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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.

Cloud Sea Camps in Nawnghkio set to return for Thadingyut Festival

At least seven of the ten cloud sea camps in Nawnghkio Township, which traditionally opened on the full moon day of the Thadingyut and once drew thousands of visitors for its breathtaking views, are now preparing to reopen.



An enchanting view of the Cloud Sea Camp in Nawnghkio Township, Shan State.

Some cloud sea camps in Nawnghkio Township, Shan State (North), are preparing to restart their businesses in the upcoming Thadingyut Festival, giving visitors to enjoy cloud glamping experiences, said U Pyae Sone Aung, an owner of Cloudy Villa.

The political climate forced the cloud sea camps in Nawnghkio Township to shut down business operations. Following the restoration of peace in the area, some camps are planning to return to normal operations.

“Cloud sea camps will be opened in November. Hopefully, it would attract many visitors. Nawnghkio is not that far from Mandalay. Homegrown visitors stopped in the city even during the coronavirus pandemic. We hope the camps will draw the attention of the holidaymakers,” he added.

Earlier, cloud sea camps in Nawnghkio Township started on the full moon day of the Thadingyut. Thousands of visitors used to flock to the Nawnghkio Township to enjoy the breathtaking view of the cloud sea. Of the 10 camps, at least seven are prepared to reopen. — ASH/KK



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Thai-Myanmar Friendship Bridge I open as usual



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# NATIONAL

## National politics rooted in Our Three Main National Causes

❖ National politics is a permanent and stable form of statecraft that is grounded in Our Three Main National Causes: Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of the national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty. It is aimed solely at upholding the long-term interests of the nation and its people.

*(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the ceremony to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armed Forces Day, which falls on 27 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.

### Notice for eligible voters abroad for early voting

1. The Union Election Commission (UEC) announced that the multiparty democratic general election will be held phase by phase starting from 28 December 2025. It also released Announcement 62/2025 on 21 August 2025 regarding the date to collect Form 15 for casting votes in advance by the overseas voters.
2. UEC also declared 330 constituencies in the country with announcements 50/2025, 51/2025, 52/2025 and 53/2025. In seeking Form 15 for advance voting by the overseas voters who want to cast early votes, they can apply for Form 15 for their respective townships between 21 August 2025 and 8 September 2025.

Union Election Commission

## Weather

### Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Friday 22 August 2025)

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

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 23 AUGUST 2025:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Mandalay, Magway and Lower Sagaing Regions and Kayah, Chin and northern Shan States, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago Region and Kayah and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine and Southern Shan States. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD:** The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady

and Taninthayi Regions, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and 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:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 25-30 mile per hour. Wave height will be about 8-10 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of increase of rain in Bago and Taninthayi Regions and Kayin and Mon States.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGH-**

**BOURING AREA FOR 23 AUGUST 2025:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 23 AUGUST 2025:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 23 AUGUST 2025:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

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

### Special Weather News

Issued at 7 pm MST on 22 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 low-pressure area may form over Northwest Bay of Bengal (off the Odisha-West Bengal coasts, India), rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing Regions and Kachin, northern Shan States and fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and (Southern and Eastern)Shan States with isolated heavyfalls during 26 August 2025 to 29 August 2025. Squalls with rough seas are likely at time in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30-35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 10-12 feet in the Deltaic, Gulf of the Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts.

#### Advisory

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

### EARTHQUAKE

(Issued at 11:45 am MST)

A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.2 Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about 12 miles southwest of Kalay), latitude 23.05°N, longitude 93.95°E, depth 22 kilometres, about 36 miles northeast of Haka seismological observatory was recorded at 11 hours 26 minutes 17 seconds MST on 22 August 2025. — 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)

3-day Youth Strategy Forum to be held in Yangon

THE Future Front Myanmar: Youth Strategy Forum 2025, as part of preparations to enable younger generations to actively participate in a changing world, will be held at the Myanmar Convention Centre (MCC) in Yangon from 30 August to 1 September.

The three-day forum will be organized by the Ministry of Information, Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, Yangon Region government and Myanmar Narrative Think Tank to provide youths with fundamental knowledge of international affairs, geopolitics and national strategies, to enhance their leadership, critical thinking and communication skills, to promote cooperation, constructive dialogue and civic engagement through interactive



An invite to the Future Front Myanmar: Youth Strategy Forum 2025 on 30 August-1 September in Yangon.

discussions, to strengthen ability to table promising pathways for the development of Myanmar, and to establish an active youth network that can contribute to national and regional level

initiatives in the future. At the forum, Indian strategic analyst Mr Atul Aneja will discuss the Changing World and Myanmar-Geopolitics, and Myanmar, Geopolitics and Multipolar World, whereas Associate Professor Mr Lorenzo Maria Pacini from SUPDI, Distance Private University of Switzerland, will discuss the Changing World and Myanmar-Geopolitics, and Myanmar, Economics and Multipolar World. The forum will feature ice-breaker activities, world café, energizer quiz and group workshop. All the youths from different regions and states will participate in the forum, and a statement will be released on the final day of the event. — MNA/KTZH

XXXI Pakokku Literary Awards Ceremony held in Yangon

THE 31<sup>st</sup> Pakokku U Ohn Pe Lifetime Literary Award, Pakokku Literary Awards, Library Book Awards, and Outstanding Student Awards ceremony was held yesterday morning at the Central Press Assembly Hall of the Printing and Publishing Department on Theinbyu Road, Botahtaung Township, Yangon. Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Tint, regional ministers, departmental officials, officials from the Myanmar Writers' Association (Central), members of the Pakokku Literary Award Fund Supervisory Committee, members of the selection committee, members of the Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library Committee, award-winning writers, outstanding students and their

parents, and guests attended the ceremony. In his address, Deputy Minister U Ye Tint said that a total of 13 awards, including the lifetime award, novel, short story collection, poetry collection, treatise, and research genres, were conferred this year. He praised the achievements of the veteran writers and expressed his hope that their works will continue to serve as guiding lights, enriching both knowledge and aesthetics for the nation and its people. Next, U Ohn Maung (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe), Chairman of the Pakokku Literary Award Fund Supervisory Committee, explained the selection process. Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein then presented the Pakokku Lifetime Literary Award

to veteran writer Dr Khin Than Oo (Ma Moe Myay) and donated K7.5 million to the fund supervisory committee. Similarly, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint (Retired) donated K7.5 million, while the Myanmar-India

Friendship Association contributed K5 million. Afterwards, awards were presented to winners of the novel, short story, and treatise genres. Among them, Maung Nay Chi (Pyay) received second prize

in the novel genre, while Nyein Nyo was awarded first prize in the short story collection genre. Other winners included Thet Oo Khin, May Latt Han, and U Win Myint Maung (Lin Ayon Oo) for works in short stories and treatise. The ceremony continued with the presentation of the Pakokku Literary Awards, Library Book Awards, and Outstanding Student Awards by veteran writers, literary committee members, and cultural scholars. Finally, on behalf of the donor, First Vice-Chairman U Thein Khine Oo of the supervisory committee gave closing remarks, followed by an expression of thanks from lifetime award winner Dr Khin Than Oo (Ma Moe Myay) on behalf of all recipients. — MNA/KZL



Deputy Minister U Ye Tint speaks on the 31<sup>st</sup> Pakokku Literary Awards occasion in Yangon yesterday.

# NATIONAL

## Myanmar Navy Chief returns from 19<sup>th</sup> ANCM from Malaysia

THE Myanmar delegation led by Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Htein Win, who attended the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Navy Chiefs' Meeting (19<sup>th</sup> ANCM) in Malaysia, arrived back in Myanmar on 21 August.

During the visit, the delegation attended the 19<sup>th</sup> ANCM, met with ASEAN Navy Chiefs separately and attended the ASEAN naval fleet exhibition.

The 19<sup>th</sup> ANCM was held in Penang of Malaysia, from 18 to 21 August. Malaysian Minister for Defence Mohamed Khaled Nordin made the opening speech at the event. During the meeting, the Navy chiefs approved

the minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> ANCM, and the ANCM permanent joint secretary briefed the regional maritime security affairs. They also exchanged views on Advancing the ASEAN Navies' Unity-Synergizing Innovation and Technology in Strengthening ASEAN Maritime Security, and Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Htein Win discussed sustainable role of unity and trust, practical application of innovation and technology and practical actions to promote maritime security.

After the meeting, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) separately met with the Navy Chiefs



The 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Navy Chief's meeting in progress on 21 August in Malaysia.

of Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, and the deputy chief of the Lao Army.

On 20 August, the ASEAN Navy Chiefs planted trees on Penang Hill as a commemorative activity. On 21 August, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) attended the ASEAN naval fleet

exhibition together with other naval chiefs.

Tatmadaw naval vessel Hsinphyushin and other ASEAN naval vessels arrived in Malaysia on 15 August to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Multilateral Naval Exercise and ASEAN naval fleet exhibition.

During the naval exercise, the naval vessel Hsinphyushin participated in different naval exercises. The 3<sup>rd</sup> AMNEX took place from 15 to 22 August, with the participation of 10 naval vessels, including Myanmar naval vessel Hsinphyushin. — MNA/KTZH

## Leaders of 20 nations invited to SCO Summit in China



This photo features an international media briefing at the Foreign Ministry in Beijing, China.

THE fifth summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) will be held in Tianjin, China, from 31 August to 1 September. More than 20 heads of state and leaders of 10 international organizations have been invited to the meeting, said Liu Bin, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, at a press conference in Beijing yesterday.

Leaders from over 20 countries, including Russia, Belarus, India, Iran, Mongolia, Azerbaijan, Pakistan, and Türkiye, as well as representatives from the United Nations, ASEAN, and other international organizations, have been invited to attend.

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization was founded in 2001 in Shanghai by China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. It now has 10 member states, two observer states, and 14 dialogue partners.

As a major international cooperation organization, it prioritizes trade, the economy, science and technology, culture and education, energy, transportation and tourism, environmental protection, and regional security and stability.

With broad participation, the SCO has become an influential organization on the world stage. This year's summit is hosted by the People's Republic of China. Myanmar has been a dialogue partner of the SCO since 2023. — Khin Yadana/MKKS

## Myanmar Think Tank, Xinhua agree on Global South cooperation deal

THE signing ceremony for Cooperation in the Global South Joint Communication Partnership Programme between the Myanmar Narrative Think Tank and Xinhua News Agency was held yesterday morning at the meeting hall of the Division of Research and Information (Yangon) on Pansodan Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon.

At the event, Chairman U Ko Ko of the Myanmar Narrative Think Tank delivered an address, stressing that the cooperation aims to strengthen people-to-people relations, serve as a communication bridge to deepen understanding among societies, promote solidarity, and nurture hopes for peace, prosperity, and long-term sustainable development.

Afterwards, Mr Zhang Dongqiang, Chief of Xinhua News Agency Yangon Bureau, also delivered a speech. Then, the chairman of the Myanmar Narrative Think Tank and the chief of the Xinhua Yangon Bureau signed the memorandum of understanding for the coopera-



Xinhua Yangon Bureau Chief Mr Zhang Dongqiang and Myanmar Narrative Think Tank Chair U Ko Ko exchange the MoU at yesterday's event in Yangon.

tion programme.

Officials from the Myanmar Narrative Think Tank, representatives from Xinhua News Agency, and guests attended the ceremony. Through this cooperation, the programme intends not only to contribute to Myanmar's development but also to enhance the image of Myanmar internationally. — Naing Lin Aung (IPRD)/KZL

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Russian language diploma and proficiency ceremonies held

THE Russian Language Diploma Graduation and Russian Language Proficiency ceremonies were held yesterday morning at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Legal Affairs.

At the ceremony, Union Minister for Legal Affairs and Union Attorney-General Dr Thida Oo said that this was the Ministry's first ceremony of its kind. She noted that the Ministry of

Legal Affairs is implementing its strategic goal of "Building Legal Trust for the People" for 2025-2029. An MoU was signed with the Prosecutor-General's Office of the Russian Federation to support the strategy, promote cooperation in legal affairs, and develop legal research activities. The Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Legal Affairs jointly opened this course

to help law officers understand the Russian language.

The course was conducted by subject matter experts and native speakers from the Advanced Literary Education Centre, Russian Language Division of the Language Department under the Defence Services Academy. It ran for 220 days, comprising a total of 1,320 sessions, from 30 Sep-

tember 2024 to 15 August 2025. Control tests and examinations were conducted several times, and 38 law officers completed the training and received diplomas along with certificates of honour.

The rector of the PyinOoLwin Defence Services Academy delivered a speech, awarded the Russian language diplomas to the trainees, and oversaw

demonstrations of the trainees' Russian language proficiency.

The graduation ceremony was attended by Union ministers, the Union auditor-general, deputy ministers, the rector of the Defence Services Academy, directors-general, deputy permanent secretaries, deputy directors-general, directors, external examiners, trainers, and trainees. — MNA/MKKS

Drugs worth K257.1B seized in Yangon Region

THE combined team comprising Drug Enforcement Division members inspected the Canter Box driven by Aung Lin and the Subaru Stella vehicle driven by Thaung Tun at the corner of No 4 Highway and Ngakan Road in Shwepyitha Township on 5 August.

During the inspection, the team seized four million stimulant tablets and arrested the person in charge, Tun Thein, together with 17.8 million tablets and a Toyota Rush at No 4 Ward in Shwepyitha Township on the same evening. Stimulant seizures amounted to 21.8 million (valued at K21.8 billion). Moreover, other suspects, Maung Thein Chay and Kyaw Swa Win (Hmawby), were arrested with Porter II and Isuzu Max in Hnawgon village in Hmawby Township on that night.

According to the inspection, the person in charge of transport to Malaysian waters and Rakhine State Kyaw Swa Win (Kungyangon) and partner Soe Paing Win were also arrested with a Toyota Succeed vehicle in Dawei on 10 August.

On 11 August, another offender, Nyi Nyi Soe Khant, was arrested in Aungzeya village, Kungyangon Township, and seized 1,899 kilogrammes of ketamine (worth K94.95 billion) near the prawn farming pond hidden by Kyaw Swa Win in Aungzeya village, Kungyangon.

On 13 August, the police seized the Aung Soe Lin boat owned by Kyaw Swa Win (Kung-

yangon) and arrested another offender, Kyaw Soe Khine, who kept the boat near the Nan Thuzza bridge in Myeik, while Ngwe Kathit and Hsu Myat Naing boats purchased by Kan Kaung (still at large) were also seized near the Toe riverbank in Dedaye Township, and the Aung Myat Paing boat and one boat in Latkokgon village in Kungyangon Township.

On 14 August, Kyaw Swa Win (Kungyangon) confessed that Ice (methamphetamine) to be distributed to Malaysian waters, was hidden in three different places in Aungzeya and Latkokgon villages and certain roads along Latkokgon-Seleaingon villages in Kungyangon. The police arrested Aung Kyaw (aka) Aung Kyaw Soe, Yar Kyaw (aka) Ko Shine and Kyaw Sein Aung (aka) Kyaw Gyi from Wetkite village and seized 5,614.2 kilogrammes of Ice (worth K140.355 billion).

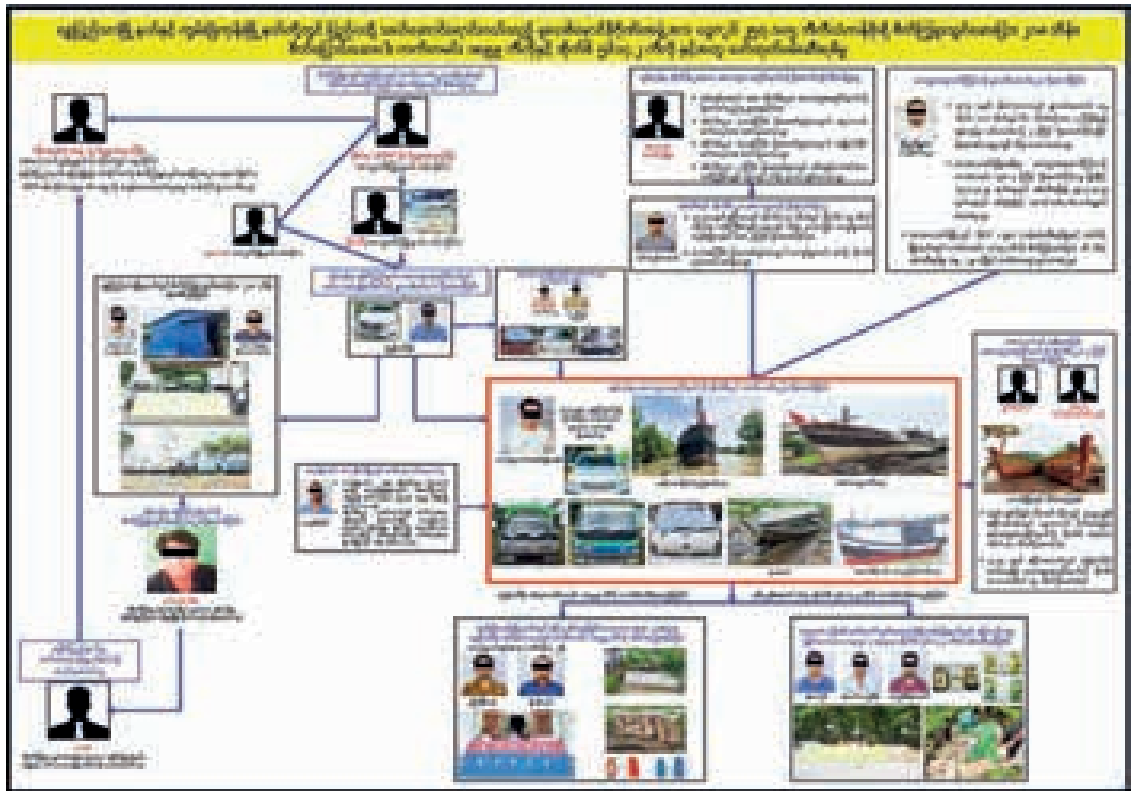
On 15 August, Min Chit Aung, who kept Ice with Kyaw Swa Win (Kungyangon), was arrested in Dagon Myothit (South) Township.

The main holder in storing illegal drugs in Yangon and distributing to Rakhine State and overseas is Sai Su (still at large) from Wanhaing village in Kehsi Township. Under his instruction, Hla Thaung (still at large) and Sai Yi (still at large) kept drugs in Yangon, and the person in charge of carrying from Rakhine State to the Myanmar-Bangladesh border is Tun Thein. The

person in charge of carrying drugs from Yangon to Myebon is Win Zaw Thein (still at large), and the carrier from Rakhine State to the Bangladesh border area is Win Khine (still at large).



Offenders are seen alongside seized drugs.



This diagram illustrates the network of an arrested drug gang involved in trafficking within Shwepyitha, Kungyangon, and overseas.

When the stimulant tablets arrive at Win Khine in Myebon, they have to pay tax K300,000 for every 10,000 tablets to pass through Rakhine State to Ko Yay (still at large), a Major-level member of the AA terrorist group.

The instructor to transport the Ice from Yangon to Malaysia via sea was Kan Kaung (still at large) from Lashio, and Min Chit Aung kept the Ice with Kyaw

Swa Win (Kungyangon) three times. Moreover, Kyaw Swa Win (Kungyangon) distributed drugs to Malaysia under the arrangement of Kyi Pyu (aka) Kyaw Win Htay using the boats bought by Kan Kaung (still at large). Chit Ko (still at large) and Ko Latt (still at large) distributed drugs three times from Yangon to the mouth of the sea and four times from Kawthoung to the Malacca Strait. Kyi Phyu (aka) Kyaw Win

Htay was sentenced to life in prison on 29 July 2025 for possession of Ice weighing 1.29 tonnes, 1.87 tonnes of ketamine and 1.6 million stimulant tablets in Kawthoung.

The 13 arrestees and nine offenders, who are still at large, are charged under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Investigations are underway to arrest the remaining offenders. — MNA/KTZH

# NATIONAL

## Constituencies for the 2025 multiparty democratic general election designated for Region or State Hluttaw (the First-Past-the-Post System)

CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY

No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency	Number of Hluttaw Representatives to be elected
Bago Region Hluttaw (FPTP System)			
21	Pyay Township Constituency	An entire Pyay Township	1
22	Shwedaung Township Constituency	An entire Shwedaung Township	1
23	Gyobingauk Township Constituency	An entire Gyobingauk Township	1
24	Monyo Township Constituency	An entire Monyo Township	1
25	Minhla Township Constituency	An entire Minhla Township	1
26	Letpadan Township Constituency	An entire Letpadan Township	1
27	Thayawady Township Constituency	An entire Thayawady Township	1
28	Okpo Township Constituency	An entire Okpo Township	1
Magway Region Hluttaw (FPTP System)			
1	Chauk Township Constituency	An entire Chauk Township	1
2	Yenangyoung Township Constituency	An entire Yenangyoung Township	1
3	Gangaw Township Constituency	An entire Gangaw Township	1
4	Saw Township Constituency	An entire Saw Township	1
5	Htilin Township Constituency	An entire Htilin Township	1
6	Seikpyu Township Constituency	An entire Seikpyu Township	1
7	Pakokku Township Constituency	An entire Pakokku Township	1
8	Pauk Township Constituency	An entire Pauk Township	1
9	Myaing Township Constituency	An entire Myaing Township	1
10	Yesakyo Township Constituency	An entire Yesakyo Township	1
11	Taungdwingyi Township Constituency	An entire Taungdwingyi Township	1
12	Natmauk Township Constituency	An entire Natmauk Township	1
13	Magway Township Constituency	An entire Magway Township	1
14	Myothit Township Constituency	An entire Myothit Township	1
15	Ngaphe Township Constituency	An entire Ngaphe Township	1
16	Salin Township Constituency	An entire Salin Township	1
17	Sedoktara Township Constituency	An entire Sedoktara Township	1
18	Pwintbyu Township Constituency	An entire Pwintbyu Township	1
19	Minbu Township Constituency	An entire Minbu Township	1
20	Kanma Township Constituency	An entire Kanma Township	1
21	Mindon Township Constituency	An entire Mindon Township	1
22	Minhla Township Constituency	An entire Minhla Township	1
23	Thayet Township Constituency	An entire Thayet Township	1
24	Sinbaungwe Township Constituency	An entire Sinbaungwe Township	1

No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency	Number of Hluttaw Representatives to be elected
25	Aunglan Township Constituency	An entire Aunglan Township	1
Mandalay Region Hluttaw (FPTP System)			
1	Kyaukse Township Constituency	An entire Kyaukse Township	1
2	Singaing Township Constituency	An entire Singaing Township	1
3	Myittha Township Constituency	An entire Myittha Township	1
4	Kyaukpadaung Township Constituency	An entire Kyaukpadaung Township	1
5	NyaungU Township Constituency	An entire NyaungU Township	1
6	Ngazun Township Constituency	An entire Ngazun Township	1
7	TadaU Township Constituency	An entire TadaU Township	1
8	PyinOoLwin Township Constituency	An entire PyinOoLwin Township	1
9	Chanmyathazi Township Constituency	An entire Chanmyathazi Township	1
10	Chanayethazan Township Constituency	An entire Chanayethazan Township	1
11	Pyigyitagun Township Constituency	An entire Pyigyitagun Township	1
12	Mahaaungmyay Township Constituency	An entire Mahaaungmyay Township	1
13	Mahlaing Township Constituency	An entire Mahlaing Township	1
14	Meiktila Township Constituency	An entire Meiktila Township	1
15	Wundwin Township Constituency	An entire Wundwin Township	1
16	Thazi Township Constituency	An entire Thazi Township	1
17	Taungtha Township Constituency	An entire Taungtha Township	1
18	Natogyi Township Constituency	An entire Natogyi Township	1
19	Myingyan Township Constituency	An entire Myingyan Township	1
20	Pyawbwe Township Constituency	An entire Pyawbwe Township	1
21	Yamethin Township Constituency	An entire Yamethin Township	1
22	Singu Township Constituency	An entire Singu Township	1
23	Mogok Township Constituency	An entire Mogok Township	1
24	Thabeikkyin Township Constituency	An entire Thabeikkyin Township	1
25	Amarapura Township Constituency	An entire Amarapura Township	1
26	Patheingyi Township Constituency	An entire Patheingyi Township	1
27	Madaya Township Constituency	An entire Madaya Township	1
28	Aungmyaythazan Township Constituency	An entire Aungmyaythazan Township	1
Mon State Hluttaw (FPTP System)			
1	Kyaikto Township Constituency	An entire Kyaikto Township	1
2	Bilin Township Constituency	An entire Bilin Township	1

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No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency	Number of Hluttaw Representatives to be elected
3	Kyaikmaraw Township Constituency	An entire Kyaikmaraw Township	1
4	Chaungzon Township Constituency	An entire Chaungzon Township	1
5	Mudon Township Constituency	An entire Mudon Township	1
6	Mawlamyine Township Constituency	An entire Mawlamyine Township	1
7	Thanbyuzayat Township Constituency	An entire Thanbyuzayat Township	1
8	Ye Township Constituency	An entire Ye Township	1
9	Paung Township Constituency	An entire Paung Township	1
10	Thaton Township Constituency	An entire Thaton Township	1
Rakhine State Hluttaw (FPTP System)			
1	Kyaukpyu Township Constituency	An entire Kyaukpyu Township	1
2	Yanbye Township Constituency	An entire Yanbye Township	1
3	Sittway Township Constituency	An entire Sittway Township	1
4	Pauktaw Township Constituency	An entire Pauktaw Township	1
5	Ponnagyun Township Constituency	An entire Ponnagyun Township	1
6	Rathedaung Township Constituency	An entire Rathedaung Township	1
7	Taungup Township Constituency	An entire Taungup Township	1
8	Manaung Township Constituency	An entire Manaung Township	1
9	Buthidaung Township Constituency	An entire Buthidaung Township	1
10	Maungtaw Township Constituency	An entire Maungtaw Township	1
11	Kyauktaw Township Constituency	An entire Kyauktaw Township	1
12	Minbya Township Constituency	An entire Minbya Township	1
13	Myebon Township Constituency	An entire Myebon Township	1
14	MraukU Township Constituency	An entire MraukU Township	1
15	Gwa Township Constituency	An entire Gwa Township	1
16	Thandwe Township Constituency	An entire Thandwe Township	1
17	An Township Constituency	An entire An Township	1
Yangon Region Hluttaw (FPTP System)			
1	Kamayut Township Constituency	An entire Kamayut Township	1
2	Bahan Township Constituency	An entire Bahan Township	1
3	Kyauktada Township Constituency	An entire Kyauktada Township	1
4	Dagon Township Constituency	An entire Dagon Township	1
5	Pabedan Township Constituency	An entire Pabedan Township	1
6	Latha Township Constituency	An entire Latha Township	1
7	Lanmadaw Township Constituency	An entire Lanmadaw Township	1
8	Taikkyi Township Constituency	An entire Taikkyi Township	
9	Kawhmu Township Constituency	An entire Kawhmu Township	
10	Kungyangon Township Constituency	An entire Kungyangon Township	

No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency	Number of Hluttaw Representatives to be elected
11	Seikkyi/Khanaungto Township Constituency	An entire Seikkyi/Khanaungto Township	
12	Twantay Township Constituency	An entire Twantay Township	
13	Dala Township Constituency	An entire Dala Township	
14	Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township Constituency	An entire Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township	
15	Dagon Myothit (South) Township Constituency	An entire Dagon Myothit (South) Township	
16	Dagon Myothit (North) Township Constituency	An entire Dagon Myothit (North) Township	
17	Dagon Myothit (East) Township Constituency	An entire Dagon Myothit (East) Township	
18	Dawbon Township Constituency	An entire Dawbon Township	
19	Pazundaung Township Constituency	An entire Pazundaung Township	
20	Botahtaung Township Constituency	An entire Botahtaung Township	
21	Mingala Taungnyunt Township Constituency	An entire Mingala Taungnyunt Township	
22	Thakayta Township Constituency	An entire Thakayta Township	
23	Mayangon Township Constituency	An entire Mayangon Township	
24	North Okkalapa Township Constituency	An entire North Okkalapa Township	
25	Hline Township Constituency	An entire Hline Township	
26	Mingaladon Township Constituency	An entire Mingaladon Township	
27	Shwepyitha Township Constituency	An entire Shwepyitha Township	
28	Htantabin Township Constituency	An entire Htantabin Township	
29	Hmawby Township Constituency	An entire Hmawby Township	
30	Hlegu Township Constituency	An entire Hlegu Township	
31	Tamway Township Constituency	An entire Kamayut Township	
32	South Okkalapa Township Constituency	An entire South Okkalapa Township	
33	Yankin Township Constituency	An entire Yankin Township	
34	Thingangyun Township Constituency	An entire Thingangyun Township	
35	Cocogyun Township Constituency	An entire Cocogyun Township	
36	Kyauktan Township Constituency	An entire Kyauktan Township	
37	Kayan Township Constituency	An entire Kayan Township	
38	Thanlyin Township Constituency	An entire Thanlyin Township	
39	Thongwa Township Constituency	An entire Thongwa Township	
40	Kyimyindine Township Constituency	An entire Kyimyindine Township	
41	Sangyoung Township Constituency	An entire Sangyoung Township	
42	Ahlon Township Constituency	An entire Ahlon Township	
43	Hlinethaya (West) Township Constituency	An entire Hlinethaya (West) Township	
44	Hlinethaya (East) Township Constituency	An entire Hlinethaya (East) Township	
45	Insein Township Constituency	An entire Insein Township	

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## Preserve cultural heritage as historical evidence of the country

THE possession of a country’s tangible and intangible cultural heritage enhances its image and stature in the international community. These cultural heritages serve as evidence of the country’s historical development and enduring identity. These valuable assets, indeed, must be preserved to ensure their long-term existence for future generations.

All countries around the world possess various cultural heritages, including cultural, natural, and religious works. If these heritages are lost for any reason, they cannot be replaced. Therefore, current generations must continuously preserve these

World heritage is an important part of the world. Remarkable landmarks, objects, traditions, customs, and other evidence constitute the cultural and natural heritage of nations, creating links between the past, present, and future of their citizens. Therefore, no one should engage in the destruction of heritage sites, so as not to lose the historical evidence of a country.

Myanmar has been preserving ancient Pyu city states, including Hanlin, Beikthano, and Sri Ksetra, as UNESCO World Heritage Sites since 2014, and the Bagan Ancient Cultural Region, with its monuments, since 2019. Furthermore, Myanmar’s traditional Atar Thingyan water festival has been recognized by UNESCO as an intangible cultural heritage. Currently, Myanmar is seeking UNESCO recognition for Thanakha and tea as part of its cultural heritage.

Being listed as a World Heritage Site enhances the image of the country concerned and brings numerous reciprocal benefits. It also provides international recognition and official protection. However, it should be noted that armed conflicts, wars, natural disasters, pollution, and uncontrolled urban expansion can put a cultural heritage site at risk of being added to the list of endangered World Heritage Sites. According to records, more than one hundred World Heritage Sites have been damaged due to human activities.

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# Our Dagon University

ByMaungMaungAye

DAGON University is located in Dagon Myothit (East) Township. As it covers a total area of nearly 1,500 acres, it turns out to be the biggest one in Myanmar. It was founded in 1993. The first Rector was U Kaung Nyunt, a former principal of RC2. Today, it stands as a university with a large population of students.

Upon the entry into the estate through the East arched-way gate, one will see Royal Road lined with trees behind which are land covered with wild grass, shrubs and some tall trees. This road leads to the Convocation Building. At its end stands the Convocation Hall, distinctly outlined against the western sky. There is a large roundabout at the junction of Royal Road and Bohmu Bahtoo Road. It is decorated with beds of colourful flowers. So it is the haunt of the university students who want to have themselves photographed.

In addition to Royal Road, there are four other prominent roads in Dagon University premises, namely Padauk Road, Sippan (Science) Road, Bohmu Bahtoo Road and Vija Road. All roads are lined with shady trees. Quarters for the staff are located not only at the beginning but also at the end of Sippan Road. Most hostels are

situated along the Padauk Road. Padauk Hostel for ladies is at the beginning of Padauk Road. At its end is Okkalapa Hostel for men. Other hostels such as Yankin, Dagon, Nguwah, Gangaw, etc. are between these two hostels along the same road. Bohmu Bahtoo Road, which begins from Dagon University Railway Station, ends at the West arched-way gate. Residences for Rector, Pro-rectors, etc. are at the corner of Padauk Road and Bohmu Bahtoo Road. Two bus terminals are located at the corner of Bohmu Bahtoo Road and Sippan Road. Some canteens which cater for the drivers and the students are located at these bus terminals.

The Dagon University Library is located near the Convocation Building. Students can borrow novels, short stories, plays and books of other genres written both in Myanmar and in English. In addition, it is stocked with hundreds of reference books. Free Wi-Fi is available, and many computers are installed there. So it is the haunt of PhD and master’s students who are researching for their papers.

The building of the Students Affairs Department, located at the corner of Seinpan Road and Padauk Road, houses the offices of

the Rector, Pro-rectors and Heads of the administrative and financial departments. The administrative officers take up the duties of listing the students coming in and going out of the university, announcing examination results, paying salaries to the staff and managing the affairs of their accommodation, promotion and transfer, etc. Besides, they carry out COVID-19 preventive measures and other welfare affairs of the staff and students.

The University Dhammayon is located near the ‘Ten Mile Bus-stop’ within the premises of the university. It is a one-storied brick building facing the east. There are some staff-houses tucked in the woods behind the Dhammayon. Some distance to the east of the Dhammayon lies a wide patch of land employed as a bus terminal. So it is always busy with people, including students, staff, bus drivers, etc. In the Dhammayon, three large seated Buddha images are housed. Significant religious occasions such as the Waso-robe offering ceremony, Dhamma-preaching ceremony, Kathina-robe offering ceremony, alms-giving ceremonies,

the ceremony of paying homage to teachers, etc., are held there. Therefore, it buzzes with students, teachers and other staff, especially during Lent.

The Myanmar and English Departments are located on Nguwah Road. It is divided by Royal Road. The Department of Distance Education, the Department of Philosophy and the English Department are in the same block of the buildings. Beside the Department of Distance Education, many food stalls are situated. Along Vija Road are many canteens such as Chan Myae, Tha Pyae Yeik, Nwe Cho Tay, Yoon Shwe Yee, etc. and also the University Post Office and the University Hospital.

Theatre 1, Theatre 2, Theatre 3 and Theatre 4 are located at the corner of Royal Road and Cherry Road. Recreation Centre 1 and Recreation Centre 2 are on Cherry Road. RC 2 lies next to the Department of Law, and RC 1 lies next to the Archaeology Department. The students take a break at RC 1 and RC 2. Refreshers Courses for newly-appointed tutors and demonstrators are conducted at the theatres. The 10-day intensive courses for UDE students

are conducted there. Lectures are also delivered to the day students there, if necessary.

The Computer Studies Department is housed in Buildings 32, 33, and 34. The Kaung Nyunt Hall is in the Computer Studies Department. It is so called after the first Rector of Dagon University, Sayagyi U Kaung Nyunt. Lectures on computers are delivered to the newly-appointed tutors and demonstrators at the Computer Studies Department. Exam scripts and answer scripts are placed there temporarily during the exam period.

Padauk Road is lined with Padauk trees. During the Thingyan water festival or the early periods of the Rainy Season, all of them were in bloom. The sweet fragrance wafting from them refreshes the university students. It is named ‘Padauk Road’ after the Padauk trees growing in line and the Padauk Hostel located at the beginning of the road. June and July are the months when monsoon sports competitions are held on the campus of Dagon University under the leadership of the rector.

During June or July, when the



The good reputation of Dagon University has made Dagon Myothit (East) Township busier and more prosperous.

monsoon is at its height, sports competitions are held in the wide campus, especially in the gymnasiums.

Football matches are held in the Dagon University Stadium. The Dagon University football team has got good reputation among the university football teams, such as the YUFL football team, the YU football team, etc. Some outstanding footballers emerge from these DU football teams. Some are so outstanding that they can represent the Myanmar national league and the Myanmar national football team. During the Monsoon Sports Season, the stadiums

and gymnasiums are congested with the university students, the in-charge teachers, coaches and football fans. The cheers of the spectators ring through the stadiums and the gymnasium.

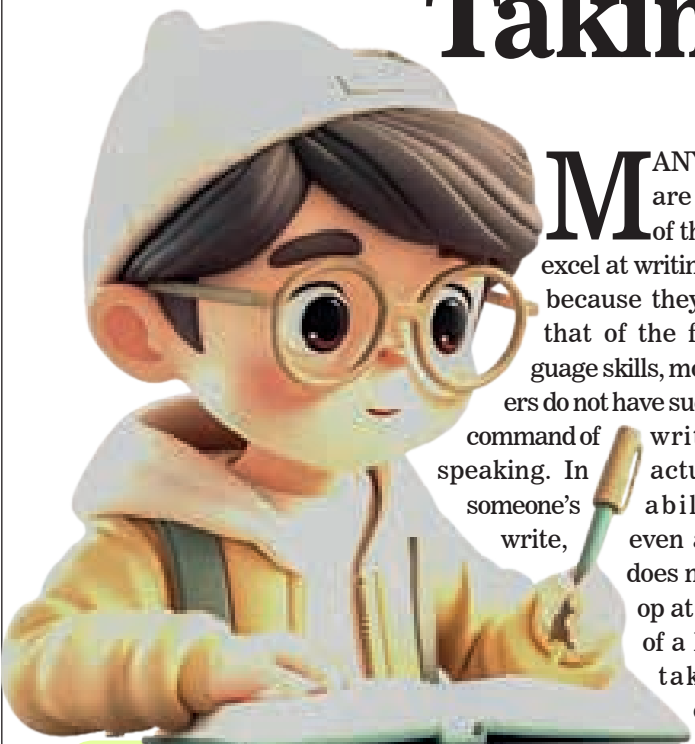
The students learn at the university for two semesters a year. One semester lasts for four months. Although students live a carefree life, when the examinations draw near, they have forebodings about it. So they, at that time, diverted their attention toward their studies.

In the past, Dagon University was a place located in the outlying area. Around it were

endless fields. Nowadays, Dagon University and its environment have become crowded with new residential quarters. The industrial zones are established not far from the university. It has better transport or easier accessibility than in the past. The astute people have purchased patches of land near Dagon University. They do their business on the land they have bought. The wards near the university become modernized. With the good reputation of Dagon University, Dagon Myothit (East) Township near it becomes busier and more prosperous. ■

## Taking Steps Towards Great Writing

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo’s Song)



Good practice leads to great writing and excellent literature.  
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MANY people are envious of those who excel at writing simply because they believe that of the four language skills, most learners do not have such a good command of writing as speaking. In actual fact, someone’s ability to write, even authors’, does not develop at the drop of a hat; they take lots of time, namely six months

or one year at least, to be able to write well. The first attitude towards great writing is nothing but having a wish to begin writing only after reading a lot and enough. Naturally, a person likes to admire some author who creates great writing before he would like to write as much as he can. At least he tends to speak like a writer, imitating the words or expressions the writer is given to using. Then later, a reader and speaker is most likely to become a writer in every sense of the word. Whoever it is, any person who can create great writing will have to take the three steps: vocabulary usage, grammatical expression and sample reading.

When any work of writing is created, an author starts to collect or has learnt vocabulary in use about the subject matter that they want to describe. Vocabulary collection is not as simple and clear as most thought; in the main, dictionaries at hand are inadequate for collecting vocabulary, no matter how many or what kind of dictionaries there are. In other words, just using the dictionary cannot produce any effective or efficient writing at all – it is merely a tool for vocabulary search and seeing the literal meanings or connotations of words. But I

do not want to mean that a dictionary gives a white elephant to writing. It is certain that writing and dictionaries may go together for authors, particularly foreign language writers. Good understanding or first-hand experiencing subject matter to be written, looking up subject-related words in the dictionary or going sightseeing as and when necessary, will all provide for active vocabulary in excellent writing.

As we all know, writing can be expressed only in language – the grammar of the language that is a kind of writing system must not be

avoided in creative works of literature, therefore. To put said better, writing and grammar should go hand in hand with each other. Also, thanks to grammar, readers easily get common knowledge about the parts or organization of some writing and then identify with the purpose or direct meaning of the reading matter. Similarly, writers can offer readers what they definitely intend to tell systematically, effectively and efficiently with the help of grammatical rules, patterns or structures. Sometimes, grammar seems less important to unique writing for many readers and even writers, but barely using only long sentences in a paragraph with too many short

sentences, for instance, enables readers to become less bored with seeing that large paragraph. Often, a few grammatically colourful sentences in a paragraph will make learners know the reading material by heart in their long-term memory.

What is more, a sample reading must be conducted by every writer, whether he is a greenhorn or a professional. That is, if an author wishes to write a short story, novel, article or essay, he will have to read as many of their representative samples as possible. Why will this need to be done without fail? For example, the choice of words and grammatical functions of a short story or novel are not the same as those of an article or essay. As usual, concrete or descriptive words are found in short stories and novels. Also, these types of writing

are intricately and descriptively composed, particularly of action verbs in emotive language. On the other hand, articles are often precisely written with state verbs, material words, facts and figures in a strict grammar. Essays are the most difficult to write, the way I see it. This is mainly because an essay may sometimes turn out to be a short story or an article unless a writer has mastery of essay writing. In my opinion, the main reason is that such a writer cannot imitate or follow the smooth flow of an essay, especially not having enough study or reading of samples by great essayists. After all, sample reading has to be carried out not only for contextual knowledge, which means vocabulary and grammar, but also for writing clues and how to have thought and written subject matter.

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## Form 15 distributed to overseas voters for early voting

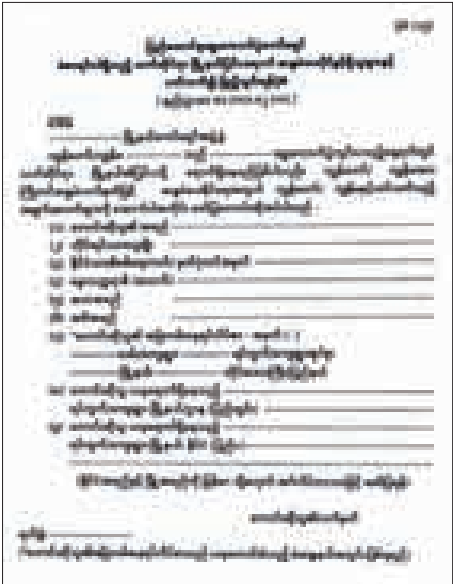
THE Myanmar Embassy to Malaysia issued a notice on 22 August stating that Form 15 will be distributed to those abroad with permission from the Myanmar Government to cast early votes.

The Union Election Commission (UEC) has announced that the general elections part I will be held on 28 December 2025, and according to the UEC's announcement 62/2025, Form 15 has been distributed so that overseas voters can vote in advance with ballot papers.

Form 15 is downloadable at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website [www.mofa.gov.mm](http://www.mofa.gov.mm) and the website of the Myanmar Embassy in Kuala Lumpur <https://myanmarembassykl.org/> or available at consular counters of the embassies.

Myanmar nationals living in Malaysia can register for advance voting by filling out Form 15 and sending the completed one to the address of the embassy in person or via email, or by post during office hours from 21 August to 8 September. Detailed particulars, including name, current address, email, and phone/WhatsApp numbers, must be completed correctly, and a valid passport must be attached to the form.

Myanmar embassies in other countries, including the Republic of Korea, Thailand and the United States, also announced regarding Form 15 for early voting on 22 August. — MT/ZN



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## Thai-Myanmar Friendship Bridge I open as usual



A glimpse of the Kawthoung Port.

THE Thai-Myanmar Friendship Bridge I is open as usual, and bilateral transport is ongoing, according to sources.

The bridge, which is a regular border trade route, has been closed on the Myanmar side for a temporary basis, but import licences have been prioritized for trading with Thailand through Ranong-Kawthoung-Yangon.

For Thai products which would be imported through Ranong Port, ships are enough, said a source.

Mobile phones and accessories, motorcycles and palm oil are major Thai imports to Myanmar. At present, border trade importers for Thai products will have to be allowed an import licence only if they have export earnings, and an import licence is needed to apply for all items they wish to import, said Myanmar authorities.

The Tak Province Merchants Association had a meeting on the closure of the bridge on 18 August, and the Thailand's Ministry of Commerce has sought to find a solution through negotiation with the Myanmar government. — Htun Htun/ZS

## Phonkanrazi trekking tours planned for next season

IN the next tour season, from November to May, trekking tours to the Phonkanrazi have been arranged, and those who want to take part can inform about a month in advance, said Trekking in Myanmar.

Trekking in Myanmar, a travel planner to the glacier will provide a tour that includes two groups per month starting from November to May, as well as 15 tours have been planned for amateur climbers in the next tour season. In addition, it also provides an exclusive tour for those who want to go privately.

Participants will have to come by air from Yangon, Mandalay and Myitkyina, and it is an eight-night and



The breathtaking view of the Phonkanrazi and climbers.

nine-day trip. It takes about a week to do preparations for all necessary and 30 per cent prepaid is needed.

Trekking in Myanmar welcomes enquiries through 09 758505966, 09 982744101, and 09 954223128. — MT/ZS



Three Myanmar students are with U Thant Sin.

## Myanmar Ambassador attends GEF scholarship awarding

INCLUDING three Myanmar students, Global Elim Foundation (GEF) scholarship was awarded to 39 students from 19 countries for the 2025 fall semester, and U That Sin, Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, attended along with his counterparts from 19 countries, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The ceremony was held on 21 August in Seoul.

After GEF president Dr Lee Yong-hoon gave an opening speech, the Myanmar ambassador expressed his gratitude for the awarded the scholarship and congratulated and encouraged students to have high future goals to support the community with goodwill.

After the Myanmar ambassador had photos taken with GEF officials, his counterparts, diplomats and scholarship award winners, he enjoyed lunch together with all attendees. — MT/ZS

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Taking Steps Towards Great Writing

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Only good practice produces great writing and then excellent products, that is to say, works of literature. There is seen just one literary theory: If we want to write, write. Thus, almost all authors always suggest ‘Write, write, write’ to amateurs who desire to create their writing. Of course, good practice for every writer means practising while writing or vice versa, I believe. Through writing practice, writers can knowingly see their effort, accuracy and fluency as well as drawbacks, muddled subject matters, conceptual errors, indistinct writing, flawed presentation and careless grammatical mistakes. Despite this, such a practice will come from continuous reading, reading daily newspapers, for example. Without that regular reading, a writer will lose their ‘hand of writing’ very quickly or get lost in looking for potential writing information, and even the worst of all worlds may be no external stimulation for future writing. There is no feeling like when our creative or productive writing is seen again, especially if our manuscripts are found on printed paper. I am strongly of the opinion that taking steps towards great writing will mark an unforgettable milestone in a whole life.

Myanmar TV drama ‘Seikkauk Thu’ to air on 23 Aug

THE Myanmar TV drama ‘Seikkauk Thu’ will be broadcast on 23 August, according to lead actress Saung Wutt Ye May.

The novel and screenplay were written by Lwan Wai Naing and directed by Nay Thurein.

“This is a one-part TV drama. When Saung’s boyfriend dies suddenly in a motorcycle accident, his ghost remains with her. Watch this drama when it airs to find out what happens to the two lovers, one of whom has passed away,” said actress Saung Wutt Ye May.

The drama stars Academy Kyaw Kyaw Bo, Saung Wutt Ye May, Nay San, and others, and will air on SkyNet’s SkyPremier HD pay-TV channel at 9 pm on 23 August, Saturday. — ASH/MKKS



This photo features some performances of the main characters, Kyaw Kyaw Bo and Saung Wutt Ye May.

Court-led mediation seminar held in Yangon



This photo features the court-led mediation awareness session held at the Yangon University Arts Hall on 21 August.

AN awareness seminar on court-led mediation was held at the Yangon University’s Arts Hall on 21 August.

The seminar aimed to provide a broad understanding of the court-led mediation system and make it widely known across various fields, in line with the Supreme Court of the Union’s Judicial Strategic Plan (2023-2027), Third Year Strategic Work Plan (2025) and the Strategic Plan.

During the seminar, officials from the Yangon Region High Court, including Assistant Director Daw Khine Zin Thant on “Introduction to Mediation,” Deputy Director Daw Mon Thuzar Khin on “Court-led Mediation,” and Head of the Regional Judicial Office U Saw Myo Myo on “Review of the Mediation System,” gave presentations. Teachers and students from the Yangon University’s Law Department who attended the seminar asked questions that the speakers answered, leading to a mutual discussion.

The discussion was attended by over 200 participants, including judicial officers from the Yangon Region High Court, Professor Dr Thwin Pa Pa (Dean of the Faculty of Law, Yangon University), teachers, and law students. — ASH/TH

Popular singers to perform in Mandalay



This image displays a promotional poster for the upcoming concert of vocalists Aung Htet, Kay Kay Moe and Yoon Myat Thu.

VOCALISTS Aung Htet, Kay Kay Moe and Yoon Myat Thu will hold a live music show

at the Square Theatre Bar in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Region, starting at 7 pm on 23 August, according to vocalist Aung Htet.

“Our performance will take place at the Square Theatre Bar in Mandalay on the evening of 23 August, Saturday. Together with Kay Kay Moe and Yoon Myat Thu, I will be performing a wide variety of songs. We will give our best on stage, so I hope music lovers will not miss it,” said vocalist Aung Htet.

Yoon Myat Thu rose to popularity in 2021 with songs such as ‘Nga Chit Taa Min, Nin Lann Twayt Khae Yin’, and remains one of the recognized names in the pop music scene to this day. Kay Kay Moe, who won the Golden Key in the ‘Gita Tagalay Hpwin Par Ohn’ programme at a young age, is well known for her hit song “I am like a small dark room, I am full of scars ... though no one guides me, I still pave the way”.

The show is organized by the Square Theatre and the Concert, and vocalists will be accompanied and supported by the Concert band. — ASH/KZL

Top websites and web portals to access Military Service Rules

1. Office of the State Administration Council <a href="https://sacoffice.gov.mm">https://sacoffice.gov.mm</a>	
2. Ministry of Defence <a href="https://www.mod.gov.mm">https://www.mod.gov.mm</a>	3. Ministry of Legal Affairs <a href="https://www.mlis.gov.mm">https://www.mlis.gov.mm</a>
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# CBM injects foreign currencies into import sector

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$602,000 to fuel oil-importing companies and \$150,000 to edible oil-importing companies on 21 August, beyond the injection of over 702,000 baht into the market. CBM sold \$600,000 to edible oil-importing companies and over \$232,500 to those individuals who made non-trade payments after the injection of over one million yuan into the foreign exchange market on 20 August. CBM announced on 19 August that it would sell \$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 the 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



The facade of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) in Nay Pyi Taw.

\$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 Au-

gust, 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 companies and those who made non-trade payments on the same day.

CBM sold \$36.5 million purchased from companies work-

ing 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

## DICA blacklists one company for non-compliance

THE Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) announced that Myanmar Golden Mountain Company Limited will be blacklisted for three years (2024-2025 financial year to 2026-2027 FY) for failing to abide by existing rules, bylaws 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.

Myanmar Golden Mountain Company Limited failed to finish the last 15 per cent of the project for the RCC two-story school building (BEHS Wahn-etchaung) in Hmawby Town-

ship from the Union Fund of the 2024-2025 FY. Therefore, this company was blacklisted for three years from the 2024-2025 FY upon non-compliance with regulatory requirements under the existing laws and bylaws, according to the meeting decision 30/2025 held on 24 July 2025 of the Yangon Region government, DICA stated.

Two companies (KZO Myanmar Company Limited and Shwe Myine Yanant Company Limited) were blacklisted for two years (from 20 June 2025 to 19 June 2027) for failing to abide by existing rules and regulations. Those two companies did not comply with the tender rules 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

## YCC to host Thai Expo Yangon 2025 in Dec

A three-day Thai Expo Yangon 2025 will take place at the Yangon Convention Centre (YCC) from 5 to 7 December, providing a platform to link big companies from Thailand that have grasped a regional market share with Myanmar buyers, importers and distributors. The objectives behind the expo is to fulfill market needs, build partnerships between Thailand buyers, distributors and decision makers and Myanmar counterparts, join networking and business matching activities, promote brand visibility and maximize media coverage, leverage social media to attract more customers, encourage brand engagement in real-life scenarios, foster strong connections with target audience and conduct cultural exchange.

Thailand businesses engaged in food and beverage, fashion, cosmetics, home appliances, and healthcare sectors will showcase their products and services at the expo.

Interested individuals can enquire about expo details through Ms Juliet at 09 970733 234, and Ms Sarapee Sripankaew at +66 6 1961 6587 or [contact.marketingdioxide@gmail.com](mailto:contact.marketingdioxide@gmail.com). — NN/KK

### Gold Market Rate as of 22 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.

# Rice prices up 91% year-on-year in Japan

RICE prices in Japan soared 90.7 per cent in July year-on-year, official data showed Friday, but the rate of increase slowed from previous months offering some relief for Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba.

Ishiba's future is uncertain after his coalition lost its majority in both chambers in elections this year, as voters angry about rising prices deserted his long-dominant Liberal Democratic Party.

Rice prices have skyrocketed in recent months because of supply problems linked to a very hot summer in 2023 and panic-buying after a "megaquake" warning last year, amongst other factors.

Overall, Japan's core inflation eased to 3.1 per cent from 3.3 per cent in June.

But it remains above the Bank of Japan's two-per-cent target, cement-



ing expectations that it will hike interest rates this year.

The reading, which excludes fresh food prices, was slightly above market expectations of 3.0 per cent. — AFP

Bags of rice are seen at the entrance of a shop in Tokyo. Rice prices soared 90.7 per cent in July year-on-year, but the rate of increase slowed from previous months. **PHOTO: AFP**

## US wine sellers left in limbo despite EU tariff deal

WINE sellers across the US are bracing for rising costs and shrinking margins as a new EU trade deal fails to spare European alcohol from steep import duties.

At a wine shop in Washington's Capitol Hill neighborhood, bottles sourced from Europe are becoming costlier to import — and soon, pricier for customers to buy, the owner says — thanks to a resident just down the road in the White House.

President Donald Trump has slapped a 15-per-cent tariff on many goods coming from the European Union, as part of a deal the bloc negotiated to avoid even steeper levies.



Michael Warner, co-founder of wine boutique DCanter, said importers and distributors have raised costs of foreign wines since June. **PHOTO: AFP**

The continent's important wine and spirits industry hoped to have a carveout, but details released Thursday showed no exemption to the double-digit duty.

The new EU rate took

effect this month, replacing a 10-per-cent levy Trump imposed in April on most trading partners. But even the lower tariff has forced importers to hike prices — and retailers are feeling the pinch. — AFP

### Marriage Announcement

With love and joy,

**Dr. Khin Chit Zin**

Peterborough City Hospital  
(North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust, UK)

daughter of U Hla Win Maung and Daw Cho Cho San, living at  
1 Tarrington, Bretton, Peterborough, United Kingdom, and

**Dr. Nyan Lin Naing**

Midland Metropolitan University Hospital  
(Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust)

son of Dr. Win Naing and Daw Tin Tin Wai, living at  
82 Windmill Lane, Smethwick, Birmingham, United Kingdom

are thrilled to announce their Buddhist Law marriage, which took  
place on August 20, 2025 in London, United Kingdom,  
in the presence of beloved friends.

### Laos reduces interest rate to boost growth

THE Lao central bank announced Friday to lower its seven-day basic interest rate from 9.5 per cent to nine per cent, offering relief to businesses and households while stimulating economic growth as inflation continues to ease.

This marks the third reduction in 2025, following cuts from 10.5 per cent to 10 per cent in March and to 9.5 per cent in June, according to the announcement of the Bank of the Lao PDR (BOL). The decision

aims to lower financial pressure, make borrowing more affordable, and boost domestic spending and investment, it said. The interest rate cut follows a sharp decline in inflation, which dropped from 8.3 per cent in May to 5.3 per cent in July, after averaging over 10 per cent in the first half of 2025. This marks a notable recovery from 2023 when inflation hit 40.3 per cent, following the COVID-19 pandemic and rising fuel and food costs. — Xinhua

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Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

**M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINES**

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GLOBAL VIEWPOINTS:

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Xi charts course for Xizang as region celebrates 60 years' historic progress

*Xi met ethnic representatives, attended a gala, and gathered at Potala Palace.*

CHINESE leader Xi Jinping outlined the course for Xizang's development during a two-day visit to the plateau region, where he joined locals in celebrating six decades of progress since the autonomous region was established.

It was the first time that a Chinese leader holding concurrent posts of the general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, Chinese president, and chairman of the Central Military Commission, attended Xizang Autonomous Region founding anniversary celebrations.

Xi last visited the plateau region in 2021, when Xizang marked the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of peaceful liberation.

Amid a tight schedule, Xi met representatives from all ethnic groups and sectors in Xizang,

heard reports from the CPC regional committee and the regional government, attended a gala, and took part in a grand gathering at the signature Potala Palace square in Lhasa.

During these engagements, Xi called on Xizang to continue advancing its four major tasks — ensuring stability, facilitating development, protecting eco-environment, and strengthening frontiers.

He urged concerted efforts to build a united, prosperous, culturally advanced, harmonious and beautiful new modern socialist Xizang.

Since assuming the top office, Xi has consistently emphasized safeguarding national unity and fostering ethnic solidarity as the foremost tasks in work related to Xizang. — Xinhua



Chinese President Xi Jinping, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, waves to people upon his arrival in Lhasa, southwest China's Xizang Autonomous Region, 20 August 2025. **PHOTO:YAN YAN/XINHUA**

Thai court acquits former PM Thaksin of royal insult

*The court ruled there was not enough evidence to prove Thaksin's wrongdoing.*



Thailand's former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra leaves the Criminal Court in Bangkok on 22 August 2025. **PHOTO: CHANAKARN LAOSARAKHAM / AFP**

THAILAND'S criminal court on Friday acquitted former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra on royal defamation charges over his remarks to foreign media a decade ago.

The court ruled that there was insufficient evidence to prove Thaksin's wrongdoing, according to local media reports.

"The case was dismissed," Thaksin told reporters outside the courthouse after the verdict was read out.

The Office of the Attorney-General indicted Thaksin last year, accusing him of defaming the monarchy during a 2015 interview with a South Korean media outlet, which violated lese majeste and computer crime laws. The lese-majeste law, or Section 112 of the Criminal Code, stipulates that whoever defames, insults, or threatens the king, queen, heir apparent, or regent shall be punished with imprisonment of three to 15 years. — Xinhua

EU-US trade agreement causes damage to European agriculture: Association of EU farmers

THE trade agreement did not fulfil promises made by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen regarding zero tariffs on certain agricultural products.

The trade agreement between the European Union and the United States is causing serious damage to the EU agricultural sector, the largest union of European agricultural producers, Copa and Cogeca, said on Thursday. "This deal grants improved market access for US agri-food products, while EU producers are left facing higher tariffs, now rising to 15 per cent, on key export products. This one-sided

outcome is not only unjustified — it is deeply damaging to a sector already under pressure from rising costs, regulatory constraints, and increasing global competition," the union said, calling the agreement with the US a "strategic error".

The EU-US trade agreement did not include the promises of European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen on zero tariffs on a number of agricultural products, the statement said, adding that EU farmers were expecting at least a reduction in tariffs on wine and spirits from the deal, but it was not implemented. — SPUTNIK

Copa and Cogeca described the agreement as "one-sided" and "deeply damaging" to EU producers already facing rising costs and global competition. **PHOTO: AFP/ FILE**



SPORTS

Myanmar claims silver and bronze at 57<sup>th</sup> Asian Bodybuilding Championship

MYANMAR national athletes secured one silver medal and one bronze medal at the LVII Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship held in Bangkok, Thailand, on 22 August.

In the Master Bodybuilding (40-49 years, up to 80-kilogramme) event, Maung Maung Myint won the silver medal, while in the Men's Bodybuilding 70-kilogramme event, a bronze

medal was claimed. In the same category, Maung Maung Sai placed fifth.

Meanwhile, in the women's swimsuit contests, Ma Mie Mie Kyaw Naing ranked fifth in the up to 165-centimetre event, and Ma Zu Zu Thant also stood fifth in the over 165-centimetre event.

Myanmar bodybuilders will continue competing in further events of the championship on 23 August. — Arkar Linn/KZL



Myanmar's bodybuilders receiving prizes at the 57<sup>th</sup> Asian Bodybuilding Championship.



Men's doubles teams YRG and Kyel Sin in action during the final match.

President's Cup Teqball Championship held in Yangon

THE Myanmar Teqball Federation organized the President's Cup Championship on the evening of 22 August at the Futsal Indoor Stadium in Thimgangyun Township, Yangon.

In the men's doubles final, the YRG team defeated Kyel Sin by two sets to one to claim the title.

The event was attended

by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, regional ministers, the president of the Myanmar Teqball Federation, and officials, along with enthusiastic spectators. Prizes were presented to the winning teams in the men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles categories by

regional ministers, the federation president, and vice-presidents.

Later, the chief minister awarded the overall championship trophy to the YRG team.

Outstanding players from the tournament will be selected to represent Myanmar in the XXXIII Southeast Asian Games. — Arkar Linn/KZL

Fit-again Rodri still 'best in the world' for Guardiola

MANCHESTER City manager Pep Guardiola said Ballon d'Or winner Rodri is fit to return against Tottenham on Saturday and remains for him "the best player in the world".

The Spanish midfielder missed the majority of last season after suffering an anterior cruciate ligament injury against Arsenal in September.

Rodri made his return towards the end of the campaign before a setback saw the 29-year-old miss parts of pre-season and last weekend's 4-0 win at Wolves to begin City's Premier League



Pep Guardiola believes Rodri remains the world's best player.

PHOTO: AFP

campaign.

"He's still so far the best player in the world until

we elect a new one in a few months," said Guardiola at his pre-match press conference

on Friday.

"I don't have any doubts about his potential and quality.

"Just consistency at training, weeks, training, games, minutes and after everything will be fine".

Rodri's comeback is a major boost to City's chances of winning back the Premier League title after finishing a distant third last season.

There were encouraging signs for Guardiola in the convincing win at Molineux as new signings Tijjani Reijnders and Rayan Cherki scored. — AFP

Man City defender Dias signs new contract

MANCHESTER City defender Ruben Dias has signed a two-year contract extension from 2027 to June 2029.

The deal also contains an option for a further season until June 2030, meaning he could play for 10 years at the Etihad Stadium.

"I am incredibly happy today. I love Manchester — it is my home now — and I love the Manchester City fans," the 28-year-old Portugal international said on the club's website.

Dias arrived from Benfica in 2020 for 65 million pounds and made an immediate impact, being named Premier League Player of the Year in his debut season.

He has won four Premier League titles, the UEFA Champions League, the FA Cup and the EFL Cup during his five years with Manchester City, and has been vital to the club's defence and ability to play the ball from the back. — Xinhua

Newcastle can't win in Isak stand-off, says Howe

NEWCASTLE manager Eddie Howe said on Friday his club cannot win in the saga over star striker Alexander Isak's future.

The Swede, who was the Premier League's second top scorer last season and netted the winner to win the League

Cup in March, went public this week on his desire to leave Tyneside, amid interest from Liverpool.

Newcastle hit back with a statement of their own, denying Isak's claims that promises had been broken towards the player.

According to reports, Isak had been promised an improved contract only for Newcastle to hold off due to pressures of meeting financial sustainability rules.

Liverpool have reportedly had one bid of £110 million (\$148 million) rejected, with

the Magpies holding out for a British transfer record £150 million.

The two clubs face off in the Premier League on Monday, but 25-year-old Isak will not be involved as he continues to train apart from the rest of the Newcastle squad. — AFP





# WORLD

## Zelensky rejected all of Trump’s proposals for Ukraine settlement, says Lavrov

*Lavrov expressed scepticism about engaging with Zelensky, questioning his leadership.*

VOLODYMYR Zelensky said ‘no’ to all of US President Donald Trump’s proposals for resolving the conflict in Ukraine, which the US considers necessary, at a meeting in Washington, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey said.

“President Trump suggested, after Anchorage several points which we share, and on some of them, we agreed to be to show some flexibility. When President Trump brought those issues to the meeting in Washington with Zelensky present together with his European sponsors, he clearly indicated... that there are several principles which Washington believes must be accepted, including no NATO membership, including the discussion of territorial issues. And Zelensky said no to everything. He even said no to, as I said, to cancelling legislation prohibiting the Russian language. How can we meet with a person who is pretending to be a leader?” Lavrov said.

At the Alaska summit Russia agreed to demonstrate flexibility on a number of issues raised by US President Donald Trump, Lavrov added.

A meeting between Vladimir Putin and Volodymyr Zelensky has not been planned, but the Russian leader is ready to meet him when the summit agenda will be ready, which is currently inexistent, Lavrov said.



This handout photograph taken and released by the Ukrainian Presidential Press Service on 18 August 2025 shows Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky (R) during his meeting with US President Donald Trump at the White House in Washington, DC. **PHOTO: AFP**

“There is no meeting planned... Putin is ready to meet with Zelensky, when the agenda would be ready for for a summit, and this agenda is not ready at all,” Lavrov told NBC. — SPUTNIK

## New Zealand, US pursue further negotiations for tariffs

NEW Zealand and the United States trade officials met in Washington to address concerns over new US tariffs on New Zealand goods, a New Zealand government statement said Friday.

New Zealand’s Minister for Agriculture, Trade and Investment Todd McClay said the latest five per cent tariff hike, raising the minimum rate for certain countries to 15 per cent, was posing significant challenges for Kiwi exporters, especially compared to countries that heavily subsidize their production.

US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer acknowledged New Zealand’s low tariffs on US imports, currently averaging just 0.3 per cent, but explained the tariff increase was linked to the US targeting countries with a trade surplus in their favour. Officials also discussed



Logs are prepared for export at CentrePort in Wellington, New Zealand. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

ongoing trade investigations in sectors such as steel, aluminium, pharmaceuticals, and timber, the statement said.

Both sides agreed to continued dialogue in the coming months, with trade officials set to meet and discuss the impact of tariffs on New Zealand-US trade and practical ways to ensure greater certainty for exporters, it said. — Xinhua

### International Participation

#### Vietnam holds 1<sup>st</sup> joint rehearsal for 80<sup>th</sup> National Day parade

VIETNAM on Thursday night held its first joint rehearsal for a grand military parade marking the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Day, with nearly 16,000 officers and soldiers marching in the capital Hanoi, Vietnam News Agency reported.

The parade featured marching formations from the army, police forces, militia, and mass organizations, showcasing a broad range of specialized units such as electronic warfare troops, cyber operations forces, peacekeepers, and women’s military units, the report said.

This rehearsal also featured three foreign military contingents, including the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, the Lao People’s Army, and the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces, according to the report. — Xinhua