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Wundwin's Cotton MSMEs Drive Textile Exports and Domestic Supply

COTTON-BASED MSME textile businesses in Wundwin Township, Meiktila District, Mandalay Region, are actively advancing operations to foster industry development, boost agro-based textile exports, generate foreign exchange, and strengthen the national economy.

On 29 August afternoon, Deputy Minister for Industry and for MSME Development Dr Aung Zeya, who is also Chairman of the MSME Development Agency, inspected several local facilities, including the Leader of

Textile Factory, Min Yan Naing Cotton Ginning and Nan Htike Tawwin Fabric Pressing Mill, Keinari High-Quality Cotton Longyi Factory, and Phoe Pyone Cho Factory. During his tour, he observed the multi-stage weaving and finishing processes, raw material availability, and operational workflows. He also reviewed the manufacturing of “Made in Myanmar” judo and karate sportswear exported to Japan, along with high-quality, affordable blankets and carpets

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Weak sugar market amid high inventories

Global sugar prices have surged, lifting domestic market rates, but trading activity remains subdued as heavy inventories weigh on demand, according to sugarcane and sugar traders.

India, the world's second-largest sugar producer, imported sugar for the first time in nearly a decade due to low domestic yields caused by El Niño-induced weather, triggering a global rally.

“India's production fell so much that it had to import, leading to a global sugar price jump. Even though India's market doesn't di-



This image shows sugar on display for sale at a retail shop.

rectly affect Myanmar. As global market prices rise, domestic prices relatively follow,” said a trader who

is a member of the Myanmar Sugar and Cane Related Products Association (MSCA). The

Commodity Exchange also witnessed a sharp increase between 22 and 28 August.

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Draft book on authentic traditional costumes of Myanmar's ethnic peoples completed

THE Ministry of Culture, Hotels and Tourism has compiled a draft book entitled “Authentic Traditional National Costumes of Myanmar's Ethnic Peoples”, containing information on the authentic national costumes of 27 ethnic groups.

“The costumes have been compiled based on the principle that innovation should not go beyond tradition. The draft book, ‘Authentic Traditional National Costumes of Myanmar's Ethnic Peoples’, contains information on the authentic national costumes of 27 ethnic groups:



Young women from ethnic communities wearing traditional cultural costumes.

six Kachin groups, nine Kayah groups, one Kayin group, one Chin group, one Bamar group, one Mon

group, one Rakhine group and seven Shan groups,” an official from the Ministry of Culture, Hotels and

Tourism said.

Although the draft has been completed, the information must be reviewed and verified by the relevant regional and state governments, as well as literature and culture associations, before the book is printed and published.

To be able to publish a more comprehensive edition of the book, the ministry will also continue collecting information on the authentic traditional costumes of ethnic groups whose details have not yet been submitted. — ASH/ KNN

MAEX declares K4.76B dividend at K200 per share for FY2025-26

MYANMAR Agro Exchange Public Limited (MAEX), a listed company on the Yangon Stock Exchange, held its 10th Annual General Meeting on 28 August and announced a total dividend of K4.76 billion for the 2025-2026 financial year, with K200 per share.

Shareholders' equity rose by 25.48 per cent to K41.39 billion, up from K32.98 billion in the previous year, enabling the company to substantially increase its dividend distribution this year compared to the K2.08 billion paid out last year.

“Share values have grown significantly this year. The board consulted to determine a dividend of K200 per share to partially meet the expectations of income focused investors,” MAEX Chairman U Win Aung said.

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The new Danyingon Market operated under MAEX.

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Shwepyitha students visit national and space museums

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EPS workers in ROK warned against sharing personal info on social media

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Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Sunday 30 August 2026)

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, the low-pressure area over the Northwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining West Bengal-North Odisha coasts, India has intensified into a Well-Marked Low-Pressure Area. It is likely to move West-Northwestwards across North Odisha-Gangetic West Bengal, India during next 24 hours. The monsoon is strong over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal. The weather is a few clouds to partly cloudy over the South Bay of Bengal and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and over elsewhere Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 31 August 2026: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Mandalay and lower Sagaing regions, fairly widespread in Magway Region and Chin and Kayah states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon and Rakhine states. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and (north and south) Shan states. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: The occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along the Myanmar Coasts. The surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 miles per hour. The wave height will be about 11-13 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Sagaing and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 31 August 2026: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 31 August 2026: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 31 August 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

Well-Marked Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 4 pm MST on 30 August 2026

ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the low-pressure area over the Northwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining West Bengal-North Odisha coasts, India has intensified into a Well-Marked Low-Pressure Area. It is likely to move West-Northwestwards across North Odisha-Gangetic West Bengal, India during next 24 hours. — DMH

Thanlwin and Sittoung River Levels Exceed Danger Marks

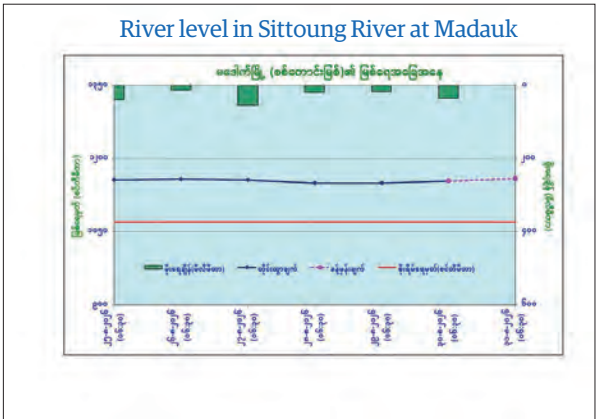
WATER levels on the Thanlwin and Sittoung rivers have risen above the danger marks at Hpa-an and Madauk, respectively, and are forecast to rise further over the next 24 hours, according to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH).

The Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is currently about one foot and 10 inches above the danger mark and is expected to rise by another three inches over the next 24 hours, remaining above the danger level.

Meanwhile, the Sittoung River at Madauk has exceeded the danger mark by about two feet and nine inches and is forecast to rise by a further two inches over the next 24 hours.

The DMH has urged people living near riverbanks and in low-lying areas of Hpa-an Township and Madauk to move to safer locations in advance.

Separately, a low-pressure area remains over the northern coastal areas of West Bengal and northern



An image showing the Sittoung river water levels reaching the danger marks on 30 August.

Odisha in India, adjacent to the north-western Bay of Bengal. The system is expected to strengthen over the next 48 hours and move west-northwestwards, potentially crossing northern Odisha and West Bengal. — TWA/ST

DMH Releases Heavy Rainfall Warning No 61

Issued at 8 am MST on 30 August 2026

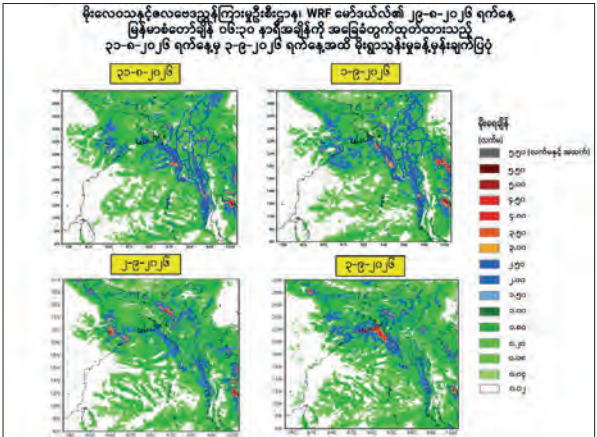
ACCORDING to the observations at 6:30 am MST today, due to the strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal, the low-pressure area over the Northwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining West Bengal-North Odisha coasts, India and the strong development of the convective clouds such as rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and

Shan states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in upper Sagaing and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and (northern and eastern) Shan states from this morning to 3 September 2026.

The occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along the Myanmar Coasts. The surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 miles per hour. The wave height will be about 11-13 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

People should be



aware due to the strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal, the low-pressure area over the Northwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining West Bengal-North Odisha coasts, India and the strong

development of the convective clouds such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, flash floods and landslides in the hilly areas and near small rivers and inland water transport and domestic flights. — DMH

Continuous maintenance essential for CORS stations

CONTINUOUS maintenance is essential for the Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) NPT2 station located along the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, said Dr Thaung Nang Oo, Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Con-

servation.

The deputy minister, accompanied by departmental officials, made the remarks during an inspection visit to the CORS NPT2 reference station near milepost 201/4 on the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway on 29 August.

During the inspection, the Director-General of the Survey Department and responsible officials briefed the deputy minister on technical matters concerning the reference stations. In response, the deputy minister noted that a total of five CORS stations

have been established—four in the Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory and one in Pyin Oo Lwin. As these stations continuously receive signals from satellites around the clock, he emphasized the critical need for regular maintenance.

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Workers' Hospital
(Htantabin) in
Hlinethaya Prepares
Hemodialysis Services
for Insured Workers

TO provide cost-free and convenient medical care for insured workers in Yangon Region, preparations are underway to install three hemodialysis machines and water purification systems at the Workers' Hospital (Htantabin) in Hlinethaya Township to treat insured patients suffering from chronic kidney disease. Union Minister for Labour U Khin Maung Soe inspected the ongoing installation arrangements and coordinated necessary requirements.

To enhance healthcare accessibility and effectiveness, medical services are currently delivered through workers' hospitals, Social Security Board



Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe views round the ongoing installation of Hemodialysis machine at the Workers' Hospital (Htantabin) in Hlinethaya.

clinics, departmental clinics, and contracted clinics. Hemodialysis services for insured chronic kidney disease patients are actively operating at the Workers' Hospital (Yangon), which uses four hemodialysis machines to perform an average of 130 sessions per month for 126 patients, and at the Workers' Hospital (Mandalay), which provides an average of 101 sessions monthly for 14 patients.

The Social Security Board under the Ministry of Labour continues to implement insurance schemes in accordance with the 2012 Social Security Law. Its core mission focuses on delivering healthcare and financial benefits to insured workers, maintaining hospitals and clinics nationwide to provide essential medical treatments under the social security system. — MNA/ST

Samon Creek Bridge 65% Complete, Rail
Services to Resume by March

THE Samon Creek Bridge (Bridge No 691), located between Samon and Thaetaw railway stations on the Mandalay-Nay Pyi Taw railway line, is being rebuilt as a 364.17-foot-long prestressed reinforced concrete bridge after it was damaged by heavy rainfall and flooding caused by the impact of Typhoon Yagi in September 2024.

The new bridge is currently 65 per cent complete. The bridge and all approach railway tracks are expected to be completed by the end of March next year, allowing trains to resume operations in both directions.

Union Minister for Transport and for Digital



Union Minister U Mya Tun Oo oversees the construction site of the Samon Creek Bridge (Bridge No 691), on the Mandalay-Nay Pyi Taw railway line.

Development and Communications U Mya Tun Oo, together with the Deputy Minister for Transport and the Regional Minister for Industry, Electricity and Road Transport, inspected the ongoing construction of the new Samon Creek Bridge and the project site.

During a meeting with

officials at the bridge construction project briefing hall, the Union minister instructed them to complete the approach railway tracks at the same time as the bridge, continue constructing retaining walls to prevent the creek banks from collapsing and blocking the waterway, and systemat-

ically improve the water flow beneath the bridge.

The Union minister also visited the Myanmar Railways Passenger and Wagon Factory (Myitnge), where he met with staff. He said railway transport plays an important role in public transport and that the factory is responsible for the construction and repair of passenger and freight carriages, which are fundamental to the transportation of passengers and goods.

He also stressed the need for staff to take pride in fulfilling their duties responsibly. He then presented refreshments to the staff and inspected the factory's operations. — MNA/ST

Over 500 eye patients
treated under charity
programme

OVER 500 eye patients have received successful surgical treatment through the eye charity programme carried out with the objective of "bringing light to a thousand eyes and a thousand people", according to Dr Than Min Htut, Senior Medical Superintendent of the Pyinmana Sangha Hospital.

The programme, funded through public collective donations, is designed to help individuals whose vision is impaired by eye conditions such as cataracts

and pterygium receive necessary surgical treatments and regain their eyesight.

Surgeries have been conducted at Pyinmana Sangha Hospital, Myaungmya Hospital, and Myitnge Railway Hospital in Mandalay, successfully treating over 500 patients to date—recent updates at Myitnge: 14 patients on 15 August, 20 on 22 August, and a total of 116 patients (105 cataract patients and 11 pterygium patients).

Donors can participate



Eye patients receiving treatment at a hospital.

by contributing K200,000 per eye. Individuals who can afford and wish to receive eye surgery can also coordinate by personally contributing K200,000.

Organizers stated they

will continue performing eye surgeries through the contributions of donors to restore vision for those suffering from cataracts and other visual impairments.

— MT/ZN

Returning frontline troops honoured in Sittway, Tongtah

FRONTLINE Tatmadaw members returning from security and regional stability operations were warmly welcomed back at local battalions in Rakhine State's Sittway Township and eastern Shan State's Tongtah yesterday.

The ceremonies were attended by Western Com-

mand Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Zaw and Triangle Region Command Commander Maj-Gen Soe Myat Htut, respectively, alongside departmental officials, military officers and families, police and veteran organization members, artistes, traditional dance troupes,

teachers, students, and local communities.

Attendees greeted the returning troops – who served selflessly away from their families to safeguard national stability and the lives and property of citizens with auspicious Eugenia sprigs, flower garlands, and lively musi-

cal and dance performances. During the events, the commanders delivered honorary speeches expressing gratitude for their service, with cash rewards also presented to the victorious soldiers in Sittway and Tongtah. — MNA/KZL



Image features triumphant troops being warmly welcomed home.

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Hlaingbwe Township distributes fuel to farmers for monsoon crop cultivation

UNDER the arrangements made by the Kayin State government, fuel was distributed on 29 August to 125 farmers cultivating 380 acres of monsoon crops across five village-tracts in Hlaingbwe Township, with Kayin State Chief Minister U Saw Myint Oo and officials inspecting the distribution process and coordinating measures to ensure that farmers could easily access fertilizers and other agricultural inputs at affordable prices.

The chief minister also inspected livestock operations, production and breeding activities



Kayin State Chief Minister U Saw Myint Oo observes the selling of fuel oil to farmers in Hlaingbwe on 29 August.

funded under the State Economic Promotion Fund at the Kamawt Kachoo Livestock Zone. He instructed officials to increase livestock numbers, remove inactive operators and reallocate land to active livestock

breeders. During the visit, he presented veterinary medicines and mineral salt licks to local livestock farmers.

Additionally, they visited U Tun Tun Nang's layer farm, U Min Ko Ko's pig breeding

farm and U Maung Than Lwin's broiler farm. They also inspected the football field, gymnasium and gym at the Zwe Marn Sports Complex in Hlaingbwe Township to assess their readiness for hosting sports competitions.

The chief minister visited patients receiving treatment at Hlaingbwe Township Hospital, offered words of encouragement and distributed nutritional food. He also provided general operating funds and basic foodstuffs for the hospital's healthcare staff. — Saw Myo Min Thein (IPRD)/TH

Intensive protection works continue to prevent erosion along Nyaungdonkyun embankment

RIVERBANK erosion caused by the Toe River damaged the Nyaungdonkyun embankment between mileposts 11/6 and 11/7 near Ganchaung Village, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region, on the morning of 25 August, affecting a section approximately 300 feet long and 45 feet wide.

To temporarily stabilize and protect the damaged section, a combined team comprising local Tatmadaw and police personnel, social organizations and local residents is urgently carrying out emergency engineering

measures using heavy machinery. These measures include driving wooden piles and laying sandbags at the toe of the embankment, constructing temporary setback levees, installing concrete porcupine structures designed to reduce water flow velocity and trap suspended sediment, and deploying steel cable groynes to control water flow.

Officials from Yangon Command and relevant government departments inspected the ongoing stabilization work on-site and coordinated the necessary assistance. — MNA/TH

Erosion prevention and water inflow blockage works continue following Ngawun embankment subsidence



Officials and technicians use heavy machines to prevent erosion and block water inflows along the subsided section of the Ngawun embankment in Laymyethna Township.

VENERABLE Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Paññjota of Theaphyu Chaungphyu and Maha Myaing Tawya Monastery and Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Aye Kyaw ob-

served ongoing efforts to prevent erosion and block water inflows along the subsided section of the Ngawun embankment in Laymyethna Township and encouraged the

personnel involved in the work yesterday morning.

During the visit, the Venerable Sayadaw made cash donations and recited Paritta Suttas to encourage Tatmadaw personnel, firefighters and local volunteers engaged in efforts to block the water inflow.

The Venerable Sayadaw and the chief minister subsequently proceeded to the monastery in Laharpa Village, Hinthada Township, where the Sayadaw recited Paritta Suttas and distributed relief supplies to local monasteries, nunneries and

flood-affected residents of Laymyethna Township.

In Hinthada, the chief minister also accepted a relief donation of K100 million for flood-affected areas, presented collectively by the Chairman of the M League, Shan United FC, Ayeyawady United Women's FC, Yangon United FC, Yadanabon FC, former and current Myanmar national team players and M League officials. The chief minister presented certificates of honour in return to express appreciation for their contributions. — Regional IPRD/TH



Tatmadaw and police personnel, social organizations and locals are carrying out to protect the damaged section to the Nyaungdonkyun embankment near Ganchaung Village, Nyaungdon Township.

Gold Market Rate as of 30 August 2026

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K7,150,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

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River View Point Pavilion project underway in Magway

THE River View Point Pavilion project is being implemented along the Strand Road in Magway to create a clean, attractive and safe public recreational area based on the scenic beauty of the Ayeyawady River and the city's urban character.

Magway Region Chief Minister U Tin Ko Ko, accompanied by regional ministers inspected the project site

yesterday morning and instructed officials to complete the project on schedule while ensuring workplace safety.

He also inspected sidewalk construction and cleaning along Natmauk Road and Bogyoke Road, as well as the installation, repair and upgrading of traffic lights at major intersections in the city. — Maung Khaing Min (IPRD)/KZL



Officials inspect progress in building River View Point in Magway.

Shwepyitha students visit national and space museums

STUDENTS and teachers from Basic Education Middle School No 13 in Shwepyitha Township visited the National Museum and Space Museum in Yangon yesterday morning to learn about Myanmar's history, cultural heritage and space science.

At the National Museum on Pyay Road, they viewed historical records and ancient cultural artefacts from different



Students and teachers from Shwepyitha Township observe petrified piece at National Museum (Yangon).

periods, while museum officials explained the museum's history and its exhibitions on Myanmar's history and culture.

They later visited the Space Museum, where they explored the Deep Space Exploration and Space Station galleries, as well as exhibits featuring rockets, planets and stars, gaining knowledge about space and astronomy. — Zwe Htet Ko (IPRD)/KZL

3rd Bed Making Competition held at Novotel Yangon

THE 3rd Bed Making Competition of the International Five Star Hospitality Management Institute (IFS) was held yesterday morning at the Novotel Hotel in Kamayut Township, Yangon.

During the opening ceremony, IFS Academic Manager U Aung Thu delivered the welcoming address and outlined the objectives of the event, followed by Daw Chaw Su Aung, who introduced the panel of judges and briefed the participants on the competition rules. The contest saw students competing in pairs

across individual beds, with four outstanding students emerging as top winners for their exceptional bed-making precision. Following the event, Housekeeping instructor U Kyaw Moe Naing, along with faculty members, presented awards and commemorative gifts to the four winners and other distinguished students.

Established in 2024 at Aung Myay Thasi Housing in Kamayut Township, the International Five Star Hospitality Management Institute aims to nurture skilled hospitality talent, elevate work-



Students from the International Five Star Hospitality Management Institute compete at the bed making competition at the Novotel Hotel in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: KO LWIN

place standards through hands-on technical training, instill a strong focus on cleanliness and attention to detail, and expand career opportunities for youth to support the na-

tion's tourism sector on an international level. The event concluded successfully with teachers, students, parents, and invited guests in attendance. — Oktha/ST

MRCs opens mobile clinics for flood victims in Ayeyawady Region

THE Myanmar Red Cross Society has opened a mobile clinic to provide primary healthcare to flood-affected residents in Laymyethna Township, Ayeyawady Region.

As part of its disaster response efforts, the Health Department of the Myanmar Red Cross Society has provided healthcare services and health education to flood victims from four villages in Laymyethna Town-

ship through a mobile clinic. Similarly, the Myanmar Red Cross Society opened a mobile clinic in Ngathaingyoung, Ayeyawady Region, where primary healthcare was provided to flood-affected residents.

The society will continue opening mobile clinics to provide primary healthcare to people affected by flooding in townships across Ayeyawady Region. — ASH/KZL



Primary healthcare is being provided to flood-affected residents in Laymyethna Township.

Request for special testing accommodation to be accepted until 1 September

FOR the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) holds in December 2026, those who really need special testing accommodation, among those who have already finished the submission of online application forms, are required to register from 29 August to 4 pm on 1 September, said the JLPT organizing committee.

This privilege is provided for those with physical disability and those with special needs (such as vision or hearing impairment or limb defects) only.

Registrations are being accepted by Viber number 09 428756746 and doctor recommendation, medical records and health check results are required. The request for special testing accommodation won't be provided for late registrations, said the JLPT organizing committee.

For more details, inquiries can be requested to the JLPT organizing committee, the Myanmar Association of Japan Alumni (MAJA)'s phone number 01 7571015 (ext-1). — MT/ZS



A notice for JLPT special testing accommodation.

NATIONAL

Myanmar film I Wanna Be Your Lobster screened at 2026 ASEAN Festival in Hong Kong



Members of Myanmar film team seen at ASEAN Film festival in Hong Kong SAR.

THE Myanmar film 'I Wanna Be Your Lobster' was screened at The Sky (House 3) Cinema in Olympian City 2, Hong Kong SAR, on 21 August

as part of the 2026 ASEAN Film Festival.

The 2026 ASEAN Film Festival, organized by the Hong Kong-ASEAN Foundation Limited, is being held at the Hong Kong Palace Museum from 20 August to 27 September.

Before the screening, Myanmar Consul-General Daw Phu Pwint Ko delivered welcoming remarks, while Pyae Zaw Phyto, director of the Myanmar film 'I Wanna Be Your Lobster' and a special guest at the event,

shared his experiences making the film and took part in a live Q&A session with the audience following the screening.

The event was also attended by the CEO of the Hong Kong-ASEAN Foundation Limited, staff and family members of the Myanmar Consulate-General, members of the Myanmar community in Hong Kong and Macau Special Administrative Regions, China, and other interested film enthusiasts. — MNA/MKKS

Embassy advises Myanmar citizens in Indonesia to avoid crowded areas



This photo depicts the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia.

THE Myanmar Embassy in Jakarta issued an advisory on 27 August, encouraging Myanmar citizens in Jakarta, Indonesia, to strictly avoid travelling to busy areas, public gatherings, and

crowded locations due to the recent situation unfolding in the city.

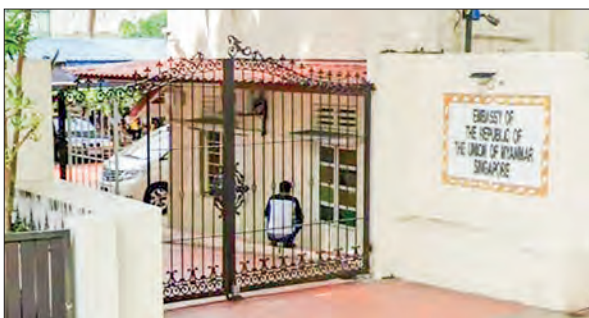
The notice specifically advises Myanmar citizens residing in Indonesia to refrain from visiting crowded places such as schools, university campuses, markets, shopping centres, train stations, and prominent landmarks. Additionally, the embassy urges students to avoid visiting areas where crowds are gathering during this

time.

The advisory also requests citizens to contact and inform the Myanmar Embassy promptly in the event of an emergency or unavoidable situation.

On 27 August, thousands of people gathered to protest in front of the parliament building in Jakarta, demanding stricter measures against corruption and the passage of a bill allowing the seizure of assets obtained through corruption. — MT/ZN

ME Singapore calls for adherence to official guidelines



This photo shows front wing of the Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Singapore.

MYANMAR Embassy in Singapore has requested passport extension applicants to follow

guidelines provided in official announcements of the embassy.

Applicants for PT, PE, and PS who already have appointment dates will have to submit required documents to the embassy's official email address. Applicants for changing to PJ from PV will need to wait until their appointment dates.

For this process, only when the embassy's new announcement issues, will applicants need to continue with official guidelines. Applicants will need to choose form and read announcements thoroughly.

After filling, a PDF file attached to photo will have to be submitted. — TWA/ZS

EPS workers in ROK warned against sharing personal info on social media

THE Employment Permit System (EPS) Centre in Myanmar stated on 28 August, urging EPS workers in the Republic of Korea not to share personal information while using social media to prevent losses and damages caused by phone-based scams.

To protect foreign workers from phone scams, the South Korean government has implemented a rule starting 4 August, allowing each foreigner to use only one mobile phone number under their name. Furthermore, registering more than one

phone line will not be permitted within 180 days of arriving in South Korea.

Therefore, EPS workers currently employed in South Korea are strongly advised to exercise caution and avoid sharing or exchanging their passport details, personal information, and important credentials when using Facebook, SNS, and other social media platforms.

Myanmar workers reportedly travel to South Korea legally to work under the EPS through the Public Overseas Employment Agency (POEA). — MT/ZN



EPS workers seen in the Republic of Korea.

Continuous maintenance ...

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He further instructed officials to closely supervise the network, noting that linking the CORS stations through the Network Real-Time Kinematic (RTK) method provides high-precision positioning, reduces time and costs, and minimizes expenditure on equipment procurement.

Following the site visit, the deputy minister inspected the Environmental Conservation Department's Training School

near the Nay Pyi Taw ring road in Dekkhinathiri Township. The facility was damaged during the 2025 Mandalay earthquake. After receiving progress reports on the repair work from on-site officials, he instructed them to ensure that all reconstruction work meets quality standards, is completed within the designated timeframe, and enables human resource development training programmes to resume promptly. — ASH/TH



This photo captures Deputy Minister Dr. Thaung Naing Oo inspecting the CORS NPT2 station on the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway.

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Wundwin’s Cotton MSMEs Drive Textile ...

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supplied to the domestic market.

During the inspection, the deputy minister emphasized the need to fulfill domestic demand for clothing and cotton textiles, supply cooking oil from cottonseed processing, reduce reliance on imported yarn, expand operations to diversify product lines, generate local employment opportunities for youth, and increase exports to international markets.

Yesterday morning,

the deputy minister met with garment entrepreneurs at Textile Factory Branch No 7 in Wundwin to coordinate solutions regarding MSME development challenges and business expansion requirements. He subsequently inspected proposed sites for industry expansion and visited the Phyto Phyto Power-loom enterprise in Hlyawpin Village to observe finished goods production and the integration of solar power systems. — MNA/ST



Deputy Minister Dr Aung Zeya observes the work place of a textile factory in Wundwin on 29 August 2026.

NMDC to offer hybrid CMC, CEF courses on 26 Sept

THE National Management Degree College (NMDC) will offer two certificate programmes: the Certificate in Mass Communication (CMC) and the Certificate in Economics and Finance (CEF) in a hybrid learning format.

The minimum entry requirement is a matriculation certificate. Both courses run for three months, with classes held on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 am to 4 pm. The programmes begin on 26 September.

Applications will be

accepted by 25 September during office hours at the Academic Affairs Department, NMDC, Merchant Street, 6th Floor, Main Building, Botataung Township, Yangon.

Applicants must provide three licence sized photos, a copy of

the matriculation certificate or a certification of completion and a copy of the citizenship scrutiny card. Individuals can enquire for further details through the NMDC at 01 8292566 or 09 420100880 during office hours. — NN/KK

Agri Dept to lease land, warehouses at Shwelinpan Industrial Zone

THE Department of Agriculture under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation has invited tenders for the lease of a 5.319 acre plot of land, two warehouses, and a security checkpoint in Shwelinpan Industrial Zone, Yan-

gon Region.

The property comprises 5.319 acres of land, two warehouses measuring 160 by 75 by 25 feet and 80 by 30 by 15 feet and a security checkpoint measuring 20 by 15 by 10 feet.

The lease is open

to Myanmar citizens interested in operating a storage and distribution service for agricultural inputs, raw materials, consumer goods, and related products.

Tender forms will be available by 14 September at the Department

of Agriculture, located at Office 43, Nay Pyi Taw. Bids must be submitted by 1 pm on 15 September.

Individuals can enquire for further details through the department in person or by dialling 067 3410210 or 09 5196042. — NN/KK

MAEX declares K4.76B dividend at K200 per share for FY2025-26

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Revenue for the 2025-2026 FY reached K37.43 billion, plus other income of K1.84 billion, showing a 40.2 per cent increase from the previous year’s revenue of K26.96 billion. Net profit stood at K10.55 billion, up 51.7 per cent from K6.95 billion, raising the per share value to K443.

“After distributing K200 per share in dividends, the remaining K243 per share will be reinvested into future expansion projects,” Independent Director U Aung Nyunt of MAEX explained.

Gross profit hit a record K22.61 billion, a 66 per cent year on year

increase, driven by sales of shophouses and medium sized stalls at the Danyingon Wholesale Market, which generated approximately K28.53 billion, along with improved market service fees.

CEO U Aung Gyi described 2025 2026 as a landmark year for operational performance, strategic subsidiary establishment, and robust revenue growth.

The company plans to focus on subsidiary consolidation, expanding logistics and cold chain systems, monetizing assets, and advancing technology driven transformation, as per the company statement. — TWA/KK

Weak sugar market amid high ...

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Despite the price increase, trading volumes remain slow due to domestic stockpiles and declining exports, particularly to Vietnam. This year’s total exports are reportedly below 100,000 tonnes.

According to the International Sugar Organization (ISO), global sugar prices on 20 August showed an increase of 3.41 per cent over the month. As of 28 August,

prices were hovering between US\$510 and \$538 per tonne.

The current rise is unlikely to benefit cane growers, as the crushing season has ended and most stocks are now in the hands of traders and millers, farmers pointed out.

Last season, sugarcane output in Upper Sagaing Region fell by hundreds of thousands of tonnes. Some mills



Sugar sacks are neatly organized in a factory.

also delayed payments to farmers or compensated them with sugar instead

of cash, leading to tensions between the two sides. — TWA/KK

Rural water supply project under implementation in Aunglan Township

THE Department of Rural Development is implementing a rural water supply project in Kyaukswekyoe Village, Aunglan Township to ensure local residents have sufficient access to clean drinking water

throughout the year. Responsible officials conducted a field inspection of the project site on 29 August.

Aunglan District Department of Rural Development Head U Win Naing and engi-

neering staff inspected the progress of laying of the 1,500-foot water pipeline extending from the water source to the village, a 2,400-gallon tank, an elevated water tower and a pump house.

The rural water

supply project is being implemented during the 2026-2027 financial year with K37.134 million in Union-approved funds. Currently, the project has completed approximately 55 per cent. — Thaw Zin Htoo (Rural)

Empower youth to harness technology effectively

THE comprehensive development of Myanmar’s youth is the foundation and key driving force for national progress. Therefore, it is necessary to give priority to and focus on the improvement of the youth sector, while also taking measures to enable young people to effectively apply modern technologies.

In today’s era, advances in technology and international cooperation have significantly expanded and strengthened opportunities for young people in education, employment and entrepreneurship. This represents both an important driving force and an opportunity for the youth to actively participate in local and global development processes.

In the digital world, information is constantly flowing, and technological advances are taking place at a rapid pace, while challenges that require solutions must also be recognized. Therefore, when applying technology, the youth must develop critical thinking skills to distinguish between fact and falsehood. They must also be mindful of and pay close attention to artificial intelligence (AI) ethics and cybersecurity, while avoiding actions that could undermine the development and dignity of the country and its people. Above all, they must strive to become responsible digital citizens.

Moreover, as global communication and network connectivity continue to advance over time, the youth should actively and enthusiastically participate in international communities and engage in cooperation. The State is continuously making efforts to strengthen and develop Myanmar’s youth so that they can work alongside the global community as positive representatives of the country.

The youth must strive not only to be well-equipped with knowledge and skills but also to become proficient in modern technologies. They should actively participate in the nation-building process with a strong sense of responsibility and accountability, putting their valuable talents and capabilities to good use. They must strive to become patriotic, outstanding and responsible citizens who are capable of taking the reins and shouldering responsibility for the country’s future development tasks.

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That is why the youth have to strive to become good citizens who can contribute to the nation, the youth who can make effective use of modern technologies, scholars and innovators capable of creating innovations and individuals who can seek out and develop ways to promote social and economic benefits.

From Myths to Historical Artefacts: Tagaung, Pyu City-States, and the Origins of Myanmar’s History

By Khin Maung Myint

WHILE the historical details in this article might spark debate among some readers, traditional Tagaung folklore, such as the tales of Maung Pauk Kyaing and the dragon, is simply too mythical to accept as absolute fact. Though I am not a historical researcher but rather a passionate history enthusiast, I used both local and international literary evidence alongside AI technology to research and write this piece.

In exploring early Myanmar history, fascinating accounts emerge at the intersection of myth, religion, and archaeology. At the centre of this crossroad sit two closely intertwined yet debated topics: Tagaung (the Tagaung Dynasty), which royal chronicles celebrate as the birthplace of Myanmar’s monarchies, and the Pyu city-states, an urban civilization that flourished along the Ayeyawady (formerly called Irrawaddy) River basin during the first millennium AD.

To understand the connection between Tagaung and the Pyu, we must separate royal oral traditions from modern archaeological evidence. Doing so reveals

how early societies built cities, shaped their environments, and constructed their national origin stories.

1. Mythical Origins: Tagaung in Myanmar Royal Chronicles

According to Myanmar tradition, especially the Glass Palace Chronicle compiled in the 19th century, urban civilization in Myanmar did not develop gradually. Instead, it was founded by princes who arrived from northern India.

These accounts state that King Abhiraja, a Sakyan prince of the same lineage as Gautama Buddha, founded Tagaung around 850 BC before the time of the Buddha. Fleeing conflicts in his own kingdom, he marched east with a diverse force of followers and established Tagaung as his capital on the eastern bank of the upper Irrawaddy River.

Chronicles divide Tagaung’s history into two major eras:

- The First Dynasty: Founded by King Abhiraja, it lasted through 33 successive kings until it collapsed due to invaders infiltrating from the north.
- The Second Dynasty: King Dhajaraja, another Sakyan

prince from India, restored the kingdom by marrying the chief queen of the previous dynasty. However, this line also fell to northern tribal invasions, driving the survivors south to build new cities.

The Political Role of the Tagaung Myth

For centuries – particularly during the Konbaung Dynasty (1752-1885) – the Tagaung legend provided Myanmar kings with crucial political legitimacy. By linking Tagaung’s founders directly to the Buddha’s Sakya clan, court historians elevated the monarchs to “Sun Lineage” (Adiccavamsa) status. This narrative portrayed Myanmar kings not merely as local rulers, but as universal monarchs (Cakkavatti) destined to rule under Buddhist cosmology.

2. Historical Influence: Pyu Culture (2nd Century BC – 9th Century AD)

While grand chronicles place the founding of Tagaung at the start of the 1st millennium BC, modern archaeology reveals a different timeline.

Excavations across central

and northern Myanmar show that the Pyu were actually the first to build an urban civilization in the region, creating a network of city-states along the Irrawaddy River basin.

Pyu culture was not a cen-

tralized empire under a single king, but a network of independent city-states. They shared a common script, art, religion, and complex hydraulic engineering and irrigation technologies. The most prominent Pyu cities were

Hanlin, Beikthano, Sri Ksetra, and Tagaung.

3. Archaeological Profile of Pyu City-States. In 2014, UNESCO designated Hanlin

Beikthano, and Sri Ksetra as World Heritage Sites. Archaeological discoveries at these sites prove that the Pyu were pioneers in ur-



This image shows the entrance gate to the Beikthano Ancient City, a UNESCO World Heritage site located near Taungdwingyi in the Magway Region of Myanmar. PHOTO: GNLM/FILE

ban planning and environmental engineering.

4. Where Tagaung and Pyu Converge

How do historians reconcile Tagaung’s myths with Pyu physical evidence?

Excavations at ancient Tagaung, revealing city walls, moats, traditional Pyu urns, terracotta votive tablets, and iron artefacts, confirm that Tagaung was a northern Pyu city-state flourishing between the 1st and 9th centuries AD.

Tagaung did not predate the Pyu by centuries; rather, it was a vital part of the Pyu world. Positioned along the upper Irrawaddy, it served as a river trade post and a northern border fortress, connecting central Pyu cities with overland trade routes to Yunnan and northeastern India.

The story of King Abhiraja was likely a literary creation from the Bagan and post-Bagan eras. It was crafted to link historic Pyu cities like Tagaung to the sacred lineage of the Buddha.

5. The Decline of the Pyu and the Dawn of Bagan. Although the Pyu city-state system

thrived for nearly a millennium, internal and external pressures caused it to collapse in the 8th and 9th centuries AD.

Nanzhao Invasions: The Nanzhao kingdom from the Yunnan region launched military campaigns

into the Irrawaddy basin. Chinese Tang Dynasty records note that in 832 AD, Nanzhao forces captured a major Pyu capital (likely Hanlin), took many captives, and shattered Pyu defence networks.

Environmental Degradation: Intense farming, shifting river courses, and heavy silt accumulation clogged the irrigation systems that sustained these cities in the dry zone.

Migration of the Bamar People: As Pyu influence waned, the Bamar people migrated from the northern hills down into the central dry plains. They settled at a strategic bend of the Irrawaddy River and founded Bagan.

Rather than destroying Pyu culture, the Bagan Dynasty inherited and integrated their irrigation techniques, bricklaying skills, art, and religious literature. In the mid-11th century, King Anawrahta unified Pyu territories, including Tagaung, to establish the First Myanmar Empire. Historical Legacy: The history of Tagaung and the Pyu highlights two sides of historical memory. On one hand, Tagaung exists as a literary and symbolic origin story. On the other, physical evidence confirms the Pyu as a true ancient river-valley civilization in South-East Asia, renowned for urban engineering and cultural synthesis.

Together, both myth and archaeology reflect the deep foundations that shaped the modern state of Myanmar.

A Broad Mind and the Right View of Life

HUMAN life always comes with struggles, criticism, and unexpected hardships. While we cannot always stop bad things from happening, the amount of pain we feel depends entirely on the size of our mind. By cultivating a spacious and open heart, we can face and overcome every difficulty with peace.

First, to find true mental freedom, we must learn the art of letting go. Many people carry inside their minds a heavy stone made of past mistakes and future worries. The longer we hold onto this burden, the more tired we become. The simplest solution is to put the stone down. Realizing that the past is gone and

the future is not yet here brings instant lightness and freedom to the present moment.

Next, the weight of any problem depends on the capacity of our heart. If our mind is narrow like a small glass of water, a handful of salt – representing criticism and hurt – will instantly make the water too bitter to drink. But if we make our mind broad like a vast lake, that same handful of salt dissolves completely and cannot disturb the pure water. Instead of wishing for a life without problems, we should focus on expanding our inner capacity.

Finally, we can overcome anger by changing how we look at those who hurt us. When someone insults us, the natural reaction is

to get angry. However, if we view them as an empty boat drifting out of control due to ignorance and confusion, there is no reason to be angry with the boat itself. Understanding that people act poorly because of their own inner turmoil helps us replace hatred with compassion.

In the end, peace of mind does not come from changing the outside world, but from transforming our own perspective. By dropping unnecessary worries, keeping our minds wide like a lake, and seeing conflicts with understanding, we can remain calm through any of life’s storms. A broad mind turns every bitter experience into a valuable treasure of wisdom.

By Augustin

Overcoming Past Bad Karma Through Good Deeds

In Buddhist teachings, we cannot instantly erase past unwholesome actions. However, we can actively reduce their negative effects and prevent them from harming our lives.

The first and clearest method is to accumulate a vast store of new good deeds. As the Buddha taught, putting a handful of salt into a small cup makes the water too salty to drink. But if you throw that same handful of salt into a large river like the Ganges, the water remains fresh and drinkable. In the same way, when past

bad actions exist like salt, filling our daily lives with generosity, moral discipline, and meditation creates a vast river of good energy that keeps bad karma from bearing fruit.

The second step is to stop dwelling on past regrets and move forward with a clear mind. Constantly worrying about past mistakes only strengthens negative feelings. Once we recognize an error, the right approach is to make a firm promise never to repeat it. This clear decision immediately breaks the momentum of past mistakes.

The third practice is main-



taining strong moral discipline, especially the Five Precepts. A person with pure morality gains a natural shield of protection that keeps negative circumstances and bad influences away.

Finally, the most powerful practice is loving-kindness and mindfulness meditation. Sending pure goodwill to all living beings softens past conflicts and resentment. Furthermore, practicing

insight meditation to realize the impermanent nature of the body and mind develops true wisdom, allowing past negative karma to lose its power and simply fade away without causing harm.

DELICACY/NEWS QUIZ

Striped Snakehead Fish Congee (Nga-Yant San-Byok)

This week, we would like to present a dish that perfectly suits Myanmar’s weather and is ideal for those recovering from the seasonal flu. That dish is Striped Snakehead Fish Congee (Nga-Yant San-Byok).

Striped snakehead fish congee is a traditional, highly nutritious, and easily digestible dish that Myanmar people rely on as a nourishing meal during sudden illnesses, chronic ailments, or periods of exhaustion. Combining the rapid wound-healing properties of striped snakehead fish with the soothing tenderness of rice congee, it offers extraordinary health benefits. Furthermore, it serves as a wholesome, comforting meal that can be enjoyed for breakfast or as an evening snack.

Regarding flavour, the soft, rich texture of sticky rice blends naturally with the subtle sweetness of the fish. Enhanced by the subtle warmth and fragrance of ginger, black pepper, and garlic oil, every spoonful delivers a light, comforting sensation to your palate.

Now, let us move on to the details of Striped Snakehead Fish Congee.

Ingredients

- **Striped Snakehead Fish:** 160 grammes (10 Kyattha or ticals) — thoroughly scaled, cleaned, and gutted
- **Rice:** 1 bowl (raw rice or pre-cooked white rice can both be used)
- **Ginger, Garlic, & Lemongrass:** A small portion each (finely pounded or bruised)
- **Salt & Turmeric:** A pinch each
- **Ground Black Pepper:** A pinch (for aroma and to prevent flatulence)
- **Cilantro (Coriander) or Sawtooth Coriander:** A small portion (for garnish)
- **Cooking Oil:** A small amount (optional; can be made oil-free)



Traditional Myanmar Delicacies

Step-by-Step Preparation

- 1. Boiling the Fish**
 - In a pot, place the fish along with ginger, lemon-grass, turmeric, salt, and a small amount of water. Boil until the fish is tender.
 - Once cooked, remove the fish from the pot and let it cool. Carefully debone and shred the fish meat. (Do not discard the fish broth — save it for the next step).
- 2. Cooking the Congee**
 - Add additional water to the reserved fish broth. Add the raw rice (or cooked rice) and simmer until the rice grains expand and soften completely into a porridge consistency.
- 3. Adding the Fish**
 - Once the congee reaches a soft, smooth texture, stir in the shredded fish meat and pounded garlic.
- 4. Seasoning**
 - Season with salt to taste, then sprinkle ground black pepper over the top.

- 5. Serving**
 - Ladle into a bowl, garnish with fresh cilantro, and serve piping hot.

(Note: If you prefer a richer aroma, you can roast the raw rice before cooking, making a variation known as Roasted Rice Fish Congee – Nga-Yant San-Hlaw-Soke).

Health Benefits

- **Promotes Rapid Healing:** Striped snakehead fish is rich in Albumin, a protein essential for accelerating wound recovery in post-surgery patients, postpartum mothers, and individuals recovering from injuries.
- **Soothes the Digestive System:** Soft and liquid-rich, it is easily digestible and quickly absorbed by the body, making it ideal for sick individuals, the elderly, and young children. It essentially gives your digestive system a gentle break.
- **Restores Energy Instantly:** The combination of carbohydrates from the rice and protein from the fish effectively relieves fatigue and replenishes lost energy quickly.
- **Relieves Cold & Flu Symptoms:** Ingredients such as ginger, garlic, and black pepper help warm the body, soothe nasal congestion, relieve coughing, alleviate flu symptoms, and restore a diminished appetite.
- **Suitable for Weight Loss & Postnatal Care:** Highly recommended for those aiming to manage weight, pregnant women, and postpartum mothers.

Serving Suggestions

- **With Fritters:** Pairs wonderfully with assorted traditional Myanmar fritters (Agyawsone), Chinese fried dough sticks (Ekyakway), yellow split-pea fritters (Bayagyaw), black gram fritters (Matpegyaw), or fried crisp onions.
- **With Tangy & Spicy Condiments:** For extra zest, serve alongside lime wedges, chopped green chillies in fish sauce, or pickled mustard greens.
- **With Eggs:** Complements soft or hard-boiled chicken/duck eggs, or salted duck eggs. — MOON



Weekly News Quiz (for 25 August 2026)

THE following quiz is based on three national news stories and two international news stories published in Tuesday’s newspaper (25 August 2026).

National News Quiz

1. The annual Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha Images Conveyance Ceremony will be held from 12 to 29 October, conveying the revered images to how many venues across Nyaungshwe Township?
A. 18 venues
B. 20 venues
C. 21 venues
D. 24 venues
2. According to the bill amending the Promotion of Cottage Industries Law submitted to the Yangon Region Hluttaw, the machinery-power cap is proposed to be extended to what threshold to widen loan accessibility?
A. Up to 7.5 horsepower
B. Up to 10 horsepower

- C. Up to 12 horsepower
D. Up to 15 horsepower
3. Under the newly launched “Bright Futures” Scholarship Programme by ATOM for outstanding matriculation students, what monthly allowance will each of the 10 selected recipients receive?
A. K200,000
B. K250,000
C. K300,000
D. K350,000

Global News Quiz

4. Authorities at Phillip Island Nature Parks in Victoria, Australia, have launched a vaccination programme to inoculate 5,000 of which species against the H5N1 bird flu?
A. Fairy terns
B. Little penguins
C. Short-tailed shearwaters
D. Black swans
5. In northeastern Japan’s Aomori Prefecture, roughly 1,000 citizens participated in an event using ropes to tow the 400-tonne keep of which historic castle closer to its original position?
A. Matsumoto Castle
B. Himeji Castle
C. Hirosaki Castle
D. Kumamoto Castle

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Educators keep 9/11 memory alive for next generation, 25 years on

WHEN 17-year-old student Max Avena visited the site of New York’s fallen Twin Towers, hearing the first-hand accounts of survivors of the deadliest attacks on US soil left him “speechless”.

Twenty-five years after the seismic events of 11 September 2001, an army of educators are working to fill gaps in the knowledge of a generation of youngsters like Avena who were not born when the United States came under attack.

There is no standardized US national teaching of 9/11, when 2,977 people died including the passengers and crew of four hijacked planes, victims in New York’s Twin Towers, firefighters, and personnel at the Pentagon.

Only a handful of US states mandate teaching of it, leading to a patchwork of different content and approaches across the country, so volunteers, teachers and charities are stepping up.

At Wantagh High School, in a Long Island community that was home to a dozen 9/11 victims, teachers wanted to organize a trip to the National 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York City to help impart the enormity of the attacks. — AFP



The image shows one of the large bronze reflecting pools at the National September 11 Memorial in New York City. PHOTO: BRITANNICA

Murder trial highlights maternal mental health crisis

THE high-profile US murder trial of Lindsay Clancy, a woman who says she suffered from postpartum psychosis before strangling her three young children, has sparked a debate in the United States over maternal mental health.

The 36-year-old nurse does not deny strangling Cora, 5, Dawson, 3, and Callan, eight months, with fitness bands in their home in Duxbury, Massachusetts in January 2023.

She then jumped out of a second-story window, leaving her paralyzed from the waist down and using a wheelchair. — AFP

One dead, five wounded in shooting near rave in northern Switzerland

ONE person was killed and five others were wounded, some of them seriously, in a shooting at a rave party in northern Switzerland, local police said on Sunday.

“The search for the perpetrators, whose identities are currently unknown, is under way,” they said on X, adding that the motives and exact circumstances were not yet known.

Police launched what they called a “large-scale response” to find the perpetrators after the incident in Aarau, north of Zurich.

Indian Sports Minister Mandaviya, coach Gambhir join ‘Sundays on Cycle’

Mandaviya launched cycling initiatives across thousands of locations to promote fitness.

UNION Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Indian men’s cricket team head coach Gautam Gambhir participated in the ‘Sundays on Cycle’ event on Sunday, with both calling for greater focus on fitness and making it a movement across the country.

Speaking to reporters, Gambhir said the government’s Fit India initiative was a “wonderful initiative” and stressed that a fitter India would be stronger and more self-reliant.

“The Fit India event organised by the government is such a wonderful initiative because I believe that the fitter India is, the stronger and more self-reliant India will be. So, I believe that we should



Minister Mandaviya promotes cycling for national health awareness. PHOTO: ANI/FILE

look at this not just as an event, but as a movement,” Gambhir said.

He said it was the responsibility of the youth and everyone associated with the initiative to help turn it into a movement so that people could stay fit. “A fitter nation is a stronger nation,” the India head coach added.

Mandaviya said the 88th edition of ‘Sundays on Cycle’ was launched across more than 25,000 locations in the country, noting the growing popularity of cycling. “The craze for cycling is growing in the country. Sunday cycling is slowly turning into a passion among the people.”

“Cycling is the best exercise. Cycling is a solution to pollution. Cycling is the mantra to stay fit. Cycling is also a solution to traffic,” Mandaviya said. — ANI

AI fuels digital publishing growth in China

CHINA’S digital publishing industry continued to expand in 2025, with artificial intelligence (AI) reshaping content production and digital cultural products gaining traction in overseas markets.

The industry generated 1.88 trillion yuan (about US\$277 billion) in 2025, up 7.51 per cent year on year, according to an annual report on China’s digital publishing industry released on Thursday.

AI is increasingly being integrated into publishing, with applica-



A staff member demonstrates AIGC capabilities of Wukong image software at ZGC Science Fiction Industry Innovation Center in Shijingshan District, Beijing, capital of China, 20 June 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

tions ranging from topic planning and multilingual translation to content review, recommendation and distribution, according to the report.

Some traditional publishing houses are turning their professionally edited and reviewed content into new knowledge services, such as AI-powered question answering and database subscriptions.

Wang Biao, director of the digital publishing institute at the Chinese Academy of Press and Publication, said AI applications in publishing have evolved from supporting tools into an important part of the production process since 2025. — Xinhua

An AFP journalist saw armed officers deployed on the highway up to 30 kilometres (18 miles) from the site of the shooting.

Swiss newspaper Blick reported on its website that the shots were fired before 3:00 am (0100 GMT) on the sidelines of the Aarauer Rave.

Some 3,500 people attended the annual techno party between 3:00 pm on Saturday and 2:00 am on Sunday. — AFP

ECONOMY WORLD

Japan’s manufacturers to form consortium to develop AI for factory robots

Four-year automated manufacturing initiative launches in October utilizing advanced machine tools.

AROUND 20 Japanese manufacturers are expected to form a consortium to commercialize physical artificial intelligence systems designed to operate robots in factories and other sites, sources close to the matter said Saturday.

The alliance, which includes Kyocera Corp and Kobe Steel Ltd plans to jointly develop machine-tool robots capable of autonomously carrying out processing tasks using AI developed by Arum Inc a software firm based in Kanazawa, central Japan.

The initiative will start in October and run for around four years, using the AI-equipped automated

machine tool TTMC as its basis.

TTMC uses proprietary AI trained on large volumes of metal and resin processing data to instantly generate machining processes from blueprints and cut materials accordingly. It improves production efficiency even in high-mix, low-volume manufacturing.

While TTMC currently supports the processing of small materials, the consortium plans to further develop the AI for use in producing medium- to large-sized, complex-shaped parts for construction machinery and semiconductor manufacturing equipment. — Kyodo

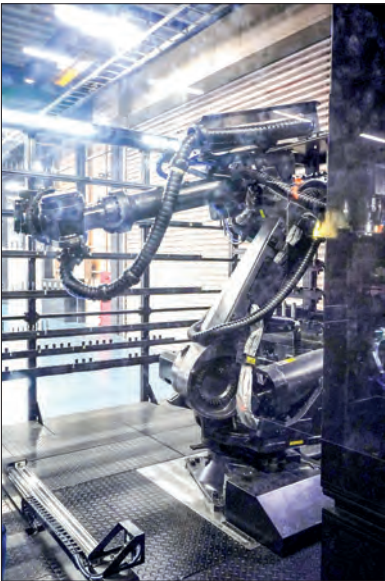


Photo shows the AI-equipped automated machine tool TTMC in Kanazawa, Ishikawa Prefecture on 29 July 2026. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Venezuela to receive \$19 per barrel of oil under agreement with US



Venezuela outlines multi-billion dollar strategic energy production agreement with United States. This image shows Delcy Rodríguez, the acting President of Venezuela. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

VENEZUELAN state revenues under the oil development agreement with the United States could reach

approximately \$209 billion, or approximately \$19 per barrel produced and sold, the country’s interim president, Delcy Rodríguez, said.

“In specific terms, this means that for every barrel produced and sold, approximately \$19 goes directly to our country,” Rodríguez said in her address to the nation.

She clarified that this calculation was based on a price of \$65 per barrel, which could be higher or lower. The agreement provides for royalties and profit taxes to be paid to the state. Specifically, for eight new blocks to be developed in the Orinoco oil belt, the minimum royalty will be 16 per cent, and the profit tax will be 34 per cent.

According to Rodríguez, the bilateral agreement with the United States is for 25 years and provides for the development of 17 strategic fields with the goal of increasing production to over 1.5 million barrels per day. — SPUTNIK

UAE central bank to inspect Egyptian bank’s branches after US sanctions

THE UAE central bank said Saturday it would inspect a major state-owned Egyptian bank’s branches, after Washington said it would cut off the institution’s operations in the Gulf state from the US financial system as it tries to choke Iran off economically.

“For Banque Misr branches in the UAE, the Central Bank has decided to conduct a special and urgent examination that includes a forensic/in-depth lookback covering the period referred to in the statement issued by the US authorities,” it said in a statement.

The move comes after US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said Friday in a statement that Iran’s “enablers cannot continue to enjoy access to the US dollar and the global financial system”. — AFP



Central Bank investigates Banque Misr branches following newly imposed American sanctions. **PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

NEWS IN BRIEF

India has met fiscal deficit target for 2025-26: Sitharaman in US

INDIAN Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman stated that the central government has adhered to its financial consolidation roadmap and successfully achieved its fiscal deficit targets set for the 2025-26 period. India’s fiscal deficit stood at 4.4 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP) for the year ended 31 March 2026. The deficit was at 15.19 trillion rupees or 97.5 per cent of the government’s revised estimates presented in February.

Addressing the Indian diaspora in Chicago, the Finance Minister addressed concerns regarding government borrowing and debt levels while outlining the nation’s economic targets. “We have given ourselves a financial discipline path on the fiscal deficit as well. We have fulfilled the trajectory. The last mile that had to be reached by 2025-26, we have reached,” Sitharaman said.

She noted that the government has established a target to reduce the debt-to-GDP ratio to 50 per cent by 2030, contrasting India’s position with several advanced economies where debt levels exceed 200 per cent of GDP.

“The trust that the world has of the fiscal prudence of Prime Minister Modi- he was so when he was Chief Minister of Gujarat, he is so now, even when he is the Prime Minister of the country, the fiscal prudence shall not be compromised. As a result, credit ratings are improving,” she said. — ANI

Ancient Silk Road passage in northwest China expands global ties

ALEJANDRO Delgado, Deputy Army Attache of the Peruvian Embassy in China, beamed at a cultural event in Beijing on Thursday as he displayed a bookmark featuring the Chinese calligraphy characters “Jixiang”, a phrase that means “good fortune”. “I love the Chinese language,” Delgado said. He was among more than 200 guests from 42 countries and international organizations at the special promotion event on the Hexi Corridor. Stretching over a thousand kilometers, the Hexi Corridor served as a key artery on the ancient Silk Road more than 2,000 years ago, connecting China to Central Asia, West Asia and Europe, thereby facilitating the exchange of diverse civilizations. Five cities along the Hexi Corridor, namely Wuwei, Jinchang, Zhangye, Jiuquan and Jiayuguan in northwest China’s Gansu Province, promoted their cultural, tourism and industrial resources at the event. The event also showcased intangible cultural heritage items, cultural and creative products, and local specialties. — Xinhua

Iceland voters reject resuming European Union negotiations

ICELAND voted ‘No’ to resuming membership negotiations with the European Union, final referendum results showed Sunday, dealing a blow to Brussels which had been keen to welcome a new wealthy member.

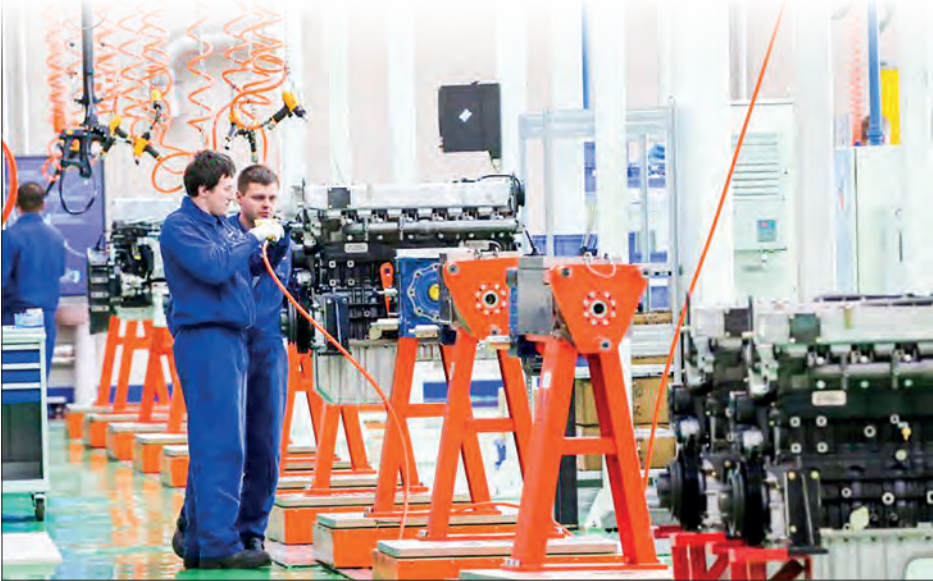
In a vote held Saturday, 52.8 per cent of Icelanders rejected the resumption of EU entry talks suspended 13 years ago, while 47.2 per cent voted ‘Yes’, according to the official tally published by RUV, the public broadcaster.

The result will be a disappointment to Brussels, which had appeared willing to compromise on thorny issues to facilitate Iceland’s accession.

The result will also likely bury the EU question in Iceland until at least 2028. — AFP

Russia-Belarus trade developing successfully despite influence attempts from outside: Putin

Putin met with his Belarusian counterpart Aleksandr Lukashenko near Moscow Saturday.



Employees assemble diesel engines in the Industrial Park in the Belarusian capital of Minsk.
PHOTO: XINHUA /FILE

TRADE between Russia and Belarus has grown by 12.5 per cent since the beginning of the year, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Saturday.

“The main area of our cooperation, namely trade and the economy, is developing successfully.

Despite all attempts from outside to somehow influence this, according to our statistics, trade neared \$52 billion last year. This is a good indicator. In the first six months of this year, we saw it rise by another 12.5 per cent,” Putin said.

Putin met with his Be-

larusian counterpart, Aleksandr Lukashenko, at his Novo-Ogaryovo residence near Moscow on Saturday.

Russia and Belarus continue to work together on the international stage and strengthen the Union State, the Russian president said. — SPUTNIK

Ethiopian Airlines expands Chinese market presence with new cargo route

ETHIOPIAN Airlines, the largest airline in Africa, has announced the launch of a new freighter service connecting southwest China’s Chengdu City and the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa.

“A new connection takes flight today. Ethiopian Airlines launched a new freighter service from Chengdu, China,” the airline announced on Friday.

The Ethiopian flag carrier said the newly launched air route opens a direct cargo link between southwest China and the wider African continent.

The freighter service



Ethiopian Airlines launches direct cargo flights connecting Chengdu and Addis Ababa.
PHOTO: AFP/FILE

from Chengdu will provide “a strong boost to the trade and economic exchanges between western China and Africa,” facilitating the movement of a wide range of commodities between the two sides, according

to the airline.

The new service marks the latest expansion of air cargo connectivity between China’s rapidly growing western manufacturing hub and the African market. — Xinhua

Japan probes Sony Life financial misconduct

JAPAN’S financial watchdog is considering conducting onsite inspections on Sony Life Insurance Co amid cases of financial misconduct, a source familiar with the matter said Sunday.

The Financial Services Agency’s potential probe comes after it had ordered the firm to respond to allegations that some of its employees had swindled customers out of money.

An internal probe earlier this year found that an employee had improperly obtained more than 2 billion yen (\$12.5 million) from customers. — Kyodo

Brunei promotes tourism at Sabah expo

BRUNEI’S Tourism Development Department will participate in the Sabah International Expo to be held in the neighboring Malaysian state of Sabah from 4 to 6 September, as part of efforts to strengthen the country’s tourism presence in regional markets.

The department said its three-day participation will feature the Brunei Coffee Trail promotional event alongside the Visit Brunei Year 2027 Roadshow. It will bring together Brunei coffee and matcha café operators, tourism service providers and vis-

itor attractions under one pavilion.

Following the encouraging response to the Brunei Coffee Trail held in Sabah’s capital, Kota Kinabalu, in August 2025, this year’s event returns with more to explore.

The participation re-

flects the government’s continuing efforts to strengthen Brunei’s tourism presence in regional markets while creating opportunities for local businesses and entrepreneurs to introduce their products and services to a wider audience. — Xinhua

Starlink secures Emirates satellite licence

THE UAE’s Telecommunications and Digital Government Regulatory Authority (TDRA) has granted Starlink Satellite Communications LLC a 10-year General Space Services Licence to establish, operate and manage a public satellite communications network and provide broadband satellite internet services in the country.

The licence was granted to the company owned by Elon Musk on 28 August. It adds a space-based layer to the UAE’s digital infrastructure alongside existing fibre-optic and 5G networks. According to TDRA, the move is

aimed at diversifying connectivity options, strengthening network resilience and ensuring continuity of telecommunications services under different conditions.

The regulator said the licence is expected to support connectivity across critical sectors, including maritime and aviation transport, energy, logistics and emergency response. Its scope extends beyond individual consumers to businesses and government entities, as well as satellite connectivity services for the maritime and aviation sectors. — ANI

South Africa probes coast sardine deaths

SOUTH African authorities are investigating new reports of sardine deaths along the coast, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) said on Sunday.

The reports followed a statement issued on 23 August in which the department said no new

mass-mortality incidents had been reported since 16 August suggesting that the acute phase of the event appeared to be easing.

According to a statement issued by the DFFE on Sunday, isolated sightings have since been reported at Bakoven and off Tsitsikamma, while wide-

spread reports emerged on 27 August of sardines washing ashore around Gqeberha, formerly known as Port Elizabeth, as well as floating offshore and inside the harbor. Sardine strandings have also been reported along the Namibian coast, and Namibian authorities have agreed to provide

samples for testing for pilchard herpesvirus (PHV), the department said.

The DFFE previously said testing had detected PHV in all dead sardines examined to date and that the evidence increasingly pointed to the virus as the leading explanation for the sardine deaths. — Xinhua

ROLLING UPDATES
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PM Modi receives Uzbekistan’s top state honour ‘Oliy Darajali Dustlik’

Modi praised Uzbekistan president as economic visionary during memorable state visit.

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday received Uzbekistan’s highest state honour, the Order of “Oliy Darajali Dustlik” from its President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, and thanked his “brother” for the honour, saying India and Uzbekistan will work together for the welfare of the Global South and humanity.

Addressing President Mirziyoyev as his friend and expressing gratitude for the warmth extended to him and his delegation during his two-day State



Prime Minister Modi receives highest state honour in Uzbekistan. PHOTO: ANI

visit, PM Modi said the visit would remain memorable for him.

“My friend, the father of the economic revolution

in Uzbekistan, who has served as a role model across this entire region in scaling new heights of development- this two-day

visit of mine will always be remembered,” PM Modi said.

“The warmth with which my delegation and I were welcomed made us feel right at home, and for this, I express my deepest heartfelt gratitude to the President,” he added.

Reflecting on the honour, PM Modi said the words used by President Mirziyoyev captured India’s heritage, its spirit of universal brotherhood and the efforts of its 1.4 billion people. — ANI

Nepal-China floods disaster: Latest developments

THE number of people missing in the catastrophic flood that sliced through the border area between Nepal and China exceeded 3,000 on Sunday, as rescuers searched for survivors.

Nepal says there are 2,502 people, including 592 foreigners, who are out of contact in the country. It reported an updated death toll of 752 people on Sunday.

Tibet, an autonomous region of China, was largely inaccessible to foreign journalists, preventing independent reporting on the scale of the disaster.

China’s state broadcaster CCTV said on Sunday that 546 people were missing and 16 people had been killed.

Of those missing, 261 were foreign nationals, it said.

More than 100 workers are believed to be trapped inside multiple hydropower tunnels.

The Nepali army inserted a pipe into one of the tunnels at the Trishuli 3A hydroelectric site late on Saturday and started sending air through it.

The energy ministry said on Sunday that rescue teams had drilled, dug and used explosives to open four holes into the tunnel before rescuers descended by rope. They are now working to ascertain the “condition, location, and

safety status of the people trapped inside”, the ministry said. — AFP



Rescuers use a laser-based AI monitoring device to dynamically monitor risks such as landslides and falling rocks at the mudslide-hit area in Gyirong County, southwest China’s Xizang Autonomous Region, 30 August 2026. PHOTO: XINHUA

Countries gear up to create lunar standard time



COUNTRIES are gearing up to establish a unified lunar time standard, with a key international conference in Paris set to take up the issue amid a global race to establish a presence on the Moon.

International experts collaborate to establish standardized lunar time for moon missions. PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/PIXABAY

Member states will try to work it out at the plenary meeting of the General Conference on Weights and Measures, which decides global measurement standards, as operations including the

construction of a permanent base and lunar navigation are expected to be in full swing from around 2030.

China and the United States are among the countries pursuing plans to land astronauts on the lunar surface and secure lunar resources. — Kyodo

NEWS IN BRIEF

Iran preps battlefield ‘surprises’ for future war

IRAN has prepared new weapons, equipment, technology and tactics to be unveiled on the battlefield against any future adversary, Brigadier General Reza Talaei-Nik, spokesperson for Iran’s Ministry of Defence, has told local Iranian media.

Iranian commanders have deliberately kept details confidential so they can serve them up as battlefield “surprises”, he stated.

Despite the geographic scope of US-Israeli recent conflicts, Iran prevented the adversary from achieving its objectives, Talaei-Nik noted, saying:

- Strategic stockpiles built before the fighting, with production continuing uninterrupted through a network of roughly 9,300 knowledge-based and private companies that supply two-thirds of the sector
- Overall arms production more than doubled between the 12-day war and the subsequent 40-day Ramadan war; output of some items rose several-fold
- More than 1,000 types of weapons, equipment and ammunition manufactured domestically, delivering over 90 per cent self-sufficiency
- Unit costs for certain systems between one and twenty times lower than foreign equivalents

A decisive shift beyond reverse engineering towards fully indigenous designs, especially in long-range and cruise missiles as well as drones, while surplus production continues to support controlled exports. — SPUTNIK

Philippines creates interim rice sector office

THE Philippine Department of Agriculture has created a specialized office to strengthen coordination and implementation of rice development initiatives across the country, local media reported on Sunday.

According to GMA News, the Interim Rice Industry Development Office will oversee programs under the National Rice Programme and the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund. The move comes as the rice sector faces high production costs, inadequate post-harvest facilities and a growing need for climate-resilient farming practices. — Xinhua

Storms kill 2, damage over 1,600 homes in Brazil

SEVERE storms and hail killed at least two people and damaged more than 1,600 homes in Brazil’s southern state of Rio Grande do Sul, the state Civil Defence reported Saturday.

The victims included an eight-year-old child killed by a falling tree in Porto Alegre in the east of the state, and a 72-year-old man whose vehicle was swept away by floodwaters in Arroio Grande in the south.

The storms hit 21 municipalities between Friday night and Saturday morning.

Tres Palmeiras in the north was the hardest-hit municipality, with about 1,000 homes damaged by hail. In Quarai, near Brazil’s western border with Uruguay, authorities declared a state of emergency after hail damaged 349 houses. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Sepak Takraw group matches continue in Nay Pyi Taw

THE group-stage matches of the men's and women's quadrant team events at the 2026 Inter-Region/State Sepak Takraw Championship continued at the Gymnasium (A) of Wunna Theikdhi Sports Complex in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

In the men's event, the Kachin, Yangon, Bago, Shan, Mon, Rakhine, Mandalay and Sagaing teams

recorded victories, while the Bago, Ayeyawady, Mon, Kayah, Shan and Yangon teams won their respective women's group-stage matches.

The final group-stage matches and the quarter-finals of the men's and women's quadrant team events will be held on 31 August. Sports fans can attend the matches free of charge. — MNA/KZL



Players vigorously compete in Sepak Takraw Championship.

Yangon draw champions Shan in M League opener

THE final matches of Matchday 1 in the 2026 2027 Grand Royal M League season were held on 30 August, with Yangon City drawing 2-2 against defending champions Shan United, while Yangon United defeated Sagaing United 2-0 with two late goals.

At Padetha Stadium, Shan United took a 2-0 lead in the first half through Mo Wusu and an own goal by Yangon City defender Hayuki. Yangon City fought back after the break, with Aung Kaung Mann scoring from a corner in the 65th minute before Tasuchiya equalised in the fourth minute of stoppage time.

Both teams finished with 10 players after Shan United midfielder Kyaw Min Oo and Yangon



Yangon City defenders and goalkeeper defend against a Shan United attack. PHOTO: SOE NYUNT THAW

City forward Aung Kaung Mann were sent off with direct red cards.

At YUSC Stadium, Yangon United secured all three points against Sagaing United with

late goals from Maung Maung Lwin in the 86th minute and Mustafa in the fourth minute of stoppage time.

Yangon City midfielder Myat Kaung

Khant and Yangon United forward Maung Maung Lwin were named AYA Pay Players of the Match and each received K1 million in prize money. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Myanmar U15 squad named for FIFA festival

THE Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) has announced a preliminary squad of 32 players for the Myanmar U15 youth team, which will compete at the FIFA U15 World Cup and Festival in Azerbaijan from 22 to 31 October.

The preliminary squad includes promising young players selected through open trials held in Yangon and Mandalay, as well as outstanding players from the Taunggyi, Mandalay, Mawlamyine and Yangon zones of the FIFA/MFF U15 League 2026.

Players from Nay Pyi Taw RTC, along with standout performers from the MFF Academy Selection

Team (YGN) and MFF Academy Selection Team (MDY), have also been included in the preliminary squad.

The 32 selected players must report to the MFF by 3 September to join the training camp for the trip to Azerbaijan. Their performances and fitness will be assessed during the camp before the final squad for the tournament is selected and announced. — TWA/KZL

Myanmar U15 youth team's preliminary squad of 32 players has been announced for the FIFA U15 World Cup and Festival.

FIFA U15 WORLD CUP & FESTIVAL 2026 IN AZERBAIJAN FOR OPEN PLAYERS SCOUTING				
FINAL SCOUTING LIST				
NO.	PLAYER NAME	TEAM	POSITION	DOB (DATE OF BIRTH)
1.	MYAT PHOENIX LIN	MANDALAY ACADEMY TEAM B	CB	2.2.2012
2.	KHIN KHANT KYAW	E-SITEL ACADEMY	CB	6.2.2012
3.	KHIN KHANT KYAW	YANGON ACADEMY TEAM B	CB	18.09.2011
4.	LA YOUNG LIN	YANGON ACADEMY TEAM A	CB	2.2.2011
5.	MAI SHINE HTET	SHAN SOUTHERN	CB	10/02/2011
6.	SHAW LA HUNG	MANDALAY ACADEMY TEAM A	CB	13.3.2011
7.	SAUK YOUNG ZIN PHO HTET	MANDALAY ACADEMY TEAM A	CB	17.3.2011
8.	SHIN MYAT HTET	YANGON ACADEMY TEAM A	CB	20.04.2011
9.	MAI YOUNG LIN	YANGON ACADEMY TEAM A	CB	6.06.2011
10.	MYINT MYAT THIN	YANGON ACADEMY TEAM B	CB	20.05.2012
11.	SHIN MYAT KYAW	YANGON ACADEMY TEAM B	CB	20.05.2011
12.	PHUN MYAT HTET	YANGON ACADEMY TEAM B	CB	25.02.2012
13.	SHIN LIN	MANDALAY ACADEMY TEAM A	CB	1.9.2011
14.	LA ARUN MYA HTET	E-SITEL ACADEMY	CB	25.5.2011
15.	ZIN MYA HTET	MANDALAY ACADEMY TEAM B	CB	20.3.2012
16.	SAN KHAN DIN	YANGON ACADEMY TEAM A	CB	18.04.2011
17.	KHIN MYAT HTET	MANDALAY ACADEMY TEAM B	CB	27.2.2012
18.	ZIN KHANT PHUNG	MANDALAY ACADEMY TEAM B	CB	5.6.2012
19.	KHIN THIN	YANGON ACADEMY TEAM A	CB	18.06.2011
20.	KHANT PHUNG KYAW	E-SITEL ACADEMY	CB	19.8.2011
21.	MYAT AUNG PHUNG PHU	ST PHUNG KYAW	CB	2.7.2011
22.	KHIN ZIN MYA	YANGON ACADEMY TEAM B	CB	18.2.2012
23.	THIN MYA HTET	YANGON ACADEMY TEAM B	CB	18.02.2011
24.	KHIN MYA	MIDDLE SCHOOL	CB	4.8.2011
25.	MYINT MYAT HTET	YANGON ACADEMY TEAM A	CB	5.5.2011
26.	MYAT HTET	YANGON ACADEMY TEAM A	CB	16.5.2011
27.	LAUNG LIN	YANGON ACADEMY TEAM B	CB	28.08.2012
28.	KHIN AUNG MYA HTET	E-SITEL ACADEMY	CB	2.4.2011
29.	MYAT HTET	MANDALAY ACADEMY TEAM A	CB	2.8.2011
30.	KHIN MYA HTET	MANDALAY ACADEMY TEAM A	CB	17.3.2011
31.	KHIN MYA HTET	MANDALAY ACADEMY TEAM A	CB	17.3.2011
32.	KHIN MYA HTET	MANDALAY ACADEMY TEAM A	CB	17.3.2011

Chelsea sign Argentina ‘stopper Martinez from Villa

ARGENTINA'S 2022 World Cup winning goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez has joined Chelsea from fellow Premier League outfit Aston Villa, the London-based club announced Sunday.

The 33-year-old has signed a three-year contract with Chelsea, following a deal worth £7.5 million (\$10 million), according to British media. “I’m all passion and

I play with my heart. I will give 100 per cent every game, every training session to make the club, my teammates and the supporters proud,” Martinez said in a statement published on Chel-

sea’s website.

Martinez returns to London, where he began his professional career with Arsenal, though he never established himself as a first-team regular there. — AFP

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Weekly News Quiz

Answer Key

C. 21 venues (From the Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha images festival story on Page 1)

B. Up to 10 horsepower (From the Cottage Industries Bill amendment story on Page 7)

C. K300,000 (From the ATOM "Bright Futures" scholarship story on Page 1)

B. Little penguins (From the H5N1 wildlife vaccination story on Page 14)

C. Hirosaki Castle (From the castle keep relocation story on Page 11)



WORLD

Xi arrives in Kyrgyzstan for SCO summit, state visit as Bishkek embraces SCO summit

Bishkek streets showcase festive displays celebrating the twenty-fifth regional summit anniversary.



Chinese President Xi arrives in Bishkek for bilateral state summit visit. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

CHINESE President Xi Jinping landed in Kyrgyz capital Bishkek on Sunday for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2026 and a state visit to Kyrgyzstan, the Xinhua News Agency reported.

Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov and his

wife welcomed Chinese President Xi and his wife, Peng Liyuan, at Manas International Airport, Xinhua said.

Long before the leaders arrived at the summit venue, the SCO had already made its presence felt across the streets of Bishkek. Along Chy-

ngyz Aitmatov Avenue, large electronic screens flashed summit messages while SCO emblems bearing the number "25"—marking the organization's 25th anniversary—stand prominently along major roads. Buses running through the Kyrgyz capital have also been

dressed for the occasion, carrying the words "Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit Bishkek—2026" in Kyrgyz, Chinese, Russian and English.

In the city center, a giant screen mounted atop a building displays the national flags of China and Kyrgyzstan alongside a particularly eye-catching Chinese-language message: "China and Kyrgyzstan uphold mutual respect and trust, and march together on a new journey in the new era."

The meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of State is scheduled for 1 September in Bishkek, according to the SCO Secretariat. This year also marks the 25th anniversary of the organization. — Xinhua

Iran's president says peace MoU with US in interests of Tehran



Iranian President Pezeshkian discusses peace memorandum during official ceremony in Tehran. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**

IRANIAN President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Saturday the peace memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between Iran and the United States is in the interests of the country, West Asia and the world.

During a ceremony in the Iranian capital Tehran, he stressed that with the MoU's implementation, the United States and Israel will not be able to cause chaos, aggression and insecurity in the region, and regional states will be able to pursue the path of stability and development, according to a statement published on the website of his office.

Pezeshkian high-

lighted the need for foiling the "enemies' sinister plots" through promoting unity and solidarity among Muslim states.

He said that Iran has never been the party to start a war, adding, "We do not welcome war, but will stand strongly against any aggressor, and no power can force a nation that is standing with all its might and will into surrender."

Also on Saturday, Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi warned in a social media post that "major" efforts are underway to manipulate global energy markets for personal gains and prolong the US war against Iran. — Xinhua

Russia warns Finland over NATO nuclear policy shift

FINLAND'S decision to abandon its policy of military non-alignment after joining NATO "not only fails to strengthen its national security but, on the contrary, significantly increases the risks for it in this area", Artem Stundennikov, Director of the Russian Foreign Ministry's First European Department, tells Sputnik.

According to Stundennikov, Russia will take effective measures in response to Finland's decision to overturn its Cold War-era ban on nuclear weapons, allowing NATO allies to import, transport and store nuclear devices on Finnish territory.

"As for specific response measures to the decisions taken in Helsinki, these fall within the competence of the Minis-



The image shows Finnish hunter soldiers training with Swedish units during NATO's Nordic Response exercise in Hetta, Finland. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

try of Defence of the Russian Federation. The new security situation will, of course, be taken into account in our military planning. I can only say that no one should doubt that such measures will be taken; they will be commensurate with the threats and

effective," he said.

Finnish lawmakers voted to overturn the ban on nuclear weapons in June, allowing NATO's nuclear deterrent to be deployed in the Nordic region and bringing nuclear weapons directly to Russia's doorstep.

Russia, which shares a roughly 1,336 kilometres border with Finland, previously warned that such a move would be seen as a direct threat, and the response could include an increased military presence. along the Finnish border. — SPUTNIK

Uzbekistan grants thirty-day visa-free entry for Indian citizens

UZBEKISTAN on Sunday introduced a 30-day visa-free regime for Indian citizens, with President Shavkat Mirziyoyev saying the move will make a significant contribution to strengthening people-to-people contacts, tourism and business exchanges between the two countries.

Mirziyoyev made the announcement during the delegation-level talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Tashkent, as part of the latter's two-day State visit to Uzbekistan. Highlighting the growing momentum in India-Uzbekistan relations, the Uzbek President described India as a "reliable strategic partner" and pointed to rising bilateral trade, joint ventures and connectivity between the two countries.

"India is our reliable strategic partner. Last year, our bilateral trade exceeded US\$1 billion for the first time. In recent years, the number of joint ventures has increased sevenfold. There are now 14 direct flights between our countries every week," Mirziyoyev said. — ANI