoz, as well as Champions League finalists Martin Zubimendi, David Raya and Fabian Ruiz. Mikel Oyarzabal, Pedri and Marc Cucurella were also rested. De la Fuente started Joan Garcia as his goalkeeper, which will further raise speculation over whether the Barcelona player or Athletic Club's Unai Simon will start against Cabo Verde on 15 June. — AFP

Spurs sign former Liverpool defender Robertson

TOTTENHAM signed former Liverpool defender Andy Robertson on a free transfer on Friday, ending the Scotland captain's nine-year spell at Anfield.

Robertson will officially join Tottenham on a free transfer on 1 July after his Liverpool contract expires.

The 32-year-old nearly left Anfield for Tottenham in January, but Liverpool eventually halted the deal after they were unable to bring back Kostas Tsimikas from the defender's loan at Roma.

Tottenham boss Roberto De Zerbi was appointed after that aborted attempt to sign Robertson, but he has given the green light to the left-back's move to north London.

"Andy is someone I've admired for a number of years and he will bring outstanding technical qualities, experience, leadership and mentality to our team," De Zerbi said.

"He is a proven winner at the highest level over a long period and is someone who can be a big player for us, both on and off the pitch."

Robertson's immediate focus will be on captaining Scotland at the World Cup, before he links up with Tottenham ahead of the start of the domestic season in August. — AFP



Liverpool defender Andrew Robertson. **PHOTO: AFP**

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Russian President Vladimir Putin attends a plenary session of the Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum in Saint Petersburg, Russia on 7 June 2024. PHOTO: SPUTNIK/FILE

Putin deliver keynote address at SPIEF 2026 plenary session

Russian President Vladimir Putin primarily focusing on economic issues while also addressing political matters.

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin is speaking to the plenary session of the 29th Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF-2026) at the ExpoForum Convention and Exhibition Centre. Alongside Putin, Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan, Chinese Vice-President Han Zheng and Saudi Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman will join the plenary session and debate. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Putin's address will touch on both economic and political issues. — SPUTNIK

Japan speakers draft imperial law consensus

JAPAN'S lower and upper house speakers on Friday compiled a draft consensus on a law revision to maintain the number of imperial family members, the lower house speaker said, amid longstanding concerns over a stable imperial succession. The document, based on views from all parties, will be presented as a draft "consensus of the legislature" at a meeting Monday of all 13 parliamentary parties and groups, House of Representatives Speaker Eisuke Mori told reporters after discussing the issue with the vice-speaker and their House of Councillors counterparts. The proposed revision of the 1947 Imperial House Law, which currently only allows a male who has an emperor on his father's side to succeed the throne, would permit the imperial family to adopt men from 11 former branch families while allowing female members to retain their imperial status after marriage. — Kyodo

Dutch court jails golden helmet theft trio

A Dutch court Friday handed jail terms to three men convicted of the brazen theft of a 2,500-year-old golden Romanian helmet that sparked outrage in Romania and the art world. The court sentenced the trio to terms of nearly four years (47 months) for stealing the fifth-century BC Helmet of Cotofenesti and three gold bracelets from a Dutch museum in January 2025. "Given the nature and gravity of the offenses, only a substantial prison sentence will suffice," said the court in Assen, in the north of the Netherlands. The heist and subsequent search for the loot has gripped the Netherlands and regularly made headline news. — AFP

Trump open to meeting Iran's leader

US President Donald Trump said on Thursday he would be open to meeting with Iran's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khomeini if the two sides reach a peace deal. "I don't want to meet. But if I did meet, I'd be honoured to meet him. I'd like to see if we make a deal, but if we make a deal, it's possible that I would meet him. I'd be okay with it," Trump told reporters at the White House. "I would say I'm not his favourite person, but with that being said, he's probably a professional," Trump said. "In some circles he has a very good reputation, actually." Asked if such a meeting could happen in the US, Trump said: "I haven't really heard too much about it. I didn't suggest it, but some people have suggested it." — Xinhua

Iran to charge ships for service provided during transit through Hormuz

IRAN plans to charge ships for services provided during passage through the Strait of Hormuz, not for the transit itself, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi said on Thursday. "Iran does not seek to charge for passage or the right of transit, but we want to charge for services provided jointly with Oman. These include navigation and rescue services, security and protection services, and environmental cleanup services should pollution actually occur," Gharibabadi told the Mehr news agency. He added that this does not violate international law. On 25 May Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei said it would be incorrect to call Iran's charges on shipping in the Strait of Hormuz tolls. They are not tolls but fees for services provided and for maintaining the environmental situation in the strait, the Persian Gulf, and the Gulf of Oman, he said. — SPUTNIK



The Thai oil tanker owned by Bangchak Corporation safely transited the Strait of Hormuz on 23 March 2026. PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/BANGCHAK