

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.

Tatmadaw families plant over 180,000 saplings near Yezin Dam

Reforestation and the sustained protection of forests aim to conserve the environment and ensure future generations can enjoy its benefits.



State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing speaks on the third occasion of the monsoon tree-growing ceremony of families of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) Office yesterday.

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing urged all to grow trees with goodwill as they have to spend their spare time, money and manpower on the movement and to maintain their saplings for thriving more. Families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) and respective military commands have been

holding monsoon tree-growing ceremonies since 2011 with the aim of conserving the natural environment, contributing to climatic conditions, giving shade and supporting the State economy on one hand. Yesterday, families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) held the third monsoon tree-growing **SEE PAGE 3**

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the third tree-growing ceremony of Tatmadaw families

- 1. Cutting trees causes climate change across the world, with record-setting heat and heavy rains due to storms.
- 2. Humans are responsible for carrying out various movements to mitigate climate change caused by their activities.
- 3. Cultivation, conservation and protecting trees and forests are basic factors to control the possibilities of natural disasters to some extent.

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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.

## Students drawn to anti-trafficking efforts



Photos display the talk show and painting contest yesterday.

THE talk show and painting contest took place at the community centre of the Information and Public Relations Department in Thaegon Township of Bago Region yesterday morning.

It aims to enable student youths to comprehensively understand the danger of human trafficking.

Staff Officer Daw Wint Nanda Htay of the Township

IPRD clarified ways to prevent trafficking in persons, techniques used by human traffickers, necessities for safeguarding human trafficked victims, and the purpose of holding the contest for the students to use the library and a wider scope of their knowledge efficiently.

Township Law Officer Daw Khaing Zin Aung talked about incidents of trafficking

in persons, laws related to human trafficking, situations of happening trafficking of persons, and penalties and punishment.

U Win Zaw, School Head of BEPS (Taetheebyin), explained the contest rules.

After the contest, officials presented prizes to the winning students. Afterwards, students interestingly observed works from the wall magazine on the prevention and suppression of trafficking in persons and child labour, in addition to the display of books and publications. — Maung Shwe Win (Pyay)/TTA

## Weather Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Tuesday 11 September 2025)

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

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 12 September 2025:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Mandalay, and Magway Regions and Kayah, and Rakhine States, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago Region and Kachin, northern Shan States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Yangon, Mandalay, Upper Sagaing, and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin State. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD:** The cumulonimbus clouds are developing Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin, and Chin, Mon, and (northern and southern) Shan States. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lighting and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 6-8 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Increase of rain in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12 September 2025:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12 September 2025:** One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12 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)

Tatmadaw families plant over 180,000 saplings near Yezin Dam

**FROM PAGE 1**  
ceremony 2025 near Yezin Dam in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw, attended by 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 who led the ceremony by growing a teak sapling.

On the occasion, the Senior General said that growing trees primarily aims to conserve trees and forests as well as substitute the damaged and lost forests with new ones due to various reasons, as a good human activity.

He continued that cutting trees causes climate change across the world, with record-setting heat and heavy rains due to storms. Humans are responsible for carrying out various movements to mitigate climate change caused by their activities. Cultivation, conservation and protecting trees and forests are basic factors to control the possibilities of natural disasters to some extent.

Since 2011, he recounted that Tatmadaw families have been holding tree-growing ceremonies, to green Yezin Dam and its environments at present.

The Senior General highlighted that if reforestation and the continuous protection and care of forests are consistently carried out for environmental conservation, future generations will have the chance to enjoy the benefits.

The Senior General urged all to grow trees with goodwill as they have to spend their spare time, money and manpower on the movement. They have to maintain their saplings for them to thrive.

SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife, Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, planted a teak sapling.

Vice-Chairman of the Commission Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Army), Vice-Senior General Soe Win and his wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin and his wife, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and his wife, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, Tatmadaw members and families participated



The Senior General plants and waters the teak sapling at yesterday's event.

in growing trees in their respective places.



Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Senior General, waters the planted teak sapling at yesterday's event.

The Senior General, his wife and party viewed the participation of Tatmadaw members and families in the tree-growing ceremony.

Also present at the ceremony were Union-level dignitaries and their wives, senior officer trainees from the National Defence College, Tatmadaw members of the departments and offices from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and families.

At the ceremony, families of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) planted 900 teak saplings, 600 ironwood saplings, 300 gum-kino saplings and 600 Mahogany saplings, totalling 2,400. In order to con-

serve the natural environment and ecosystem around Yezin Dam, Tatmadaw families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) grew 208,425 perennial and shade trees in 44 times of ceremonies from 2011 to 2025.

Led by commanders and officials, military command headquarters, regiments and units planted saplings of industrial crops, perennial trees, shade trees and windbreaks, totalling 186,312 saplings, including yesterday's 2,400 saplings planted by families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) in its third ceremony. — MNA/TTA



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## Republic of the Union of Myanmar National Defence and Security Council

Order 7/2025

5<sup>th</sup> Waning of Tawthalin 1387 ME  
11 September 2025

### Amnesty Order

THE Acting President, exercising the authority vested under Subsection (b) of Section 204 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has now granted amnesty and released Dr Aye Maung, according to the pardon order issued by the former Chairman of the State Administration Council. Dr Aye Maung was convicted and sentenced by the Sittway District Court for criminal case 9/2018 in accord with Penal Code Article 505 (b) and criminal case 3/2018 under Penal Code Article 122 (1). He has pledged to uphold and steadfastly safeguard the country's objectives: Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty. He is committed to fully participating in building a Union founded on a genuine, disciplined, democratic and federal system. Accordingly, with the endorsement of the National Defence and Security Council, the conviction and sentence previously imposed on him have been commuted, granting him full amnesty and freedom.

Sd/  
Min Aung Hlaing  
Senior General  
Acting President  
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

## Coord meeting on national plans and local plans for 2026-2027FY

THE coordination meeting on national plans and local plans for the Financial Year 2026-2027 was held at the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Office 46, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday morning and Dr Kan Zaw, Secretary of the National Planning Commission, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue attended and delivered a speech.

At the meeting, the Union minister discussed the development of national and local plans for the 2026-2027 financial year, giving priority to implement the projects in accordance with the State's vision and objectives, planning matters previously drawn up, and strategically designing projects from a multi-faceted perspective, preventing the wastage of funds, establishing indicative plans that need to be implemented by Union Ministries in each region, implementing the top-down and bottom-down approaches in line with national policy, giving priority and align planning with national goals, and giving guidance to design and prioritize projects to be consistent with targets of the projects.

Then, officials from the Union min-



Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw addresses the coordination meeting on national plans and local plans for the 2026-2027 financial year.

istries and Region/State governments presented the status of the 2026-2027 financial year, the National Plan, and the local plan. They explained the conditions and investment targets for increasing production targets, in line with the country's guidelines and slogans. After that, the Secretary of the National Planning Commission and Union Min-

ister made the necessary coordination and the meeting was adjourned in the evening.

It is reported that Deputy Ministers, Permanent Secretaries, and Directors General from the Ministries attended the meeting in person, while Region/State Economic Ministers attended via videoconference. — MNA

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<https://sacoffice.gov.mm>
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Education seen as key to empowering citizens and advancing national interests

- ❖ Education provides the knowledge needed to critically discern between right and wrong, good and bad, and cause and effect.
- ❖ Only when every citizen is educated and informed can we build a powerful force to advance the country's interests.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the opening ceremony of the International Conference on Applied Research in Education 2025 held on 9 January 2025)

Coord meeting held to plan 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement

THE Steering Committee on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) held a coordination meeting yesterday afternoon in the Grand Ballroom of the Mingalar Thiri Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

Since the signing of the NCA, its anniversaries have been celebrated annually, and the upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 15 October 2025 will be marked in Nay Pyi Taw with grand political essence alongside a commemorative workshop.

The meeting was attended by Steering Committee Chairman Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Vice-Chairman Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, Secretary of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee Lt-Gen Min Naing, and other committee members, including deputy ministers, permanent secretaries, directors-general, and responsible



The coordination meeting of the Steering Committee on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) in progress yesterday, attended by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and U Maung Maung Ohn.

officials from Union ministries.

In his opening remarks, Steering Committee Chairman Lt-Gen Yar Pyae emphasized the importance of the NCA for peace, noting that the event will provide an opportunity for participants, stakeholders, experts, and attendees from various sectors to share their views, experiences, and lessons learned on the peace process over the past 10 years. He also addressed the organization of the NCA 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in a meaningful way, including the formation of work committees and discussions on their responsibilities, as well as the participation of relevant ministries in exhibitions showcasing development activities in ethnic and border areas.

Next, Steering Committee Secretary Lt-Gen Min Naing outlined the status of preparations for the NCA 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, after which

deputy ministers, permanent secretaries, and directors-general from various ministries discussed sector-specific tasks, while attendees offered suggestions and deliberated on necessary actions.

Afterwards, Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn, Vice Chairman of the committee, discussed the importance of youth and the peace sector, the country's current development, the significance of the NCA ceremony, and the requirements for organizing it.

Afterwards, Committee Chairman Lt-Gen Yar Pyae delivered the closing speech and formally concluded the meeting.

The 10<sup>th</sup> NCA anniversary celebration and workshop will be held under the theme "The NCA will shape the future with sustainable peace," focusing on "Identifying the peace process that must be continued to build a peaceful and prosperous future for Myanmar". — MNA/TH

MIFER Union Minister joins 25<sup>th</sup> China Investment & Trade Fair

AT the invitation of the Organizing Committee of the International Trade and Investment Fair of the People's Republic of China, the Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Wah Wah Maung attended the 25<sup>th</sup> China International Fair for Investment and Trade (CIFIT) held in Xiamen, the People's Republic of China, and returned to Yangon on 10 September evening.

On 7 September, the Union minister, along with the Myanmar delegation, attended a dinner hosted by the leaders of Fujian Province and the governor of Jimail District of the People's Republic of China and had a cordial exchange of views

promoting trade and investment between the two countries.

On 8 September, the Myanmar delegation led by the Union minister attended the opening ceremony of the 25<sup>th</sup> China International Fair for Investment and Trade.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Economic and Trade Cooperation Summit was attended by the Myanmar delegation together with representatives of China, Laos, Singapore, Japan, Korea and Malaysia.

At the summit, the Union minister discussed the impact of Myanmar's participation in RCEP, the measures being taken to develop the agro-based industry, the regional economic



Union Minister Dr Wah Wah Maung on participates in the discussion of the fifth Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Economic and Trade Cooperation Summit held in China 8 September.

situation, plans, ways to ensure equitable benefits due to the differences in development levels of RCEP member countries, and investment plans in Myanmar.

On 9 September, the Union minister visited Xiamen Cardiovascular Hospital, Xiamen University, and signed an MoU between the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and Xiamen Cardiovascular Hospital, Xiamen University.

In the afternoon, the Union minister and her team visited international exhibitions to study investment programmes, new technologies, and various business sectors. During the trip, they also visited the ICT Software Park in Xiamen to study and invite investment. — MNA/MKKS



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UEC holds election  
press briefing

THE Union Election Commission (UEC) held an election-related press release programme yesterday afternoon at the annexe of the Union Election Commission.

The event was attended by UEC members U Khin Maung Oo, U Aung Lwin Oo, and U Myint Thein, the Chairman and Second Vice-Chairman of the Myanmar Press Council, responsible officials, staff members of the UEC office, as well as reporters from local media organizations and locally based foreign media agencies.

At the programme, UEC

member U Khin Maung Oo explained the commission's ongoing efforts for the successful holding of a multiparty democratic general election. He elaborated on matters relating to political parties, the practice of a changed electoral system, the use of Myanmar Electronic Voting Machines (MEVM) in voting, step-by-step preparations for the election, compilation of voter lists, submission of candidate lists for parliamentary seats, election campaigning, election security, the invitation of domestic and international election study groups, and media



The Union Election Commission conducts election-related press briefing yesterday.

access to election news.

Afterwards, attending media organizations raised questions, which were answered by UEC

members. U Khin Maung Oo then delivered closing remarks and concluded the programme.

A total of 78 journalists from

30 local media organizations and eight locally based foreign media agencies attended the event. — MNA/KZL

Beijing hosts China International  
Fair for Trade in Services

THE 2025 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) is being held at Shaunang Park in Beijing from 10 to 14 September. This year, more than 70 international organizations and over a hundred Chinese companies are showcasing nearly 200 new products and innovations.

The fair features a wide range of activities, including global trade summits, exhibitions and forums. Key highlights are services in telecommunications, digital technology, artificial intelligence, network technology, robotics and industrial machinery, alongside international entrepreneurship. The construction sector is presenting advances in applying artificial intelligence, environmental conservation and integrated infrastructure development through Chinese and international companies.

Financial and banking pavilions are exhibiting banking technology, public benefit programmes and digi-

tal banking systems. Cultural sections feature plans for building international cultural centres, while the education sector showcases technological and research achievements of Chinese and international universities, vocational schools and pathways for expanding educational opportunities. Health, sports, transport, economics, social welfare services and exhibitions of Chinese cultural heritage are also included.

During the event, China is seeking to align its economic strategies with international organizations and countries to expand global investment. Businessmen from Chinese provinces, Hong Kong, Macau and Chinese Taipei are also participating, according to a Hong Kong pavilion official.

The fair was first held in 2012, and up to now it has attracted participation from 198 countries, bringing together around 1.19 million international industry professionals and entrepreneurs. — Khin Yadana/KZL



Visitors exploring the 2025 China International Fair for Trade in Services in Beijing, China, on 10-14 September.

1,500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Prophet's  
birthday commemorated



The 1,500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Prophet Muhammad's birthday event underway yesterday.

THE 1,500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Prophet Muhammad's birthday ceremony was held at Sky Star Hotel yesterday, led by the Central Committee for the 1,500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Prophet's birthday ceremony of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The event was attended by special guests from the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, the Yangon Region chief minister, officials from the Yangon Region government, officials from the Egyptian Embassy and many other organizations and guests.

The congratulatory message from U Tin Oo Lwin, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture, was read out by U Aye Tun, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture.

The 1,500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Prophet's birthday is a special day for Muslims, and the occasion marks the 1,500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birthday of their prophet,

Prophet Muhammad. Therefore, the congratulatory message was sent on the occasion of the 1,500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad, the leader of the Muslims. The congratulatory message states that it is a good tradition to be able to hold religious festivals. In addition, according to the Constitution, the government provides necessary assistance to hold the religious festivals of the four major religions practised by the people living in Myanmar.

Afterwards, Dr Ahmed Abdallah Mahmoud Atiya Eltahlawy, Charge d'Affaires ad interim, the Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt, delivered a speech of congratulations, officials from the Central Committee for the celebration of the Prophet's birthday addressed a speech on the life of the Prophet, and the first prize winners of the Islamic Religious Literature competition were honoured. — GNLM/MKKS



NATIONAL

Myanmar joins 22<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Air Chiefs Conference in Indonesia

A Myanmar delegation led by Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung departed Yangon International Airport on 6 September to attend the XXII ASEAN Air Chiefs Conference (XXII AACC) in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Upon arrival on 7 September, the delegation met individually with Lao Air Force Chief Major General Khamlek Sengphachanh, Brunei Air Force Chief Brig-Gen (U) Haji Haszaidi bin Haji Ahmad Daud, and Indonesian Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal Mohamad Tonny Harjono to discuss bilateral air force matters.

On 8 September, the dele-

gation attended the XXII AACC at the Ritz-Carlton Ballroom in Jakarta. ASEAN air chiefs discussed “ASEAN Inclusivity and Sustainability of Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations” and endorsed joint agreements with signatures.

In the evening, the delegation joined ASEAN air chiefs at a state dinner hosted by the Indonesian Air Force Chief.

The Myanmar delegation returned to Yangon on 10 September, welcomed by Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Pyae Sone Lin and senior Tatmadaw officers at Yangon International Airport. — MNA/KZL



Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung joins the documentary group photo session of the 22<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Air Chiefs Conference in Indonesia on 8 September.

Tatmadaw retakes HQs, outposts, and villages near Bhamo from KIA, AA, and PDF terrorists

KIA terrorists, in cooperation with AA and PDF terrorists, temporarily occupied security posts and Dawphonyan, Myothit and Tasai villages in the east of Kachin State, starting from 7 March 2024, to control the Bhamo-Tasai-Myothit-Laiza route and the Bhamo-Momauk-Tasai-Laiza route, which are important for border trade in the eastern Ayeyawady River.

Tatmadaw columns systematically grouped and launched offensive attacks on Momauk on 20 August. So, the combined terrorists suffered.

Meanwhile, PDF terrorist brigades with superior strength attacked Bhamo on two sides starting from 4 December 2024. So, some people from Bhamo fled away.

Likewise, terrorists who temporarily controlled Mansi engaged with local security forces from the southern part of Bhamo on the Mansi-Bhamo route.

Combined terrorist groups launched continuous assaults with their full strength in an at-



This map, with inset photos, shows Tatmadaw reclaiming headquarters, outposts, and villages near Bhamo from KIA, AA, and PDF terrorists.

tempt to seize complete control of Bhamo. However, for eight consecutive months from December 2024 to July 2025, Tatmadaw members from regiments and units stationed there, together with their families and government staff, defended the city with

unyielding spirit and fierce determination, refusing to surrender or allow the city to fall. As a result of their strong resistance, the terrorist groups’ ambition to fully capture Bhamo was brought to a halt.

In August 2025, naval vessels

accompanying reinforcement columns advanced toward Bhamo. They successfully reached and docked in the city. Beginning on 4 August 2025, seven reinforcement columns were organized and advanced together.

As such, security forces

totally recaptured all military headquarters, wards, villages and outputs around Bhamo from 4 August to 11 September 2025. Terrorists retreated to the northeast of Bhamo with many casualties and to Momauk in disarray.

Tatmadaw engaged with terrorists in 15 major fighting and 490 clashes from 4 December 2024 to 11 September 2015, seized 163 bodies of enemies, 178 arms and related equipment. Due to the brave attacks of Tatmadaw, other sources mentioned that there were 4,616 dead bodies and 4,983 injured left by the terrorists. Some officers and other ranks of Tatmadaw sacrificed their lives for the State and Tatmadaw.

It is reported that, as casualties among the terrorist groups have increased, some have returned to the legal fold to the military columns together with their arms, ammunition, and related equipment. Military columns are continuing security operations against the remaining terrorist groups still present in Bhamo.

— MNA/TTA

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## Improve social protection measures for the lives of citizens

**D**UE to its geographical location, Myanmar frequently faces various natural disasters and challenges, resulting in considerable damage and losses in all seasons. Therefore, the government has formed disaster management committees and organizations at different levels to mitigate and prevent the impacts of such disasters as much as possible, and to reduce risks to the lives and property of citizens.

In addition to addressing natural disasters, it is also necessary to ensure the recovery and development of human resources, with

In Myanmar, to ensure social security for all residents, support is being provided to pregnant mothers and their children under the age of two through cash assistance in some regions and states, social pension payments, and comprehensive social protection services. The citizens under the social protection will have safety of life with confidence in their livelihoods, as well as serving the interests of the nation throughout their lives.

particular focus on protecting vulnerable groups through social protection measures. In establishing a social protection system, Myanmar must implement the four approaches outlined in the National Social Protection Strategic Plan, carrying them out collectively with the participation of all citizens.

Four key dimensions often emphasized in National Social Protection Strategic Plans (NSPSP) are the protective social protection, the preventive social protection, the promotive social protection, and the transformative social protection. These pillars aim to provide comprehensive protection by offering income security, supportive services for people in vulnerable groups, targeted help for immediate needs, and programmes to enhance self-sufficiency and employment opportunities.

Through the implementation of the four approaches, social protection activities can progress from emergency response and providing relief to affected populations, towards continuous prevention and enhancement, ultimately contributing to the establishment of fully capable human resources. If so, those human resources will be reliable for nation-building endeavours in the future.

In implementing the four dimensions of social protection, the social protection needs of the three age groups – children, youth and young adults, and the elderly – must be addressed. In doing so, it is necessary to review and update the National Social Protection Strategic Plan 2014 to align it with current circumstances. At present, the National Social Protection Committee aims, as part of a long-term process, to study and consolidate sectoral social protection laws so that when a legislative body is established in the future, a comprehensive “Social Protection Law” covering the needs of Myanmar can be enacted.

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### ‘If she lies, she lies’

Many years ago, I encountered a senior Dutch diplomat in Myanmar in the middle of a heated exchange with local representatives. This diplomat, who resembled a wizened, poorly-made, cheap waxwork of Brigitte Nielsen, was apparently involved in the advisory committee for Rakhine during the height of the Western hand-wringing over Myanmar’s crackdown against terrorists. I couldn’t help but watch in apprehension as she spoke down to the Myanmar representatives. The manner in which she had done so repeatedly and confidently, airing fantastical, unsubstantiated lies, was reminiscent of the way Dutch colonial authorities had treated the natives during the days of their imperial dominance in Southeast Asia and South America. The smug, self-possessed, finger-wagging arrogance bred only from a position of privilege empowered by neoliberal asymmetry was not unlike the nose-shrivelling disregard and superiority exhibited as the Dutch brutalized thousands during the South Sulawesi campaign and the Rengat and Rawagede massacres in Indonesia, or the Marienburg massacre in Suriname, to name but a few.

Don’t worry, I was later told by gracious locals. It’s just the Dutch being Dutch, which is to say, blunt and direct. Of course, we all know that this is exactly how ‘diplomats’ tasked by their countries with ‘diplomacy’ overseas are supposed to act in conversations with representatives from the host country. Curiously enough, dehydrated Brigitte Nielsen never seemed to talk down to fellow Westerners or those from more powerful nations than hers. Dehydrated Brigitte Nielsen, to no one’s surprise,

reported, granted patronage to a deplorable gaggle of local lackeys working in the ‘humanitarian’ and ‘civil society’ sector in Myanmar; a gaping abyss sucking up Western taxpayer contributions and which doubles as a tool for foreign interference. This demeaning treatment, it seems, was specifically reserved for Myanmar nationals who refused to tow her line. Today, dehydrated Brigitte Nielsen spends her days clawing for relevance on X from the weight of her previous positions, becoming one with the blob of ex-and current Western diplomats unhealthily obsessed with undermining the Myanmar government at every available turn through half-baked half-truths or outright lies.

### Beggars in Brussels

Recently, this blob’s European appendage, acting through the European Union, welcomed terrorists on their doorstep. The terrorists, led by a delusional Western-trained lapdog with the appearance and charisma of a wet, unkempt garden gnome, arrived in Brussels, begging bowls out, to take orders from Europeans. The meeting was chiefly organized by Igor Driesmans, the EU’s Ambassador to ASEAN and Special Envoy for Myanmar, who gleefully pranced around taking credit for the arrangement. That same week, Acting President Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his delegation were being warmly hosted in China with other world leaders in a spectacle celebrating resistance to tyranny. The contrast couldn’t be more apparent—a reality the terrorists and their demented, self-serving minions recognize but refuse to acknowledge to keep up their charade

## Putting the EU Delegation in Myanmar in its Place

By Sitt Naing

and, more importantly, the funding going. The terrorists and their toadies are more than happy to take taxpayer money away from disadvantaged needy families in Europe to fund their expensive, continent-criss-crossing sojourns and shopping trips to decorate their serviced apartments, villas and McMansions in Chiang Mai, Mae Sot, California and Maryland.

The terrorists, as well as their EU sponsors cum paymasters, blabbered on about ‘reforming’ their decrepit body – a laughably pathetic display that, underneath the flowery, self-serving verbiage, tells the world, in no uncertain terms: ‘we’re out of ideas, people have turned on us, please rescue us, anointed western masters.’ In any sovereign country, such pandering prostrations to Europeans and other foreigners would be deemed seditious and tantamount to treason. Yet for this group of terrorists, worshipping Western politicians and being their unobstructive lickspittles is practically second nature.

For the EU collaborators sponsor-

ing the terrorists, it helps insulate the former from troubles they and their countries are facing domestically. In Western European policy circles, moral grandstanding and virtue exhibitions remain in vogue, even as it has been gradually phased out in the rest of the world, including in the United States, where efforts by President Trump’s administration have faced resistance from disloyal traitors within the State Department hydra, most prominently in its overseas missions. Keep this in mind: Western Europe’s ruling political and policymaking classes, at their hearts, are nostalgic for bygone eras where they were masters beyond reproach. In these Myanmar-born pet terrorists, the wannabe masters find willing slaves in whom to actualize their dual fantasies, living out their Hollywood-spun meddling fantasies in faraway countries, yet be comfortably insulated from the consequences.

### Feeding the Blob

Driesmans and the EU in Brussels

are aided in no small part by the ‘diplomats’ serving in the EU Delegation in Myanmar; whose primary jobs appear to be feeding this circle of repugnant bias, selective outrage and terroristic support. For these alleged diplomats, most days are spent meandering through meetings with ‘local contacts’, lunches at four-star hotels, and establishing ‘resilience networks’ to hasten support to terrorist groups, dreaming up cover names for them to pass off under official endorsement. White collar local staff at the EU Delegation in Myanmar are often treated as menial personal assistants and lackeys, in complete contravention of workplace standards instituted in their home countries.

Evenings for these so-called diplomats are spent stuffing their smug faces and swigging alcohol at receptions while raging bloody fire against the Myanmar government, sometimes pausing to lavish praise on some hideous art piece or performance art by their favourite local sellout artist, accumulating ‘woke’ points to morally gesticulate and

gyrate in ‘high-level meetings’. These so-called diplomats would awake the next day and jot down ideas for a hilariously falsified memoir on how much danger they had faced in two to three years in Myanmar. The horrors of bland croissants and mosquito bites magically become dodging imaginary bombs in Yangon and sheltering terrorists. When these Golden Valley-based EU-crats say they love Myanmar; they sincerely mean it – they really love the privilege they’re afforded, and they love using local Myanmar citizens as props in their fantastical hero delusions. They also very much love the favourable exchange rate that lets them live like mini barons and baronesses in Myanmar on salaries from European taxes. But love for the country and its future beyond their own narrow-minded interpretations? None.

### Final Messages

To the EU Delegation in Myanmar (the political officer; no doubt within an arm’s reach of the office Prosecco and some cheap, basic terrorist-supporting merchandise), know this and remember: do not forget that you are in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. You are a very privileged guest in the country, blessed with diplomatic immunity. The landlord here has almost saintly patience for your shenanigans. He fixes your garden. Change the lights where needed. And most graciously of all, it even ignores your truly wretched body language, odour and habits, including blaring loud music, scattering toenails all over the living room and inviting unsavoury drug-addicted guests. Yet patience has a limit. When you smear excrement on the walls, set the curtains on fire, destroy furniture and support

squatters on the premises, you should not be surprised when evicted permanently.

Myanmar is well within its rights as a sovereign nation to reciprocate the blatant disrespect shown by Brussels’ deluded terrorist dalliances. For every single time Driesmans (who should be designated persona non grata) and the EU engage with the garden gnome and other repulsive warrant-dodging terrorists, or for every self-obsessed, dishonest social media post by the EU Delegation in Myanmar condemning the country’s upcoming elections, Myanmar should expel an in-country so-called diplomat from the EU Delegation or any Western European embassy. Or two. Or three. Send them back to their illegal immigrant-infested capitals to lick their wounds and dribble and moan about Myanmar to the terrorist-supporting diaspora traitor networks that are used to kneeling for foreigners to sustain their existences.

Let them spend European taxes on meaningless money pit terrorist fundraisers headlined by grifters, debt dodgers, has-beens and never-weres. For the mentally slower members of the EU Delegation in Myanmar: know that ‘diplomatic immunity’ is not a clearance for subverting our elections in Myanmar or any other country, and that the Myanmar government’s leniency must not be abused. You are not saving anyone with your subversive meddling shenanigans and high-horsing rhetorical garbage. Your mission’s appropriation of European taxes and time only goes to thieves, vandals, rapists, murderers and their go-betweens terrorizing innocent law-abiding Myanmar citizens.

## School Bullying on Suggestion

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo’s Song)

**R**EALLY, bullying is no stranger in many schools here and there on the globe. It is merely a common problem occasionally seen just in some schools for a number of potential reasons. As adolescent students become older; they must apparently face their physical development due to growth hormones, as far as I know, for a good example, their voices get deeper; and their body structure will also be well built, while their height

might be taller than average. Thus, these students mostly like to dominate their own age groups in one way or the other. However, the way they tend to do so sometimes may unexpectedly or unconsciously change into school bullying for their peer groups, not school violence or school abuse at all. In the main, students who have had abnormal growth compared to the others are given to committing school bullying out of the blue. Even though there is

more or less bullying in school, this school bullying has never been a normal case that they take their parents, teachers and other guardians out of themselves. Hence, how on earth will school bullying be sorted out by us all? As I am all aware, how is below.

First of all, teachers can create an enjoyable or satisfactory learning environment at school in order to avoid student bullying. Role-play methods should be used in language teaching, quiz games in mathematical calculation, and demonstration pedagogies in science learning, as and when possi-

ble, to the extent that teachers can afford. In my teaching experience, a silent classroom usually breeds boredom and passive behaviours in student learning. On the other hand, an actively living classroom often gives birth to students’ intrinsic and extrinsic motivation, as well as arousing their eagerness to learn. Of course, any classroom must be full of interpersonal discussion, talks and arguments among students or between teachers and students, together with students’ laughter and fun. In this way, there will be no tension in the relationship between teachers and



Playing together after class will strengthen the students’ teamwork and ability to work well with others. ILLUSTRATION: ADOBE STOCK

students or between students, so as to naturally be free from school bullying.

Secondly, teachers have to offer a competitive atmosphere of education among students. As to teaching-learning language, essay or letter writing tests and impromptu talking competitions can be periodically created both during and out of class time. These tests and competitions will make students book reading tasks more than before, then the knowledge gained from those tasks should give them a proper understanding of school lessons. An educational atmosphere of competition between students can change students’ attitudes towards schooling and education.

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# NATIONAL

## 36 foreigners repatriated via Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge II

THE government continues to crack down on telecom fraud and criminal activities in collaboration with neighbouring countries and international organizations. Yesterday, 36 foreign nationals involved in illegal online gambling, telecom fraud, and other crimes, including 33 from the Philippines and three from South Africa, were systematically repatriated via the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge II to their respective countries in accordance with legal procedures, with consideration for humanitarian

support and bilateral cooperation. The repatriation process was monitored and coordinated by the Department of Immigration and Population, Kayin State officials, and relevant authorities to ensure complete, accurate documentation and smooth transfer. The handover ceremony was attended by representatives from the Philippine and South African embassies in Thailand, and Thai immigration officials, where Myanmar authorities formally transferred



Repatriation processes underway for 36 undocumented foreign entrants.

the necessary documents. From 30 January to 11 September 2025, Myanmar identified and detained 9,385 foreign nationals entering illegally, of whom 9,305 have been repatriated via Thailand, while the remaining 80 are being prepared for repatriation and are under secure custody. The government maintains active measures to apprehend both domestic and foreign operators of online scams while ensuring humanitarian assistance to affected foreign nationals. — MNA/KZL

## Sakura Hospital offers free TB tests and treatment



The Sakura Hospital provides free testing and treatment for TB. SAKURA Hospital, which is affiliated with the Tuberculosis Project of the Myanmar Medical Association, announced on 10 September that it is providing free treatment to all TB patients in collaboration with the National TB Eradication Project. The PPM TB Centre at the Sakura Hos-

pital offers free TB testing and treatment through the MMA PPM TB project. The centre at the hospital is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to noon. Established in November 2016 in collaboration with the PPM TB Project of the MMA, the PPM TB Centre provides free TB testing and treatment to patients. Health departments, the MMA and TB Project clinics are providing free treatment with powerful TB drugs. So, if anyone suspects having TB symptoms, they should go as soon as possible to the nearest health departments, hospitals or clinics for diagnosis and treatment, and if they receive systematic and complete treatment as directed by the health professionals, TB is curable, it stated. The Sakura Hospital is located at 32, Shin Saw Pu Street, Sangyoung Township, Yangon. — MT/ZN

## Myanmar workers in Thailand can apply for C of I after paying book fee at 7-Eleven

MYANMAR workers who want to apply for a Certificate of Identification in Thailand can make payments of THB2,670 for books at any 7-Eleven store and submit the receipt to the centre they choose, according to the statement from the Labour Attaché in Bangkok on 10 September. The statement also described the procedures and establishment of four stations to provide a Certificate of Identification for Myanmar migrants working in Thailand in Samut Sakhon, Samut Prakan, Surat Thani,

and Chiang Mai, starting 6 August 2025. Workers who wish to apply for C of I can choose the station and the date by paying the C of I book cost of THB2,670 at the nearest 7-Eleven store. After payment, the migrant can go to the C of I station of their choice with a receipt issued by the store. Therefore, applying for a C of I will cost only THB2,670, as stated by the Department of Labour, to avoid other unnecessary costs. — MT/ZN

## School Bullying on ...

**FROM PAGE 9** In other words, the main reason why they go to school does not mean that they compete with each other as regards conspicuous consumption like clothing, beauty and accessories, but their better educational improvement from one academic year after another. Such unnecessary competition between students can increase tension in their mutual relationships, which may then lead to school bullying. Therefore, any competition for educational development is quite likely to decrease students' bullying spirit to a certain extent. Thirdly, co-curricular activities – singing, dancing, writing, playing musical instruments, painting, taking physical exercise, cooking, and sewing – have to be taught as many times as teachers can. Singing or listening to music, whatever it is, enables students to capture their hearts and minds of relaxation, pleasure and peace. As dancing, playing musical instruments, taking exercise, cooking, and sewing are of bodily kinesthetic intelligence, students can learn by doing without paying any attention to external senses not directly related to school studies. Writing and painting will stimulate the imagination and creativity of students, thereby building their grey matter. In fact, teachers can take advantage of co-curricular activities, which will lessen students' boredom with school studies for the simple reason that doing the same thing day by day seems to keep the students fed up with those studies to death. Many co-curricular activities well done at school will definitely make a pleasant diversion for students. Only thanks to co-curricular activities, students should have fun in school, also studying school subjects; they can earn a decent living based on these activities after school; and the activities will chiefly minimize their destructive spirit, for instance, bullying. After all, in order that students can eschew school bullying, we elders should never allow them to see harsh movies, especially those in which domestic abuse or violence takes place. And extra-curricular activities such as playing football and sepak takraw will exercise students' cooperative spirit and collective action, which give rise to the unity and amity between the students. What is more, we need to have as many discussions about sympathy and empathy with our students as possible. Also, we parents or guardians ought to go and see the headteachers in school together with our students in case of school bullying. Really and truly, student bullying is not only a school problem but also the community's one. Quite frankly, we are all responsible for school bullying, indeed.



## CBM to inject US\$22M into fuel oil sector

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 10 September that it would sell US\$22 million to fuel oil entrepreneurs. CBM also sold over \$1.17 million to edible oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM sold \$1.5 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$350,000 to fuel oil-importing companies on 9 September.

Additionally, CBM injected \$560,000 and 306,000 yuan into the financial market. CBM sold \$11,350 to those who made non-trade payments as well on that day.

CBM over \$2 million purchased from companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis to edible oil-im-

porting companies and over \$464,400 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments on 8 August, in addition to an injection of 1.9 million yuan into the market.

CBM sold \$2.15 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$449,600 to fuel oil-importing companies on 5 September, in addition to an injection of 400,000 yuan into the market.

CBM sold over \$2.3 million purchased from CMP companies to edible oil-importing companies on 4 September.

Furthermore, it sold over \$248,800 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments on that day.

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 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

## Fertilizer reference prices spike in Aug

THE Myanmar Fertilizer, Seed and Pesticide Entrepreneurs Association (MFSPEA) announced that fertilizer reference prices inched higher in August 2025 compared to those registered in previous months. The reference prices for July 2025 were K102,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Urea fertilizer (large granular), and K145,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Di Ammonium Phosphate.

The prices rose to K119,900 per 50-kilogramme bag of Urea fertilizer (large granular) and K153,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Di Ammonium Phosphate. The figures showed an increase of K8,000 to K17,900 per bag in August compared to those of July.

The prices may vary a bit depending on transport charges in other regions and states, as the aforementioned prices are set for the Yangon Region, MFSPEA stated.

Additionally, reference prices will be further announced as per rules and regulations. For overcharging, consumers can complain to the committee through contact numbers 067 410032 and 09 988539360. MFSPEA has already asked the member companies to stick to the reference prices.

At present, the Fertilizer Committee holds a quarterly meeting to ensure quality fertilizer for growers without facing shortages. Under the approval of the Fertilizer Technology Group, 12,297 fertilizer registrations have been granted after the 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Fertilizer Committee. With individuals' consent, 2,088 registrations were voluntarily cancelled. The department revoked 2,867 registrations for expiration of validity, and 7,342 registrations are still under processing. — NN/KK

## Ooredoo Myanmar to rebrand as U9 from 20 Sept



OOREDOO Myanmar will rebrand as U9 beginning 20 September.

Vibrant new U9 brand identity will emerge across retail

stores, offices, and digital platforms in the upcoming weeks, with seamless transitions.

“This rebrand marks a significant milestone for our company and for the industry,” said Daw Caroline Yin Yin Htay, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of U9.

While our name is changing, our customers can expect the same reliable services they trust, with even more exciting experiences to come, she added.

Customers will be able to download the new U9 App on the Apple App Store and Google Play. They can log in using their existing credentials from the current Ooredoo Myanmar app.

To commemorate the launch, U9 will run a promotional campaign where customers can send Hello U9 via SMS to 9999 starting 20 September for a chance to win up to 9GB of free data.

On 31 May 2024, Ooredoo South East Asia Holding WLL sold its interest in Ooredoo Myanmar Limited to Nine Communications Pte Ltd. — GNLM

## Over 1,700 firms, factories apply for GACC certification

A total of 1,795 Myanmar food processing companies and factories have submitted 3,739 applications to the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) as of 5 September 2025, according to the Domestic Trade Division (GACC team) of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization under the Ministry of Commerce. According to GACC Decrees 248 and 249, GACC registration is mandatory for food exporters beginning from 1 January 2022. Those individuals executing edible oil, oilseeds, stuffed pastry products, edible bird's nest and related products, edible grains, grains milling industrial products and malt, fresh and dehydrated vegetables, dried beans, plant species, nuts and seeds, dried fruits, unroasted coffee and cocoa bean, special dietary food excluding milk-based formula, functional foods, bee products, aquatic products including farm products, animal products and animal feed and livestock animal businesses need to apply for GACC licence to place their goods in China's market.

The relevant authorities for the registration with GACC are the Agriculture Department, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, the Fisheries Department and the Food and Drug Administration Department. Exporters can directly access the China International Trade Single Window through <https://cifer.singlewindow.cn> by creating accounts for those food groups which are not listed in the aforementioned 18 groups.

Between 1 December 2021 and 5 September 2025, 3,739 applications by 1,795 factories have been forwarded to the GACC through the Agriculture Department (3,564 applications), the Fisheries Department (152), the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (14) and the Food and Drug Administration Department (nine). Regarding the registration of the importing companies, the Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine under the GACC will check quarantine access for the imported grains (unroasted coffee bean,

cocoa beans, fresh and dehydrated vegetables, plant seasonings (plant spices), edible grain, dried beans, oil seeds (oil plant) and herbal animal products and plant for their origins.

The companies cannot directly proceed with registration, and they need to carry out this step through competent authorities and departments concerned by sending an email via [dapq@customs.gov.cn](mailto:dapq@customs.gov.cn) or submitting a letter to the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar or the Myanmar Embassy in China.

As of 5 September 2025, a total of 1,141 applications have been successful in registering with the GACC with the approval of the competent authority. Additionally, a manual registration list of overseas manufacturers of imported foods with the GACC has been uploaded on <http://dzs.customs.gov.cn/>. Individuals can enquire further information through the contact numbers of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization at 067 3408605 and 067 3408617, and email [myantrade.domestic@gmail.com](mailto:myantrade.domestic@gmail.com). — NN/KK



# NATIONAL

## Magway Myathalun to host 2,589<sup>th</sup> Buddha Pujaniya Festival on 1–20 Oct

THE 2,589<sup>th</sup> Buddha Pujaniya Festival of the Myathalun Pagoda in Magway will be held with grandeur from the 10<sup>th</sup> waxing day of Thadingyut to the 14<sup>th</sup> waning day of Thadingyut (from 1 to 20 October), according to U Aung San, a member of the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

At this year's Buddha Pujaniya Festival of the Myathalun Pagoda, more than 1,000 shops and stalls will be arranged as part of the pagoda festival fair.

U Aung San explained, "The Buddha Pujaniya Festival will be held from the 10<sup>th</sup> waxing day of Thadingyut (1 October) to the 14<sup>th</sup> waning day of Thadingyut (20 October). For pilgrims coming from across the country, free rest houses with full facilities of water and electricity have been arranged to accommodate about 1,000 visitors.

"During the festival, there will be continuous recitation of the Maha Pathana. When the recitation concludes, alms will be offered to the Sangha. A total of 1,500 monks will be offered alms rice. On the full moon night of Thadingyut, we will hold a grand ceremony of offering 9,000 oil lamps, 9,000 joss sticks, and 9,000 flowers".

On regular days, the number of pilgrims visiting Myath-



This image showcases the Myathalun Pagoda in Magway, crowded with devotees.

alun Pagoda is usually between 800 and 1,000, but on major days such as the full moon day and Uposatha days, the number of devotees can reach about 4,000. — ASH/KNN

## MoI to supply over 5M cement bags for post-quake reconstruction

THE Ministry of Industry will distribute 5.34 million bags of cement provided by the National Disaster Management Committee to eight regions and states impacted by the Mandalay Earthquake for post-quake reconstruction activities.

"The decision was made during a coordination meeting of the Myanmar Cement Manufacturers Association held on 9 September at the Ministry of Industry. The ministry will give out the cement provided by the National Disaster Management Committee to eight regions and states affected by the Mandalay Earthquake," said an official of the ministry.

The association is commit-



This photo shows cement bags being unloaded from trucks for transport to reconstruction sites.

ted to strengthening sustainability in the cement industry and related businesses. The ministry will also endeavour to provide technical assistance for cement production.

The ministry will advocate to incorporate cement produc-

tion technology into the curriculum of the Technological University, Government Technological College and vocational schools. The MoI will link with the cement factories for field trips for the students. — ASH/KK

## Rock and Roll Fest to feature live performances

SINGERS Myo Gyi and Y Wine will stage a live concert titled Rock and Roll Fest at the Inya Lake Garden Hotel in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, at 7 pm on 19 September, according to singer Myo Gyi.

"It has been a long time since we last met our Yangon fans. This time, I will be performing together with my friend Y Wine, and the full IC Band will join us for a night our audience has been waiting for. Fans will also be able to enjoy Ko Chit San Maung's powerful guitar performance once again," Myo Gyi said.

The concert will feature live performances by the singers,



A poster to promote Rock and Roll Fest.

with the Iron Cross Band providing full musical backing throughout the evening. — ASH/KZL



This image depicts the artistes during the premiere show.

## Comedy film 'AhKyeekyee' premieres in Yangon ahead of nationwide release

THE premiere of the film 'AhKyeekyee' took place at the Thamada Cinema in Dagon Township, Yangon Region, ahead of its nationwide release starting from 26 September, according to director Pwint Theingi Zaw (Aron Oo).

The film is a comedy directed by Pwint Theingi Zaw (Aron Oo), who is also responsible for

producing this new Aron Oo film.

"The launch of the film falls on my birthday, which makes me very happy. This film has a different style that I believe will ease the boredom of fans. Phway and Pwint both have experience in comedy films, so they were very comfortable during the filming process. Some of the artistes in this film may

not have had many roles, but they delivered their best performances. Audiences will also see the four-twenty style, which I think the fans will enjoy," said director Pwint Theingi Zaw (Aron Oo).

The cast includes Academy Award winners Nay Win, Phway Phway, Soe Myat Thuzar, and many others. — ASH/MKKS



Union to vote on deal to end strike at Boeing defence branch

LABOUR leaders reached a tentative agreement with Boeing that could resolve a strike in the aviation giant’s defence business, the union announced Wednesday.

Some 3,200 workers in Missouri and Illinois are set to vote Friday on a preliminary agreement that includes wage increases, said a press release from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union.

Boeing confirmed the development and expressed hope that striking workers would accept the deal. “We’ve found a path forward on a five-year contract offer that grows wages by 45 per cent on average,” said Boeing vice president Dan Gillian. “It remains the best deal we’ve ever offered to IAM 837 and we encourage our team to vote yes so we can get back to work building amazing products for our customers.” — AFP

Samsung trolls Apple over iPhone 17 launch, netizens in splits

SOON after Apple launched its iPhone 17 series at the annual “Awe Dropping” event, Samsung seized the opportunity to mock its rival. Samsung Mobile US revived a 2022 jab about Apple’s absence in the foldable phone market, reposting “Let us know when it folds” with the hashtag #iCant believe this is still relevant.

Samsung also ridiculed the iPhone 17’s camera, tweeting “48MP x 3 still doesn’t equal 200MP



A person holds up an Apple iPhone 17 Pro during Apple’s “Awe-Dropping” event at the Steve Jobs Theater on the Apple Park campus in Cupertino, California, on 9 September 2025. PHOTO: AFP

#iCant!” and criticized Apple’s slow feature roll-outs, noting people wait-

ed five years for the Sleep Score feature.

Apple CEO Tim Cook

introduced the iPhone Air as the thinnest iPhone ever, measuring just 5.6 millimetre thick. The device boasts a 6.5-inch ProMotion display with up to 120Hz refresh rate and 3,000 nits peak brightness.

It features a ceramic shield and titanium frame, combining sleek design with power efficiency.

Apple credits iOS 26’s Adaptive Power and the advanced N1 wireless chip for reducing energy consumption by up to 30 per cent. — ANI

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1	All Jet	Abamectin 1.8% + Lambda-Cyhalothrin 2.5% EC	Provisional Registration	P2025-6622

**Northern Aung Power Agro Chemical Co.,Ltd**  
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1	Super Pyaung	Atrazine 20% + Mesotrione 7% + Nicosulfuron 3% OD	Provisional Registration	P2023-5391

**Gold and Super Co.,Ltd**  
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No	Trade Name	Active Ingredient Name	Registration Type	Registration Number
1	Dizole Top	Azoxystrobin 20% + Difenconazole 12.5% SC	Provisional Registration	P2022-6002

**Northern Aung Power Agro Chemical Co.,Ltd**  
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No	Trade Name	Active Ingredient Name	Registration Type	Registration Number
1	Poe Swam Thar	Chlorfenapyr 2% + Emamectin Benzoate 5% WDG	Provisional Registration	P2024-6476
2	Paung Tha Gyi	Bensulfuron-methyl 12% + Bispyribac-sodium 18% WP	Provisional Registration	P2022-5205

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Tel: 09-250406611

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# US pharma giant Merck ditches plan for \$1.4-bln research centre in UK

MERCK, the US pharmaceutical group, said on Wednesday it has dropped plans to build a \$1.4-billion research centre in Britain, blaming the country’s “lack of investment” in the sector and its drugs prices. The company said in a statement it would not go through with the construction, which had been slated for the King’s Cross district in central north London. The British government acknowledged the “concerning news” and was standing by to help Merck employees in the UK and others affected by the development, a spokesman told AFP.

Merck said it would no longer take possession of Belgrove House in King’s Cross, ditching a project that was to have engaged 800 workers over the next two years.

It said the decision stemmed from a company evaluation of its research capabilities “and reflects the challenges of the UK not making meaningful progress towards addressing the lack of investment in the life science industry and the overall undervaluation of innovative medicines and vaccines by successive UK governments”.

It said it would also close down its activities in two London labs by the end of the year, leading to 125 job losses. The Merck statement confirmed news first reported by The Financial Times. The daily quoted the company as saying: “Simply put, the UK is not internationally competitive.” — AFP

## Japan’s rice demand estimate lifted as tourists’ consumption factored in



File photo taken 28 August 2025, shows rice ready for harvest in Sanjo, Niigata Prefecture. PHOTO: KYODO

THIS adjustment is based on a number of factors that led to an underestimation of demand in the previous year, including consumption by inbound tourists.

The farm ministry said Thursday demand for staple rice in Japan for the year to June 2026 could rise by up to 380,000 tonnes from the initial estimate to 7.11 million tonnes after factoring in consumption by inbound tourists and other variables.

Last year, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries estimated demand at 6.73 million tonnes, which assumed a decrease in per capita consumption due to a declining population and the growing popularity of bread.

The new estimated range of 6.97 million to 7.11 million tonnes was calculated using a five-year average from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications’ household survey.

The ministry forecasts rice production for the 2025 harvest to be between 7.28 million and 7.45 million tonnes, with planting of rice having increased in response to shortages.

For the first time, the ministry also factored in rice yields, the proportion of rice that remains after milling, estimating production to be between 6.45 million to 6.68 million tonnes.

A significant shortfall experienced since last year, which caused a sharp rise in rice prices, may have been partly due to the ministry not factoring in potential declines in rice yields due to heat damage. — Kyodo

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U Kyaw Tin  
Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Serial No. 108  
Liquidator

Liquidator’s Office: Uniteam Marine Office Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Unit #1, No. 84, Pan Hlaing Street, Sanchaung Township, Yangon Region, Myanmar, 11111

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SPORTS

Myanmar Teqball team leaves for SEA Games training in Thailand

THE preliminary Myanmar national Teqball team, which will compete in the Teqball event of the XXXIII Southeast Asian Games, departed for Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday evening to conduct joint training with the Thai national Teqball team as part of its preparations.

The team is led by Dr Htet Khine Win, President of the My-

anmar Teqball Federation, along with officials, coaching staff, and 12 preliminary squad players.

The squad will train in Bangkok from 11 to 30 September and play friendly matches against the Thai national Teqball team, which ranks among the world's top sides.

The Myanmar Teqball Federation, established on 23 May



The Myanmar Teqball team, officials and coaches are seen before leaving for Thailand.

2025, will make its SEA Games debut at the upcoming competition. Despite being a newly formed federation, the team is

said to be preparing strongly. After the joint training trip, the squad will also compete in the International Teqball Tournament

organized by the International Teqball Federation (FITEQ) in Bangkok from 17 to 19 October. — Arkar Linn/KZL

Athletics: Tokyo world championship road races to start earlier amid heat

AMID record-high temperatures forecast to continue across Japan through September, organizers of the world athletics championships, which open Saturday in Tokyo, have moved up the start times for the race walking and marathon events by 30 minutes, to 7:30 am.

World Athletics on Thursday announced the earlier start times for Saturday's men's and women's 35-kilometre race walk, the women's marathon the following day and the men's marathon to be held Monday.

Earlier this month, Japan's weather agency reported that the country had experienced its hottest summer since 1898, when comparable records first became available. The average temperature was



The world athletics championships begin in Tokyo on Saturday. PHOTO: YUICHI YAMAZAKI / AFP

2.36 C above normal.

In the interest of athletes' safety, World Athletics said it made the decision to move up the road race start times together with the local organizing committee and the World Athletics Health and Science Department.

"Despite the world championships being scheduled for mid-September, when temperatures were expected to be lower than during the summer in Tokyo, levels this year have remained at those of mid-summer," the governing body said in a statement. — Kyodo

Bolt backs Jamaicans to trump Lyles in world 100m

JAMAICAN sprint legend Usain Bolt has backed either Kishane Thompson or Oblique Seville to beat defending champion Noah Lyles in the 100 metres at the world championships in Tokyo.

Bolt is an 11-time world champion, having won consecutive world 100-metre, 200-metre and 4x100-metre relay golds from 2009 to 2015 — with the exception of a 100-metre false start in 2011. The now 39-year-old retired after the 2017

worlds in London, where he won a final bronze in the 100 metres won by US rival Justin Gatlin.

Gatlin, Christian Coleman, Fred Kerley and Lyles have all triumphed for the United States in the blue riband event over the last four world championships.

However, Bolt insisted Thursday that would change in Tokyo and Jamaica could look forward to a first world sprint title since 2015. — AFP

Team Zanaka to represent Myanmar in esports at 33<sup>rd</sup> SEA Games



Spectators cheer the NEC2025 competition at the Thuwanna Gymnasium.

TEAM Zanaka will represent Myanmar in three esports categories at the XXXIII SEA Games, according to the Myanmar Esports Federation.

The XXXIII SEA Games will be held in Thailand in December 2025. Teams representing Myanmar in the esports competition were selected at the National Esports Championship 2025, held on 23 and 24 August at Thuwanna National Indoor Stadium-1 in Yangon. The event featured more than 100 teams and over 500 players, with an audience of more than 10,000 fans in attendance and over 50,000 viewers watching the live broadcast.

In the championship, Falcon Esports won the MLBB Open Division, Falcon Daisies claimed the MLBB Women's Division, and Wai Min Shein secured victory in EA Sports FC Online. These winners were chosen to form Team Zanaka, which will compete for Myanmar at the upcoming SEA Games. Falcon

Esports, winners of this year's MLBB Open Division, had also secured a bronze medal for Myanmar in the Men's Tournament at the XXXII SEA Games.

Vice-President of the Myanmar Esports Federation, U Kyaw Htet Lin, said: "By organizing the National Esports Championship 2025, the largest event of its kind in the country, we aim to further develop esports in Myanmar and create more opportunities for young people. In the future, we will continue to hold both national-level and university-level tournaments, while also providing necessary support for our teams to compete internationally. Our goal is to bring home gold medals for Myanmar in the esports category".

The SEA Games, held every two years, involve athletes from Southeast Asian nations. Alongside other sports, Myanmar will take part in esports competitions at the XXXIII SEA Games. — Thitsa (MNA)/KZL



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# WORLD

THE 10<sup>th</sup> Belt and Road Summit opened in Hong Kong on Wednesday, convening key officials and business leaders from Belt and Road countries and regions to explore new opportunities for collaboration and forge a win-win future.

John Lee, chief executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, said in his address that over the past 10 years, more than 45,000 people from over 120 countries and regions have participated in the summit. Together, they have presented over 2,800 projects along the Belt and Road, shaping a shared vision through collaboration and connectivity.

As a "super connector" and "super value-adder" for high-quality collaborations worldwide, Hong Kong will continue to drive high-quality development along the Belt and Road, said Lee.

"The Belt and Road Initiative is a lifeline for our social and economic development. It has provided the resources and partnership we need to build the foundation for growth," said Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister Sun Chanthol in his keynote address, adding that Belt and Road projects touch the lives of ordinary Cambodians every day. A cornerstone event supporting the Belt and Road Initiative, the summit has helped companies expand businesses and facilitated progress on various projects. — Xinhua

## 10<sup>th</sup> Belt and Road Summit opens in Hong Kong

*The purpose of the summit is to explore new opportunities for collaboration and to forge a win-win future.*



Guests attend a policy dialogue on Embracing Emerging Opportunities in times of Economic Uncertainty during the 10<sup>th</sup> Belt and Road Summit in Hong Kong, south China, 10 September 2025. PHOTO: CHEN DUO/XINHUA

## Russian tourists expected to make over 2 mln trips to China in 2025

RUSSIAN tourists are expected to make over two million trips to China

in 2025, prompted by China's trial visa-free policy for Russian citizens, an

industry leader said Wednesday.

The introduction of the visa-free policy is expected to boost tourist flows by 40 per cent in September and October, said Maya Lomidze, executive director of Russia's Association of Tour Operators.

China, she said, is steadily rising to become the second-largest destination for Russian tourists after Türkiye, with tourist trips expected to exceed two million.

Meanwhile, the Russian tourism sector is eager to welcome Moscow's reciprocal measures. Lomidze believes that the potential introduction of Russia's visa-free policy will immediately increase Chinese tourist flows, especially in border regions.

— Xinhua



A Russian tourist is seen at a morning market in Heihe city, Northeast China's Heilongjiang province, 14 October 2023. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

## S Korean president says companies would hesitate about US investment after immigration raid

SOUTH KOREAN President Lee Jae-myung said Thursday that domestic companies would hesitate about their US investment after last week's immigration raid in the United States that led to the detention of hundreds of South Korean workers.

"As it stands, our companies will inevitably be very hesitant about direct US investment," Lee told a televised press conference marking 100 days in his office, saying it could have a significant impact on the investment in the future.

Lee noted that negotiations between Seoul and Washington were underway for visa issuance relevant to the US investment, adding that the United States would resolve it if there is its practical need. — Xinhua