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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.



This photo features the Thilawa International Special Economic Zone.

FDI inflows cross US\$110M in first 4 months of FY2025-26

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Foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows into Myanmar exceeded US\$110 million over the past four months, according to data from the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

From April to the end of

July in the 2025-2026 financial year, FDI inflows into Myanmar amounted to \$118.7 million. During the four months, the country saw a total of 26 new projects: 24 in the domestic manufacturing sector, one in the oil and gas sector, and one in the service sector, with a total investment amount of

\$106.291 million. Furthermore, capital increases in existing investment businesses amounted to \$12.408 million. According to DICA data, there was no new investment in the livestock and energy sectors, only increases in the capital of existing businesses. Of the 53 countries and re-

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Efforts must be made to enhance domestic production for export purpose

- ❖ Due to economic sanctions imposed on our country, it is necessary to enhance domestic production to strengthen the export sector.
- ❖ It is necessary to increase the production of goods for export purpose.
- ❖ Primarily, it is necessary to increase the production and export of agricultural-related products.

(An excerpt from the guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, on his inspection tour of the capacity of port functions and the trade process at Asia World Port Terminal (AWPT) in Ahlon Township of Yangon Region on 15 March 2025)

- 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.

Gold Market Rate as of 8 August 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,890,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Announcement 47/2025

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8 August 2025

Pa-O National Unity Party registered as political party

THE Union Election Commission has announced that the Pa-O National Unity Party, headquartered at 9/34 (A), Kyainn Taungpaw Street, Yadana Dipa Ward, Hpa-an, Kayin State, has been officially registered as a political party under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law, effective 8 August 2025.

The party has been assigned the registration number 60.

Sd/ Than Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

12 August 2025 International Youth Day

“Local Youth Actions For The SDGs And Beyond”

“ လူငယ်စွမ်းအားမှသည် စဉ်ဆက်မပြတ်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်မှု ပန်းတိုင်ဆီသို့ ”

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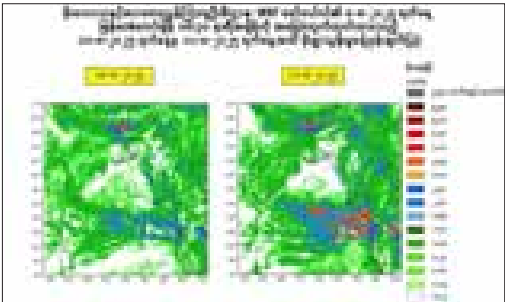
Issued at 7 pm MST on 8 August 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, monsoon will be strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, due to the unstable air condition over the Bay of Bengal, rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Mandalay, Magway and Lower Sagaing Regions and Kayah and Chin States and fairly widespread to widespread in Nay

Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, Upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan States with regionally and isolated heavy falls during 10 August 2025 to 15 August 2025. Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30-35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-11 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

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



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Friday 8 August 2025)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 9 AUGUST 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Mandalay, Magway and Lower Sagaing Regions and northern Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of regionally heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw and isolated heavy falls in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Taninthayi Region and Kayin, Mon and eastern Shan States. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 5-8 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Strong monsoon.
FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9 AUGUST 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9 AUGUST 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9 AUGUST 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon Region and scattered in Mandalay Region. — DMH

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)

Brief biography of late U Myint Swe, Pro Tem President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

LATE Pro Tem President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, U Myint Swe, was born to U Kyee Maung and Daw Kyi in Mandalay on 24 June 1951. He attended the 15th Intake of the Defence Services Academy in 1969 and was appointed as a commissioned officer in 1973.

He served assigned duties at relevant regiments and units diligently. He concurrently served the duty of the Commander of No 11 Light Infantry Division and the Brig-Gen General Staff from 1998 to 2001. He also discharged duties of the Commander of South-East Command and the Yangon Command from 2001 to 2004. During the period from 2004 to 2006, he concurrently served duties of the Chief of Military Affairs Security and the

Commander of Yangon Command. He also served as the Chief of No 5 Bureau of Special Operations of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) from 2006 to 2011.

He discharged duties of the Chief Minister of the Yangon Region government in the first term of Hluttaw from 2011 to 2016, the First Vice-President of the President Office of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in the second term of Hluttaw from 2016 to 2021 and the Pro Tem President from the State of Emergency in 2021 until his passing. As he served his duties with excellent performances for the interests of Tatmadaw, the State and the people day and night, he was deservedly awarded the General Service Medal, the People's Militia Combating

Medal, the State Peace and Development Council medal, the Mongyang/Methawaw medal, the Good Military Service medal, the Thingaha medal, the Thray Sithu title, the Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma title, and the Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu title. Moreover, he diligently chaired and co-chaired different committees formed for safeguarding and preserving nationality and religion in successive governments.

At the time of his passing, he was survived by his wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, his daughter Daw Khin Thet Htar Swe, and his son Captain Kyaw Phone Myint (retired). The State funeral for late Pro Tem President U Myint Swe will reportedly be held on 11 August 2025. — MNA/TTA



Signing of condolence book in tribute to late Pro Tem President U Myint Swe

THE Ambassadors and Heads of Mission accredited to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar solemnly signed the Book of Condolence opened at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sagawah Street, Yangon, starting from 8 August 2025, in honour of the late Pro Tem President, U Myint Swe, who passed away on 7 August 2025.

On 8 August 2025, Mr Harishchandra Ghimire, Ambassador of Nepal; Mr Abhay Thakur, Ambassador of India; Mr Mogkol Visitsump, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand;

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Indian Ambassador Mr Abhay Thakur signs the condolence book for the late Pro Tem President U Myint Swe.



Chinese Ambassador Ms Ma Jia pays tribute to late Pro Tem President U Myint Swe.

NATIONAL

MoI honours outstanding students

THE Ministry of Information held an award presentation ceremony yesterday to honour the offspring of staff who passed the 2024-2025 matriculation exam.

Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn and his wife, Deputy Minister U Ye Tint and his wife, the permanent secretary, departmental officials, students, and their families attended the event.

The Union minister made a speech and presented medals and cash prizes to two students who passed the exam with five distinctions.

The wife of the Union minister presented awards to two

students with four distinctions, the deputy minister to two students with four distinctions, the wife of the deputy minister to one student with four distinctions and one student with three distinctions. Moreover, officials also presented awards to students with three distinctions and one distinction.

In the 2024-2025 academic year, there were 73 offspring of the ministry's staff who passed without any distinction, while 10 with one distinction, two with two distinctions, seven with three distinctions, five with four distinctions and three with five distinctions. The ministry awarded

K50,000 per student who passed the exam and K100,000 each for one distinction, totalling K10,650,000.

The Union minister and the party visited the ministry staff and families living in temporary container housing. He inspected accommodation, hygienic living and unity, access to electricity and water, and provided cash assistance for children in those families. — MNA/KTZH

Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn presents cash reward.



MSWRR Union Minister receives UNICEF Myanmar Representative



The UNICEF Myanmar Resident Representative calls on Union Minister Dr Soe Win yesterday.

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win received UNICEF Myanmar Representative Mr Yasumasa Kimura at the Ministry's meeting hall yesterday afternoon.

They discussed the implementation of work plans on social policy, child protec-

tion, and early childhood education, signed the work plans between the Social Welfare Department and UNICEF, reviewed ongoing social protection programmes, and explored future cooperation between the Ministry and UNICEF. — MNA/MKKS

ME Singapore invites complaints on passport renewal overcharging

THE Myanmar Embassy to Singapore has announced that people seeking passport renewals and renewal appointments may file complaints if they are overcharged.

The embassy informed that Myanmar nationals who have their passport valid for 14 months can request an appointment for renewal by contacting the embassy's WhatsApp numbers +65 81748993 and +65 82468581, but it has been reported that payments had to be made for getting appointments, and it urged people to help each other among nationals.

If a fee is charged for the pass-

port appointment, the name of the recipient, proof of payment, and phone numbers can be sent to the embassy's WhatsApp number +65 81748991 and cpu.mesingapore@gmail.com. Moreover, service-seekers can immediately report to the consular and other officers at the embassy in case of overcharging.

The embassy stated that only the renewal of passports requires an appointment, and for the rest of the consular services, no appointment is required, and visitors can come between 9:30 am and noon during the opening days. — MT/ZN



This photo captures Myanmar nationals seeking passport extension at the Myanmar Embassy to Singapore in 2023.

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Dr Md Monwar Hossain, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh; Mr Gustavo Rocha de Menezes, Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil; Mr Mutaz Abdullah Abduljaleel Mohamed Al Faheem, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates; Ms Ma Jia, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China; Mr Cheng Manith, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Cambodia; Mr Bounphieng Chanthavong, Ambassador of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, and Mrs Ruth Zakh, Chargé d’Affaires ad interim of Israel, Mr Olandino Rui de Andrade, Chargé d’Affaires ad interim of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Fr Hilary, representative of the Chargé d’Affaires ad interim of



Brazilian Ambassador Mr Gustavo Rocha de Menezes.



Ambassador Mr Mutaz Abdullah Abduljaleel Mohamed Al Faheem of the United Arab Emirates.

the Apostolic Nunciature (Embassy of the Holy See), each inscribed messages of condolence in tribute to the late Pro Tem President.

They were graciously received by the Director-General of the Strategic Studies and Training Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, together with

senior officials of the Ministry. The Ambassadors and Heads of Mission conveyed their deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family of the late Pro Tem President, and to the Government and people of Myanmar during this time of national mourning. — MNA

Myanmar Ambassador highlights equal opportunities for EPS-Topik passes at 2025 EPS Conference

MYANMAR Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, U Thant Sin, said he wishes the employment permit system (EPS) to ensure equal employment opportunity for workers who passed the EPS-Topik, during the 2025 EPS Conference held on 6 August in Seoul.

Further, he highlighted more recruitment of new or old workers who passed the EPS-Topik in Myanmar, supporting prospective workers to enable them to introduce employers during the 2-year waiting time after job application submission, and educating and regulating workplace safety.

Seventeen countries send workers to the Republic of Korea by EPS, and he wishes to continue implementing EPS with better plans in collabora-



Myanmar Ambassador U Thant Sin talking at the 2025 EPS Conference.

tion with worker sending countries, said Korean Minister for Employment and Labour, Mr Kim Young Hoo.

As of June 2011 to June 2025, more than 70,000 Myanmar workers have been sent to the Republic of Korea, primarily in manufacturing, construction, agriculture and livestock, forestry and service industries, according to the Public Overseas Employment Agency.

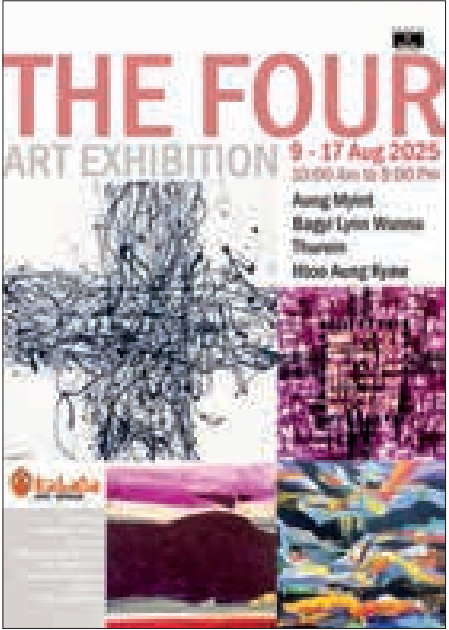
Ambassadors from 17 EPS member countries attended the 2025 EPS Conference. — MT/ZS

‘The Four’ group art exhibition set to open

THE Kalasa Art Space Gallery will host a group art exhibition titled ‘The Four’ from 9 to 17 August in Kyauktada Township, Yangon Region, according to artist Aung Myint, who will participate in the event.

The exhibition will feature over 70 paintings by artists Aung Myint, Lynn Wunna, Thurein, and Htoo Aung Kyaw, in various media, such as watercolour, oil, and acrylic.

“Kalasa Art Space Gallery will host a group art exhibition titled The Four. This exhibition will showcase our different genres and styles between 10 am and 5 pm from 9 to 17 August. We respectfully invite you to visit, enjoy, and support us,” said artist Aung Myint. The exhibition will include paintings in a variety of sizes, including 24 by 24 inches, 36 by 24 inches, 18 by 24 inches, and 18 by 18 inches. — ASH/MKKS



This image displays an invitation poster for the Group Art Exhibition titled ‘The Four’.

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NATIONAL

Yangon residents can apply for water pipelines installation via YCDC website



THE Yangon City Development Committee’s Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) stated that Yangon residents can request the department to install water pipes and meters through its website.

“Applicants can ask for municipal services through the service category on the page. The department responded to the applicants with general costs, including the meter bill, service and other costs. They can receive service through payment linked with YCDC,”

said an official of the department.

Those who want to get access to clean water need to install a water meter device as per the rules. They cannot repair or fix the device without approval from the department and must adhere to YCDC’s instructions.

They must repurchase the device through the Engineering Department if it is broken or lost. They need to pay water bills twice for non-compliance.

— ASH/KK

YCDC’s staff are seen connecting water pipes.

Kayin flood victims to receive 5,000 paddy seed baskets for recovery



This image shows inundated areas in Kayin State.

U Saw Khin Maung Myint, spokesperson for the government of Kayin State and Minister for Economic Affairs, said that 5,000 baskets of paddy seeds will be provided to farmers in the state whose crops were damaged by floodwaters.

Based on the ongoing data collection, about one-third of the more than 30,000 flooded acres of land could be damaged, he said.

“We’re still sorting through partial damage and total damage separately. We

have set aside 5,000 baskets of spare paddy seeds for their recovery. Even if it’s too late to be replanted, we plan to grow by broadcasting seeds. We will support urea fertilizers to restore crops that were slightly damaged,” he continued.

Currently, 1,300 bags of urea fertilizer have been allocated for free distribution to assist farmers affected by the floods, and more than 7,000 additional fertilizer bags are planned to be sold at a discounted rate (half the price) by lottery to the farmers, he said.

In addition, 20 acres of reserved plantations have been set up to support victim farmers.

The floods in Kayin State have affected 32,530 people from 7,327 households, and 59 relief camps have been set up to provide two cans of rice, one egg per day, and one litre of palm oil per week to each household. — Htet Oo Maung/ ZN

MMPO warns against gambling and illegal commercial ads

MYANMAR Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO) said in a statement that it is aware that some members have engaged in online gambling and illegal commercial advertisements and warned them not to do.

The statement issued on 8 August said MMPO found some members of the movie industry have been involved in online gambling ads that are deemed illegal, but such activities are a violation of the law, leading to potential penalties.

“We see the movie industry members appear in online gambling ads. So, this statement aims to remind and request all our members that these are against the law,” MMPO second joint secretary U Chan Thar Kyi Soe told The Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

This is a warning to all members, but no one has been summoned for this warning, he said. — MT/ZS



Screenshots disclose online gambling advertisements.

DICA blacklists 2 companies for non-compliance

THE Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) notified that two companies (KZO Myanmar Company Limited and Shwe Myine Yanant Company Limited) will be blacklisted for two years (from 20 June 2025 to 19 June 2027) for failing to abide by existing rules and regulations.

DICA has already notified that the registrar will publicly declare the deny list and weak compliance matters on the DICA's website if companies registered on the online registry system, MyCO, fail to comply with the existing law, rules and bylaws of the government institutions concerned and provisions stipulated in the Myanmar Companies Law.

Those two companies did not comply with the tender rules



The general front view of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) in downtown Yangon.

among 41 companies that participated in bidding for border development businesses under the capital expenditure budget of the 2025-2026 financial year allocated by Mon State's Development Supervision Office. They are found to violate tender rules according to the 20/2025

meeting held on 20 June.

DICA notified in the last week of July that seven companies have been blacklisted for the pre-arrival of goods at the ports and airports.

The Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed DICA of listing seven companies on the blacklist, and they were flagged for early arrival of the goods at the ports and airports. They are no longer permitted to run businesses under the existing laws starting from 31 December 2024. They are ANDA Company Limited, BBJ Company Limited, Sky Virgo Company Limited, Yahza Naing Lwin Co Ltd, Fast Carriers Solutions Company Limited, J&W Holding Company Limited and Gu Family Enterprise Company Limited. — NN/KK

Agri Dept to launch 3-year Agri & Livestock Diploma courses for 2025-2026AY

THE Agriculture Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation will open three-year Agriculture and Livestock diploma courses for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Those interested can apply for the agriculture diploma course at the Agriculture and Livestock Institute in Pyinmana, Thaton, Myaungmya, Shwebo, Patheingyi, Pwintbyu, Thayawady, Dawei, Heho, Myitkyina, Demawso, Hpa-an, Lonpee, Kyauktaw and Homalin while those who like to join the livestock diploma at the Agriculture and Livestock Institute in Pyinmana, Patheingyi, Heho, Pwinbyu, Thayawady, Thaton, Myitkyina, Hpa-an, and Myaungmya.

They can continue to attend a bachelor's course at Yezin Agricultural University and the University of Veterinary Science, respectively. Those citizens who passed the matriculation exam with a science combination are eligible to attend. Those who passed the exam under the KG+12 curriculum will be prioritized. Those students from the Naga Self-Administered Zone can attend the diploma despite the focused area in the matriculation exam. They must be under 22 at the closing date of the submission (25 September 2025).

The applicants need to provide a matriculation exam certificate and exam result, headmaster recommendation, police clearance, ward administrator's endorsement, a copy of the citizenship scrutiny card of the applicant and parents, a household registration copy and a licence-sized photo with a blue background. Applications must be submitted by 25 September to the respective institute. An incomplete form will not be considered anyhow.

The application form is available at the nearest institute. They will announce those who are entitled to attend the diploma course and the opening date. Individuals can also enquire about details through the contact numbers at 067 3410588. — KK

CBM sells over US\$1.6M to edible oil importers on 7 Aug



A glimpse of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM).

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$1.665 million to edible oil-importing companies after injecting over 56,000 yuan into the market on 7 August.

CBM also sold over \$1.2 million into edible oil-importing companies and \$590,000 to fuel oil-importing companies on 6 August after selling over 1.46 million yuan and 1.05 million baht into the financial market on that day.

CBM injected over 1.4 million yuan and one million baht into the financial market on 6 August after selling over \$1.2 million into the edible oil-importing companies and over \$590,500 to fuel oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM announced on 5 August that it would pump \$30 million into the fuel oil sector.

CBM sold over \$1.86 million purchased from CMP companies to edible oil importing companies, in addition to an injection of 1.38 million yuan into the market on the same day.

CBM announced on 4 August that it would sell 10 million yuan and 50 million baht to importers.

CBM also sold over \$1.08 million to edible oil-importing companies and \$620,200 to fuel oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM also pumped over \$1.04 million into edible oil-importing companies and over \$434,400 to fuel oil-importing

companies on 1 August.

CBM sold \$36.5 million purchased from companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis, in addition to the injection of \$8.8 million, 13.3 million baht, 10.5 million yuan and 500,000 rupees in July. Furthermore, CBM sold over \$2.3 million to other commodities-importing companies as per its initial announcement of selling \$10 million.

CBM sold \$8.4 million, 13.9 million baht and 5.2 million yuan in June 2025, in addition to an injection of \$14.9 million that was purchased from the CMP enterprises 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

Forge ASEAN spirit,
upholding peace, security,
and stability

ASEAN Day, celebrated every year on 8 August, commemorates the founding of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 1967 through the signing of the Bangkok Declaration. Since its inception in 1967, ASEAN has remained steadfast in its mission to

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promote regional peace, stability, development, and shared prosperity. It also reflects the organization’s continuous efforts to promote unity and co-operation among its member states.

Myanmar joined ASEAN on 23 July 1997 and has since proven to be an active, responsible, and constructive participant in the association. It has consistently fulfilled its duties and collaborated closely with fellow member countries in line with ASEAN principles. Myanmar also remains a strong supporter of ASEAN Community building, contributing to regional efforts with dedication and integrity.

Despite early doubts and diverse political and economic systems among members, ASEAN has evolved into one of the world’s most successful intergovernmental organizations in the developing world. Member nations have shown collective determination in preserving regional peace and fostering economic growth and prosperity, as well as promoting a shared ASEAN identity. The group’s resilience and continued relevance are further highlighted by preparations to welcome a new member into the ASEAN family.

As ASEAN commemorates its 58th anniversary, it has transformed Southeast Asia from a region once marked by conflict and division into one of cooperation, peace, and growing prosperity. Key milestones in ASEAN’s history include the establishment of the ASEAN Community in 2015, built on political-security, economic and socio-cultural pillars in the region. ASEAN has taken a leading role in fostering dialogue, security cooperation, and regional integration through key forums such as the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), the East Asia Summit (EAS), and ADMM-Plus. The implementation of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 is in good progress. Guided by the 2025 ASEAN Day theme, “Towards an Inclusive and Sustainable ASEAN Future,” the organization is encouraged to further deepen its unity and build a stronger, more inclusive regional community.

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THE old usage, “Out of sight, out of mind”, never rang true for me. I am not the kind of person who forgets those I hold dear; no matter how much time or distance separates us. My heart clings tightly to my loved ones – my family, my pets, and, most of all, my elder sister, Magyi Moe. She was my rock, my confidante, and my greatest ally in a world that often felt too big and too chaotic. But life, as it so often does, had other plans for us, plans that would test the limits of love, loss, and regret.

Magyi Moe was five years older than me, a gap just wide enough to make her seem infinitely wiser yet close enough for us to share secrets and dreams. Growing up in our cosy little home in a bustling town, we were inseparable despite our differences. I was the wild one – impulsive, carefree, and always teetering on the edge of mischief. Magyi Moe, on the other hand, was the steady hand, the one who kept our family grounded. Her patience was a marvel, especially when it came to me. I’d wheedle and whine, pushing her buttons with a grin, knowing she’d forgive me every time. But when I crossed the line, suppose I say, “borrowing” her favourite scarf without asking, her gaze would turn sharp, her voice firm but never cruel. She’d scold me, sometimes with a raised voice that echoed through our small house, other times with a quiet disappointment that cut deeper than any shout.

I’d roll my eyes, pretending her words were just noise, but deep down, I knew she was right. Magyi Moe was the reliable one, the one who helped Mom with dinner, who made sure Dad’s coffee was ready before his early shifts, who always had a plan when I had none. I was the fair-weather sister, flitting through life with little regard for consequences, trusting Magyi Moe to pick up the pieces. Despite our differences, her love for classical music versus my obsession with loud pop tunes, her neat braid versus my messy curls, we loved each other fiercely. Our bond was a tapestry woven with laughter, shared secrets, and the kind of loyalty that only sisters understand.

It’s a strange quirk of human nature that we often fail to see the worth of those closest to us until they’re gone. When Magyi Moe was by my side, I took her for granted,

An Odyssey Through Love and Loss



assuming she’d always be there to nag me about my messy room or to sneak me an extra cookie when Mom wasn’t looking. But life has a way of teaching lessons in the cruellest ways. The saying goes that absence makes the heart grow fonder; and I learned this truth in the hardest way possible.

Absence comes in two forms: the temporary kind, where you part ways for a while but know you’ll reunite, and the permanent kind, where the goodbye is final. I’d experienced the first kind plenty of times when Magyi Moe went off to college for a semester or when I spent a summer at Grandma’s village. Those separations were

filled with phone calls and late-night texts, her voice a comforting anchor across the miles. But nothing could have prepared me for the second kind, the one that steals breath and shatters dreams.

It was a crisp winter day when the world tilted. Magyi Moe had been feeling off for months – tired, a little pale, her usual energy dimmed. She brushed it off, blaming long hours at her job as a librarian and her love for greasy takeout. “I just need to eat better,” she’d say with a laugh, popping another fry into her mouth. But when the doctor’s call came, the word “cancer” sliced through our lives like a blade. Breast cancer, aggressive

By Min Zan

and unyielding, had taken root in my sister’s body.

The months that followed were a blur of hospital visits, chemotherapy sessions, and whispered prayers. Magyi Moe faced it all with her trademark courage, her smile never quite fading even as her hair thinned and her strength waned. I tried to be there for her, but I was a storm of emotions — angry at the universe, terrified of losing her, and guilty for every time I’d ignored her advice to eat healthier or take life more seriously. She’d always warned me about my junk food binges, but I’d laughed it off, saying, “Live a little, Magyi Moe!” Now, those words haunted me.

Despite the best efforts of her doctors, the cancer was relentless. Magyi Moe, once so vibrant, grew frail, her laughter replaced by quiet moments of reflection. In her final weeks, she’d sit by the window, watching the leaves fall, and talk about the life she’d wanted – travelling to PyinOoLwin, adopting a dog, maybe even writing a book. I’d listen, my heart breaking, promising we’d do it all together someday. But “someday” never came.

She passed away on a summer morning, just shy of her 31st birthday. I was holding her hand, the hospital room silent except for the soft beeping of machines. She looked at me, her eyes still bright despite the pain, and whispered, “Be good, okay?” I nodded, unable to speak, as she slipped away.

Her death left a void that no amount of tears could fill. I’d always dreamed we’d grow old together, two spinster sisters looking after our parents, bickering over who made better pancakes. But Magyi Moe had left me behind, and I was drowning in regret. I replayed every moment I’d dismissed her; every time I’d snapped back at her gentle scolding, every chore I’d dodged, every time I’d chosen my own fun over helping her. She’d been more

than a sister; she’d been a second mother, always there to solve my problems, to guide me when I was lost. And I’d taken it all for granted.

One memory stung the most. A year before her diagnosis, we’d fought over something trivial, borrowing her tablet without asking. She’d lectured me about responsibility, and I’d stormed out, shouting, “You’re not my mom!” Now, those words were a knife in my heart. If I could go back, I’d listen to every word, do every chore, and tell her every day how much I loved her. But time doesn’t offer do-overs.

In the months after Magyi Moe’s death, I wandered through life like a ghost, haunted by her absence. I kept her scarf on my bedside table, her favourite book on my shelf, as if keeping her things close could keep her with me. But slowly, I began to understand the lesson she’d left behind: love your family while they’re here. Cherish the moments – the mundane, the messy, the beautiful – because they’re fleeting.

I started small. I helped Mom with the dishes, listening to her stories about Magyi Moe as a child. I took Dad for walks, letting him ramble about his old fishing trips. I even adopted a scruffy little dog, naming her ‘Rain’ in honour of the pet my sister never got to have. Each act was a way to honour her; to live the way she’d always encouraged me to.

My story isn’t unique, but it’s one I share with a purpose. To my readers, I urge you: don’t wait for loss to teach you the value of love. Hug your parents, call your siblings, and laugh with your friends. Say the words you might regret leaving unsaid. Life is unpredictable, and the people we love are not promised to us forever.

Magyi Moe’s memory lives in me, not just in sorrow but in the way I choose to live now. I strive to be a little more patient, a little more kind, a little more like her. And though I’ll never stop missing her, I carry her love with me, a light to guide me through the darkness of regret. So, while alive, love fiercely, forgive freely, and hold your family close. You never know when the chance might slip away.

(To a friend who has lost her dearest elder sister recently...)

Right and Wrong “Anger”

‘**ANGER**’ is sometimes a virtue. Our people in our country generally blame ‘anger’ as a fault. But, sometimes, it is right to be angry, and there is such a thing as holy anger.

In the past 80 years, a year before we gained our Independence Day, Our State’s Leader, General Aung San, delivered an unforgettable speech, we should say with a holy anger. For instance, for the rehabilitation of our country, we must work much harder than any other country. If they walk four or five steps forward, we must walk out 10-15 steps forcefully (Do or Die), moreover, we all must not be out of discipline in everything. Otherwise, we gained our Independent State today, and would be lost tomorrow to the other’s hands. We have to bow down to whoever comes, we shall surely be as a life of ... (a sex worker). Well, I should say like that for us not to be forgetful. Our people never blame this kind of ‘anger’ or scolding of our leader as a fault.

And, it is right to be angry. When is ‘anger’ right, and when may we be angry? We may and we ought to

be angry when we see the weak unjustly treated by the strong. When a great wrong is done to an innocent man. When the rich oppress the poor. When animals are tortured by brutal men. When little children are beaten and starved by drunk parents.

These things should fill us with ‘anger’, and drive us to do all we can to protect the weak and help the suffering.


Such ‘anger’ has driven good men to come out as reformers, to right public wrongs and put down bad customers.

This kind of ‘anger’ is always unselfish.

It comes from sympathy and a sense of justice, and men who feel it are angry at wrongdoings to others, but not at wrongdoings to themselves.

However, ‘anger’ that rises from selfishness, con-

By U Than Zaw
(Day Care Centre for the Aged – DCCA)



ceit, and hatred is always wrong. To be angry with a man because he has hurt you, mocked at you or insulted you may be natural, but it is nonetheless wrong. It is wrong because it is selfish. The wise say, “Love your enemies.” But anger leads to hatred, and hatred often leads to murder and crimes. “Let not the sun go down on your wrath.”

Much anger is simply bad temper; and this is due to a lack of self-control. Some people get in dreadful passions about nothing, and while they are in a rage, they are like madmen, and will do and say unjust and unkind things for which they will be sorry all their lives; such are to be pitied and despised. For they are the slaves and not themselves masters of their passions.

This World

Translated by Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

In the human world of artifices,
The planet called Earth,
Herself hushes up in green jackets.

The thousand-colour sun,
Through a web of bands seven,
Overlooks the world - from the sky,
Giving a quizzical smile.



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SCI/ENVIRON: WORLD

Oil industry presence surges at UN plastic talks: NGOs



Nations hope to agree the world's first treaty to end plastic pollution later this year. **PHOTO: FILE**

Despite over 1,500 NGO participants, industry representatives claim their presence is to listen and offer solutions.

ENVIRONMENTAL NGOs are expressing alarm over the increasing presence of petrochemical industry lobbyists at United Nations negotiations aimed at creating a global treaty to combat plastic pollution. Over 180 countries are participating in these talks in Geneva, where the focus is on addressing the entire life-cycle of plastic, from production to pollution.

The Centre for International Environmental Law (CIEL) reported that 234 lobbyists from the fossil fuel and chemical industries are registered to attend, raising concerns about conflicts

of interest that could undermine the treaty's goals.

CIEL's Rachel Radvany emphasized that these lobbyists are primarily interested in maintaining plastic production, which is projected to triple by 2060.

Despite the presence of over 1,500 NGO participants, industry representatives argue they are there to listen and provide solutions. However, critics, including Greenpeace, have protested against the overwhelming influence of corporate lobbyists, claiming they hinder civil society's participation in the negotiations. — AFP

Pacific microstate sells first passports to fund climate action

NAURU, a small Pacific microstate, has initiated a "climate resilience citizenship" programme, selling passports for US\$105,000 each to fund climate action. The goal is to raise over \$5 million in the first year, but the programme has seen limited success, with only six applications approved so far. President David Adeang remains optimistic, believing the initiative could eventually gen-

erate \$43 million, significantly contributing to government revenue. However, concerns about potential exploitation of the scheme have arisen, as one application was withdrawn due to adverse findings during background checks.

Nauru's previous attempt to sell passports in 2003 led to controversy when citizenship was granted to Al-Qaeda members. Among the first

approved applicants is a German family seeking a second citizenship amid global political instability. The Nauru passport offers visa-free access to over 80 countries. Once wealthy due to its phosphate deposits, Nauru now faces severe environmental challenges, with 80 per cent of its land rendered uninhabitable by mining and rising sea levels threatening its existence. — AFP

Cockatoos can bust a move: Australian research

COCKATOO birds are renowned in Australia for their raucous singing, but researchers said Thursday they also boast an impressive array of dance moves.

Many Australians regard cockatoos as something of a nuisance, a reputation owed in part to the parrots' cacophonous, screeching cries.

But when they are not us-

ing their sharp beaks to rifle through rubbish, a new study found many cockatoo species seemed to enjoy shaking their tail feathers.

Charles Sturt University researcher Natasha Lubke documented 30 different dance moves while studying various species of cockatoo — from headbanging to body rolls. — AFP



Many Australians view cockatoos as nuisances due to their screeching cries. **PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

Major climate-GDP study under review after facing challenge

A significant study published in the journal Nature last year warned that unchecked climate change could reduce global GDP by 62 per cent by the end of the century, raising alarms among financial institutions.

However, a re-analysis by Stanford University researchers has challenged this conclusion, suggesting the projected

economic impact is about three times smaller, aligning more closely with earlier estimates after excluding anomalous data from Uzbekistan.

The original authors, led by climate scientist Maximilian Kotz, acknowledged errors in their methodology, which included currency exchange issues. The Stanford team, led

by Solomon Hsiang, found serious discrepancies in the data related to Uzbekistan, which significantly altered the results when excluded.

This re-analysis has prompted Nature to consider a retraction of the original paper, a move that could be leveraged by climate change sceptics. — AFP

Mexican authorities accuse Adidas of cultural appropriation

OFFICIALS in Oaxaca, Mexico, have accused Adidas of cultural appropriation following the launch of their Oaxaca Slip-On sandals, which resemble traditional huaraches from the region.

Designed by Willy Chavarria, an American fashion designer of Mexican heritage, the sandals have sparked backlash from both state and local officials, particularly given Oaxaca’s significant Indigenous population.

Governor Salomon Jara criticized the sandals as a “re-interpreted huarache model”



Sportswear giant Adidas is being accused of cultural appropriation for designer Willy Chavarria’s latest shoe design. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

unique to Oaxaca, while Indigenous Zapotec legislator Isaías Carranza highlighted the appropriation of a design specific to the Hidalgo Yalalag village.

Jara has threatened legal action against Chavarria and expressed intentions to collaborate with the Yalalag community to file a complaint.

The Ministry of Cultures and Arts of Oaxaca stated that using cultural elements for commercial gain without Indigenous consent violates collective rights, demanding that Adidas cease sales of the sandals, acknowledge their origins, and engage in dialogue with the Yalalag community.

This incident reflects a broader trend of Mexican officials condemning major brands for unauthorized use of Indigenous art and designs, with similar complaints previously directed at companies like Shein, Zara, and Carolina Herrera. Adidas has yet to respond to the controversy. — AFP

Michael Bay no longer directing Will Smith’s ‘Fast and Loose’

DIRECTOR Michael Bay is no longer part of the upcoming Netflix film ‘Fast and Loose’, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

Bay has reportedly exited the project due to creative differences with actor Will Smith, who is also one of the producers on the film.

‘Fast and Loose’ is an action movie that tells the story of a crime boss who loses his memory after an attack. As he begins to remember things, he discovers he was living a double life, one as a criminal and another as a CIA agent.

The script has been written by Jon Hoeber, Erich Hoeber, Chris Bremner, and Eric Pearson. Jon and Erich Hoeber first pitched the idea to Netflix, and

the project has been in development for several years.

As per the publication, Netflix still plans to move forward with the movie and hopes to start production in 2026. The search is now on for a new director.

The project has had a rocky journey. Back in 2022, director David Leitch also left the film shortly before the Oscars, where Will Smith made headlines for slapping comedian Chris Rock. Leitch chose instead to work on The Fall Guy, which was released in 2024.

Fast and Loose will be produced by Leitch and Kelly McCormick for 87North, along with Will Smith. Robert Simonds and Noah Fogelson will serve as executive producers. — ANI



The awards were presented by Member of Parliament Anurag Thakur during a ceremony celebrating excellence in Indian broadcasting and digital content. **PHOTO: ANI**

Sanskar TV wins Best Religious Channel at BCS Ratna Awards 2025

Manoj Tyagi, CEO of Sanskar Group, expressed that the awards increase their responsibility and inspire continuous improvement in their work.

THE religious channel Sanskar TV has been honoured with two major awards at the BCS Ratna Awards 2025 held in Delhi.

The channel received the titles of ‘Best Religious Channel’ and ‘Maximum No of Subscribers on Digital’.

The awards were present-

ed by Member of Parliament Anurag Thakur in a ceremony that celebrated excellence in Indian broadcasting, digital content, and media platforms.

Manoj Tyagi, CEO of Sanskar Group, shared his thoughts after receiving the award. He said, “Every award

increases our responsibility. The BCS Ratna Award 2025 will inspire us to keep improving our work. This honour shows that the Sanskar Group has made a strong mark in the world of Sanatan Dharma, not just in India but across the globe”. — ANI

Japanese bondage becomes art

IN Tokyo, Hajime Kinoko, a master of “shibari”, teaches the art of Japanese rope bondage, focusing on its aesthetic and artistic aspects rather than its associations with kink. Kinoko, who discovered shibari while managing an S&M club in the 2000s, emphasizes beauty in his techniques, viewing the practice as a form of expression akin to painting on canvas. He aims to create connections through shibari, which has roots in the Edo period when it was used for tying criminals.

Over time, the practice evolved into an erotic art form, but Kinoko seeks to redefine it

by incorporating avant-garde elements, such as enveloping

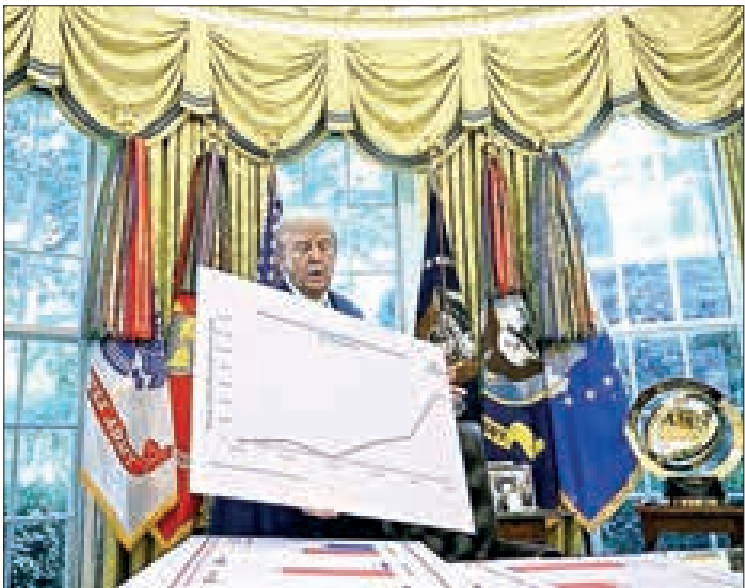
buildings in rope to create living sculptures. — AFP



“Sen” (L) winds rope on a model during a test to become a “shibari” instructor, at the Tokyo studio of Hajime Kinoko, one of Japan’s best-known rope artists. **PHOTO: AFP**

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Trump offers data to justify firing of labour stats chief



US President Donald Trump displays charts which he says show that an official appointed under Joe Biden had ‘purposely’ changed figures to make the veteran Democrat’s administration look better. **PHOTO: AFP**

Trump suggested that the data manipulation might not have been an error, implying it was done purposefully.

US President Donald Trump on Thursday alleged that jobs data had been “purposely” altered by the government’s commissioner of labour statistics to bolster his predecessor Joe Biden, presenting different figures in the wake of her firing.

In the Oval Office, where journalists were convened for a “major” announcement, Trump and economist Stephen Moore of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, displayed charts with what they said was the real data.

“This shows that over the last two years of the Biden administration, the BLS overestimated job creation by 1.5 million jobs. Mr President, that’s a gigantic error,” Moore said.

Trump “did the right thing in calling for a new head of the Bureau of Labour Statistics”, added the economist, a long-time advisor to the Republican president.

“It might not have been an error, that’s the bad part,” Trump said. “I don’t think it’s an error, I think they did it pur-

posely.”

According to what Moore called “unpublished census data”, in the first five months of Trump’s new term, the “average median household income adjusted for inflation for the average family in America is already up \$1,174”.

Trump called that result “incredible”.

The Bureau of Labour Statistics regularly revises employment data after its initial publication — both up and down, and sometimes significantly. — AFP

Japan, Peru leaders eye cooperation over critical minerals, defence

JAPAN and Peru agreed at their summit on Friday to deepen their ties as partners sharing common values, as they seek to build stable supply chains for critical minerals and boost defence cooperation.

Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba told visiting Peruvian President Dina Boluarte at his office that he wants to add impetus to Japanese investment

in the South American nation, which has one of the world’s largest Japanese diasporas, and spur tourism.

“We are neighbours across the Pacific Ocean,” Ishiba said. “We will aim to realize a free and open Indo-Pacific through defence cooperation.”

Japan and Peru view each other as “strategic partners” sharing fundamental values such as the rule of law and

free trade.

Peru is also an important supplier of critical minerals like copper and zinc to resource-poor Japan, and both nations are seeking to build robust supply chains.

Boluarte hailed at the summit the strengthening of “the bond” built over years of political and economic cooperation, according to the Japanese government. — Kyodo



The Andean city of La Oroya, situated in a high-altitude valley at 3,750 metres (12,300 feet), is home to a heavy metal smelter that has poisoned residents and the environment for almost a century. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ AFP/FILE**

Germany factory output lowest since pandemic in 2020



Germany’s economy has been hit by a manufacturing slump and rising energy costs. **PHOTO: AFP**

GERMAN industrial production slumped to its lowest level in June since the pandemic in 2020, data showed Thursday, underlining the fragility of Europe’s top economy even before higher US tariffs kicked in.

Factory output in June fell 1.9 per cent month-on-month, federal statistics agency Destatis said, steeper than a drop of 0.5 per cent forecast by analysts polled by financial data firm FactSet.

There were particularly heavy falls in the manufacture of machinery and pharmaceuticals, helping to drag overall factory

output down to levels last seen in May 2020 during the coronavirus pandemic.

Destatis also made a major revision to May industrial production data, saying the indicator fell 0.1 per cent. It had previously reported a healthy rise of 1.2 per cent.

ING bank analyst Carsten Brzeski said the dire data could prompt a downward revision to an initial estimate showing the economy shrank slightly in the second quarter. “This is bad news,” he said. “At face value, industry remains stuck in a very long bottoming out.” — AFP

‘Optimistic’: Champagne growers hope for US tariff shift

CHAMPAGNE growers say President Donald Trump’s tariffs on European goods will hurt sales to the United States, their biggest export market, but hope that the sector may yet escape the new duties.

Trump’s steeper global tariffs, including a maximum 15 per cent on EU goods, came into effect on Thursday, upending global trade.

“It’s going to hurt,” said Christine Sevillano, a champagne grower and head of the independent champagne makers association. The US market accounts for nearly 10 per cent of her turnover; Sevillano told AFP at her family-owned organic vineyard. Like many growers here, she hopes that ongoing talks between the European Commis-



Champagne professionals expect American importers and consumers to suffer, too. **PHOTO: AFP**

sion — which negotiates trade deals on behalf of EU members — and the US government may yet result in a better deal for her sector. “I want to be optimistic,” she said. “We sell an optimistic product, an optimistic wine.” The champagne industry sells about 10 per cent of its production volume to the US market, and 14 per

cent of its total output value, representing 820 million euros (\$955 million), according to 2024 figures provided by the Comité Champagne industry association. Sevillano’s US importers are “in a kind of limbo”, she said. “They clearly hope that the Trump administration will change course”. — AFP

Changing Trade Name For Registered Pesticide

The pesticide manufactured by Lionchem Pte.,Ltd. and distributed by Sunrise Agri-Science Co., Ltd is changing trade Name as follow. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board within (14) days.

No	Previous Name	New Name	Registration No
1	Emacarb 150 EC	Binova	P2023-5510

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2. Tender Document will be available at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, Office No.(44), Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours commencing from 8th August, 2025.
3. Tender Proposals must be submitted (in person) to the Offshore Oil and Gas Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, Office No.(44), Nay Pyi Taw not later than the Tender Closing Date and Time on 22nd August, 2025 (13:30 Hr).

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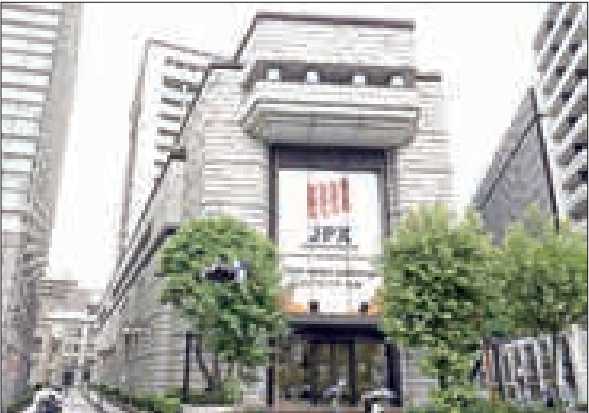


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Japan firms’ net profit falls 10.2% in Apr-Jun, 1st drop in 3 yrs

MAJOR Japanese companies listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange saw their combined net profit for the April-June period fall 10.2 per cent from a year earlier, the first drop in three years, with the manufacturing sector especially hard hit due to higher US tariffs, a tally by a securities firm showed Friday.

Net profit in the manufacturing sector fell 22.7 per cent, with transport machinery makers including automakers tumbling 42.1 per cent, according to SMBC Nikko Securities Inc which released the survey as the earnings report season for the quarter came into full swing. — Kyodo



File photo taken 23 October 2020, shows the Tokyo Stock Exchange. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Notice for Change of Registration Distributor

Notice is hereby given that the official registration distributor has been changed for the following pesticides distributed by Lionchem (Myanmar) Pte., Ltd. to Pyinsa Crop Science Co., Ltd.

No	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration		Registration distributors	
			Type	Number	Old	New
1	Reclone 200SL	Diquat dibromide 200g/l SL	Provisional	P2021-5335	Lionchem (Myanmar) Pte., Ltd.	Pyinsa Crop Science Co., Ltd.
2	Eranil	Clomazone 120g/l + Propanil 350g/l EC	Provisional	P2023-5214	Lionchem (Myanmar) Pte., Ltd.	Pyinsa Crop Science Co., Ltd.
3	Solar 260 OD	Mesotrione 40g/l + Nicosulfuron 20g/l + Terbuthylazine 200g/l OD	Provisional	P2023-5326	Lionchem (Myanmar) Pte., Ltd.	Pyinsa Crop Science Co., Ltd.
4	Amine 720	2,4-D Amine 720 SL	Full	F2020-2666	Lionchem (Myanmar) Pte., Ltd.	Pyinsa Crop Science Co., Ltd.
5	Protocol 280 EC	Cyproconazole 80g/l + Picoxystrobin 200g/l EC	Provisional	P2024-5344	Lionchem (Myanmar) Pte., Ltd.	Pyinsa Crop Science Co., Ltd.

Pyinsa Crop Science Co., Ltd. invites objections to Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon from all parties within a period of fourteen (14) days from the publication of this notice. If no objections are received within the period prescribed, parties mentioned above shall proceed with the completion of formalities recorded with the Pesticide Registration Board.

Address- Pyinsa Crop Science Co., Ltd.
No.(95-A), Kyaik Wine Pagoda Road, 8th mile, Mayangone Township, Yangon Region, Myanmar.

Notice for Change of Pesticides Trade Name

The foreign manufacture AgriGate CropSciences Pte., Ltd. will import and distribute the following insecticides registered in Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board Changing trading name.

No.	Old Trade Name	New Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Reg: Type	Reg: No.
1	Alphard 10EC	Cyphar X 10EC	Alpha-Cypermethrin 10% EC	Full	F2015-1066

It is therefore announced to come and reject within 14 days to joint Secretary, Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein in wishing to make any objection in respect of the said changing trading name of herbicide.

Address- Pyinsa Crop Science Co., Ltd.
No.(95-A), Kyaik Wine Pagoda Road, 8th mile, Mayangone Township, Yangon Region, Myanmar.

GLOBAL VIEWPOINTS:
WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS



His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, tries a local delicacy of the Republic Tatarstan, accompanied by its President Rustam Minnikhanov (next to Sultan Ibrahim). **PHOTO: FACEBOOK/SULTAN IBRAHIM SULTAN ISKANDAR**

Malaysian King Sultan Ibrahim arrives in Kazan

MALAYSIAN King Sultan Ibrahim arrived in Kazan, the capital of Russia’s Republic of Tatarstan, on Friday during his first official visit to Russia, the press service of the republic’s head said.

“King of Malaysia Sultan Ibrahim arrived in Tatarstan. He was welcomed by Tatarstan head Rustam Minnikhanov at Kazan International Airport,” the statement read.

Sultan Ibrahim is the first Malaysian monarch to come to Russia on a state visit since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries in 1967. On Wednesday, the king held talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow. In Kazan, the Malaysian leader is

Sultan Ibrahim is the first Malaysian monarch to visit Russia on a state trip since the two countries established diplomatic relations in 1967.

expected to hold talks with Minnikhanov and visit the Kazan Helicopter Plant. — SPUTNIK

Trump demands new US census as redistricting war spreads

The US Constitution mandates a census every 10 years, counting the “whole number of persons in each state”, including undocumented individuals.

US President Donald Trump on Thursday ordered officials to work on a new census excluding undocumented immigrants, as the White House presses Republican states to draw more favourable voter maps ahead of the 2026 midterm elections.

Trump called for a “new and highly accurate” census that he wanted based on unspecified “modern day facts and figures” gleaned from the 2024 election.

“People who are in our Country illegally WILL NOT BE COUNTED IN THE CENSUS,” he said in the social media post.

The US Constitution since 1790 has required a census every 10 years that counts the “whole number of persons in each state” — including people in the country illegally.

The next one is not due until 2030, although preparations for the enormous task are already underway.

Trump did not make clear if he was referring to the regularly scheduled population count or if he wanted a special survey undertaken earlier.

The census is used to determine how many members of Congress are elected from each state, and the Pew Research Centre estimates that ignoring unauthorized migrants in 2020 would have deprived California, Florida and Texas of one House seat each.

It is also used for apportioning votes in the state-by-state “electoral college” that decides presidential elections and for allocating trillions of dollars in federal funding.

Trump attempted similar moves in his first term, including the addition of a citizenship question to the census, but was blocked by the Supreme Court.

The justices declined to rule on whether the millions of people in the country without legal status should be excluded.

Trump’s call for a new census comes with state-level lawmakers and officials in Texas locking horns over a new electoral map that would likely net Republicans up to five extra House seats in 2026. — AFP



More than 50 Texas Democratic lawmakers have fled to multiple Democratic states in an effort to block the passage of the proposed blueprint during a special legislative session. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Israel to ‘take control’ of Gaza City, sparking wave of criticism



Israelis fearful for the lives of hostages still held in Gaza demonstrate outside the prime minister’s office against the government’s plans to expand the war. **PHOTO: AFP**

ISRAEL has approved a plan to expand its military campaign in Gaza by seizing Gaza City, raising international concerns about the humanitarian impact nearly two years into the conflict.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s security cabinet aims to “take control” of the city while providing humanitarian assistance to civilians.

The plan has drawn criticism from various quarters, including Hamas, which labelled it a “new war crime”, and Germany, which has halted military exports to Israel over concerns about the plan’s implications. — AFP

SPORTS

YRG clinches Women's Futsal League title with 2 matches remaining

YRG claimed another victory to secure the championship with two matches remaining in match day 12 of the Women's Futsal League held on 8 August at the MFF Futsal Stadium in Thuwunna, Yangon.

YRG defeated Pacific Sun Far 7-0, moving seven points clear of second-placed Divine and sealing the title early. In

other matches, ISPE beat Divine 2-1, Winner Generations overcame Mingaladon City 6-0, and Thunder Tigresses edged Yangon City 3-1.

After 12 matches, YRG lead the standings with 32 points, followed by Thunder Tigresses on 25, Divine on 22, ISPE on 18, Pacific Sun Far on 16, Yangon City on 15, and Winner Generations

on eight, while Mingaladon City remain without a point. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

YRG and Pacific Sun Far in action during their match. **PHOTO: MFF**



Shan United to play away opener in ASEAN Club Championship qualifiers today



Shan United's latest signing, Brazilian striker Rintaro. **PHOTO: SUFC**

SHAN United will begin their 2025-2026 ASEAN Club Championship qualifying campaign with an away match against Lao club EZRA today.

As the Lao side is unable to host matches in their home country, the fixture will be played at Chonburi Stadium in Thailand on 9 August. The return leg will take place on 15 August at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon.

Shan United, a dominant force in domestic competitions, are aiming for strong results in the international arena this season. The club has set a new record by signing seven foreign players, including Brazilian striker Rintaro, who rejoined the team after playing for them last season. While the tournament allows the use of seven foreign players, domestic league rules permit only six, meaning one will be deregistered for local matches.

If Shan United advance from the qualifiers, they will join Group B alongside Bangkok United (Thailand), Johor Darul Ta'zim (Malaysia), Nam Dinh (Vietnam), Lion City Sailors (Singapore), and Preah Khan Reach Svay Rieng (Cambodia). — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

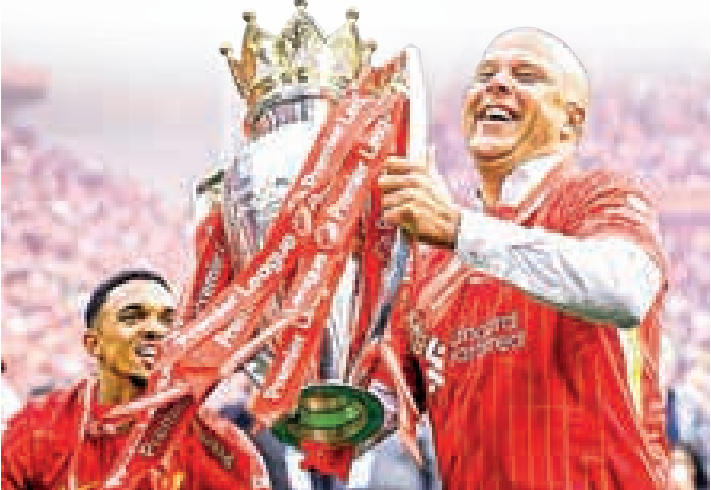
Liverpool's Slot hints at fresh Isak bid despite 'attacking power'

LIVERPOOL manager Arne Slot refused to rule out an improved bid for Newcastle's Alexander Isak as the Premier League champions consider adding to their formidable firepower, with Darwin Nunez set to leave for Saudi Arabia.

After a quiet first year in the transfer market under Slot the Reds have spent almost £300 million (\$402 million) on forwards Florian Wirtz and Hugo Ekitike as well as full-backs Milos Kerkez and Jeremie Frimpong.

Nunez is one of a number of significant exits that will help recoup much of that outlay as the Uruguayan closes in on a £46 million move to Al Hilal.

Liverpool reportedly had a £110 million bid for Isak turned down by Newcastle,



Arne Slot is aiming to retain Liverpool's Premier League title. **PHOTO: AFP**

who are seeking a British transfer record fee.

The Swedish striker has not been part of the Magpies' pre-season preparations and has been told to train on his own by Newcastle.

"You never talk about players that are not yours," Slot said at his pre-match press conference ahead of Sunday's Community Shield against Crystal Palace at Wembley, the traditional curtain-raiser for the season. — AFP

Guessand says he jumped at chance to join Aston Villa after sealing move

EVANN Guessand said he "didn't think twice" when offered the chance to sign for Aston Villa after completing a move from Nice on Friday.

The Ivory Coast forward will reportedly cost Villa an initial £26 million (\$35 million) with a further £4.3 million in add-ons.

Guessand scored 13 goals

and registered 10 assists in all competitions as Nice finished fourth in Ligue 1 last season.

The 24-year-old bolsters Villa's attacking options after the sale of Jhon Duran in January to Al-Nassr and the departures of loanees Marcus Rashford and Marco Asensio, who played a starring role in the second half of last season.

"When I heard the club wanted me I didn't think twice," Guessand said. "I'm ready to give my all. Every game, every kick, every minute."

Villa have had a quiet transfer window until now, signing only back-up goalkeeper Marco Bizot and defender Yasin Ozcan, who has been loaned to Anderlecht. — AFP



Xi said China will continue to promote peace talks in Ukraine crisis

CHINESE President Xi Jinping said in Beijing on Friday that China will remain consistent in its position on the Ukraine crisis and continue to promote peace talks.

In his phone talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Xi said that the Chinese side is glad to see Russia and the United States maintain contact, improve their relations and promote the political settlement of the Ukraine crisis.

Xi and Putin also agreed to jointly promote a greater development of China-Russia relations. — Xinhua



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, holds talks with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong Province, 24 July 2024. PHOTO: LU HANXIN/XINHUA/FILE

US to sign bilateral economic agreements with Armenia, Azerbaijan: Trump

THE United States will sign on Friday bilateral economic agreements with Armenia and Azerbaijan to boost economic cooperation and fully unlock the potential of South Caucasus, US President Donald Trump said.

“The United States will also sign Bilateral Agreements with both Countries to pursue Economic opportunities together,

so we can fully unlock the potential of the South Caucasus Region. I am very proud of these courageous Leaders for doing the right thing for the Great People of Armenia and Azerbaijan. It will be a Historic Day for Armenia, Azerbaijan, the United States, and, THE WORLD,” Trump wrote on Truth Social. — SPUTNIK



Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev (L) and Armenia's Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan (R) are to meet with US President Donald Trump at the White House in what is being billed as a historic 'peace signing' between the two foes. PHOTO: AFP

GLOBAL AI COMPETITION

OpenAI releases ChatGPT-5 as AI race accelerates

OpenAI released a keenly awaited new generation of its hallmark ChatGPT on Thursday, touting “significant” advancements in artificial intelligence capabilities as a global race over the technology accelerates.

ChatGPT-5 is rolling out free to all users of the AI tool, which is used by nearly 700 million people weekly, OpenAI said in a briefing with journalists.

Co-founder and chief executive Sam Altman touted this latest iteration as “clearly a model that is generally intelligent”.

Altman cautioned that there is still work to be done to achieve the kind of artificial general intelligence (AGI) that thinks the way people do.

Sam Altman, CEO of OpenAI, praised ChatGPT-5 for its advancements in various fields, claiming it surpasses previous models in coding, writing, and

healthcare.

He compared GPT-3 to a high school student, GPT-4 to a college student, and described GPT-5 as akin to a PhD-level expert. Altman anticipates that “vibe-coding”, or the ability to create software programmes on demand, will be a hallmark of the ChatGPT-5 era.

British AI expert Simon Willison, who had early access to the model, noted its competence and reliability, stating it doesn't represent a dramatic leap but consistently impresses.

In contrast, Elon Musk claimed on X that his Grok 4 Heavy AI model is “smarter” than ChatGPT-5. OpenAI's safety research lead, Alex Beutel, emphasized that ChatGPT-5 was designed to be trustworthy, focusing on providing helpful answers while avoiding assistance with harmful tasks. — AFP