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Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

1. To steadfastly strive for emergence of political forces and the people's representatives who can implement a genuine, disciplined multi-party democratic system while constantly emphasizing on the national interests of the State.
2. To persistently strive for promoting the socio-economic life of the people through the development of agro-based industries in improving the agricultural sector, the vital foundation of the economic growth of the State.
3. To put emphasis on enhancing the national education and health sectors for sustainable development of the State.
4. To implement multi-party democratic system, with the participation of the people, to ensure the success of multi-party democratic general election process and successfully moving towards with the multi-party democratic system aspired by the entire people.

Myanmar, Kazakhstan to deepen multi-sector ties

The meetings and discussions are expected to serve as a driving force to strengthen bilateral relations further and translate cooperative initiatives between Myanmar and Kazakhstan into practical action.

ACTING President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, held a meeting with Mr Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, at the Presidential Palace in Kazakhstan yesterday afternoon.

On arrival at the Presidential Palace, Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, was welcomed by the Guard of Honour and warmly welcomed by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

At the meeting, the President of Kazakhstan said that the Republic of Kazakhstan warmly welcomed the delegation led by the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. He noted that the



Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Mr Kassym-Jomart Tokayev shake hands during their meeting at the Presidential Palace in Kazakhstan yesterday.

Senior General is the first leader from Myanmar to visit Kazakhstan. He stated that he had learned that Myanmar holds a strategically important position in terms of history, culture, and geography. He added that they are ready to cooperate with

Myanmar in economic matters. Myanmar is a country located in the southern part of Southeast Asia. From Kazakhstan's perspective, looking towards Russia, Myanmar is a country with the potential to serve as an optimal logistics hub. He

expressed confidence that if the two countries engage in economic cooperation, it would not only benefit relations with Russia but also open opportunities for cooperation with Southeast Asian nations.

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NATIONAL

2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION



- Domestic election observers who wish to monitor the multiparty democratic general election, which will begin in phases on 28 December 2025, may apply for election observation permits at the Union Election Commission (UEC), as well as the relevant Region/State, District, and Township Election Subcommissions from today until 5 December 2025.
- The Union Election Commission announced on 16 September 2025 that domestic election observers must follow the Code of Conduct for Observers, issued under Notification 68/2025, and adhere to the procedures set out for their observation activities under Notification 69/2025. These notifications are available for viewing and can be downloaded from the Union Election Commission's official website <https://www.uec.gov.mm>.
- The Union Election Commission has also announced that international election observers will be allowed to monitor the multiparty democratic general election. Invitations will be extended directly to representatives of relevant countries and international organizations. In addition, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, invitations will be sent to representatives of foreign embassies, consulates, and permanent missions that maintain diplomatic relations with the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Union Election Commission

2025 General Election
Sunday, 28 December 2025

91 Days

- **Let us encourage production for prosperity of the Nation.**
- **Let us ensure education sector for the development of the Nation.**
- **Let us protect our environment for the prosperity of the Nation.**

Special Weather News

Issued at 4 pm MST on 27 September 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, due to the strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, due to the remnant of cloud from the Typhoon "BUALOI" over the South China sea, due to the unstable air condition over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, rain or thundershowers will be scattered in upper Sagaing Region and Kachin and northern Shan states and fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, lower Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and (southern and eastern) Shan states with regionally and isolated heavy falls in some region during today evening to 2 October 2025. Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 10-12 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

People should be aware of natural disasters such as heavy rainfall with strong winds, thunder, lightning strikes, hail, flash floods and landslides in the hilly areas and near small rivers, and make necessary preparations for inland water transport, domestic flights and irrigation dams. — DMH

Flood Warning

(Issued at 2 pm MST on 27 September 2025)

ACCORDING to the 1:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of the Sittoung River at Toungoo is observed as one centimetre below its danger level. It may exceed about 0.5 foot above its danger level during the next day.

According to the 1:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of the Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is observed as about one inch below its danger level. It may exceed about three inches above its danger level during the next day.

It especially alerts the people who settle near the river banks and low-lying areas in Toungoo and Hpa-an townships to take precautionary measures and to stay away from the flood-prone areas in time if the water level rises. — DMH

Typhoon "BUALOI" News, No 4, 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the Severe Tropical Storm "BUALOI" over the South China Sea has moved west-northwestwards and intensified into a Typhoon "BUALOI". It is likely to continue to move west-northwestwards and cross over the northern coastal areas of Vietnam as a Severe Tropical Storm "BUALOI" during the next 48 hours, and as a Tropical Depression over Laos during the next 72 hours. — DMH



WORLD RABIES DAY
SEPTEMBER 28

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NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

ARMED terrorists have been launching attacks by using residential homes and administrative buildings in towns and villages as cover, where they have forcibly settled. They aim to shield themselves from Tatmadaw counterattacks while also persuading temporarily displaced persons to return to their native areas and recruiting new members. That enables terrorists to use civilians as human shields. Tatmadaw is committed to safeguarding the sovereignty of the State and will respond to these threats based on intelligence and prevailing conditions. Therefore, residents in areas where terrorists have taken control must prioritize their safety and protect themselves from being exploited by these groups.

(An excerpt from guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Shan State cabinet members and state-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)

Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing arrives in the Republic of Kazakhstan

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who was in the Russian Federation during his working visit at the invitation of President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Putin, left No 2 Vnukovo International Airport in Moscow, the Russian Federation, for the Astana Airport of the Republic of Kazakhstan yesterday morning.

The high-level Myanmar delegation led by the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was seen off at the airport by officials of the Russian Federation and officials.

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Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing is welcomed by Mr Roman Sklyar, First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan yesterday after arriving the Astana Airport of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to My-

anmar Mr Margulan Baimukhan and officials. Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Re-

public of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing was welcomed by Kazakhstan's

Guard of Honour in line with the tradition of welcoming heads of state. — MNA/TTA

Myanmar, Kazakhstan to deepen multi-sector ties

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The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar expressed thanks for the warm welcome to the delegation he led, with better hospitality. During the visit to Kazakhstan, he expressed delight at witnessing the country's development and beauty. He stated that his visit aimed to promote relations and cooperation between the two countries and to exchange views. He believed that such meetings and discussions would serve as a driving force to further enhance bilateral relations and put cooperation into practical implementation. Although geographically distant, he emphasized that the two nations are bound by friendship and goodwill, and therefore, efforts will be made to expand close cooperation

in multiple sectors for mutual benefit.

They exchanged views on promotion of cooperation in multiple sectors, including trade, agriculture and livestock, cargo transport, oil, natural gas and mining sectors, and political progress in Myanmar.

Also present at the meeting held at the Presidential Palace together with the Senior General were Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Commission Member and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe, Union Ministers U Nyan Tun and U Ko Ko Lwin, Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Thit Linn Ohn and officials. The President of Kazakhstan was accompanied by Mr Kosherbayev Yermek Bedelbayevich, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, and leaders

of the government.

The high-level Myanmar delegation led by the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar attended the luncheon hosted by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

During the luncheon, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan exchanged views on bilateral friendship and promotion of cooperation.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and party were seen off warmly by the President of Kazakhstan, who accompanied them to the motorcade upon their departure from the Presidential Palace. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

PM: Country's abundant tourism resources promise strong development potential

PRIME Minister U Nyo Saw addressed a ceremony to mark 2025 World Tourism Day held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

In his speech, the Prime Minister highlighted the theme of World Tourism Day "Tourism and Sustainable Transformation", saying tourism is a focal point that promotes the socio-economic status of countries and creates advancements in building a better future. Therefore, it is necessary to establish and implement good governance practices, strategic plans, systematic monitoring systems, and clear, well-defined priority programmes. The tourism industry is not only an economic sector but also one that creates opportunities in education, social development, culture, employment, and new prospects. Therefore, it is important to continue preserving these positive impacts for future generations and to keep learning and improving constantly in order to provide high-quality services that meet international standards.

It is also necessary to create numerous opportunities for



Prime Minister U Nyo Saw views documentary photos displayed at the ceremony to mark 2025 World Tourism Day held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

the development of technical expertise, innovation, and the emergence of entrepreneurial initiatives to ensure the development of the tourism industry. Moreover, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises are crucial components of tourism growth, so they should expand products that attract tourists for

investment. The government has been easing visa-related procedures to facilitate smooth entry and travel for international travellers. Moreover, the country continues to participate in international tourism fairs with booths representing the country, organize familiarization trips, and carries out tourism pro-

motion activities using digital technologies.

Since the country is rich in tourism resources, there is great potential for the development of the tourism industry. It is important for the preservation of existing tourism resources systematically and sustainably, and for the creation of new

tourist destinations. As a member of ASEAN, the country is promoting the development of a sustainable tourism industry through regional cooperation, and it should follow ASEAN tourism standards, encourage and promote the use of Green Energy in tourism activities.

The video clip of UN Tourism Secretary-General Mr Zurab Pololikashvili and the video clip featuring the tourism industries of Myanmar were played.

The Prime Minister presented honorary awards and certificates to the foreign investment hotels and affiliated hotels that won excellent services, and the winners of the paper reading and colourful photo contest marking 2025 World Tourism Day.

Union Minister for Ministry 1 of the President's Office, U Tin Aung San, presented cash prizes and certificates to the winners of the article and essay competitions.

The Prime Minister had a documentary photo taken together with the attendees, and viewed around the galleries. — MNA/KTZH



MoST Union Minister promotes science cooperation in Moscow, encourages Myanmar students

UNION Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, who is currently in Moscow, met yesterday morning with the pro-rector, professors, and officials of the Moscow Engineer-

ing Physics Institute (MEPhI) to discuss opportunities for scientific and technological cooperation between Myanmar and the Russian Federation.

Later, the Union minister visited the Myanmar Embassy in Russia, where he met Myanmar students from the Ministry of Science and Technology who are studying there. He delivered a speech of encouragement and provided necessary support.

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On the afternoon of 26 September, the Union minister attended the World Atomic Week Forum 2025 and met Myanmar student teams competing in the Hackathon event, which included participants from ten countries. He offered words of encouragement during the competition. In the evening, he attended a dinner reception hosted by ROSATOM Director-General Alexey Likhachev. — MNA/KZL

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NATIONAL

General Aung San Declares Firm Stand Against Election Disruption

“Our Government shall not permit any disruption of the forthcoming election. The electoral process shall remain free and fair, and no interference shall be exercised upon those who participate in it. Yet, let it be firmly declared that any attempt to disturb or sabotage the election shall be met with the full weight of authority”.

(An excerpt from the radio address regarding the election, delivered by General Aung San on 13 March 1947)



MoI Union Minister reviews efforts to build resilient, strong social communities

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, who is also Chairman of the Working Committee on Information and Development of a Resilient and Strong Social Community, presided over a meeting on the information and development of a resilient and strong social community at MRTV in Tatkon of Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the event, the Union minister said the activities to implement the information, resilient and strong social community are being carried out in two villages of Tatkon township as pilot projects. The procedures of the committee are also released via media for the public, and the state-owned media also create pleasant moments for the public in addition to informing, entertaining and educating.



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn speaks at the meeting on the Information and Development of a Resilient and Strong Social Community at MRTV in Tatkon, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.

The state-owned media serves to ensure a resilient and strong social community, and also as a bridge between the people and

the government.

The Union minister handed over 177 sets of MRTV DTH receivers and 110 MRTV DVB-T2

set-top boxes for six Myoma wards and 49 village-tracts in Tatkon Township.

Nay Pyi Taw Council Chair-

man U Than Tun Oo highlighted the efforts of the government in manufacturing, education and the prosperous atmosphere of the country and the intention of the information, resilient and strong social community project to ensure the physical development and sustainable socio-economic status in rural areas.

He presented 72 sets of MRTV DTH receivers for one Tatkon township education officer's office, township management and administration committee, 30 Basic Education High Schools and 34 Basic Education Middle Schools in Tatkon Township.

The Union minister and party drew lots and gave 15 sets of MRTV DTH receivers and 30 MRTV DVB-T2 Set Top Boxes to the winners. — MNA/KTZH

MPC launches Media Training Course 4/2025 in Yangon

THE News Media Development Committee of the Myanmar Press Council has launched its Media Training Course 4/2025, which began on 26 September. The course is being conducted as a weekly “Friday Class” at the office of the Myanmar Press Council in Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region.

At the opening ceremony of the Media Training Course 4/2025, Myanmar Press Council Chairman Dr Tin Tun Oo delivered the opening remarks and a welcome speech. It is reported that 20 trainees from

private and state-owned print media, broadcast media, and online media are attending the course.

The media training courses organized by the News Media Development Committee of the Myanmar Press Council will continue to be offered. Experts from both within the Council and external professionals will conduct discussions and lectures as instructors.

In this course, senior journalists are providing free instruction on the subject of media ethics and responsi-

bility, while other experts are teaching photography, video editing, and cartoon drawing and editing.

In addition, the News Media Development Committee of the Myanmar Press Council will also be offering training courses on election reporting techniques. — ASH/KZL

Myanmar Press Council Chairman Dr Tin Tun Oo is seen delivering the opening remarks.



NATIONAL

Registration Board approves 4,495 pesticides

THE Pesticide Registration Board has issued permits for 4,495 pesticides so far, and registration of 168 pesticides was discussed at its 46th meeting held in Nay Pyi Taw on 24 September 2025, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation. Deputy Minister Dr Tin Htut, chair of the board, gave a remark that all stakeholders in the agricultural produce supply chain, including experts, growers, importers and traders, are responsible for tackling pesticide residue and fostering good agricultural practices. He addressed the need to reduce pesticide and fertilizer use for sustainable agriculture.

Submitted regarding toxic substances, prohibits the use of pesticides that pose a high



A farmer is seen spraying the pesticide for his paddy field.

risk to humans and the environment based on international recommendations, and issues orders, specifications, and instructions from time to time to ensure that pesticides are

handled and disposed of in a manner that does not endanger the environment. The Technical Committee, which consists of experts, compiles and submits the necessary information, re-

views and recommends recommendations, conducts quality checks, and reviews efficacy against crop pests and toxicity to humans and other beneficial animals.

According to Section 3 of the Pesticide Law, registration board processes pesticide application, defines evident to be submitted regarding toxic substances, bans the use of highly hazardous pesticide that have negative impacts on human and environment as per the suggestions of international bodies, issues directives, orders, rules and regulations to comply with international code of conduct on pesticide management, asks technology committee comprising experts to make reports of pesticide board's activities, review each type of pesticide from various perspectives, ensures safe and effective use of quality pesticides to increase the yield and exports, and mitigate toxicity on human and animals. — NN/KK

CBM injects US\$1.5M+ into import sector

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$943,600 to edible oil-importing companies and \$622,500 to fuel oil-importing companies after sales of over 627,500 yuan on 26 September.

CBM sold \$826,100 to edible oil-importing companies and over \$534,700 to fuel oil-importing companies on 25 September.

CBM sold \$300,00 to edible oil-importing companies and \$170,000 to fuel oil-importing companies on 24 September, in addition to an injection of 100,000 yuan into the market.

CBM announced on 23 September that it would pump

\$22 million into the fuel oil sector.

Moreover, CBM sold \$800,000 to edible oil-importing companies and over \$99,000 to fuel oil-importing companies in addition to an injection of over 8,500 yuan into the market on that day.

CBM injected over \$1.7 million into edible oil and fuel oil-importing companies on 22 September, selling over \$1.29 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$452,500 to fuel oil-importing companies.

CBM sold over \$1 million, 11 million yuan and four million baht in August. Furthermore, CBM also pumped over \$32 million, purchased

from the companies working on a Cut, Make, and Pack basis, into the financial market. CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. 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



An aerial view of Yangon Port with container vessels loading and discharging export and import cargoes.

Guests and host of the panel discussion.

Panel discussion to explore Myanmar car market outlook

A panel discussion under the theme “outlook for the Myanmar car market” has been planned to be held, according to iMyanmarHouse.

The event has been scheduled to take place at 10 am on 27 September, ground floor of the crystal ballroom at Lotte Hotel located on Pyay Road.

It is a free discussion for car enthusiasts across the country and will be held on the first day of the 18th Myanmar's Biggest Property and Car Expo, which is organized by iMyanmarHouse and CarsDB.

At the panel discussion, three special guests are top business icons of Myanmar's

automobile industry: Dr Kyaw Kyaw Aung (MAMDA) chairman, U Kyaw Swar Htoon Myint (MAMDA) secretary and U Min Min Maung — BYD EV Power Co Ltd chairman and they will discuss the local car market's updates, such as price fluctuation and prospects of market investment and market demand.

Everyone can join it for free, and U Nay Min Thu, group CEO of iMyanmarHouse, CarsDB and iMyanmarMarket, will participate as hosts.

At the 18th Myanmar's Biggest Property and Car Expo, an array of real estate projects and car brands will be exhibited. — Htun Htun/ZS

NATIONAL

Tatmadaw, people must join hands in unison to strive for the nation's overall development

❖ Tatmadaw, which holds primary responsibility for national defence, must work hand in hand with the people — with patriotism and full courage — to ensure lasting stability and unity of the nation, and to jointly strive for the country's overall development.

(An excerpt from the message sent by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, to the ceremony to mark the 78th Anniversary of Shan State Day, which falls on 7 February 2025)

Weekly Roundup

21 September

Tatmadaw TV Broadcasting Unit (Hmawby) inspected

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, inspected the Tatmadaw TV Broadcasting Unit in Hmawby Station.

22 September

NDSC issues amendment law

The National Defence and Security Council enacted the Amendment to the Political Parties Registration Law under Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

24 September

Head of State to pay working visit to Russia

At the invitation of Mr Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation, Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing will pay a working visit to the Russian Federation soon to attend the World Atomic Week Forum 2025 to be held in Moscow, the Russian Federation.

UEC issues statement

For starting the multiparty democratic general election from 28 December 2025, political parties and independent parliamentary candidates submitted their nominations to the respective commission and subcommissions between 8 and 22 September 2025. A total of 4,963 Hluttaw candidates, including nominees from 57 political parties and independents, have been registered.

25 September

The Head of State arrives in Russia

A high-level Myanmar delegation led by Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing left the Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport by the special aircraft to attend the World Atomic Week Forum 2025 to be held in Moscow of the Russian Federation at the invitation of President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Putin. The Head of State arrived at the Vnukovo International Airport in Moscow in the evening.

26 September

The Head of State joins Science Workshop in Moscow

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered an address at the Science Workshop with the title: Youth and Future Myanmar: Science and Technology at the Conference Hall of the Radisson Collection Hotel in Moscow, the Russian Federation.

The Head of State to pay an official working visit to Kazakhstan

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is currently in Moscow of the Russian Federation at the invitation of President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Putin will pay an official working visit to the Republic of Kazakhstan soon at the invitation of President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Mr Kassym-Jomart Tokayev.

UEC issues announcement

The Union Election Commission stated that in order to ensure a free and fair general election, it will hold multiparty democratic general election phase by phase on 28 December 2025, and political parties must broadcast their policies, stances and procedures through the state-owned radio and television as per this announcement.

27 September

The Head of State receives Adviser to the Russian President

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Mr Anton Kobaykov, Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation, at the Radisson Collection Hotel.

The Head of State joins World Atomic Week Forum 2025

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, attended the plenary summit of the World Atomic

Week Forum 2025 with the title "From a New Technological Rollout to a New Worldview" at the Atom Museum in Moscow, the Russian Federation.

Myanmar, Russia celebrate 70 years of enduring friendship

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, held talks with President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin at the Grand Kremlin Palace in Moscow.

Myanmar and Russia join forces for peaceful space exploration

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, held talks with Director-General Mr Dmitry V Bakanov of the State Space Corporation "Roscosmos" of the Russian Federation at the head office of Roscosmos.

Agreements signed to advance nuclear technology in Myanmar

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, held a meeting with Director-General Mr Alexey Likhachev of the State Atomic Energy Corporation ROSATOM of the Russian Federation at the Radisson Collection Hotel in Russia.

The Head of State meets staff from Embassy, military attaché

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, met families of the Myanmar Embassy to the Russian Federation, the Military Attaché's office, and scholarship trainees.

Myanmar, India vow to sustain friendship, defence cooperation

Vice-Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win received a delegation led by Defence Secretary Mr Rajesh Kumar Singh of the Ministry of Defence of India at Bayintnaung Villa in Nay Pyi Taw. — GNLM/TTA

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OPINION

Peacefully use nuclear energy for all communities' interests

GLOBAL energy demand is increasing year by year, and according to the International Energy Agency (IEA) report, in 2025 it will rise by 2.2 per cent compared to 2024. At present, nine per cent of the world's energy demand is being met by nuclear energy. It is also noted that under the World Net-Zero Carbon Emissions plan, programmes are being implemented to combine the use of renewable energy with nuclear energy.

In addition, nuclear technologies in agriculture support safer and more secure food production that is more resilient to climate change. Programmes such as mutation breeding have produced crop varieties resistant to drought, water scarcity, pests, and diseases.

Likewise, sterile insect techniques, which prevent reproduction, have helped reduce the use of pesticides, while also protecting ecosystems and enabling sustainable harvests in the long term. Nuclear energy is also a form of green energy with low carbon emissions and can provide stable electricity. Radioisotopes and nuclear imaging technologies have transformed methods of disease detection and treatment. Early diagnosis of cancers and precise targeted therapies through radiotherapy have saved millions of lives each year and greatly improved the quality of life for countless people. Nuclear medicine is an example of how scientific knowledge can provide valuable services for humanity. When nuclear energy is used for peaceful purposes across various sectors, it brings numerous benefits to humanity, but it also has certain limitations. When using nuclear energy, it is necessary to systematically manage radioactive waste to avoid harming natural ecosystems, to prevent radiation leakage from nuclear materials, and to establish reliable safety measures in advance to ensure that nuclear accidents do not occur. Myanmar has been a member of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) since 1957 and has participated in the agency's Technical Cooperation programmes.

Since 2022, Myanmar has signed memorandums of understanding with the Russian Federation and the state-owned nuclear corporation ROSATOM to cooperate on the peaceful use of nuclear energy. This collaboration has enabled Myanmar to begin developing its nuclear energy sector and lay the foundational groundwork for its advancement. As an initial step, Myanmar is working closely with ROSATOM to establish a small nuclear power plant. The country is striving to meet its growing electricity demand and provide power to small-scale industries as well as rural communities by peacefully utilizing nuclear power to generate electricity for the interests of the people and the nation.

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If there were a wind poem, it would read
If there were a wind
I could put up a sail.
If there were no sail
I would make a tent with sticks and tarps.

The Collected Poems of Bertolt Brecht is the most famous book that gathers the poems he wrote throughout his life, showing the people's views, injustice, and truth, rather than in artistic beauty. Although the words are uneven and direct, Brecht's poems are natural, easy to read, and can leave a deep effect that makes readers think. This book is especially suitable for readers who see poetry as a form of social change and for those interested in political art. Brecht's ideas remain endlessly relevant even today. For lovers of literature and for those who wish to understand the truths of human life, this collection of poems is a valuable gift. The translation has been made, preserving the original essence, bringing it closer to Myanmar readers.



Book Title - Selected Poems of Bertolt Brecht
Translator - Moe Thit Wai
Publishing House - Seikkantha
Publication Date - July 2025 (1st Edition)
Price - K8,000

Selected Poems of Bertolt Brecht

A book has been published in the Myanmar language in which the famous German poet Bertolt Brecht's poems (1945 Germany) are translated by Saya Moe Thit Wai.

If we stay inside the house,
We die from the plague.
If we step outside,
We die from the cold.
So then -
Where shall we live?

The book titled Selected Poems of Bertolt Brecht contains a total of 105 poems, including those from some of Brecht's plays, and is compiled alongside the Bertolt Brecht Poems edited by John Willett and Ralph Manheim, as well as The Collected Poems of Bertolt Brecht translated by Tom Kuhn and David Constantine.

The translator said, "It's a

matter of how the name Bertolt Brecht is pronounced. If you search for Bertolt Brecht on the internet, it comes out closer to 'Beh-tolt Bracht.' But we're already used to saying 'Bertolt Brecht' in our own way. I thought it would feel too unfamiliar to change it, so I just kept using 'Bertolt Brecht,' just like we call France "Pyin Thit". The German poet Bertolt Brecht (1898-1956) was an artist who directly reflected the realities of the people's lives, politics, and war. His poems confront readers with new perspectives and ways of thinking. They depict the themes of social inequality and human compassion merely. Brecht's poetry often presents complex social issues using plain and straightforward language. In some poems, he highlights the fundamental aspects of hu-

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Let's try to attain peace flower

By Mya Thae (Research)

Our country is Myanmar.
It has a lovely view, and the Myanmar people love each other.
Plenty of natural resources in the Golden Land.
We citizens living together hand in hand.
To remove the greediness, hatred and anger.
Live in peaceful love as siblings are familiar.
When Myanmar encounter difficulties,
They struggle to pass with unity.
Not only in Myanmar but also in the world,
Love and peace are essential for all.
Now, global leaders strive to achieve peace flower to bloom.
Thus, we may attain the precious peace flower soon.

Shadows of Trade

Min Zan

Across the borders, shadows creep,
Where secret hands their treasures keep,
Illegal trade with cunning ways,
Brings nations harm for countless days.

It steals the wealth of soil and land,
It breaks the dreams that people had planned,
Industries fall, and hopes decay,
As justice fights to block the way.

But if we rise with strength and voice,
Together stand, a single choice,
The brighter path will soon be laid,
And darkness fades where truth is made.

(Dedicating to the fight against illegal trade and its harm...)



Book Title - Treasure Poems: Echoes of Tragedy & Worry (Thawka Chayya Yadana Kabyamya)
Author - Maung Sein Win (Padigon)
Publishing House - Kaung Su Tha
Publication Date - August 2025 (14th Edition)
Price - K18,000

Treasure Poems: Echoes of Tragedy and Worry (Thawka Chayya Yadana Kabyamya)

MAUNG Sein Win (Padigon) hosted a book launch event on 6 September 2025, including a compelling book reading and other engaging events with the audience.

Throwing back to the 1970s, a poetry book was published through unwavering efforts despite many challenges. It could not be imagined that once a university student facing challenging pasts and setbacks overcame adversity and became a successful author who published that book up to the 14th edition in 2025, selling hundreds of thousands of copies. That young boy is none other than the famous author Maung Sein Win (Padigon). That poetry book with many editions is titled "Treasure poems steeped

in tragedies (Thawka Chayya Yadana Kabyamya)".

It was recorded as one of the best-selling poetry books with the most editions. Furthermore, it was the first ever frequently rented poetry book, having high circulation in libraries and bookstores. The poems published during his student life, and more, are added to this collection of poems. The first edition was issued in 1986 with 3,000 copies. They were sold out in a couple of days.

His poems delve into the transient nature of life, feelings of isolation and despair, and a poignant exploration of life's profound moments of melancholy.

The poems are categorized into three parts: poems about tragedies and sorrow, poems depicting married life and poems

contributing to life experiences.

Sayagyi Min Thu Wun conveyed feedback in the preface that I felt really bad for him that he dealt with so many emotions and life struggles at his young age. It is awful. He faced some big challenges. Reading the first part, I even prayed for him to overcome adversities in the sea of chaos. Then, the words given by a friend of mine came to my mind. "Although I am desperate for his escape from distress and misfortune, I wonder if he could write those masterpieces in the rainbow after the storms."

With intrusive thoughts during my prayers, I visualized his success and improvements in the second and third parts of the book, cultivating joy, creativity, fiction and nature. This poetry

book made a lasting impression on me without me noticing.

Sayagyi U Aung Thin shared his opinions that there are three fundamental things to create a good poem: a poet must have innate talent, must be sincere about the poem and must develop passion.

After I have read 150 poems written by Maung Sein Win (Padigon), he is gifted in poetry. I could also see his genuine feelings and experiences through his works. I recited the line in his poem "Sun in Tabaung, Lower head to drink creek water", showing the clever phrasing to convey the hidden messages in an eloquent and witty tone, how the sun's heat in the month of Tabaung is extreme.

Thus, I resolved that he was born with it. Some friends encouraged me to write poems as I can master rhyming with a vast knowledge of vocabulary. Yet, I know myself that I was not born with an aptitude for poems. I could not write that kind of aforementioned sentence as I do not possess poetic thought to convey profound insights and feelings beyond literal meaning. I cannot cry for the moon. I would like to deliver a message to readers to embrace hardships without fear, like Maung Sein Win's Thabyay (durable Eugenia graft) under scorching weather.

National Cause

By Dagon Taya (Translated by Myint Zan)

the strong, windy storm
its momentum increasing
if it causes destruction
things will be denuded
they will disintegrate

the whole night
the black, cursed darkness persists
while in hiding
the red star emerges from the horizon
as if in liberation

at the start of dawn
from the cracks and
the disintegration
(portion) of the ground
suddenly emerges the white
lotus flower
which style will it adopt
when it blooms?

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First published in Taya magazine in 1947
Translated on 25 September 2025.

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NATIONAL Entertainment



Cho Pyone

ACADEMY (Daw) Cho Pyone will organize her second Kathina ceremony in Bodh Gaya, India, on 29 September. She also participated in a rehearsal session with famous vocalists Bo Bo Han, Khin Maung Htoo, and Nwet Yin Win for the music concert, which will be held at Inya Lake Hotel on 3 October. The actress-cum-vocalist said, "I am living in two lifestyles, and so I am too tired for two, and also for more filming."

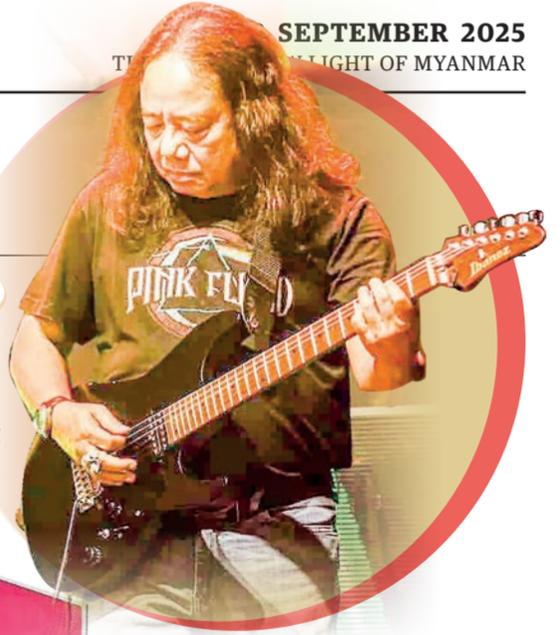
Nan Su Yati Soe

FRIDAY-BORN Nan Su Yati Soe turned 38 on 18 September, celebrating her birthday happily alongside her friends and doing good deeds. She said, "I spent my birthday with the beloved ones this year." On 1 October, she will release a 'Chit Yay So' short film on Hlwan Paing YouTube and Facebook, and Nan Su Yati Soe Facebook and YouTube.



Zaw Myo Htut

ZAW MYO HTUT, a lead guitarist of the Emperor band, marked his 62nd birthday on 25 September. His fans and singer Sithu Lwin posted birthday wishes on social networks. As for the guitar, there will never be a time in my life when I stop playing it. I will keep playing it for the rest of my life. As long as my hands can play, I will continue to strum and drive myself towards the future.



Hsaung Wutti May

ACTRESS Hsaung Wutti May enjoyed a Liverpool football match as part of the "Road to Hong Kong with Carlsberg" trip. As a Liverpool fan, she said, "I really enjoyed watching the Liverpool match. I was glad to have the chance to see the team's strength and the power of the fans. Seeing the players was an unforgettable experience. Supporting them and getting the chance to see them in person was truly memorable. More than supporting individual players, I love and support Liverpool as a team. Since I was young, I used to watch football matches alongside my father and read football journals."



C E L E B R I T Y B R I E F

Actress donates K2M for Motion Pictures Day, elder's ceremony



ACTRESS Naw Phaw Eh Htar on 25 September donated K2 million for the 105th Myanmar Motion Pictures Day and the 48th respect-paying ceremony for film industry elders, which will fall on 13 October, according to Vice-Chair U Aye Kyu Lay of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO).

The ceremony will take place at the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (central) in Yangon, and artistes and well-wishers are making cash donations.

We will hold the ceremony on 13 October. Actress Naw Phaw Eh Htar donated K2 million on 25 September. Currently, we recount the numbers of senior artistes to be exact numbers as some have passed away, and some are newly added," he said.

During the 104th Myanmar Motion Pictures Day and the 47th respect-paying ceremony for older movie veterans on 13 October 2024, 140 senior artistes were provided with cash and foodstuffs. — ASH/KTZH



Htet Htet Htun

ACTRESS Htet Htet Htun showcased a photo shoot of hers. The outfit was designed by Designer Aye Myat Khaing, with makeup by Thit Thit and photography by Ye Min Oo. Recently, regarding the just-concluded drama series 'Nga Bayinma', Htet Htet Htun, who played the character of Akari, asked her audience, "What's in your hearts after seeing the movie?" — Htun Htun/KTZH

Jewel

THE official lyric video of the song 'Ba Pyitpyit Pawt' has recently been released, and it has also received support from fans. The song was performed by Jewel alongside Hay Mar Nay Win and Phyo Pyae Sone. It was written by Halfie and music by Dave Chen. As a follow-up to this video, it is known that there will soon be a live performance of 'Ba Pyitpyit Pawt' by the three singers. The event will be sponsored by the Weint Sein Jewellery Shop.

NATIONAL

Indian Eastern Region Secretary meets SEA journalists

THE External Language Media Section within the External Publicity and Public Diplomacy Division of the Ministry of External Affairs invited 25 journalists from the Southeast Asian region to engage with them at the headquarters of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on 25 September in New Delhi, India.

Shri Chanchal Kumar, Secretary of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, gave an opening speech at the discussion.

Secretary Shri Chanchal Kumar and officials of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) explained how it is responsible for the matters relating to the planning, execution and monitoring of development schemes and projects in the North Eastern Region (NER) of India, founded in 2001.

MDoNER has been accelerating efforts in the socioeconomic development of Northeast India, comprising Arunachal



Journalists from the SEA are seen observing at the headquarters of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.

MDoNER implements development schemes, infrastructure (road, bridge, electricity, telecommunication), social development projects, innovation and enhancing connectivity to accelerate the development of

the eight North Eastern states. Officials of the MDoNER and journalists from the SEA engaged in a fruitful discussion.

The journalists from the SEA also observed the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). ICMR Director-General Dr Rajiv Bahi met them and explained about the history of

the ICMR, vision and objectives. They had active engagement and meaningful exchange with print, broadcast and digital journalists and editors from Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Timor Leste.

Journalists from the SEA, along with correspondents and

editors from the US, France, New Zealand, Australia, Japan and the Republic of Korea visited Rashtrapati Bhawan, the official residence of the President of the Republic of India, in New Delhi, which is also one of the largest residences of the head of state in the world.

Rashtrapati Bhawan was designed by the British architect Sir Edwin Lutyens and constructed from 1912 to 1929. It was renamed as "Rashtrapati Bhawan" when India became a Republic in 1950.

This iconic building with 340 rooms exemplifies a fusion of Indian and Western architectural styles, showcasing Neoclassical architecture and covering 330 acres.

The Mughal Garden behind the building is filled with varieties of flowers. This mansion with an architectural blend of Indian and European styles is a significant landmark in India's cultural and political identity, reflecting its history and standing as a powerful symbol of Indian democracy. — ASH/KK

Myanmar Art Centre (Yangon) set for international-standard upgrade

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, the Myanmar Art Centre (Yangon) will be transformed into an international stage.

Myanmar Art Centre (Yangon) is being constructed with an aim to be an international stage for performing arts such as film, music, and theatrical performances as well as a hub for artistic exhibitions, forums and entertainment, the ministry stated.

The facility will be built to meet international standards and to be earthquake-resistant at a magnitude of 8.3.

Recently, the foundations

of the main building and iron poles have been installed, while phase 1, electric wiring and water piping, has been completed.

After the completion, the art centre will become the ven-



The Myanmar Art Centre (Yangon) is seen under construction.

ue for international cultural events, dances and concerts, performances of plays and musicals, gallery exhibitions, workshops and art talks. — Htun Htun/ZN

Taunggyi Thadingyut to feature 3-day music concert

THE Taunggyi Thadingyut Festival will be held in Taunggyi Township, Shan State, and will feature a three-day "Taunggyi Thadingyut Music Concert", according to singer Sai Sai Kham Leng, who will also be performing.

The concert will showcase popular artistes over three days: Myo Gyi, Y Wyne, May Kha Lar, and Cornie on 4 November, Wai La, Bobby Soxer, Team 143, J Fire, and May La Thanzin on 5 November; Sai Sai Kham Leng, Snare, Ni Ni Khin Zaw, Ye Yint Aung, and Chan Myay Maung Cho on 6 November.

The performances will be



This photo features singers who will perform at the Taunggyi Thadingyut music concert.

supported by Iron Cross on 4 November and Mercury IX Band on 5 and 6 November. Concerts will run from 10 am to 10 pm at the Ahweiya hot-air balloon ground in Taunggyi. — ASH/MKKS

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ECONOMY WORLD

Suez Canal's revenues down US\$9B over 2 years

Egypt's Suez Canal revenues, a vital foreign currency source, have fallen by approximately US\$9 billion over the past two years due to regional challenges.



Aerial photo taken on 17 June 2018 shows the TEDA Cooperation Zone in Suez Canal Economic Zone (SCZone) in Ain Sokhna, Egypt. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**

THE revenues of the Suez Canal, a major source of foreign currency for Egypt, have dropped by some US\$ 9 billion over the past two years due to a challenging regional environment, Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi said Friday.

Speaking at the Egyptian Military Academy in the New Administrative Capital, Sisi said the loss could have provided a significant positive impetus to Egypt's economic progress.

However, Sisi assured that the country is experiencing a steadily improving economic situation despite the heavy financial impact of the canal.

He also called for learning from other countries' success in navigating difficult circumstances, which he said requires a combination of "willpower, dedicated work, and patience".

— Xinhua

Mexico exports rise 4.7% in first eight months of 2025

MEXICO'S exports rose 4.7 per cent year on year in the first eight months of 2025, fuelled mainly by manufacturing shipments, the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) said Friday.

From January to August, exports totaled US\$425.15 billion, with manufacturing shipments climbing 6.5 per cent, INEGI said in its monthly trade report. Imports edged up 0.4 per cent to \$425.68 billion in the same period.

In a separate report, Banorte, one of Mexico's largest private banks, cautioned that trade flows could face headwinds in the coming months amid legislative changes and the scheduled review of the Mexico-United States-Canada Agreement. — Xinhua

French PM announces public deficit target around 4.7% of GDP for 2026

FRENCH Prime Minister Sebastien Lecornu has said that the government is aiming for a public deficit of about 4.7 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) in 2026, while maintaining the objective of bringing the shortfall to three per cent by 2029.

Lecornu said in an interview with Le Parisien published Friday that the 2026 budget would reflect consultations with trade unions, employers' groups and public institutions, stressing that it would not be "a budget of austerity and social regression".

He said the government would cut six billion euros in state spending and operating costs, as part of a long-term reform of public administration and territorial organization through decentralization. At the same time, he noted that allocations for pensions would rise by six billion euros (US\$7 billion) and for healthcare by five billion euros next year. — Xinhua

Kenyan jeans factory to fire workers as US deal expires

A Kenyan jeans factory exporting to US brands like Wrangler and Levi's will lay off hundreds of workers this week, as the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)—a 25-year duty-free trade pact—expires on 30 September without renewal. CEO Pankaj Bedi of United Aryan factory told AFP that despite off-the-record assurances from Trump administration officials during New York meetings, US lawmakers lack a champion to push the bill amid a potential government shutdown and Trump's preference for bilateral deals over broad free-trade agreements. AGOA has enabled billions in duty-free African exports to the US, but Trump's tariffs have already disrupted trade, hitting Lesotho with 50 per cent duties and Kenya with 10 per cent. Post-expiration, Kenya faces 33 per cent import tariffs, likely diverting buyers to cheaper producers in Bangladesh or Vietnam. — AFP

Oil India reports natural gas occurrence in Andaman shallow offshore block

OIL India Limited (OIL), a Maharatna company under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, on Friday, reported the occurrence of natural gas in its second exploratory well drilled in the Andaman Shallow Offshore Block, marking a significant step in its ongoing exploration campaign. The company, in a press release, said the well, named Vijayapuram-2, was drilled in the Offshore Andaman Block AN-OSHP-2018/1 under the Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP). According to the release issued by OIL, preliminary testing confirmed the presence of natural gas after samples were collected during intermittent inflow as part of initial production testing.

The findings hold importance for India's exploration roadmap. OIL said further analysis, including gas isotope studies, is being carried out to understand the genesis of the gas. These studies are expected



Oil India reports occurrence of natural gas in Andaman Shallow offshore block. **PHOTO: ANI**

to provide clarity on whether the gas occurrence is linked to a source, a migration pathway, or an accumulation of hydrocarbons. "As per preliminary assessment, this could be a lead-

ing indicator of the presence of source or migration pathway or accumulation of hydrocarbon, which will help in future Exploration and Drilling Strategy," the release said. — ANI

New air route linking China's Haikou, Indonesia's Jakarta officially opens to strengthen connectivity

NEW air route linking China's Haikou, Indonesia's Jakarta officially opens to strengthen connectivity, with Indonesia's biggest city Jakarta, was officially launched on Friday, further strengthening connectivity and people-to-people exchanges between the two countries.

Operated by Hainan Airlines, the route's inaugural flight departed from Haikou Meilan International Airport and landed at Soekarno-Hatta International Airport in Banten Province, near Jakarta, at around 6:10 pm local time after a journey of over four hours.

The arrival was marked by

a welcoming ceremony attended by Indonesian government officials, Chinese diplomats, and airport representatives.

Passengers were greeted with cultural performances and souvenirs, highlighting the strong bilateral friendship as China and Indonesia celebrate the 75th anniversary of diplomatic ties this year. — Xinhua



A marshaller directs a plane to its designated parking spot at Meilan International Airport in Haikou, south China's Hainan Province, 8 September 2024 **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**

Lufthansa planning thousands of job cuts: sources

LUFTHANSA is planning to cut thousands of administrative staff as the German aviation giant seeks to reduce costs following a fall in earnings, sources close to the matter said Friday.

The group's profits tum-

bled nearly a fifth in 2024 due to problems ranging from a string of walkouts to aircraft delivery delays.

Two sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed to AFP that Lufthansa was planning to axe up to 20

per cent of its administrative staff. The Handelsblatt financial daily, which also reported on the job cuts, said the group employs some 15,000 office staff. Its total workforce currently numbers around 103,000. — AFP

Bus company introduces Japan's 1st service with lie-flat seats

A Japanese company will begin operating the country's first overnight bus with lie-flat seats from November after its trial of the service proved popular.

Kochi Ekimae Kanko, a bus

operator in western Japan, has repeatedly received passenger feedback that overnight bus rides can be physically tiring and concluded there is enough demand for buses with lie-flat

seats.

The company trialed the seats, which can be converted into two tiers of beds, on its 13-hour service between Kochi Prefecture and Tokyo. During the trial in August, an upper bed seat cost 12,000 yen (\$80) one way, while a lower bed seat was 10,000 yen. The fares for the regular service are yet to be announced.

Each flatbed is 180 centimetres in length and 48 centimetres in width, equipped with privacy curtains and safety rails. Buses with flatbeds have already been in service in other countries, including the United States and Vietnam, according to the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism. — Kyodo



Photo shows a lie-flat seat for express overnight buses introduced by Kochi Ekimae Kanko in Kochi Prefecture being demonstrated on 30 May 2025 **PHOTO: KYODO**

Turin Auto Show opens with strong Chinese presence, new design awards

THE 2025 Turin Auto Show opened Friday in the northern Italian city of Turin, with more than 50 automakers, including 17 from China, showcasing over 100 models that highlight the latest advancements in automotive design and technology.

This year's programme features world premieres of new models, test drives, industry dialogues and supercar displays. As one of the world's oldest auto shows, the Turin event also debuted the Turin Automotive De-

sign Award (TADA), which has emerged as a highlight of this year's exhibition.

Launched by the event's organizers, TADA is the first professional automotive design award in Europe officially supporting cooperation between Chinese and European auto industries. With the theme "Piedmont Meets China", the inaugural award recognizes innovative achievements of Chinese models active in the European market. — Xinhua

US furniture trade group warns of Trump's new tariffs

THE Home Furnishings Association, the only trade group representing the interests of home furnishings retailers in the United States, expressed concern on Friday over new tariffs announced by Washington, warning its more than 1,400 members that the measure could directly impact their businesses.

"For furniture retailers,

these tariffs present both challenges and questions," said an alert letter posted on the group's official website Friday, one day after US President Donald Trump declared that tariffs of 30 per cent to 50 per cent would be imposed on certain furniture and cabinetry starting 1 October citing national security reasons. — Xinhua

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



The project is scheduled for launch in 2030, marking a global milestone in nuclear technology. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

SEPTEMBER 27

Russia's expertise builds closed nuclear fuel cycle

RUSSIA has the experience, know-how, and expertise to build a nuclear power plant with a closed fuel cycle, World Nuclear Association Director-General Dr. Sama Bilbao y Leon told Sputnik.

On Thursday, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced that Russia would be constructing the world's first nuclear power system with a closed fuel cycle in the Tomsk Region, with the launch date set for 2030.

"That is definitely something that

[Russian state nuclear corporation] Rosatom has been planning on doing. And frankly, I think we know that there is the experience already here.

"We already have the fast reactors that have been operating for 40-50 years. So, I think that Russia has the know-how and the expertise to do something like that," Bilbao y Leon said on the sidelines of the World Atomic Week Forum in Moscow. – SPUTNIK

SEPTEMBER 26

Netanyahu vows to block Palestinian state

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed Friday in an angry UN address to block a Palestinian state, accusing European leaders of pushing his country into "national suicide" and rewarding Hamas.

Netanyahu, in a defiant speech he said was partially broadcast on Israeli military loudspeakers in Gaza, vowed to "finish the job" against Hamas even as President Donald Trump said he thought he had sealed a deal on a ceasefire.

Days after France, Britain and other Western powers recognized a state of Palestine, Netanyahu said that they had sent "a very clear message that murdering Jews pays off". "We will not commit national suicide because you don't have the guts to face down the hostile media and antisemitic mobs demanding Israel's blood," he said. – AFP

SEPTEMBER 25

Singapore sets Meta deadline to fight Facebook scams

SINGAPORE said on Thursday it had given Meta until 30 September to clamp down on the growing number of scammers pretending to be government officials or face hefty fines.

Meta's Facebook is the top platform used by fraudsters to carry out the scams, which have cost victims tens of millions of dollars, according to the city-state's government. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said the police issued a directive to Meta "to put in place measures to target scam advertisements, accounts, profiles, and/or business pages impersonating key Government Office Holders on Facebook" by 30 September. Failure to comply "without reasonable excuse would render Meta liable on conviction to a fine" of up to Sg\$1.0 million (US\$776,000), the MHA said. – AFP

SEPTEMBER 24

Super typhoon Ragasa lashes Hong Kong

THE Hong Kong Observatory issued the hurricane signal No 10, the top level warning, at 2:40 am local time on Wednesday as super typhoon Ragasa whirls by.

This was the second time the highest alert was activated this year after typhoon Wipha passed by on 10 July. Hong Kong has not repeated the No 10 signal in one year since 1964.

Ragasa lashed Hong Kong with torrential rains and winds with speeds of 118 kilometres per hour or more. Amid Ragasa's rampage, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government had received 169 reports of snapped trees and one report of mudslide by 8 am on Wednesday. Public hospitals received 19 patients for typhoon-related injuries.

By 8 am, 49 emergency shelters set up across Hong Kong had housed 747 occupants. – Xinhua

SEPTEMBER 23

Trump slams UN for failing peace deals

IN a blistering speech during his first UN General Assembly appearance since his White House comeback, Trump also accused the world body of failing to help him as he tried to broker a series of peace deals including in Gaza and Ukraine.

"What is the purpose of the United Nations?" asked Trump in a wide-ranging speech lasting nearly an hour. "It has such tremendous potential but it's not even coming close to living up to that."

Trump's first speech to the UN back in 2018 saw fellow leaders laughing at the Republican, but this time his full-frontal attack on the global organization and US allies was received in near total silence.

The 79-year-old's litany of complaints even extended to a broken escalator and teleprompter at the New York headquarters of the UN, which he has repeatedly targeted during both of his presidential terms. – AFP

SEPTEMBER 22

Some European Govts recognize Palestine at UNGA session

A GROUP of European governments recognized the State of Palestine on Monday at the 80th session of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly, marking a growing diplomatic shift in Europe and a widening policy gap with the United States.

European officials said the moves are largely symbolic for now, but vital to keeping the two-state vision alive as the Palestinian-Israeli conflict has dragged on for nearly two years. Washington remains opposed to recognition at this stage and denied visas to Palestinian delegates, barring them from the UN meeting in New York. France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Malta and Monaco announced recognition during Monday's high-level UN meeting on the peaceful settlement of the Palestinian question. – Xinhua

SEPTEMBER 21

Silk Road expo kicks off in Dunhuang

MORE THAN 1,200 representatives from 97 countries and eight international organizations have gathered at the 8th Silk Road (Dunhuang) International Cultural Expo, which kicked off on Sunday in Dunhuang, a key hub on the ancient Silk Road in northwest China.

The expo will continue until Monday and features activities such as cultural dialogues and exhibitions, as well as artistic performances to promote global cultural cooperation.

Speaking at the expo, Prasop Riangngoen, permanent secretary of the Ministry of Culture of the Kingdom of Thailand, said Dunhuang is a symbol of the Silk Road – an important hub where civilizations converge, ideas are exchanged and different arts are able to learn from each other. – Xinhua

SPORTS

Shan United bounce back with victory in MNL clash



Shan United in action against Ayeyawady United. **PHOTO: MNL**

DEFENDING champions Shan United returned to winning form in the 2025-2026 Myanmar National League (MNL) season after defeating Ayeyawady United 3-1 on 27 September at the Taunggyi Stadium in Matchweek 5.

Shan United, who had suffered a home draw in Matchweek 4, made key adjustments to their starting line-up and secured the much-needed win. The first half ended goalless despite Shan United's attacking pressure, with Ayeyawady's goalkeeper and defenders standing firm. The breakthrough came in 51 minutes

when striker Sa Aung Pyae Ko headed in the opening goal. The champions kept pushing and added two more through Thet Hein Soe in 64 minutes and Mauricio in stoppage time (90+3). Ayeyawady United's consolation goal came from a penalty converted by Win Htay in 83 minutes.

At the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre, ISPE FC and Hanthawady United shared points in a 2-2 draw. Hanthawady initially went ahead through Than Toe Aung's penalty at 24 minutes and Kyi Soe's strike at 59 minutes, but ISPE equalized with goals from Win

Pyae Maung at 38 minutes and Than Toe Aung at 66 minutes. The result pushed Hanthawady out of the top spot, while ISPE continued their run of strong draws against leading teams.

On 26 September, Yangon United crushed Yamanya United 6-0. Striker Mogou starred with five goals, while Rintaro Hama added another as Yangon bounced back strongly with a half-dozen goals.

Matchweek 5 continues today at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre, where Dagon Star United face Dagon Port. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

West Ham sack Potter, Nuno tipped to take over

WEST Ham sacked Graham Potter on Saturday after only nine months in charge, with former Nottingham Forest boss Nuno Espirito Santo tipped to take over the troubled Premier League club.

Potter's exit was widely expected after the Hammers slumped to second bottom of the table ahead of Monday's trip to Everton.

Nuno is expected to replace Potter in time for the clash with Everton after reports the Portuguese coach has had positive talks with the West Ham board. Potter managed just three points from

West Ham's five league matches this season, while they also crashed out of the League Cup against Wolves.

The former Chelsea and Brighton manager only took the reins at the London Stadium in January, with last season's disappointing 14th place finish putting pressure on him to hit the ground running this season.

Last weekend's home defeat against Crystal Palace proved the final straw.

Potter, who lost five of West Ham's six games this season, was relieved of his duties less than 24 hours after holding his usual pre-match press conference on Friday. — AFP



West Ham's English head coach Graham Potter. **PHOTO: AFP**

Amorim under pressure as Brentford stun Man Utd

TROUBLED Manchester United crashed to a 3-1 defeat at Brentford on Saturday as Bruno Fernandes's penalty miss piled pressure on beleaguered boss Ruben Amorim.

Amorim's side paid the price for another error-strewn display as Igor Thiago netted twice in the opening 20 minutes to punish shambolic defending.

Benjamin Sesko reduced the deficit with his first goal for United before half-time.

But United captain Fernandes squandered a golden opportunity to rescue a draw when his tame penalty was saved by Caoimhin Kelleher late in the second half before Mathias Jensen wrapped up the points in stoppage-time.

Amorim had arrived in



Brentford's Igor Thiago (R) shoots to score against Manchester United. **PHOTO: AFP**

west London hoping to finally win successive league matches as United boss.

Instead, he left fearing the sack after the latest low moment since he moved from Sporting Lisbon to replace the

axed Erik ten Hag in November.

United have lost three of their six Premier League games this season, winning just twice, and are languishing in 13th place. — AFP

Sinner survives to sink qualifier as Swiatek launches Beijing bid

JANNIK Sinner survived a scare to sink French qualifier Terence Atmane at the China Open on Saturday as Iga Swiatek launched her title bid and home player Zheng Qinwen returned from injury.

The world number two Italian beat Atmane 6-4, 5-7, 6-0 and will face 57th-ranked Fabian Marozsan of Hungary in the quarter-finals in Beijing.

"It was a very tough match

today," four-time Grand Slam champion Sinner said. "I felt like he was serving great."

Sinner said he lost concentration during the second set but quickly recovered to steamroll past 68th-ranked Atmane in the decider.

"I started off very well in the third set then I saw (Atmane) struggling a bit physically," he said.

"It's not how you want to win a match but very happy to be again in the next round." Atmane declared it would be a fight with two aces in the first game and made Sinner work for the first set.

The Frenchman sent down six more aces in the second and broke the 24-year-old Sinner to force a deciding set.

With Atmane flagging, Sinner raced to victory. — AFP

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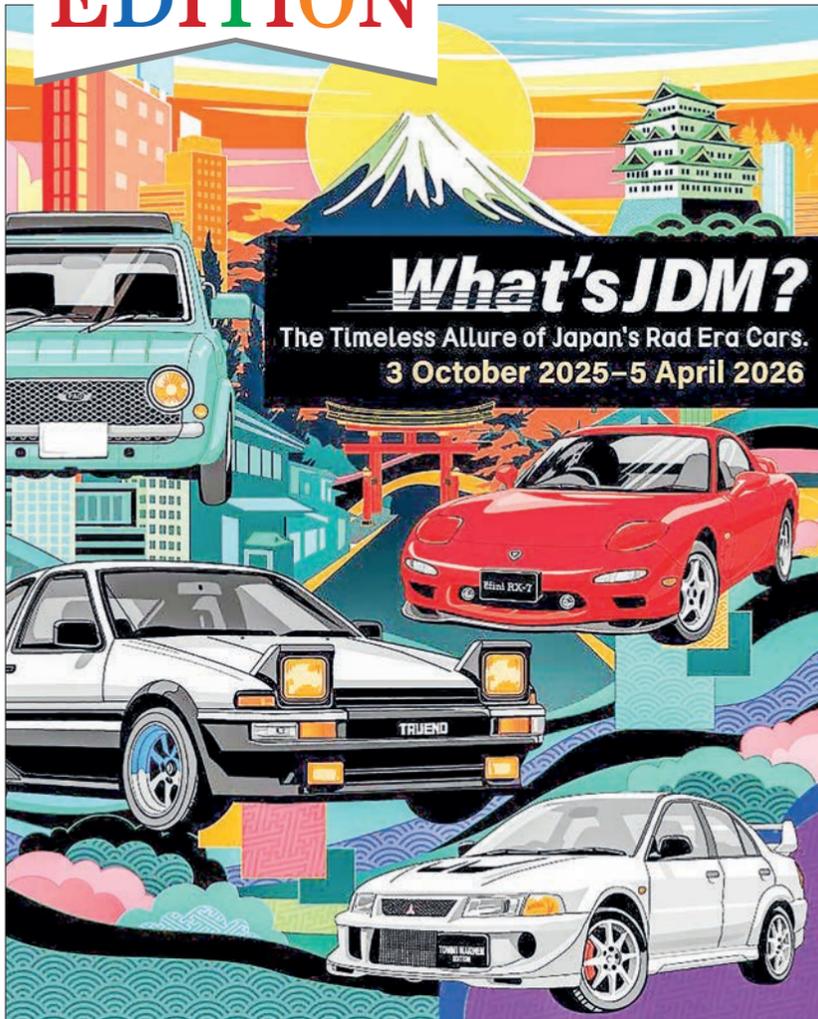


Photo shows a flyer from the Toyota Automobile Museum's special exhibit from 3 October to 5 April 2025. PHOTO: KYODO

Lifestyle

Toyota museum to display Skyline GT-R, other enthusiast Japanese cars

A Toyota Motor Corp museum will launch a special exhibit in October featuring iconic Japanese cars of the 1980s and 1990s, including its Sprinter Trueno and models made by its rivals, such as Nissan Motor Co's Skyline GT-R.

The display will run from 3 October to 5 April at the Toyota Automobile Museum in Aichi Prefecture, highlighting JDM, an acronym for Japanese Domestic Market vehicles, according to Toyota. JDM cars have

Toyota's museum in Aichi will showcase iconic 1980s-1990s JDM cars.

gained cult status worldwide, with enthusiasts modifying and restoring vehicles that were imported to foreign markets.

Mazda Motor Corp's Efina RX-7, Subaru Corp's Impreza WRX STi, Mitsubishi Motors Corp's Lancer Evolution VI Tommi Makinen Edition and Honda Motor

Co's Integra Type-R are also among more than 10 models to be showcased, though vehicles on display will be rotated during the course of the exhibit.

The lineup includes models loaned by seven Japanese automakers other than Toyota and by the Motorcar Museum of Japan in Ishikawa Prefecture.

Japanese cars from the period, known as the "Rad Era", featured advanced for their time electronics and innovative high-performance engines, Toyota said. — Kyodo

Big news: Annual eating contest roars to life in Fat Bear Week

AMERICANS exhausted by the firehose of news in 2025 were being offered a brief respite Wednesday, as Fat Bear Week got under way in Alaska.

The annual tongue-in-cheek contest pits bears against each other as they stuff themselves with salmon to prepare for months of hibernation.

The unwitting competitors — known only by their numbers — battle it out in a series of

Alaska's Fat Bear Week starts with global votes for fattest hibernation bear.

head-to-head votes, with hundreds of thousands of people around the world expected to cast

a ballot.

The winner at the end of the week will be the bear voters judge to have piled on the most pounds.

The online contest began in 2014 with just a few thousand people voting, but has now turned into an outside exercise in democracy.

Organizers said that around 1.2 million votes were cast from more than 100 countries in Fat Bear Week 2024. — AFP



Brown bears in Alaska's Katmai National Park are — unwittingly — competing to be crowned chubbiest creature in the annual Fat Bear Week contest. PHOTO: AFP

Gujarat's loan scheme enabled Scheduled Caste student Vidhi Parmar to become a commercial pilot.

Vidhi Parmar from Ahmedabad district has successfully turned her childhood dream of becoming a pilot into reality. PHOTO: ANI



Women's empowerment takes flight: Gujarat pilot scheme transforms dreams

A woman is revered as the embodiment of power, and during Navratri, the worship of Shakti holds profound significance.

In today's era, women have reached remarkable heights across diverse fields through their talent and determination. The Government of Gujarat has consistently supported the youth in realizing their aspirations, with special emphasis on empowering women, by introducing and implementing various progressive schemes.

Among these, a notable initiative of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, dedicated to the holistic

development of Scheduled Castes, is the Loan Assistance Scheme for Scheduled Caste Students for Commercial Pilot Training. Through this scheme, Vidhi Parmar from Ahmedabad district has successfully turned her childhood dream of becoming a pilot into reality. Vidhi Harshad Parmar, dreaming of flight since childhood, became a commercial pilot through hard work, family support, and the Scheduled Caste Commercial Pilot Loan Scheme.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi promotes women's inclusion in social, educational, political, sports, agricultural, and other fields. — ANI