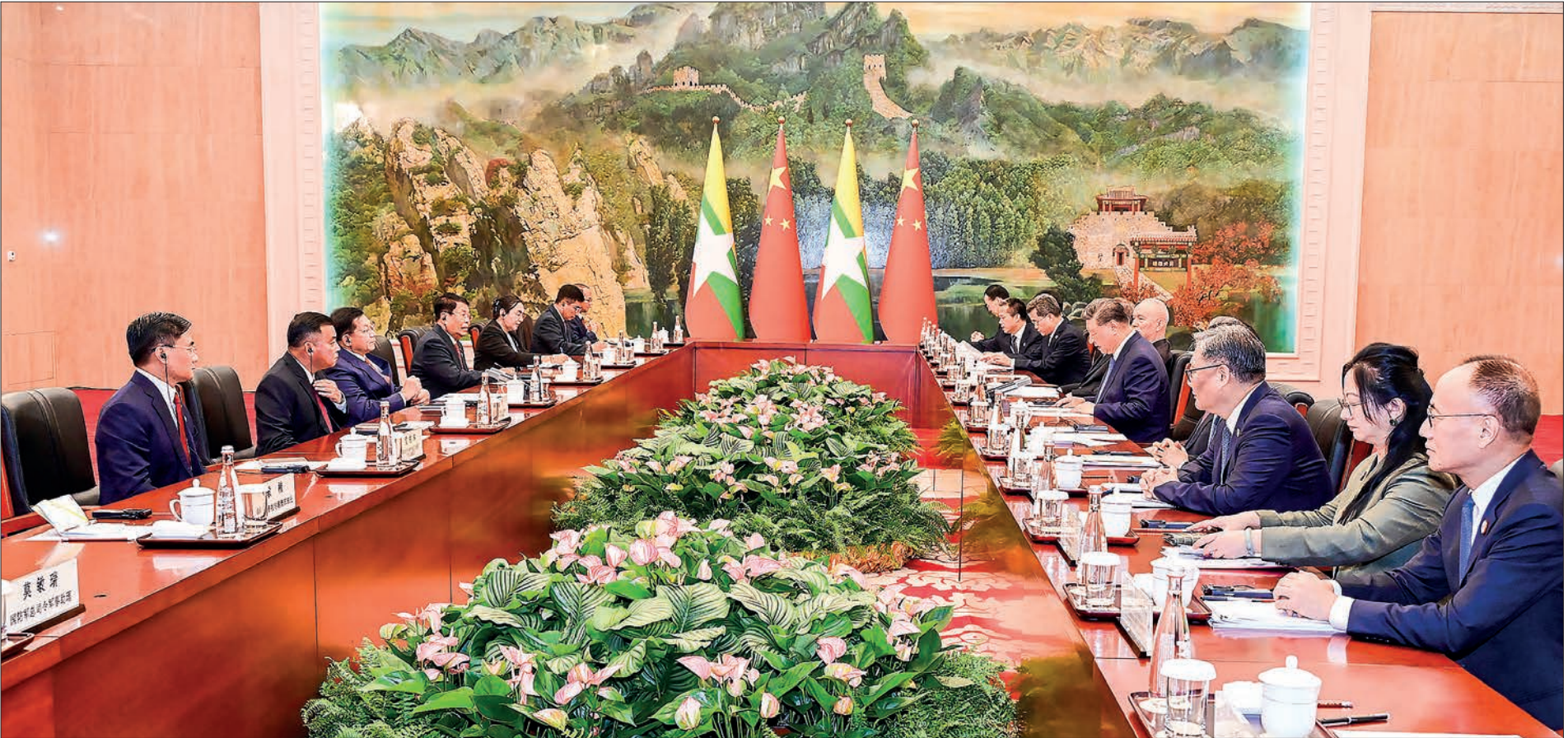


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Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

- 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.



Acting President and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, meets Chinese President Mr Xi Jinping in Tianjin, north China, 30 August 2025.

China vows support for Myanmar’s SCO entry

China supports the political system of Myanmar and firmly stands with Myanmar for the development of its people and the construction of a peaceful and prosperous community sharing the same fortune between the two countries.

ACTING President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is currently in the People’s Republic of China on his working visit at the invitation of President Mr Xi Jinping of the People’s Republic of China, held a

meeting with the President of the People’s Republic of China at the Tianjin Guest House in Tianjin at 5 pm Chinese standard time yesterday.

The President of the People’s Republic of China cordially welcomed the Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and

had documentary photos taken.

Also, present at the meeting were Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Commission member and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe, Commission member and Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin, Union Ministers Dr Wah Wah Maung, U Min Naung and U Chit Swe, Ambassador

of Myanmar to the People’s Republic of China U Tin Maung Swe, deputy ministers and officials. The Chinese President was accompanied by Mr Wang Yi, Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs, officials from the government of the People’s Republic of China, Ms Ma Jia, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar, and officials.

At the meeting, President of the People’s Republic of China, Mr Xi Jinping, expressed thanks for the attendance of the high-level Myanmar delegation to the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2025 and the parade to mark the 80th anniversary of the victory in the War against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War. Myanmar

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NATIONAL

General Aung San Declares Firm Stand Against Election Disruption

“Our Government shall not permit any disruption of the forthcoming election. The electoral process shall remain free and fair, and no interference shall be exercised upon those who participate in it. Yet, let it be firmly declared that any attempt to disturb or sabotage the election shall be met with the full weight of authority”.

(An excerpt from the radio address regarding the election, delivered by General Aung San on 13 March 1947)



- 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.

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Heads of Service Organizations transferred

THE National Defence and Security Council has transferred the following heads of service organizations shown against each, from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
1. Dr Nang Soe Soe Aung Rector University of Computer Studies, Lashio Department of Advanced Science and Technology Ministry of Science and Technology	Rector Polytechnic University, Lashio Department of Advanced Science and Technology Ministry of Science and Technology
2. Dr Thandar Thein Rector University of Computer Studies, Maubin Department of Advanced Science and Technology Ministry of Science and Technology	Rector Polytechnic University, Maubin Department of Advanced Science and Technology Ministry of Science and Technology
3. Dr Thin Thu Naing Rector University of Computer Studies, Kengtung Department of Advanced Science and Technology Ministry of Science and Technology	Rector Polytechnic University, Kengtung Department of Advanced Science and Technology Ministry of Science and Technology

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Announcement 81/2025

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30 August 2025

Announcement of amendment to Amyotha Hluttaw constituencies of Mandalay Region in the proportional representation (PR) system

THE Union Election Commission has amended Amyotha Hluttaw constituencies in Mandalay Region through the proportional representation system (PR), which were included 26 Amyotha Hluttaw constituencies in the PR system issued under announcement 51/2025 on 15 August 2025 for the 2025 multiparty democratic general election in accord with Section 10 (d) of the Union Election Commission Law and Section 4 of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law. The amended constituencies are stated as follows: —

Sd/Than Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Amended Amyotha Hluttaw constituencies of Mandalay Region in the PR system

No	Constituency	Areas in Constituencies	Number of Hluttaw Representatives to be elected
	Mandalay Region Amyotha Hluttaw (PR system)		
13	Constituency 1	Entire Kyaukse, NyaungU, TadaU and Myingyan districts	2
14	Constituency 2	Entire PyinOoLwin, Mahaangmyay, Thabeikkyin, Amarapura and Aungmyaythazan districts	2
15	Constituency 3	Entire Meiktila and Yamethin districts, and the Union Territory	2

EARTHQUAKE

(Issued at 11:50 pm MST)

A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.1 Richter Scale with its epicentre Myanmar Sea (about 80 miles southeast of Pyapon), latitude 15.24 °N, longitude 96.24 °E, depth 10 kilometres, about 111 miles south of the Kaba Aye Seismological Observatory was recorded at 23 hours 35 minutes 30 seconds MST on 30 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)

China vows support for Myanmar's SCO entry

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is a dialogue partner of the SCO and participated in the Anti-Fascist War. China and Myanmar are neighbouring countries in a strong Swemyo Pauk-Phaw relationship. China always stands with Myanmar and supports the development and stability of Myanmar. China supports the political system of Myanmar and firmly stands with Myanmar for the development of its people and the construction of a peaceful and prosperous community sharing the same fortune between the two countries. He pledged that China will uphold the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence between countries.

In his response, the Senior General said that Myanmar launched its anti-Fascist movement on 27 March 1945. The Armed Forces Day of Myanmar Tatmadaw was designated as 27 March, the day marking the resistance against fascism. The Armed Forces Day was observed for its 80th anniversary on 27 March 2025. The Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit is reliable for the

enhancement of international cooperation. Myanmar became a dialogue partner of the SCO in May 2023 and has been attending the summits from then on. The Senior General requested that China recommend that Myanmar become a member of the SCO. The Senior General expressed his firm belief that this meeting will further promote the good relationship between the two countries.

They cordially widely discussed cooperation in peace processes of Myanmar, promotion of trade, enhancement of implementing the OBOR project and the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC), efficient utilization of natural resources, giving aid to Myanmar related to the devastating Mandalay earthquake, placing special emphasis on support and standing of China with Myanmar in the international landscape, further enhancement of relationship between the two countries, efforts to hold a multiparty democratic general election on 28 December in Myanmar, and invitation to international electoral

observation groups to Myanmar.

The Chinese President expressed his wide scope of discussions on matters for continued implementation, which were agreed upon during the meeting between the Chinese and Myanmar leaders in Moscow in May 2025, opposing external interference in Myanmar's politics, promotion of China-Myanmar strategic cooperation, positive standing of China to ensure peace and stability of Myanmar and further action plans, and standing of Myanmar with prestige and integrity in the international landscape and relations with regional organizations.

They also reciprocally discussed support of China for Myanmar's preparations to hold the multiparty democratic general election and further measures to be taken through the diplomatic channel, a pledge to recommend Myanmar to become an SCO member country, and further discussions between relevant departments for multi-sectoral cooperation between the two countries. — MNA/TTA

Youth Strategy Forum
2025 kicks off in Yangon

THE Future Front Myanmar: Youth Strategy Forum 2025 aiming 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 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 took place at the MCC in Yangon yesterday.

It was attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, vice-chairman of the Leading Committee for Future Front Myanmar: Youth Strategy Forum 2025, Deputy Minister U Zin Min Htet, other relevant officials, and students.

During the forum, the students from regions and states participated in energizer quiz under the topic of "My dream for Myanmar".

Indian strategic analyst Mr Atul Aneja discussed under the topic of Changing World and Myanmar-Geopolitics regarding democratic ideology, policies, concepts from the End of History and the Last Man of Francis Fukuyama, World State and other matters.

Students then raised questions regarding the benefits to be received by the country from the changing of multipolar political issues, new cooperation patterns of Myanmar, Russia, China and India, the need for a country with its own sovereignty and other politically related matters.

Mr Atul then discussed "Myanmar, Geopolitics and Multipolar World" regarding the advantages of the civilization of India and China, Myanmar's democratic transition, conditions to hold multiparty democratic general election, impacts on election within the global political changes, invitation for international observers to the election, and economic-related matters.

The students asked questions regard-



Indian strategic analyst Mr Atul Aneja discusses at the Future Front Myanmar: Youth Strategy Forum 2025 at the MCC in Yangon yesterday.

ing the chances as the country lies in a geo-strategic position, prioritized businesses, development measures led by the youths, enhancement of the connection between the students of Myanmar and regional countries and so on.

The Yangon Region chief minister presented gifts to Indian strategic analyst Mr Atul Aneja, Associate Professor of SUPDI Mr Lorenzo Maria Pacini and Director of Anteo Edizioni Publishing House, Italy, Mr Stenfano Bonilauri.

The groups discussed different topics, and one youth representative of each group compiled the discussions.

The region's social affairs minister, who is also the Yangon Region Youth Affairs Committee vice-chairperson, made a concluding remark.

The chairman of Myanmar Narrative Think Tank reported the summary, and officials presented awards to the young groups. A statement will be released on 1 September. — MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL

Myanmar's high-level delegation, led by Acting President and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, arrives in China

AT the invitation of President of the People's Republic of China Mr Xi Jinping, a high-level Myanmar delegation led by Acting President and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, left the Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport yesterday morning to pay a working visit to the People's Republic of China. They were seen off at the airport by Vice-Chairman of the Commission Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Commission member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Commission member and Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe, Commission members, Union ministers, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, and officials from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar and the Office of the Military Attaché.

The Senior General was accompanied by Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Commission member and Union



The high-level Myanmar delegation led by Acting President and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, is seen off by officials from the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar and the Office of the Military Attaché at Nay Pyi Taw Military Airport on 30 August.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe, Commission member and Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin, Union Ministers

Dr Wah Wah Maung, U Min Naung and U Chit Swe, Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Tin Maung Win, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the

Commander-in-Chief, deputy ministers, and military and civilian officials.

The high-level Myanmar delegation led by the Senior General arrived at Binhai International Airport of Tianjin at 1:10 pm Chinese standard time. They were welcomed by Mr Guan Zhiou, Minister of Natural Resources of the government of the People's Republic of China, Myanmar Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, U Tin Maung Swe, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar, Ms Ma Jia, and Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) Brig-Gen Zaw Zaw Naing.

At the airport, Acting President and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, was accorded a ceremonial welcome by the Guard of Honour of the People's Republic of China and a cultural dance troupe, in line with the tradition of receiving visiting heads of state on official goodwill visits. — MNA/TTA



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing is welcomed by Mr Guan Zhiou, Minister of Natural Resources of the government of the People's Republic of China, upon the arrival at the Binhai International Airport in Tianjin yesterday.

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Empowering youth: A strategic investment in national progress

THE opening ceremony of Future Front Myanmar: Youth Strategy Forum 2025 took place at the Myanmar Convention Centre in Yangon yesterday.

Union Minister for Ministry 1 of the President's Office U Tin Aung San, Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, who is also Chairman of Leading Organization Committee for Future Front Myanmar: Youth Strategy Forum 2025, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, who is also vice-chair of committee, deputy minister U Zin Min Htet, regional and state ministers, foreign ambassadors, Myanmar Narrative Think Tank chairman U Ko Ko and members, departmental officials, youths and students attended the forum.

The opening ceremony was inaugurated with the "Strength of Youth" song performance, followed by a screening of a documentary video clip titled "From youth power to continuous progress towards sustainable goals".

In his speech, Union Minister U Tin Aung San appreciated the essence of the forum, saying the youths are a reliable human resource in a society. No matter what the eras or systems, the young generations should be sharp in their thinking, experience, ability and talents. There-



Union Minister for Ministry 1 of the President's Office U Tin Aung San delivers a speech at the opening ceremony of the Future Front Myanmar: Youth Strategy Forum 2025, which took place at the Myanmar Convention Centre in Yangon yesterday.

fore, the government is paving the way to improve the opportunities and capacity of the youth.

Today's youths are human resources in building and shaping a future nation, and also future leaders of the country. As the government believes that the entire youth are the future of the country, it drafts the youth policies and youth development plans in accordance with the era. It also finds solutions to lead the youth's lost future to the right pathway, and creates chances to promote the lives of the youth. Only when the youth are strong in spirit and thought, talented and honest, will they be

able to build the nation towards progress and prosperity.

He highlighted the role of youths in this digital era, emphasizing the stance of the government, "investments for the youths are the best investment for the future of the country", and talked about the measures to ensure the five essential strengths and trainings to promote critical thinking and problem-solving skills for their lives, in addition to the country and people.

He also urged the attendees to place special emphasis on the forum in which the experts will discuss certain topics, such as the geopolitical and multipolar,

changing world and the Myanmar geopolitical issue and economy.

Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn said foreign experts Mr Atul Aneja and Mr Lorenzo Maria Pacini will discuss the understanding of the global geological landscape, changing globe and Myanmar geopolitical issue, Myanmar and geo-economics strategy and other matters.

He added that the forum will bring six outcomes-training about 400 youths in strategic thinking and global awareness, presentation of own ideas, thoughts and plans by the youths through the discussions with

experts at the forum, release of Youth Declaration for Myanmar 2040 via collective leadership and cooperation, youth network through engagement of youths, continuing to conduct advanced leadership courses and awareness programmes improving the capacity of the youth can be enhanced, and active participation in the upcoming election.

The region chief minister also made an opening speech, and the Yangon Region Youth Affairs Committee performed the "Rays of Future" song.

The forum will take place for three days from 30 August to 1 September. — MNA/KTZH

CIRDAP Chief visits Myanmar's rural projects

CIRDAP Director-General Mr Chandra Shekara Putte Gowda, who is in Myanmar to attend the 40th Technical Committee Meeting of the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), together with U Thein Lwin, Director-General of the Department of Rural Development, and officials, visited Kayin Seik Sanpya Village in Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region, on the morning of 28 August.

They met members of the Modern Sanpya Village Project, the Rural Business Fund (RBF), and the Village Development Project (VDP) committees. During the meeting, the CIRDAP Director-General asked committee members about their individual activities and offered suggestions for ensuring



CIRDAP Director-General Mr Chandra Shekara Putte Gowda observes the display at the University of Co-operatives and Management, Thanlyin, Yangon on 28 August 2025.

the success of the projects, while also clarifying the activities being carried out by the CIRDAP Centre.

Afterwards, the CIRDAP director-general, U Thein Lwin, and officials visited the University of Co-operatives and Management, Thanlyin, where they watched dance performances by students. The students performed the songs "Mya Sein Yaung Hlwan Aye Chan Saemyi Myanmar Pyay", "Let-panpwint Kouk Ayouk Lamae", and "Na Pan San".

Next, Rector Dr Yi Yi Win extended greetings, followed by an address from the CIRDAP Director-General, and the rector also presented souvenirs. — MNA/MKKS

NATIONAL

New music video ‘Maung Hma Maung’ drops

SINGER Cherry Thinn has released the music video (MV) for her new song “Maung Hma Maung” on 29 August, according to the artist.

The track was written by Min Sithu, performed by Cherry Thinn, and directed by Yan K. The MV features performances by Cherry Thinn, Vitamin, and dancers.

Speaking about the release, Cherry Thinn said, “This song is

for the Maung Teams. It includes fun lyrics like ‘Maung, if you want it, just snap your fingers and everything will be yours.’ I also want to thank my younger brother, Min Sithu, for giving me this sweet song as a gift”.

The music video is now available on Cherry Thinn’s YouTube channel and other digital platforms, and will also be shared on her Facebook page.

— ASH/KZL



Singer Cherry Thinn is seen in the poster for her new MV ‘Maung Hma Maung’.



This photo features the ceremony for conferring the 16th Shwegyin Sangharaja title, along with the title amulets, on Sitagu Sayadaw on 29 August.

Sitagu Sayadaw conferred with 16th Shwegyin Sangharaja title and amulets

THE ceremony for conferring the Shwegyin Sangharaja title, along with the title amulets, on Sitagu Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Nyanissara, the 16th Shwegyin Sangharaja and Chair of the Shwegyin Nikaya, was held on 29 August at the Thanwejanya Dhamma Beikman, Sitagu International Vipassana Academy, Sagaing Hills, Sagaing Township in Sagaing Region.

At the ceremony, the Shwegyin Nikaya Secretary, Aweiya Yama Yankin Sayadaw, explained the submission of the Shwegyin Sangharaja title. The title certificate, the Sasana flag, and the title stamp were presented to the Sitagu Sayadaw by the Shwegyin Nikaya Secretary Aweiya Yama Yankin Sayadaw, Vija Lankara Sayadaw, and Kyaukme Sayadaw.

The title bestowed upon the venerable Sitagu Sayadaw is “Chairman of Shwegyin Nikaya Dhipati Maha Nayaka Dhamma Senapati 16th Shwegyin Sangharaja”. — ASH/TH

Weekly Roundup

25 August
Outstanding students honoured

A ceremony to award the students who outstandingly passed the 2025 matriculation examination with flying colours and high scores in relevant combinations, at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw, attended by Vice-Chairman of the Commission Vice-Senior General Soe Win, on behalf of Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

26 August
Agriculture and Livestock Development Commission meets

Chairman of the Agriculture and Livestock Development Commission, Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, delivered a speech at the meeting 4/2025 of the commission at the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation in Nay Pyi Taw.

Associations denounce terrorist acts of TNLA terrorist group

Various organizations and associations issued their statements of strong condemnations over the terrorist action of the TNLA terrorist group, which blew up 125-year-old Myanmar’s prominent Gokteik Viaduct

on 24 August.

27 August
Offspring, Tatmadaw members in matric exam honoured

On behalf of Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing; Vice-Chairman of the Commission, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win attended the ceremony to honour Tatmadaw members from Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air), offspring of in-service/war veterans, children of military-substituted civilian service personnel who passed the 2024-25 academic year’s matriculation examination outstandingly, outstanding award students and the students who won prizes in the national-level article, essay, painting, cartoon and mathematics skill contests held at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw.

29 August
Head of State to make working visit to China

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, will pay a working visit to the

People’s Republic of China soon at the invitation of President of the People’s Republic of China, Mr Xi Jinping.

KNU declared as terrorist organization

The Counter-Terrorism Central Committee, with the approval of the Union Government and under the authority granted by Subsection (e) of Section 6 and Subsection (b) of Section 72 of the Counter-Terrorism Law, hereby issued the declaration in accord with its notification 1/2025. Hence, the Kayin National Union (KNU), which is committing the above-mentioned acts of terrorism, is hereby declared a terrorist organization.

KNU declared an unlawful association

The Acting President affirms that the objectives and activities of the Kayin National Union (KNU), its members, affiliated organizations, and associated individuals pose serious threats to the rule of law in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, as well as to the peace, stability, and well-being of the State and its people. Therefore, under Section 16 of the Unlawful Associations Act, the Acting President has declared the above-mentioned organization, along with its affiliated bodies, as unlawful associations in accordance with Subsection 2 of Section 15 of the Act, according to the notification 922/2025 of the Ministry of Home Affairs. — GNLMT/TTA

CBM sells over THB1M, CNY849K on 29 Aug

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) injected 849,825 yuan and one million baht into the financial market on 29 August after the sales of over US\$1.67 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$242,000 to those who made non-trade payments.

CBM sold over \$1.9 million to edible oil-importing companies and \$727,500 to fuel oil-importing companies on 28 August, in addition to an injection of 66,150 yuan in the market.

Moreover, CBM sold \$127,894 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments.

CBM sold over 925,900 yuan and over one million baht on 27 August. Furthermore, it sold \$735,040 to edible oil-importing companies, over \$723,000 to fuel oil-importing companies, and over \$350,000 to CMP companies and individuals who made non-trade payments.

CBM announced on 26 August that it would sell \$32 million and 15 million yuan to importers of other commodities.

CBM also sold \$930,000 to



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

edible oil-importing companies, \$260,354 to fuel oil-importing companies and over \$452,280 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments.

CBM sold over \$444,430 to edible oil-importing companies and \$390,000 to fuel oil-importing

companies on 25 August after the sales of over \$29,440 to those who made non-trade payments.

CBM pumped \$1.177 million into edible oil-importing companies and over \$287,600 into fuel oil-importing companies on 22 August, after the 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 \$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

SMVTI opens enrolment for hospitality, engineering courses

SINGAPORE-MYANMAR Vocational Training Institute (SMVTI) under the Department of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (DTVET) will open Hospitality & Tourism and Engineering & Technology courses on 5 November. Those who passed the matriculation exam and those who passed the Government Technical High School can join the course. They must be over 17 years old and healthy to attend the courses. Those who passed the interview are eligible to attend the courses. This six-month course will offer theoretical and practical approaches with the use of lab equipment. Those courses aim to produce skilled trainees. SMVTI will offer courses related to Hospitality & Tourism (15th Batch), Front Office Operations, Housekeeping Operations, Restaurant Operations, Engineering & Tech-



The aerial drone view of the Singapore-Myanmar Vocational Training Institute (SMVTI).

nology(14th Batch), Electrical Technology, Electronics, Residential Air-Conditioning, Mechatronics (Basic Servicing) and General Welding.

Interested individuals can enrol in the courses at SMVTI located at 123, Natmawk Street, Bahan Township, Yangon, between 9:30 am and 4 pm from 1 September to 31 October.

They need to present a citizenship scrutiny card and a copy, exam pass result, three passport-sized photos, police clearance certificate and ward administrator recommendation certificate. For further details, individuals can enquire about details through the contact number at 09 781002572 during office hours. — NN/KK

MFVP to launch 'Safe Food Market' for farm produce

MYANMAR Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producer and Exporter Association (MFVP) will open Safe Food from Safe Farm Market in Myay Padethakyun of Kandawgyi on Saturday and Sunday starting from 13 September 2025.

The sellers can start registering for stalls in the market. Fresh agricultural produce, vegetables, flowers, fruits, rice, edible oil, salt, pepper, onion, seedlings, agricultural fertiliz-

ers, eggs, frozen meat and fish will be on sale at the market. Fruits, vegetables and food products are required to be produced with Good Agricultural Practice, organic certification or organic farming. Those products that use of chemical or chemical pesticides are not allowed to be sold on the market.

Those interested can register through <https://forms.gle/AsWzuJcdRjYyb2G7> and 0943034894. — NN/KK



A vendor shows an opened durian amid unpeeled durians at a durian shop.

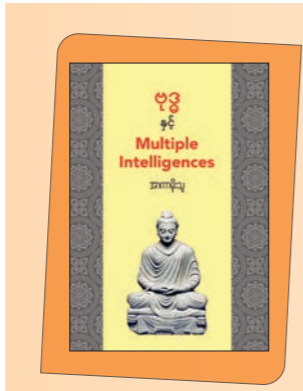
Leverage up expansion of sown acreage for oil crops

AS IT is important for the expansion of sown acreage to grow oil crops, farmers emphasize the cultivation of oil crops such as groundnut, sesame, and sunflower in designated special zones. However, the target cultivation and production have not yet been fully achieved up to now. As such, it is necessary to expand the sunflower cultivation due to giving directive given since 2022 to effectively secure success.

Sunflower cultivation should be expanded to ensure a sufficient domestic edible oil supply and to enable exports. Expanding the sown acreage of sunflowers can increase yield, shorten the growing period, simplify farming, and contribute to the nation's economic development. With higher sunflower oil production, the country's domestic edible oil demand can be reduced, import dependency on foreign countries minimized, and foreign currency expenditure

saved. Thus, priority should be given to expanding sunflower cultivation through clear policy implementation. According to the statistics, it is expected that for Myanmar's estimated population of 51.3 million, calculating at an annual per capita consumption rate of six visses, the country would require 500,000 tonnes of edible oil. Based on the current yields of cultivated groundnut, sesame, sunflower, canola, and safflower, domestic production of edible oil could theoretically meet national demand. However, since groundnut and sesame are also consumed as whole seeds domestically and exported abroad, there will still be a requirement to ensure a sufficient edible oil supply within the country. As such, it is necessary to further expand the cultivation of sunflowers, which can be used exclusively for edible oil. Currently, about US\$500 million worth of edible oil is imported annually from abroad. To reduce these imports, it is essential to increase domestic cultivation of oil-yielding crops

such as sunflowers. Sunflower oil is a high-quality edible one that is beneficial for health and is also a marketable crop. If cultivated and produced systematically, it can increase farmers' incomes. Furthermore, unlike the practice of focusing exclusively on rice and legumes, sunflowers can be widely grown as a single crop, enabling farmers to achieve crop diversification on their fields. Moreover, rotating sunflower cultivation helps maintain soil nutrient levels. Therefore, to ensure affordable edible oil prices for consumers, sustain the operation of domestic oil mills, and reduce the prices of oil crop raw materials, the expansion of oil crop cultivation must be implemented as a national policy. To achieve this, efforts to increase cultivation areas and enhance crop yields must be successfully carried out under the leadership of state and regional governments.



Book Title	-	Buddha and Multiple Intelligences
Writer	-	Arkar Moe Thu
Publishing House	-	Thar Nge
Publication Date	-	August 2025 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K17,000

Exploring Buddha Through Multiple Intelligences

THIS week, we pick a new book regarding The Buddha, as it highlights the concept that a true friend is incredibly valuable throughout life's journey. Buddha is the best travel companion in the circle of life. It is Buddha and Multiple Intelligences. The author himself signed his books for pre-order on 20 August.

Although the idea was strongly urged in the 20th century, this book shows how the Buddha had already used different teaching methods to develop various kinds of intelligence in society about 2,600 years ago.

"When we look at how the Buddha systematically used teaching methods related to Multiple Intelligences and expand our knowledge in the cognitive area, we can see His modern and fresh views on education throughout the treatises. Howard Gardner identified only nine types of Multiple Intelligences, but the Buddha developed more than nine. He also introduced new intelligences such as Olfactory Intelligence (smell) and Gustatory Intelligence (taste).

To accept a new idea, one must have the

courage to break free from the limits of old traditional knowledge. This book explores how far new ideas have developed to grab the new layers of intelligence," said the writer.

When the Buddha's teaching methods are studied and compared with Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligences, we can discover pedagogical approaches of Buddha that may bring useful ideas for today's education and society.

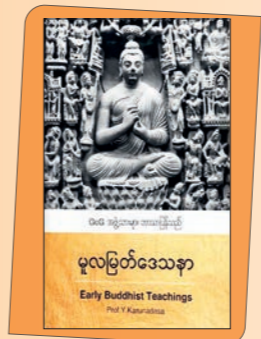
This book focuses on how the Buddha viewed the development of various human intelligences (Multiple Intelligences) as part of his teaching methods 2,600 years ago, using many references.

This book approaches teaching methods with questions such as: How did the Buddha accept teaching autonomy? How did He design lesson plans to guide the development of human intelligence? What teaching aids did He use? What was logical thinking about Lokuttara (supermundane)? What kind of classrooms did He have? And how did He conduct examinations? These questions form the basis for exploring His educational

approaches. The book initiates the teaching methods that use the language of Loke to develop Lokuttara intelligence for the human society that applies continual teaching.

Reader Ashin Candima Linkara (Bhone Shwekyia) said... I am now a monastic instructor. I receive a great deal of benefits from studying the techniques of the Buddha that He applied from different perspectives as the academic year nears its start. In our monastic education field, most of the monks strongly hold that treatises move forward to new from the old one. It is showing off something from the inside to the outside. Saya Arkar Moe Thu shows an approach from the new to the old and presents the system from the inside to the outside. It is just a procedure in accordance with the timeline.

Studying a certain field from only one perspective is not as perfect as studying it from multiple perspectives. For today's teachers and learners, the methods that the Buddha practised for many centuries have now been introduced by Saya Arkar Moe Thu through modern knowledge and wisdom.



Book Title	-	Sacred Buddhist Doctrine Early Buddhist Teachings by Professor Y Karunadasa
Translator	-	GoG
Publishing House	-	Thar Nge
Publication Date	-	August 2025 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K19,000

Sacred Buddhist Doctrine

Early Buddhist Teachings: The Middle Position in Theory and Practice By Professor Y Karunadasa

THE GoG team, comprising Myanmar's Buddhist monks and Sri Lanka's nuns who are conducting research at Sri Lanka's universities, translated this book into Myanmar

This book, entitled Early Buddhist Teachings by Professor Y Karunadasa, is ideal for researchers, scholars and those who are willing to comprehend Buddhist teachings rather than beginners in Buddhism. Nonetheless, it provides a clear and elegant exploration of the basic teachings of early Buddhism so that general readers can also understand core principles.

The essence of Buddhism does not lie in Doctrinal complexities but in the practical wisdom through principles and the Middle

Way practice.

This book encompasses a masterful and systematic analysis of Early Buddhism through a logical and well-organized exploration of the core principles. Karunadasa helps to illuminate the basic concepts, such as Anat-ta (non-self, stating there is no permanent self), Paticcasam-uppada (all phenomena arise in dependence), Five Aggregates and Four Truths of the Noble with a modern approach. He aims to refine both theory and practice and to highlight the Middle Position, which is a practical, balanced approach to life and spiritual practice.

This book is primarily based on the Sutta Pitaka scripture of Theravada Buddhism, along with

references to commentaries (At-thakatha and Tika) rather than Pali texts for clarification. Yet, direct translation of some original Pali quotations with a clear and simple explanation for the readers is included. For instance, an in-depth explanation of Anat-ta through the Five Aggregates can be readily grasped by the readers, bridging philosophical insights with daily life applications and avoiding speculative fantasy rather than realism. The teachings will contribute to self-reflection and mindfulness.

Some excerpts from this book are that the Dhamma is just a relative value to reach Nibbana. A powerful metaphor for the Buddha's teaching in Chinese Buddhism, "the Dhamma is like

a finger pointing to the moon," means that if we focus solely on the finger, we will miss the moon. In turn, we cannot see the moon if we ignore the finger as well (the teachings) and not the truth and reality (the moon), which serves as a tool to guide practitioners towards the ultimate truth and reality through the teachings.

Impermanence (Anicca) and no-self (Anatta) state that there is no unchanging self or soul within living beings (animate) or any phenomenon (inanimate). The profound implication of Paticcasam-uppada depicts the concepts of interconnectedness, emphasizing that all phenomena happen due to other factors and conditions, and nothing exists independently.

Buddhist teaching pointed out the true nature of dynamic and interdependent entities (body and mind). No permanent self or essence can be found by clinging to a solid ego.

This foundational piece of writing that synthesizes the deep truth and pragmatic guidance from Buddhist teachings is a must-read book for those interested in early Buddhist teachings from the modern point of view. This book will offer new insights into Buddhism by presenting its core teachings in accessible ways and providing a different lens through which readers can gain a transformative perspective on life grounded in the Middle Way.

No Blame



by Mya Thae (Research)

Whatever I did, they never accepted it.
How much I advised their work, but they neglected it.
Even though I helped when they encountered difficult cases, they rejected me.
They are always blaming and treating me with no respect.
That is my ill luck, or their mind is not completely white and perfect.

This Cause

By Zawgyi (Translated by Myint Zan)

i want to give
the real philosopher's stone (Pyadashin)
for this immediate cause

but I'm not a real Zawgyi
therefore, I'm frustrated.

Published in Gandawka magazine, April 1936
Translated on 28 August 2025



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Translator's note: This brief poem was given by Saya Zawgyi (12 April 1907-26 September 1990) to the student strikers from the University of Rangoon who were on strike against the then colonial authorities. Zawgyi visited them in the precinct of the Shwedagon Pagoda in February 1936. The mythical creature Zawgyi can, among others, supposedly fly in the air or go underneath the Earth. He possessed his 'power-conferring tools' such as a magic wand (taung hmyay) and also pyadashin lone ('philosopher's stone'). They supposedly enable the mythical Zawgyi to perform astonishing if not miraculous tasks. The poet Zawgyi was expressing his frustration in that he was not able to assist the striking students as fulsomely as the mythical Zawgyi could due to the fact that he was not a 'real' Zawgyi.


Duty to Defend the Nation

By Min Zan

A homeland strong must stand with care,
Its sons and daughters all must share,
The weight of duty, firm and true,
To guard the flag of red and blue.

Through storms of strife and trials long,
United hearts grow brave and strong,
When people rise with steadfast hand,
They shield the peace of their own land.

So let us vow, both young and old,
To keep our Union firm and bold,
With love and honour, side by side,
We guard our nation's soul with pride.



NATIONAL

Entertainment

Connie
VOCALIST Connie shared her memorable photos of the 'Maygyi' tea leaf advertisement for her fans on 29 August. She is famous for stereo music and Myanmar classical songs. She starred as an actress in films and videos.

Hla Myo Thinzar Nwe
SUPPORTING actress Hla Myo Thinzar Nwe opened an acting training school called New Face Acting Class. The first batch of class will be on 1 September. The actress and well-experienced directors and artistes will teach at the class. The training will last for one month, and the outstanding trainees will be selected and allowed to debut in series, MVs, advertisements, calendars and short films that she herself will produce.

Sung Tin Par
VOCALIST Sung Tin Par will host her One Lady Show at Inya Lake Garden in Yangon on 7 September. She will sing her famous songs like 'Cherry Myot' and 'Thakin' with her powerful voice, and the Mercury IX Band will support her.



Pyay Ti Oo, Eaindra Kyaw Zin
THE Academy couple, Pyay Ti Oo and Eaindra Kaw Zin, appeared again with new advertisements for AYA Bank. One commercial for AYA Mobile Banking reaches Part III. Their fans also feel happy and satisfied with their return to the screen.

Thazin Nwe Win
MRTV-4 presenter Thazin Nwe Win becomes famous as an emcee (MC) for various ceremonies. Moreover, she takes the main lead for the TV series 'Ma Joe Ko Bello Pyaw Yapa', which was directed by Win Tun Tun (An-pyanya Pyachat). She said, "As my fans told me that they wanted to see me as an actress, and so I accepted the series. I didn't choose to be an actress, but I am still learning acting skills".
— Htun Htun/KTZH

C E L E B R I T Y

BRIEF

May
ACTRESS May will participate in entertainment programmes together with other artistes in the Manulife Sepak Takraw Championship 2025. The final match and awards ceremony of the Manulife Sepak Takraw Championship 2025 will be on 20 September. Those who love Sepak Takraw should not miss the chance while watching the performance by May.



Female and male artistes unite for concert showcase

THE music concert named 'Michit Tayouk Ko Nga Youk' will be organized at The Heart of Rangoon Bar (THOR) at 7 pm on 9 September, according to singer Eaint Chit. Other vocalists will be Phoe Kar, He Lay, Zwe Pyae, Nay Min Eain, and Junior Chit Kaung, alongside Eaint Chit. The Daily Gita Band will provide live instrumental backing

throughout the concert. "We are ready to meet fans at THOR on 9 September. My brother and I, together with senior and junior colleagues, will perform with the Daily Gita Band. Vocalists from THOR will support us. Therefore, our fans should not miss it," said Eaint Chit. — ASH/KTZH

NATIONAL

Tropical Storm (NONGFA)
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Issued at 6 pm MST on 30 August 2025

Tropical Storm (NONGFA) Condition

According to the observations at 4:30 pm MST today, the Tropical Storm (NONGFA) has crossed near Vinh, (Vietnam) and moved westwards and reached the interior regions of Vietnam.

Next 24 hours forecast

It is likely to continue to move westwards and gradually weaken into a Tropical Depression over Lao and Thai during the next 24 hours.

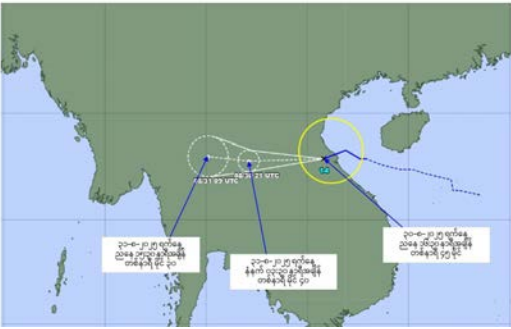
General Caution

Due to the Tropical Storm (NONGFA), rain or thunder-showers will be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan states with isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayah, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan states from today evening to 3 September 2025. Occasional squalls with rough seas are will be experienced in the Deltaic, the Gulf of Mottama and off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 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 strike, lightning, hails, 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

Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) မှ အပူပိုင်းမုန်တိုင်း “နောင်ဖ” ၏ လမ်းကြောင်းပြပုံ



Tatmadaw reoccupies Nawnghkio-Mogok, PyinOoLwin-Hokho routes



Tatmadaw members are seen in front of the school in Hokho Village.

TATMADAW columns conducted security measures along PyinOoLwin-Mogok and Nawnghkio-Mogok road sections to facilitate transport for locals.

Tatmadaw launched three security operations -Nawnghkio-Laukphan-Hokho-Yadana Theingi mining

route, PyinOoLwin-Kyaukme Lay-Thanbo-Hokho route and Ohmmathi-Thonze-Hokho-Yadana Theingi mining route.

During the operations, Tatmadaw regained control of the key areas of operation sites in July and August, respectively.

During the over one-month

security operation, there were 48 armed engagements, 24 dead bodies of terrorists, and 23 arms and ammunition were seized.

Tatmadaw columns keep carrying out the security measures on the Nawnghkio-Kyaukme road section. — MNA/KTZH

Film series ‘Behind the Lost’ launched at press event

THE press launch ceremony for the MRTV film series ‘Behind the Lost’ was held on 29 August at the Novotel Hotel in Sangyoung Township, Yangon Region.

The story was written by Aung Chan Lu, with the screenplay by Yinma Kyaw Win, and directed by Aung Chan Lu for Picture Power 24 Film Production.

“This series, directed by Aung Chan Lu, consists of 10 episodes. It is the debut production of Picture Power 24, produced by Aung Chan Lu. The series features well-known stars, as well as new cast members. As a crime drama, it includes elements that will strongly engage audiences. It will premiere on 1

September,” said Academy Tun Tun, who plays a major role in the series.

The film will be broadcast on both the HEY Play application and Channel 7 starting from 1 September, featuring Academy Tun Tun, Chuu Lay, Snow Kyi Phyu, and many others. — ASH/MKKS

MNA plans Lashio flight restart

MYANMAR National Airlines (MNA) has been arranging to resume suspended flights to Lashio as soon as possible.

MNA currently operates domestic flights connecting Yangon and Mandalay to 26 townships. At present, some destinations (Loikaw, Bhamo, Lashio, Thandwe and An towns) are on hold.

“Earlier, MNA ran flights from Magway to An-Thandwe destinations. Currently, flights to Loikaw, Bhamo,

An, Thandwe and Lashio are temporarily stopped. MNA will soon restart flights to Lashio,” said U Myo Thura, Chief Commercial Officer of MNA.

MNA has been implementing comprehensive safety measures to ensure security for passengers before resuming the suspended routes.

MNA has been operating Mandalay-Magway, Magway-Myitkyina, Magway-Nay Pyi Taw and Magway-Yangon flights every Monday starting from 25 August 2025. — ASH/KK

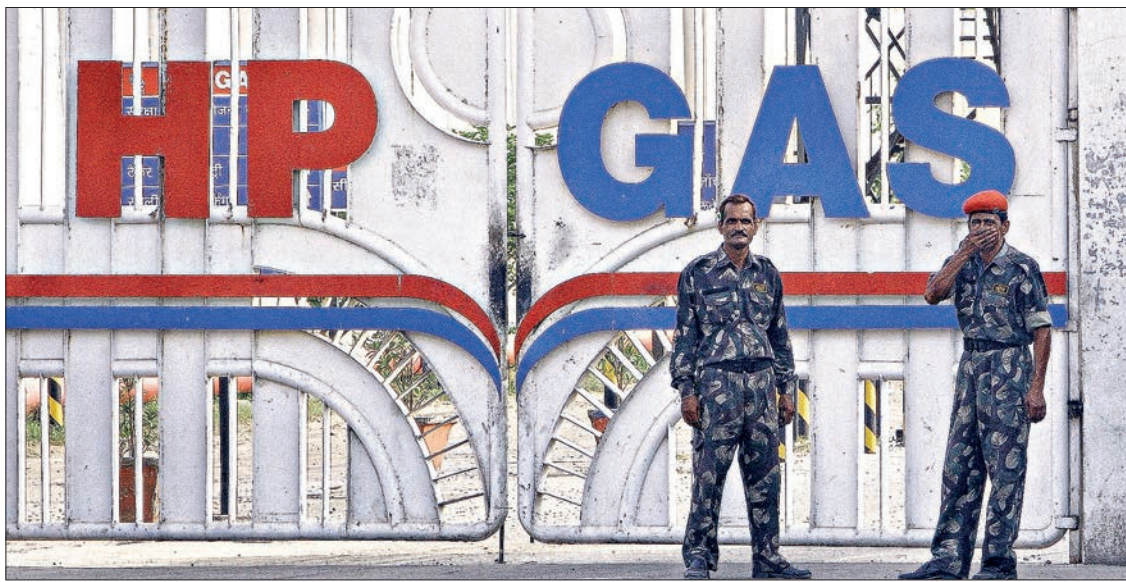


Photo shows an aeroplane of Myanmar National Airlines.

ECONOMY WORLD

GDP growth reflects India's broader economic progress: Petroleum Minister Puri

India's economy registered a growth of 7.8 per cent in the first quarter (April-June) of the 2025-26 financial year.



In this picture taken on 4 June 2008, security personnel stand guard at the entrance of Hindustan Petroleum (HP) Gas plant on the outskirts of New Delhi, India. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ PRAKASH SINGH/AFP/FILE**

MINISTER of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri said on Saturday that the changes in GDP figures are translating into growth in other areas.

Talking to reporters in the national capital, Puri said, "As we grow as an economy, today we are a \$4.3 trillion economy, but the changes are not just GDP figures, but how it's translating into other parts."

He praised the GDP growth figures for the last quarter, adding that "7.8 per cent was the rate of growth of GDP in the last quarter. In the preceding quarter, it was 7.4 per cent. So, I think that we are not just the world's fastest-growing large economy,

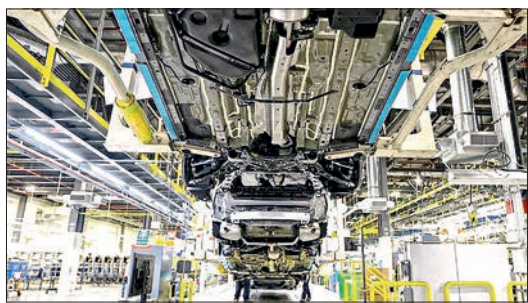
but these figures are remarkable in themselves."

"If you look at the overall activity, how is the energy consumption taking place here — India's energy consumption is three times higher than the global number...If the economy is doing well, energy consumption will go up," Puri further added.

According to the government data released on Friday, India's economy surged ahead with a robust 7.8 per cent growth in Q1 of FY 2025-26, exceeding the Reserve Bank of India's projection of 6.5 per cent and marking the highest quarterly increase in five quarters. — ANI

Canada's GDP down 0.4% in Q2

CANADA'S real gross domestic product declined 0.4 per cent in the second quarter of this year, following a 0.5 per cent gain in the first quarter, said Statistics Canada on Friday.



Workers assemble a vehicle at the Honda Canada facility in Alliston, Ont. **PHOTO: PETER POWER/ AFP/FILE**

The contraction was driven by significant declines in the export of goods, as well as decreased business investment in machinery and equipment, said the national statistical agency.

According to the agency, exports fell 7.5 per cent. International exports of passenger cars and light trucks plummeted 24.7 per cent in the second quarter as a consequence of tariffs imposed by the United States. Exports of industrial machinery, equipment and parts dropped 18.5 per cent, while travel services also declined 11.1 per cent.

These declines were tempered by faster accumulations of business inventories, higher household spending and lower imports of goods, the agency added. — Xinhua

US appeals court finds Trump's global tariffs illegal

A US appeals court on Friday ruled that many of President Donald Trump's tariffs, which have upended global trade, were illegal — but allowed them to remain in place for now, giving him time to take the fight to the Supreme Court.

The 7-4 ruling by the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit affirmed a lower court's finding that Trump had exceeded his authority in tapping emergency economic powers to impose wide-ranging duties.

But the judges allowed the tariffs to stay in place through mid-October — and Trump swiftly made clear he would put the time to use.

The appeals court "incorrectly said that our Tariffs should be removed, but they know the United States of America will win in the end", he said in a statement on his Truth Social platform lashing out at the ruling.

He added that he would fight back "with the help of the United States Supreme Court". — AFP

Philippine central bank welcomes Moody's assessment of country's external sector

THE Philippine central bank, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), on Saturday said it welcomed the favourable assessment by credit rating agency Moody's of the country's access to external financing.

In its latest ratings review — a report that follows a rating action — Moody's

noted the country's access to domestic and international funding markets as well as the "ample foreign-currency reserves". These are seen to help the economy "weather global capital flows volatility".

Moody's assessment followed its affirmation of the Baa2 rating (moderate credit risk) and stable outlook in

August 2024.

As of the end of July 2025, the Philippines' gross international reserves stood at US\$105.4 billion, equivalent to 7.2 months' worth of imports and about 3.4 times the country's short-term external debt based on residual maturity, the BSP said. — Xinhua



The US Supreme Court is seen in Washington DC on 26 June 2025. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

US banana giant Chiquita returns to Panama

US banana giant Chiquita Brands will resume operations in Panama and rehire thousands of workers fired after a crippling strike, the government of the Central American country said Friday.

Chiquita closed its Changuinola plant in the Caribbean province of Bocas del Toro at the end of May and laid off 6,000 workers after a strike over pension reforms that crippled production for weeks. The strike, declared illegal by a labor court, caused more than \$75 million in losses as well as road closures and product shortages in the province. The Panamanian government has been negotiating with the company for its return to Bocas del Toro, which relies heavily on tourism and banana production. — AFP



Chiquita closed its Changuinola plant in the Caribbean province of Bocas del Toro at the end of May and laid off 6,000 workers after a strike over pension reforms that crippled production for week. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Japan’s 2025 rice crop outlook favourable, shortage likely to ease

RICE production in 13 of Japan’s 47 prefectures in 2025 is expected to exceed that of the previous year and remain mostly unchanged in 29 prefectures, an outlook from the farm ministry showed Friday, raising hopes that the country’s rice shortage will soon be resolved. With just four prefectures projected to see lower rice yield per unit area than the previous year as of 15 August the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has concluded that overall harvest conditions are favorable.

Okinawa Prefecture was not included in the outlook as some of the figures from the region have yet to be tabulated.

Land for cultivation in 2025 is expected to expand by about 100,000 hectares compared with the previous year. Assuming regular crop conditions, the ministry forecasts that brown rice production will increase by 560,000 tonnes to around 7.35 million tonnes.

A significant shortfall was seen in 2024, when demand reached 7.11 million tonnes, while only 6.79 million tonnes of rice was produced. The rise has been mainly driven by reduced distribution volumes, due in part to heat damage and pest outbreaks, with some also attributing it to demand from booming inbound tourism. — Kyodo

US Spirit Airlines files for bankruptcy again

BUDGET US carrier Spirit Airlines said Friday that it will file for bankruptcy for the second time in a year, but will continue to fly, sell tickets and operate.

Spirit first filed for bankruptcy in November and announced in March that it had completed a restructuring deal with creditors to trim its debt by nearly \$800 million.

With the new filing, the Florida-based company said it “expects to double down on its efforts to” redesign its network, “rightsizing its fleet”, and pursue further cost efficiencies.

“The Chapter 11 process will provide Spirit the



Spirit Airlines has filed for bankruptcy again, its second restructuring in 2025. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

tools, time and flexibility to continue ongoing discussions with all of its lessors, financial creditors and other parties to implement a

financial and operational transformation of the Company,” Spirit said in a statement.

In April, former CEO Ted Christie was replaced by Dave Davis, who joined Spirit from Sun Country Airlines.

“As we move forward, guests can continue to rely on Spirit to provide high-value travel options and connect them with the people and places that matter most,” said Dave Davis, Spirit’s president and CEO. — AFP

Cash-strapped Taliban look to airspace for windfall

FAR above Kabul, the cash-strapped Taliban government has located a potentially lucrative revenue stream: Afghanistan’s airspace.

As Israel and Iran’s exchange of missiles threw flight paths into disarray this year, the skies above Afghanistan offered carriers a less turbulent and faster route to ply — for a flat \$700 overflight fee, according to industry insiders.

The US aviation authority eased restrictions on the country’s airspace and paved the way for commercial flyovers in 2023, two years after the Taliban takeover. — AFP

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST

AUGUST 30

Nearly 500,000 displaced by floods in eastern Pakistan

NEARLY half a million people have been displaced by flooding in eastern Pakistan after days of heavy rain swelled rivers, relief officials said Saturday, as they carried out a massive rescue operation.

Three transboundary rivers that cut through Punjab province have swollen to exceptionally high levels, affecting more than 2,300 villages.

Nabeel Javed, the head of the Punjab government's relief services, said 481,000 people stranded by the floods have been evacuated, along with 405,000 livestock.

Overall, more than 1.5 million people have been affected by the flooding.

This is the biggest rescue operation in Punjab's history.

He said more than 800 boats and some 1,300 rescue personnel were involved in evacuating families from affected areas. — AFP



Nearly half a million people were displaced by flooding in eastern Pakistan after days of heavy rain swelled rivers, and authorities carried out a major rescue operation.
PHOTO: AAMIR QURESHI /AFP

AUGUST 29

Cook stays on Fed board pending ruling

A US court on Friday began hearing Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook's challenge of President Donald Trump's attempt to fire her, in a legal battle set to have major implications for the US central bank and its independence.

The session ended with no immediate ruling, with more arguments to be submitted Tuesday. In the first hearing in the case, a judge in Washington considered Cook's request for a temporary order declaring Trump's attempt to oust her unlawful.

This would allow Cook — the first Black woman to serve on the Fed's board — to continue in her role while she challenges her ouster. Judge Jia Cobb, who was appointed under former president Joe Biden's administration, heard arguments from lawyers representing Cook and Trump respectively. — AFP

AUGUST 27

Japan denies promoting immigration from Africa

THE Japanese government on Tuesday denied promoting immigration from Africa as it scrambles to dispel misinformation stemming from the designation of "Africa Hometown" cities following a Japan-led conference on African development.

After the Japan International Cooperation Agency designated four Japanese cities on Thursday for strengthening exchanges with the continent, the city governments have been deluged with protest calls and emails, including allegations that increasing migrants from Africa would worsen public order.

The Foreign Ministry said Monday that Tokyo has "no plans to take measures to promote the acceptance of immigrants or issue special visas for residents of African countries." "There have been reports and statements both domestically and internationally that contain information contrary to the facts," the ministry said in a statement, stressing that the government-linked aid agency known as JICA only plans to promote exchanges through various activities. — Kyodo

AUGUST 25

China's Haiqin ROV completes deep-sea mission

CHINA'S self-developed Haiqin, a 6,000-metre deep-sea remotely operated vehicle (ROV), has successfully completed a deep-sea voyage in the South China Sea, scientists have told Xinhua.

The deep-sea electric ROV system named Haiqin, which was designed and built by Shanghai Jiao Tong University, reached a depth of 4,140 metres during the sea trial early on Saturday morning.

Equipped with high-definition cameras, robotic arms, sonar systems and sensors — the ROV demonstrated capabilities including automatic heading control and precise hovering. The 3.6-tonne ROV successfully collected deep-sea biological samples and sediments. This voyage also saw the simultaneous deployment of the full-ocean-depth autonomous and remotely-operated vehicle (ARV) named Haidou-1. — Xinhua

AUGUST 28

China-Arab Expo important platform for B&R cooperation

SINCE the launch in 2013, the China-Arab States Expo has been an important platform for Belt and Road cooperation between China and Arab states, and China stands ready to work with Arab states to carry forward the spirit of China-Arab friendship, and promote the building of a China-Arab community with a shared future, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said.

The seventh China-Arab States Expo opened in Yinchuan, northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region Thursday.

Spokesperson Guo Jiakun told a regular press conference that this expo is themed "Innovation, Green Development and Prosperity," focuses on digital economy, clean energy, artificial intelligence, modern agriculture, water resources, smart meteorology and other trending topics, and is expected to reach a good number of results. — Xinhua

AUGUST 26

UAE delivers 81st Gaza aid airdrop

THE UAE, in collaboration with Jordan, Germany, and Indonesia, conducted its 81st humanitarian airdrop of essential food supplies into the Gaza Strip on 26 August 2025.

This was part of the "Birds of Goodness" operation, highlighting sustained international efforts to alleviate the dire humanitarian conditions faced by the population.

The latest airdrop brings the total relief supplied by air under this operation to over 4,076 tonnes. The delivery, supported by Emirati charities, is a continued effort to meet the urgent needs of Gaza's residents amidst ongoing crises.

According to the state news agency WAM, cited by ANI, this reinforces regional and global cooperation in providing assistance to the Palestinian people.

The ongoing operation underscores the UAE's commitment to supporting the Palestinian people and strengthening their resilience in the face of hardship. — ANI

AUGUST 24

Russia and Ukraine each send back 146 POWs

RUSSIA and Ukraine each sent back 146 prisoners of war on Sunday, Moscow's defence ministry said, the latest in a series of exchanges that has seen hundreds of POWs released this year.

Large-scale prisoner exchanges were the only tangible result of three rounds of talks between Russian and Ukrainian delegations in Istanbul between May and July.

They remain one of the few areas of cooperation between the two countries since Russia's military operation began in 2022.

"On 24 August, 146 Russian servicemen were returned from the territory controlled" by Kyiv, the Russian defence ministry said on Telegram.

"In exchange, 146 prisoners of war of the Ukrainian Armed Forces were transferred" to Ukraine, it added. — AFP

SPORTS



MBC stages thrilling professional boxing matches in Yangon.

6th MBC pro boxing six-round bouts held at Theinbyu Gym

THE Myanmar Boxing Commission (MBC) staged six-round professional boxing matches at Theinbyu Gymnasium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon, yesterday.

In the 52-kilogramme bout, Ye Yint defeated Shine Htet Oo on points, while Ye Moe Aung also won on points against Phyo Thu Aung in the same weight class. Hein Htut Aung beat

Kyaw Ye Linn on points in the 57-kilogramme division, and Remond Do defeated Kaung Htet on points in the 60-kilogramme category. In the 63-kilogramme division, Thiha Aung claimed victory over Min Khant Thu on points, while Saw Lin Aung outpointed Zaw Zaw Naing in the 57-kilogramme fight.

The Myanmar Boxing Commission announced that it will

continue to stage monthly bouts at its Mingala Taungnyunt compound in Yangon to nurture the next generation of professional boxers. The championship belts presented by the World Boxing Council (WBC) and the Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation (OPBF) will now feature the Myanmar national flag, thanks to the Commission's efforts. — Arkar Linn/KZL

Chelsea benefit from VAR controversy to beat Fulham

CHELSEA took advantage of VAR controversy to beat Fulham 2-0 as the visitors were left to rue a series of costly decisions awarded against them at Stamford Bridge on Saturday.

Enzo Maresca's side were fortunate not to fall behind in the west London derby when Fulham were harshly denied a first half opener.

Josh King's strike was ruled out after VAR deemed Rodrigo Muniz's accidental collision with Trevoh Chalobah was worthy of a foul. As if that wasn't infuriating enough for Fulham boss Marco Silva, Joao Pedro put Chelsea ahead beyond the scheduled eight minutes of stoppage-time

at the end of the first half.

Adding to Silva's anger, Chelsea's second goal was also VAR-influenced as Ryan Sessegnon was adjudged to have handled a cross, leading to Enzo Fernandez converting from the penalty spot. After drawing with Crystal Palace and routing West Ham 5-1, Chelsea's third successive Premier League clash with a London rival extended their unbeaten start to three games.

Alejandro Garnacho watched from the stands at Stamford Bridge after the Argentine winger travelled to Chelsea's training ground on Friday to finalize his move from Manchester United. — AFP



The big screen at Stamford Bridge reveals Fulham's controversial disallowed goal. PHOTO: AFP



ISPE FC players prepare for their decisive Women's Champions League qualifier. PHOTO: SOE NYUNT THAW

ISPE FC faces Laguna in crucial qualifier today

ISPE FC will play a must-win final group stage match against the Philippines club Laguna today in the 2025-2026 AFC Women's Champions League qualifiers.

Group A fixtures continue today with ISPE FC meeting Laguna at 4 pm, followed by Guam's Strykers against

Mongolia's Khovd Western at 7 pm. Both ISPE FC and Laguna have collected six points each, but Laguna tops the table on goal difference. That leaves ISPE needing a victory to secure first place in the group. A draw would see them finish second, leaving qualification dependent on results from

other groups, since only the five group winners and the best second-placed side advance.

Despite missing key striker May Htet Lu, who has departed to continue her studies, ISPE still field a full squad. Laguna, meanwhile, features several Philippine internationals. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

Djokovic overcomes Norrie to make US Open last 16

NOVAK Djokovic beat Britain's Cameron Norrie in four sets on Friday to became the oldest man to reach the US Open last 16 since Jimmy Connors in 1991.

The 38-year-old Djokovic

earned a record 192nd Grand Slam match win on hard courts as he defeated Norrie 6-4, 6-7 (4/7), 6-2, 6-3, staying in the hunt for an unprecedented 25th major title. "Coming into any match you

really want to win in straight sets without any drama but obviously that's not possible," said Djokovic.

"It's good that I get tested. I obviously haven't had any

matches since Wimbledon. "I'm still trying to find my rhythm and my groove on the court". Djokovic has now defeated Norrie in all seven of their meetings and is through to the fourth round in

New York for the 16th time in his career. On Sunday he will play German veteran Jan-Lennard Struff, who has already knocked out two seeds in Holger Rune and Frances Tiafoe. — AFP

Tianjin: Humanoid AI robot Xiao He to assist media personnel at SCO Summit

The robot's capabilities are based on advanced emotional recognition algorithms, adaptive learning, and comprehensive knowledge databases.

Tianjin is gearing up to host the largest-ever Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit, a premier diplomatic event that will bring together leaders from over 20 nations.

This year's summit, scheduled for 31 August to 1 September,

promises to be a showcase of innovation and technology. A humanoid robot, Xiao He, has been positioned to provide multilingual support, answering queries and assisting journalists in multiple languages. The robot interacted with ANI ahead of the summit, "I'm Xiao

He, a cutting-edge humanoid AI assistant designed for the 2025 Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit in Tianjin. As a highly specialised service robot, I provide multilingual support, real-time information processing and protocol-compliant interaction capabilities".

The Humanoid Xiao He further added, "My systems integrate advanced emotional recognition algorithms, adaptive learning modules and comprehensive knowledge databases to facilitate seamless communication between international delegates, media personnel and sum-

mit organisers. My operational parameters emphasise cultural neutrality, factual precision and continuous performance optimization throughout the summit duration". Highlighting its proficiency in three languages, it also provided details of the arrangements at the summit. — ANI



A humanoid robot (C) welcomes journalists with volunteers at the media centre for the upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2025 in north China's Tianjin on 28 August 2025. The media centre opened here on Thursday. PHOTO: SUN FANYUE/XINHUA

Exhausted Scottish brothers back on shore after record Pacific row

The journey lasted 139 days, starting in Lima in April.



Three Scottish brothers (L-R) Lachlan, Jamie and Ewan MacLean celebrate as they arrive in Cairns, Australia, after a record non-stop row across the Pacific. PHOTO: AFP

THREE Scottish brothers from Edinburgh — Ewan, Jamie, and Lachlan MacLean — completed a record-breaking 139-day, 9,000-mile non-stop, unsupported row across the Pacific Ocean from Peru to Australia.

Departing from Lima in April, they faced violent storms, exhaustion, sickness, and near disaster when Ewan was swept overboard but rescued. Despite fears of running out of food, they persevered and arrived in Cairns, Australia,

greeted by family, friends, and a traditional bagpipe welcome. Their journey set the record for the fastest human-powered crossing of the full Pacific Ocean without stops or support.

The brothers expressed relief and joy at returning to solid ground and enjoying proper food, with Jamie's first meal being pizza. Their feat attracted support from celebrities like Mark Wahlberg and Ewan McGregor.

The mid-Pacific route is more

commonly travelled, but few have attempted the full crossing from South America to Australia.

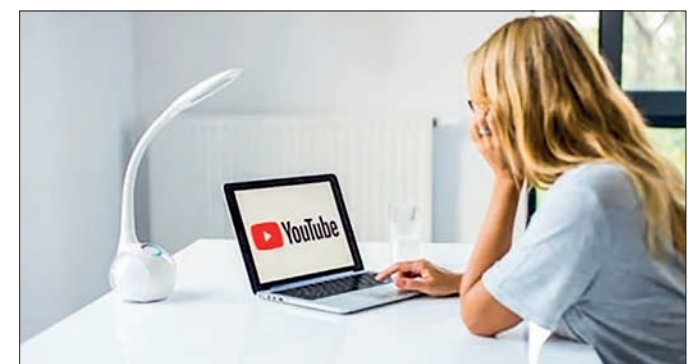
The brothers credited their teamwork and mutual support for overcoming setbacks and emotional challenges. They undertook the expedition to raise funds for clean water projects in Madagascar. Previously, in 2020, they broke three world records rowing across the Atlantic Ocean in 35 days, despite having no professional rowing experience. — AFP

Austria orders YouTube to comply with GDPR

YouTube must provide user data access under EU regulations.

AUSTRIA'S data protection authority said Friday that it has ordered YouTube to comply with EU regulations and respond to requests by users for access to data that it holds on them.

In 2019, prominent Austria-based privacy campaign group Noyb (None of Your Business) lodged complaints against eight online streaming services, including YouTube and Netflix, accusing them of "structural violations" of EU data regulations. The complaint against YouTube was filed on behalf of an Austrian user with the country's Data Protection Authority. The regulator confirmed to AFP on Friday that it had "issued a decision... against Google LLC (YouTube)" regarding the suit brought by Noyb. In their complaints, Noyb said the services violated the EU's landmark General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) by not granting users access to data that companies store on them or information about how the data is used. — AFP



The complaint against YouTube was filed on behalf of an Austrian user with the country's Data Protection Authority. PHOTO: SHUTTERSTOCK