

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.

China aids Myanmar in fostering peace, stability and growth

Myanmar and China reaffirm their commitment to strengthening cooperation in maintaining peace and stability along the border region.



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Vice-President of the People’s Republic of China Mr Han Zheng in Beijing yesterday.

ACTING President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and 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

Beijing, People’s Republic of China, held talks with Vice-President of the People’s Republic of China Mr Han Zheng at Diaoyutai State Guesthouse at noon Chinese standard time yesterday. The Chinese Vice-President cor-

dially greeted the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and had documentary photos taken.

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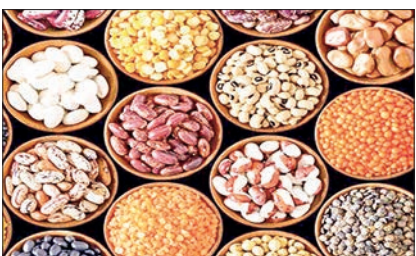
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General Aung San Declares Firm Stand Against Election Disruption

“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.

Future Front Myanmar youth tour Yangon landmarks

ETHNIC youth from the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, as well as from various regions and states, who attended the Future Front Myanmar: Youth Strategy Forum 2025, held from 30 August to 1 September at the Myanmar Convention Centre (MCC) in Yangon, visited several Yangon's landmarks yesterday.

They first paid homage to the Shwedagon Pagoda before touring Yangon University, the National Museum, and the

Ministers' Office (formerly the Secretariat). Afterwards, they enjoyed a river cruise to view the ports along the Yangon River and the Myanmar-Ko-

rea Friendship Bridge (Dala), followed by visits to the Youth Centre and the National Races Village in Thakayta Township. — MNA/MKKS



Photos (top & above) show ethnic youth from the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, regions and states are pictured during their tours in Yangon.

Rescue & relief operations ongoing for quake-hit communities

UP till 2 September, the death toll rose to 3,797, with 5,104 injured and 11 people still missing in six regions and states of Myanmar that were battered by the powerful earthquake that struck on 28 March.

Members of the Myanmar

Fire Services Department, together with local and international search and rescue teams, have been continuously carrying out operations in the affected areas. So far, 653 survivors have been rescued from collapsed buildings, and 875

bodies have been recovered. Further announcements will be made regarding ongoing cash and relief donations from generous donors at home and abroad to support those affected by the disaster. — MNA/MKKS

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Tuesday 2 September 2025)

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, the Low-Pressure Area over the Northwest Bay of Bengal still persists. It is likely to further intensify during the next 24 hours. Thereafter, it is likely to move west-northwestwards and cross Odisha, India, during the next 48 hours. Monsoon is strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 3 September 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah, northern Shan States, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Magway, and Sagaing Regions and Kachin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Ayeyawady Region. 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, and Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, and (northern and southern) 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 off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-11 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Moderate to strong monsoon.

FORECAST FOR NAY PY ITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 September 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 September 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 September 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

Acting President and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing arrives in Beijing



Acting President and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing is pictured being welcomed upon the arrival in Beijing yesterday.

ACTING President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and 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, together with delegation members, left Tianjin Station at 10:30 am Chinese standard time yesterday for Beijing by the special high-speed train.

They were seen off at the Tianjin railway station by a deputy minister from the Municipality Government of Tianjin and officials. Along the route of the railway station, Chinese people waved to them with the State flags.

The high-level Myanmar delegation led by the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar rode the special high-speed train and viewed urban development along the route.

On arrival at the Southern Station in Beijing, they were welcomed by a deputy minister from Beijing Municipality and officials. Along the route of the railway station, Chinese people welcomed them by waving the State flags.

The high-level Myanmar delegation left the station in a motorcade and arrived at Diaoyutai State Guesthouse. — MNA/TTA

China aids Myanmar in fostering peace, stability ...

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At the meeting, they cordially discussed aid of China to ensure peace and stability and development of Myanmar, and progress of cooperation in peace and stability at the border region between the two countries.

Both sides also talked about an important role of the

Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Southeast Asian countries, cooperative efforts of Myanmar to participate in the SCO, the efforts of Myanmar to cooperate with China in sharing the same fortune as they are good neighbours, joining hands with each other to develop, and a plan underway to further promote friendship

and cooperation between the two countries.

The meeting focused on the endeavours of Myanmar to restore internal peace and develop the economy between the two countries, and the assistance of China for Myanmar, which suffered loss and damage caused by the devastating Mandalay earthquake in March.

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, Myanmar Ambassador to the People's Republic of China U Tin Maung Swe, deputy ministers and officials. The Chinese Vice-President was accompanied by officials from the government of the People's Republic of China, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia and officials. — MNA/TTA

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Acting President and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pays homage to sacred Buddha tooth relic at Lingguang Temple in Beijing



The Acting President and SSPC Chairman performs a ceremonial kowtow to the sacred tooth relic of the Lord Buddha at Lingguang Temple in Beijing yesterday.

ACTING President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and 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, and delegation members paid homage to the sacred tooth relic of the Lord Buddha at Lingguang Temple in Beijing at 3 pm Chinese standard time yesterday.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Repub-

lic of the Union of Myanmar paid homage to the Abbot of the temple and asked about visits of pilgrims at home and abroad to pay homage to the sacred tooth relic, wish to convey the sacred tooth relic to Myanmar, and the requirements of the temple. The abbot explained the visits of pilgrims at home and abroad to pay homage to the sacred tooth relic and the renovation of the temple.

The abbot presented Dhamma gifts to the Senior General. Next, the Senior General and the party donated cash

to the fund of temple.

The Senior General paid homage to the Buddha image in the temple. The Senior General and party paid homage to the sacred tooth relic of the Lord Buddha. The abbot explained the history of the tooth relic.

Afterwards, the Senior General and party paid obeisance to Buddha images in the precinct of the temple.

The Lingguang Temple, situated in Beijing, is a historical temple which is well-known for the location of the sacred

tooth relic of the Lord Buddha, other relics and ancient pagodas.

The monastery was originally built during the reign of the Tang dynasty. Under the reign of the Ming dynasty, the temple became the main centre for worship and pilgrimage. In 1748, during the reign of Emperor Qianlong, the Tooth Relic Pagoda was built with bricks and stones to enshrine the Sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha. The pagoda had 13 tiers and an octagonal brick tower. After the fall of the Chin dynasty, polit-

ical instability from the 19th to early 20th centuries weakened the preservation of the monastery, and it was damaged during the Second Sino-Japanese War (1937-1945). Restoration efforts began after the reform period in the 1980s, and the pagoda enshrining the Buddha's Sacred Tooth Relic has since been restored and maintained. Historical records show that the Sacred Tooth Relic of Lingguang Temple was ceremonially brought to Myanmar for veneration in 1955, 1994, 1996, and 2011. — MNA/TTA

MoFA Deputy Minister receives SCI Country Director



The Country Director of Save the Children International (SCI) in Myanmar calls on Deputy Minister U Ko Ko Kyaw yesterday.

U Ko Ko Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, received Mrs Wang Le, Country Director of Save the Children International (SCI) in Myanmar, yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

They exchanged views on matters related to the existing and potential future cooperation between the Government of Myanmar and Save the Children International.

Also, present at the meeting were senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA

Top websites and web portals to access Military Service Rules

1. Office of the State Administration Council
<https://sacoffice.gov.mm>
2. Ministry of Defence
<https://www.mod.gov.mm>
3. Ministry of Legal Affairs
<https://www.mlis.gov.mm>
4. Ministry of Information
<https://www.moi.gov.mm>
5. Myawady Webportal
<https://myawady.net.mm>
6. Myanmar National Portal
<https://myanmar.gov.mm>

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Special emphasis required on improving the public healthcare sector

- ❖ Only with good health can one pursue education; only with good health can one work. Therefore, it is necessary to place special emphasis on improving the public healthcare sector.
- ❖ If individuals and families reduce unhealthy food, dietary habits, and consumption behaviours, not only they but also the country’s economic development can benefit.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, at the Union government meeting on 17 January 2025)

Nationals reminded of duty towards Myanmar’s development

The elections will be conducted in stages, based on local peace and stability.



Acting President and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets staff and family members of the Myanmar Embassy and the Office of the Military attaché to China, and scholarship students in Beijing yesterday.

ACTING President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and 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 Beijing of the People’s Republic of China on his working visit, met staff and families of the Myanmar Embassy and the Office of the Military Attache to China, and scholarship students at the Myanmar Embassy at 5 pm Chinese standard time yesterday.

The Myanmar Ambassador and the Military Attache introduced staff families to the Acting President and Chairman of State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar individually.

Speaking on the occasion, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of

the Union of Myanmar recounted that, at the invitation of Mr Xi Jinping, President of the People’s Republic of China, he attended the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO Summit 2025 Plus) and the military parade commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory of the Chinese People’s War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War. Attending such international ceremonies brings positive benefits for Myanmar.

During the working visit, he retold that he held discussions with the President of the People’s Republic of China, the Prime Minister of India, and the President of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic. These talks produced good results. Myanmar’s relations with neighbouring countries

are developing positively, and likewise, cooperation with ASEAN member states is also being strengthened.

In practising democracy, he underscored that internal peace is indispensable. As soldiers are part of the people and Tatmadaw is part of the State, the Tatmadaw is striving to firmly uphold the people’s aspirations for a multiparty democratic system.

He explained that the government is making preparations to hold elections in December. Efforts are being made to ensure that all eligible voters can cast their votes. The elections will be conducted in stages, based on local peace and stability. To ensure there are no errors in the voter lists, the elections will be carried out using the Myanmar Electronic Voting Machine (MEVM).

Regarding the economy, he underlined that only by improving domestic production can the nation’s economy progress. Likewise, only if each and every individual works can the State economy improve. To achieve this, it is necessary to have sufficient human resources with quality education. Only when the education sector advances will knowledge and skills develop further.

He stressed that all citizens living within the country have responsibilities for national development. Just as diplomats serve to strengthen bilateral relations, students studying abroad also have a duty to contribute to the interests of the State. Therefore, everyone must work together as much as possible for the progress and development of Myanmar, he noted.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented foodstuffs and cash awards to the ambassador and his wife, the military attache and his wife, families and students.

After the meeting, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar cordially greeted the families of the embassy and the office of the military attache.

The meeting was also attended by 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, and officials. — MNA/TTA

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Gala dinner held in Yangon for Future Front Myanmar: Youth Strategy Forum 2025

THE dinner reception for Future Front Myanmar: Youth Strategy Forum 2025 was held at the Myanmar Convention Centre (MCC) in Yangon yesterday.

In his speech, Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn expressed gratitude to all the officials and young delegates for attending the event. He added that four national-level forums were held in the country, and the Youth Strategy Forum 2025 is the most significant and powerful forum for the country. The young ethnic people will all come together to support a way to a future country and shape a prosperous country, regardless of their different opinions.



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn presents the certificate of honour to youth delegates.

The Union minister presented the certificate of honour to the Myanmar Narrative Think Tank chairman, the deputy minister for sports and youth affairs, officials of the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, regions and states, and youth delegates.

The relevant officials also presented certificates of honour and gifts to officials of the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, regions and states, and young delegates.

The young delegates of the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, regions and state then performed traditional dance actively, and the Union minister and party presented flower bouquets to the dance troupes. — MNA/KTZH

NDSC Information Team Leader Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun responds to media

“FIRSTLY, there are three sections during the visit of the Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to China. The first one is Tianjin, the second one is Beijing, and the third one is Harbin and Chengdu.

“The first section is attending the SCO Summit 2025 Plus, whereas the second section is attending the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the World Anti-Fascist War in Beijing, and the third one is study tours to Harbin and Chengdu.

Now, we are leaving for Beijing by express train after attending the SCO summit and meetings. The entourage of the Acting President and the State Security and Peace Commission Chairman takes this express train.

I want to talk about Tianjin first. Tianjin is located adjacent to Beijing. Tianjin is a historically significant city. The First Opium War took place in Tianjin, the first Opium War of China. It is also the nearest port city to Beijing. Tianjin is one of the most important port cities in northern China. I believe it was very meaningful that the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit and other related meetings were held in Tianjin. Out of the 26 participating countries, more than 20 attended this SCO Summit. Yesterday, the summit and all related meetings concluded. The significant fact is that during the summit, Chinese President Mr Xi Jinping



National Defence and Security Council Information Team Leader Maj-General Zaw Min Tun.

highlighted the five-point principles of GGI (Global Governance Initiative). The majority of the countries supported it. Most of the countries approved it. To put it simply, what is happening in today's world is a shift from a unipolar world to a multipolar world. In the past, global affairs were controlled by a single powerful country, but now, it has led to the control and participation of more and more countries in global affairs.

The meeting mainly focused on respecting to sovereignty of small countries. Respecting the sovereignty of small countries means that our small countries have advantages, and the powerful countries are establishing their national interests. Similarly, the small countries can ensure their sovereignty through such organizations. Therefore, we, Myanmar, proposed to be a permanent member of the SCO. I believe it will be successful.

The next one is that we discussed with Chinese President Mr Xi Jinping. In summary, the country received advantages: 1, political recognition, 2, international recognition and 3, commitment for further assistance regarding the general election after China recognizes the general election to be held in Myanmar. Moreover, we received guarantees from China for continual assistance in state stability and development programmes of Myanmar. During the meeting with the Chinese President, he pledged to continue supporting the needed assistance.

We also discussed with the Prime

Minister of our neighbouring powerful country, India, Mr Modi. During the talks, we were able to discuss India's consistent support for Myanmar, its political assurances, and its possible contributions regarding elections. Moreover, we also discussed with the Laotian President separately. We widely discussed electricity, cross-border migrant workers and so on. While attending the SCO summit, we met and discussed with other leaders of countries, including the Malaysian Prime Minister, in the meeting hall. These are successful meetings. It is also a successful discussion as we met with the leaders of regional and neighbouring countries in one place. I want to say it is a trip that brings benefits to the country.

Today, we will arrive in Beijing. When we arrive there, we will meet the Chinese Vice-President. We will attend the ceremony marking the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the World Anti-Fascist War tomorrow. We will visit Harbin and Chengdu the next day to observe the factories, workshops, sites and departments related to Myanmar. The visit will be a successful one, and I believe it will be successful continuously.

What I want to urge our people is that we have such good situations. There is also a high international interest in the dignity of Myanmar. What we need is for all people to have a true desire for peace and unity, and establish stability and unity with the spirit of Myanmar and the Union spirit. Thanks to all.

Ayeyawady Region discusses
soybean production

DIRECTOR-GENERAL Dr Aung Moe Myo Tint of the Department of Agricultural Research encouraged growers in Ayeyawady Region to ramp up soybean production and follow good agricultural practices during a meeting with growers on 31 August in Hinthada town, Ayeyawady Region.

The chairperson of the Ayeyawady Pulses, Bean and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association also presented the association's cooperation in soybean production. Dr Mar Mar Win, a soybean expert from the Department of Agricultural Research, discussed soybean production technology.

U Tun Mya, deputy head of the Agriculture Department, also talked about making a growing plan to increase soybean acreage in the region to double export and meet domestic demand for soybean cake. Growers from 26 townships also actively participated in the discussions.

Daw Thae Ei Phyu from the Myanmar Soy Development Group discussed soybean oil and byproduct soybean cake production technology. Under the Mekong-Lancang project, 15 types of soybean (130 basket weights) were handed over to growers in 26 townships of the region. — NN/KK

MCEF to hold MSME panel
discussion on 13 Sept

MYANMAR Construction Entrepreneurs Federation (MCEF)'s Technology Development Committee will host the MSMEs: Build Back Better (BBB) panel discussion for a more sustainable and resilient recovery of the micro, small and medium enterprises on 13 September at MCEF Hall.

U Thurein Nyein will perform as a moderator, and panel-

lists include Professor Dr Aung Tun Thet, U Aung Htoo and U Myint Zaw.

Those interested individuals, MCEF members and business people can register through MCEF's contact numbers 09 893217109, 09 422721757, 09 266823226, and email mcef1996@gmail.com and address: No 3 in the corner of Thanthuma Road and Waizayanta Street. — NN/KK

NSC approves listing of
68 new seed varieties



Samples of Myanmar beans and pulses on display.

THE National Seed-Related Committee (NSC) gave the green light to registration of 68 new seed varieties. According to the 31st meeting held on 29 August at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Office 43 in Nay Pyi Taw, in the presence of officials concerned, Technical Working Groups, TWGs, and agronomists

Deputy Minister Dr Tin Htut, who also acts as chair of the NSC, gave an opening remark. Director-General Dr Ye Tint Tun, secretary of the NSC, discussed and coordinated matters raised by the attendees.

Technical Crop task forces and Technical Seed Committee (TSC) inspected new crop seeds, including 31 agricultural crop seed varieties, 23 horticultural seed varieties, three industrial crop seed varieties and five parent seeds in accordance with the Seeds Law and bylaws and rules and decided to grant registration.

The NSC granted registration for 2,033 seed varieties after the 30th committee meeting, including 724 agricultural crop seed varieties, 938 horticultural seed varieties, 132 industrial crop seed varieties and 239 parent seeds.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister Dr Tin Htut and central committee members attended the fifth work coordination meeting on the National New Plant Variety Protection Central Committee, highlighting future plans and providing the rights to breeders of new plants for some new plant varieties that have been inspected by the technical committee to develop the activities of plant breeding.

Of 49 new plant varieties seeking protection under the New Plant Protection Law, 12 varieties have been given the rights after its 4th meeting. — NN/KK

CBM injects over US\$1.6M into edible oil, fuel sector

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$1.6 million to fuel oil importing companies and over \$128,000 to fuel oil importing companies on 1 September through foreign reserve purchased from the companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis. Furthermore, CBM injected 800,000 yuan and 300,000 baht into the financial market. CBM also sold over \$24,700 to the CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments. CBM sold over \$1 million, 11 million yuan and four million baht

in August. Furthermore, CBM also pumped over \$32 million, purchased from the companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis, into the financial market.

CBM sold \$36.5 million purchased from CMP companies, 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



This photo showcases the facade of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) in Nay Pyi Taw.

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

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SCO Summit:
An important initiative to
develop Myanmar

CHINA and Myanmar have been maintaining their strong traditional bonds of friendship with each other for many years. China hosted the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2025 in Tianjin. SCO member countries are working in unison to develop the economic and trade sectors among them. During his working visit to China, Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, held talks with Mr Xi Jinping, President of the People’s Republic of China. At the meeting, the Chinese President reaffirmed China’s firm support for Myanmar’s development and stability. He added that China also supports Myanmar’s political arrangements and the progress of the Myanmar people, while upholding the spirit of

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2025 was a focal point of Heads of State from 20 countries and heads of 10 international organizations. Of them, the meeting of two leaders emphasized Myanmar’s preparations for the multiparty democratic general election, matters to continue under China’s support and diplomatic relations, the circumstances in which China will support Myanmar as an SCO member country, and the arrangements for relevant departments of both countries to continue discussions and cooperation across various sectors.

I believe that today’s discussions will further strengthen and advance the friendly relations between the two countries.” Afterwards, the discussions covered cooperation in Myanmar’s peace process, promoting trade, accelerating implementation of projects under the OBOR initiative and the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC), effective utilization of natural resources, assistance regarding the recent major earthquake, China’s firm support for Myanmar in the international arena, strengthening bilateral relations, preparations for successfully holding the multiparty democratic general election scheduled for 28 December in Myanmar, and the arrangements to invite international election observer groups. The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2025 was a focal point of Heads of State from 20 countries and heads of 10 international organizations. Of them, the meeting of two leaders emphasized Myanmar’s preparations for the multiparty democratic general election, matters to continue under China’s support and diplomatic relations, the circumstances in which China will support Myanmar as an SCO member country, and the arrangements for relevant departments of both countries to continue discussions and cooperation across various sectors.

The Moments We Almost Missed

By Laura Htet (UDE)

LIFE has a quiet way of teaching us lessons. Not all lessons come from big events or dramatic failures. Sometimes, they are hidden in the smallest, everyday moments – a shirt left unworn, a cake kept in the fridge, or a dream quietly tucked away in our hearts. At first, these things may seem ordinary. But when we pause and look closer, they reveal something very important about time, choices, and regret. Imagine entering a store and discovering a shirt that seems perfectly suited to us. The colour is perfect, the fabric is soft, and we can already picture ourselves wearing it. We buy it happily and bring it home, looking forward to trying it on. But instead of wearing it right away, we put it in the wardrobe, saving it for a “special occasion”. Days turn into weeks, and the shirt stays

there, untouched. When we finally reach for it, we notice something unexpected; it doesn’t feel quite the same anymore. Fashion has moved on, and the excitement we once felt has quietly faded. Now imagine a beautiful, delicious cake in a bakery. We cannot resist buying it and carrying it home with delight. But instead of enjoying it right away, we place it carefully in the fridge, thinking we will have it later. Days pass, and when we finally remember it, the cake is no longer fresh. The sweetness we once looked forward to has faded, leaving a quiet disappointment. At first, these may seem like small disappointments. A shirt never worn. A cake never eaten. But behind these simple moments lies a deeper truth. They show us that when we wait too long, we can miss the opportunity entirely. Life works in much the same way. Each of us has dreams and things we want to do. Maybe it’s learning a new skill, visiting a place we love, starting a project, or simply expressing our feelings to someone. Yet too often, we wait. We tell ourselves, “Not today,

maybe later.” Later becomes tomorrow, tomorrow becomes next week, and eventually it becomes never. One day, we realize the opportunity has already passed. A shirt we loved but never wore. A cake we wanted but never ate. A dream we had but never pursued. Each of these can leave a feeling of regret, and regret often feels heavier than failure. Life itself is not endless. Time moves forward, whether we are ready or not. While we cannot stop it, we can decide how we spend the time we have. Sometimes, the simplest way to live fully is to pay attention to the moments we might otherwise let slip away. This does not mean we need to rush or try to do everything at once. It simply means that when something truly matters, it may be worth acting sooner rather than later. Enjoy the shirt, eat the cake, or take the first step towards a dream while the moment is still here. Many of us hold back because of fear – fear of failing, fear of what others might think, or even fear of our own success. Waiting may feel safe, but it does not make fear disappear. Instead, it quietly steals our time, and time is something we can never get back. Think about the times we wanted to say something kind to someone, but stayed silent. Think about the dreams we once had but locked away in our minds, waiting for the “right time”. How many of those chances are still waiting? How many have already passed by? The shirt and the cake may seem like small examples, but they carry a bigger message. They remind us that beauty, opportunity, and even life itself are temporary. If we fail to notice the moment, we risk losing it. Living fully doesn’t mean doing everything at once. It means paying attention to what truly matters and making the most of it. Speak while someone can hear us. Travel while our body is strong. Pursue our dreams while our hearts are eager. Regret is heavier than fail-

ure. If we try and fail, there is always a chance to start again. But if we never try, we are left with questions: “What if I had tried? What might have happened?” – and these questions can stay with us for a long time. One day, when we look back at our lives, what will we see? A wardrobe full of clothes never worn, a fridge full of cakes never eaten, a heart full of dreams never lived? Or a life in which we tried, embraced opportunities, and allowed ourselves to savour the moments that came our way? The choice is personal, and it doesn’t require grand gestures. Small actions – wearing the shirt, tasting the cake, speaking our heart, or taking the first step towards a dream – can make life richer and fuller. Life is short, but it can be beautiful. When we pay attention, when we notice what truly mat-

ters, it becomes a gift filled with moments worth remembering. The little things – the clothes we wear, the food we eat, the dreams we pursue – can teach us how to live fully. In the end, the most important moments are the ones we choose to live. They are the moments we do not postpone. They are the moments we embrace with both courage and joy. Life is not a rehearsal. Each day is the stage we are given. So maybe it’s time to open the wardrobe, taste the sweetness, or follow that quiet dream waiting inside our hearts. Life is fleeting, and opportunities rarely wait. But when we take them, even the simplest moments become precious memories. And when we look back, we can smile knowing we truly lived, without leaving regrets behind.

I Say What I See: Compromise & Reconciliation -
Not Signs of Weakness but Acts of Profound Strength

What if the bravest thing we could do... was listen?

By @Editor

summit, but as a path paved with deliberate choices – choices to yield, to listen, and to rebuild. This essay will explore how compromise and reconciliation serve not as signs of weakness but as acts of profound strength. **Lessons from Global Conflicts: Compromise and Reconciliation in Action** 1. **The Gulf War (1990-1991): Coalition Unity and Strategic Compromise** The Gulf War offers a compelling case study in coalition-building and strategic compromise. Following Iraq’s invasion of Kuwait, a multinational coalition led by the United States launched Operation Desert Storm to liberate Kuwait. While the military campaign was swift and decisive, the diplomatic groundwork laid beforehand was equally critical. **Coalition Strategy:** The success of the war hinged on the ability of diverse nations, including Saudi Arabia, Egypt, France, and the UK, to compromise on military tactics, intelligence sharing, and political messaging. **Post-War Reconciliation:** Although Iraq remained under sanctions and Saddam Hussein stayed in power, the war prompted a reevaluation of regional security. It led to increased cooperation among Gulf states and the establishment of a long-term US military presence, which acted as a stabilizing force. **Key Lesson:** The Gulf War demonstrated that compromise among allies – despite differing national interests – can yield swift military success and lay the groundwork for regional stability. 2. **Afghanistan: The Long Road to Reconciliation** Afghanistan’s decades-long conflict, from Soviet invasion to civil war, Taliban rule, and US-led intervention, has made reconciliation a deeply complex and fragile process. **Key Lesson:** Reconciliation must be culturally grounded, inclusive, and supported by both local communities and international partners. Without addressing historical grievances, peace remains elusive. These examples show that compromise and reconciliation are not abstract ideals; they are lived processes shaped by context, culture, and courage.

confronting past trauma. **Cultural Sensitivity in Reconciliation:** Efforts to promote peace had to navigate Afghanistan’s fragmented society, where collective myths and ethnic divisions posed challenges. Initiatives like the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) and local peace workshops aimed to foster dialogue and healing. **Global Insights Applied Locally:** Programmes from Rwanda, Colombia, and Nigeria, which were focused on trauma healing, peace education, and gender inclusivity, were studied as models for Afghanistan’s reconciliation process. **Fragmented Realities:** Across the country, especially in mountainous and border regions, communities have experienced prolonged insecurity. These are as often operate under informal governance structures, shaped by local traditions and survival needs. **Partial Reforms:** Attempts at nationwide peace agreements have been met with both hope and scepticism. While some regions have seen temporary ceasefires, others continue to experience clashes, displacement, and humanitarian strain. 2. **Compromise in Practice: Ceasefires and Local Autonomy** Efforts to broker ceasefires have required significant compromise – not only between armed actors but also among civil society groups, local leaders, and communities. **Localized Agreements:** In several regions, informal arrangements have allowed for relative stability. These compromises often involve shared control over resources, education, and health-care delivery. **Challenges of Monitoring:** Without robust enforcement mechanisms, ceasefires can be fragile. Violations, whether intentional or accidental, can quickly unravel trust and reignite tensions. 3. **Reconciliation as a Grass-roots Endeavour** Reconciliation in Myanmar has often emerged from the bottom up, driven by community resilience and cultural values. **Healing Through Dialogue:** In some areas, interethnic dialogues and peace education programmes have helped bridge divides. These initiatives focus on shared histories, mutual respect, and the importance of coexistence. **Women and Youth as Catalysts:** Women’s groups and youth networks have played a vital role in promoting reconciliation, often acting as mediators, educators, and advocates for nonviolence. **Federalism from Below:**

Definitions as Foundations of Peace To understand peace not merely as a distant ideal but as a lived reality, we must first grasp the meaning of its building blocks: *compromise* and *reconciliation*. These words carry weight, shaped by history, emotion, and language. Let us begin by defining them through two lenses – one global, one local. **The Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary** defines *compromise* as “an agreement made between two people or groups in which each side gives up some of the things they want so that both sides are happy at the end”. It also refers to “a solution to a problem in which two or more things cannot exist together as they are, in which each thing is reduced or changed slightly so that they can exist together”. In **English-Myanmar dictionaries**, *compromise* is translated as: **(Noun):** အပေးအယူလုပ်ခြင်း၊ ညှိနှိုင်းခြင်း၊ (အပေးအယူနည်းဖြင့် ညှိနှိုင်းရရှိသော) သဘောတူညီချက်၊ စေ့စပ်ပြေငြိမ်းခြင်း၊ သဘောတူပြေငြိမ်းခြင်း၊ မည်ဟု ဆံခံခြင်း၊ သဘောတူပြေငြိမ်းခြင်း These definitions reflect the spirit of negotiation, mutual concession, and the delicate balance required to reach understanding. In its **verb form**, the nuances of *compromise* include: အပေးအယူလုပ်သည်၊ ညှိသည်၊ အစွပ်အစွဲအပြောအဆိုခံသည်၊ ယုံမှားမကင်းခံရသည်၊ လျှော့ပေးသည်၊ အထိအခိုက်

ခံသည်၊ သဘောတူပြေငြိမ်းသည် This range of meanings reveals how compromise can involve both voluntary concession and the perception of vulnerability or loss; yet it remains a vital tool for coexistence. The word *reconciliation*, according to the **Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary**, is defined as: *(between A and B/with somebody):* “an end to a disagreement and the start of a good relationship again.” *(between A and B / with something):* “the process of making it possible for two different ideas, facts, etc. to exist together without being opposed to each other.” In **English-Myanmar dictionaries**, *reconciliation* is rendered as: နှစ်ဦးနှစ်ဖက် ပြေလည်အောင်လုပ်ခြင်း၊ ရင်ကြားစေခြင်း (ငှ၊ အမျိုးသား ရင်ကြားစေရေး for national reconciliation), ဆီလျော်ခြင်း၊ ညှိညွတ်စေခြင်း၊ ပြန်၍သင့်မြတ်စေခြင်း၊ ပြေငြိမ်းစေခြင်း၊ ပြန်၍မိတ်ဖွဲ့ခြင်း၊ ပြန်၍ သမဂ္ဂဖြစ်စေခြင်း၊ ပြန်ဖြေခြင်း၊ ရန်ငြိမ်းစေခြင်း၊ သမစေခြင်း၊ စာရင်းစေ့စပ်ညှိနှိုင်းခြင်း၊ ချိန်ညှိခြင်း၊ ပြေလည်သွားခြင်း၊ ပြန်ပေါင်းထုပ်ခြင်း These expressions capture the essence of healing, unity, and the restoration of harmony – whether between individuals, communities, or nations. By anchoring these concepts in both English and Myanmar, we begin to see peace not as a distant

Rather than waiting for top-down reforms, some communities have begun practising forms of local governance that reflect federal principles – autonomy, representation, and cultural preservation. 4. **Lessons and Limitations Inclusivity Matters:** Peace processes that exclude key voices – whether ethnic, generational, or ideological – tend to falter. Sustainable reconciliation requires broad participation and genuine listening. **Symbolism versus Substance:** Grand conferences and formal agreements may signal progress, but without tangible improvements in daily life – security, education, livelihoods – they risk becoming hollow gestures. **Resilience Amid Uncertainty:** Despite setbacks, many communities continue to pursue peace in their own ways. Their stories remind us that reconciliation is not a single event, but a continuous, adaptive journey. **Comparative Reflections: Myanmar and the World** Across continents and cultures, the pursuit of peace has followed a rhythm of conflict, compromise, and reconciliation. Yet each nation’s journey is shaped by its own terrain – historical, emotional, and political. Myanmar’s path, while echoing global lessons, reveals distinct truths. **SEE PAGE 12**

NATIONAL

7 foreigners deported, 4 more detained for online crimes



SEVEN foreign nationals involved in on-line scams and gambling in Myawady were deported yesterday through the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge II, while four more foreigners were newly detained.

The deportees: five Kenyans, one Nigerian, and one Sri Lankan had illegally entered Myanmar through border routes and were engaged in unlawful activities in Shwe Kokko, KK Park and Kyaukkhet areas. They were officially handed over to their respective countries with proper

Immigration processes underway for the deportation of undocumented foreign entrants.

documentation in coordination with Myanmar and Thai authorities, as well as embassy representatives.

Meanwhile, one Kenyan, one Filipino and two South Africans were also arrested yesterday for illegal entry into the same areas.

From 30 January to 2 September this year, 9,373 foreigners were apprehended for illegal entry, with 9,269 already deported and 104 awaiting repatriation.

Myanmar authorities reaffirmed their commitment to cooperate with neighbouring countries and international organizations in eradicating online scams and related crimes. — MNA/KZL

Poor oversight leaves YBS buses in bad shape



The opening ceremony of the Refreshment Management Course 1/2025 for YBS supervisors from public companies is in progress.

SOME YBS buses have become untidy and poorly maintained due to weak supervision by negligent gatekeepers and supervisors, said U Chit Ko Ko, vice-chairman of the Yangon Region Public Transport Committee (YRTC), at the Refreshment Management Course 1/2025 for YBS supervisors at the YRTC headquarters.

This training is aimed at YBS supervisors to check whether drivers have YRTC cards and driving licences as per regulations.

“Buses in the Thukha Dagon parking compound built by YRTC are unclean due to the lack of supervision. Things to check at the departure include the waybill, YRTC cards, CCTV cameras on or not, good POS and telemetric devices, and the intoxicating condition of the driver. Due to these undutiful supervisors, the buses

look ugly and the YBS line No 131 from the Khit Thit Bayintnaung Company is the worst,” he said.

YBS drivers are the main driving force behind the development of YRTC’s main goal for transport: Safe Public Transport to All, and the drivers need to follow traffic rules, while the supervisors are responsible for supervising the drivers to ensure that there are no fatalities or injuries among the passengers, he added.

In 2023, three people died due to the bus racing, and in 2024, two people died from falling off the open doors. He also urged YBS supervisors to work with YRTC to achieve its main goal. YRTC operates around 2,500 drivers in 21 companies and serves around 1.5 million commuters with around 3,700 buses daily. — MT/ZN

Myanmar golf team to play in Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship

MYANMAR’S golf team will compete in the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship to be held at Emirates Golf Club in Dubai, the UAE, from 23 to 26 October 2025, according to the Myanmar Golf Federation.

Two Myanmar national players- Kyaw Ko Ko Chit and Hein Naing Zin will go to play in the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR).

The Asia-Pacific Amateur Golf Championship is a prestigious amateur golf competition in Asia, and in the event, players from countries in Asia and the Pacific region will participate,



The Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship will take place from 23 October to 26 October 2025.

said MGF. Started in 2009, the tournament is held annually.

MGF sends national players to international tournaments in order to help them acquire experience, and, being one of the biggest tournaments, this event will be beneficial for Myanmar players, said MGF. — MT/ZS

YGH Plastic, Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery Dept extends outpatient services



The Department of Plastic, Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery, Yangon General Hospital.

YANGON General Hospital’s Department of Plastic, Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery has previously provided outpatient care on every Tuesday but has

now extended to every Monday for new and old patients, said the YGH on 2 September.

The department provides outpatient care from 9 am to noon and from 1 pm to 3 pm every Tuesday. Starting from 1 August, it has been extended to Mondays.

YGH’s special outpatient department provides common health services, surgery, chronic diseases, neurological diseases, gastrointestinal diseases, oral and maxillofacial, orthopaedic, skin diseases and mental health, and starting from 1 July 2025, it has also provided hepatitis C test and treatment, from 2 pm to 4 pm every Friday.

YGH has urged that everyone who has hepatitis C can visit. — MT/ZS

NATIONAL

Myanmar TV Series ‘Kan Khyeshae’ to Premiere on 4 Sept

THE Myanmar television series ‘Kan Khyeshae’ (Long Journey of Luck) will begin broadcasting on 4 September, according to actor and director Khun Tha Cho, who created and directed the series.

The story, screenplay, and direction of the series were handled by Khun Tha Cho, and the production was carried out by Khun Tha Cho Film and Video Production.

“I want to convey through this series that by consciously changing simple actions and ideas in human life, one’s destiny can be transformed. In this series, we will see Academy Award winner Khin Soe Paing as the mother of a still-born child, and Academy Nwet Nwet San in a unique role as the evil woman who causes the entire village to become infected with leprosy. To find out what strange events unfold, please look forward to the drama series Kan Khyeshae, which will premiere on 4 September,” said actor-director Khun Tha Cho.

The Myanmar television series, which will be broadcast on Fortune TV and the Hey Play app, stars Khun Tha Cho, Khaing Noe, Min Thu, Academy Khin Soe Paing, Academy Nwet Nwet San, and many other actors. — ASH/TH



This image displays the poster for the Myanmar TV series ‘Kan Khyeshae’.

Myanmar Esports World Cup champions receive cash and land from KBZ Bank

KBZ Bank honoured officials from the Myanmar Esports Federation (MESF) and Yangon Galacticos (YG) – the Myanmar team that won the 2025 Esports World Cup – by awarding K1 billion in cash and nine leasehold plots of land in Taunggyi Garden City during a ceremony held in Taunggyi on 30 and 31 August.

At the event, KBZ Group founder and MESF patron U Aung Ko Win presented K1 billion to the YG team and federation officials. In addition, each of the nine YG athletes and officials received a 40-foot by 60-foot plot of land in Taunggyi Garden City in recognition of their historic victory.

The Myanmar team’s triumph marked the nation’s first-ever Esports World Cup title, bringing pride to the country on the global stage.

Since 2018, KBZ Bank and KBZPay, as co-partners of the MESF, have contributed more than K4.8 billion towards the development of esports in Myanmar. Their support spans grassroots initia-



KBZ Group founder and MESF patron U Aung Ko Win presents awards to Yangon Galacticos (YG), Myanmar’s first-ever Esports World Cup champion team.

tives through to international competitions, including the University Esports League, National Esports Championship, SEA Games, and prestigious global tournaments such as the Esports World Cup.

The bank reaffirmed its commitment to empowering Myanmar’s youth, nurturing esports talent, and promoting professional careers within the industry. — ASH/KZL

Myanmar transport sector to expand CNG for lower emissions

THE Ministry of Energy will increase the usage of Compressed Natural Gas–CNG in the transportation sector.

As energy plays a pivotal role in the country’s economic development, the ministry is endeavouring to provide energy security and energy sufficiency, to improve petroleum and natural gas extraction in different aspects. The ministry is distributing the CNG to facilitate public transportation, domestic electricity generation, and factories for industrial manufacturing beyond the export of natural gas.

The use of this environment-friendly alternative automotive fuel contributes to lower air pollutants, improved well-to-wheel efficiency, cost effectiveness compared to gasoline and diesel, and reduced carbon emissions. This way, the cleaner alternative has been increasingly used in public



This photo shows YBS buses using CNG are running in the commercial hub, Yangon.

transportation. Consequently, the ministry prioritizes YBS buses and taxis in CNG distribution to have smoother transportation for the public.

At present, 85 per cent of natural

gas usage accounts for the electricity sector, while eight per cent is used in the manufacturing sector and seven per cent in the transport sector. — ASH/KK

Lingadipa Art Group stages live opera

THE ‘Sanyay Moe’ opera live show, organized by the Lingadipa Art Group, was held from 1 pm to 5 pm on 1 September at the Lingadipa Studio in Ward 20, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon Region, according to Myanmar traditional dancer Sanyay Moe.

“Today’s event is a live show in which

I perform as the lead dancer. It begins with a media presentation, followed by a dance performance for the fans. We will also be touring across Myanmar,” said lead dancer Sanyay Moe.

The live show, entitled Sanyay Moe Opera: To Be Innovated and Created, featured a variety of traditional dances,

including ‘Nat Nyein’, ‘Panama’, Zabyudi-pa’s Most Loved Opera, as well as a lively duet dance performance.

Sanyay Moe’s dance troupe is also scheduled to perform for four nights during the upcoming Thadingyut festival at the Myanaung Pagoda in the Ayeyawady Region. — ASH/MKKS



This photo showcases Sanyay Moe’s live show in action.

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WORLD

I Say What I See: Compromise & Reconciliation - Not Signs of Weakness but Acts of Profound Strength

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FROM PAGE 9

1. Shared Struggles, Unique Contexts

Like post-war Afghanistan, Myanmar grapples with fragmented identities and uneven access to justice. Both nations have seen peace efforts falter when they failed to include grassroots voices or address historical wounds.

As in the Gulf War's aftermath, Myanmar has witnessed attempts at ceasefires and regional stabilization. However, unlike the Gulf coalition's centralized coordination, Myanmar's peace efforts are often decentralized, shaped by local actors and informal negotiations.

2. The Power of Local Wisdom

In Myanmar, reconciliation is often rooted in cultural practices – rituals of forgiveness, storytelling, and community dialogue. These traditions offer a form of healing that is deeply personal and communal, rather than institutional.

Global models of transitional justice – truth commissions, reparations, international tribunals – may not always translate seamlessly. Myanmar's experience suggests that peace must be tailored, not transplanted.

3. The Risk of Silence and Symbolism

In many post-conflict societies, silence is mistaken for peace. Myanmar teaches us that true reconciliation requires more than the absence of violence; it demands the presence of trust, dignity, and shared purpose.

Symbolic gestures, while important, must be matched by structural change. Without tangible improvements in education, healthcare, and livelihoods, reconciliation remains a distant promise.

4. Resilience as a Common Thread

Whether in Rwanda, Colombia, or Myanmar, one constant emerges: the resilience of ordinary people. Communities con-

tinue to build bridges, even when institutions falter. Their stories are the heartbeat of peace.

Conclusion: The Courage to Choose Peace

Compromise and reconciliation are not the language of victory; they are the language of vision. They ask us to look beyond the immediate, beyond pride and pain, towards something more enduring: coexistence.

From the deserts of the Gulf to the mountains of Myanmar, history teaches us that peace is not born from silence, but from dialogue. It is not sustained by force, but by understanding. And it is not gifted; it is built, slowly, painfully, and bravely.

In Myanmar, the path to peace is neither straight nor smooth. It is shaped by memory, by mistrust, and by the quiet labour of those who refuse to give up on each other. The world may offer models, but no blueprint. Each step forward must be rooted in local soil, nourished by local wisdom.

To compromise is not to surrender; it is to choose relationship over rupture. To reconcile is not to forget; it is to remember differently, together.

And so, in this essay series, *I Say What I See*, I see this: Peace is not a destination. It is a decision. One we must make again and again, in the face of every fracture.

Proportion of spending on food hits record high in 80% of Japan cities

THE proportion of household spending on food reached record highs in nearly 80 per cent of major Japanese cities over the five years through 2024, reflecting the impact of rapid price hikes, a Kyodo News analysis of government data showed.

The study is based on the Engel coefficient, which represents how much of a household budget is spent on food, in the capital cities of 46 prefectures and the central Tokyo area, using averages of every five years since 1985.

From 2020 to 2024, the average in 37 of the 47 cities, or 78.7 per cent, hit record highs in households with two or more

people. Osaka logged the highest Engel coefficient at 31.2 per cent, followed by Aomori at 29.6 per cent and Kobe at 29.2 per cent.

The national average stood at 26.1 per cent in 1985-1989 and fluctuated in the ranges of 23 to 24 per cent for 25 years through 2014. It edged up to 25.6 per cent in 2015-2019 before climbing to 27.5 per cent in the most recent period. The increase in the figure around 2020 reflected a drop in spending on outing-related spending amid the coronavirus pandemic. It further climbed later as food prices surged on the back of a weaker yen and higher material prices. — Kyodo



A man delivers bento lunch boxes in Tokyo's Shinagawa Ward on 21 August 2025. PHOTO: KYODO

Eurozone inflation rises to 2.1% in Aug



A customer shops at a supermarket in Vienna, Austria, 2 July 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

EUROZONE inflation was up slightly in August, official data showed Tuesday, fuelling expectations that the European Central Bank will keep interest rates unchanged next week.

Inflation in the single currency area rose to 2.1 per cent last month from two per cent in July, the EU's statistics agency said.

This was largely down to

a smaller drop in energy prices, which while continuing to fall, did so at a lower rate, Eurostat data showed.

Analysts polled by Bloomberg had predicted the level of inflation rate would remain unchanged at two per cent, the ECB's target.

The rise reinforces expectations that the central bank will keep rates unchanged at its next mon-

etary policy meeting on 11 September.

The ECB held rates steady at its last meeting in July, ending a streak of consecutive cuts stretching back to September 2024.

Tuesday's data showed core inflation -- which strips out volatile energy, food, alcohol and tobacco prices -- was stable at 2.3 per cent in August. — AFP

German manufacturing shows resilience despite job losses

GERMANY’S manufacturing sector showed signs of resilience in August, with output and new orders rising at a faster pace even as employment continued to decline, a survey showed Monday.

The final S&P Global/HCOB Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) for German manufacturing rose to 49.8 in August from 49.1 in July, just below a preliminary estimate of 49.9. It was the highest level since mid-2022, when the index first slipped below the 50.0 threshold that separates growth from contraction.

The improvement was

driven by stronger output and new orders, which grew for a third consecutive month. However, export sales fell slightly for the first time in five months. Despite stronger production, manufacturers continued to cut jobs, with employment falling at a faster pace than in July. Official data last week showed the number of unemployed in Germany had topped three million for the first time in a decade. A report by consultancy EY said the industrial sector had shed more than 114,000 jobs over the past year, including around 51,000 in the auto industry.

“The ability to expand production despite mounting challenges is a testament to the sector’s resilience,” said Cyrus de la Rubia, chief economist at Hamburg Commercial Bank. But he warned that the industry faces risks from possible disruptions in trade with key non-EU partners and pressure on competitiveness from a stronger euro.

Germany’s economy contracted by 0.3 per cent in the second quarter, as weak exports and sluggish investment continued to weigh on growth. — Xinhua



Staff members introduce new products at the booth of Siemens at IFA Berlin 2024 in Berlin, Germany, 6 September 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

India to start commercial chip production by 2025

INDIA will begin commercial semiconductor production by the end of 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Tuesday, touting his nation as a future “global hub” for chip innovation. Modi, speaking in New Delhi at the launch of the annual Semicon India conference, said test chips from Micron and Tata were already being produced. “Commercial chip production will begin this year,” he said. “This

reflects how rapidly India is advancing in the semiconductor sector.”

India’s semiconductor market has surged from \$38 billion in 2023, to \$45-\$50 billion in 2024-2025, with government targets of \$100-\$110 billion by 2030.

The country is currently developing 10 semiconductor projects worth \$18 billion in investments, including two new 3-nanometre design facilities -- among the most advanced

-- in Noida and Bengaluru.

“Our journey began late, but nothing can stop us now,” Modi said.

India says it has an edge in three areas -- producing components for semiconductor equipment, supplying critical materials such as chemicals and minerals, and services ranging from research and development, to artificial intelligence, big data and cloud computing. — AFP

Digital Focus Company Limited
(Company Registration No. 112480765)

Notice of Liquidator Appointment for Members’ Voluntary Liquidation
(Pursuant to Rule 15 of the Insolvency Rules 2020)

On 31 August 2025, the shareholders of Digital Focus Co., Ltd. passed a special resolution at a general meeting to voluntarily wind up the company in accordance with Section 152 of the Insolvency Law 2020 and appointed U Kyawt Mg & Associates Accountancy and Audit Firm, located at No. 3 105th Street, Mingalar Taung Nyunt Twp., Yangon Region, as the liquidator of said winding up.

Any individual or entity claiming to be a creditor of Digital Focus Co. Ltd. is requested to submit proof of their claim(s) to the liquidator within 30 days of the publication date of the newspaper in which you are reading this notice.

Any claimants should contact the liquidator at:
Email: khin.tz.htay@gmail.com
Phone: 09 517 6165.

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Certified Public Accountant & Auditor

Indonesia’s capital market records over 18 mln investors

THE Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX) reported Tuesday that the number of capital market investors in the country had reached 18 million by the end of August, including 7.56 million stock investors.

“Since we launched an awareness campaign in 2023, we gained 2.7 million new investors in the following year and

3.1 million more up to August this year,” Jeffrey Hendrik, the development director at IDX, told reporters.

Of the 18 million investors, 54.23 per cent were under the age of 30, while 24.82 per cent were between 31 and 40 years old. The remainder were aged 41 and above. — Xinhua

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Chinese FM highlights fruitful outcomes of SCO Tianjin Summit

CHINESE Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Monday highlighted a series of outcomes achieved at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2025 held in Tianjin, China.

The largest-ever SCO summit since its establishment in 2001 was attended by leaders of more than 20 countries and heads of 10 international organizations.

A development strategy for the SCO in the 2026-2035 period was approved during the summit, setting the tone and direction for the organization's growth in the next decade, said Wang, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee.

The summit issued a statement defending the victorious outcomes of World War II. In a separate statement, the SCO expressed firm support for the



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, and Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Nurlan Yermekbayev meet the press in Tianjin, north China, 1 September 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

multilateral trading system, he said when meeting the press together with SCO Secretary-Gen-

eral Nurlan Yermekbayev.

Four new SCO centres were inaugurated at the event with

respective tasks of countering security threats and challenges, tackling transnational organized

crimes, improving information security, and strengthening anti-drug cooperation, Wang said.

The member states also made a decision to establish an SCO development bank, which, Wang said, will greatly boost infrastructure development and economic and social progress among SCO countries.

At the summit, China vowed to establish new cooperation platforms and centres on energy, green industry, digital economy, scientific and technological innovation, higher education, and vocational and technical education. Action plans were also developed to promote high-quality development, covering fields including energy, green industry, digital economy, artificial intelligence and tech innovation, he added.

The summit also achieved breakthroughs in the organization's structural reforms, including merging observer states and dialogue partners into SCO partners, and accepting Laos as a partner to make the SCO a 27-nation family, Wang said. — Xinhua

UN says Afghan quake could impact 'hundreds of thousands'

THE UN on Tuesday said the earthquake in eastern Afghanistan that has killed more than 900 people could impact "hundreds of thousands", and warned of an "exponential" rise in casualties.

"We think potentially the impacted individuals would go up to almost into the hundreds of thousands," Indrika Ratwatte, the UN humanitarian coordinator in Afghanistan, told

reporters in Geneva, speaking from Kabul.

Already, more than 900 people are known to have been killed and thousands injured in the 6.0-magnitude earthquake, which hit remote areas in mountainous provinces near the border with Pakistan around midnight Sunday, followed by at least five aftershocks.

"The numbers are defi-

nately going to increase," Ratwatte said, adding there was "no question that the casualty rate is going to be rather exponential".

The earthquake's epicentre was about 27 kilometres (17 miles) from the city of Jalalabad, according to the US Geological Survey (USGS), which said it struck around eight kilometres below the Earth's surface. Such relatively shallow quakes can cause more damage, especially since the majority of Afghans live in low-rise, mud-brick homes vulnerable to collapse. Ratwatte said homes in the affected region were largely "mud and wooden roof structures, so when the walls collapse the roof is what basically for the individuals kills them or suffocates them".

"It's a low (population) density, but since this happened in the night, everybody was sleeping so I think (the casualty figure) is going to be much higher." — AFP



This photo taken on 1 September 2025 shows a view of the earthquake-hit area in Nurgal district of Kunar province, Afghanistan. PHOTO: XINHUA

NEWS IN BRIEF

Heavy rain halts northeastern Japan bullet trains, homes flooded

SOME bullet train services in northeastern Japan were temporarily suspended on Tuesday due to heavy rain, while dozens of homes suffered flood damage as multiple rivers overflowed.

Shinkansen bullet train services in Akita Prefecture were halted early Tuesday afternoon between Akita Station and Morioka Station in neighbouring Iwate Prefecture, but resumed around 6:15 pm, according to JR East. The city of Akita issued the highest-level emergency alert for over 4,500 residents to ensure their safety, while Gojome and Senboku applied the same alert in parts of their areas.

The Shinjo River and five other rivers overflowed, flooding 25 houses in Gojome and the village of Kamikoani as of 1 pm, according to the prefectural government. Many roads were also submerged. — Kyodo

Landslide flattens Sudan village, kills more than 1,000: rebel group

A massive landslide in Sudan's western Darfur region has flattened an entire mountain village and killed more than 1,000 people, a rebel group said, leaving only one survivor.

The disaster struck Sunday after days of heavy rain, devastating the village of Tarasin in the Jebel Marra area, the Sudan Liberation Movement/Army (SLM), led by Abdulwahid al-Nur, said in a statement.

"Initial information indicates the death of all village residents, estimated at more than 1,000 individuals, with only one survivor," the group said, calling the landslide "massive and devastating". The group appealed to the United Nations and other aid organizations for help recovering the dead still buried under mud and debris. — AFP

SPORTS

AFC U23 Qualifiers Group B press briefing held in Yangon

THE press conference for the AFC U23 Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers Group B, hosted by Myanmar, was held at the Thuwunna Stadium press room on 2 September. Head coaches and players from Myanmar, Japan, Kuwait and Afghanistan attended the briefing.

Myanmar head coach Kurozaki said, "In the opening match against Kuwait, we will prepare to secure a good result. Although we have some injured players, I believe the team can still perform at their best. This tournament is also good preparation for the coming SEA Games, so we will focus on each match and aim to deliver results that please our fans."

Myanmar captain Akar Kyaw remarked, "The match against Kuwait is very important because it is the opening game. We will give our best performance and approach each match with full concentration to secure qualification."

Kuwait head coach Dario said, "I am satisfied with our preparations. Be-



Head coaches of Myanmar, Japan, Kuwait and Afghanistan seen at the press briefing for the AFC U23 Asian Cup Qualifiers Group B in Yangon. PHOTO: MFF

fore this tournament, we played many friendly matches against different teams. Myanmar is a strong side, and we studied their performances at the ASEAN Championships. Our first step

is against Myanmar, and it is a very important match. We will respect every opponent."

Japan head coach Oiwa explained, "All the teams in this group are strong,

so every match will be difficult. Our youngest player is 18 years old, but we also brought experienced and talented players. We are determined to prepare well and aim for qualification".

Afghanistan head coach Manucha said, "We had three months to prepare. The opponents are strong, so it will not be easy, but we will give our best effort. Our first match is against Japan, and we will play to achieve a good result".

The AFC U23 Asian Cup Qualifiers Group B will be staged at Thuwunna Stadium from 3 to 9 September. The group features host Myanmar, Japan, Kuwait and Afghanistan.

On the opening day today, Myanmar will play Kuwait at 4 pm, followed by Japan against Afghanistan at 7 pm. Myanmar head coach Kurozaki also released the final squad list on 2 September, confirming that injured players Zaw Win Thein and Okka Naing would not be included. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Premier League clubs break £3 billion barrier to roar ahead of rivals

RECORD spending of £3 billion (\$4 billion) during the summer transfer window further cements the Premier League as the "most competitive in world football", according to financial experts Deloitte.

The window closed in dramatic style late on Monday when Liverpool announced the British record £125 million signing of Newcastle striker Alexander Isak after a day of big moves.

The gross spend of more than £3 billion during the window is around £650 million higher than the previous record of £2.4 billion set in 2023, according to Deloitte.

It is the third consecutive summer in which gross spend has exceeded £2 billion, and the first in which it has reached £3 billion.

Spending outstripped that across the rest of the big five leagues in Europe, making up 51 per cent of total gross spend among the group -- the Premier League, La Liga, the Bundesliga, Serie A and Ligue 1.

Tim Bridge, lead partner in the Deloitte Sports Business Group, said: "A third record-breaking summer of Premier League spending in four years sends a strong signal that, despite subdued spending across the rest of the continent, clubs have no plans to slow down their investment in the on-pitch product". — AFP

Thway Lin Htet set for ONE Friday Fights 126

MYANMAR fighter Thway Lin Htet will feature in ONE Friday Fights 126 to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, on 26 September.

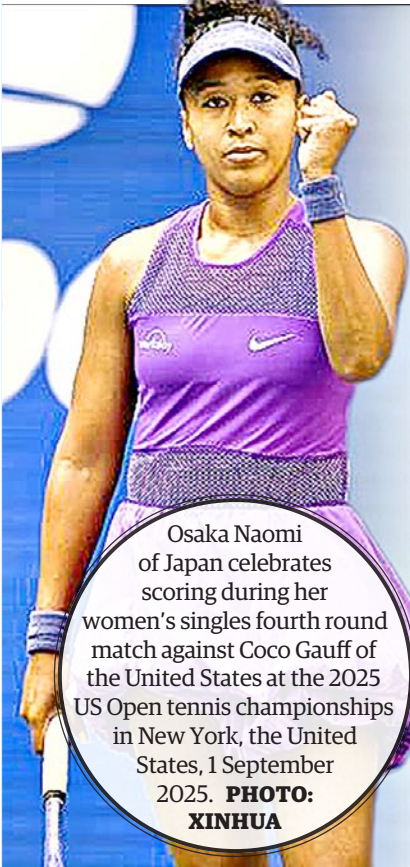
Thway Lin Htet, who is on a winning streak, will take on veteran Thai fighter Sam-A in a crucial bout. The Myanmar fighter has so far competed six times under ONE, securing five victories, including four

consecutive wins in his most recent fights.

Sam-A, regarded as one of Thailand's experienced strikers, has fought 13 times in ONE, winning nine bouts and losing four. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL



PHOTO: ONE CHAMPIONSHIP



Osaka Naomi of Japan celebrates scoring during her women's singles fourth round match against Coco Gauff of the United States at the 2025 US Open tennis championships in New York, the United States, 1 September 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

Osaka rolls past Gauff to reach US Open quarterfinals

NAOMI Osaka powered past Coco Gauff 6-3, 6-2 on Monday to reach the US Open women's singles quarterfinals, spoiling the American's run in front of a home crowd.

Unforced errors and service struggles plagued Gauff on centre court, while Osaka, a four-time Grand Slam champion, impressed with her controlled aggression and relentless shot-making.

"I just really wanted an opportunity to come out here and play," Osaka said. "This is my favourite court in the world, and it means so much to me to be back here".

The 27-year-old Japanese now faces No 11 seed Karolina Muchova of the Czech Republic.

In other women's action, No 2 seed

Iga Swiatek of Poland cruised into the quarterfinals with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Ekaterina Alexandrova.

On the men's side, top-ranked Jannik Sinner of Italy needed just one hour, 21 minutes to dispatch Kazakhstan's Alexander Bublik 6-1, 6-1, 6-1. He will face compatriot Lorenzo Musetti, who beat Spain's Jaume Munar 6-3, 6-0, 6-1.

In women's doubles third round action, Alexandrova and China's Zhang Shuai fell 6-3, 6-4 to American veteran Venus Williams and Canada's Leylah Fernandez. Another Chinese player, Yuan Yue, and her Colombian partner Camila Osorio were defeated 6-2, 6-2 by the American-Czech pair of Taylor Townsend and Katerina Siniakova. — Xinhua



Xi calls for enhancing political mutual trust, cooperation among China, Russia, Mongolia

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Tuesday called for consolidating political mutual trust and deepening mutually beneficial cooperation among China, Russia and Mongolia.

Xi made the remarks during a trilateral meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Mongolian President Ukhnaa Khurelsukh. The meeting was the seventh of its kind among the heads of the three states.

Xi called on the three countries to consolidate political mutual trust, strengthen solidarity and coordination, enhance mutual support, respect each other's core interests and major concerns, and serve as steadfast strategic anchors for their respective development and revitalization.

The three countries should deepen mutually beneficial cooperation, advance cross-border infrastructure and energy projects, enhance the alignment of development strategies, expand the scale of local currency settlement, and strengthen cooperation in tourism and cultural heritage conservation, Xi said. Xi also called for enhancing collaboration within the framework of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), leveraging various platforms and centres established during the SCO Tianjin Summit to seek broader cooperation.

Putin said that enhancing political mutual trust is very important, which is conducive to consolidating the foundation of the trilateral relations. The three sides need to align their development strategies closely, enhance connectivity, expand the scale of trade and investment, and deepen cooperation and exchanges in finance, energy, digital economy, education, environmental protection, tourism and other fields, so as to boost economic development, promote regional economic integration, and enhance the bonds among the peoples, Putin said. — Xinhua



Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Mongolian President Ukhnaa Khurelsukh hold a trilateral meeting at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, 2 September 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Cooling La Nina may return in coming months: UN

THE cooling La Nina weather phenomenon may return between September and November, but even if it does, temperatures are nonetheless expected to be above average, the United Nations said Tuesday.

La Nina is a naturally occurring climate phenomenon that cools surface temperatures in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean. It brings changes in winds, pressure and rainfall patterns.

Conditions oscillate between La Nina and its opposite El Nino, with neutral conditions in between. Following a brief spell of weak La Nina conditions, neutral conditions have persisted since March, the UN's World Meteorological Organization said.

"There is a 55 per cent chance for sea surface temperatures in the equatorial Pacific to cool to La Nina levels" in the September to November period, it said. — AFP



People take a rubber boat through flood water after heavy rains hit Kedungrukem village in Gresik Regency, East Java, Indonesia, 2 March 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Tens of thousands of Israeli reservists report for duty ahead of Gaza City offensive

TENS of thousands of Israeli reservists began reporting for duty on Tuesday as the military said it was stepping up its buildup ahead of a planned offensive to seize the Gaza City.

"The IDF (Israel Defence Forces) is preparing for the reception of reservists ahead of Operation Gideon's Chariots II," the military said in a statement, referring to the name it has given the planned assault.

"In recent days, the IDF has been carrying out logistical and operational preparations ahead of expanded combat operations and the large-scale mobilization of reservists," the statement said.

"The troops are completing a series of training sessions in combat in both urban and open terrain to improve their readiness for upcoming missions," it added. Israel's Army Radio reported that around 40,000 reservists are expected to report for duty on Tuesday, making it one of the largest call-ups since the start of the conflict nearly two years ago. According to the Israeli military, the operation will involve roughly 130,000 reservists in addition to five regular divisions. — Xinhua