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US\$13M-worth 10MW biofuel power plant proposed in Myawady



A biofuel power plant is seen in footage from an overseas news agency.

K-STARS Empire Company Limited has submitted an investment proposal of about US\$13 million to construct a biofuel power plant in Myawady Township, Kayin State. The power plant is expected to generate 10 megawatts from agricultural waste. Concerning this project, Kayin State Chief Minister U Saw Myint Oo met the company officials on 9 September.

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Thanbyuzayat Earns ASEAN Smoke-Free Honour

THANBYUZAYAT Township in Mon State has jointly won the third prize in the 2026 ASEAN Smoke-Free Awards, along with Depok in Indonesia, Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia, Pasig in the Philippines and Maha Sarakham in Thailand. George Town, Malaysia, won second prize, while Baguio in the Philippines took the first prize. Awards were presented at the 17th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Dr Myat Wunna Soe, Director-General of the Department of Public Health, accepted the third prize on behalf of the Ministry of Health. The Ministry of Health is working



The 2026 ASEAN Smoke-Free Award. with partners and social organizations to combat smoking and tobacco use and establish smoke-free areas under the Control of Smoking and Consumption of Tobacco Products Law (2006), aiming to protect the public from the harmful effects of tobacco smoke. — MNA/MKKS

MRF to step up agricultural cooperation with Vietnam

MYANMAR and Vietnam will accelerate agricultural cooperation, including rice, seeds, rice mill equipment, and storage systems, to boost bilateral trade and investment, according to the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF). The discussions took place at the Myanmar-Vietnam Business Forum 2026 on 6 September at the Melia Hotel in Hanoi, **SEE PAGE 4**



MRF President U Ye Min Aung and his delegation meet Vietnamese officials at the Myanmar-Vietnam Business Forum 2026.

YSX Aug trading value tops K5.16B

TRADING on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) totalled K5.16 billion in August 2026, with more than two million shares exchanged across its eight listed companies, according to YSX statistics. The YSX was established in 2015 and currently lists eight public companies and eight companies — First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), TMH Telecom Public Co Ltd (TMH), the Ever Flow River Group Public Co Ltd (EFR), Amata Holding Public Co Ltd (AMATA) and Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Co Ltd (MAEX) — are listed on the security market. EFR topped the trading on YSX with 1,777,433 shares valued at K3.2 billion, followed by MTSH with 64,069 shares valued at over K565 million, FMI with 27,339 shares valued at K493.8 million, FPB with 65,002 shares valued at K439 million, MAEX with 61,972 shares valued at K412 million, MCB with 2,435 shares valued at K31.6 million, AMATA with 2,081 shares valued at K8.5 million and TMH with 1,094 shares valued at K 3.97 million. Stock trading value was estimated at K2.16 billion with a trading volume of 262,340 shares in July 2026. Stock trading value in August surged by more than K1 billion over July. — NN/KK

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Objectives of 27th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition 2026

- (a) To enhance national prestige, integrity, and preserve the traditional cultural heritage of ethnic people
- (b) To preserve national characteristics and promote the national spirit, cherishing traditional culture among the younger generation
- (c) To explore, preserve and promote the sustainable development of traditional Myanmar arts
- (d) To function as a cultural and artistic institution that contributes to nation-building

U Myo Moe Aung concurrently accredited as Ambassador of Myanmar to Republic of Kazakhstan

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myo Moe Aung, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Russian Federation, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Kazakhstan. — MNA

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During the meeting, Thailand technical experts gave a detailed presentation on the project's timeline, structures and machinery configuration, trial operation, power trading management and positive impacts on the local community and environment. The chief minister discussed the power plant construction and the power supply and distribution plan. — TWA/ZS

MNREC designates Namton protected public forest

THE Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation has announced that 25,200 acres in Langkho Township, Langkho District, Shan State, were designated as the "Namton Protected Public Forest" on 1 September 2026, under Subsection (e) of Section 6 of the Forest Law 2018.

The ministry designates protected public forests and forest reserves to ensure the sustainability of mountain ecosystems, strengthen environmental management, conserve biodiversity and water



This image depicts an aerial view of the Namton protected public forest.

resources, and prevent the improper extraction of timber, poles, firewood and other forest products by local residents.

The Namton Protected Public Forest will conserve various tree species, including teak, ironwood, Sal tree, Indi-

an Laurel, oriental plane tree, climbing wattle, Burmese lacquer tree, Jujube or Chinese date, and big-leaf mahogany, while allowing residents to continue using forest products sustainably. It will also protect wildlife species such as jungle cats, deer, mountain goats, rabbits, sambar deer and monkeys.

The designation is also expected to improve the ecosystem, support the socioeconomic development of local residents and help mitigate climate change. — MNREC/MKKS

Weather

Heavy Rainfall Warning No72

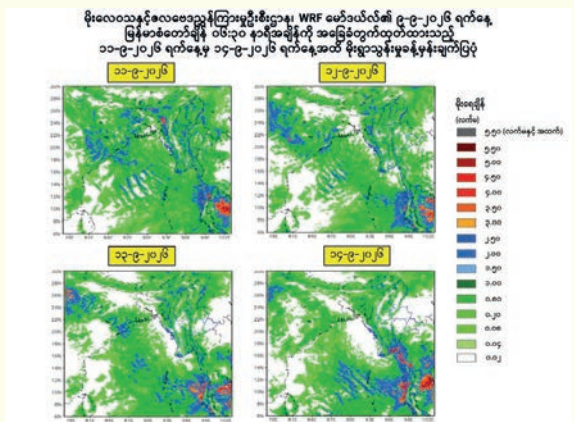
Issued at 8 pm MST on 10 September 2026

ACCORDING to the observations at 6:30 pm MST today, due to the strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the South Bay of Bengal, unstable air condition over the North Bay of Bengal and the strong development of the convective clouds such as rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Mon and Rakhine States from today morning to 14 September 2026.

Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at time off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 25-30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 7-9 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

People should be aware of the strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the South Bay of Bengal, unstable air condition over the North Bay of Bengal and the strong development of the convective clouds such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, flash floods and landslides in the hilly areas and near small rivers and inland water transport and domestic flights. — DMH



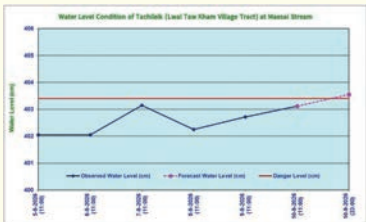
Flood Warning

Issued at 11:30 am MST on 10 September 2026

ACCORDING to the 11 am MST observation today, the water level of the Mae Sai Stream at Tachilek (Loitawkhram Village) is observed as about 11 inches below its danger level. It may exceed about six inches above its danger level during the next 12 hours.

It is especially alert to the people who settle near the stream

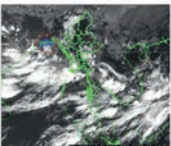
banks and low lying areas in Tachilek Township, to take precautionary measures and to stay away from the flood-prone areas in time if the water level will rise. — DMH



Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 2 pm MST on 10 September 2026

ACCORDING to the observations at 12:30 pm MST today, a low-pressure area has formed over the North Bay of Bengal. — DMH



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President's Office Union Minister receives ICRC Director



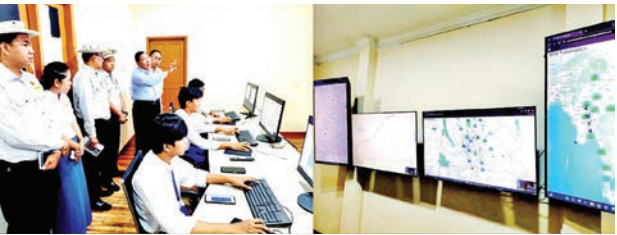
ICRC Director Dr Cordula Droege calls on Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi yesterday.

UNION Minister at the President's Office U Khin Maung Yi received Dr Cordula Droege, Director of International Law, Red Cross Movement and Partnerships at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, at the President's Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning. They discussed ways to further strengthen humanitarian cooperation between Myanmar and ICRC and to ensure that

humanitarian work in Myanmar is carried out systematically and effectively. The director-general and officials from the President's Office also attended the meeting. — MNA/MKKS

Over 6,000 vehicles on YGN-MDY Expressway equipped with GPS systems



This photo features Deputy Minister for Construction U Myo Myint and his party inspecting monitoring and inspection operations at the Telematics Command & Control Centre.

PASSENGER buses and heavy freight trucks carrying the 14 designated types of cargo and operating on the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway are permitted to use the highway only after installing Telematics GPS systems. To date, a total of 6,037 vehicles have been fitted with the systems. The installation of Telematics GPS systems began in June 2024, and so far, 3,525 passenger buses and 2,512 freight trucks

have been equipped with the systems. The driving status of these vehicles is monitored 24 hours a day by the Telematics Command & Control Centre at the Nay Pyi Taw Junction toll gate. Drivers are contacted by phone to ensure that they do not exceed the speed limit of 90 kilometres per hour or stop in unauthorized areas. Additionally, Deputy Minister for Construction U Myo Myint visited the

Telematics Command & Control Centre on the morning of 9 September to inspect the monitoring and inspection operations. During his visit, the deputy minister inspected the CCTV rooms at toll gates along the Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw section, the toll collection system and the movement of vehicles across weighbridges. He instructed officials to ensure that vehicles do not exceed the permitted weight limits; systematically maintain TFI display boards, barrier arms, weighbridges, CCTV cameras and computer accessories in good working order at all times; and exercise special vigilance to ensure accurate and systematic record-keeping of toll collections. — TWA/TH

3 associations sign MoU for land transport, customs clearance

ACCORDING to the Myanmar Highway Freight Transport Services Association (MHFTSA), a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation among three affiliated associations was signed to advance Myanmar's land transport and customs clearance sectors.

The event took place on 8 September at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Yangon, attended by chairpersons, officials, and executive committee members from the MHFTSA, the Myanmar Container Truck Association (MCTA), and the Myanmar Customs Services Association (MCBA), along with guests.

At the ceremony, the three associations official-

ly signed and exchanged agreements. Through this cooperation, it is expected to speed up and smooth out the flow of goods between ports, city container transport, highways, and border gates, as well as to reduce delays related to customs clearance and documentation.

Furthermore, it is expected to yield results in cooperating on digital sys-

tems and connections to promote Digital Transformation and enhance the Logistics Performance Index (LPI). The cooperation will also be able to consolidate the voices of business owners, effectively presenting operational difficulties and policy recommendations to the government and relevant departments. — MT/ZN



The MoU signing ceremony among the MHFTSA, the MCTA, and the MCBA.

Recovery and reconstruction efforts continue in Tiddim

RENOVATION work has been carried out on schools, departmental buildings and a hospital in Tiddim Township, including the Monastery Education School, Border Area Ethnic Youth Training School, Domestic Vocational Training School, staff housing for the Township Religious Affairs Office, a new 100-bed extension ward at the Township Hospital, staff housing for the Cooperative Department and the Township Election Commission Office.

Yesterday morning, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Thant Zaw Lwin, Chin State Minister for Natural Resources U Win Zaw Oo and members of the Chin State Rehabilitation and Reconstruction



Deputy Minister Dr Thant Zaw Lwin and officials inspect rehabilitation efforts in Tiddim Township, Chin State. Committee inspected the work. The deputy minister and his delegation also received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Ashin Pu ñña Nanda at the Thera-vada Buddhist Missionary Centre in Myoma Ward, offered Waso robes and discussed religious affairs. They visited the Basic Education High School No 1, where they inspected in-

dustrial, agricultural and livestock-breeding studies. They also inspected the damaged Township Immigration and Population Department building and citizenship scrutiny card services at the temporary township office in Khwado Hall, where they handed cards to students. — MNA/MKKS

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Repairs on 230-kV Shwegyin-Thayagon power transmission line completed

THE 230-kV Shwegyin-Thayagon power transmission line, which had been damaged by an attack in 2023, has been repaired, enabling electricity generated by the Shwegyin Hydropower Plant to be transmitted back into the national grid.

The power line was destroyed on 26 September 2023, causing 11 transmission towers in Nyaunglebin Township to collapse. As a result, the 75-MW output of the Shwegyin Hydropower Plant could no longer be transmitted to the national grid, leading to scheduled power cuts in Yangon, Ay-



Images show a collapsed tower and MoEE employees repairing the damage.

eyawady and other areas.

Under the protection of security personnel, around 300 employees from the Ministry of Electricity and Energy, with support from locals, worked to restore the damaged infrastructure. By 30 August 2026, repairs and reconnections had enabled about 80 MW, equivalent to

about 3.2 million units of electricity per day, to be supplied to the national grid.

The restored power supply is sufficient to provide electricity to around 3.5 million people per day. Since 9 September, Yangon has been receiving electricity 24 hours, except in cases of power-line faults,

without the need for the previous eight-hour daily load-shedding rotation.

The ministry is making efforts to repair other damaged transmission lines and strengthen the national power grid, with the cooperation of security personnel and local communities. — MNA/KTZH

26,000 litres of drinking water distributed to flood victims in Laymyethna

THE Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) has distributed more than 26,000 litres of drinking water to more than 1,000 flood-hit people in Laymyethna Township, Ayeyawady Region, continuing to provide water to areas in need.

The Water and Environmental Sanitation Team of the MRCS Health Department has been providing drink-



MRCS volunteers distribute drinking water to flood-affected people in Laymyethna Township.

ing water to residents of Wards 1, 2 and 3 and Sitgon Village in Laymyethna Township.

As of 9 September, more than 26,000 litres of drinking water and 40 collapsible water containers had been distributed to more than 1,000 flood-affected people. The MRCS will continue distributing drinking water to other wards and villages in need. — TWA/KZL

AUD400,000 to provide support to flood victims in Ayeyawady

THE Australian Embassy (Myanmar) stated that AUD400,000 will be provided to support flood victims in Ayeyawady Region.

The assistance will be supported through local civil society organizations as well as Australia shares the grief of those affected by the floods that have hit many parts of Myanmar.

The Australian Embassy (Myanmar) said

that assistance is being provided on the ground, including in many of the hardest-hit areas, through its humanitarian partners.

The assistance will help expand access to clean drinking water, sanitation, hygiene and the distribution of emergency shelter and family necessities. Additionally, it will also provide food and personal protective equipment. — ASH/



Relief teams evacuate flood-affected people in Ayeyawady Region.

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attended by the MRF delegation led by President U Ye Min Aung, accompanied by vice-presidents and executive members.

U Ye Min Aung presented a paper on the potential for cooperation in the agriculture and fisheries sectors at the forum, proposing specific initiatives to expand trade and investment. He emphasized that a B2B rice cooperation plan between the two countries would be prioritized. Areas for collaboration include rice seed production, mod-

ern farming technology, rice mills and drying machinery, rice storage systems and valueadded processing of agricultural products.

Vietnam expressed strong interest in investing in Myanmar's agriculture, food processing, and other valueadded industries. Both sides highlighted agriculture, food production, and valuechain development as a strong potential for collaboration. A pledge to move discussions into concrete business plans was also addressed. — ASH/KK

Myanmar's tourism industry gains gradual recovery



Daw Le Le Mon, manager for domestic ticketing and reservations at Unique Asia Travels and Tours.

WITH an increase in foreign tourist arrivals, Myanmar's tourism industry has improved again, said Daw Le Le Mon, manager for domestic ticketing and reservations at Unique Asia Travels and Tours.

Among foreign tourists in Myanmar, the majority are Thais and Chinese, as well as Russian, German, and US nationals. The major destination for foreign tourists in Myanmar is

Bagan, and they are interested in destinations where they can explore Myanmar's ancient culture and nature.

She said hotel prices are becoming cheaper and more new train journeys are becoming available, and in an effort to attract more tourists, activities like exploring culture, such as Myanmar handicrafts and paintings, are also being planned to be included

in their tours. For tours which provide breakfast and dinner, they will give a better travel experience in Myanmar with activities which can make a memorable journey for visitors.

In the meantime, locals' outbound tours have been rising; in particular, many locals have gone on trips to Thailand for different purposes such as medical, education and business. — MT/ZS

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Key Trade Routes Reclaimed; Illegal Online Scam
Compounds Demolished in Kayin State

COMBINED terrorist groups, including elements of the KNU, KNLA, DKBA, and PDFs, launched coordinated offensives across the Myawady-Thingannyin-aung-Kawkareik Asian Highway starting in March 2024. The operations were aimed at controlling critical border routes to expand illicit cyber-fraud and gambling syndicates. During a 28-day assault on local battalion headquarters and public buildings in Thingannyinaung, the groups caused widespread destruction to departmental offices and residential areas, forcing local communities to flee and severing key border trade access.

The insurgent groups systematically disrupted transit along the Hpa-an-Kyondo-Kawkareik-Myawady economic corridor by taking cover in rural villages, laying mines, extorting commercial vehicles, and detonating critical public crossings, including the Nyinya Thalin, Five-Post and Kawtnwe bridges. These disruptions halted commodity flows, triggered sharp price inflation, and severely impaired local livelihoods while allowing cross-border scam operations to flourish under armed protection.

In response, Tatmadaw columns launched counter-operations on 13 April 2025, to clear the



This map shows the demolition status of scam-related hubs in KK Park, Myawady Township.

transport arteries. Over three months of sustained manoeuvres involving 92 clashes, troops neutralized 17 insurgents, seized 30 assorted firearms, and reclaimed control of the Kyondo-Kawkareik section on 24 July 2025. Supported by the Myanmar Police Force, security

personnel also defended Thingannyinaung from further attacks, formally reopening the Myawady-Thingannyin-aung-Kawkareik Asian Highway on 6 September 2025.

Following the securing of main roadways, combined forces moved

to dismantle major cybercrime enclaves. In the KK Park zone southeast of Myawady, authorities detained 1,282 undocumented foreign nationals, seized scam equipment, and completely demolished 635 related structures by 9 January 2026, transferring the detainees abroad via Thailand.

Similar measures in Shwe Kokko led to the apprehension of 2,075 foreigners and the total demolition of 77 illegal operations facilities by 26 July 2026. Security operations in the Kyauk Khet area between July and August 2026 led to 46 engagements, the seizure of fortified camps, arms, 219 mines, Starlink termi-

nals, 452 mobile devices, and the detention of 777 suspects.

Battlefield engineering unit concurrently rebuilt destroyed infrastructure, including the 80-foot Kyunkhunnapin Bailey bridge and damaged spans along the Kyondo-Kawkareik-Myawady stretch, fully restoring regional mobility. Authorities reaffirmed their resolve to eradicate online scams as a national priority, working in coordination with neighbouring countries to conduct regular sweeps and permanently prevent illegal networks from re-establishing footholds in border regions.

— MNA/ST

Myanmar hands over fugitives to Thailand

THREE Thai nationals wanted for drug-related offences in Thailand and hiding in Tachilek have been arrested and handed over to Thai authorities via the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge I, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

The suspects, identified as Mr Boy Lueansiri, Ms Kulapom Makvemal and Mrs Chonlanat, also known as Budsanee Insuwan, were arrested in Tachilek on 11 and 17 July by a combined team comprising members of the Drug Enforcement Division and Shan State police force.

They were subse-



A handover ceremony for Thai nationals is underway at the Myanmar-Thai border.

quently ordered to be deported under Section 7(2) of the Immigration (Emergency Provisions) Act and handed over to a delegation led by Police Major Suriya Singhakamol, Secretary-General

of Thailand's Office of the Narcotics Control Board, at the Myanmar-Thailand border on 10 September.

In a separate operation, six other Thai nationals wanted for drug-related and other offences,

and those found staying in Tachilek without valid documents, were also deported and handed over to Thai immigration authorities.

The handovers were carried out under the bilateral Myanmar-Thailand cooperation mechanism for drug control, which facilitates information sharing, arrests and the transfer of wanted offenders who cross the border to evade law enforcement. The cooperation is expected to further strengthen bilateral ties and enhance efforts to combat cross-border drug-related and transnational crimes.

— MNA/KTZH

PDFs' FPV Drone Strike on TadaU Airport Thwarted

SECURITY forces successfully prevented an attack by PDFs, who attempted to target TadaU International Airport in Mandalay Region with six FPV suicide drones yesterday.

Security forces responsible for aviation security detected the drones and successfully intercepted them using counter-drone measures. Security forces subsequently carried out controlled procedures to disable the explosives carried by the drones, ensuring

public safety. The attack temporarily disrupted some domestic flights. However, no casualties or damage to vehicles or airport runways were reported.

Attacks targeting airports and other infrastructure could endanger public safety and disrupt transportation and the flow of goods. The people condemned the attack, describing it as a serious violation of international law and the Geneva Conventions.

— MNA/KTZH

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60 PDFs reintegrated into society

A total of 60 PDF members, who accepted the peace processes of the State and the Tatmadaw, reentered the legal fold yesterday with firearms and ammunition.

Ten Inlay PDFs, three Yinmabin PDFs, six DP-LAs, two KNDFs, one Pekhon PDF, one Loikaw PDF and 37 PNLO, totalling 60 PDFs, rejoined the society with 35 firearms, one grenade, 46 magazines, eight bullets and one propellant charge. They were welcomed back at Thanlwin Hall of Eastern Command Headquarters.



A handover and cash awards ceremony in progress yesterday at the Eastern Command Headquarters.

The region chief minister presented a total of K181.8 million in rewards, including K2 million per pistol, K7.5 million for the

bazooka, K5 million per rifle, K3 million for the double-barrel shotgun, K300,000 for the hand grenade, and K200,000 each

for 60 returnees.

The returnees signed pledges and were subsequently handed over to their parents and guardians. There are still individuals who wish to return to the legal fold. Those who intend to do so are encouraged to promptly contact and report to the nearest Tatmadaw bases or police stations. They will be welcomed and accepted, provided with the necessary assistance and support, and cash rewards for any arms and ammunition. — MNA/KTZH

Kyauktaga's completed 400-volt power line installation inspected

THE Kyauktaga Township Department of Rural Development, Nyaunglebin District, Bago Region, conducted an on-site inspection on 9 September to review the completed installation of a 400-volt power line in Sapyin Village, funded by interest earnings from the Mya Sein Yaung (MSY) Village Project and community contributions.

Township Head Daw Poe Ei Phyo Ko of the Kyauktaga Department of Rural Development, along with project officers and members of the Village

Development Committee, inspected the completed 400-volt power line installation in Sapyin Village and provided necessary instructions.

The installation of the 2,440-foot 400-volt power line in Sapyin Village began in the fourth week of June. The project was carried out directly by the villagers under the close supervision of the Department of Rural Development staff, with a total budget of K44.688 million, comprising K22.8 million from the Department's MSY Village Project in-



Officials inspect the completed power line installation in Kyauktaga Township.

terest funds and K21.888 million contributed by the local community. The project has now been 100 per cent completed.

With the completion

of this 400-volt power line installation, 152 households and 829 residents in the village will now have access to round-the-clock electricity. — Nilar

Pindaya's MSY village project loans disbursed



A handover ceremony for village project loans is underway in Pindaya Township.

THE Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, held a ceremony to disburse revolving funds under the Mya Sein Yaung (MSY) Village Project in Kantha Village, Pindaya Township, Danu Self-Administered Zone, Shan State (South), yesterday.

Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Win Zaw delivered opening remarks. Danu Self-Administered Zone Department of Rural Development Head Daw Aye Aye Thein explained the objectives and benefits of the MSY Village Project, while Pindaya Township Department of Rural Development Head U Aung Kyaw explained project

fund disbursement procedures.

Kantha Village is implementing family income-generating activities using K30 million from the MSY Village Project. Under the supervision of regional and township department officials, members of the project implementation groups disbursed the first round of revolving loans at low interest rates directly to a total of 60 members from the village, including 34 people engaged in agricultural activities receiving K17.3 million, 18 in livestock breeding receiving K8.6 million and eight in trading businesses receiving K4.1 million. — Sein Lwin (Rural)

Papun's MSY Village Project implementation activities inspected

OFFICIALS from the Papun District Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, conducted a field inspection on 9 September to review the implementation progress of the Mya Sein Yaung (MSY) Village Project in Ward (4)

Village, Kamamaung. District Head U Khin Maung Win of the Papun District Department of Rural Development, Assistant Director Daw Thet Thet Mar, and project staff met members of the MSY Village Project Committee. They inspected the project execution

status, verified whether accounting forms were systematically completed, and ensured adherence to the project handbook guidelines, providing necessary guidance and instructions where needed.

According to the Papun District Department of Rural Develop-

ment, the MSY Village Project in Ward 4 Village has provided loans, totalling K46 million at an interest rate of 0.5 per cent (50 Pyas) to a total of 79 committee members: 11 engaged in agriculture, 38 in livestock breeding, and 30 in trading. — Phue Lay (DRD)



Officials oversee a village development project in Papun Township.

NATIONAL

5th training on GACC export rice registration procedures held



The opening ceremony of the fifth training course on GACC registration procedures.

ACCORDING to the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF), the 5th training course on the procedures required for General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) registration to export rice and

broken rice to the People's Republic of China was held on 9 September at the Mingala Hall of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) in Yangon.

GACC registration is a fundamental requirement for rice export to China. In accordance with the Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary Protocol signed between Myanmar and China, companies need to comply with procedures such as warehouse pest control, food safety, and good storage and milling practices.

The MRF stated that this training would also include matters relating to European, African, and Asian markets, warehouse registration processes in MyRO, and other export procedures.

Following these procedures will effectively benefit food safety and quality control. The MRF conducts these trainings annually, and this batch was attended by 80 trainees from 37 companies. — MT/ZN

MoC seeks tenders for road materials on YGN-MDY Expressway

THE Department of Highways operated under the Ministry of Construction, has invited an open tender for the supply of road construction materials for projects on the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway for the 2026 2027 financial year.

The procurement will be funded by the Union Budget. Detailed lists of required materials and tender terms and conditions are available at the Director (Urban) Office of Highway Maintenance and Supervisory Team in Nay Pyi Taw.

Tender forms will be sold starting 10 September, with submissions closing at 4 pm on 23 September. The bid opening date and venue will be announced to the bidders.

Individuals can make further enquiries through the Tender Evaluation Committee via 09 250902004. — NN/KK

Trading Amount and Forex Rate in the Market on 10 September 2026

	US\$	Chinese yuan	Thai baht	Indian rupee
Exchange rates	3,662.70~3,665.30	557.60~557.90	125.50~125.60	43.60
Trading amount in the market	9,185,706.31	7,485,843.69	22,179,365.50	-

Customs Dept to auction seized iron, steel, plastic raw materials

THE Customs Department will auction iron, steel, plastic raw materials, and general consumer goods seized under customs law through a competitive bidding process at 10 am on 28 September, according to the Auction Committee.

The auction will be held at the Customs Training School Hall, located at 205/211, between 49th and 50th streets, Maha Bandoola Road, Botahtaung Township, Yangon.

Auction forms, including rules and the list of items, will be sold from 16 to 18 September at K10,000 per set. Security deposits will be accepted from 21 to 25 September.

Deposit payers can make inspections from 10 am to 4 pm from 21 to 25 September daily. Iron, steel, and plastic raw materials will be displayed at the Customs Department in Yangon Region, while general consumer goods can be observed at the Supply and Transport Division of the department, Yangon.

Interested individuals can enquire about details at the Customs (Warehouse) of the Supply and Transport Division in Ahlon Township, in person or by phone at 09 5165241 or 09 5350867. — NN/KK

Agricultural tech training course opens in Mawlaik



The launch of the agricultural technology training course is underway in Mawlaik Township.

TO create job opportunities for rural residents and supplement their family incomes, the Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development is conducting an agricultural technology training course in Tunpin Village, Mawlaik Township, Sagaing Region. Officials conducted a field inspection of the training programme yesterday.

District Head Daw

Than Than Myint of the Mawlaik District Department of Rural Development, Township Head Daw Aye Aye Aung of the Mawlaik Township Department of Rural Development, and responsible officials met the trainees attending the course. They discussed the objectives of holding the training, urged trainees to carefully study the agricultural lessons taught, emphasized the need to generate supplementary family incomes upon completion of the course, and coordinated necessary support.

A total of 20 trainees from villages across Mawlaik Township are attending this livelihood-supporting agricultural technology training. Experienced instructors are providing free theoretical and practical training over a 12-day period from 7 to 18 September, covering topics such as the benefits of natural farming, the functions and roles of beneficial microorganisms, how using natural fertilizers benefits the ecosystem, methods for producing fertilizer, and the preparation of Effective Microorganism (EM) solutions. — Nyein Thu (Rural)

Gold Market Rate as of 10 September 2026

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OPINION

Demonstrating concerted efforts in flood rescue and rehabilitation

Overflow of the Ngawun River triggered by heavy rains, causing erosion at the embankment in the last week of August, flooded many areas of Laymyethna, Ngathainggyoung, Hinthada, Kyonpyaw and Kyaunggon townships in Ayeyawady Region, resulting in a large number of flood victims.

The erosion affected landslides and inundation in nearby villages of the aforesaid townships. As soon as floods happened, the Head of State, Union ministers, local authorities and voluntary associations arrived at the scenes to provide relief supplies for the victims in order to reduce their difficulties during the long-day heavy rains in the bad weather.

Especially, nobody can deny that military personnel under the control of the South-West Command, members of the Myanmar Police Force, fire-fighters, social welfare groups and charitable associations, together with residents, have consistently made every effort to rescue and rehabilitate flood victims. They showed their philanthropic efforts for the victims to be able to overcome challenges from flooding. People from nearby regions sent food packages, purified water, and other necessities to the flood victims.

The embankment of the Ngawun River was filled with sandbags and geobags in order to make it stronger. Donors across the nation and different types of associations emphasized their donations to rebuild the embankment and to fulfil the requirements of flood victims. Their great endeavours could be shown in placing a cargo barge (CB) behind the sheet piles to block the Ngawun waterway as a main operation. The cargo barge could successfully block the 70-feet-long and 40 feet deep channel, where the current

was very strong, and water continued to flow in. In fact, it was a great success of humans over the strong flow of water.

Gradually, residents could see some hours of fine weather. The water from flooded areas is ebbing day by day. At that time, local authorities and departmental personnel are so busy reinforcing low-lying areas vulnerable to flooding, providing emergency healthcare services to the victims and taking preventive measures against communicable diseases. They emphasize comprehensive rehabilitation efforts for the people, including reopening basic education schools and providing food supplies.

Mostly during the monsoon season each year, natural disasters such as heavy rains, strong winds and floods often pose a threat to human beings and their living environment, causing destruction. However, the final results can show the great victory of humans over natural disasters. In the incidents of flooding in the Ayeyawady Region, the people of Myanmar have proved their united and concerted efforts in taking preventive measures against natural disasters.

A child’s future should not be decided by where he or she is born, how much money a family has, or what difficulties that family faces. Every child enters the world with hopes, abilities, and dreams. Yet, for millions of children, the opportunity to turn those dreams into reality remains uncertain. While some children attend well-equipped schools, have access to technology, and receive support from their families, others struggle simply to find a safe place to learn.

Education is often described as the key to a better future. However, for many children, that key is still out of reach. Poverty, conflict, disability, remote locations, family responsibilities, and a lack of educational resources can prevent children from attending school regularly or completing their education. This raises an important question: **Should a child’s future depend on circumstances that he or she did not choose?**

The answer should be no. Every child deserves the opportunity to learn, grow, and build a meaningful future. Education should not be a privilege reserved for those who are fortunate. It should be a basic opportunity available to every child.

Education Opens the Door to Opportunity

One of the most important benefits of education is that it creates opportunities. A child may dream of becoming a doctor, teacher, engineer, scientist, artist, or business owner. However, dreams need knowledge, skills,

Education for Every Child: Securing a Brighter Future Together

and determination to become reality.

Through education, children develop basic skills such as reading, writing, mathematics, communication, and problem-solving. As they grow older, they can develop more advanced skills that prepare them for higher education and employment. Education can therefore give young people the tools they need to make decisions about their own lives.

For children from disadvantaged families, education can be especially important. A child who grows up in poverty may have fewer opportunities than a child from a wealthy family. However, access to quality education can help reduce this gap. It can provide children with knowledge and skills that may eventually help them find better employment and improve their families’ living conditions.

Education cannot solve every problem caused by poverty, but it can provide a path toward greater independence and opportunity. When children are given the chance to learn, their circumstances do not have to determine their entire future.

More Than Books and Exams

Education is not simply



about passing examinations or remembering information from textbooks. A good education also helps children develop the qualities they need to live successfully with others.

In school, students learn how to communicate, cooperate, listen, and respect different opinions. They learn that mistakes are part of learning and that problems can often be solved through patience and careful thinking. These lessons are just as valuable as academic knowledge.

For example, a student who learns how to work effectively with classmates is developing a skill that may later be useful in the workplace. A student who learns to listen to different opinions may become better at solving disagreements. A student who learns to take responsibility for

homework and school projects is developing habits that can help in adult life.

Education can also develop important values such as honesty, kindness, discipline, responsibility, and respect. These qualities help young people become responsible citizens who care about their families and communities.

This is why education should not be measured only by examination results. A successful education system should help children become knowledgeable, confident, responsible, and thoughtful human beings.

When Children Are Left Behind

Despite the importance of education, not every child has the same opportunity to receive it. Some children live in remote ar-

reas where schools are difficult to reach. Others come from families that cannot afford school supplies, transportation, uniforms, or other educational costs.

Some children may also have to work or take care of younger family members instead of attending school. Children with disabilities may face additional barriers when schools lack suitable facilities, trained teachers, or learning materials. In areas affected by conflict or instability, children may lose access to education altogether.

These challenges show why simply telling children to “go to school” is not enough. Communities and governments must create conditions that make education genuinely accessible.

Schools need safe learning environments, qualified teachers, appropriate learning materials, and facilities that meet the needs of different students. Children who face financial difficulties may need additional support. Those living far from schools may require alternative learning opportunities, transport, or community-based education.

The goal should not be to give every child exactly the same support. Instead, children should receive the support they need to

have a fair opportunity to succeed.

Teachers, Parents, and Communities Have a Role

Providing education for every child is not the responsibility of teachers alone. Teachers play a central role, but they cannot solve every educational problem by themselves.

Parents are children’s first teachers. They can encourage children to read, complete their homework, ask questions, and develop positive attitudes toward learning. Even parents with limited education can support their children by showing interest in their studies and encouraging them not to give up when learning becomes difficult.

Teachers, meanwhile, can create classrooms where students feel safe, respected, and motivated to participate. They can help students discover their strengths and encourage them to believe in their own abilities.

Communities also have an important role. Local organizations and community members can support schools by providing learning materials, creating reading programs, offering scholarships, or helping children who are at risk of dropping out.

Governments have an even

By Junior Thin

larger responsibility. They must work to make quality education accessible, affordable, and safe. Investment in schools, teacher training, educational technology, and inclusive learning environments can have long-term benefits for an entire country.

Education Is an Investment in the Future

Educating children is not simply an expense. It is an investment in the future of society. Today’s students will become tomorrow’s teachers, doctors, engineers, entrepreneurs, workers, parents, and community leaders. The knowledge and values they gain today will influence the decisions they make in the future.

A country with a well-educated population is better prepared to face economic, social, environmental, and technological challenges. Educated citizens can develop new ideas, create businesses, improve public services, and find solutions to difficult problems.

More importantly, education can help create a society in which people have greater opportunities to participate and contribute. When children from different backgrounds can learn together, they can develop greater understanding and respect for one another.

The benefits of education therefore extend far beyond the classroom. Educating one child can change one life, but educating an entire generation can change a community and eventually transform a nation.

A Future Worth Building

Every child has potential, but potential needs opportunity. A child cannot choose the family into which he or she is born, the place where he or she lives, or the challenges that may appear in life. What society can choose is whether to give that child a chance to learn.

Education for every child should therefore be more than a slogan. It should be a shared commitment. Governments must provide resources, schools must create supportive learning environments, teachers must inspire and guide students, and families and communities must encourage children to continue learning.

The future of a country is being shaped in classrooms today. Every book opened, every question asked, and every new idea discovered represents a small step towards a better tomorrow.

No child should have to abandon a dream simply because of poverty, location, disability, or family circumstances. If we give every child the opportunity to learn today, we allow society to become stronger, fairer, and more hopeful tomorrow. Education is not only about preparing children for the future – it is about building the future itself.

The Quiet Transfer of Leadership Within the Family

By U Khin Maung Myint

The Psychology of Role Reversal

Although natural, this transition can be psychologically difficult. An ageing parent may experience the loss of decision-making authority as a loss of identity, usefulness or dignity. Adult children may feel uncertain about exercising authority over someone whose judgement they were once expected to obey.

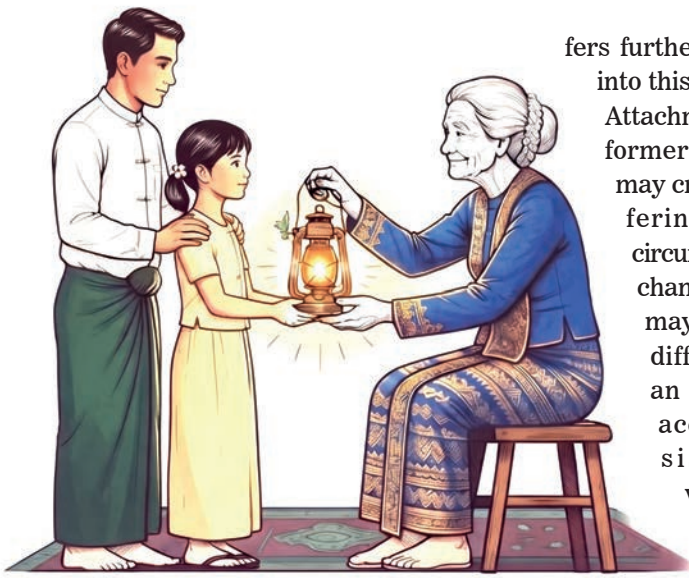
Old sibling rivalries can also return when brothers and sisters disagree over who should provide care, make decisions or

represent the family.

Family-systems psychology regards the family as an interconnected network in which a change affecting one member alters the position of every other member. Leadership transition is therefore not simply the replacement of an elderly parent by an adult child. It is a wider reorganization of relationships, expectations and responsibilities.

A Buddhist Understanding of Family Tension

Buddhist psychology of-



fers further insight into this process. Attachment to a former position may create suffering when circumstances change. Pride may make it difficult for an elder to accept assistance, while resentment

or ambition may distort the conduct of the younger generation.

Mindfulness, compassion and equanimity can help both generations respond to change without humiliation or conflict. The purpose is not to remove the elder’s dignity, but to adapt family responsibilities to changing realities.

From Authority to Moral Influence

The developmental theory of Erik Erikson also illuminates later-life leadership. Erikson described generativity as the desire to guide and support succeeding generations.

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Apple debuts foldable smartphone in California

The iPhone Duo is made of Grade 5 titanium and features a precision hinge.

US tech giant Apple on Wednesday unveiled its first foldable smartphone, iPhone Duo, along with the iPhone 18 Pro lineup, new Apple Watch models and AirPods at a product launch event held at Apple Park, its headquarters in Cupertino, California.

The iPhone Duo, which starts at 1,999 US dollars in the United States, features a 5.4-inch (13.7-centimetre) outer display that opens to reveal a 7.6-inch (19.3-centimetre) inner display, the largest ever on an iPhone, according to Apple.

When closed, the device is roughly the size of



Apple introduces its first foldable smartphone at a special event. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

a passport, the company said. When unfolded, it is Apple's thinnest iPhone to date. The iPhone Duo is made of Grade 5 titanium and features a precision hinge. Its inner and outer

Super Retina XDR displays have the same aspect ratio, allowing content to scale proportionally as users switch between the two screens. The device is powered

by Apple's new A20 Pro chip, the same processor used in the iPhone 18 Pro models. Built on a 2-nano-meter process, the chip features a six-core CPU, a seven-core GPU and dual 16-core Neural Engine designed to support on-device artificial intelligence (AI) workloads, Apple said.

The foldable phone also features a dual-battery architecture and a custom vapor chamber for thermal management. It offers up to 31 hours of video playback on the inner display and 44 hours on the outer display, according to Apple. — Xinhua

Meta shares surge after agent release

META shares surged more than six per cent on Wednesday, a day after the company unveiled a personal AI agent that it says can book travel, send emails and make purchases on users' behalf.

The company behind Facebook and Instagram said Muse was built for users with no technical background and is designed to work the way people already message each other, either in a dedicated app or inside WhatsApp.

Available only to those aged 18 and over, Muse comes with a free tier or monthly subscription plans of \$20 or \$100, depending on usage.

The release is part of Meta boss Mark

Zuckerberg's ambition to pursue "personal superintelligence" as the company scrambles to keep pace in the AI race with OpenAI, Anthropic and Google — the makers of ChatGPT, Claude and Gemini, respectively.

Meta has poured billions of dollars into its AI division, known as Meta Superintelligence Labs, and expects to spend up to \$145 billion this year, nearly double its 2025 outlay.

Agents — AI programs that work on their own, without a person guiding each step — have recently unsettled users, with reports from OpenAI and other companies of models going against instructions and safety guardrails. — AFP



Meta stock prices jump following new artificial intelligence assistant release. **PHOTO: AFP**

Singapore and Thailand build cable

SINGAPORE telecommunications group Singtel and Thailand's energy company Gulf Development said on Thursday they will jointly develop submarine cable infrastructure linking Thai-

land and Singapore, as demand for data centres, cloud computing and artificial intelligence services grows across the region.

The companies will invest in subsea cable assets under a partnership

announced on Thursday, Singtel said in a statement. Their first project will be the Vietnam-Thailand-Singapore Cable System, which will provide a new subsea link between Thailand and Singapore.

The system is expected to be operational by 2030. The companies said they may also invest in terrestrial cable systems and other subsea cable projects in the future. — Xinhua

The Quiet Transfer of Leadership ...

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In later life, he emphasized ego integrity: the capacity to accept one's life as a meaningful whole rather than becoming overwhelmed by regret or despair.

These ideas complement the Buddhist understanding of respected elderhood. An elder's worth need not depend upon continued control of the household. It may instead rest upon experience, moral conduct, wise counsel and the ability to

guide without imposing. The mature parent can say: "The decision is now yours, but my experience remains available if you need it."

Such a statement does not represent defeat. It represents a more refined form of leadership — the movement from command to counsel and from formal authority to moral influence.

Preserving the Dignity of Elders

A parent may no longer control family

decisions yet continue to shape the household through personal example, shared memories and enduring values. Influence sometimes becomes stronger when it is exercised without insistence. Advice offered gently is more likely to be respected than authority defended through anger or emotional pressure.

For the younger generation, assuming leadership should not mean pushing elders aside. Healthy succession preserves their dignity,

consults them wherever possible and distinguishes necessary assistance from unnecessary control.

Respect for parents does not require pretending that age brings no limitations. Equally, recognizing those limitations does not justify treating elders as though their knowledge and feelings no longer matter.

A Gradual Transfer of Responsibility

A constructive transition normally develops gradually:

- Childhood dependency
- Adult partnership
- Family stewardship
- Transmission of legacy

This process is strengthened by the four sublime states taught in Buddhism: loving-kindness, compassion, appreciative joy and equanimity.

The deepest test of family leadership is therefore not how long authority can be retained, but how wisely it can be transferred. A successful parent raises children who can eventually make responsible decisions

without constant parental direction. A responsible adult child accepts that authority with humility rather than triumph.

The Elder's Final Gift

The ultimate accomplishment of a family leader is to cultivate a family capable of flourishing after that person is no longer directing it.

In Buddhist terms, this is an act of letting go — and perhaps an elder's final and greatest act of Dana: giving the next generation the confidence, freedom and wisdom to carry the family forward.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bhutanese couple opens popular Japanese ramen shop

NESTLED 2,300 metres above sea level in the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan, making an authentic bowl of Japanese ramen presented a unique challenge: the water boiled too soon due to the high altitude. However, through years of dedicated experimentation, Bhutanese owner Tshering and his Japanese wife, Sayaka Sakurai, successfully established Hayate Ramen, the country's very first ramen restaurant.

Marking its tenth anniversary this year, the 74-seat establishment now serves around 150 bowls daily, attracting regular customers, including Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay.

The journey began after the couple lived in Japan for six and a half years, where Tshering developed a deep passion for the dish while working at an auto factory.

Inspired to bring a taste of Japan back to his homeland, Tshering enrolled in a specialized ramen school to master noodle and soup preparation. — Kyodo

Syrians return to their homes

FOR seven years, a tent had been home for Fatima Obeid and her family. On Tuesday, she folded clothes into a suitcase and helped her daughters pack a truck, preparing to take that same tent on another journey — this time, their real home.

"We know our homes are destroyed and there is nothing there," Obeid told Xinhua. "So we will take our tents with us and put them up where our homes were. We will live in them temporarily until we can work and rebuild what was destroyed."

Obeid's family is among 689 displaced

families leaving camps in northeastern Hasakah province, part of the second organized convoy to return residents to Ras al-Ain and the surrounding areas after nearly seven years in displacement.

Across the camps of al-Tala'ie and al-Twaina, trucks were piled high with mattresses, carpets, water containers, furniture and clothes accumulated over years of displacement. Children moved between the tents and vehicles, some smiling and waving, as adults dismantled the temporary homes they had lived in for years. — Xinhua



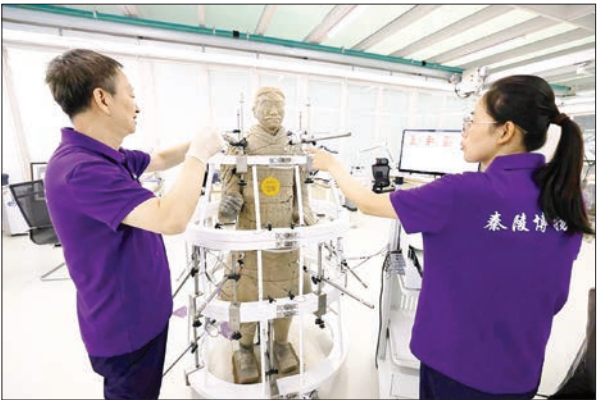
Displaced Syrian families return home with their belongings. PHOTO: XINHUA

Advanced technology boosts conservation and restoration

This advanced system greatly improves the protection of the warriors' original pigments.

AT the world-famous Terracotta Warriors site in Xi'an, visitors can now witness a once behind-the-scenes process — experts meticulously restoring over 2,000-year-old clay soldiers. At the newly launched conservation lab in Pit No 1, specialists piece fragmented pottery together manually, reviving scattered relics into solemn and life-size warriors.

The lab officially opened in 2024, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the discovery and excavation of the iconic Terracotta Warriors. A professional excavation and preservation facility



Experts restore ancient terracotta warriors using advanced laboratory technology. PHOTO: XINHUA

in Pit No 2 was also completed and put into operation. The two facilities form a full-cycle conservation system covering excavation, transport, restoration and storage.

This advanced sys-

tem greatly improves the protection of the warriors' original pigments. Buried underground for over 2,000 years, the Terracotta Warriors suffered severe damage from fires, soil collapses

and underground water fluctuations, with most original colours fading away over time. Previously, surviving paint layer would easily curl, peel or flake off once exposed to drastic environmental changes after excavation. Today, newly unearthed painted relics are directly transferred to the on-site lab. Through keeping stable humidity control, ultrasonic inspection, 3D scanning, professional cleaning and reinforcement treatment, researchers now do their utmost to preserve the warriors' ancient original hues. — Xinhua

Aug 2026 sets global temperature records

AUGUST 2026 was the hottest month ever recorded globally, the EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service said Thursday.

The global average

surface air temperature reached 16.96 degrees Celsius, slightly above the previous record of about 16.95 degrees set in July 2023. It was 0.85 degrees above the 1991-

2020 average for August and 1.65 degrees above the estimated 1850-1900 pre-industrial level.

It marked the first month since November 2025 in which the global

monthly average temperature exceeded the pre-industrial level by more than 1.5 degrees. Western Europe also experienced its warmest summer on record. — Xinhua

Renewable sources generate electricity records

RENEWABLE sources generated 92 per cent of New Zealand's electricity in the June 2026 quarter, supported by strong hydro inflows and continued growth in renewable generation capacity, government data showed on Thursday.

Renewables generated more than 90 per cent of electricity for the third consecutive quarter, according to the latest energy quarterly data release from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE).

"Strong renewable

generation helped meet increasing electricity demand while significantly reducing the need for coal and gas generation," MBIE Domains Manager Amapola Generosa said in a statement.

Overall electricity generation increased 1.9 per cent from the same quarter last year, while renewable generation rose 11.4 per cent, Generosa said. Hydro generation increased 14.7 per cent, geothermal generation reached a record quarterly high of 2,621 gigawatt-hours, and solar



New Zealand generates record electricity using renewable energy sources. PHOTO: INVESTOPEDIA

generation recorded its highest-ever June quarter, according to the ministry.

Gas-fired generation fell to its lowest level for a

June quarter since 1981, while coal-fired generation fell to its lowest June-quarter level since 1996, statistics showed. — Xinhua

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India’s exports under free trade pacts grew faster than imports in Apr-July

Trade pacts offer exporters great opportunities for international growth.

IN a blog post analyzing trade data for April to July of the current financial year, the minister noted that outbound shipments to FTA partner countries expanded by 23.9 per cent to US\$57.2 billion, outpacing the 13.9 per cent growth recorded in shipments to non-FTA markets. Consequently, the share of FTA partners in India’s total exports rose from 31.1 per cent (US\$46.2 billion) to 32.9 per cent (US\$57.2 billion). At the same time, the trade deficit with FTA partners narrowed from US\$34.2 billion to US\$32.6 billion.

Shipments to Singapore nearly doubled, con-



Overall merchandise exports for the four-month period reached US\$173.8 billion. PHOTO: SHUTTERSTOCK

tributing approximately US\$4 billion to export growth, while outbound trade with Oman climbed by US\$0.6 billion following the enforcement of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement on 1 June

2026. Goyal pointed out that exporters are gradually overcoming previous structural bottlenecks to leverage these pacts. “For years, a fair criticism of India’s free trade agreements was that we signed them and

then did not use them to their full potential. Our exporters found the rules-of-origin paperwork tedious. Importers, on the other hand, used the agreements enthusiastically. So the deals looked one-sided. This time the pattern is different.”

“Preferential access through FTAs provides excellent opportunities for our exporters to expand their global footprint, access new markets, and deepen their presence internationally. Our exporters are steadily leveraging these opportunities to drive greater exports,” Goyal stated. — ANI

Advance payments for rice farmers sharply cut in 16 prefectures

JAPAN’S agricultural co-operatives have slashed advance payments to rice producers by about 20 to 40 per cent on average from the previous year in 16 of the country’s 47 prefectures as demand shrank, a Kyodo News tally showed.

The lower payments reflect a decline in consumption due to price rises caused by supply shortages since two years ago, as well as the government’s emergency stockpile releases, increased rice imports and higher production this year, the cooperatives said.

The payment for the Koshihikari cultivar in Tochigi Prefecture fell 45

per cent to 15,500 yen per 60 kilogrammes.

“The prices for some of the new crop would be lower than 3,000 yen per five kilogrammes at supermarkets,” a rice industry official said. During the rice shortages that began two years ago, the retail price once exceeded 4,000 yen per five kilogrammes.

The government had not disclosed the timing or volume of its planned rice purchases to replenish its emergency stockpile, causing some cooperatives to decide on advance payments later than usual and raising concerns about farmers’ financial health. — Kyodo



Cooperatives reduced advance payments due to lower consumer demand. PHOTO: KYODO



Aerial photo taken on 19 July 2022 shows the entrance of the Sihanoukville Special Economic Zone (SSEZ) in Preah Sihanouk province, Cambodia. PHOTO: SSEZ/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA

Cambodian foreign trade surges twenty per cent

CAMBODIA’S foreign trade volume reached US\$50.68 billion in the first eight months of 2026, marking a 20 per cent year-on-year increase, according to an official report released Thursday.

Data from the General Department of Customs and Excise reveals that the kingdom’s total exports amounted to \$24.16 billion during the January-August period, up 19.7 per cent. Meanwhile, total imports climbed 20.7 per cent to reach \$26.52 billion.

China, the United States, Vietnam, Japan, and Thailand remain the South-East Asian nation’s top five trading partners.

Cambodia’s primary exports included garments, footwear, travel goods, bicycles, dry rub-

ber, milled rice, bananas, cashew nuts, mangoes, longans and durians. On the import side, the country mainly brought in raw materials for garments, footwear, and travel goods, as well as petroleum, construction materials, automobiles, motorcycles, electronic products, consumer goods, pharmaceuticals, and cosmetics.

Penn Sovicheat, a secretary of state and spokesperson for the Ministry of Commerce, attributed this robust trade growth to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement, alongside Cambodia’s bilateral free trade agreements (FTAs) with China, South Korea, and the United Arab Emirates. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

China and US holding trade consultations

CHINA and the United States are holding consultations on a reciprocal tariff reduction framework arrangement that would cover US\$30 billion worth of products from each side, China’s Ministry of Commerce said Thursday.

Economic and trade teams from both countries are earnestly carrying out the consensus reached by the two heads of state during their meeting in Beijing. The aim of the consultations is to reach a reciprocal tariff reduction arrangement at the earliest possible date, ministry spokesperson Huang Ling told a press conference. — Xinhua

Geely expands Spanish presence with third model

CHINESE automaker Geely Auto launched its new electric vehicle, the Geely E2, in Madrid on Wednesday, marking the introduction of its third model in Spain less than six months after it entered the Spanish market.

The new model was unveiled at Madrid's Teatro Capitol, where company representatives, dealers, partners and media gathered for the launch event.

Geely officially entered the Spanish market in March with the Starray EM-i and Geely E5. The arrival of the E2 expands the company's local line-up to three models as it steps up its presence in the country.

Li Lei, managing director of Geely Auto Spain, said the launch represents an important step in the company's strategy in Spain, adding that the company aims to make electric mobility accessible to a broader range of consumers. — Xinhua

US wholesale inflation climbs to 5.4%

US wholesale inflation picked up more than expected in August, government data showed Thursday, driven by higher energy costs in the month — particularly for diesel — as the US war with Iran continued.

On a month-on-month basis, PPI rose by 0.4 per cent. Energy costs jumped by 4.2 per cent over the month, notably boosted by the cost of diesel fuel, which surged 24.1 per cent, the report said.

Rising prices at the pump have squeezed US households and businesses since US-Israeli strikes targeting Iran in late February prompted Tehran to choke off the Strait of Hormuz in retaliation. — AFP

The Producer Price Index (PPI) was up 5.4 per cent year-on-year last month, the Department of Labor said. This was a significant acceleration from the 4.8 per cent rise in July.

Sydney Airport to welcome Shenzhen Airlines flights from Dec

SYDNEY Airport on Thursday announced that it will welcome Shenzhen Airlines as its 10th Chinese carrier from December.

"China remains one of Sydney Airport's most important international markets, with Chinese nationals the airport's second-largest international traveller group up 13.9 per cent year-on-year," Sydney Airport Chief Executive Officer Scott Charlton said. — Xinhua

The airport said in a statement that Shenzhen Airlines will begin operating services from Shenzhen to Sydney four times a week from 14 December.

Mt Koya temple lodging operators underreported over 100M yen in income

SEVERAL religious corporations operating temple lodgings on Mount Koya, a UNESCO World Heritage site in western Japan, have failed to report a total of more than 100 million yen (\$650,000) in income, sources familiar with the matter said Thursday.

The Osaka Regional Taxation Bureau uncovered the undeclared income in audits conducted in fiscal 2025 ended March, with around 60 million yen in additional taxes to be imposed on the entities, the sources said.

The audits came as



Mount Kōya is a sacred temple settlement located in the forested mountains of Wakayama Prefecture, Japan.
PHOTO: KYODO

a surge in foreign visitors has pushed up prices at the lodgings.

While income related to religious activities, including offerings and monetary donations, is tax-exempt for religious corporations in Japan, income from commercial

operations such as lodging and restaurant businesses is subject to taxation.

The bureau audited more than 10 of the roughly 50 such operators to examine how the businesses were being run, according to the sources.

At Sojiin, located next to Kongobuji, the head temple of the Koyasan Shingon school of Buddhism, the family of the chief priest used the income from the temple lodging, among others, for personal expenses over the three years from 2022 through 2024, according to the sources. — Kyodo

El Niño poses food inflation risk across ASEAN



The image shows the famous green terraced rice fields in the Mu Cang Chai district of Yen Bai province, Vietnam.
PHOTO: AFP/FILE

EL Niño is likely to pose a bigger inflation risk than a growth shock for ASEAN economies, with higher prices for rice, wheat, maize and vegetable oils expected to be the main channels of impact, OCBC Group Research said on Wednesday.

Lavanya Venkateswaran, senior ASEAN and India economist, said in a note that she sees the Philippines, Indonesia

and Thailand among the ASEAN economies with higher exposure to El Niño, while Malaysia and Vietnam face meaningful but more concentrated risks.

Higher food prices "can add to regional inflationary pressures, with imported inflation risks also rising considering most of this region are net food importers", she noted. — Xinhua

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

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Xi’s BRICS summit visit pairs with fair business environment push in India

President Xi Jinping will attend the New Delhi BRICS summit while Beijing urges fair conditions for foreign firms.

CHINESE President Xi Jinping will attend the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi from 12 to 13 September at the invitation of Prime Minister of the Republic of India Narendra Modi, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson announced on Thursday.

Ahead of President Xi Jinping’s upcoming visit to New Delhi for the 18th BRICS Summit, Beijing has called on Indian authorities to maintain a fair and transparent operational climate for Chinese and international businesses.

China on Thursday urged India to ensure a fair, just, transparent



Amritsar artist paints large portraits of PM Modi and global leaders for BRICS Summit 2026. **PHOTO: ANI**

and non-discriminatory business environment for foreign enterprises investing and operating in India.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun told a regular press briefing that China-India economic and trade cooperation is mutually beneficial and win-win in nature. — Xinhua

Trump vows five thousand dollar dividend

AS the race to the mid-term elections picks up pace, President Donald Trump announced on Wednesday that he would issue every adult citizen in the United States a US\$5,000 dividend if Republicans secure victory in November. He made the remarks during the 2026 Republican Convention while delivering its keynote address. Trump in his remarks, said that the US economy has grown by leaps and bounds under his administration.

He announced the US\$5,000 pay-out, claiming that the US is making so much money. Because we have done so well and because our country is making so much money that only I can make this promise to you that. Here is my promise. — ANI

EU mulls boosting incentives

THE European Union is considering strengthening a draft bill that favours European-made electric vehicles through subsidies and public procurement, in a move to protect the bloc’s industry, sources familiar with the matter said Thursday. The latest draft proposes raising the proportion of parts that must be sourced from within the EU and greatly reducing preferential treatment for countries with trade agreements with the bloc, such as Japan, the sources said, creating headwinds for Japanese automakers that procure parts from outside the region. — Kyodo

Protesters rally against new Israeli embassy

ABOUT 2,000 people protested peacefully in front of a heavily guarded Israeli embassy in Ljubljana, which was officially opened on Wednesday.

The first Israeli embassy in the country so far was opened by Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa’ar, who was on a two-day visit to Slovenia to promote economic, educational, scientific, cultural and sports cooperation between the two countries.

Protesters held Slovenian and Palestinian flags and banners and chanted slogans opposing Israel and supporting Palestine.

Two center-left opposition parties earlier on Wednesday proposed to parliament to file a constitutional charge against the center-right Prime Minister Janez Jansa because of his government’s stance towards Israel, saying that Slovenia no longer has a sovereign foreign policy but uses its foreign policy solely in the interest of Israel.

In late August, Slovenia blocked a joint European Union statement that condemned Israel’s plans to build 1,200 new settler homes in the occupied West Bank.

The previous center-left government of Slovenia officially recognized the State of Palestine in June 2024 and in 2025 declared Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and two of his ministers, National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir and Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, persona non grata, citing their violation of Palestinian human rights. — Xinhua

ISRO successfully tests cryogenic engine

THE Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) successfully conducted a flight acceptance hot test of its CE20 cryogenic engine at uprated thrust conditions of 220 kN, advancing efforts to enhance the payload capability of the LVM3 launch vehicle and supporting the Gaganyaan programme.

The test was conducted on 9 September at the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC) in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu, space agency said, ISRO said on Thursday.

In a post on X, the



The image shows the flight acceptance hot test of ISRO’s CE20 cryogenic engine at an uprated thrust of 220 kN. **PHOTO: ANI**

engine earmarked for the C32 upper stage of upcoming LVM3 mission at uprated thrust conditions of 220kN is successfully carried out at ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri on 9 September 2026.”

ISRO also said the performance of the LOX Tank Pressurization Module (LTPM), intended for the C32 stages of the Gaganyaan missions, was successfully demonstrated during the test. — ANI

Iran slams IAEA board resolution

IRAN on Wednesday denounced the decision by the UN nuclear watchdog’s Board of Governors to refer its nuclear issue to the UN Security Council, labeling the resolution “fundamentally irrelevant” after it was passed earlier in the day over alleged nuclear “non-compliance”.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei said in an interview with state-run IRIB TV that Iran has committed no non-compliance, stressing that what they refer to as “non-compliance” stems from the US and Israeli attacks on Iran’s nuclear facilities. He also criticized the resolution for demanding Iran fulfill its obligations under the safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) while ignoring that Tehran’s move to deny the agency access to its nuclear facilities resulted from “aggressive actions” by the United States and Israel. — Xinhua

SPORTS

MIU, Black Steel Papua reach International Futsal Cup Final

MYANMAR club MIU and Indonesia's Black Steel Papua advanced to the final of the International Futsal Cup 2026 after winning their respective semifinals at the MFF Futsal Arena at Thuwunna Football Stadium in Yangon on 10 September.

Black Steel Papua defeated Myanmar club YRG 4-1 in the first semifinal, maintaining their unbeaten record and securing a place in the final.

In the second semi-

final, MIU drew 2-2 with YCDC Dream Team after twice taking the lead in normal time. MIU then won the penalty shootout 4-1 to advance to the final.

YRG and YCDC Dream Team will meet in the third-place play-off, while MIU and Black Steel Papua will contest the final on 12 September.

Both finalists have won every match so far, meaning the champions will lift the trophy with a perfect winning record.

— Shine Htet Zaw/KZL



Black Steel Papua of Indonesia and Myanmar club YRG in action during their semifinal match. PHOTO:MFF

Myanmar women's football team departs for 2026 Asian Games in Japan

MYANMAR'S national women's football team left for Japan on yesterday evening to compete in the women's football tournament at the XX Asian Games 2026.

Head coach Colin Bell announced his final 23-player squad on 9 September. Yangon United winger Yoon Wady Hlaing, Thitsar Arman midfielder Khin Mo Mo Tun and Ayeyawady FC defender Nan Phyu Phway missed out through injury. Ayeyawady FC forward San Thaw Thaw also returned to the national team after



Myanmar's national women's football team seen at Yangon International Airport before departing for the XX Asian Games 2026 in Japan.

the AFC Women's Champions League qualifiers but was later released for medical treatment as her long-standing injury had

not fully healed.

Myanmar are in Group B with South Korea, North Korea and Bangladesh, with all their

group matches scheduled at Nagai Stadium in Osaka.

Myanmar will face South Korea at 5 pm Myanmar Standard Time on 14 September, North Korea at 5 pm on 17 September and Bangladesh at 1:30 pm on 21 September.

The women's football tournament features 12 teams divided into three groups. The top two teams from each group and the two best third-placed teams will advance to the quarter-finals, making eight teams in total. — Htun Htun/KZL

2026 Inter-State and Region Judo Championships continue



This image shows a judo bout at the 2026 Inter-State and Region Judo Championships.

THE 2026 Inter-State and Region Judo Championships, jointly organized by the Department of Sports and Physical Education and the Myanmar Judo Federation, continued yesterday morning at Gymnasium C of Wunna Theikdhi Sports Complex in Nay Pyi Taw.

Knockout and final bouts were held in the men's under-42-kilogramme, under-50-kilogramme, under-55-kilogramme and under-60-kilogramme categories and the women's under-42-kilogramme, under-52-kilogramme, under-57-kilogramme and under-63-kilogramme categories.

In the men's finals, Wai Yan Lin of Yangon won the under-42-kilogramme title, Khine Khant of Yangon the under-50-kilogramme title, Phyo Mann Naing of Kayah the under-55-kilo-

gramme title and Wai Lin Htwe of Ayeyawady the under-60-kilogramme title.

In the women's finals, Ei Chit Su San of Yangon won the under-42-kilogramme title, Hnin Wut Hmon Lwin of Ayeyawady the under-52-kilogramme title, Bam Taung of Kachin the under-57-kilogramme title and Sanda Win of Chin the under-63-kilogramme title.

Officials from the Myanmar Judo Federation presented medals and cash awards to the winners and runners-up.

The Mixed Team competition will continue from 10 am today, 11 September, with knockout, third-place and final bouts. Admission is free, and the finals and prize presentation will be broadcast live on MRTV HD, MRTV Sports Channel and MRTV Entertainment.

— MNA/KZL



Japanese and Indonesian players compete in an Asian Games men's basketball match in Nagoya on 10 September 2026. PHOTO:KYODO

Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games competition starts ahead of opening ceremony

MEN'S basketball kicked off competitive action at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games on Thursday, ahead of the opening ceremony on 19 September.

Qatar beat Iran 59-53 in Group B at Nagoya's IG Arena in the opening game, as Japan hosts the

Asian Games for the first time since 1994 in Hiroshima. Later in the day, Japan routed Indonesia 98-53 in its Group A opener at the same venue.

Kazuma Tsuya scored the most for Japan with 23 points and Ren Kanechika added 15.

Over 15,000 athletes and officials from 45 countries and regions are set to take part in the quadrennial continental games, to be held mainly in Nagoya and other cities in Aichi Prefecture in central Japan through 4 October.

Some events will be held in neighbouring Gifu and Shizuoka prefectures as well as in Tokyo and Osaka.

Japan is hosting the Asian Games for the third time having held its first in Tokyo in 1958. — Kyodo

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Yemen's Houthis seize key city on Red Sea: military source

YEMEN'S Houthis seized control of the strategic Red Sea port city of Mokha on Thursday, a Yemeni military source told AFP, as the Iran-backed group reported fresh strikes by Saudi forces.

The Houthis, who control large parts of north-west Yemen, launched a large-scale offensive last week against Yemeni government forces, who are backed by Saudi Arabia.

They also launched attacks on Saudi territory

that left dozens of people wounded, in a conflict that has reignited during the Middle East war that began with US-Israeli strikes on Iran in late February.

Witnesses told AFP they saw Houthi forces entering Mokha on Thursday while chanting "death to America, death to Israel".

The Yemeni military source said they were advancing towards the strategic Bab al-Mandab strait "after having taken control of Mokha". — AFP

Sri Lanka marks decade as malaria-free country

SRI Lanka has marked 10 years since being certified malaria-free by the World Health Organization (WHO), maintaining elimination of indigenous transmission of all human malaria parasites in the country.

The WHO South-East Asia Region recognized Sri Lanka for sustaining its malaria-free status since certification in 2016, citing continued national commitment and surveillance

efforts aimed at preventing the re-establishment of the disease.

Sri Lanka was among several countries recognized on Tuesday during the 79th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia. The country was also among nine regional members recognized for sustaining the elimination of maternal and neonatal tetanus for a decade following validation. — Xinhua

Greek woman has IVF birth from 22-year-old embryo after losing son

A Greek woman has given birth from an embryo frozen over 22 years ago, months after her son born from the same treatment in 2004 died in an accident, her doctor said Wednesday.

"For Christina Rapti Tzelepi, today's birth carries special emotional significance," gynaecologist Konstantinos Pantos said

in a Facebook post.

"In 2004, after an embryo transfer, she had a healthy baby boy on the first attempt. In October 2025, the family experienced the tragic loss of their son in a road traffic accident at the age of 21," Pantos said. Rapti-Tzelepi is 54, the maximum allowed age in Greece for in vitro fertilization. — AFP

Putin's India BRICS visit pairs with upcoming aviation certification talks

Russian President Vladimir Putin will fly to India on Thursday to attend the BRICS summit, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

"The president continues to prepare for the upcoming BRICS summit, which will be held in New Delhi, where, in fact, the president will fly out tonight," Peskov told reporters.

A whole range of bilateral meetings and multilateral formats within the framework of the BRICS organization is planned, the spokesman added.

Many BRICS countries are facing illegal restrictions from third countries, and so are looking for ways to ensure settlements, Peskov said.

"In BRICS, many countries face pressure and illegal restrictions imposed by third countries.

President Putin's India BRICS visit sparks new bilateral aviation certification talks.



Russia and India will soon hold meetings to discuss the certification of the Il-114-300 aircraft in India. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

Naturally, these countries are looking for ways to ensure mutual settlements between themselves in the implementation of economic cooperation, the creation of joint investment platforms," Peskov told reporters.

As President Putin

prepares to arrive in New Delhi for the BRICS summit, bilateral discussions between Moscow and New Delhi are already expanding into key industrial sectors, notably highlighted by upcoming talks on Russian aircraft certification to meet growing Indian

aviation demands.

Russia and India will soon hold meetings to discuss the certification of the Il-114-300 aircraft in India, Dmitry Yarov, head of the Russian Federal Air Transport Agency (Rosaviatsiya), said on Thursday. — SPUTNIK

First Intl Space Summit opening in Paris marred by US no-shows

THE first International Space Summit opened Wednesday in Paris, bringing together heads of state and government, scientists, astronauts and industry representatives.

Initiated by French President Emmanuel Macron and co-organized by France and Germany, the two-day summit is expected to attract around 2,000 participants. Discussions will focus on science and space exploration, including exploration of Mars, ocean observation and space research; the global space economy, including access to space, connec-

tivity, industrialization and European competitive-

ness; and space security and governance. However,

the event had been overshadowed by transatlantic tensions before its opening, with major US space companies canceling their participation. French daily Le Monde reported that space giants Blue Origin and SpaceX, as well as Stoke Space and Starcloud, had withdrawn from the summit. Politico previously reported that the White House had pressured US space companies to skip the summit on the grounds that their attendance could look like tacit support for European Union (EU) policy positions. — Xinhua



An exhibit is seen during the International Space Summit at the Grand Palais in Paris, France, 9 September 2026. The first International Space Summit opened Wednesday in Paris, bringing together heads of state and government, scientists, astronauts and industry representatives. **PHOTO: XINHUA**