

Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

- 1. To steadfastly strive for emergence of political forces and the people’s representatives who can implement a genuine, disciplined multi-party democratic system while constantly emphasizing on the national interests of the State.
- 2. To persistently strive for promoting the socio-economic life of the people through the development of agro-based industries in improving the agricultural sector, the vital foundation of the economic growth of the State.
- 3. To put emphasis on enhancing the national education and health sectors for sustainable development of the State.
- 4. To implement multi-party democratic system, with the participation of the people, to ensure the success of multi-party democratic general election process and successfully moving towards with the multi-party democratic system aspired by the entire people.



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets departmental officials and town elders in Myeik, Taninthayi Region, yesterday.

Education sector builds secure future for nation

Providing quality education is an investment in the future, and it must be systematically promoted to ensure a secure future for the nation.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing underlined that only with a good human resource base can a systematic economy be developed; therefore, efforts must be made to cultivate well-educated and capable human resources.

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the

State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, yesterday morning met departmental officials and town elders at Pearl Yadana Hall in Myeik, Taninthayi Region, to talk about regional development undertakings.

In his address, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the


Union of Myanmar emphasized regional development undertakings, saying that the best efforts would be made to carry it out regarding the project to construct an international fish auction market in Myeik, which was included in the presentations.

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Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the meeting in Myeik

- 1. Tatmadaw has agreed to ensure that the multiparty democratic system, which the people aspire to, can continue to advance steadily and correctly.
- 2. General elections are fundamental and extremely important in a democratic system.
- 3. Polytechnic universities will be established across the nation, with plans to continue establishing more.
- 4. Efforts will be made to ensure that the elections are credible and successful.

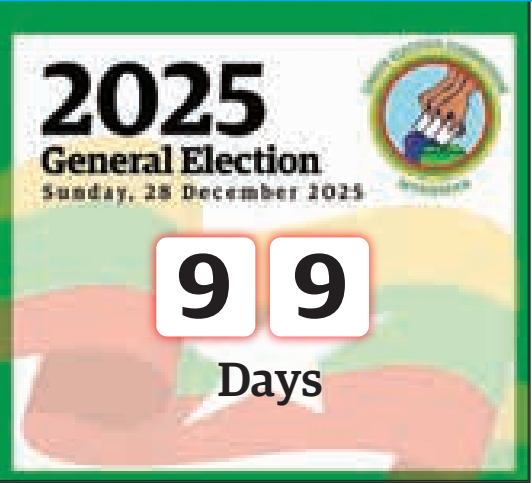
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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

- Domestic election observers who wish to monitor the multiparty democratic general election, which will begin in phases on 28 December 2025, may apply for election observation permits at the Union Election Commission (UEC), as well as the relevant Region/State, District, and Township Election Subcommissions from today until 5 December 2025.
- The Union Election Commission announced on 16 September 2025 that domestic election observers must follow the Code of Conduct for Observers, issued under Notification 68/2025, and adhere to the procedures set out for their observation activities under Notification 69/2025. These notifications are available for viewing and can be downloaded from the Union Election Commission's official website <https://www.uec.gov.mm>.
- The Union Election Commission has also announced that international election observers will be allowed to monitor the multiparty democratic general election. Invitations will be extended directly to representatives of relevant countries and international organizations. In addition, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, invitations will be sent to representatives of foreign embassies, consulates, and permanent missions that maintain diplomatic relations with the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Union Election Commission



- 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.

Special stamp block set for release on 20 Sept

NEW special postage, a type of block of stamps featuring 11 Myanmar butterfly species, will be introduced, said Myanmar Post on 19 September.

Aiming to be able to collect together all 11 postage stamps of Myanmar butterfly species issued by the Myanmar Post under the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the new postage stamp block with 11 butterfly species worth K200 will be started selling on 20 September from 9:30 am, at the Central Post Office in Nay Pyi Taw, the General Post Office in Yangon and Mandalay and other post offices

in each region and state at the same time.

The date logo will be printed on stamps on the first day in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay as a special programme.

The new stamps have been distributed to regional and state post offices. Stamp collectors can contact Daw Khin Nyo Nyo Myint, in charge of the Nay Pyi Taw post office at 09 448000096, Daw Tin May Kyi, in charge of the Yangon post office at 09 424000518, and U Tin Maung Myint, in charge of the Mandalay post office at 09 424000515. — MT/ZS



A new K200 block of stamps with 11 Myanmar butterfly species.

Indian military goodwill delegation departs Myanmar



The Indian military goodwill delegation is pictured during their visit to Myanmar.

AN Indian military goodwill delegation comprising officers and soldiers from the Army, Navy and Air Force, led by Colonel Shrikant Jethi, left Nay Pyi Taw by air yesterday morning after completing a goodwill visit to Myanmar aimed at strengthening mutual trust, friendship and cultural exchange between the two armed forces.

The delegation was seen off at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport

by Nay Pyi Taw Command Deputy Commander Colonel Nay Aung Soe, senior Tatmadaw officers and Indian Defence Attaché to Myanmar Colonel Jaswinder S Gill.

During their stay in Myanmar, the Indian delegation visited Uppatasanti Pagoda, Thatta Thattaha Pagoda and the Maravijaya Buddha Image in Nay Pyi Taw, where they paid homage and made cash

donations. They also visited the Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden and the Memorial to Fallen Heroes (Nay Pyi Taw), where they laid wreaths in tribute and took commemorative group photographs.

On the evening of 18 September, Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Maj-Gen Soe Min, hosted a dinner in honour of the delegation at the Jasmine Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA/KZL

Top websites and web portals to access Military Service Rules	
1. Office of the State Administration Council https://sacoffice.gov.mm	4. Ministry of Information https://www.moi.gov.mm
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3. Ministry of Legal Affairs https://www.mlis.gov.mm	6. Myanmar National Portal https://myanmar.gov.mm

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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)

One must strive for self-improvement and, with the qualities of a good soldier, work diligently in the service of the State and Tatmadaw.

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, yesterday morning inspected local security measures in the area of the Coastal Region Command and met families of the station.

At the Coastal Region Command Headquarters, the Senior General heard reports by Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Han on efforts taken to ensure local security measures, peace and stability in the command area, formation of people's security forces, plans to take security measures to successfully hold the election, and welfare measures for Tatmadaw families.

The Senior General stressed the need to effectively take local security measures in addition to prevailing peace and stability in the area, placing emphasis on security along the coastal region and water territory of the State, and undertaking effective measures in all operations.

At Taing Yan Aung hall, the Senior General met Tatmadaw members and families from Myeik Station. It was also attended by his wife, Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung and his wife, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said that Tatmadaw is primarily responsible for serving the defence du-



State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing offers comfort and support to Tatmadaw members undergoing treatment at the local Tatmadaw hospital.

Peace, security and stability key to successful election

ties of the State to protect the life and property of the people, natural resources of the nation and safeguarding Our Three Main National Causes.

He continued that **individual Tatmadaw members have to continuously carry out their daily tasks in order to ensure health and fitness while carrying out daily routines.**

He underlined that Tatmadaw members must have skills of comprehensively using their arms with confidence over their arms.

The Senior General highlighted that all Tatmadaw members need to follow four military building processes, such as training, administration, welfare, and improvement of morality.

He urged all to nurture their chil-

dren to become educated citizens **while raising their self-improvement of knowledge by reading books and publications.** The Senior General gave guidance that **everyone must maintain and improve themselves, and with the qualities of a good soldier, strive to work for the good of the State and Tatmadaw, and that all should collectively make efforts to uphold the good name of Tatmadaw.**

The Senior General presented foodstuffs for Tatmadaw members and families of the station to the commander, while the wife of the Senior General gave financial aid for the station's maternal and child welfare association through the wife of the commander.

After the ceremony, the Senior

General and his wife cordially greeted Tatmadaw members and the families of the station.

At the local Tatmadaw hospital, the Senior General individually comforted Tatmadaw members and asked about their injuries sustained in serving defence and security duties of the State. He fulfilled the requirements of those Tatmadaw member patients. The Senior General also attended to the needs of the hospital.

The wife of the Senior General also comforted families of Tatmadaw members receiving medical treatments at the hospital and presented foodstuffs.

The Senior General and party inspected the station in a motorcade. — MNA/TTA

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Education sector builds secure ...



The Senior General looks into the display of MSME products from Myeik at yesterday's event.

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He added that the export of marine products must be conducted properly and in line with set regulations. If cold storage containers are used for exports, operations would become more efficient.

The Senior General unveiled his plan that the Myeik airport will be upgraded to facilitate air transport for exports. Efforts are also being made to produce shrimp feed domestically.

In establishing shrimp ponds, he stressed that the construction of shrimp ponds must be carried out systematically with proper research.

He guided that efforts are needed to raise both the economic and social standards of the region and the nation. **People desire political stability and economic growth, and wish to engage in economic activities with peace of mind and tranquillity.**

The Senior General retold that Tatmadaw has agreed to ensure that the multiparty democratic system, which the people aspire to, can continue to advance steadily and correctly. In a democratic system, general elections are fundamental.

In a democratic system, he noted that general elections are important because they help form a relevant Hluttaw. Through the Hluttaw, the President, Vice-President, administrative bodies, and Union-level organizations appointed by the President can be assigned responsibilities, and government bodies can be given their duties.

Therefore, he highlighted that it is essential that elections are conducted in accordance with the law and held properly. Preparations are currently underway to ensure that elections can be held in the near future. In carrying out these preparations, efforts will be made to ensure that **the elections are credible and successful.**

The Senior General underlined that the government focuses on promoting rural economic development and will continue to work on improving the social and economic well-being of rural communities.

In order to increase the number of educated young people for the future, the Senior General recounted that he consulted with the Union Ministers for Education and for Science and Technology to establish Polytechnic universities, planning to continue establishing more. Similarly, regarding agriculture and livestock, upper-level industrial agriculture and livestock schools have been opened for those who have completed basic and secondary education, enabling them to attend. **Only with a good human resource base can a systematic economy be developed; therefore, efforts must be made to cultivate well-educated and capable human resources.**

He underscored that **it is necessary to work towards increasing the production of promising products. Although there are favourable opportunities provided by water, land, and nature**

for producing goods in the country, it is still necessary to put in the effort to make use of them.

Using rubber's raw materials, he guided that Taninthayi Region has to manufacture rubber products to meet domestic demand. Similarly, regarding the widely cultivated coconuts in the region, it is also possible to produce high-value products for the market, and efforts are encouraged to pursue this.

The Senior General spotted that **providing quality education is an investment for the future, and education must be systematically promoted to ensure a secure future for the nation.** It is necessary to focus on nurturing well-educated human resources who will lead the country in the years to come.

In conclusion, he stressed that **when casting votes, the candidates they choose should be genuinely capable of serving the nation's interests, truly upholding and implementing the democratic system, responsibly safeguarding and protecting their duties, and being able to work effectively for the betterment of the country.**

At the meeting, the Myeik District Administrator reported on regional data, operation of agriculture and livestock farms, rice, livestock and fish security, efforts to successfully producing fish, prawn and marine products, running of MSME industries, educational and health data and fulfillment, supply of electricity and water, establishment of the fish auction

market and industrial zone, and raising public awareness to successfully hold the multiparty democratic general election.

Town elders and official of organizations presented their reports on needs to apply implementation of the Myeik fish auction market and industrial zone projects through BOO system, upgrade of Myeik Airport to admit foreign cargo flights, difficulties to produce finished goods of marine products from Taninthayi Region and export them abroad, swift export of Myeik's seawater fish, aid of the State to provide fry shrimps and aquafeeds for ensuring an easy import process to boom seawater shrimp businesses, import of necessary parts for the tubeless tyre factory to produce import-substitute rubber products in Taninthayi Region, and requirements for regional development.

Union Ministers and deputy ministers discussed verifying and allowing livestock and fishery products of Taninthayi Region under the procedures for export without delay, allowing prawn farms under disciplines, needs of fishing trawlers to follow relevant laws and disciplines, establishment of industrial, agriculture and livestock basic education high schools to turn out necessary human resources to operate the MSME businesses and agriculture and livestock farms successfully, practical works of students, and a plan to upgrade Myeik Airport. The Regional Chief Minister added discussions on the supply of water and electricity.

Also, present at the meeting were Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Union Ministers U Min Naing and Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Coastal Region Command, deputy ministers and officials.

The Senior General visited the booths of MSME products from Myeik District and discussed some topics.

He inspected the Myoma Sports Ground in Myeik and gave guidance to officials to upgrade the sports ground.

At Myeik Airport, the Senior General heard reports on efforts to upgrade the airport and the runway by the Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications.

The Senior General gave guidance on the upgrade of the runway and renovation of the airport lounge under a systematic calculation.

On the evening of 18 September, the Senior General, his wife and party paid homage to Laykyun Hsimee Pagoda and offered flowers, water and oil lights.

He gave instructions to officials on efforts to be made to ensure the long-term existence of the 240-year-old ancient Thamok ordination hall. They donated cash to the fund of the pagoda.

The Senior General visited downtown Myeik and along the Strand Road by car. — MNA/TTA

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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)



India celebrates 62nd ITEC Day in Myanmar

PRIME Minister U Nyo Saw addressed the 62nd anniversary of the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme at the Parkroyal Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. It was attended by the Prime Minister and his wife, Union ministers, Union-level dignitaries, the Indian Ambassador to Myanmar and his wife, deputy ministers, the Indian defence attaché and relevant officials of the embassy.

The ceremony was inaugurated with a video clip featuring the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation activities.

Indian Ambassador Mr Shri Abhay Thakur briefed the ITEC and made a speech.

In his speech, the Prime Minister said the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme, which began on 15 September 1964, is one of the longest-running in-



Prime Minister U Nyo Saw speaks on the occasion of the 62nd Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme yesterday.

ternational capacity-building programmes.

He stated that while implementing cooperation pro-

grammes aimed at supporting the development of partner countries, bilateral relations had been strengthened and enhanced. The

programme has provided important capacity-building training courses for Myanmar and its government servants, greatly

contributing to the development of human resources. Myanmar is making efforts to further expand cooperation not only in the fields of economy, tourism, religion, and culture, but also in other sectors that will bring mutual benefits to both countries.

He also expressed gratitude to India for providing humanitarian assistance for disaster victims in 2023, 2024, and 2025. He urged the government employees who completed training courses to serve duties with the skills and knowledge they acquired in their different fields for the development of the nation.

The former trainees of the ITEC Programme shared their experience.

The Prime Minister and his wife and attendees enjoyed the performance of Indian cultural dance troupes, had a documentary photo taken and had dinner together. — MNA/KTZH

MIFER Union Minister receives UNDP’s
new Myanmar Resident Representative

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Wah Wah Maung received a delegation led by Mr Norimasa Shimomura, the new Myanmar Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), yesterday morning at Office 1 of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Eco-

nomic Relations.

They exchanged views and discussed the effective and efficient implementation of the extension of the UNDP’s Enabling Community Recovery and Resilience (ENCORE) project in Myanmar as a response to the damage caused by the earthquake and plans for continued cooperation.

The meeting was attended by the director-general of the Union Minister’s Office, the director-general of the Foreign Economic Relations Department, senior officials from the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, and representatives from the UNDP office in Myanmar. — MIFER



The UNDP new Resident Representative to Myanmar calls on Union Minister Dr Wah Wah Maung.

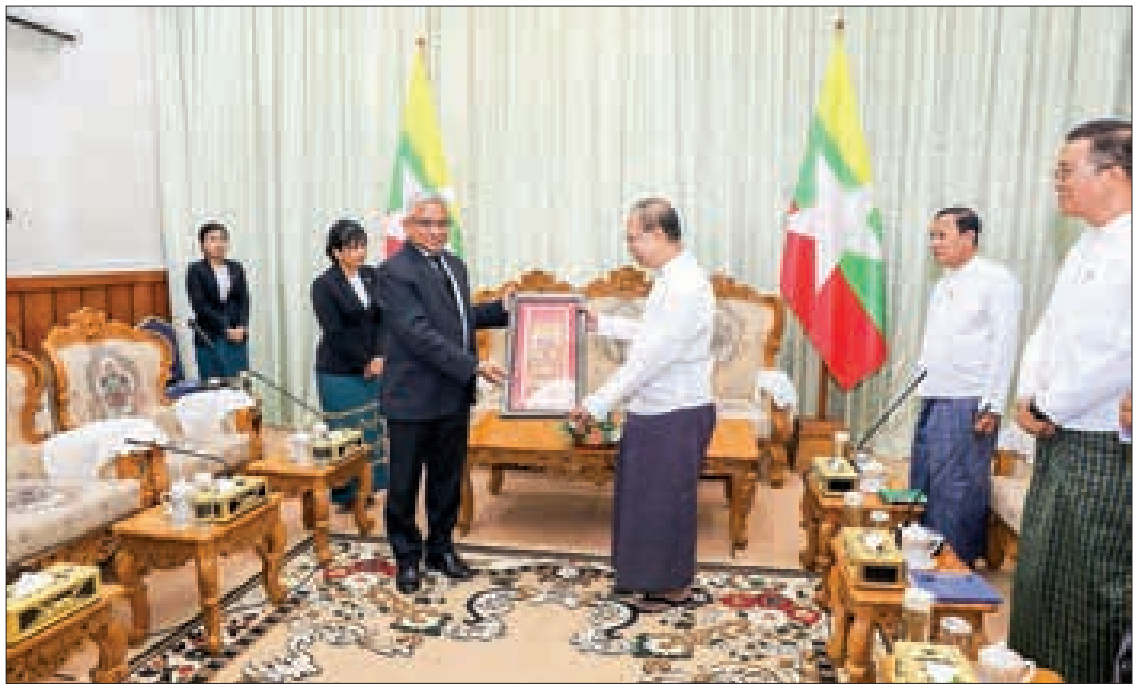
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UEC Chairman receives Indian Ambassador

UNION Election Commission Chairman U Than Soe received Mr Abhay Thakur, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

They cordially discussed bilateral cooperation, India's participation in Myanmar's political processes and election observation, the establishment of good diplomatic relations between Myanmar and India standing as a good neighbouring country, the changes to the electoral system to be ap-

plied in the upcoming election, submission of Hluttaw candidates, holding of the elections in phases, the compilation of voter lists, usage of Myanmar's electronic voting machines nationwide and the ongoing voter education programmes, the conditions for allowing election observation to ensure that the elections are free, fair, transparent, and justice, issues relating to the media, capacity-building programmes on electoral matters, including



UEC Chair U Than Soe and Indian Ambassador Mr Abhay Thakur are pictured during the latter's call on the former yesterday.

technical training supported by India, to be carried out in the post-election period, and the ongoing efforts to ensure the successful holding of the election. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar participates in ASEAN-China Ministerial Roundtable on Construction, 22nd Expo in China

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Construction U Myo Thant attended the ASEAN-China Ministerial Roundtable on Construction in Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, and the opening ceremony of the 22nd ASEAN-China Expo in Nanning, China, from 14 to 17 September, returning to Yangon by air on 18 September.

While in Guilin on 14 September, the Union Minister and the delegation met separately with the Chinese Minister of Housing and Urban-Rural Development. They discussed practical cooperation in housing and urban-rural development under the ASEAN-China construction cooperation framework, implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC), regional socioeconomic development, and technical support for reconstructing basic infrastructure damaged by the Mandalay



The documentary group photo session of the ASEAN-China Ministerial Roundtable on Construction in place in Guilin, China.

earthquake.

On 15 September, the delegation visited the ASEAN-China Building Technology Exhibition in Guilin, where they toured construction-related booths together with guests from ASEAN countries. In the afternoon, they attended the ASEAN-China Ministerial Roundtable on Construction 2025. At the meeting, Union

Minister U Myo Thant highlighted the main theme, Enhancing Capacity through Digital Technology and Artificial Intelligence and Promoting High-Quality Development of the Construction Sector in ASEAN and China through Cultural Heritage Preservation. He stressed that the theme would support smart city development and low-carbon urban initiatives

while ensuring preparedness for natural disasters. He also underlined the importance of improving livelihoods, implementing sustainable long-term development programmes, and achieving new urban development goals through ASEAN-China strategic cooperation.

He added that sharing advanced technologies in digital

systems, green building, artificial intelligence, safety standards, and joint research outcomes through ASEAN-China construction meetings and expos would contribute to building better cities and social environments in the region.

On 16 September, the delegation joined the ASEAN-China Cooperation and Development Forum on the Building Industry 2025, organized by the Chinese Vice-Minister of Housing and Urban-Rural Development. A director-general from the Myanmar side participated in the open forum with a presentation titled Digital Transformation and Green Approach for Urban Development.

On 17 September, the delegation travelled from Guilin to Nanning with ministers and officials from ASEAN countries and China to attend the opening ceremony of the 22nd ASEAN-China Expo. — MNA/KZL

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Individuals with academic education can effectively learn technical skills

❖ Today’s era is an age of knowledge, and only with academic education can one effectively learn and master technical skills.
(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on his inspection tour of the local training depot in Taungnyo Station on 22 January 2025)

2nd coordination meeting held for NCA 10th anniversary

THE Steering Committee on the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) held its second co-ordination meeting yesterday afternoon in the Grand Ballroom of the Mingalar Thiri Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

In his opening remarks, Steering Committee Chairman Lt-Gen Yar Pyae highlighted the NCA as a way to be conducted out of Hluttaw to establish democracy and a federal-based Union and amend or make certain additional provisions in the Constitution (2008) as per the results of the political dialogues. He added that the working committees should work together and invite the attendees to the NCA ceremony in time, and the ministries concerned carrying out development programmes in border areas should also arrange to feature the booths. Moreover, it also needs to follow the rules regarding the budgets and make preparations for security activi-



Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae presides over the 2nd coordination meeting of the Steering Committee on the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement yesterday.

ties in advance.

Steering Committee Secretary Lt-Gen Min Naing outlined the status of preparations for the NCA 10th 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.

The NCA 10th anniversary is celebrated intending to review the achievements, successes, and lessons learned over the

past ten years, and to share the experiences and perspectives gained from the peace process, promote the discussions involving all relevant stakeholders, to enable the public to better understand the essence of the NCA and the Myanmar peace process,

to identify the roles through which they can participate more actively, and to integrate peace, politics, security, development, and elections in building the future of Myanmar, and to link the fruits of peace with regional and international development programmes.

The invitations to the NCA event will be sent to those who made efforts for the emergence of the NCA, the signatories of the NCA, witnesses of the NCA, ethnic armed organizations, representatives of political parties, subject-matter experts and professionals from local and abroad, intellectuals, scholars, university students and observers.

The participants will be able to openly exchange views and experiences with one another regarding the implementation, successes, and lessons learned from the peace process during the ten years of the NCA, and engage in broad and free discussions. — MNA/KTZH

MoFA Deputy Minister receives Ambassador of India to Myanmar

U Naing Min Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, received Mr Abhay Thakur, Ambassador of India, yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

They discussed and exchanged views on promoting the existing bilateral relations, on

the matters relating to cooperation between the two countries, border trade and border security including consular affairs.

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



The Indian ambassador calls on Deputy Minister U Naing Min Kyaw yesterday.

S Korea’s SDG and Myanmar’s MCS donate medicines, medical supplies

A joint donation of medicines and medical supplies by SDG Group Inc from the Republic of Korea and MCS Group Co Ltd, Myanmar, was held yesterday morning at the Ministry of Health meeting hall.

At the ceremony, Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win noted that the ministry had received medical supplies worth US\$2.7 million from SDG Group Inc and MCS Group in July. He said the donated items had already been used effectively in relief efforts in earthquake-affected areas. He also highlighted the long-standing health sector cooperation between Myanmar and Korea, noting that Korean specialists visit Myanmar each year to col-



Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win accepts the donation yesterday.

laborate with local experts on liver transplants, dental, oral, and maxillofacial surgeries. He added that such cooperation would continue in the future.

Mr Song Dae-kwan, chairman of SDG Group, also spoke about the donation. The Union minister then presented a cer-

tificate of honour and souvenirs to Mr Song and the SDG Group team.

The event was attended by officials from the Ministry of Health, representatives from SDG Group, and representatives from MCS Group. — MNA/MKKS

OPINION

A prime time: Initiate
trilateral economic
cooperation

MYANMAR is a country that shares borders with populous nations such as China, India, and Bangladesh, making it a nation with significant opportunities for trade activities. In addition, Myanmar is strategically located at the crossroads of South Asia, Southeast Asia, and China.

Geographically, it occupies a favourable position, serving as a junction in regional connectivity and providing a potential outlet to the Indian Ocean for China. Therefore, Myanmar holds considerable prospects for transportation and infrastructure investment. Myanmar, which is one of the largest land-based countries in Southeast Asia and, from a geopolitical perspective, is a strategically important nation. Moreover, as part of both the Asian Highway and the Trans-Asian Railway networks, Myanmar holds a significant role within the economic sphere of the Belt and Road Initiative.

Myanmar is actively participating in the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) led by China. Within this framework, there are six international economic corridors, and Myanmar is engaged in both the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) Economic Corridor, which utilizes both land and maritime routes and the China-Indochina Peninsula Economic Corridor.

As part of the BRI, the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) has been established to facilitate smoother trade and investment, as well as to set up special economic cooperation zones in border areas. Through CMEC, efforts are also being made to implement six major projects aimed at accelerating economic cooperation between China and Myanmar.

Under the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC), China is implement-

ing the Kyaukpyu Deep-Sea Port project, the China-Myanmar Railway project, and the China-Myanmar Cross-Border Power Transmission Line project, among others. In this regard, the China-Myanmar Railway project is considered particularly important, as it is expected to bring significant benefits to border trade between the two countries. If these railway projects are successfully implemented and trade activities expand, Myanmar will also gain promising opportunities to conduct trade with the Russian Federation, with which China and Myanmar maintain good relations.

Hence, now is the prime time for Myanmar, Russia and China to join hands in operating businesses with investments in order to ensure betterment of their relationship and strategic cooperation. Myanmar has opened its consulates general in major cities of China and Russia to help businesspeople from both countries ensure smooth processes. If Myanmar, China, and Russia cooperate to expand trade among the three countries, it could create significant opportunities to increase regional goods flow and greatly support the movement of commodities within the region, as Myanmar has opened consulates general in major cities of both Russia and China.



A serene view of the Eaindawya Pagoda in Dagon Township, Yangon.

THREE things are most important to Buddhists, namely the 'Buddha', the 'Dhamma' and the 'Sangha'.

The 'Noble Buddha' is the Founder of the Buddhist religion, the 'Dhamma' in his teaching and the 'Sangha' is the Holy order of the enlightened disciples, who preserve and propagate the religion. Buddhists regard all three as the objects of the highest veneration. Collectively, they are called the 'Holy Triple Gem'.

Taking refuge in the Holy Triple Gem is effected by the recitation of the following passages, administered by the officiating monk ;

- (1) Buddham saranam gacchami = I go the Buddha for refuge (ဗုဒ္ဓံသရဏံဂစ္ဆာမိ)
- (2) Dahmman saranam gacchami = I go the Dharma for refuge (ဓမ္မံသရဏံဂစ္ဆာမိ)
- (3) Sangham saranam gacchami = I go the sangha for refuge (သံဃံသရဏံဂစ္ဆာမိ)

In my childhood, I was schooling as a primary student in a monastery, so I was taught the basics of Buddhism to become a good Buddhist teacher by our presiding monk of the monastery. According to his management, we sat for the Mingala Sutta examination, which was held by YMBA (Young Men's Buddhist Association). Besides, we began to observe the eight precepts as we can afford on every Sabbath day. Therefore, we got unaccountable good advantages from the training of our

presiding monk since my primary school student.

Teaching by our presiding monk, we learned the Mingala Sutta (The Thirty Eight Blessings). If we carefully examine the thirty-eight blessings, we shall find that each is useful in itself and is directly relevant in our lives. For example, the first blessing tells us not to get involved with evil people and allow ourselves to be influenced by their evil ways. The second one advises us to associate with good people, for such an associ-

ation would bring us no harm but happiness and prosperity.

Since my retirement, I have had a good chance to serve as pagoda trustee of Eaindawya Pagoda, which is situated near Myoma Kyaung Street in Yagon Region. Every religion has a system of worship. According to generally accepted nations, worship is an expression of reverent honour shown to entities or supernatural beings whom the worshiper believes are capable of preventing misfortunes and dangers, or granting them certain boons and blessings.

Buddhism is a very old religion, more than 2,500 years old,

founded by the noble Buddha who lived in India in the sixth century BC. India is known as the birthplace of Buddhism because it was there that Buddhism arose, and from there it spread to other parts of the world.

Buddhism is a religion of self-help. It teaches people to depend on themselves, to be courageous and confident in their own ability. Buddhism places them at the centre of all things; it advises the people to strive and work hard to achieve their goods, material or spiritual, through their own efforts, not through prayer or mere wishful thinking. It also teaches that the entire people are

born equal and are free to choose whatever is best for themselves.

Buddhism teaches people to be kind and gentle. Buddhists are peace-loving people and have never made war in the name of the religion. Today, there is violence everywhere in our society because many people are selfish and lack kindness.

The Buddhist emphasis on peace and loving kindness makes the religion appealing to peace-loving people in the world.

We are Buddhists and are, therefore, Buddhist followers. He is our Spiritual father, for He gave us spiritual life. Because of this, we should always love Him, respect Him, and be grateful to Him.

The Dhamma is the teaching of the Buddha. If the universal law that the Buddha discovered and taught to the world. It is the Truth itself. And because the Dhamma is Truth, it must be true, valid and universal at all times and in all places.

The Buddha, the Dhamma and the Sangha are closely interrelated. All three are essential for the rise and the spread of the religion.

When we worship, we should therefore honour the Dhamma and the Sangha, not allowing our minds to be clouded with other thoughts or worries. We should feed our faith and conviction to do good, strengthened with every word of worship we utter.

One month ago, the ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar, and the diplomatic staff came to worship at Eaindawya Pagoda, for the donation of the Thai King's queen. They believe that the Eaindawya Pagoda and the Botahtaung Pagoda in Myanmar give them many good advantages concerning housing and wealth-seeking affairs, etc.

Generally, Myanmar Buddhists always go to the pagoda to worship to pary at the corner assigned to the day of their Birth, according to Myanmar Astrology. In fact, good deeds at the pagodas make a virtuous action or merit.

Every person who does good actions will get good results; likewise, this person who does bad things will get bad results. This is the law of Kamma (Actions: (1) Bodily action, (2) Verbal action, and (3) Mental action (ကာယကံ၊ ဝစီကံ၊ မနောကံ) according to our noble Buddhism.

ARTICLE
POEM



A Land of Beauty

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

I'd like to go to a land of beauty;
Ululating and conjecturing it frequently,
I am down in the mouth conditionally.

Others' lands are very pleasant,
With richness, peace and development;
Whenever this is heard, around there
Full of desires to go, I am hot and bothered.

But then in the present,
My mind is comforting, serene, and exultant;
A wide expanse of fields,
And small water bodies, getting eye-fuls;
Under the pagoda on the brae and crest,
When making a pilgrimage with my best,
In a clear conscience and mind of no doubt,
How beautiful is my sweet motherland!
Sounds of mutterings again and again
Possibly would echo to heaven.

Others' lands are beautiful dead;
However, these persuasive words are heard,
I myself am self-possessed.

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NATIONAL

MoI Union Minister, MPC discuss electoral news release

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn presided over a meeting with the Myanmar Press Council regarding election-related information release in Yangon yesterday.

The Union minister highlighted the visit of the Head of State to China, in which some world leaders approved the coming election and pledged to send observers. Meanwhile, all should work hard in media ways, and the government also arranges for the people to cast their votes secretly. The journalists should also spread true information to rural people, especially to the youth, in order to guide them on the path to development and help those going the wrong way to find the

right direction.

The participants coordinated the discussion, and the Union minister concluded the meeting.

At noon, the Union minister, accompanied by the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization chairman, inspected the preservation of ancient films with digital technology at the Film Promotion Division of IPRD. During the inspection, the Union minister discussed the proper preservation method of the ancient, training and maintenance for the former film archive building.

The film archive building was constructed in 1925 and is now 100 years old. The filming, production, censorship, and reviewing processes for the Acad-



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn holds talks on releasing electoral news with the Myanmar Press Council in Yangon yesterday.

emy Awards were conducted in that building. Once maintenance is completed, training courses and sessions for the development of the film industry will be conducted. — MNA/KTZH

India donates books to Naypyitaw State Academy



The handover ceremony of donated books in progress yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw, attended by Deputy Minister U Nay Myo Hlaing and Indian Ambassador Mr Abhay Thakur.

INDIA donated books to the Naypyitaw State Academy yesterday afternoon at the academy's meeting hall.

The donation ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister for Education U Nay Myo Hlaing, Indian Ambassador Mr Abhay Thakur, the acting rector, and officials.

Speaking at the event, the

Indian ambassador said the donation aimed to support the development of Myanmar's education sector, enhance students' knowledge and skills, and further strengthen ties between Myanmar and India.

During the ceremony, the ambassador presented the books and souvenirs to the deputy minister and the act-

ing rector, who in turn offered a letter of appreciation and a souvenir in return.

The acting rector then delivered a vote of thanks.

Following the ceremony, the deputy minister and officials viewed the donated books and held a cordial discussion with the Indian ambassador. — MNA/MKKS

Tatmadaw goodwill delegation returns from India

A Tatmadaw goodwill delegation led by Colonel Zarni Aung returned to Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning after a goodwill visit to the Republic of India aimed at enhancing friendship, cooperation and cultural exchange between the two armed forces.

The delegation was welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Nay Pyi Taw Command Deputy Commander Colonel Nay Aung Soe, senior Tatmadaw officers and Indian Defence Attaché to Myanmar Colonel Jaswinder S Gill.

The Tatmadaw goodwill delegation of 120 members visited the Mahabodhi Temple and the 80-foot Maha Buddha Statue in Gaya, the Uruvela Forest where

the Buddha practised austerities, and the Sujata Stupa. They also visited a Myanmar monastery where they received precepts from the abbot, and donated a 12-inch marble replica of the Maravijaya Buddha image along with cash and offerings.

In addition, the delegation visited the Giriak Mountain memorial site, the ruins of Nalanda University, and the Veluvana Monastery, and made donations to the Myanmar Buddhist Academic Centre.

The Tatmadaw goodwill delegation made study tours in India from 16 to 19 September and took commemorative group photographs during the trip. — MNA/KZL



Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation leader Col Zarni Aung (R) is pictured during their tours in India.

The people are urged to receive vaccination of COVID-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of COVID-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increase of death rate due to the disease.

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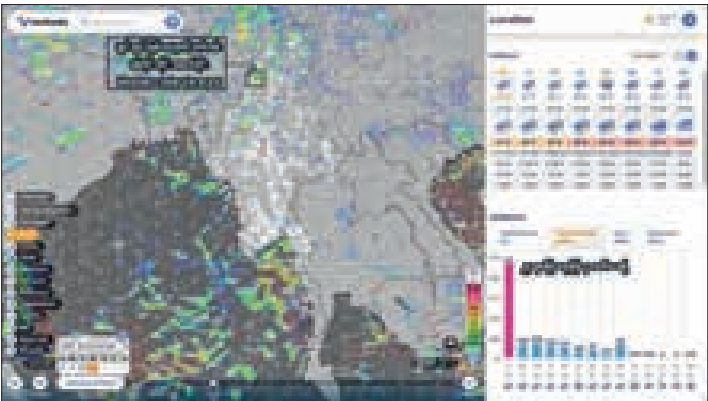
DMH warns of heavy post-monsoon rain

THERE is a possibility of heavy rain in the late rainy season as well as in the post-monsoon season, and the department is issuing a warning about this, said U Hla Tun, spokesperson for the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

The withdrawal of the monsoon is said to be the late rainy season, while the post-monsoon season is considered to be the window between the monsoon departure and the onset of the cold season.

“Rain that comes in the late rainy season is called the latter rain, which is forecast to be a little heavy. It may rain, especially in the delta areas. In the post-monsoon period, the monsoon has withdrawn, but it can be a situation where rain hasn’t stopped yet. Rain may continue due to the remnants of typhoons from the east,” he said.

Although the monsoon has passed, there is still rainfall due to weather phenomena that are not caused by monsoons, and there is a possibility



The weather radar forecast on the west bank of the Chindwin River in upper Sagaing, as seen on 18 September.

of localized rains.

“In the late rainy season, heavy rain is expected in the Ayeyawady delta and the southern areas below it. Rain is also likely in the post-monsoon period. These untimely rains are so far away that current forecasts can’t be accurate yet. The DMH always issues statements on this weather condition,” he continued.

Whirlwinds and storm remnants entering from the east can cross Myanmar, causing heavy rainfall.

“[Impacts] depend on the type of crops. Its pattern

won’t be like the monsoon, where it rains daily. During the post-monsoon period, storms can occur in the Bay of Bengal, while whirlwinds may enter from the east. They can cause rainfall. Storms formed in the Bay of Bengal sometimes cross the coast of Myanmar. They rarely cross Myanmar during the monsoon, but we need to be cautious during the pre-monsoon period. We must also be careful in October and November for these BOB storms. Given the storms, heavy rain can be forecast,” he commented. — Htet Oo Maung/ZN

MRCS launches Youth Policy in Yangon

THE Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) held a ceremony to launch its Youth Policy at the Inya Lake Hotel in Mayangon Township, Yangon, on 16 September, according to its headquarters.

At the event, MRCS President Dr Myo Nyunt said the Youth Policy marks a milestone that will strengthen the role of young people within the Red Cross movement and in society at large. He added that the policy is also a key element of the Society’s development and will help pave the way for a better future through the strength and contributions of youth.

Executive Member Professor Dr Marlar Win explained the process of drafting the Youth Policy.



This photo showcases the ceremony to launch the Red Cross Youth Policy.

Those present included the MRCS President and executives; chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and members of supervisory committees from Nay Pyi Taw, regions and states; Ms Nadia Khoury, Myanmar Country Representative of the International Fed-

eration of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC); officials from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC); directors and deputy directors; representatives from partner Red Cross societies; and youth leaders. — ASH/KZL

Press launch held for new Myanmar film



This photo showcases the cast and officials at the start of filming.

A press event for the upcoming Myanmar drama ‘A Shone Mae A Naine’ was held on 18 September at Zealax Hotel in Ahlon Township, Yangon.

The series, produced by Bonanza Production, is written by Evren, with screenplays by Hay Man Hein, Aye Myat Cho, and Su Lin Latt, and directed by Nora Ko.

“This is also the first time I’ve worked with Canal+,” said

actor Wint Ya Mon Naing. “A Shone Mae A Naine” is a four-part drama featuring Sai Si, Charlie, Su Htet, and me. I play Yu Mary, a bright but financially struggling student. I hope audiences will watch and share their thoughts when it premieres on 22 September”.

The series will air on the CANAL+ Zat Lenn channel at 7 pm every Monday to Friday, starting 22 September. — ASH/MKKS

Filming of drama ‘Nay Chi Phya Ywe Lin Sae Tha’ launches

THE filming of the drama series ‘Nay Chi Phya Ywe Lin Sae Tha’ was launched on 17 September at the Eaindawya Pagoda in Dagon Township, Yangon Region, according to Myat Yadana Kyaw, who will be starring in the drama.

The story is based on the novel by Chit Khaing San, written by Nyi Aung Nyi, and directed by Thu Daw (Thi Nay Ha).

“I accepted this character because it is a new one for Myat. Myat is a government school

teacher, so I am interested. I accepted because I trusted. The true story is also being filmed in Pindaya. We will see how the fan likes it soon,” said Myat Yadana Kyaw.

The drama stars include Lin Htal Wah, La Pyae, Thar Nyi (guest star Kyaw Su), Aye Wut Yee Thauung, Myat Yadana Kyaw, Kyaw Zeya, Moe Khant, Tha Tha, Hanni Su San, Mabel, Win Lai Shwe Yee, Zuzu Hanni Htwe and many others. — ASH/MKKS



The cast and officials seen at the start of filming.

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Myanmar showcases
120 booths at 22nd China-
ASEAN Expo

MYANMAR has been featuring local products with 120 booths at the 22nd China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO), which is held on 17-21 September in Nanning, capital city of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China.

Myanmar participates in the expo as the Country of Honour, receiving preferential treatment and a special role in showcasing products, said U Myo Thant, joint general secretary of the UMFCCI.

“Myanmar displays high-quality gems and jewellery, clothes, local products, natural products, traditional products, tourism booths and handicrafts. Myanmar’s booths captured the attention of the visitors. Myanmar’s products are selling well. Expo will create great opportunities for Myanmar business entities,” he elaborated.

Myanmar also promotes Myitkyina City in Kachin State as the City of Charm at the CAEXPO. — ASH/KK



This image displays one of the Myanmar booths exhibiting local products at the 22nd CAEXPO.

K50 billion loans for oil millers

THE Oil Mills Development Loan Management Task Force has been offering K50 billion loans allocated from the State Economic Promotion Fund to oil millers.

A workshop on setting up the MSME Fund, loan application status and disbursement process for rice mills and oil mills was held on 17 September at the meeting hall of Dekkhinathiri Industrial Zone Management Office. Deputy Minister Daw Than Than Lin for Finance and Revenue, Nay Pyi Taw Council members, MSME Fund Management Task Force’s Secretary, Financial Regulatory Department’s Director-General, MSME Loan Task Force chairman, the Managing Director of Myanma Economic Bank, MSMEs and officials were present at the workshop.

The Deputy Minister remarked that the State set up a K170 billion fund to enhance MSMEs, in which K20 billion is designated for the development of MSMEs and K150 billion for loan disbursement. Rules and regulations regarding MSME loans have been announced. MSMEs are entitled to seek loans through Myanma Economic Bank, Myanma Agricultural Development Fund and 16 private banks.

The task force was formed to reduce edible oil imports, achieve self-sufficiency, expand, upgrade, and develop necessary equipment and new mills. The State Economic Promotion Fund allocated K50 billion loans for oil mill development. Oil millers who meet loan standards are receiving loans for



An operational view of one of the edible oil mills.

now, she added.

Afterwards, Nay Pyi Taw Council members asked MSMEs to comprehend MSMEs’ loan procedures, comply with banking rules and inspections, and apply loans in line with loan eligibility criteria. The MSME Fund Management Task Force’s Secretary presented the MSME fund establishment, loan procedure and loan disbursement process. The MSME Loan Task Force’s chairman also explained the screening process for MSME loan applications and loan disbursement activities. Authorities concerned also responded to questions raised by the MSME oil millers and rice millers. — NN/KK

Myanmar
fisheries exports
exceed 150,000
MT from Apr to
Aug

MYANMAR’S fisheries export reached 150,000 tonnes of seafood in the past five months of the current financial year 2025-2026, beginning 1 April, according to the Fisheries Department.

Myanmar primarily exports fish among seafood, bagging \$127.859 million from over 108,000 tonnes of fish export in the past five months. Myanmar generated over \$10.48 million from 3,700 tonnes of shrimps.

Department of Fisheries aims to export over 530,000 tonnes of fishery products in the current FY 2025-2026, attaining \$750 million.

Myanmar is endeavouring to accelerate the productivity of the agriculture and livestock sectors, contributing to self-sufficiency and exports. Myanmar conveyed over 550,000 tonnes of fisheries worth \$722 million to external markets in the past FY 2024-2025.

Myanmar steadily exports seafood to 40 countries, including China, Thailand, Bangladesh and Japan through maritime and border trade channels. The Myanmar Fisheries Federation and Fisheries Department joined hands to bolster fisheries exports.

More than 20 fish species, including hilsa, rohu, catfish, and seabass, are conveyed to foreign markets, according to the Myanmar Fisheries Federation. There are over 140 fishery cold storage facilities, and the department is granting annual licence renewals. — NN/KK

CBM sells over US\$1.6M to import sector

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$1.15 million to edible oil-importing companies and \$540,056 to fuel oil-importing companies on 18 September.

CBM sold over \$1.15 million to edible oil-importing companies on 17 September.

CBM announced on 16 September that it would pump \$25 million into the fuel oil import sector.

In addition to the injection of \$100,000 and over 566,400 yuan on that day, CBM sold over \$1.6 million to edible oil importing companies, \$437,000 to fuel oil importing companies and over \$140,300 to those who made non-trade payments.

CBM sold \$1.25 million to edible oil-importing companies on 15 September after sales of \$1,488 to CMP companies.

CBM sold over \$2.76 million to the edible oil-importing companies on 12 September, in addition to selling \$30,000 to

fuel oil-importing companies and \$83,805 to 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 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

4 Japan shinkansen operators to integrate online booking systems



(From L) Officials of JR Kyushu, JR West, JR Central and JR East hold signs highlighting their respective online reservation platforms in Tokyo on 19 September 2025. (Kyodo)zoom photo(From L) Officials of JR Kyushu, JR West, JR Central and JR East hold signs highlighting their respective online reservation platforms in Tokyo on 19 September 2025. **PHOTO: KYODO**

FOUR shinkansen bullet train operators in Japan said Friday they will integrate their respective online booking systems to streamline services. Users will no longer need to create separate accounts and login details for online

reservation systems of the four Japan Railway firms — Central Japan Railway Co, East Japan Railway Co, West Japan Railway Co and Kyushu Railway Co — and services will be accessible from one interface. The integrated

booking systems for JR Central and JR West will be launched within fiscal 2026, starting next April, while JR East and JR Kyushu's services will be incorporated sequentially from fiscal 2027 onwards.

Currently, for example, arranging a journey from Sendai in north-eastern Japan to Nagoya in the country's central region requires booking two separate trips — one from Sendai to Tokyo, and another from Tokyo to Nagoya — on two separate platforms.

After the change, users will be able to book both trips from the same login screen, provided they have created an account with at least one service beforehand. — Kyodo

Indie studio bets on new game after buying freedom from Sega

FRENCH developer Amplitude knows that "every game could be the last" as it prepares a big bet on a new strategy title less than a year after buying its independence back from Sega.

With the games industry enduring weak growth in recent years, it's rare and risky for smaller operators to separate from a larger entity.

"When you're independent, you have to be crystal clear that every game could be the last," said Romain de Waubert de Genlis, the head of the Paris-based outfit.

His team of 50-odd developers are days away from releasing an early-access version of "Endless Legend 2" for PC, ahead of the polished final product sometime next year. — AFP

US small businesses slam Trump tariffs as legal fight proceeds

WHEN businessman Travis McMaster shifted more manufacturing from China to India to avoid US-China trade tensions, he faced unexpected challenges. Since August, the US imposed 50 per cent tariffs on many Indian products, surpassing the 30 per cent tariffs on Chinese goods.

McMaster, general manager at Cocoon USA, was among about 100 small business owners who gathered in Washington to discuss how President Trump's tariffs have hurt their livelihoods. Many spoke outside the Supreme Court, which

is set to hear arguments on the legality of Trump's global tariffs on 5 November. Since January, Trump has imposed sweeping 10 per cent duties on most trading partners, with higher tariffs on countries like the EU and Vietnam, alongside sector-specific duties on steel and aluminum. Small businesses say the fast-changing policies have made planning difficult. McMaster urged an end to sudden changes, emphasizing that businesses and the country need stability. — AFP

Announcement to the Responsible Persons of Golden City Business Management

According to the instructions of the Golden City Resident Committee (Temporary), which is formed with the participation of apartment owners residing at Golden City Residence, Yankin Road, Yankin Township, Yangon Region, the following is hereby announced.

It is understood that Golden Land Real Estate Development Co., Ltd., the original developer of Golden City Residence, established without obtaining the consent of the apartment owners Golden City Business Management (GCBM) and entrusted it with the responsibility to collect Property Management Fees (PMF) annually in advance from the apartment owners and to provide general services within the residence.

Although the apartment owners have been paying the PMF annually to GCBM, it has been found that problems such as leakages and damages within the residence, insufficient security services, weak preventive measures against potential risks to residents, malfunctioning of public facilities such as the mechanical car parking, and poor maintenance of elevators still exist. It has also been found that the facilities promised at the time of purchase by the apartment owners have not been fully provided.

It is further understood that, despite repeated discussions and negotiations between apartment owner representatives and GCBM regarding these matters, the company responsible for providing services has failed to comply and take corrective action.

In addition, it has been noted that GCBM has neither provided transparent disclosure regarding the use of the PMF collected from residents, nor allowed independent auditors from the apartment owners' side to review the accounts.

Due to such shortcomings in management and services, the residents are facing inconveniences, discomfort, and concerns about safety and security. Therefore, according to the instructions, Golden City Business Management is hereby urged to cooperate with the apartment owners and resolve the above-mentioned requests and fulfill the commitments within seven (7) days from the date of this announcement. Furthermore, the responsible persons from the original developer, Golden Land Real Estate Development Co., Ltd., are also urged to promptly and properly fulfill the necessary requirements to ensure that Golden City Residence becomes and remains a safe, secure, and pleasant residential community for families.

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			Type	Number	Old	New
1	Trixa 25 SC	Hexaconazole 5% + Tricyclazole 20% SC	Full	F2022-2009	Myanma Awba Group Co., Ltd.	Pyinsa Crop Science Co., Ltd.

Pyinsa Crop Science Co., Ltd. invites objections to Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon from all parties within a period of fourteen (14) days from the publication of this notice. If no objections are received within the period prescribed, parties mentioned above shall proceed with the completion of formalities recorded with the Pesticide Registration Board.

Address- Pyinsa Crop Science Co., Ltd. No. (95-A), Kyaik Wine Pagoda Road, 8th Miles, Mayangone Township, Yangon, The Republic of Union of Myanmar.

GLOBAL VIEWPOINTS:
WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS



US PRESIDENT Donald Trump's second state visit to Britain wrapped up Thursday night in royal pomp and friendly rhetoric. But showy ceremonies could not hide the gaps in results: while a splashy technology deal and new investment pledges drew concerns, trade rows persisted, and the split over Gaza remained unresolved.

Despite hailing the "special relationship" with Britain as "irreplaceable and unbreakable" at Wednesday's Windsor Castle banquet, Trump left without delivering tariff relief, easing trade frictions, or bridging his disagreement with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer over recognition of a Palestinian state.

Before flying to Britain, Trump offered to help the country secure a better trade deal and fine-tune the bilateral framework. But such promises were unfulfilled, leaving the future of affected industries uncertain.

According to local media, an arrangement aimed at removing US tariffs on British steel and aluminium had been indefinitely shelved. For now,

Trump's Britain visit leaves unsettling tech pact, lingering disputes

A planned removal of US tariffs on British steel and aluminium was indefinitely shelved.



(L-R) Britain's Catherine, Princess of Wales, Britain's Prince William, Prince of Wales, US First Lady Melania Trump, US President Donald Trump, Britain's King Charles III and Britain's Queen Camilla during a Ceremonial Welcome in the Quadrangle at Windsor Castle, in Windsor, on 17 September 2025, during the US President's second State Visit. **PHOTO: CHRIS JACKSON / POOL / AFP**

Britain's steel and aluminium exports to the United States still face 25 per cent tariffs.

The Scottish government has also sought to reduce or eliminate the 10 per cent tariff on Scotch whisky exports, as the whisky industry said the levy costs companies four million pounds (US\$5.4 million) each week.

Speaking at a press conference with Starmer on Thursday, Trump said he disagrees with Starmer on recognizing the State of Palestine.

In late July, Downing Street said the country will recognize the State of Palestine in September to "protect the viability of the two-state solution," unless Israel takes substantive steps to end "the appalling situation in Gaza" and commit to a long-term and sustainable peace. — Xinhua

Egypt says stolen pharaoh's gold bracelet melted down, sold for US\$4,000

A 3,000-year-old gold bracelet belonging to an ancient pharaoh, which disappeared from the Egyptian Museum in Cairo (EMC) earlier this month, was

stolen and melted down, Egypt's Interior Ministry said in a statement on Thursday.

According to the ministry, a restoration specialist took the

artifact and sold it to a silver jeweler she knew. The silver jeweler then sold it to a gold jeweller for 180,000 Egyptian pounds (about US\$3,735), who subsequently sold it for 194,000 Egyptian pounds to a gold smelter. The smelter melted the bracelet along with other jewellery before reshaping it.

The ministry said all four suspects confessed, and the money involved was seized. Legal action has been taken against them.

The Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities reported the bracelet's disappearance on Tuesday.

The item belonged to King Amenemope, a pharaoh of ancient Egypt's 21st Dynasty who ruled from 993 to 984 BC. The bracelet, decorated with a lapis lazuli bead, vanished from a safe in the conservation laboratory on the museum's second floor. — Xinhua



The Funerary mask of king Amenemope of the 21st dynasty of Egypt in the Cairo Museum. **PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

Russia pushes back against ICAO on MH17 crash involvement

RUSSIA has challenged the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Council's decision on its supposed involvement in the 2014 Boeing 777 crash, according to the Russian Foreign Ministry.

"On 18 September, Russia, in accordance with Article 84 of the 1944 Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention), challenged in the UN International Court of Justice (ICJ) the baseless decision of the Council of the ICAO on Russia's alleged involvement in the downing of Malaysian Boeing Flight MH17," the ministry's statement reads.

Russia has appealed the Council's decision on all

grounds — jurisdiction, applicable law, factual findings, and due to serious procedural violations, the ministry noted. Russia expects the ICJ to adopt a fully impartial approach in this high-profile case.

"Russia will seek the truth in accordance with obligations under the UN Charter and applicable international law," the ministry emphasized.

Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 was shot down on 17 July 2014 while flying over Donbass, where a military conflict between the Ukrainian Army and the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) was taking place at the time. — SPUTNIK

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Maresca defends Chelsea exile for Sterling and Disasi

ENZO Maresca insists exiled Chelsea flops Raheem Sterling and Axel Disasi have no reason to complain about being forced to train alone.

Sterling and Disasi failed to secure moves away from Stamford Bridge before the transfer deadline after falling out of favour with Blues boss Maresca.

It was reported on Thursday that the Professional Footballers' Association had contacted the club over the conditions the pair are working under this season after they were isolated from the first team squad



Raheem Sterling is out of favour at Chelsea. PHOTO: AFP

by Maresca.

Consigned to the so-called Chelsea 'bomb squad', England forward Sterling and French defender Disasi are training and eating alone and at different times to the rest of the team.

Former Manchester City star Sterling, who had an unsuccessful loan spell at Arsenal last season, still has two years to run on the contract he signed in 2022.

Disasi, signed from Monaco in 2023, is under contract for four more years and spent the second half of last season on loan at Aston Villa. — AFP



The Myanmar national futsal team is seen in training.

Group H of AFC Futsal Asian Cup Qualifiers kicks off in Yangon

THE 2026 AFC Futsal Asian Cup Qualifiers Group H matches, hosted by Myanmar, will begin today at the MFF Futsal Stadium in the Thuwunna Football Stadium compound, Yangon, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

The qualifiers are divided into eight groups. Myanmar is placed in Group H alongside Afghanistan and the Maldives. One match will be played per day: Afghanistan versus the Maldives on 20 September; Myanmar versus the Maldives on 22 September; and Myanmar versus Afghanistan on 24 September.

According to the qualification format, the top teams from all eight groups and the seven best runners-up — 15 teams in total — will advance to the finals. With only three teams in the group, Myanmar has a good chance of qualifying.

The Myanmar national futsal team began training in early August and competed in the invitational China Futsal Tournament from 5 to 11 September, finishing fourth. Head coach Puttipong Pikhun announced the final squad of 14 players on 19 September. — ASH/KZL

Guardiola wants no repeat of Man City 'disaster' at Arsenal

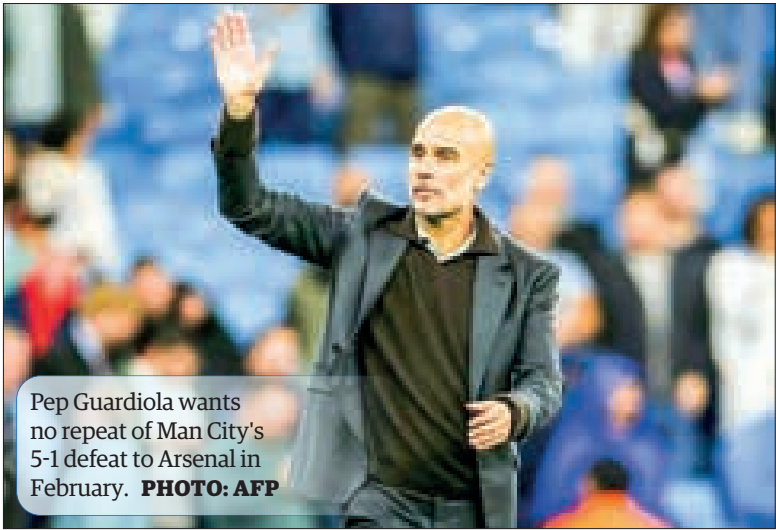
MANCHESTER City boss Pep Guardiola said his side can ill afford a repeat of the "under-14s" defending that saw them thrashed 5-1 by Arsenal in February.

Guardiola's men travel to the Emirates again on Sunday, already trailing the Gunners and defending champions Liverpool in the Premier League title race.

City lost two of their opening three games to Tottenham and Brighton but have bounced back with comprehensive victories over Manchester United and in the Champions League over Napoli.

The thrashing at the hands of his former protege Mikel Arteta was one of the low points in a miserable campaign for Guardiola.

City failed to win a trophy for the first time since 2017 and finished a distant third behind Liverpool and Arsenal.



Pep Guardiola wants no repeat of Man City's 5-1 defeat to Arsenal in February. PHOTO: AFP

"The game last season, we started like many times last season, like an under-14s team and gave away a thousand million goals," said Guardiola when asked to reflect on his last visit to the Emirates.

"After we were, a lot of the

time, pretty good considering how it was last season, but the last 15-20 minutes were a disaster.

"We forgot to do what we had to do and it was easy for Arsenal. I want to compete to be a better team than we were last season". — AFP

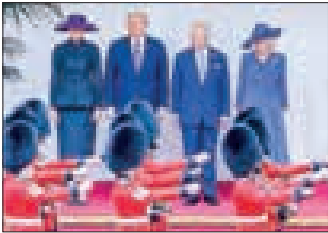
Athletics: Defending Olympic, world champ Kitaguchi out of women's javelin

JAPANESE star Haruka Kitaguchi fell short in her women's javelin title defence at the world athletics championships on Friday, failing to advance from her qualifying group at Tokyo's National Stadium. The 27-year-old Paris Olympic gold medallist was unable to produce her best in front of the home crowd in just her third meet since returning from an elbow injury that kept her sidelined for two months.

Needing to clear 62.5 metres or finish among the top 12 from the two qualifying groups, Kitaguchi threw 60.38 metres with her furthest attempt, well short of her Japanese record of 67.38, to place eighth in her group and 14th overall. "My run-up felt really good, but I wasn't able to put everything together well with my technique," a tearful Kitaguchi said.

"I felt like I could have thrown a little further, so it's frustrating." The Hokkaido native received a rousing reception during introductions at the Tokyo Olympic venue, and she made a positive start by clearing 60 metres as the first athlete to throw.

She went only moderately further with her second throw and managed just 58.80 on her third and last attempt, after which she slumped in her seat, resigned to missing the final. — Kyodo



Thai King endorses new cabinet under PM Anutin

Anutin Charnvirakul of the Bhumjaithai Party will serve as both prime minister and interior minister. The Bhumjaithai Party holds the largest share of the 12 cabinet seats, including three posts within the prime minister's office.

THAILAND'S King Maha Vajiralongkorn has endorsed a new cabinet under the leadership of Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul, a royal command said on Friday.

According to the official Royal Gazette, the king appointed the 36-member cabinet as selected by Anutin, including six deputy prime ministers and other ministers, following his endorsement as the country's new prime minister earlier this month.

With its leader, Anutin, also serving as interior minister, the Bhumjaithai Party will lead the coalition government, holding the largest share of 12 cabinet seats, including three posts within the prime minister's office.

The endorsement paves the way for the new cabinet to take an oath of allegiance before the king and present its policy statement to parliament, the final step before ministers can officially take office. — Xinhua



In this photo released by the Thai government spokesman office, Thailand's new Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul pays respect to a portrait of King Maha Vajiralongkorn, as he receives the royal endorsement ceremony at Bhumjai Thai party Headquarters in Bangkok, on 7 September 2025. **PHOTO: THE THAI GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN OFFICE**

Venezuela's Parliament approves strategic partnership agreement with Russia

THE Venezuelan National Assembly approved in the first reading the strategic partnership and cooperation agree-

ment with Russia, aimed at strengthening bilateral ties, parliament speaker Jorge Rodriguez said.



An aerial view of the Legislative Palace. Caracas, Venezuela. **PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

"The honourable members of parliament who support the approval in the first reading of the draft law approving the strategic partnership and cooperation agreement between the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Russian Federation... I ask you to express this with the customary sign. The decision is adopted unanimously," Rodriguez said at a plenary session.

The document was presented by ruling party lawmaker Roy Daza, who stressed the long-term nature of the agreement.

He said the agreement reflects the dynamic development of political, trade, and diplomatic ties between Caracas and Moscow. — SPUTNIK

Top DPRK leader inspects unmanned aeronautical technology complex

THE top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) on Thursday guided a performance test of unmanned weapons and equipment being developed and produced by an institute and enterprises under the unmanned aeronautical technology complex, the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported Friday.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, was briefed on the performance and combat application of various types of unmanned weapons and equipment, including strategic and tactical unmanned surveillance vehicles and

multipurpose drones, said the report.

The test proved the military strategic value and innovative performance of the unmanned surveillance vehicle and the excellent combat effectiveness of Kum-song-series tactical attack drones, it said, adding that Kim expressed satisfaction with the results.

On the same day, Kim approved and signed a document outlining an important plan reflecting an organizational and structural measure for further expanding and strengthening the technological potential of the unmanned aeronautical technology complex, added the report. — Xinhua