

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.

Aunglan District urged to develop cotton industries

Enhancing agriculture and livestock businesses in the region is expected to significantly boost local economic growth.

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by Commission Secretary, and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Union ministers, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the Magway Region Chief Minister; the commander of Central Command and officials, met departmental officials at the hall of Aunglan District General Administrator’s office in Aunglan to discuss regional development activities.

The Aunglan District Administrator reported on agricultural and livestock activities in the region, rice sufficiency,



Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets departmental officials in Aunglan for regional development yesterday.

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the meeting with departmental officials in Aunglan

- 1. Aunglan District has been losing about K465 billion in annual income due to not meeting crop yield targets.
- 2. Animal feed can be used to raise chickens, pigs, goats, and cattle, which will better support the local food security.
- 3. Instructions have been given to plant two acres of firewood plantation in each village.

growing of trees to green the district, efforts to improve education and health sectors, preparations to successfully hold the election, and the need to upgrade Aunglan Township Hospital.

In his response, the Senior General stressed the need for all to cooperate in the security, peace and stability of the Aunglan region. He pledged to upgrade Aunglan Township Hospital in accordance with the relevant criteria. He urged

all to systematically maintain the town hall of Aunglan and instructed officials to supervise measures to keep the town clean and tidy.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said that in Magway Region, efforts are being made to convert croplands into farmlands for agriculture. Due to not meeting crop yield targets, Aunglan District has been losing about K465 billion in annual income.

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Aim to nurture all planted saplings for successful forest restoration

❖ Efforts must be carried out with the aim that every tree planted will survive — following the principle of “one tree planted, one tree grown in forest plantation activities.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, at the National Planning Commission held on 24 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.

Global aid pours into Myanmar as quake toll hits 3,779

AS of 20 August, a total of 3,779 people died, 5,104 were injured, and 29 remain missing in six regions and states of Myanmar that were severely affected by the 28 March earthquake.

Search and rescue teams from the Myanmar Fire Brigade, along with local and international rescue organizations, have been carrying out emergency operations in the affected areas without delay. So far, 653 people have been rescued alive from collapsed buildings, and the bodies of 857 deceased persons have been recovered.

Local and foreign donors have been providing financial and material support to the affected people, with further announcements on donations forthcoming. — MNA/MKKS

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 7:30 pm MST on 20 August 2025)

ACCORDING to the 6:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of the Sittoung River at Madauk has exceeded by about 12 feet above its danger level. It may fall about three inches during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

It is especially alert to the people who settle near the river banks and low-lying areas in Madauk, to stay away from the flood-prone areas. — DMH

Myanmar’s first international Elephant Museum opens at Yangon Zoo



This photo shows the interior display of the Elephant Museum at Yangon Zoo.

THE Yangon Zoo has invited the public to explore Myanmar’s first international natural heritage sanctuary, the Elephant Museum inside the zoo, as one of the must-visit destinations.

The elephant museum is dedicated to Asian elephants, their habitats and habits, and it will provide an in-depth look at the habitats and habits of the wildlife in Myanmar, as well as details of their history in

different ages.

The museum also features utensils of rare elephants, ancient elephant bones, fossils, tusks, skeletons of a whole elephant, Myanmar handi-crafts made with elephant body parts, and books on elephant-keeping techniques for personal exploration.

It was opened inside the Yangon Zoo on World Wildlife Day on 3 March 2019, aiming to protect elephants and educate the public. The museum will contribute to raising public awareness on elephant conservation, combating illicit trafficking of elephant parts, reducing human-elephant conflicts, preventing their extinction and participating in the wildlife conservation campaigns.

The Yangon Zoo is open from 8 am to 4 pm every day, and elephant lovers are invited to visit the Elephant Museum located inside the zoo, it stated. — MT/ZN

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Wednesday 20 August 2025)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 21 August 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Mandalay Region, scattered in Lower Sagaing Region and Kayah, northern Shan States, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago, Magway, Taninthayi Regions and Kayin, Chin, Rakhine, (southern and eastern) Shan States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Kachin State. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS

CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon, 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 Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increase of rain in Upper Sagaing,

Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon, Shan States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 21 August 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 21 August 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 21 August 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

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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)

Aunglan District urged to develop ...

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He highlighted that, as cotton is being cultivated in Aunglan District, it is necessary to establish cotton-related industries beginning at the basic level. Improving agriculture and livestock businesses in the region will greatly contribute to local economic growth.

He guided that the Aunglan District can implement solar power generation projects to fulfil the needs of electricity.

The Senior General stressed that since animal feed can be produced from agricultural by-products, it is possible to use such feed to raise chickens, pigs, goats, and cattle, which will better support the local food security.

In Aunglan District, he emphasized that school attendance rates are satisfactory, and efforts should continue to ensure smooth transition rates for students.

Since assuming state duties, he recounted that he has been giving guidance to plant two acres of firewood plantation in each village, and tree planting along roadsides is also being carried out to create greener and healthier surroundings.

The Senior General underscored that not only residents but also authorities are responsible for regional development. Therefore, development activities must be implemented in townships and districts as much as possible.

He noted that as the Aunglan District already has strong foundations, all stakeholders are urged to work together for the development of the region.

After the meeting, the Senior General and party inspected raising layers at Shwe Tint Wan livestock zone in Aunglan.

He gave guidance to systematically operate livestock activities, grow windbreaks in the livestock zone and carry out



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects layer hens at the Shwe Tint Wan livestock zone in Aunglan.

cleaning tasks.

The Senior General inspected progress in upgrading the highway bus terminal in Aunglan

and gave guidance to officials to supervise systematic parking of vehicles, grow shady windbreak trees systematically, and

establish a small forest around the terminal to contribute to the greening of the environment. — MNA/TTA



Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae discusses with staff of the Ministry of Border Affairs and of Ethnic Affairs at the Union National Races Village (Yangon) yesterday.

Border and Ethnic Affairs Minister inspects Union National Races Village (Yangon)

UNION Minister for Border Affairs and for Ethnic Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, accompanied by the deputy minister for ethnic affairs, regional ministers for security and border affairs and ethnic affairs, met the staff of the affiliated departments at the meeting hall of Union National Races Village (Yangon) yesterday.

During the meeting, the Union minister mentioned that all should perform the primary responsibility

of the ministry to ensure the rights of the ethnic people as per the existing laws, and the department must provide all possible support to ethnic MSMEs. In the education sector, efforts must be made to help ethnic children overcome language barriers so that school dropout rates decrease. The projects to be implemented at the Union National Races Village (Yangon) in the 2025-2026 financial year must be carried out following

the budget rules and standards, and completed in time.

The deputy minister reported on projects with K20 million capital of the Union National Races Village (Yangon) and over K20 million worth of tender, income and regular work operations of the site.

The Union minister handed over 58 solar panels to install them at the designated sites to the relevant officials. — MNA/KTZH

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Notification 56/2025
12th Waning of Wagoung 1387 ME
20 August 2025

Announcement of the deadline for political parties to report required party members and offices

1. The Union Election Commission has issued Announcement 55/2025 that Part I of the multiparty democratic general election will be held on 28 December 2025 as per Section 399 (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and responsibilities and authorities in accord with Section 10 of the Union Election Commission Law.

2. Regarding the membership of political parties, if the party will conduct organizational campaign across the Union during the period at least 90 days before the election as per the notification issued by the Union Election Commission in accord with Section 5 (f) of the Political Parties Registration Law, it has to organize at least 50,000 party members, and if the party will organize in only one region or state, it has to organize at least 1,000 members.

3. To open party offices, if the party will conduct organizational campaign across the Union during the period at least 90 days before the election as per the notification issued by the Union Election Commission in accordance with Section 5 (h) of the Political Parties Registration Law, it has to have offices at least one-third of all townships across the Union, and if the party will organize in only one region or state, it has to open offices in at least five townships in relevant region or state.

4. The Union Election Commission has notified political parties in advance to ensure that they can meet the required number of party members and establish the stipulated number of party offices in time, to enable all parties to participate in the upcoming election. If they fail to comply within the specified period, action will be taken in line with Section 12 of the Political Parties Registration Law.

5. Under Sections 5 (f) and (h) of the Political Parties Registration Law, the Commission has announced that political parties must fulfil the required number of party members and party offices and submit their reports to the Commission, not later than 7 September 2025 (Sunday).

Sd/Than Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

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Union Election Commission
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Announcement for townships listed in Part I of the multiparty democratic general election

THE Union Election Commission has announced the list of 102 townships included in Part I of the multiparty democratic general election to be held on 28 December 2025, as per the attached tables on relevant regions and states.
The list of townships included in Part I is attached herewith.

Sd/Than Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

LIST of the townships included in Part I of the multiparty democratic general election

No	Region/ State	Townships	Remarks
1	Kachin	Tanai Khaunglanphu Nagmon Putao Mohnyin Myitkyina	Six townships
2	Kayah	Bawlake Loikaw	Two townships
3	Kayin	Hpa-an Myawady Thandaunggyi	Three townships
4	Chin	Tiddim Haka	Two townships
5	Sagaing	Leshi Lahe Nanyun Kalay Katha Kanbalu Khamti Sagaing	12 townships

No	Region/ State	Townships	Remarks
		Tamu Monywa Shwebo Homalin	
6	Tanin- thayi	Kawthoung Dawei Bokpyin Myeik	Four townships
7	Bago	Nyaunglebin Toungoo Nattalin Bago Pyay Shwedaung Lepadan Thayawady	Eight townships
8	Magway	Chauk Yenangyoung Pakokku Taungdwingyi Magway Pwintbyu	Nine townships

No	Region/ State	Townships	Remarks
		Minbu Thayet Aunglan	
9	Manda- lay	Kyaukse NyaungU PyinOoLwin Chanayethazan Meiktila Pyawbwe Yamethin Aungmyaythaz- an	Eight townships
10	Mon	Kyaikto Kyaikmaraw Chaungzon Mawlamyine Thaton	Five townships
11	Rakhine	Kyaukpyu Sittway Manaung	Three townships

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No	Region/ State	Townships	Remarks	No	Region/ State	Townships	Remarks	No	Region/ State	Townships	Remarks
12	Yangon	Kamayut Kyauktada Taikkyi Twantay Dagon Myothit (South) Botahtaung Mayangon Mingaladon Hmawby Thingangyun Thanlyin Ahlon	12 townships			Hopong Nawngkhio Kengtung Tachilek Taunggyi Namsang Muse Monghsat Lashio Langkho Loilem	12 townships			Maubin Myaungmya Kyangin Myanaung Labutta Hinthada	Eight townships
				14	Ay-eyawady	Kyonpyaw Pathein		15	Nay Pyi Taw	Zeyathiri Pobbathiri Zabuthiri Pyinmana Dekkhinathiri Lewe Tatkon Ottarathiri	Eight townships
13	Shan	Pindaya									

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Union Election Commission
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Announcement of the designated dates for
submission, withdrawal, and scrutiny of
candidates for the respective Hluttaw

THE Union Election Commission has announced the following dates, exercising authority as per Rule 16 of the relevant Hluttaw Election Rules: -

1. The deadline set to start submission of candidates for the constituencies of the relevant Hluttaw	8 September 2025
2. The deadline set to withdraw applications for Hluttaw candidacy submissions	12 September 2025
3. The start date and the final date for re-submitting a substitute nomination for a political party which will contest in a PR constituency, if it withdraws the application for the nomination of one of its Hluttaw candidates	From 13 to 17 September 2025
4. The date to scrutinize the nomination application of Hluttaw candidates	From 18 September to 4 October 2025

Sd/Than Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

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Union Election Commission
Announcement No 59/2025

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Approval for Registration of Political Party

THE Peace and Development Party, with its headquarters located at 17/A, Zioungon Street, Nandagon Ward, Insein Township, Yangon Region, has been granted permission to register as a political party under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law, effective from 20 August 2025.

The registration number of the Peace and Development Party is 62.

Sd/Than Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

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Union Election Commission
Announcement No 60/2025

12th Waning of Wagoung 1387 ME
20 August 2025

Approval for Registration of Political Party

THE Pa-O National Development and Progress Party, with its headquarters located at 691, Kaymarama Nunnery School Street, Mayanchaung Ward, Binnhlaing Quarter, Thaton, Mon State, has been granted permission to register as a political party under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law, effective from 20 August 2025.

The registration number of the Pa-O National Development and Progress Party is 63.

Sd/Than Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

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Union Election Commission
Announcement No 58/2025

12th Waning of Wagoung 1387 ME
20 August 2025

Approval for Registration of Political Party

THE New Generation Wunthanu Party, with its headquarters located at 74 (B), Street between 6th Street and 7th Street, Upoaktaw Ward, Aungmyaythazan Township, Mandalay Region, has been granted permission to register as a political party under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law, effective from 20 August 2025.

The registration number of the New Generation Wunthanu Party is 61.

Sd/Than Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

The people are urged to receive vaccination of COVID-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of COVID-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increase of death rate due to the disease.

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Constituencies designated for the 2025 multiparty democratic general election for the Pyithu Hluttaw (the First-Past-the-Post System)

CONTINUED FROM 19 AUGUST 2025

No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency	Number of Hluttaw Representatives to be elected
266	Mongping Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mongping Township	1
267	Kutkai Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kutkai Township	1
268	Tachilek Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Tachilek Township	1
269	Mongphyat Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mongphyat Township	1
270	Taunggyi Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Taunggyi Township	1
271	Yaksawk Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Yaksawk Township	1
272	Tangyan Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Tangyan Township	1
273	Mongyai Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mongyai Township	1
274	Kunhing Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kunking Township	1
275	Namhsan Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Namhsan Township	1
276	Mongnai Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mongnai Township	1
277	Namkham Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Namkham Township	1
278	Muse Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Muse Township	1
279	Mabein Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mabein Township	1
280	Mongmit Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mongmit Township	1
281	Monghsat Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Monghsat Township	1
282	Mongton Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mongton Township	1
283	Mongyawng Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mongyawng Township	1
274	Mongyan Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mongyan Township	1
285	Kehsi Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kehsi Township	1
286	Mongshu Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Monghsat Township	1
287	Mongla Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mongla Township	1
288	Kunlong Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kunlong Township	1
289	Lashio Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Lashio Township	1
290	Hsenwi Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Hsenwi Township	1
291	Mongpan Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mongpan Township	1
292	Maukmai Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Maukmai Township	1
293	Langkho Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Langkho Township	1
294	Mongkai Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mongkai Township	1
295	Laikha Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Laikha Township	1
296	Loilem Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Loilem Township	1
Ayeyawady Region			
297	Kyaunggon Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kyaunggon Township	1
298	Kyonpyaw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kyonpyaw Township	1

No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency	Number of Hluttaw Representatives to be elected
299	Yekyi Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Yekyi Township	1
300	Kangyidaunt Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kangyidaunt Township	1
301	Ngaputaw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Ngaputaw Township	1
302	Pathein Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Pathein Township	1
303	Thaboung Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Thaboung Township	1
304	Kyaiklat Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kyaiklat Township	1
305	Dedaye Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Dedaye Township	1
306	Pyapon Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Pyapon Township	1
307	Bogale Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Bogale Township	1
308	Nyaungdon Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Nyaungdon Township	1
309	Danubyu Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Danubyu Township	1
310	Pantanaw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Pantanaw Township	1
311	Maubin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Maubin Township	1
312	Myaungmya Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Myaungmya Township	1
313	Wakema Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Wakema Township	1
314	Eainme Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Eainme Township	1
315	Kyangin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kyangin Township	1
316	Myanaung Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Myanaung Township	1
317	Ingapu Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Ingapu Township	1
318	Mawlamyinekyun Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mawlamyinekyun Township	1
319	Labutta Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Labutta Township	1
320	Zalun Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Zalun Township	1
321	Laymyethna Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Laymyethna Township	1
322	Hinthada Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Hinthada Township	1
Union Territory			
323	Zeyathiri Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Zeyathiri Township	1
324	Pobbathiri Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Pobbathiri Township	1
325	Zabuthiri Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Zabuthiri Township	1
326	Pyinmana Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Pyinmana Township	1
327	Dekkhinathiri Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Dekkhinathiri Township	1
328	Lewe Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Lewe Township	1
329	Tatkon Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Tatkon Township	1
330	Ottarathiri Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Ottarathiri Township	1

NATIONAL

Myanmar, Thailand discuss water management cooperation



Myanmar's Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation and Thailand's Ministry of Digital Economy and Society hold the bilateral meeting on water quality management in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.



Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Digital Economy and Society Mr Prasert Jantararungtong presents donations to an official from the Maravijaya Buddha Image.

A Myanmar-Thailand bilateral meeting on water quality management, aiming at enhancing bilateral cooperation in water quality management and monitoring, and preventing and controlling water pollution between the two countries, was organized at the Jasmine Hotel in Nay Pyi

Taw yesterday. Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi discussed the formation of the National Water Resource Committee to conserve the water resource and quality in the country, the release of National

Surface Water Quality Standards in 2024 by cooperating with international organizations, and activities to monitor the water quality. Mr Prasert Jantararungtong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Digital Economy and Society of Thailand,

highlighted the water resource quality management measures of Thailand, policies for water pollution prevention, international cooperation, and pledged to work with Myanmar in preventing water pollution. The relevant departmental officials of the two countries re-

ported on the preventive measures for Nakhon river water quality, water quality management, surface water standards of Myanmar and further cooperation. They declared a joint statement to further promote cooperation in environmental conservation, including water quality management, exchange information related to water quality, conduct technical discussions between relevant departments of both sides, establish a joint technical working group to enhance practical cooperation in the field of sustainable water quality management, and collaborate in areas such as technical assistance, capacity building, and knowledge sharing. After the meeting, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Digital Economy and Society of Thailand and the delegation visited the Maravijaya Buddha Image. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar hosts Special Senior Officials Meeting ahead of 46th AMAF and related events

DIRECTOR-GENERAL Dr Thandar Kyi of the Planning Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation virtually presided over the Special Senior Officials Meeting of the 46th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry and its related meetings on 19-20 August. The representatives of ASEAN members, Timor-Leste, ASEAN Secretary-General Office, CGIAR, CPOPC, CSIRO, ERIA, GIZ, TAF GTEI, FAO, GHD and Boeing, Sattva Consulting, SCSNe Coalition, Singapore Crawfish, SEAFDEC and US-ABC, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation and Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation joined the first day of the meeting. During the opening ceremony of the meeting, the SOM-AMAF Leader Director-General made an opening speech. They then discussed the outcomes from the ASEAN Summit and the ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting, the meeting of the working group on food security, agriculture and forest, minutes of four meetings from the food



The Special Senior Officials Meeting of the 46th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry in progress virtually.

security sector, six from the agricultural sector, one from the agriculture and forest product sector and one from the forestry sector. They agreed to approve the 23 recommendations on food security, agriculture and forestry

sectors and record seven plans at the 47th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry. The CGIAR discussed the progresses in ASEAN-One CGIAR Program, while CPOPC about implemen-

tation of EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), CSIRO about ASEAN-Australia bioprevention researches, ERIA about agricultural food security system, reduction of carbon emission in agricultural sectors and food security measures in ASEAN region, whereas the outcomes resulting from the project that utilizes rice husks for long-term sustainability by GIZ, initial measures for ASEAN Green Bond by FAO, production of sustainable aviation fuel from agricultural waste by GHD and Boeing, business models within the ASEAN region that reduce environmental impact, nature-based solution by SCSNe Coalition, lobster farming by Singapore Crawfish, proper management for eel farming in ASEAN region by SEAFDEC and promising cooperation by US-ASEAN Business Council. The Special Senior Officials Meeting of the 24th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three and the 10th ASEAN-Russia Agriculture and Forestry High-Level Officials Meeting were also held yesterday. — MNA/KTZH

Highlight collective action for victims of terrorism

ACTS of terrorism propagating a wide range of hateful ideologies continue to injure, harm and kill thousands of innocent people each year. Terrorists show no regard for the lives, safety, or well-being of civilians in their armed conflicts, focusing solely on carrying out acts of terror to serve their own interests.

While countries around the world widely condemn terrorism, victims and survivors often struggle to have their voices heard, their needs met, and their rights protected. Many feel overlooked once the immediate aftermath of an attack passes, which can have lasting effects on their physical and mental well-being. Few United Nations Member States have the resources or capacities to address the needs of victims for full recovery, rehabilitation, and re-integration into society. Most victims require multi-dimensional support to cope with trauma and rebuild their lives.

Nevertheless, the public should not passively tolerate or submit to the actions of terrorists. It is important to recognize that their collective strength is a powerful force. Only when the people stand together in unity can they overcome and defeat any form of actions of terrorism. What is needed is a firm determination among all of them to relentlessly combat and eradicate the ideology of terrorism.

International Day calls on everyone to listen to, support, and stand with victims in building a more inclusive, resilient, and peaceful future.

In this regard, everybody needs to focus on their actions leading to the interests of people. If even their acts are legitimate, they have to analyze their actions to determine whether these might be similar to terror acts and their impacts or not. They need to always consider the lives of innocent civilians to avoid intentional or unintentional acts of violence against them. It is because those innocent people do not have any arms or tactics to fight terrorists in ordinary times.

Nevertheless, the public should not passively tolerate or submit to the actions of terrorists. It is important to recognize that their collective strength is a powerful force. Only when the people stand together in unity can they overcome and defeat any form of actions of terrorism. What is needed is a firm determination among all of them to relentlessly combat and eradicate the ideology of terrorism.

Member States bear the primary responsibility for supporting victims of terrorism and upholding their rights. The United Nations assists them in implementing the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy by providing capacity-building support, technical assistance, and establishing networks. It also supports civil society organizations, including those representing victims. Indeed, it is necessary to encourage Member States to promote, protect, and respect the rights of victims.

To commemorate the eighth International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism, the United Nations will host a pre-recorded high-level virtual event titled “United by Hope: Collective Action for Victims of Terrorism.” This year’s theme emphasizes the importance of solidarity and collaboration across communities, regions, and experiences. The International Day calls on everyone to listen to, support, and stand with victims in building a more inclusive, resilient, and peaceful future.

CONNECTING ON THE UNIVERSAL DANCE OF WORDS

PROVERBS and sayings are crucial to understanding and preserving a culture because they reflect shared values, beliefs, and wisdom passed down through generations.

ဝါဆို ဝါခေါင် ရေဖောင်ဖောင်
Waso and Wakhaung months bring severe flooding issues

“ဝါဆို ဝါခေါင် ရေဖောင်ဖောင်” ဆိုတဲ့ ဆိုရိုးစကားက တကယ်ကို မိုးရာသီရဲ့ အထွတ်အထိပ်အချိန်ကို ဖော်ပြတာပါ။ မြန်မာတို့ရဲ့ ၁၂ လရာသီထဲက ဝါဆိုလ (ဇွန်လလယ်ကနေ ဇူလိုင်လလယ်) နဲ့ ဝါခေါင်လ (ဇူလိုင်လလယ်ကနေ ဩဂုတ်လလယ်) ဆိုတဲ့ ဒီနှစ်လတာကာလဟာ မိုးအသည်းဆုံးအချိန်ပေါ့။ မိုးတွေက သည်းသည်းမည်းမည်း ရွာချလိုက်တော့ မြစ်ချောင်းတွေ၊ အင်းအိုင်တွေ တင်မကဘဲ နေရာတိုင်းမှာ ရေတွေက ပြည့်လျှံနေတာကို ရိုးရိုးရှင်းရှင်းနဲ့ မြင်သာအောင် ပြောပြထားတာပါ။ တကယ်တော့ ဒီဆိုရိုးစကားဟာ ဒီကာလမှာ ရေတွေများတတ်တယ်ဆိုတာကို သတိပေးတဲ့သဘောလည်း ပါပါတယ်။ ဥပမာ- ခရီးသွားလာရေးအတွက် ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်ဖို့ လယ်သမားတွေအတွက် စိုက်ပျိုးချိန်ကို သိစေဖို့ စသဖြင့် သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နဲ့ လူမှုဘဝကို ဆက်စပ်ပြီး ဖော်ပြတဲ့ အမိုးတန်တဲ့ စကားပုံတစ်ခုပါပဲ။

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ဒါ့အပြင်ဆောက်လုပ်ရေးသမားတွေအနေနဲ့လည်း ဒီကာလမှာ ဆောက်လုပ်ရေးလုပ်ငန်းတွေကို ခေတ္တရပ်နားထားဖို့၊ ဒါမှမဟုတ် မိုးနဲ့လိုက်လျောညီထွေဖြစ်အောင် စီမံခန့်ခွဲဖို့အတွက် အသုံးဝင်ပါတယ်။ တစ်နည်းအားဖြင့် ဒီဆိုရိုးစကားဟာ လူမှုဘဝရဲ့ ကဏ္ဍအသီးသီးအတွက် လက်တွေ့ကျတဲ့ လမ်းညွှန်မှုတွေကို ပေးနေတဲ့ အဖိုးတန်တဲ့ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအမွေအနှစ်တစ်ခုပါပဲ။

The Myanmar saying, “ဝါဆို ဝါခေါင် ရေဖောင်ဖောင်” (Waso Wakhaung, water everywhere), describes the peak of the rainy season. During the months of Waso (June to July) and Wakhaung (July to August), Myanmar experiences extremely heavy rainfall. This constant, pounding rain causes rivers and streams to overflow their banks, leading to widespread flooding. The saying is a simple, yet vivid, way of telling people that during these two months, they can expect to see water everywhere. It’s a classic example of how a culture’s proverbs reflect its environment and climate.

USAGES:
Save for a rainy day
Definition: To save money or resources for a time

when they might be needed in the future, especially for difficult or unexpected situations.

Example Sentence: I try to put a little bit of my paycheck into a savings account each month, so I have something saved for a rainy day.

Under the weather
Definition: Feeling ill or unwell.
Example Sentence: I won’t be able to make it to the meeting today; I’m feeling a bit under the weather.

Come rain or shine
Definition: No matter what happens; in all circumstances.
Example Sentence: I will be there for you, come rain or shine.

When it rains, it pours
Definition: When one bad thing happens, it is often followed by a series of other bad things.
Example Sentence: First, my car broke down, and then I lost my wallet. It’s like when it rains, it pours.

ခါချဉ်ကောင် မာန်ကြီးလို့ တောင်ကြီးဖြူမည့်ကြံ ခါးကမသန်
The arrogant red ant's attempt shows the limits of our capabilities.

လူ့လောကမှာ ရည်မှန်းချက်တွေ၊ မျှော်မှန်းချက်တွေနဲ့ ရှင်သန်ကြရတာပါ။ ဒါပေမဲ့ ကိုယ့်ရဲ့လက်ရှိအခြေအနေ၊ ကိုယ့်ရဲ့စွမ်းရည်ကို မသိဘဲ ပန်းတိုင်တစ်ခုကို မျက်စိမှိတ်ပြီး ကြိုးစားနေမယ်ဆိုရင် “ခါချဉ်ကောင် မာန်ကြီးလို့ တောင်ကြီးဖြူမည့်ကြံ ခါးကမသန်” ဆိုတဲ့ စကားပုံနဲ့ သွားတုနေပါလိမ့်မယ်။ ဒီစကားပုံရဲ့ဆိုလိုရင်းကတော့ မဖြစ်နိုင်တဲ့အရာကို မဖြစ်ဖြစ်အောင်လုပ်မယ်ဆိုပြီး မကြိုးစားဖို့၊ ကိုယ့်ရဲ့အတိုင်းအတာကိုသိဖို့ လက်တွေ့ကျကျ တွေးခေါ်ဖို့ ဆိုတာကို ပြောချင်တာပါ။ စဉ်းစားကြည့်ပါ။ ခါချဉ်ကောင်လေးဟာ သေးငယ်တဲ့သတ္တဝါလေးဖြစ်ပေမဲ့ တောင်ကြီးတစ်လုံးလုံးကို ဖြူချဖို့ ကြံစည်တယ်။ အဲဒီလိုကြံစည်တာက သူ့ရဲ့မာန်၊ သူ့ရဲ့ရှုသွပ်မှုကြောင့်ဖြစ်နိုင်ပေမဲ့ သူ့မှာရှိတဲ့ခါးလေးကတော့ မသန်ဘူး၊ မနိုင်ဘူး။ အဲဒီလိုပါပဲ။ လူတွေလည်း တစ်ခါတလေမှာ ကိုယ့်အခြေအနေ၊ ကိုယ့်စွမ်းရည်ထက် အများကြီးကြိုးတဲ့အရာကို အတင်းအဓမ္မ ကြိုးစားတတ်ကြပါတယ်။ အဲဒီလိုလုပ်တဲ့အခါမှာ မအောင်မြင်နိုင်တဲ့အပြင် ပင်ပန်းဆင်းရဲမှုတွေပဲ ကျန်ခဲ့တတ်ပါတယ်။

ဒါ့ကြောင့် ဘဝမှာ ဘာပဲလုပ်လုပ် ကိုယ့်ကိုယ်ကိုယ် အရင်ဆုံးသိဖို့ လိုပါတယ်။ ကိုယ်ဘယ်လောက်ထိ နိုင်လဲ၊ ဘယ်လောက်ထိ မနိုင်လဲဆိုတာကို သိထားရပါမယ်။ အဲဒီလိုသိမှသာ ကိုယ့်အတွက် သင့်တော်တဲ့ ပန်းတိုင်တွေကို ရွေးချယ်နိုင်ပြီး ပိုပြီးအောင်မြင်နိုင်ပါလိမ့်မယ်။ ဒီစကားပုံက ကိုယ့်ကို အားငယ်စေဖို့ အားလျှော့စေဖို့ ပြောတာမဟုတ်ပါဘူး။ ကိုယ့်ရဲ့စွမ်းရည်ကိုလက်တွေ့ကျကျသုံးပြီး အချိန်နဲ့အားအင်ကိုအလဟဿမဖြစ်စေဘဲ ရှေ့ဆက်ဖို့ သတိပေးတာပဲဖြစ်ပါတယ်။

တခြားသူတွေနဲ့လည်း မယှဉ်ပါနဲ့။ တခြားသူတစ်ယောက်ရဲ့အောင်မြင်မှုက သူ့ရဲ့အရည်အချင်းနဲ့ သူ့ရဲ့ ကြိုးစားအားထုတ်မှုကြောင့် ရတာပါ။ ကိုယ့်မှာလည်း ကိုယ်ပိုင်အရည်အချင်း၊ ကိုယ်ပိုင်လမ်းကြောင်းဆိုတာ ရှိပါတယ်။ ကိုယ့်ရဲ့လမ်းကြောင်းပေါ်မှာ ကိုယ့်ရဲ့အတိုင်းအတာနဲ့အညီ ကြိုးစားမယ်ဆိုရင် ပင်ပန်းရကျိုးနပ်တဲ့ ဘဝတစ်ခုကို ပိုင်ဆိုင်နိုင်ပါလိမ့်မယ်။ ဒါ့ကြောင့် ကိုယ့်ရဲ့ “ခါး” က ဘယ်လောက်သန်လဲဆိုတာကို သိပြီး ပညာရှိရှိ လျှောက်လှမ်းကြပါဖို့။

(သစ်ရွက်များကို အုံ့ဖွဲ့၍နေသော ပုရွက်နီ = red ant = ခါချဉ်ကောင်)

An arrogant red ant once endeavoured to topple a towering mountain, yet its slender waist proved too weak

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to bear the immense burden. This Myanmar proverb serves as a poignant reminder of the limits inherent in our capabilities.

While ambition drives us to strive for greatness, true wisdom lies in recognizing the boundaries of our strength. Pursuing goals beyond what we can realistically achieve only leads to frustration and failure. Instead, it is prudent to understand and respect our limitations, setting aspirations that challenge us yet remain within the scope of our abilities. In this balance, growth and success become attainable.

This proverb of the red ant reminds us that knowing our limits is just as important as having big dreams. It’s wise to balance ambition with a clear understanding of our abilities. Setting realistic goals helps us avoid frustration and makes success possible. By aiming for what we can handle, we grow steadily and build confidence along the way.

- USAGES:**
- 1. Bite off more than you can chew**
 - Definition:** To try to do a task that is too difficult or too big for you to handle.
 - Example Sentence:** “He’s trying to manage two major projects by himself; I think he’s bitten off more than he can chew.”
 - 2. Don’t run before you can walk**
 - Definition:** This idiom means you shouldn’t try to do something advanced before you have learned the basic skills.
 - Example Sentence:** “You need to learn the basics of coding before you try to build a whole video game. Don’t run before you can walk.”
 - 3. A bridge too far**
 - Definition:** This phrase describes a goal or an action that is too ambitious or difficult to achieve at a particular time.
 - Example Sentence:** “Winning the national championship this year might be a bridge too far for the team, but they can aim to win their division.”
 - 4. Overreaching**
 - Definition:** To fail because you have tried to do too much or have attempted something beyond your ability.
 - Example Sentence:** “The company’s plan to open ten new stores at once was a case of overreaching, and they had to close most of them.”

တစ်ခါသေဖူး ယှဉ်ဖိုးနားလည်
Once there is death, one understands the cost of the coffin.

ဒီ “တစ်ခါသေဖူး ယှဉ်ဖိုးနားလည်” ဆိုတဲ့ မြန်မာစကားပုံက တကယ်ကို လက်တွေ့ကျတဲ့အဓိပ္ပာယ်ရှိပါတယ်။ လူတစ်ယောက်ဟာ အရာတစ်ခုရဲ့ တကယ့်အကျိုးဆက်၊ တန်ဖိုးကို ကိုယ်တိုင်မကြုံတွေ့ရင်အထိ မသိနိုင်ဘူးဆိုတာကိုပေါ်လွင်အောင်ပြောတာပါ။ တကယ်တော့ ဒီစကားပုံက အတွေ့အကြုံကနေ သင်ခန်းစာယူဖို့ အရေးကြီးတယ်ဆိုတာကို ပြောတာပါ။ တစ်ခါတလေကျရင် သူများပြောတာကို နားမထောင်ဘဲ ကိုယ်တိုင်ကြုံမှသာ အမှားကို နားလည်ပြီး ပြုပြင်တတ်ကြတာမျိုးရှိပါတယ်။ အဲ့ဒါကြောင့်

“တစ်ခါရှုံးဖူးမှ ပညာရတယ်”၊ “နဖူးတွေ့ ခူးတွေ့” လို့လည်း ပြောလို့ရပါတယ်။

ဥပမာပြောရရင် စီးပွားရေးလုပ်ငန်းတစ်ခုကို စတင်တဲ့အခါမှာ အစကတော့ အသေးစိတ်စီမံကိန်းတွေ၊ အချိန်နဲ့ငွေကြေးသုံးစွဲမှုတွေကို သေချာဂရုမစိုက်မိဘဲ ပေါ့ပေါ့ဆဆ လုပ်မိတတ်ပါတယ်။ နောက်ပိုင်းမှာ အရှုံးနဲ့ကြုံလာတဲ့အခါကျမှ ဘယ်အရာတွေက ဘာကြောင့်အရေးကြီးတယ်၊ ဘာတွေပြင်ဆင်ရမယ်ဆိုတာကို သဘောပေါက်သွားတာမျိုးပေါ့။ ဒီလိုမျိုး ကိုယ်တိုင် ဆုံးရှုံးမှုတွေ၊ အခက်အခဲတွေကို ကြုံတွေ့ဖူးမှ အနာဂတ်မှာ ပိုပြီး သတိထားတတ်လာပါတယ်။

ဒါ့ကြောင့် ဒီစကားပုံဟာ အတိတ်ကအမှားတွေ၊ အခက်အခဲတွေကနေ အဖိုးတန်တဲ့ပညာတွေ ရရှိပြီး ပိုကောင်းတဲ့ဆုံးဖြတ်ချက်တွေ ချနိုင်ဖို့ အားပေးနေတဲ့ သဘောပါပဲ။

The Myanmar proverb “Once there is death, one understands the cost of the coffin” teaches us a simple but important lesson: we learn best from our own experiences. It means we don’t truly understand the value or consequence of something until we face its results. This saying shows us that going through a difficult time can make us wiser and more careful. When we make a mistake or face a hardship, we gain valuable knowledge that helps us make better decisions in the future. The proverb also encourages us to pay attention and learn from our past mistakes. For example, a person who fails a test might finally understand the importance of studying. Or, someone who loses money in a bad business deal will learn to be more cautious next time. This kind of hands-on learning helps us grow and avoid repeating the same errors.

- 1. Live and learn**
 - Definition:** To gain knowledge or wisdom through personal experience, especially from mistakes.
 - Example Sentence:** “I didn’t think to back up my computer files, and they all got deleted. Well, you live and learn!”
- 2. Learn the hard way**
 - Definition:** To learn something through a difficult or unpleasant experience instead of by being told.
 - Example Sentence:** “He refused to listen to our advice about investing in that company, and he lost all his money. He had to learn the hard way.”
- 3. Experience is the best teacher**
 - Definition:** This proverb means that the most effective way to learn is by actually doing something and facing the consequences, good or bad.
 - Example Sentence:** “I read a book about how to bake a cake, but I didn’t truly understand it until I tried it myself. They say experience is the best teacher.”
- 4. Hindsight is 20/20**
 - Definition:** It is easy to understand a situation or what you should have done after it has already happened.
 - Example Sentence:** “I can see now that I should have studied more for that exam, but hindsight is 20/20.”



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NATIONAL

Myanmar repatriates 94 undocumented Chinese nationals

A total of 94 Chinese nationals who entered Myanmar illegally through border routes and committed online gambling, online fraud, and other offenses in Kayin State, including Myawaddy, Shwe Kokko, KK Park, and Kyaukkhet have been repatriated to their respective country via the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge (No 2) with due regard to humanitarian considerations and friendly bilateral relations.

To ensure smooth and systematic repatriation, authorities inspected the coordination process, verified the completeness of records and data, and provided guidance where necessary.

The repatriation ceremony was conducted with the participation of officials from the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, Kayin State, Deputy Director U Myint Phone, representatives from the Chinese Ministry of Public Security, the Criminal Investigation Department, the Law Enforcement



Myanmar officials hand over repatriation documents of 94 Chinese nationals to official of Chinese Ministry of Public Security yesterday.

ment, the Law Enforcement as well as officials from the Thai Immigration Bureau. Myanmar authorities formally handed over

the repatriation documents to the respective countries' officials in an orderly manner.

From 30 January to 20 August 2025, Myanmar identified and detained a total of 9,331 foreign nationals who had entered the country illegally. Among them, 9,205 were repatriated to their countries per legal procedures via Thailand, while 126 remain ready for repatriation and are being securely maintained.

The government continues to actively investigate and take strong action against illegal online fraud operations. In particular, online gambling and financial fraud activities in Myanmar's border areas are being investigated and addressed in collaboration with neighbouring countries and international organizations, adopting a national-level approach. — MNA/KZL

Basic schools, general hospital resume services in Nawnghkio



This photo shows schoolchildren and teachers lining up in unison for a morning assembly in Nawnghkio.

BASIC education schools in Nawnghkio Township, which had been closed for nearly a year due to terrorist attacks, reopened on 25 July 2025. Students have resumed classes, and school enrolment activities continue. Today, three further basic education schools reopened, bringing the total number of operational schools in the township to 78. An additional 455 students were enrolled, raising the total number of students attending classes peacefully to 9,672.

Also, the township's general hospital, which had been

damaged by terrorist acts, has been repaired and reopened on 2 August to provide healthcare services to local ethnic communities. Today, the hospital provided necessary medical examinations and treatments to 38 outpatients for illnesses such as influenza, measles, and general diseases. Blood type testing was conducted for 36 residents, and malaria testing was carried out for three residents. Meanwhile, 34 residents received inpatient medical care. Medical teams continue to deliver essential healthcare services to the community. — MNA/KZL

Applications open for 2025 Tour Operator & Travel Management Programme

THE Union of Myanmar Travel Association (UMTA) said applications are open to the Tour Operator and Travel Operation Management Programme 2025, scheduled in October.

The training course, which is being designed in accordance with ASEAN Common Competency Standards for Tourism Professionals (ACCSTP), will be conducted by UMTA Human Resource Development (HRD).

Main themes of the course are- tour product and service creation, business management, use of digital technology, customer service and communication, marketing strategy, tour arrangement and implementation, safety, travel insurance, travel police and joint forces and communication course schedules. It is suitable for those who wish to start a travel business, experienced tour company staff and students learning the travel sector.

It is an online course scheduled from 10 October to 30 November on every Saturday and Sunday from 6 pm to 9 pm, and the fee is K200,000

for members and K250,000 for non-members. It will bring skill improvement in compliance with ASEAN norms, opportunity for business development, capacity improvement and ability for international competitiveness.

For more information, individuals can contact the following numbers at 09 5007447, 09 5170456, and 09 2005648 or email office@umtanet.org and secretary@umtanet.org. The fee can be paid by KPay to Daw Kyi Pyar Moh Moh New via 09 254430824. — MT/ZS



An internship programme for the National Management Degree College students in June.

NATIONAL

Myanmar football-themed film to premiere nationwide on 22 Aug



This image reveals the main characters in the film 'Extra Time'.

THE Myanmar movie 'Extra Time' will be screened in major cinemas nationwide on 22 August, according to a media conference held at San Tea Shop in Thakayta Township, Yangon Region, on 19 August.

The storyline of the film was developed by Marn Hein, with the script written by MSY, and directed by Pyae Phyo Han (PD) for HM Production.

"This is the first football-themed Myanmar film to be produced since the movie 'Doe'," said producer and lead actor Marn Hein of HM Production. "The story is based on futsal football, featuring football-loving characters played by actors such as Thu Htoo San, Nay Htet Lin and Min Bone Myat. As it is about to be released in cinemas, I feel even more excited".

The cast embodies Nay Htet Lin, Thu Htoo San, Marn Hein, Chaw Kahlya, Min Bone Myat, Nay Chi Shune Lett, Hmu Thakin Ko, as well as futsal players. — ASH/MKKS

Tourists throng PyinOoLwin's Dattawgyaik Waterfall despite rains

TOURISM operators in the Mandalay Region say that despite the rainy season, visitors are still coming to the Dattawgyaik Waterfall near Anisakhan village in PyinOoLwin Township.

The challenging trail to the waterfall, nestled among lush green mountains, has made it more appealing to tourists, who see it as an adventurous jungle trek.

"If I had to name one trip in the Mandalay Region that has attracted a lot of interest despite the rainy season, it would be the Dattawgyaik Waterfall, which has three levels, each quite beautiful. Visitors should note that good health and stamina are important, and if you plan to go

by motorbike or with a porter, you'll need to be brave enough for the ride. Recently, during the dry season, I've seen groups of tourists cycling, and the fitter ones even manage to cycle back. The descent to the waterfall isn't too tiring, but the hike back up is very exhausting, so I wouldn't recommend it for the elderly or young children," said a local travel service operator. Most tourists visiting the waterfall are from Mandalay, arriving in groups by bicycle, motorbike, or car, with hundreds coming on weekends and public holidays. — ASH/TH

This photo features the naturally beautiful Dattawgyaik Waterfall.



'80s Night' concert to be staged in Yangon on 23 Aug

SINGER Soe Paing and Nwe Yin Win will hold a music concert titled '80s Night' at the Judson Entertainment Bar in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Region, according to singer Nwe Yin Win.

"In this cool rainy season, we have organized '80s Night to take audiences back

to the heart-throbbing memories of their youth through music. The show will feature performances supported by Judson Band, along with powerful vocals from Judson's in-house vocalists, live sets by DJs, and energetic dancers. We warmly invite everyone to come, enjoy, and relive the atmosphere of the 1980s," said singer Nwe Yin Win.

The concert will take place at 6 pm on 23 August, accompanied by the finest musical support from Judson Band. — ASH/KZL

This photo shows a promotional poster for the 80s Night music concert.

Myanmar, Sichuan discuss Chengdu-Yangon flight resumption, closer cooperation

ACCORDING to the Office of the Myanmar Consul General in Chongqing, discussions were held regarding the resumption of Chengdu-Yangon passenger flights, which had been suspended during the COVID-19 period.

The matter was raised during a meeting between the Consul General of Myanmar in Chongqing and Mr Ma Cong, Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Affairs Office of Sichuan Province, held at the Foreign Affairs Office in Chengdu.



This photo showcases the Consul-General of Myanmar in Chongqing and Mr Ma Cong, Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Affairs Office of Sichuan Province, meeting in Chengdu.

In addition, both sides exchanged views on enhancing economic and trade cooperation between Myanmar and

Sichuan Province, promoting tourism, cultural exchanges, and people-to-people contacts, resuming the suspended Chengdu-Yangon passenger flights, and strengthening cooperation between Sichuan Province and Mandalay Region in the areas of economy, trade, infrastructure development, agriculture, health and education. They also discussed the need to expedite the signing of a memorandum of understanding on establishing cooperative relations. — ASH/KNN

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NATIONAL

Public-Private Dialogue on boosting paddy seed production, export zone plans

MINISTRY of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and Myanmar Rice Federation jointly organized a Public-Private Dialogue on export zones implementation and developing paddy seed production businesses was held on 18 August at the meeting hall of the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw.

Deputy Minister of the ministry and officials concerned, President of MRF and representatives, regional committee chairmen, exporters, fertilizer companies, seed production companies, and farmers participated in the dialogue.

The meeting also highlighted setting agricultural export zone on contracted farmland areas in collaboration with farmers and export companies, cultivating only paddy seed designated



A Public-Private Dialogue on developing paddy and export zones implementation and seed in progress between the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and the Myanmar Rice Federation in Nay Pyi Taw on 18 August.

for exports, collaboration between departments concerned and seed production companies to meet paddy seed needs, production in line with Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for contract farming, securing Geographical Indication status for Pawsan Hmway, premium quality rice of Myanmar to increase its international presence, bolstering exports and attaining good price to benefit growers, reducing inputs, boosting production and public-private partnership.

Furthermore, institutions concerned negotiated with counterparts of the neighbouring countries (Bangladesh and China) to ramp up exports and gain a reasonable market amid a drop in global rice prices. — NN/KK

CBM to sell \$32M fuel oil importers on 19 Aug



Greenbacks are seen at one of money changers in Yangon.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 19 August that it would sell US\$32 million to fuel oil importers.

Additionally, CBM sold \$314,375 to edible oil-importing companies and \$36,550 to those who made non-trade payments, in addition to an injection of \$337,500 into the financial market on that day.

CBM sold \$700,800 to edible oil-importing companies and over \$429,200 to fuel oil-importing companies on 18 August, in addition to an injection of 579,910 yuan into the financial market.

Additionally, CBM sold over \$429,260 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments on that day.

CBM sold \$1.16 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$76,600 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments on 15 August, in addition to an injection of \$244,000 into the financial market.

CBM pumped \$1 million and over 1.27 million yuan into the financial market on 14 August.

Furthermore, CBM sold over \$1.88 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$220,900 to CMP com-

panies and those who made non-trade payments on the same day.

CBM announced on 13 August that it would sell \$32 million to those engaged in the fuel oil sector after sales of 300,000 yuan. CBM sold over \$1.55 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$128,200 to CMP companies and individuals who made non-trade payments on that day.

CBM injected \$1.3 million into edible oil-importing companies and over \$467,000 into CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments after sales of over 1.97 million yuan on 12 August. Importers of refined sugar, plastic, fertilizers, pharmaceutical and medical equipment, electrical devices, industrial raw materials, construction materials, auto parts, telecommunication devices, trailers, feedstuffs, paint, tar and food commodities also purchased foreign currencies through the foreign exchange market online trading platform.

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 the 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

Myanmar Beauty & Product Expo, Thadingyut Market Festival to be held in Oct

A four-day Myanmar Beauty & Product Expo and Thadingyut Market Festival will take place at the Secretariat, Yangon, on 2-7 October, showcasing Myanmar's handicrafts, traditional clothes, delicacies from different regions, regional products and other products, according to the Power Queen event team.

Those entrepreneurs of Myanmar's local products and traditional handicrafts are invited to participate in this. The participants can install a photo-booth incorporating traditional elements and integrating the brand's identity into the Myanmar traditional style to enhance their experience. The best photo booth that attracts more visitors will be awarded as well.

Those business entities that have never joined in this festival can also contact Power Queen to display their products and promote the brand in a tangible way to capture the attention of the visitors by creating a visually striking and engaging experience with an impactful and grand booth via 09 43025199. — NN/KK

Japan PM proposes economic zone initiative for Africa



Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba (C) attends an event ahead of the opening ceremony of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development on 20 August 2025 in Yokohama. PHOTO: POOL PHOTO /KYODO

JAPANESE Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba proposed an “economic zone” encompassing the Indian Ocean region and Africa during a major aid conference for African nations on Wednesday. In a speech to open the three-day Tokyo International Conference on African Development, the ninth of its kind, Ishiba pledged to cultivate 30,000 artificial intelligence experts in Africa over the next three years and announced the launch of a framework to be joined by governments, industries and academia to promote free trade in the region. — Kyodo

Indian telecom sector Q1FY26 results show steady growth, 5G expansion

INDIA’S telecom sector reported an inline performance in the first quarter of FY26, with steady subscriber additions and continued execution on 5G rollouts, according to a Centrum report. The top operators, namely, Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, and Vodafone Idea, focused on network expansion and subscriber retention, while tower and digital service providers also reported stable growth.

As per the report, Reliance Jio led subscriber additions with 9.9 million new customers, taking its base to 498.1 million. Bharti Airtel added 1.2 million customers in its India wireless business, supported by 3.9 million smartphone additions, which helped raise its 5G user base to 152 million. Vodafone Idea, however, saw a net loss of 0.5 million subscribers, though its 4G net adds stood at 1 million, raising its 4G/5G base to 127.4 million.

Average revenue per user (ARPU), a key industry benchmark, showed steady improvement. Airtel maintained leadership at Rs250 per month, up two per cent quarter-on-quarter, aided by smartphone adoption and postpaid upgrades. — ANI

Beijing NEV production exceeds full-year 2024 level in first 7 months

BEIJING’S new energy vehicle (NEV) production surged past 310,000 units in the first seven months of 2025, exceeding its total output for the entire previous year, according to the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Economy and Information Technology.

Production in July alone reached 52,000 NEVs, representing a significant year-on-year increase of 140 per cent, said the official data.

This growth is evident at facilities like

Xiaomi’s auto super factory in the Beijing Economic-Technological Development Area, where round-the-clock shifts and robotic arms hum with activity.

An official from the bureau said surging orders of popular models such as Xiaomi’s SU7 and YU7 led companies to optimize production through smart tech upgrades, so as to boost equipment utilization and efficiency to accelerate deliveries. — Xinhua



Visitors view a car of Xiaomi SU7 series at the Zhongguancun Exhibition Center in Beijing, capital of China, 20 June 2025. PHOTO: JU HUANZONG/XINHUA

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

Lavrov: Russia demands equal role in Ukraine security guarantees

Lavrov emphasized focusing on outcomes from the 2022 Istanbul negotiations and stated that Moscow will offer its own guarantees for Ukraine.



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. PHOTO: SPUTNIK

RUSSIA has reiterated that any security guarantees for Ukraine must be negotiated on an equal basis with the participation of major powers, including China, the United States, the United Kingdom, and France, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said.

Key statements by the Russian foreign minister:

- Russia sees growing US recognition of the need to address root causes of the crisis.
- Russia insists that European collective guarantees for Ukraine must be truly reliable.
- Focus should remain on developments from the 2022 Istanbul negotiations on Ukraine’s security.
- Moscow will also provide guarantees for Ukraine.
- Security framework without Russia — such talks lead nowhere.

SPUTNIK

White House launches official TikTok account

THE White House launched an official TikTok account on Tuesday, less than a month before US President Donald Trump's deadline for the social media app to either find a new owner or face a ban in the United States.

The account posted its debut video on Tuesday afternoon -- a 27-second clip featuring footage of Trump walking and interacting with his supporters, accompanied by audio from his acceptance speech at the 2016 Republican National Convention.

A few hours after the debut video, the account has garnered over 57,000 followers, while the TikTok account Trump used for his presidential campaign last year has more than 15 million followers. — Xinhua

Israel approves operation to capture Gaza City: Reports

ISRAELI Defence Minister Israel Katz has approved an operation to capture Gaza City, and reservists are expected to be mobilized, the Kan state television and radio company reported on Wednesday.

The operation was named Gideon's Chariots 2, the broadcaster added.

Some 60,000 reservist call-up orders are being issued by the IDF for the offensive, according to Israeli media.

Netanyahu's office said in a statement on 8 August that the Jewish state's Security Cabinet approved a plan to take over Gaza City and eventually implement "Israeli security control" of the entire Gaza Strip. — SPUTNIK

India-US officials discuss key issues of defence procurement

INDIAN and American defence officials held a meeting here in the national capital on Tuesday where they discussed key issues of defence procurement and affirmed their commitment towards further strengthening of the India-US defence partnership, as per the Ministry of Defence. Sharing the details in a post on X, the Ministry of Defence said, "Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence (South & Southeast Asia), US DoD Dr Andrew Byers today met Joint Secretary (Maritime & Systems Acquisition) Shri Dinesh Kumar. They discussed key issues of defence procurement & reaffirmed commitment to further strengthen the India-US defence partnership". — ANI

Plastic model museum to open in Shizuoka, central Japan, in Sept

BANDAI Spirits Co on Wednesday unveiled a hands-on museum set to open 2 September inside its plastic model production plant in Shizuoka, central Japan, showcasing the latest manufacturing technologies.

At the entrance, visitors will be greeted by a monument modelled after life-sized parts from a plastic model kit of Gundam, a world-famous giant robot from the long-running Japanese anime franchise and a symbol of the country’s pop culture.

By establishing the new facility in Shizuoka, which aims to promote local revitalization through the city’s model industry, Bandai Spirits will try to draw plastic kit fans from Japan and abroad, encouraging them to experience the region’s craftsmanship.

Shizuoka has long been known as the nation’s hub for model making, building on its tradition of woodworking fostered by rich natural surroundings, and later becoming home to leading plastic model makers, according to the local government.

Admission will be by reservation only, with tickets priced at 2,860 yen (\$19) for visitors aged 13 and older, 1,100 yen for those 12 and under, and free for pre-school children. — Kyodo



This photo shows a monument modelled after life-sized parts from a Gundam plastic model kit at Bandai Spirits Co.'s museum in Shizuoka on 20 August 2025. PHOTO: KYODO

SPORTS

Isak says 'change' best for everyone after Newcastle trust broken

ALEXANDER Isak believes his departure from Newcastle is "in the best interests of everyone" after breaking his silence on the saga of the Premier League transfer window amid speculation over a move to Liverpool.

The Swedish international, who was the second-highest goalscorer in the Premier League last season, has not featured for the Magpies in pre-season or their opening game of the campaign, a 0-0 draw away at Aston Villa on Saturday.

Liverpool have reportedly had a £110 million bid (\$149 million) rejected for the 25-year-old, with Newcastle holding out for a British transfer record fee of up to £150 million.

Isak released a statement on Tuesday after deciding not to appear at the Professional Footballers' Association awards event despite being selected in the Premier League 2024/25 team of the year. "I've kept quiet for a long time while others have spoken. That silence has allowed people to push their own version of events, even though they know it doesn't reflect what was really said and agreed behind closed doors," Isak posted on Instagram. "The reality is that promises were made and the club has known my position for a long time. To now act as if these issues are only emerging is misleading. — AFP



Alexander Isak wants to force his way out of Newcastle. **PHOTO: AFP**

Shan United to meet Preah Khan Reach in ASEAN Club opener



Photo shows Myanmar's Shan United Football Club ahead of their participation the 2025-2026 ASEAN Club Championship.

THE 2025-2026 ASEAN Club Championship resumes today with the opening match of Group B, where Myanmar's Shan United will take on Cambodia's Preah Khan Reach Svay Rieng.

For the final stage of the tournament, Group A features reigning champions Buriram United (Thailand), Pathum United (Thailand), Selangor (Malaysia), Công An Hà Nội (Vietnam), Tampines Rovers (Singapore), and CEBU (Philippines).

Group B includes Bangkok United (Thailand), Johor Darul Ta'zim (Malaysia), Nam Định (Vietnam), Lion City Sailors (Singapore), Preah Khan Reach Svay Rieng (Cambodia), and Shan United (Myanmar).

The group stage matches will run from August 2025 through February 2026. Shan United is scheduled to play five matches in total – two at home and three away. In the preliminary rounds earlier

this month, Shan United won both legs against Lao club EZRA, with a combined score of 3-1.

According to the match schedule, Shan United will kick off against Preah Khan Reach Svay Rieng at 6 pm today at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon. A pre-match press briefing was held on 20 August, attended by head coaches and team captains from both sides.

Shan United head coach Hiro said, "Tomorrow's match will not be easy. We will approach it carefully, learning from last year's experiences and preparing our best this season. The opponent is stronger than last year, so we have to play smart and focused". Team captain Nanda Kyaw added, "We have improved both our results and gameplay compared to last year. Players and coaches have trained meticulously, and even the chairman has been closely involved, so we hope for positive outcomes this season".

This marks Shan United's second consecutive participation in the ASEAN Club Championship. In addition to the ASEAN Club matches, the team will also compete in the AFC Challenge League this season. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Myanmar to compete in 20 events at SEA, Asian Bodybuilding Championships

THE Myanmar national bodybuilding and fitness team will take part in 20 events at the XIX Southeast Asian Championships and LVII Asian Bodybuilding and Fitness Championships, scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 18 to 25 August.

The Myanmar team, led by Chairman of the Myanmar Bodybuilding and Fitness Federation and Deputy Mayor of Yangon City Development Committee U Nyi Nyi departed Yangon for Thailand on 18 August via Yangon International Airport.

The delegation comprises U Kyaw Than (Vice Chairman and team manager), Daw Yi Yi Win (judge), U Aung Naing (judge), U Win Lwin (coach), Daw Tin Ma Ma Myo (coach), and 20 athletes. Ten athletes will compete in the XIX Southeast Asian Championships, while the remaining ten will participate in the LVII Asian Bodybuilding and



The Myanmar national bodybuilding and fitness team pose for the documentary photo before departing for Thailand yesterday. **Fitness Championships. — Arkar Linn/KZL**



The Myanmar U12 team in action against the Tokyo Verdy youth team.

Myanmar U12 continue second-day World Challenge campaign

THE second day of the U12 Junior Soccer World Challenge 2025 took place on 20 August in Chiba, Japan.

The Myanmar U12 team played two group-stage matches on the second day but suffered defeats in both games. Myanmar lost 0-2 to Japan's Tokyo Verdy youth team and 0-3 to Japan's Econos youth team. Overall, Myanmar's U12 squad finished the group stage with one draw and three losses.

The final day of the group stage is scheduled for today, after which Myanmar will proceed to the placement matches. — Chit Ko Ko/KZL



China's V-Day parade to highlight peace, pledge to defend international fairness, justice

A MILITARY official said China's V-Day parade, scheduled for 3 September in Tian'anmen Square, is meant to signal that the country upholds peace and will firmly defend international fairness and justice.

Wu Zeke, deputy director of the Leading Group Office of Military Parade and a senior officer of the Joint Staff Department of the Central Military Commission, made the remarks at the press conference on Wednesday to outline preparations for the parade to mark the 80th anniversary of the victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War. The parade will showcase that under the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the country and the armed forces have grown strong, and the great spirit of the War of Resistance lives on, Wu said.

He added that the parade will demonstrate to the world that the victory 80 years ago was a triumph of justice over evil, light over darkness, and progress over reaction. China was the first to fight against fascist aggression and sustained the longest resistance, Wu said, adding that the tremendous sacrifices of the Chinese people sustained the main Eastern Battlefield of the World Anti-Fascist War. — Xinhua

The event marks the 80th anniversary of victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War.

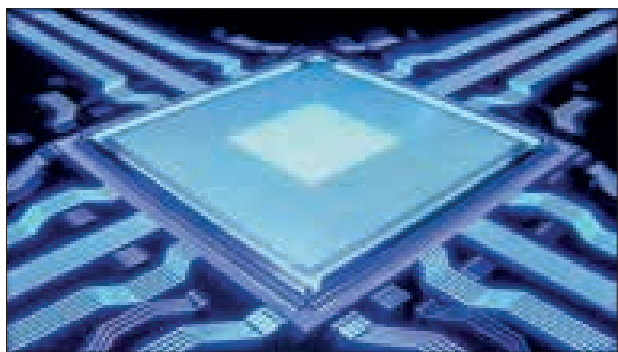


A press conference on V-Day military parade preparations is held by the State Council Information Office in Beijing, capital of China, 20 August 2025. PHOTO: LI XIN/XINHUA

India's first packaged chip expected to be out by Dec 2025

"THE first packaged chip is expected to be out by December 2025," the Minister said in response to a questionnaire from ANI, besides underlining the status of India's nascent yet progressing semiconductor ecosystem.

The government has laid a pathway towards an India that will build chips for the world, aligned across



These projects are located across six states: Gujarat, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/PIXABAY

the supply chain, from assembly/testing to design, and manufacturing to exports, the minister said.

As on date, the government has approved 10 semiconductor manufacturing projects with a cumulative investment of more than Rs1.60 lakh crore in six states – Gujarat, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh. These projects, according to the minister, are expected to generate more than 29,000 direct jobs, depending on the maturity of factory automation.

Further, to strengthen semiconductor manufacturing, and creating a semiconductor ecosystem in the country, the government has entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the US, European Union, Japan and Singapore.

Semiconductor manufacturing is a very complex and a technology intensive sector which requires specialized skilled manpower. To address this, a new curriculum was introduced by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for VLSI Design and Technology, Integrated Circuit (IC) manufacturing. — ANI

NATIONAL TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

Vietnam proposes car emission standards in major cities

VIETNAM is set to tighten car emission standards in the capital Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City beginning in 2027, according to a draft decision from the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment.

Cars manufactured from 2017 will be required to meet Level 4 standards from January 2027, while those produced from 2022 must comply with Level 5 standards starting January 2028, local newspaper Tuoi Tre (Youth) reported Wednesday.

Level 4 and Level 5 are categories defined under the circular on Vietnam's National Technical Regulations on Emissions of Automobiles Participating in Road Traffic, issued in June 2025, which set maximum permissible exhaust limits to reduce pollution and improve air quality. — Xinhua