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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.

Upgraded DEMU trains set for Yangon-Mandalay route



Photos display Spanish DEMU YM-2 coaches for the Yangon-Mandalay railway.



A total of 14 Spanish-built DEMU (Diesel Electric Multiple Unit) YM-2 coaches, out of 15 ordered for the Yangon-Mandalay railway line, have arrived in Myanmar, according to Myanma Railways.

Of these, 13 coaches have already passed quality inspections, while the remain-

ing one is still undergoing checks, an official from the Ministry of Transport and Communications said.

“At present, the DEMU trains are not yet operating on the Yangon-Mandalay line. Once the services are scheduled, we will make an official announcement. Since these units were specifically ordered for the Yangon-

Mandalay route, they will be deployed there,” the official explained.

Unlike the circular line DEMU trains, the YM-2 long-distance units are designed with three-seat rows

and upgraded interiors, making them more suitable and comfortable for long-haul passengers, particularly those travelling on the Yangon-Mandalay route. — ASH/KZL

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NATIONAL

People urged to safeguard nation in unity through Union spirit

- ❖ It is essential for all citizens to stand united with a strong spirit of Union and collectively safeguard and protect the nation in building a Union based on democracy and federalism.
- ❖ The Union spirit is a root cause in the independence struggle in the country’s history, as well as a foundation for shaping a future democratic nation.

(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 80th 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.

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Saturday 23 August 2025)

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

Special Features: According to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the Tropical Storm “Kajiki” over South China Sea is moving westwards. It is further intensify into a Severe Tropical Storm “Kajiki” during the next 12 hours which is likely continue to move westwards.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 24 August 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Magway Region and northern Shan State, fairly widespread in Mandalay and lower Sagaing regions and Kayah and Chin states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, 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, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, 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 rough seas are likely at times in the Deltaic, the 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 9-11 feet in the Deltaic, the Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times in off and along the Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 25-30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 8-10 feet in off and along the Rakhine Coast.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increase of rain in Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Mon and (southern and eastern) Shan states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24 August 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24 August 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24 August 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

Global aid pours into Myanmar as quake toll hits 3,782

AS of 20 August, a total of 3,782 people died, 5,104 were injured, and 26 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 Bri-

gade, 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 860

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

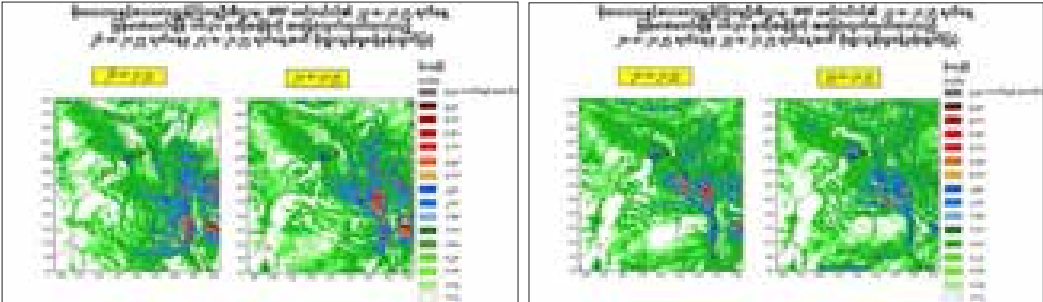
Special Weather News

Issued at 7 pm MST on 23 August 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, monsoon will be strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, Tropical storm “Kajiki” has formed over the South China Sea will move westwards and may pass inland areas of Vietnam with the remnants of the tropical storm “Kajiki” may reach to Myanmar and due to the low-pressure area may form over Northwest Bay of Bengal (off Odisha-West Bengal coasts, India) on 25 August 2025, rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Magway and Sagaing regions and Kachin State and fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan states with isolated heavy falls from 26 August 2025 to 29 August 2025. Squalls with rough seas are likely at time in the Deltaic, the 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, the Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts.

Advisory

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



Bay of Bengal Condition

Issued at 7 pm MST on 23 August 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, a low-pressure area may form over Northwest Bay of Bengal (off Odisha-West Bengal coasts, India) around 25 August 2025. — DMH

NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

MoC Union Minister meets UMFCCI officials, sister associations

UNION Minister for Commerce U Chit Swe met officials from the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and affiliated associations in Yangon yesterday.

During the meeting, the Union minister said efforts are being made to promote exports and increase export income in the 2025-2026 financial year compared to previous years. He noted that the affiliated associations are also managing necessary imports while increasing exports. They are encouraged

to: promote exports, support members in exporting GACC-approved seafood products, find new markets in the seafood sector, and increase the production of rubber, oilseeds, and fruits. CMP businesses should continuously develop new markets, cooperate to further national economic interests, and report any difficulties to the authorities.

The President of UMFCCI then extended greetings. The affiliated associations and merchants discussed the strengths, weaknesses, and challenges encountered in their business



The meeting between Union Minister U Chit Swe and officials from the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and affiliated associations in progress in Yangon yesterday.

operations, and the Union minister provided coordination on the presentations.

In the afternoon, the Union minister met officials from 10 shipping companies of the Myanmar Coastal Ship-owners As-

sociation at the Yangon Region headquarters meeting hall. The discussion focused on issues to be addressed according to the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) when transporting goods from Ranong Port, Thailand, and

Kawthoung Port, Myanmar. He also addressed the consequences of transporting illegal goods, relevant laws and regulations, and the need to facilitate the efficient transport of goods. — MNA/MKKS

Four-day illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth K4.015B

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to combat the illicit trade are continued effectively by the law.

On 22 August, the combined teams impounded three trucks (estimated value of K115 million), heading to Mandalay from Mawlamyine, carrying foodstuffs worth K21.25 million without official documents at the Nyaungkhashay permanent checkpoint and illegal teaks and timbers worth K8.083 million in Bago, Toungoo and Thayawady districts. The action was conducted under the Forest Law and Customs procedures.



Confiscated illegal tarpaulin rolls and a lorry which carried them in Mon State.



Additionally, on 21 and 15 August, the combined on-duty teams seized an unregistered motorbikes (estimated

value of K400,000) in Hinthada township, illegal teak valued at K3.533 million in Lewe and Ottarathiri districts and 14 ve-

hicles with four trailers (estimated value of K875 million) carrying industrial materials, consumer goods and food-

stuffs valued at K2.989 billion in Paung and Mawlamyine townships. The action was taken as per Customs procedures and the related laws.

Similarly, on 23 and 22 August, the on-duty teams nabbed four arrests of drugs worth K2.768 million in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago and Magway regions, as well as 13 unregistered vehicles and 22 unregistered motorbikes. The action was conducted under the related laws.

The Steering Committee reported 65 arrests on 15, 21, 22 and 23 August, seizing illegal goods worth approximately K4.015 billion. — MNA/MKKS

NATIONAL

2nd International Diabetes and Endocrinology Conference kicks off in Yangon

WITH the support of the government, the medicines and treatment of diabetes, hypertension, and other non-communicable diseases are also being provided free of charge to reduce and ease the medical expenses of the people, said Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win yesterday at the opening ceremony of the Second International Diabetes and Endocrinology Conference in Yangon.

The Union minister added that weekly health screening is being carried out nationwide every Wednesday at the health departments to ensure the early detection and timely treatment of diabetes and hypertension. The country produces higher number of diabetes and endocrinological experts yearly and allows them



Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win and officials cut the ceremonial ribbon at the opening event of the Second International Diabetes and Endocrinology Conference in Yangon yesterday.

to pursue further studies abroad. Such action can encourage the new generation to develop their medicinal knowledge.

The video message of International Diabetes Federation

(IDF) Chairman Professor Peter Schwarz was played.

After the ceremonial procedures, the Union minister and party observed the booths displaying research papers.

The conference themed Advancing Care in Diabetes and Endocrinology was held on 23-24 August, and 14 experts from Myanmar, Austria, Cambodia, India, Singapore, Thailand, South Korea, and the Philippines participated as Speakers, and about 450 local and foreign experts joined the event.

The conference included eight symposia covering different topics, 35 posters, medicines and medical supplies. Before the conference, the Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) workshop was held. — MNA/KTZH

Aerial seeding conducted in Nay Pyi Taw, Shan State

WITH the cooperation of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation and office of the Commander-in-Chief Office (Air), Tatmadaw aircraft dropped seed balls in the forest reserve areas of Tatkon Township in Nay Pyi Taw and Nyaungshwe Township in Shan State yesterday.

A total of 100,000 seed balls of five types of trees, such as Flea, Albizia procera, Delonix regia, Senna siamea and Leucaena leucocephala, were sprinkled by flight in the Hlwabon forest reserve block 20 (10.4 acres) in Nay Pyi Taw.

Similarly, 200,000 seed balls of three types of trees, such as raintree, Leucaena leucocephala and Acacia auriculiformis, were sprinkled



Officials from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation and members of Tatmadaw (Air) carry the seed balls to the helicopter to spread them in catchment areas of the Sinthay Creek and the Inlay Lake yesterday.

by aircraft two times in the Inlay Lake Watershed area in Shan State.

Aerial seeding is a fast and cost-effective way to plant crops, enabling the cultivation of large areas with a small workforce, ensuring the possi-

bility of using aircraft in mountainous and far-flung areas and covering vast areas within a short period of time.

The survey on the survival of plants from aerial seeding will be conducted in December 2025. — MNA/KTZH

MNA adds new route to Magway

MYANMAR National Airlines will launch new flight schedules — from Mandalay to Magway, from Myitkyina to Magway, from Magway to Nay Pyi Taw and from Magway to Yangon.

MNA will run to a new destination, Magway, which is rich in cultural heritage, famous pagodas and temples and Anya (upcountry) customs in central Myanmar, starting from 25 August by ATR 72-600, every Monday.

MNA said last week that all international flight tickets would be sold at a 15 per cent discount from 15 to 31 August as the celebration of its 77th anniversary of birthday, which falls in September 2025. Customers can buy at www.flymna.com or MNA ticket counters, airport counters, MNA call centre via +951 378603/04/06/07/08 and +951 377840/41/42, and nearby travel agents, with the promo code UB77INTL. — MT/ZS



Myanmar National Airlines launches new Magway flights.

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Constituencies designated for Region or State Hluttaw
(the Proportional Representation System) in the 2025 multiparty
democratic general election

No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency	Number of Hluttaw Representatives to be elected
Kachin State Hluttaw (PR System)			
1	Constituency 1	Entire PutaO, Chipwe and Tanai districts and Waingmaw Township	9
2	Constituency 2	Entire Bhamo and Mohnyin districts and Myitkyina and Ingyanyan townships	9
Kayah State Hluttaw (PR System)			
3	Constituency 1	An entire Kayah State	7
Kayin State Hluttaw (PR System)			
4	Constituency 1	An entire Kayin State	7
Chin State Hluttaw (PR System)			
5	Constituency 1	An entire Chin State	9
Sagaing Region Hluttaw (PR System)			
6	Constituency 1	Naga Self-Administered Zone, entire Khamti, Mawlaik, Tamu, Kalay and Homalin districts	11
7	Constituency 2	Entire Yinmabin, Monywa, Sagaing, Shwebo and YeU districts	17
8	Constituency 3	Entire Katha, Kawlin and Kanbalu districts	9
Taninthayi Region Hluttaw (PR System)			
9	Constituency 1	An entire Taninthayi Region	10
Bago Region Hluttaw (PR System)			
10	Constituency 1	An entire Toungoo District	5
11	Constituency 2	An entire Thayawady District	6
12	Constituency 3	An entire Nyaunglebin District	5
13	Constituency 4	An entire Bago District	4
14	Constituency 5	Entire Nattalin and Pyay districts	8
Magway Region Hluttaw (PR System)			
15	Constituency 1	Entire Gangaw, Pakokku and Chauk districts	10
16	Constituency 2	An entire Minbu District	5
17	Constituency 3	An entire Magway District	4
18	Constituency 4	Entire Thayet and Aunglan districts	6
Mandalay Region Hluttaw (PR System)			
19	Constituency 1	Entire NyaungU and Myingyan districts	5
20	Constituency 2	Entire Meiktila and Yamethin districts	6
21	Constituency 3	Entire Kyaukse and TadaU districts	5
22	Constituency 4	Entire PyinOoLwin, Thabeikkyin and Aungmyaythazan districts	7

No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency	Number of Hluttaw Representatives to be elected
23	Constituency 5	Entire Mahaaignmyay and Amarapura districts	5
Mon State Hluttaw (PR System)			
24	Constituency 1	An entire Mon State	10
Rakhine State Hluttaw (PR System)			
25	Constituency 1	Entire Sittway, Maung-taw and MraukU districts	10
26	Constituency 2	Entire Kyaukpyu, Taungup, Thandwe and An districts	7
Yangon Region Hluttaw (PR System)			
27	Constituency 1	Entire Kyauktada, Mayangon, Kamayut and Ahlon districts	13
28	Constituency 2	Entire Dagon Myothit and Thingangyun districts	8
29	Constituency 3	Entire Twantay and Insein districts	8
30	Constituency 4	Entire Thanlyin and Botahtaung districts	10
31	Constituency 5	Entire Taikkyi and Hmawby districts	3
32	Constituency 6	Entire Hlegu and Mingaladon districts	3
Shan State Hluttaw (PR System)			
33	Constituency 1	Entire Danu and Pa-O Self-Administered Zones, Kalaw, Taunggyi and Langhko districts	13
34	Constituency 2	Entire Namhsan, Mongshu and Loilem districts	8
35	Constituency 3	Entire Palaung Self-Administered Zone, Kyaukme, Tangyan and Mongmit districts	10
36	Constituency 4	Entire Kengtung, Monghsat and Mongton districts	5
37	Constituency 5	Entire Mongyawng, Mongyang, Mongla and Tachilek districts	5
38	Constituency 6	Entire Wa Self-Administered Division, Kokang Self-Administered Zone, Kutkai, Muse and Lashio districts	14
Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw (PR System)			
39	Constituency 1	Entire Myaungmya, Labutta and Pyapon districts	9
40	Constituency 2	An entire Patheingyi District	4
41	Constituency 3	Entire Kyonpyaw and Maubin districts	7
42	Constituency 4	Entire Myanaung and Hinthada districts	6

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
Shan State Hluttaw (FPTP System)			
1	Metmung Township Constituency	An entire Metmung Township	1
2	Panghsan (Pangkham) Township Constituency	An entire Panghsan (Pangkham) Township	1
3	Narphant Township Constituency	An entire Narphant Township	1
4	Hopang Township Constituency	An entire Hopang Township	1
5	Mongmao Township Constituency	An entire Mongmao Township	1
6	Pangwine Township Constituency	An entire Pangwine Township	1
7	Ywangan Township Constituency	An entire Ywangan Township	1
8	Pindaya Township Constituency	An entire Pindaya Township	1
9	Hopong Township Constituency	An entire Hopong Township	1
10	Hsihseng Township Constituency	An entire Hsihseng Township	1
11	Pinlaung Township Constituency	An entire Pinlaung Township	1
12	Namsang Township Constituency	An entire Namsang Township	1
13	Mantung Township Constituency	An entire Mantung Township	1
14	Kongyan Township Constituency	An entire Kongyan Township	1
15	Laukkai Township Constituency	An entire Laukkai Township	1
16	Kalaw Township Constituency	An entire Kalaw Township	1
17	Nyaungshwe Township Constituency	An entire Nyaungshwe Township	1
18	Pekhon Township Constituency	An entire Pekhon Township	1
19	Kyaukme Township Constituency	An entire Kyaukme Township	1
20	Hsipaw Township Constituency	An entire Hsipaw Township	1
21	Nawngkhio Township Constituency	An entire Nawngkhio Township	1
22	Namtu Township Constituency	An entire Namtu Township	1
23	Kengtung Township Constituency	An entire Kengtung Township	1
24	Mongkhat Township Constituency	An entire Mongkhat Township	1
25	Mongping Township Constituency	An entire Mongping Township	1
26	Kutkai Township Constituency	An entire Kutkai Township	1
27	Tachilek Township Constituency	An entire Tachilek Township	1
28	Mongphyat Township Constituency	An entire Mongphyat Township	1
29	Taunggyi Township Constituency	An entire Taunggyi Township	1
30	Yaksawk Township Constituency	An entire Yaksawk Township	1
31	Tangyan Township Constituency	An entire Tangyan Township	1
32	Mongyai Township Constituency	An entire Mongyai Township	1

No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency	Number of Hluttaw Representatives to be elected
33	Kunhing Township Constituency	An entire Kunhing Township	1
34	Namhsan Township Constituency	An entire Namhsan Township	1
35	Mongnai Township Constituency	An entire Mongnai Township	1
36	Namkham Township Constituency	An entire Namkham Township	1
37	Muse Township Constituency	An entire Muse Township	1
38	Mabein Township Constituency	An entire Mabein Township	1
39	Mongmit Township Constituency	An entire Mongmit Township	1
40	Monghsat Township Constituency	An entire Monghsat Township	1
41	Mongton Township Constituency	An entire Mongton Township	1
42	Mongyawng Township Constituency	An entire Mongyawng Township	1
43	Mongyang Township Constituency	An entire Mongyang Township	1
44	Kehsi Township Constituency	An entire Kehsi Township	1
45	Mongshu Township Constituency	An entire Mongshu Township	1
46	Mongla Township Constituency	An entire Mongla Township	1
47	Kunlong Township Constituency	An entire Kunlong Township	1
48	Lashio Township Constituency	An entire Lashio Township	1
49	Hsenwi Township Constituency	An entire Hsenwi Township	1
50	Mongpan Township Constituency	An entire Mongpan Township	1
51	Maukmai Township Constituency	An entire Maukmai Township	1
52	Langkho Township Constituency	An entire Langkho Township	1
53	Mongkai Township Constituency	An entire Mongkai Township	1
54	Laikha Township Constituency	An entire Laikha Township	1
55	Loilem Township Constituency	An entire Loilem Township	1
Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw (FPTP System)			
1	Kyaunggon Township Constituency	An entire Kyaunggon Township	1
2	Kyonpyaw Township Constituency	An entire Kyonpyaw Township	1
3	Yekyi Township Constituency	An entire Yekyi Township	1
4	Kangyidaunt Township Constituency	An entire Kangyidaunt Township	1
5	Ngaputaw Township Constituency	An entire Ngaputaw Township	1
6	Pathein Township Constituency	An entire Pathein Township	1
7	Thaboung Township Constituency	An entire Thabaung Township	1
8	Kyaiklat Township Constituency	An entire Kyaiklat Township	1
9	Dedaye Township Constituency	An entire Dedaye Township	1

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No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency	Number of Hluttaw Representatives to be elected
10	Pyapon Township Constituency	An entire Pyapon Township	1
11	Bogale Township Constituency	An entire Bogale Township	1
12	Nyaungdon Township Constituency	An entire Nyaungdon Township	1
13	Danubyu Township Constituency	An entire Danubyu Township	1
14	Pantanaw Township Constituency	An entire Pantanaw Township	1
15	Maubin Township Constituency	An entire Maubin Township	1
16	Myaungmya Township Constituency	An entire Myaungmya Township	1
17	Wakema Township Constituency	An entire Wakema Township	1
18	Eainme Township Constituency	An entire Einme Township	1

No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency	Number of Hluttaw Representatives to be elected
19	Kyangin Township Constituency	An entire Kyangin Township	1
20	Myanaung Township Constituency	An entire Myanaung Township	1
21	Ingapu Township Constituency	An entire Ingapu Township	1
22	Mawlamyinekyun Township Constituency	An entire Mawlamyinekyun Township	1
23	Labutta Township Constituency	An entire Labutta Township	1
24	Zalun Township Constituency	An entire Zalun Township	1
25	Laymyethna Township Constituency	An entire Laymyethna Township	1
26	Hinthada Township Constituency	An entire Hinthada Township	1

Weekly Roundup

18 August

State honours Myanmar national women's football team

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, awarded US\$30,000 to the Myanmar national women's football team, which sailed to the final of the AFF MSIG Serenity Cup 2025 with a 2-1 win over the Thai team in the semifinal hosted by Vietnam.

19 August

28 December polls scheduled to safeguard fair voting

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, met with MSME businesspersons of Magway Region at the city hall in Magway to talk about regional development activities.

Political issues must be resolved through political means

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, met Tatmadaw members and their families at Magway Station's hall under the Central Command and emphasized that all Tatmadaw members must make preparations in advance to ensure that the incoming government can truly and effectively serve the interests of the State.

UEC announces election dates for respective Hluttaw

The Union Election Commission has issued the announcement 55/2025 that the dates for first phase of multiparty democratic general election for respective Hluttaw will be on 28 December 2025, Sunday, and the dates for subsequent phases of the elections will be announce later, exercising the responsibilities and authorities under Session 399 (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of the

Union of Myanmar (2008), Section 10 of the Union Election Commission Law, and under Section 34 (c) of the respective Hluttaw Election Laws and Section 16 (a) of respective Hluttaw Election Rule.

20 August

Each village required to plant two acres of trees yearly

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, stressed the need to grow two acres each of trees by all villages yearly at the ceremony to grow trees in Minbu Township, Minbu District in Magway Region to green 13 dry zones.

Education keys to regional stability and peace

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, urged residents of Chauk and Yenangyaung Townships to work together to improve education, stressing that only a well-educated population can contribute to regional stability and peace.

State boosts national education standards

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, held a meeting with departmental officials and town elders at U Awbatha Hall of Minbu to talk about regional development measures in conjunction with honouring the whole Myanmar first student with six distinctions and another six-distinction winner in the matriculation examination.

21 August

Aunglan District urged to develop cotton industries

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, on his inspection tour of Aunglan District, highlighted that, as cotton is being cultivated in Aunglan Dis-

trict, it is necessary to establish cotton-related industries beginning at the basic level.

UEC announces lists of townships for election

The Union Election Commission has issued announcement 56/2025 on 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.

Dates for submission, withdrawal, and scrutiny of candidates set

The UEC has issued announcement 57/2025 on designated dates for submission, withdrawal, and scrutiny of candidates for the respective Hluttaw. **Deadline to report required party members and offices**

The UEC has issued Notification 56/2025 on the deadline for political parties to report required party members and offices to the commission.

22 August

Dates for taking and submitting Form 15

UEC has issued announcement 62/2025 on the dates for overseas voters to start collecting Form 15 and to submit completed Form 15 to the respective embassies.

Ways of party organizational activities declared

UEC has issued announcement 63/2025 for individuals to exercise rights related to election-related party organizational activities, area-wise organizational activities, gatherings and speeches, and canvassing.

23 August

Notice for early voting

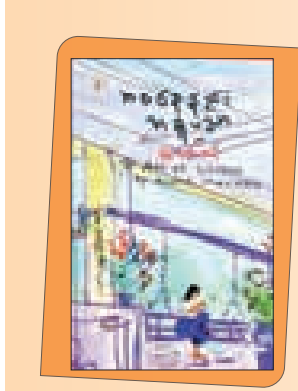
UEC has announced that in seeking Form 15 for advance voting by the overseas voters who want to cast early votes, they can apply for Form 15 for their respective townships between 21 August 2025 and 8 September 2025. — GNLM/TTA

Negotiate a peace process to successfully hold elections

THE State has already set a date for holding the election, and preparations are being made to conduct it in stages. A genuine election represents an opportunity to resolve one of the greatest challenges facing many people in Myanmar, and it is important not to miss this chance but to grasp it firmly. For the election to be held successfully, nationwide stability and peace are essential. Successive governments have sought solutions for Myanmar’s peace through various approaches of dialogue and have continuously implemented peace processes. However, lasting peace remains distant. If lasting peace remains distant, the genuine practice of a multi-party democratic system, which the entire population aspires to, will also remain out of reach.

Therefore, since lasting peace, national prosperity, and social and economic development are the aspirations of the entire nation and all ethnic communities, all stakeholders involved in the peace process are urged to engage in dialogue and negotiation in accordance with democratic principles. They should set aside personal desires, prioritize what is necessary, and work to implement lasting peace as quickly as possible.

Through these negotiations, 43 agreements were signed and confirmed for the purpose of amending and supplementing the 2008 Constitution. These agreements, together with the outcomes of past Union Peace Conferences compiled as the Union Accord, must be submitted to the future Union Parliament that will emerge from the upcoming election, so that the process of constitutional amendment and supplementation can be carried forward. Past actions must be reviewed to identify both strengths and weaknesses. For the upcoming staged elections to be held successfully, all relevant stakeholders and the entire public must participate actively. Only by successfully conducting the election will the nation be able to return to the path of multi-party democracy. Therefore, since lasting peace, national prosperity, and social and economic development are the aspirations of the entire nation and all ethnic communities, all stakeholders involved in the peace process are urged to engage in dialogue and negotiation in accordance with democratic principles. They should set aside personal desires, prioritize what is necessary, and work to implement lasting peace as quickly as possible.



Book Title	- The Art of Living By André Maurois
Translator	- Mya Than Tint
Publishing House	- Zawgyi Pho Win
Publication Date	- July 2025 (New Revised Edition)
Price	- K15,000

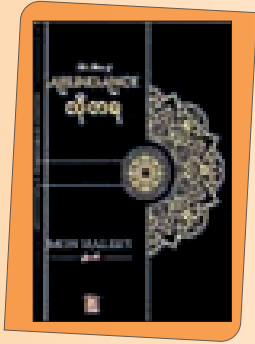
Bawa Nay Nee Anu Pyinya (The Art of Living by André Maurois)

THIS book is the translated version of the famous The Art of Living by the renowned French writer André Maurois. The original author, André Maurois, gained fame for his historical and biographical writings. Saya Mya Than Tint translated the essays from this book and published them in the Thint Bawa Aung Myin Yay magazine between March 1992 and 1997. This popular book has been reprinted many times, and Zaw Gyi Pho Win Publishing House issued a new edition in June 2025 with updated editorial additions. Maurois is widely recognized as a French author and thinker who effectively con-

veyed philosophical insights through his writings. This book brings nine chapters: The Art of Loving, The Art of Marriage, The Art of Family Life, The Art of Friendship, The Art of Thinking, The Art of Working, The Art of Leadership, The Art of Growing Old, and The Art of Happiness. The main themes emphasize taking full advantage of each day; it is important to practice time management and accuracy in controlling life and time. It also highlights the need for responsibility and the importance of doing work with genuine interest. Moreover, it provides mental guidance for

living meaningfully in family life, love life, and friendships. The original author stated that “life is a long journey and must be managed with care.” In this book, Maurois emphasizes and recommends a simple way of living. He encourages readers to recognize their own strengths and weaknesses, to make use of imagination since creativity can polish life, to live with gratitude for simple things, and to avoid greed, like an idea similar to the Buddha’s teaching that “the one who conquers anger is greater than the one who conquers in battle.” The Art of Friendship starts with the phrase such as the

ties of friendship are very different from those which unite the married couple and the family. Intellectual emotions come first in friendship; they dominate the instinctive ones. The intellectual emotions influence the original feeling. The Art of Working also states that a man who works under orders with other men must be without vanity. If he has too strong a will of his own and if his ideas conflict with those of his chief, the execution of orders will always be uncertain because of his efforts to interpret them in his own way. Faith in the chief must keep the gang together. Only with such belief can an organization endure without falling apart. Showing respect and bowing in humility are two different things. The Art of Living is a valuable guide not only for young people but also for those with a life rich in experiences. Reading this book in the Myanmar language can provide new perspectives on life. The Art of Living is a useful book for everyone’s life. It is not just ordinary literature, but a work that points out the essential aspects of human existence, encouraging readers to reflect on their own way of thinking and personal character. Since it offers guidance for living more effectively within society, it is a highly suitable book to read.



Book Title	- The flow of abundance
Author	- Mon Halsey
Publishing House	- Zwe Thiha
Publication Date	- July 2025 (1 st Edition)
Price	- K15,000

The flow of abundance

BEST-SELLING author Mon Halsey published her 29th book titled “The Flow of Abundance” to commemorate her birthday and memories on 16 July. The author noted that abundance comes from within. It is cultivated through inner work and mindset shifts, rather than solely depending on external factors like accumulation or acquiring material wealth. It is a kind of alignment. Sustainable abundance is living in harmony. Trust enables abundance, and abundance, in turn, can foster trust. An abundance mindset is leading to happiness, success, positivity and greater resilience by letting go of control, releasing

fear and anxiety and embracing challenges. Abundance transcends the amount of money in your bank account. It cannot be measured by physical wealth, fame, possessions, titles and power. It is a state of contentment and happiness. True wealth and fulfilment can be found in love, compassion and kindness. Self-acceptance, openness, giving and continuous positive vibes (such as peaceful, fairness and grateful thoughts) will unleash the flow of inner abundance. “Whether it is giving or accepting, a heart filled with gratitude and a positive mindset is contributing to more abun-

dance”, the book unveiled this perspective in three chapters. The first chapter revealed material wealth. There are multiple types of wealth in life. Of them, financial assets are the most powerful one. Money shows the dynamic exchange with the law of giving and receiving. The author shared her financial perspectives, emotions and bitterness in life. The second chapter includes the power of possibility and opportunities. Don’t wait for the right opportunities, but create them. Instead of passively waiting for chances to arise, one should actively pursue their goals and shape them. They need to embrace

readiness for life’s unexpected challenges. We cannot sit down and wait for the opportunities to come, but must create our own path to achieve goals. The third chapter pointed out intertwined concepts in which one can align oneself with an abundant mindset and take proactive steps towards wealth creation. Individuals need to develop a wealth vision regarding what they want and what goals they want to pursue. They need to focus on the good in life, empower themselves to take risks and explore ambitions and energy of prosperity. The book consists of 25 chapters, including living in the flow of abundance. This book will not highlight rules or principles. It will engagingly present information and offer practical tips, insights and inspirations to the readers like a travel guide. Furthermore, the power of possibilities and opportunities in an abundance mindset will be conveyed through an energy perspective. The author also wishes readers to receive divine protection and guidance from the universe and experience tranquillity and vitality without external or internal obstacles.

My Loviest August boms

By Mya Thae (Research)


August 10 is my grandson's birthday.
He is so cute and everyone loves him.
My lovely niece Moe Pwin Phyu is on 17 August.
She is a charming damsel and alert.
August twenty-seven is my loviest student,
Yati Myat Noe Oo's birthday.
Now, she is in Canada and parting ways.
All of them are August-born.
I ever miss and long.

Great Wisdom

Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

Remember, in addition,
There is no ruby in every mountain;
Of great physical strength _
Any treasured elephant is not hunt'd;
Even though found in all forests,
No golden Sandaku flowers.

In the boondocks off the track beaten,
Seldom is a wise old man seen:
These noteworthy concepts lighten.



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To the West

By (Min)thuwn (Translated by Myint Zan)

there are spots of clouds
in the sky: (I'm) going (to study abroad)
'tis season for nostalgia

far from the parent country
this passenger on the sea
pines for one's birth place

Published in University (of Rangoon)
annual magazine (March 1937)
Translated on 21 August 2025



အနောက်သို့

မိုးပေါ်မှာ တိမ်ကွက်လို့
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(မတ် ၁၉၃၇)

Translator's note: This poem as published used the pseudonym Thuwn. Sayagyi Minthuwn probably composed this poem on the ship that took him to Great Britain for further studies.

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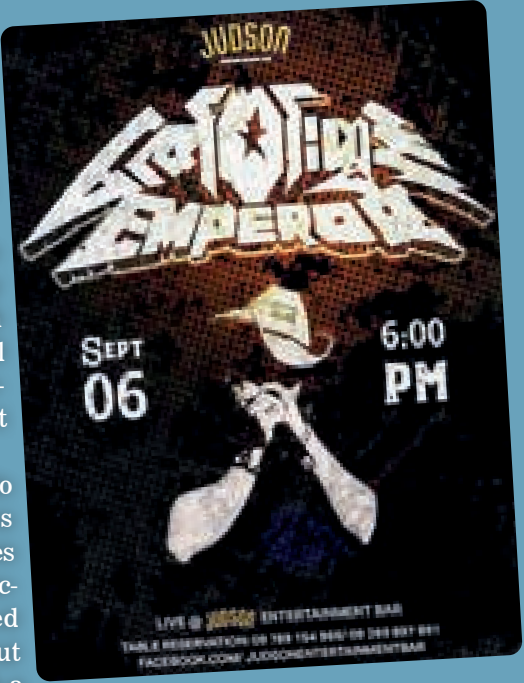
Aung Kyaw Tun (Linka Dipa)
KO AUNG KYAW TUN is the founder of the Lanka Dipa Orchestra, the pioneer who first introduced silicone and special effects makeup to the Myanmar film industry, and the first person in Myanmar to sculpt silicone statues. Now, with the slogan “To preserve Maha Gita and theatrical arts, we will establish a new Zat Pwe (theatrical troupe),” we have founded the San Yay Moe. The troupe, led by stage actor San Yay Moe, will preserve what deserves preservation and innovate where innovation is needed. On the coming 31 August, a mini-show of the San Yay Moe Zat Pwe will be held, inviting veteran theatrical actors and media representatives, said Ko Aung Kyaw Tun.

Nan Su Yati Soe
SINGER and actress Nan Su Yati Soe recently shared a unique photo shoot with her fans on social media, along with a charming caption that read, “My silky long hair and sweet smile combine to bring an elegant touch to beauty”. The shoot was styled by fashion designer Emerald Thu Zar, with makeup by Aye Chan May, and photographed by Ye Lin Naing. In addition, just a few days ago, she also shared some memorable photos taken while spending time with her close friends, including Wyne Su Khine Thein and Alinn Yaung.



Renowned rock singer to stage solo concert

Rock singer Zaw Win Htut will host his solo concert at the Judson Entertainment Bar in Yangon on 6 September, according to the singer. The singer said, “We are preparing to sing many songs with full energy with the Emperor band. We will offer the best singing performance with the best support of the band.” At Zaw Win Htut’s solo Rock & Roll Show, audiences can enjoy powerful rock tunes and excellent live performances. The autograph-signed T-shirts by Zaw Win Htut will be given away through a lucky draw. For every ticket purchased in the VIP and A-Zone sections, fans will also receive a special gift – a bottle of 1964 Rum signed by Zaw Win Htut. — ASH/KTZH



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Nan Khin Hmwe
TRADITIONAL Myanmar dancer Nan Khin Hmwe and family donated religious books dedicating her deceased husband, Pantaya U Aung Myo, on 22 August. Moreover, she held an ordination ceremony for her son, stage actor Boon, marking his birthday at the Thantithukha Tawya monastery in PyinOoLwin on 22 August. She is also participating in fundraising activities for elderly theatrical performers.

Thae Su Nyein
THE movie ‘Maymay Aчит Oo’ (Mother’s First Love) starring Thae Su Nyein, who is currently on an overseas trip, has been approved by the censorship board for screening. Some who have already watched the film praised the acting skill of Thae Su Nyein. The film was directed by Min Set Thit, and the cast members are Henry San, May Mi Ko Ko, and Thae Su Nyein. A production official stated that efforts are underway to screen the movie in cinemas as soon as possible and will officially announce the screening date once it is confirmed.



Myo Kyawt Myaing
MYO KYAWT MYAING, the singer who captured the applause of rap audiences back in 1992 with the series ‘Moe Tway Ywa Nay Chain Khana’, is set to return to the stage. At a time when solo live concerts have become quite rare compared to performances in restaurants and smaller venues, fans will soon get to enjoy a special music concert led by Myo Kyawt Myaing. The show, titled Memory in Melody Music Concert, will feature performances of Myo Kyawt Myaing, Htun Eindra Bo, Tun Tun, Ye Lay, Rebecca Win, and Yadana Mai. With a mix of different musical genres and fresh sentiments, the concert will be held on 20 September at the Sedona Hotel (Grand Ballroom). Advance tickets are already on sale.



Mahn Hein
MAHN HEIN, who became well-known and gained a wide audience through the MRTV-4 drama series, has also been involved in film production. At the same time, he plays football and even founded a football club. Now, combining all of these interests, he has produced a football-themed film titled ‘Extra Time’. The press show for this movie was held on 20 August at the President Cinema in Yangon. The cast includes Nay Htet Lin, Thu Htoo San, Mahn Hein, Min Bone Myat, Chaw Yadana, Nay Chi Shun Lat, and other artistes. — Htun Htun/KTZH

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Fuel oil reference prices slip this week

FUEL oil reference prices indicated a small decrease in the domestic market for the week ending 28 August compared to those of the previous week.

The set reference prices were K2,900 per litre of Octane 92 and K2,955 for Octane 95, K2,615 for diesel and K3,235 for premium diesel last week ending 21 August. The prices for a week ending 28 August declined to K2,915 for Octane 92 and K2,995 for Octane 95, K2,540 for diesel and K3,145 for premium diesel.

The price index set by Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS), the pricing basis for many refined products in Southeast Asia, influences the domestic fuel prices, according to the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil.

Under the Supervisory



Vehicles are seen refuelling at the petrol station in Meiktila.

Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil, the Petroleum Products Regulatory Department has been issuing daily reference wholesale prices to ensure price stability

for energy consumers.

The committee is inspecting the fuel stations to see whether they are overcharging. Authorities are taking action against those retailers of fuel stations

under the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law 2017 if they are found overcharging rather than the set reference rate.

As per the statement, 90 per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is

imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced locally. Domestic fuel prices are highly correlated with international prices. The State is steering the market to mitigate the loss experienced by the importers, sellers and energy consumers. Consequently, the government is trying to distribute the oil at a reasonable price compared to that of regional countries.

Some countries levied higher tax rates and hiked oil prices than Myanmar's. However, Malaysia's oil sector receives government subsidies, and the prices are about 60 per cent lower than those of Myanmar. Every country lays down different policy patterns to fix oil prices, the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil stated. — NN/KK

CBM sells \$1.4M to edible oil, fuel oil-importing companies

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) pumped US\$1.177 million into edible oil-importing companies and over \$287,600 into fuel oil-importing companies on 22 August, after sales of 500,000 baht.

Furthermore, it sold over \$102,700 to companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis and those who made non-trade payments.

CBM sold over \$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 forex 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 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 companies and those who made non-trade payments on the same day.

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

Farm machinery training (Batch 4) opens on 13 Oct

THE Agricultural Mechanization Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation will conduct a farm machinery proficiency certificate course (Batch 4) on 13 October 2025 at the training school in Meiktila. Interested individuals must pass Grade 10 under the old curriculum or Grade 12 under the new curriculum, or the government technical high school. They must be male between 17 and 25 years old, unmarried and healthy to attend the training, with a passion for agricultural equipment. Only those who pass the entrance exam are eligible to attend this one-year certificate course.

The department will cover the accommodation and training fees. Yet, trainees must purchase textbooks and bear the food costs.

Those interested can withdraw the application form at the township department in the nearest region and state starting from 25 August. They need to submit the application form along with their education certification by 5 October 2025.

Those who pass the Government Technical High School, specializing in motor vehicle technology subject or machinery equipment manufacturing training subject and this farm machinery proficiency certificate course (Batch 4) are entitled to join the first year course in Government Technological University and Government Technical Institute.

Individuals can enquire about details at the Department of Agricultural Mechanization (head office) via 067 3431246 and the training centre in Meiktila at 09 458149471. — NN/KK

Gold Market Rate as of 23 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.

New shipping route adds fresh momentum to China-Indonesia trade ties

Batam, located at the intersection of Indonesia, Singapore, and Malaysia, has become a key industrial hub, attracting foreign investment in sectors like electronics and shipbuilding.

A new direct shipping route operated by China's COSCO Shipping Lines was inaugurated, connecting Batam Port in Indonesia's Riau Islands province to Yangpu Port in Hainan, China.

This route aims to enhance sea connectivity between China and Southeast Asia, significantly benefiting trade. Wang Wei, managing director of COSCO Shipping Lines Indonesia, emphasized that the direct sailings will reduce transit times and logistics costs, facilitating trade between China, Indonesia, and the broader region.

Batam, strategically located at the crossroads of Indonesia, Singapore, and Malaysia, has evolved into a vital industrial hub, attracting foreign investment in sectors like electronics and shipbuilding.

The port has upgraded to an international-standard container terminal, enhancing its capacity and efficiency. Djoko Prasetyo, president director of



This photo taken at Batam Port, Indonesia, shows the maiden container ship was loading and unloading goods at the terminal, during the inaugural sailing of a new direct shipping route operated by China's shipping giant COSCO from Batam to Yangpu Port in south China's island province of Hainan, on 21 August 2025. **PHOTO: CEN YUNPENG/XINHUA**

Persero Batam, noted that the new route will further boost local industries.

The launch also benefits companies like Ecogreen Oleochemicals, which exports products to China, improving competitiveness. The route operates on a fixed schedule, linking Batam, Yangpu, and Kota Kinabalu in Malaysia, and connects to mainline services to the Americas. This development symbolizes a new stage of cooperation between China and Indonesia, reinforcing their economic ties and regional connectivity. — Xinhua

Intel, Trump administration reach agreement on stake investment

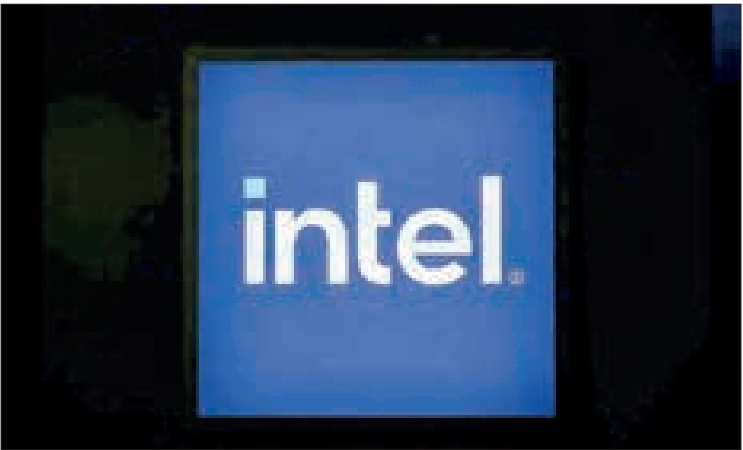
INTEL Corporation on Friday announced an agreement with the Trump Administration under which the US government will make an US\$8.9 billion investment in Intel common stock.

The government agrees to purchase 433.3 million primary shares of Intel common stock at a price of \$20.47 per share, equivalent to a 9.9 per cent stake in the company.

The government's equity stake will be funded by the remaining \$5.7 billion in grants previously awarded, but not yet paid, to Intel under the US CHIPS and Science Act, and \$3.2 billion awarded to the company as part of the Secure Enclave programme.

The \$8.9 billion investment is in addition to the \$2.2 billion in CHIPS grants Intel has received to date, according to the company.

"As the only semiconductor company that does leading-edge logic R&D and manufacturing in the US, Intel is deeply committed to ensuring the world's most advanced technologies are American made," said Lip-Bu Tan, CEO of Intel, adding that Intel looks forward to working to "advance US technology and manufacturing leadership." — Xinhua



Intel's CEO, Lip-Bu Tan, emphasized the company's commitment to US-based semiconductor research and manufacturing, aiming to enhance American technology and manufacturing leadership. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Canada removing tariffs on US goods compliant with free trade deal

CANADA will remove all tariffs on US goods that are compliant with the existing North American free trade agreement, Prime Minister Mark Carney said Friday, matching exemptions affirmed earlier this month by Washington.

President Donald Trump called the move "nice".

Speaking to reporters a day after a lengthy call with Trump, Carney said Canada has "the best deal of any country with the United States right now".

Following a series of agreements the United States

has signed with major partners including the European Union, Carney said it was clear the Trump administration is compelling countries "to buy access to the world's largest economy".

He said the average tariff rate on goods entering the United States from around the world was now at 16 per cent, up from two per cent before Trump took office.

The US tariff rate on Canadian goods was 5.6 per cent, the prime minister said, adding "85 per cent of our trade is tariff-free." — AFP

South Africa pushes ahead with rail system reform



Transnet, South Africa's state-owned rail company, has completed the selection of private train operators to join its rail network. **PHOTO: YOUTUBE**

SOUTH Africa's state-owned Transnet has completed the adjudication process for selecting private train companies to join the country's state-run rail network, according to the country's transport ministry.

"It will contribute to a more efficient, reliable and sustainable rail system that can promote in-

clusive growth and ensure job retention and job creation," Transport Minister Barbara Creecy said while briefing the media in Pretoria on Friday.

The initial allocations cover 41 routes across six corridors, mainly for the transportation of coal and ore. The new operators are expected to add about 20 million tonnes of freight annually from the financial year 2026-2027.

The announcement followed the cabinet's approval of the National Rail Policy in March 2022, which laid the foundation for third-party participation in the Transnet network while keeping state ownership of rail infrastructure. — Xinhua

70% of Japan smartphone games bypass in-app payments to avoid IT giants

NEARLY 70 per cent of popular Japanese smartphone games have introduced external payment systems for items and services to avoid hefty commission fees from US tech giants Google LLC and Apple Inc, a Kyodo News tally showed.

The move comes ahead of a new Japanese law tightening regulations on Google and Apple, which dominate smartphone platforms, set to take full effect in December. The legislation requires the two companies to open their payment systems.

Almost all users currently download games through Apple and Google's app stores. When players buy in-game items, software providers pay the tech giants commissions of up to 30 per cent.

A Kyodo News survey found that among the top 30 best-selling game titles in 2024, at least 11 of the 16 offered by domestic companies have introduced payments through external



Supplied photo shows a guidance screen for mixi Inc.'s external app payment system. PHOTO: KYODO

websites.

Although the two tech giants say the fees are necessary to protect user privacy and security, the costs have weighed on game makers. For outside transactions, users make payments through channels other than apps, such as game websites. Settlement service providers like Digital Garage Inc and GMO Tech Inc typically charge a five per cent commission, far below Apple's and Google's rates. — Kyodo

The chain, which has around 660 US branches, removed the stylized likeness of Uncle Herschel from its logo. PHOTO: AFP/FILE



Rebrand of US culture 'fixture' Cracker Barrel sparks backlash

CRACKER Barrel, a beloved American chain known for its homestyle cuisine and nostalgic "Old Country Store" ambiance, has faced significant backlash following its rebranding efforts.

The company removed the stylized image of Uncle Herschel from its logo, sparking outrage among customers and staff, and leading to a decline in its share price, costing the company millions.

Critics, including Donald Trump Jr, expressed their discontent on social media, labelling the new logo as "sterile" and a departure from the brand's traditional aesthetic.

Despite the controversy, some customers remain indifferent, emphasizing that the food and menu have not changed. Marketing experts suggest that while brand refreshes are common, Cracker Barrel's core customer base, primarily traditional-

ists in conservative states, may feel alienated by the changes.

The backlash reflects broader cultural tensions in corporate America, as seen in similar controversies with other brands. As Cracker Barrel navigates this tumultuous period, experts advise the company to remain focused on its core values while adapting to modern expectations, hoping that the controversy will eventually fade. — AFP

Indonesia prioritizes domestic gas supply after pipeline fire disrupts production

THE Indonesian government has prioritized meeting domestic gas demand following a recent supply disruption caused by a pipeline fire, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Bahlil Lahadalia said here on Friday.

The minister said that part of gas previously allocated for overseas shipments has been re-directed to the domestic market to address the temporary shortage. — Xinhua

India sets minimum import price for some paper boards

THE central government has amended the import policy for certain categories of paper and paperboard by introducing a Minimum Import Price (MIP) for Virgin Multi-layer Paper Board (VPB).

According to a notification issued by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) dated August 22, the import of VPB under HS Codes 48059100, 48059200, 48059300, 48109200, and 48109900 will now be subject to a MIP of Rs67,220 per metric tonne on a Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) basis.

This imposition of MIP will remain in effect till 31 March 2026, the DGFT notification said. — ANI

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST

23 AUGUST

Xi to attend SCO summit in China’s Tianjin

CHINESE President Xi Jinping will attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2025, which will be held in Tianjin Municipality in north China on 31 August and 1 September, and host relevant events.

Xi will chair the 25th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the SCO and the “SCO Plus” Meeting, and deliver keynote speeches, the Foreign Ministry announced on Friday.

During the summit, Xi will host a welcome banquet and bilateral events for participating leaders. This summit will be one of the most important head-of-state diplomacy and home-ground diplomacy events in China this year, Assistant Foreign Minister Liu Bin said at a press briefing.

Xi will jointly sign and issue a declaration with leaders of other SCO member states. — Xinhua



An aerial drone photo taken on 15 May 2024 shows the container ship COSCO Shipping Camellia berthed at the Pacific International Container Terminal of Tianjin Port in north China’s Tianjin. **PHOTO: ZHAO ZISHUO/XINHUA/FILE**

22 AUGUST

Russia has ‘very good’ quality of space rockets: Errol Musk

ERROL Musk, the father of US entrepreneur Elon Musk, has praised Russian space rockets in an interview with Sputnik, in which he discussed the International Space Station (ISS) and how SpaceX had become an important part of US space endeavours.

“The Russians have very good stuff,” Errol Musk said about Russian rocket ships.

During the conversation, he noted that Russian rockets were “designed and built many years ago”, while his son’s company SpaceX is “more modern”.

In June, the head of the Russian Direct Investment Fund and Russian special presidential envoy for economic cooperation with foreign countries, Kirill Dmitriev, said that the Russian state space corporation Roscosmos is actively communicating with Elon Musk’s team on cooperation in the space sector. — SPUTNIK

21 AUGUST

Uganda reaches agreement with US to take migrants

UGANDA has agreed to receive migrants who do not qualify to remain in the United States, a foreign ministry official said Thursday, in Washington’s latest attempt to speed up deportations.

US President Donald Trump’s administration has negotiated arrangements to send people to third countries, among them El Salvador and Eswatini, which have been fiercely criticized by rights groups. At roughly 1.7 million Uganda already hosts the largest refugee population in Africa, according to the United Nations, and is the latest east African country to signal such a deal with Washington, joining Rwanda and South Sudan. He said it was a “temporary arrangement”, which specified that “individuals with criminal records and unaccompanied minors will not be accepted”. — AFP

20 AUGUST

Netanyahu slams Macron for fuelling ‘antisemitic fire’

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu upbraided President Emmanuel Macron in a letter seen by AFP, blaming the French leader’s move to recognize a Palestinian state for fuelling antisemitism.

Late last month, Macron said France would formally recognize a Palestinian state during a UN meeting in September, drawing a swift rebuke from Israel.

By announcing the move, France was set to join a growing list of nations to have recognized statehood for the Palestinians since the start of the Gaza war nearly two years ago.

In the letter sent to Macron, Netanyahu said antisemitism had “surged” in France following the announcement. “Your call for a Palestinian state pours fuel on this antisemitic fire. It is not diplomacy, it is appeasement. It rewards Hamas terror, hardens Hamas’s refusal to free the hostages, emboldens those who menace French Jews and encourages the Jew-hatred now stalking your streets,” Netanyahu wrote in the letter. — AFP

19 AUGUST

Google fined for anti-competitive practices in Australia

GOOGLE has agreed to pay a penalty of AU\$55 million (US\$36 million) for engaging in “anti-competitive” practices by pre-installing only its search engine on Android phones sold by major Australian telecoms, Telstra and Optus.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) initiated proceedings in the Federal Court, which will determine the appropriateness of the penalty and other orders. ACCC Chair Gina Cass-Gottlieb emphasized that such conduct restricts competition, leading to less choice and higher costs for consumers. Google admitted to the agreements with Telstra and Optus, which were active from December 2019 to March 2021, and acknowledged that these arrangements likely reduced competition. In response to regulatory concerns, Google stated it is committed to offering Android device manufacturers more flexibility in preloading browsers and search apps. Telstra and Optus have also agreed not to enter new agreements to make Google the default search engine on Android devices. — AFP

18 AUGUST

Bolivia’s election signals potential rightward shift

POLLS closed in Bolivia’s highly anticipated general election, marking a potential shift to the right after nearly 20 years of leftist rule.

Voting took place amid a severe economic crisis, with inflation nearing 25 per cent and critical shortages of fuel and dollars.

Pre-election polls indicated a voter preference for change, with centre-right candidates Samuel Doria Medina and former president Jorge “Tuto” Quiroga leading the race to succeed Luis Arce, who is not seeking re-election.

If no candidate secures a majority, a run-off will occur on 19 October. Both frontrunners aim to reform Bolivia’s economic model and strengthen ties with the US, contrasting with Evo Morales’s anti-capitalist legacy. — AFP

17 AUGUST

Spain PM pledges climate pact for fires

SPANISH leader Pedro Sanchez promised on Sunday a “national pact” to deal with the climate emergency, as he visited a western region battling devastating wildfires.

Spain is entering its third week of heatwave alerts and firefighters are continuing to battle blazes in the northwest and west of the country, with army units deployed to help contain the flames.

France and Italy had earlier sent water bombers to an air base near Salamanca to help with the firefighting efforts.

He said he wanted to do “everything possible and even more” to ensure victims of the fires returned to a normal life.

The northwest and west of the country have been hard-hit by the fires. — AFP

SPORTS



Myanmar's Chan Myae Tun (centre) wins the first place in the Men's Bodybuilding up to 75-kilogramme event, with Vietnam (left) and Malaysia (right) claiming silver and bronze.

Myanmar claims gold and two bronze at Asian Bodybuilding Championships

MYANMAR national bodybuilders secured one gold medal and two bronze medals at the LVII Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships held in Bangkok, Thailand, on 23 August.

In the Men's Bodybuilding up to 75 kilogramme event, Myanmar's Chan Myae Tun clinched first place (gold), while athletes from Vietnam and Malaysia took silver and bronze respectively. In the Men's Sports Physique (MSP) up to 180-centimetre event, Myo Thuya Kyaw won third place (bronze), and in the MSP up to 175-centimetre category, Sai Thet Naung Oo also claimed third place (bronze), with Nyein Chan finishing fourth.

Chan Myae Tun has now won three gold medals this season – one at the Southeast Asian Bodybuilding Championships (75 kilogrammes), one in the Overall event, and one in the Asian Bodybuilding Championships (75 kilogrammes) – bringing pride to Myanmar.

At the XIX Southeast Asian and LVII Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships, which took place in Bangkok from 18 to 25 August, Myanmar athletes collected a total of five gold, three silver, and seven bronze medals. — Arkar Linn/KZL

Myanmar U16 Women beat Cambodia 4-1 at ASEAN Championship

MYANMAR'S U16 women's team defeated Cambodia 4-1 in the Group B match of the ASEAN U16 Women's Championship in Indonesia yesterday.

Myanmar had already gained momentum by winning its first group match against Cambodia. With this win, they are now set to face the renowned Vietnam team in the next round, which will determine the top spot in the group.

In the match, Myanmar scored one goal in the first half and added three more in the second half to seal a decisive victory. The winning goals for Myanmar were scored by Pin Myint Yan in 26 and 55 minutes, L L Seng Huan Nang in 58 minutes, and Shin Thant Phyu Sin Pyone in 90 minutes. Cambodia's lone goal was scored by Tahe Tarit in 63 minutes.

This victory marks the first international win for Myanmar's U16 Women's team under their new Japanese



Myanmar and Cambodia teams in action. PHOTO: MFF

coach, Tashiro.

The tournament is organized with three groups, with the top team from each group and the best second-place

team advancing to the semifinals. Myanmar will next face Vietnam on 25 August as part of the second group match. — Chit Ko Ko/KZL

Ayeyawady Foundation backs opening of new artificial turf grounds

THE Myanmar Football Federation has officially opened Training Grounds 3 and 4, which were rebuilt and donated by the Ayeyawady Foundation.

As the artificial turf pitches required renovation, construction was carried out by Futsal Chitthu Sports Floor Co Ltd beginning on 13 March 2024, with a total cost of K1.1 billion, fully donated by the Ayeyawady Foundation.

The newly upgraded training grounds are currently being used for youth teams' training sessions, academy students' training, and warm-up matches, as part of Myanmar's football development programme. Myanmar National League (MNL) clubs are also making use of the facilities for their training.

To commemorate the reopening, a friendly match was held on 22 August between the former Myanmar national men's and women's teams and the current Myanmar women's national team, who were the runners-up at the ASEAN



Women's Championship. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



US President Donald Trump holds the World Cup trophy – he announced the 2026 World Cup draw will be held on 5 December 2025 at Washington's Kennedy Centre. PHOTO: AFP

Trump says 2026 World Cup draw to be held in Washington on 5 Dec

THE draw for the 2026 men's World Cup will take place in Washington on 5 December President Donald Trump said Friday, as he boasts of turning the US capital into "one of the safest places anywhere on Earth" through ongoing measures such as deploying National Guard troops.

"No sporting event attracts more attention, or more fans, or anything else. I just look forward to the draw," Trump

said in the Oval Office alongside FIFA President Gianni Infantino.

Trump also expressed excitement that the quadrennial soccer tournament is projected to generate more than \$30 billion for the US economy and create 185,000 American jobs in a short period of time.

The draw will be held at the Kennedy Centre, a performing arts venue, with Trump hinting at having a role in what

he called a "phenomenal kickoff" for the 48-team tournament. The matches are due to be held across the United States, Canada and Mexico beginning on 11 June next year.

Infantino brought the golden World Cup trophy and handed it to Trump, saying it is "for winners only, and since you're a winner, of course, you can as well touch it". — Kyodo

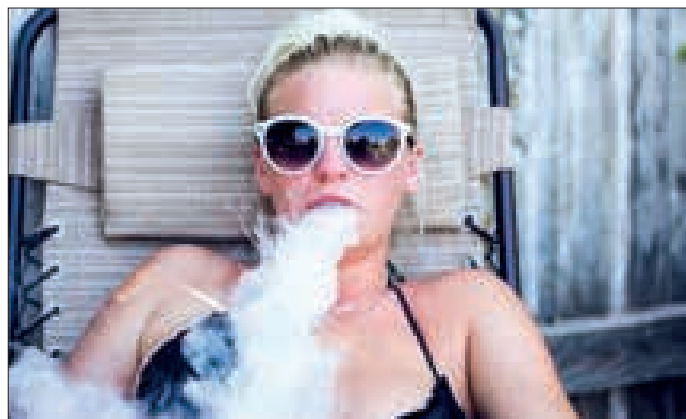
Youth vaping linked to increased health risks, future smoking

Youth e-cigarette users are more likely to smoke cigarettes and face serious health risks later.

YOUNG people who use e-cigarettes are significantly more likely to later take up cigarette smoking and face a heightened risk of respiratory and mental health issues, according to a global review on youth vaping.

The comprehensive umbrella review, conducted by researchers from the University of York and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, analyzed 56 systematic reviews spanning 384 studies worldwide. Of these, 21 reviews directly examined the relationship between e-cigarette use among young people and subsequent cigarette smoking habits.

In findings published recently in the journal Tobacco



Youth vaping is linked to increased respiratory illnesses and substance abuse, along with other health issues. **PHOTO: PIXABAY**

Control, researchers identified a “striking” consistency: young vapers were not only at greater risk of taking up smoking, but were also likely to smoke more frequently and intensely later in life.

The analysis further uncovered an increased likelihood of respiratory illnesses such as asthma and exacerbation of asthma, as well as links to substance abuse, including alcohol and marijuana use.

The study went beyond respiratory concerns, suggesting correlations between youth vaping and other health problems. — Xinhua



Denmark's Culture Minister announced plans to eliminate the book sales tax, costing the state 330 million kroner annually. **PHOTO: PEXELS**

To get people reading, Denmark to end book tax

Worried by a “reading crisis”, Denmark's government will eliminate its sales tax on books, looking to get more citizens buying them, the culture minister said Wednesday.

The Scandinavian country's 25-per-cent tax on books is currently the highest in Europe, and stands in stark contrast with countries such as Britain that charge no sales tax on book purchases.

“We need to do all we can to fix this reading crisis that has unfortunately spread in recent

Denmark's government plans to eliminate the 25 per cent sales tax on books to combat a “reading crisis”.

years,” Culture Minister Jakob Engel-Schmidt told news agency Ritzau, announcing the government's budget bill would propose eliminating the sales tax on books. The measure would cost the state an estimated 330 million kroner (\$51 million) a year.

The latest education report from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) raised alarm

in Denmark when it found 24 per cent of Danish 15-year-olds cannot understand a simple text, up four percentage points in a decade.

Denmark's publishing industry had pushed for the tax cut, saying in a May report the government needed to “guarantee access to physical books for all Danes — both children and adults”. — AFP

Eco-friendly mats made of waste hair tested to grow soybeans in Japan

Matter of Trust Japan is recycling salon hair into mats for sustainable farming, enhancing soil health.

THE Japanese branch of a US environmental organization has launched a pilot project to recycle hair discarded by salons into soil covers for sustainable farming.

Matter of Trust Japan, the Tokyo office of the San Francisco-based organization, began a five-month trial in July, making 30 mats out of human hair for a soybean field with an area of 20 square

metres in Yamanashi Prefecture, west of Tokyo.

Hair mats help to retain soil moisture and reduce evaporation, while providing nutrients such as nitrogen and keratin, it says.

“I knew about hair mats for cleaning up an oil spill along the coastline of Mauritius in 2021 and thought of adapting this technique to Japan,” said Nanako Hama, 45,

the founder of the Japanese branch.

Such mats have been used in a similar project in Chile since 2021, helping to increase harvests by 30 per cent, according to Matter of Trust Japan. The mats, made of hairs 10 centimetres or longer on the exterior and packed with shorter ones inside, require about 600 to 700 grammes of hair and take 30 to 40 minutes to make. — Kyodo



Supplied photo shows hair mats placed on soybean fields in Minobe, Yamanashi Prefecture. **PHOTO: MATTER OF TRUST JAPAN/KYODO**