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FEATURE

Cargo turnover speed determines living standards and income levels



By D.CHANTSALMAA

After moving to Ulaanbaatar City as a university student, I used to receive meat and other necessities from my family in the countryside. The goods would be packed in cardboard boxes with my name and phone number written on top. Based on an estimate of when the shipment might arrive, I would go to Naran-tuul Market to collect it. If the driver called my mobile phone, it became even easier to determine exactly when to pick it up. Covering a distance of around 1,500 kilometers, cargo trucks would take six to seven days to reach the capital city, and we would plan accordingly. More than 20 years have passed since then. In fact, at that time, it was often easier to predict when and where a shipment would arrive. Over the past two de-

acades, Mongolia's population and consumption have grown, and the country now imports goods and products from a wider range of countries. Yet there has been little meaningful progress in the transportation, logistics, warehousing, storage, and delivery sectors. Speaking on the issue, one citizen said, "I ordered several outfits for my daughter to wear during Children's Day from a woman who sells products imported from South Korea. It has already been about 40 days. I was told the goods would arrive at my home within two or three weeks, but there has been no update so far. Whenever I ask about it, I am told that the shipment from Korea is being delayed at customs. It seems that not only Korean goods, but also shipments coming from nearby Erlian and Guangzhou are no longer arriving on schedule.

I assume the delays are related to customs inspections, transportation, and distribution." Another person shared a similar experience, "Last month, I traveled to Erlian and purchased work clothing and tools. Since the cargo was heavy and bulky, I shipped it through a cargo service. I was told it would arrive in Mongolia and be delivered to the owner within three days, but I ended up waiting 12 days. They explained that there was a large volume of freight entering Mongolia and that customs officials lacked the capacity to inspect everything quickly, causing delays. In general, goods and cargo no longer seem to arrive and reach their owners on time. This reflects the current state of our transportation and logistics sector."

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ENVIRONMENT

WMO warns 80% chance of extreme weather this summer

By B.TAMIR

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO), a United Nations agency, has warned that there is an 80 percent chance of an El Nino event occurring globally from this summer through late autumn, potentially triggering widespread extreme weather conditions.

The expected El Nino phenomenon is likely to bring extreme heat, droughts and heavy rainfall across different regions of the world. The WMO noted that its strongest impacts are expected during the June to August period, when above-average air temperatures are forecast in many parts of the globe.

According to the agency, El Nino will influence not only land temperatures but also ocean conditions, prompting concerns about broader climate disruptions. UN has urged countries to prepare for potential impacts as the event develops. The warning comes after global air temperatures reached record peaks in 2024, with scientists linking major climate fluctuations partly to large-scale ocean-atmosphere patterns such as El Nino.

El Nino and La Nina are the two dominant climate phenomena that shape global weather patterns. Scientists explain that El Nino is characterized by a sharp increase in surface water temperatures in the central and eastern Pacific Ocean, while La Nina causes a cooling of these same regions. These cyclical events typically occur at irregular intervals and significantly alter ocean currents and wind patterns. As a result, they can lead to severe droughts in some regions and heavy flooding in others, affecting agriculture, ecosystems and economies worldwide.

MINING

First natural gas reserves registered in state fund

By L.MISHEEL

The reserves of the Tavantolgoi Coal Bed Methane Gas Project (TTCBM Project) have been officially confirmed by the Professional Council of Mineral Resources and registered in the State General Fund of Mineral Resources, marking the first time natural gas reserves have been formally recorded in the country.

Following the registration, the company implementing the project will now be eligible to apply for a long-term special license, paving the way toward potential commercial development of coalbed methane resources.

Although the guaranteed reserves of the project operated by Australia-listed Jade Gas Holdings Limited have not yet been fully finalized, they are currently estimated at 793 million cubic meters under the ZR category. The company noted that it will continue progressing toward commercial-scale production.

Ian Wang, an independent member of the company's board of directors, said the firm remains focused on advancing toward commercial mining operations.

The registration is considered a milestone for the country's energy sector, as this is the first time natural gas reserves have been officially entered into the national mineral resources database. Previously, in April, Jade Gas Holdings announced approval of its TTCBM project evaluation program and received relevant approvals from the Department of Minerals and Petroleum, which was followed by a 73 percent increase in its share price. In March 2025, the company also reported the discovery of significant gas re-

Business & Economics

ETT to manage Borteeg deposit



...The Government is preparing amendments to the Law on Investment in six key areas to improve the investment climate, Minister of Economy and Development J.Enkhbayar announced on June 3...

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Domestic

'State neglects citizens with hearing impairments'



...Members of the National Association of Deaf People staged a peaceful demonstration outside the State Palace on June 3, calling attention to longstanding challenges faced by people with hearing impairments and urging the government to take concrete action to protect their rights and improve accessibility...

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Prime Interview

Dr. S.Yanjinsuren: Unethical and irresponsible power is dangerous



...Honored Scientist and Doctor of Philosophy, Professor S.Yanjinsuren has spent a career at the crossroads of two disciplines that rarely sit still, namely social psychology and ethics. In the following interview, she delved into what that intersection reveals and why it matters now more than ever...

TRANSPORTATION

Direct flights between Ulaanbaatar and Astana commence

By A.KHONGORZUL

A new chapter in Mongolia-Kazakhstan connectivity began on June 3, as a passenger aircraft operated by Kazakhstan's Scat Airlines landed at Chinggis Khaan International Airport, marking the launch of direct flights between Astana and Ulaanbaatar.

The new route is expected to enhance people-to-people exchanges, facilitate trade and cargo transportation, and create favorable conditions for the growth of the tourism sector in both countries.

The launch follows agreements reached during President U.Khurelsukh's state visit to Kazakhstan in April, which was made at the invitation of President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev. During the visit, the two heads of state discussed ways to further strengthen bilateral relations and agreed to expand cooperation across various sectors, including civil aviation and air connectivity.

Under the newly established schedule, Scat Airlines will operate flights from Astana to Ulaanbaatar every Tuesday and Friday, while flights from Ulaanbaatar to Astana will depart on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The direct connection is expected to improve accessibility between the two capitals and support broader efforts to deepen economic, tourism, and cultural ties between Mongolia and Kazakhstan.

Scat Airlines is one of Kazakhstan's leading carriers, employing more than 1,300 personnels and operating a fleet of 21

LEGISLATION

Business environment to be improved

By M.ITGEL

Prime Minister N.Uchral and members of the Cabinet briefed the public on the government's urgent submission of the draft Law on Business Freedom and a package of accompanying legislative amendments to Parliament.

The proposed Law on Business Freedom forms the foundation of the government's "Four Paths to Freedom and Four Liberations" policy agenda. Alongside the principal bill, the government has submitted 99 related laws aimed at improving Mongolia's business and investment environment.

According to PM N.Uchral, the draft legislation is designed to expand economic freedom by allowing citizens and businesses to engage in any lawful industry, service, or commercial activity that is not expressly prohibited by legislation. The government stated that the law seeks to limit unnecessary administrative restrictions and provide greater certainty for entrepreneurs and investors.

The accompanying legislative package includes measures intended to enhance Mongolia's attractiveness as an investment destination. Among the proposed reforms are provisions that would establish the legal framework necessary for

and broaden access to international sources of financing.

To further support investment and economic growth, the government is proposing a reduction of withholding tax to five percent. Officials stated that the measure is intended to help banks and financial institutions access lower-cost financing, which could contribute to reduced lending rates for businesses and individuals.

The government also announced that the new "E-Business" platform is scheduled to become operational next week. The platform is expected to create a comprehensive legal and regulatory framework for conducting business online, enabling both domestic and foreign individuals and companies to establish and operate businesses digitally without requiring physical residence in Mongolia.

In addition, officials highlighted recently submitted amendments to the Tax Law that would provide full tax exemptions for information technology companies registered through electronic channels. The government said the measure is aimed at encouraging innovation, supporting the digital economy, and attracting technology-based investment. The proposed reforms form part of a broader effort to strengthen economic competitive-

NOTICE FOR BID SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENSION AND AMENDMENT TO THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS

(FIRST AMENDMENT)

Procurement of the Modernization of the National Institute for Forensic Science of Mongolia

Loan No.: MON-22
Contract Identification No.: MON2201

- (i) The First Amendment is issued to extend the bid submission deadline and revise certain provisions of the Bidding Document.
- (ii) All other terms, conditions, requirements, and deadlines stated in the original Invitation for Bids and previously issued amendments remain unchanged and fully valid.
- (iii) The following amendments have been made to the Invitation for Bids and Bidding Document.

Date of Publication of Invitation for Bids: 24 April 2026
Date of Publication of First Amendment to the Invitation for Bids: 05 June 2026

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