

# Myanmar, Cambodia to Revive Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation

Myanmar always remembers with gratitude how Cambodia extended positive support and assistance as a true friend.

At the invitation of His Majesty King Norodom Sihamoni of Cambodia, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, who is on a State Visit to Cambodia, was accorded a ceremonial welcome and held talks with Samdech Hun Sen, Acting Head of State of Cambodia and President of the Senate, on behalf of His Majesty the King at the Senate's Solidarity Palace in Phnom Penh at 11:30 am local standard time yesterday.

The ceremony was also attended by Union ministers U Tin Maung Swe, Dr Kan Zaw and U Maung Myint, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung, Mon State Chief Minister U Aung Win Than, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, deputy ministers and officials who accompanied the President. The Acting Head of State of Cambodia and President of the Senate was accompanied by ministers from the Cambodian government and senior officers.



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Samdech Hun Sen, Acting Head of State of Cambodia and President of the Senate in Cambodia.

As the high-level Myanmar delegation led by the President departed from their hotel for the Solidarity Palace at the Senate of Cambodia, Cambodian

people and schoolchildren warmly welcomed them along both sides of the route by waving the flags of the two countries, photographs of the two leaders

and bouquets, while Scout youth saluted them. Samdech Hun Sen, Acting Head of State of Cambodia and President of the Senate, warmly wel-

comed and greeted President U Min Aung Hlaing on his arrival at the venue where the ceremonial welcome was to be held.

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## Myanmar, Chongqing Forge Fast Freight Links

EFFORTS are underway to establish fast, cost-effective and efficient freight transport networks between Myanmar and Chongqing, China, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

To enhance cooperation in the freight transport sector between Myanmar and Chongqing, business networking meetings between the Myanmar International Freight Forwarders Association (MIFFA) and Chongqing business and logistics operators were held in cooperation with the Consulate-General of Myanmar in Chongqing and the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT-Chongqing).

Several business networking meetings were held at different locations, including an introductory



This photo features officials from the MIFFA meeting with economic organizations in Chongqing.

meeting between MIFFA and Chongqing business and logistics operators at the conference hall of CCPIT-Chongqing, a networking meeting between MIFFA and logistics operators in Yuzhong District, organized in collaboration with the Yuzhong District Foreign Affairs Office at the World Financial Centre (WFC), and an introductory meeting between MIFFA and logistics operators

in Liangjiang New Area, organized in cooperation with the Liangjiang New Area Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese (Chongqing). These business networking sessions took place during a visit by a 30-member delegation led by MIFFA Chairman U Kyaw Lwin Oo, which met with economic organizations in Chongqing from 4 to 9 September. The MIFFA delegation

also visited Chongqing's Guoyuan Port, a maritime transport hub and a key node on the China-Myanmar trade route, as well as the air cargo and e-commerce departments at Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport and the Chongqing International Expo Centre (Myanmar Jade Exhibition Hall).

Through these networking meetings, the Myanmar delegation had the opportunity to study the development of Chongqing's freight transport network and the achievements of the International Land-Sea Trade Corridor (ILSTC), while exploring opportunities to strengthen trade and logistics connectivity between Myanmar and Chinese entrepreneurs and establish cooperative partnerships. — ASH/TH

## Myanmar Nets US\$225M from Fish Exports to 40 Nations

MYANMAR exported more than 300 species of fishery products to over 40 countries in the first five months of the 2026-2027 financial year (April-August), generating over US\$225 million in export revenue, according to the Department of Fisheries in Nay Pyi Taw.

Total export volume during this period exceeded 130,411 tonnes. Myanmar primarily exports fishery products to Japan, countries in the Middle East, European Union member countries, Malaysia, Taipei Province of China and Australia. Myanmar Fisheries Federation and the Department of Fisheries are working closely to bolster exports.

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This image shows fishery products being loaded onto the vessel.

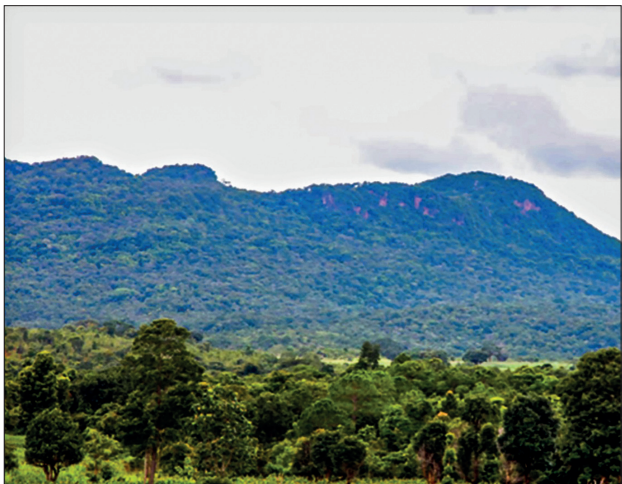


# NATIONAL

## Objectives of 27<sup>th</sup> Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition 2026

- (a) To enhance national prestige, integrity, and preserve the traditional cultural heritage of ethnic people
- (b) To preserve national characteristics and promote the national spirit, cherishing traditional culture among the younger generation
- (c) To explore, preserve and promote the sustainable development of traditional Myanmar arts
- (d) To function as a cultural and artistic institution that contributes to nation-building

## MNREC designates Namsang as protected public forest



An aerial view of the Namton Protected Public Forest in Shan State.

THE Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation has announced that 21,933 acres in Namsang Township, Shan State, have been designated as the “Namsang Protected Public Forest” as of 1 September 2026, issued in exercise of the powers conferred by Subsection (e) of Section 6 of the Forest Law promulgated in 2018.

The ministry designates protected public forests and forest reserves to ensure the sustainability of hilly ecosystems, strengthen environmental management, maintain biodiversity, conserve water resources, and prevent the improper extraction of timber, poles, feldspar, and firewood by residents.

The Namsang Protected Public Forest will conserve Redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*), Thitya, Thitel, Nyan, as well as the watershed area of the Namting Creek, which flows into the Thanlwin river, will be preserved. It will also protect rare wildlife species, including wild boar, vulture, jungle cat, sambar deer, peacock, common moorhen, common hill myna and parrot. In addition, the designation will help improve the ecosystem, support the socioeconomic development of residents, and mitigate climate change. — MNREC/MKKS

## President U Min Aung Hlaing arrives in Cambodia for State Visit

A high-level Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing left Nay Pyi Taw Airport by special aircraft yesterday morning to pay a State Visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia at the invitation of His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni, King of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The President and party were seen off at the airport by Vice-President U Nyo Saw, Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Lin Dwe, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Ye Win Oo, Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, the Nay Pyi Taw Command commander, and officials from the Cambodian Embassy and Military Attaché Office in Myanmar.

The President was accompanied by Union Ministers U Tin Maung Swe, Dr Kan Zaw and U Maung Myint, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung, Mon State Chief Minister U Aung Win Than, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, deputy min-



President U Min Aung Hlaing is pictured ahead of his State Visit to Cambodia.

isters and officials.

During the visit, the President of Myanmar will meet the President of the Senate (Acting Head of State) of Cambodia to hold bilateral talks, and meet with the Prime Minister of Cambodia and the President of the National Assembly of Cambodia to exchange views on the further strengthening of the existing friendly relations between Myanmar and Cambodia, enhancing cooperation between the two governments, parliaments and peoples, and promoting cooperation in the economic, cultural and other sectors. Furthermore, the itinerary in-

cludes visits to prominent sites and ancient pagodas in Cambodia.

The special aircraft carrying the high-level Myanmar delegation arrived at Techo International Airport in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, at 10:40 am local standard time. The President and his entourage were warmly welcomed by senior officials from the Cambodian government, led by Minister of Water Resources and Meteorology Mr Thor Chetha of Cambodia, Cambodian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Cheng Manith, Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Kyaw Soe Min, Myanmar

Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) Brig-Gen Zaw Win, staff and families.

On the occasion, the Cambodian Guard of Honour took up positions on both sides of the red carpet and saluted, while two Cambodian children presented bouquets. Cambodian people also warmly welcomed the high-level Myanmar delegation by waving bouquets while holding photographs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar President U Min Aung Hlaing and His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni, King of Cambodia. — MNA/TTA

## Myanmar Nets US\$225M from Fish Exports to 40 Nations

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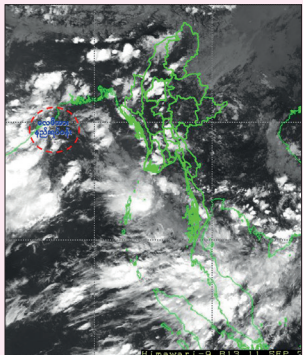
“Myanmar conveyed over 130,411 tonnes of fishery products to about 40 countries, earning more than US\$225 million. The main destinations include China, Thailand and the countries in the Middle East and Europe,” said an official from the Department of Fisheries in Nay Pyi Taw.

The department and exporters are coordinating to ensure continuous shipments and to meet the specific requirements of each buyer country, particularly for markets like China that enforce strict COVID-free certification for fishery products. — ASH/KK

## Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 4 pm MST on 11 September 2026

ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the low pressure area over the Northwest-West-central Bay of Bengal and adjoining South Odisha-North Andhra Pradesh coasts persists. It is likely to move west-north westwards and across North Coastal Andhra Pradesh-South Odisha, India, and become more marked during the next 24 hours. — DMH





NATIONAL

Myanmar President, Cambodian PM Hold Talks to Strengthen Bilateral Cooperation

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, who is on a State Visit to Phnom Penh, met Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Manet at the meeting hall of the Peace Place in the Cambodian Prime Minister's Office at 4:20 pm local standard time yesterday.

The Cambodian Prime Minister warmly welcomed President U Min Aung Hlaing and the high-level Myanmar delegation. During the meeting, he expressed his pleasure at welcoming the Myanmar delegation and recalled the President's previous visit to Cambodia in 2017. He described Myanmar as a trusted country and expressed appreciation for Myanmar's support during

Cambodia's ASEAN chairmanship.

He said he believed the talks would provide an opportunity to further promote cooperation between the two countries in trade, investment and other areas.

President U Min Aung Hlaing expressed his appreciation for Cambodia's economic development and Phnom Penh's modern urban development. He also thanked Cambodia for providing relief supplies and humanitarian assistance to the Myanmar people following the major Mandalay earthquake in 2025.

The President expressed his gratitude for Cambodia sending a special representative to his oath-taking ceremony and for the Cambodian Prime Minister's congratulatory



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing is seen with Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Manet at the MoU signing ceremony.

message following his election as President. He also welcomed the participation of Cambodian election officials as observers during the first and third phases of Myanmar's elections.

He thanked Cambodia for its continued support for positive developments in Myanmar and reaffirmed his commitment to further strengthening bilateral cooperation during his tenure as President. The two sides exchanged views on strengthening friendship and cooperation, mutual support at the international level, and cooperation in defence and security, trade, manufacturing, investment, MSMEs, tourism, religious and cultural affairs, education and employment.

They also discussed efforts by both governments to combat online financial fraud and online gambling, developments within Myanmar, cooperation within ASEAN, and closer political, economic and social cooperation with countries in the region.

The two sides reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining close and friendly relations, with Myanmar expressing its intention to remain a trusted friend and partner of Cambodia. Following the talks, a signing and exchange ceremony was held for agreements and a memorandum of understanding between Myanmar and Cambodia.

The documents included an agreement on the promotion and protection of investments, an agreement on the avoidance of double taxation, an agreement on

cultural cooperation, and a memorandum of understanding on cooperation in information and media affairs. Relevant ministers and officials from both countries signed and exchanged the documents in the presence of President U Min Aung Hlaing and Prime Minister Samdech Hun Manet.

Prime Minister Samdech Hun Manet later warmly accompanied and saw off President U Min Aung Hlaing following the meeting. — MNA/ST

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The President of Myanmar and the Acting Head of State of Cambodia and President of the Senate took the salute of the Guard of Honour. Meanwhile, the military band played the national anthems of the two countries. President of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing inspected the Guard of Honour.

The Myanmar President and the Acting Head of State of Cambodia and President of the Senate introduced the senior officials from the two countries to each other and then held a bilateral meeting at Puthi Chey Hall.

In his speech, the Acting Head of State of Cambodia and President of the Senate stated that as His Majesty the King of Cambodia was currently on a visit



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, alongside Cambodia's Acting Head of State and President of the Senate, inspect the Guard of Honour at an official welcoming ceremony.

abroad, he was welcoming and honouring the President of Myanmar on behalf of His Majesty. He expressed great pleasure and pride that a general election had been successfully held in Myanmar and that the elected government was now discharging the responsibilities of the State. He said that Cambodia had

also sent delegations to observe the election and had found it to be a free and fair election. He added that he had sent a message congratulating the President on his election as President. He said that Cambodia had been witnessing Myanmar's current development and expressed his belief that the President's

State Visit would provide an opportunity to further promote trade and cooperation between the two countries. He also said that, during the meeting, the two sides would hold candid and cordial discussions aimed at further strengthening the friendship and cooperation between Myanmar and Cambodia.

In response, the President of Myanmar noted the remarkable development of Phnom Penh and the pleasant conditions in Cambodia. He praised His Excellency for his unwavering perseverance, dedication and efforts to develop the country to its present level, and said that he was proud of him. He expressed his sincere gratitude for the congratulatory message sent by His Excellency on his assumption of the office of President. He also expressed his appreciation for His Excellency's continued brotherly support for Myanmar and his keen interest in developments in Myanmar. He said that he particularly appreciated Cambodia's assistance, under His Excellency's guidance, in providing emergency funds for Myanmar's relief efforts

following natural disasters in 2025. As His Excellency served as Prime Minister of Cambodia, when Cambodia assumed the rotating chairmanship of ASEAN, he always remembers with gratitude how Cambodia extended positive support and assistance to Myanmar as a true friend. He expressed his belief that this meeting with His Excellency, as President of the Senate of Cambodia and Chairman of the Supreme Privy Council, an important pillar of Cambodia's legislative system, will provide an opportunity for them to hold frank and cordial discussions on ways to further promote friendship, mutual understanding and trust, and cooperation between the legislative bodies of the two countries.

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## President U Min Aung Hlaing meets Cambodian National Assembly President

**W**hile on a State official visit to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing held a meeting with President of the National Assembly of Cambodia Mrs Samdech Khuon Sunday at 5 pm local standard time yesterday at the meeting hall of the National Assembly building.

Earlier, upon the President's arrival at the National Assembly building, the President of the National Assembly warmly welcomed him, and the two leaders posed for a documentary photo.

Following this, the meeting commenced. The President was accompanied by Union ministers, the chief minister of Man-



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing confers with Cambodian National Assembly President Mrs Samdech Khuon Sunday.

dalay Region, the chief minister of Mon State, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, deputy ministers and officials who were part of the delegation, while the President of the

National Assembly of Cambodia was accompanied by relevant officials from the National Assembly.

During the meeting, discussions were held in a cordial and friendly atmosphere on several topics,

including the shared historical backgrounds, cultures, traditions, religious beliefs and experiences of Myanmar and Cambodia in striving for independence and maintaining domestic stability, highlighting

the two countries as close and friendly partners; the long-standing historical ties and friendly relations maintained across successive generations of leaders; the signing of friendship and cooperation agree-

ments and Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) during the current visit; Myanmar's successful holding of a free and fair multiparty democratic general election and the efforts of the elected government towards national development; Cambodia's despatch of election observation teams during Myanmar's election and the congratulations extended by the Cambodian National Assembly on the successful conduct of the polls; Myanmar's recent political developments and transitions; the sharing of legislative and oversight experience between the two parliaments; the establishment of a Myanmar-Cambodia Parliamentary Friendship Association to enhance bilateral parliamentary

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They cordially exchanged views on the long-standing and cordial diplomatic relations between the two countries; the strong bilateral relations based on their shared religious, traditional and cultural ties despite not being neighbouring countries; and the mutual support and solidarity extended by Myanmar and Cambodia to each other on regional and international issues; the continued improvement of relations not only between government institutions but also between the two armed forces and among the peo-

ples of the two countries, as well as the possibility of re-activating mechanisms such as the Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation (JCBC) to further promote cooperation between the two countries across various sectors.

They also highlighted the discussions on the potential for significant success if investments are made in Myanmar, where the Dawei Deep Sea Port and Special Economic Zone are being implemented and offer promising prospects for the future. They also discussed the possibility of arranging reciprocal visits between

the two parliaments to further promote cooperation between them. They noted that Myanmar and Cambodia are actively participating in regional cooperation mechanisms such as the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation, CLMV and ACMECS. They highlighted that Myanmar is serving as Chair of ACMECS meetings this year, prioritizing the socio-economic development and sustainable development of the people in the region in line with the theme, "Building a modern, sustainable, and socioeconomically vibrant ACMECS". They also exchanged views on Myan-

mar's efforts to cooperate to the best of its ability within ASEAN.

The two sides frankly and cordially exchanged views on the prospects for further promoting cooperation between the two countries in trade and investment, agriculture and livestock breeding, as well as various other sectors. They also discussed Myanmar's effective efforts to combat and eliminate online financial fraud and online gambling; the successful holding of a fair and credible election in Myanmar; and the efforts of the newly elected government, togeth-

er with the Hluttaws comprising people's representatives who will practically reflect the people's will, to firmly advance the country along the democratic path while striving to achieve internal peace. They also discussed the new government's implementation of an independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy; its efforts to further strengthen existing friendly relations with neighbouring and partner countries while continuing to promote regional interests in a balanced manner; and the continued enhancement of friendship and cooperation

between Myanmar and Cambodia.

The President of Myanmar and his entourage attended the luncheon hosted by the Acting Head of State of Cambodia and President of the Senate at Aha Phirom Hall. The Acting Head of State of Cambodia and President of the Senate extended greetings while the President of Myanmar expressed his thanks. They then had the luncheon together. After the luncheon, the Acting Head of State of Cambodia and President of the Senate cordially saw off the President of Myanmar. — MNA/TTA

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President U Min Aung Hlaing lays wreaths at Independence Monument, Statue of late His Majesty King Norodom Sihanouk in Phnom Penh

While on a State Visit to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, currently in Phnom Penh on the State Visit, laid a wreath to pay tribute at the Independence Monument and the memorial bell-shaped pavilion housing a statue depicting late His Majesty King Norodom Sihanouk, in Phnom Penh at 3:10 pm local standard time yesterday.

On arrival at the Independence Monument, the President of Myanmar and his entourage were cordially welcomed by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence Mr Tea Seiha and senior officers.

The President of Myanmar took the salute of the Guard of Honour. Led by two soldiers who conveyed a wreath, the President laid the wreath to pay tribute at the Independence Monument.

At the memorial bell-shaped pavilion housing a statue depicting the late His Majesty King Norodom Sihanouk, the President of Myanmar and his party were welcomed by officials from the Cambodian Ministry of Royal Palace.

The President of Myanmar laid a wreath to pay tribute to the statue of the late His Majesty King Norodom Sihanouk.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing pays floral tribute at the Independence Monument and salutes the statue of the late King Norodom Sihanouk in Phnom Penh.

Monument was constructed in 1958 and inaugurated in 1962 to commemorate Cambodia's independence from French rule in 1953. A large statue of His Majesty King Norodom Sihanouk, the late father of the nation and a leading figure in the struggle for independence who passed away in 2012, was erected in 2013 beneath a large bell-shaped pavilion in the park east of the Independence Monument. As part of the diplomatic programmes for visits by foreign heads of state, wreaths are laid at the Independence Monument in honour of the heroes of independence, followed separately by a wreath-laying ceremony at the memorial bell-shaped pavilion housing the statue of King Norodom Sihanouk to pay respects to the late King. — MNA/TTA



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cooperation; Myanmar's prioritization of stronger relations with neighbouring countries, ASEAN member states and other countries

in the region; the promotion of the roles of women and youth in Myanmar; and the continued strengthening of bilateral friendship and cooperation.

Following the meeting, President U Min Aung Hlaing and the President of the National Assembly of Cambodia posed for a group photograph with high-rank-

ing delegates from both countries. Afterwards, the President of the National Assembly warmly bade farewell to the President. — MNA/TH

Myanmar attends 2026 Conference of Global Public Security Cooperation Forum

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Nyunt Win Swe attended the 2026 Conference of the Global Public Security Cooperation Forum, held from 8 to 10 September in Lianyungang, Jiangsu Province, the People's Republic of China, at the invitation of the Ministry of Public Security of China.

On the morning of 9 September, the Union minister met a Chinese delegation led by Minister of Public Security Mr Wang Xiaosong. They discussed cooperation between the two countries on security



Union Minister Lt-Gen Nyunt Win Swe joins the group photo session at the 2026 Conference of Global Public Security Cooperation Forum in China.

and law enforcement. The Union minister also attended the opening ceremony of the forum and delivered a speech. He said Myanmar supports international and bilateral cooperation to address cross-border security threats and welcomes China's Global Security Initiative (GSI). He also highlighted cooperation in combating cross-border crimes, including online scam networks, through information sharing and law enforcement.

Following the meeting, President U Min Aung Hlaing and the President of the National Assembly of Cambodia posed for a group photograph with high-rank-

On 10 September, the Myanmar delegation attended the Inaugural Conference of the International Alliance Combatting Telecom and Cyber Fraud. The delegation also visited a public security technology exhibition at Huizhou Bayview Conference Centre. During the visit, Myanmar and China exchanged views on strengthening security and law-enforcement cooperation and achieved positive results.

The Union minister-led delegation arrived back in Yangon yesterday morning. — MNA/KTZH

DIPLOMACY

Myanmar, India discuss transport cooperation

UNION Minister for Construction U Myo Thant received Ambassador of India to Myanmar Mr Abhay Thakur at the reception hall of the Ministry of Construction, in Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.

They discussed the continued implementation of transport sector cooperation between Myanmar and India under the existing friendly relations, including Quick

Impact Project (QIP) projects being implemented with Indian assistance. They also exchanged views on ways to support road and bridge upgrading within the existing framework to promote border trade, accelerate and facilitate the flow of goods, and contribute to the socioeconomic development of local communities and the tourism sector. — MNA/KZL



The Indian ambassador calls on Union Minister U Myo Thant yesterday.



# NATIONAL

## Myanmar, India sign MoUs on QIP implementation

THE signing ceremony for five Memorandums of Understanding on the implementation of Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Republic of India was held at the Ministry of National Planning, Investment and Foreign Economic Relations in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for National Planning, Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Aung Kyaw Hoe, deputy ministers from relevant Ministries, senior officials and Mr Abhay Thakur, Ambassador of India to Myanmar, Mr Amit Shreeansh, First Secretary and representatives from the Embassy of India.



A group documentary photo session of the signing ceremony for India's QIP MoUs.

The ceremony featured the signing of five Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) by representatives from the relevant ministries, namely the Memorandum of Understanding for Establishment of Media Training Centre by the Ministry of Information, the Memorandum of Understanding for the Solar Power Project for Quake-Hit Rural Areas by the Ministry of Cooperatives

and Rural Development, the Memorandum of Understanding for the Purchase of a Construction Machinery Simulator and Engine Cut Section Model to be used as Teaching Tools at the Central Training Centre and the Memorandum of Understanding for the Procurement of Construction Equipment System Trainers for Central Training Centre by the Ministry of Construction, and the Memorandum of Understanding for Conservation of Man Aung Yadana Pagoda by the Ministry of Culture, Hotels and Tourism respectively. The MOUs were signed by Mr Amit Shreeansh, First Secretary, Embassy of India, on behalf of the Government of India.

The Indian Government will grant a total amount of US\$244,068, and Joint Project Monitoring Committees (JPMC) will be formed in order to monitor and facilitate the progress of the projects.

In FY 2026-2027, a total of ten QIP projects will be implemented, comprising the five QIP projects signed yesterday and additional five projects to be supported by the Government of India.

— MNPIFER

## Myanmar delegates attend 9<sup>th</sup> AIMMAF

THE 9<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry, hosted by India, was held in New Delhi on 9 September, with a Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung in attendance.

During the meeting, ASEAN and Indian agriculture and forestry ministers exchanged views and discussed possible solutions and policy directions for ensuring food security and strengthening agricultural supply chains amid growing global uncertainties, in line with the statement adopted at the 46<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) Meeting on 29 April 2026.

The Union minister also discussed practical measures to strengthen resilience against the impacts of geopolitical and economic developments, climate-related disruptions, and instability in energy, transport, food and agricultural input markets. He also emphasized the importance of maintaining smooth and uninterrupted supply chains through enhanced cooperation.

The meeting also discussed and adopted the draft Joint Statement of the 9<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry.

The participants agreed to hold the 10<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry in Vietnam in 2028, with the date and time to be communicated to member states through the ASEAN Secretariat.

Following the meeting, the Myanmar delegation met with India's Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare to discuss bilateral cooperation in agriculture, including the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on agricultural cooperation between the two countries and an MoU on academic cooperation and exchange between Assam Don Bosco University and relevant Myanmar institutions.

They also discussed five technical proposals for cooperation submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation during the visit of India's Foreign Secretary to Myanmar in December 2021, as well as technical cooperation in the development of dairy cattle farming.

The Myanmar delegation also held discussions with agriculture and forestry ministers from ASEAN member states and India, officials and researchers from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), and private-sector agricultural entrepreneurs.

As part of the study programme, the Myanmar delegation visited agricultural research facilities in India, where they observed modern greenhouse and soilless cultivation technologies, high-yield crop research fields including black gram and Basmati rice, an advanced plant phenotyping research centre, and a seed bank preserving the genetic resources of various plant species. — MNA/KTZH

## Yangon Police intensify efforts to prevent crimes



Ongoing crime prevention measures in Yangon Region.

POLICE personnel from township police stations across Yangon Region

conducted operations in cooperation with traffic police and local ad-

ministrative officials to strengthen the rule of law and prevent crime.

As part of the operations yesterday, the Hmawby Township police officer, together with relevant personnel from Sangyoung, Insein, Hlinethaya (East) and North Okkalapa Myoma Police Stations as well as members of the Dala Township Traffic Police Unit conducted public awareness activities on crime prevention, door-to-door crime-prevention

awareness activities, and distributed pamphlets, conducted vehicle checks, patrolling in the industrial zone by bicycles and encouraging pedestrians to use traffic signs.

Also, on the evening of 9 August, township police officers in Dagon Myothit (North), Ahlon and Hlinethaya (West) townships patrolled in wards and inspected household guest registration records, as well as patrolled in police cars with light bars. — Aung Thu/MKKS

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Union Minister U Min Naung leads the Myanmar delegation at the Ninth ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry in India.



# YGN Palm Oil Wholesale Reference Price Holds Steady All Month

THE wholesale reference price of palm oil set for the Yangon market remained stagnant at K7,179 per viss for a third consecutive week until 17 September, according to the Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution.

The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs and banking services to decide the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil weekly. Despite the reference price, the market price is



Oil mill workers are organizing cooking oil jerry cans for distribution and sale.

still high. To control overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce has informed consumers of lodging complaints for overcharging through the call centre hotline. The department urges consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices.

The Committee no-

tified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market manipulation will face legal action under the Essential Goods and Services Law. The department is working together with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the cooking oil importing

companies to offer affordable rates of imported palm oil for consumers. Complaints about overcharging can be lodged over hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs Department, or sent to the Facebook page of the department and the region and state departments concerned.

The domestic consumption of palm oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. About 700,000 tonnes of palm oil are annually imported through Malaysia and Indonesia to meet domestic demand. — NN/KK

# Myanmar Ships 2,900MT Shrimp Abroad in Apr-Aug



Workers are pictured processing fishery products designated for export.

MYANMAR exported over 2,950 metric tonnes of shrimp valued at US\$9.34 million between 1 April and 31 July of the current financial year 2026-2027, comprising 2,820 tonnes worth \$8.58 million by sea and 136.355 tonnes worth \$0.75 million through border checkpoints, according to the Department of Fisheries.

Key destinations include China, Thailand, Japan and some European countries. The Department of Fisheries is endeavouring to enhance shrimp culture techniques and improve trade channels to boost exports of high-quality fishery products in line with the import standards of the buyer countries. — TWA/KK

# Customs Dept to auction seized motorcycle parts, consumer goods

THE Customs Department will auction off motorcycle spare parts, consumer goods, and food items held as public property through a competitive bidding process. The auction will be held

at 10 am on 17 September at the Mandalay Customs Department Office, corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Kyweseikan Road and 78<sup>th</sup> Street, Chanmyathaya Ward, Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay.

Auction forms (in-

cluding rules and the list of items) can be purchased at K10,000 per set from 11 to 14 September during office hours. Security deposits will be accepted, and deposit payers can inspect items

on 14-15 September during office hours.

Interested citizens can obtain further details about auctions at the Customs Department of Mandalay in person during office hours. — NN/KK

# iFix Hero 2026 CPU Reball Contest set for Myanmar

THE Myanmar Mobile Industry Association (MMIA) and iFactory iDevice Professional Training Centre will jointly organize the "iFix Hero 2026 CPU Reball" competition for the first time in Myanmar.

The competition is not merely a technical contest. It will also serve as a selection event to identify outstanding technicians who will have the opportunity to represent Myanmar at the CGC World Cup 2026, a world-level competition to be held in China.

The event is expected to mark a significant milestone in improving the skills and expertise of Myanmar's mobile phone technicians. iFactory expressed its special thanks to Ringo for joining the event as the Official Gold Sponsor and supporting this historic occasion.



This image features a poster announcing the iFix Hero 2026 CPU Reball competition.

MMIA and iFactory iDevice Professional Training Centre will organise the competition, with Ringo supporting as the Gold Sponsor. It will be held on the ground floor of Urban Asia Centre on 48<sup>h</sup> Street (middle block), Botahtaung Township.

Ringo will proudly participate as the Official Gold Sponsor and provide support for the competition. — TWA/KZL

# Trading Amount and Forex Rate in the Market on 11 September 2026

|                              | US\$             | Chinese yuan  | Thai baht     | Indian rupee |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Exchange rates               | 3,650.00~3671.00 | 557.00~558.70 | 124.90~125.70 | 43.60        |
| Trading amount in the market | 13,048,505.15    | 11,091,813.37 | 12,975,636.35 | -            |

# Urea fertilizers to be distributed directly to farmers

THE Ministry of Commerce announced that urea fertilizers will be distributed directly to farmers.

The blockade of the Strait of Hormuz following the Middle East conflict after March 2026 caused significant impacts on Myanmar's agricultural sector and urea fertilizer imports.

However, relevant

departments and organizations are cooperating to ensure the timely distribution and arrival of urea fertilizers to farmers in regions and states.

Due to the blockade and no passage, efforts had to be made to arrange imports by connecting only the available vessel in that area. However, the draft of the vessel is 12.35 metres, whereas the draft

of Thilawa Port is only 10.50 metres, preventing the vessel from entering the port.

Necessary fertilizers for Myanmar are produced domestically as well as imported via the routes, especially the Middle East. Due to these circumstances, measures such as transshipping and anchoring near Mawlamyine and islands in the

Taninthayi to transfer are being taken. 9,600 tonnes out of the 50,000 tonnes are being transferred via ship-to-ship operations using four smaller vessels so that they can dock simultaneously at ports in Yangon.

Currently, five vessels are unloading operations, and as of 19 August, a total of 22,155 tonnes have been unloaded. — TWA/ZN



OPINION

Providing first aid to serve the people

World First Aid Day has been observed annually on the second Saturday of September since 2003. First aid is an important skill that should be accessible to everyone and is essential for saving lives around the world. Knowing basic first aid techniques can help reduce the severity of suffering and injuries, improve preparedness for disasters, and enable more effective responses in emergency situations.

First aid is an important component of pre-hospital care and life-saving treatment before a patient reaches a hospital. Providing first aid to patients and transporting them to hospital greatly supports subsequent hospital care. It also increases patients' chances of survival and helps prevent their injuries or medical conditions from becoming more severe.

World First Aid Day represents an important opportunity for Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies around the world to promote life-saving activities and raise awareness of solidarity and mutual support. Therefore, Red Cross members should make efforts to ensure that the first aid techniques they have mastered are made accessible to the public so that people can learn and acquire such knowledge. Through first aid, all relevant personnel and Red Cross volunteers should strive to make even greater efforts to effectively carry out humanitarian and community welfare activities for the benefit of the country and its people.

First aid can provide significant assistance and protection in sudden or emergencies, helping to save lives. For anyone going about their daily activities, an emergency situation may occur either to themselves or to someone in their surroundings. In such circumstances, having knowledge and skills in first aid can enable a person to provide assistance and help protect everyone, including themselves, from life-threatening danger.

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WE know that a community leader is often perceived to represent a community. The community is frequently based in a place, which means locally, although for common interests, purposes or practices. Thus, community leadership works together with knowledge, skill, volunteering, networks and partnerships. For stronger communities and civil society, community leadership importantly and effectively contributes to local social development. Of course, community leadership concerns more than services and functions delivered by the local council. After all, an efficient community leader becomes the life of a community.

Effective community leaders tend to listen to and get involved with local communities. Councillors cannot call themselves leaders if they are out of touch with the communities they purport to represent. They need to be in touch with all parts of their communities, such as parishes, neighbourhoods, young people and minority ethnic

Characteristics, Behaviours and Roles of a Community Leader



groups. Also, local communities are given to facing a complex and diverse set of problems and challenges, so community leaders want to know whether all the relevant organizations in their area – public, private, and voluntary – are working together in a common direction and shaping a long-term vision. Here, no single person, that is, acting alone, can respond effectively to the needs of localities. Therefore, effective community leadership must secure the commitment of partners to delivering a shared vision as well as helping to shape it. Not only that, community leadership includes having a sense of direction – making things happen. Such making in reality also

means delivering outcomes for local people. Vision, direction and effective partnership will be of any use only if the actual change occurs in authentic situations. Moreover, local people

wish to see that the people they have elected to represent them are doing just that, for instance, speaking out for them on behalf of specific groups or individuals as to major issues which impact

the community, like hospital or factory closures. Whatever is said, community leadership is not about the councillor taking power for himself. Councillors have to create the environment in which other leadership roles can develop, foster the growth of active citizenship, lead and stand back at the same time, thus being able to govern themselves. Certainly, community leadership should be accountable to local people through the ballot box, active ongoing relationships with the people, citizens' juries and area forums. Communities, councils and partners like to have a wide range of resources to use effectively for meeting local priorities, too. Hence, which behaviours

can be realized for good community leadership? Efficient community leaders are able to shift from communication to conversations through an adaptable style, facilitation and feedback. They have transparency, are approachable and open-minded in many cases that have happened. What is more, they enjoy listening to and hearing from their colleagues and subordinates, being receptive and responsive to them. They usually use the 'holding the space' conflict resolution, reconciliation and mediation in whatever problems. But they like encouraging and stimulating confidence in their staff associates. Furthermore, they have the ability to set realistic expectations and meet

them. On top of that, they are learning to let go and work with different working agencies and organizations.

So, in what roles does the community play? They stimulate local organizations and individuals to take up opportunities to express their views; represent local-level concerns and perspectives; maintain a link between users and providers of services; encourage the community to organize all for themselves; work with other community leaders in voluntary, community and business sectors; offer vision and direction to local groups, building support for that vision; broker agreements between diverse interests and partners; and con-

tribute as an effective partner in neighbourhood arrangements, including those that deliver delegated functions.

To draw a conclusion, the characteristics of community leaders include listening to and involving local communities, building vision and direction, working effectively in partnerships, making things happen, standing up for communities, empowering local communities, accountability to communities, and using community resources effectively. The behaviours to realize good community leadership are good communication, openness, empathy, negotiation, motivation, managing expectations and sharing. And the roles of a community leader involve stimulation, representation, maintaining, encouragement, collaboration, offering, brokering and contributing. When we are made community leaders by the people, what we must never forget is that we are the most responsible people for the community where we are elected.

What Remains After the Storm?

By Laura Htet (UDE)

ready happened.

That does not mean our future has been decided.

One day, perhaps after a long period of sadness and confusion, we may finally be able to tell ourselves, "I cannot change what happened to me, but I can choose who I will become after it."

Those words can change everything.

We may not be able to erase our painful experiences, but we can decide whether they will completely define us. We can allow them to teach us without allowing them to destroy us. We can become wiser without becoming bitter. We can become more careful without closing our hearts completely. We can learn from our pain without spending the rest of our lives living inside it.

Healing is not as simple as forgetting. Forgetting is not always possible, and perhaps it is not even necessary. Healing means reaching a point where we can remember something that once

caused us great pain without feeling the same pain all over again. The memory may still exist, but it no longer controls our emotions, our choices or our future.

Sometimes healing happens quietly. We may not notice it at first. One day, we simply realize that we have stopped checking an old message. We no longer feel the need to explain ourselves to someone who never understood us. We can hear a familiar song without feeling broken. We can talk about the past without becoming that painful period.

And perhaps the most beautiful moment comes when we look back and say, "I was really exhausted during that time. I was carrying more than people knew." Then, after a moment of silence, we can smile and say, "But I made it through." That is our victory.

Our victory is not always something the world can see. Sometimes, it is simply getting out of bed on a difficult morning.

Sometimes, it is choosing to continue when giving up seems easier. Sometimes, it is learning to trust ourselves again after someone has made us doubt our own worth.

Not everyone will understand our pain. Not everyone will know how difficult certain days have been for us. We may spend a long time waiting for someone to notice, understand or rescue us. But eventually, we may discover something important: we cannot always wait for someone else to come and put our lives back together.

Sometimes, we need to hold ourselves close. If we need to rest, we should rest. If we need to cry, we should cry. If we are tired, we can stop for a while. Resting does not mean giving up. Crying does not mean being weak. Taking a break does not mean we have failed.

We are human beings, not machines. Even strong people become tired. Even confident people have difficult days. Even those who always encourage others some-

times need encouragement themselves. The important thing is that, after resting, we slowly find the courage to stand again.

We do not have to rebuild our lives in one day. A broken heart does not need to become whole overnight. A difficult chapter does



not need to be solved immediately. Sometimes, healing means taking one small step today and another tomorrow.

It is never too late to rebuild our lives. We may think we have lost too much time. We may believe that certain opportunities have passed or that we should have recovered much earlier. But life does not have one fixed sched-

ule for everyone. Some people begin again at twenty. Some at forty. Some at sixty. What matters is not how long it took us to get back up, but that we eventually decided to rise.

And when we rise, we may carry scars with us. That is okay. Scars are not something we need to hide forever. They do not only show how much pain we have experienced. They also tell the story of how we survived it. Behind every scar is a moment when we could have stayed down but

somehow found the strength to continue.

Perhaps our scars are proof that we were once wounded, but they are also proof that the wound did not win. So, when life becomes difficult again, let us remember who we have already been. Let us remember the nights we thought would never end, the moments we thought we could not survive, and

the days when simply continuing felt like a great achievement. Still breathing. Still learning. Still hoping. Still becoming.

We may not have the power to change everything that happened to us, but we have the power to choose what happens next. We can choose to begin again. We can choose peace over endless explanations, growth over bitterness and hope over fear.

Perhaps the greatest form of courage is not pretending that we were never hurt. It is accepting that we were hurt and choosing to live fully anyway. Our past may be part of our story, but it does not have to be the final page.

One day, we may look back at everything we survived and realize that the person we were trying so hard to save was ourselves. And perhaps, in the end, that is where our greatest strength was waiting all along—not in someone coming to rescue us, but in the quiet decision to reach for ourselves, rise once more, and keep walking. Because sometimes, the person we have been waiting for is not coming from somewhere else. Sometimes, the person who saves us is the person we slowly become when we finally choose not to give up on ourselves.



# NATIONAL

## Indian Air Force pays Functional Level Visit to Myanmar

AN Indian Air Force delegation led by Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Air Command, arrived in Myanmar for a Functional Level Visit as part of the reciprocal exchange of functional-level visits between senior officers of the Indian and Myanmar air forces.

The delegation arrived at Yangon International Airport on 7 September and was welcomed by senior officers from the Tatmadaw (Air), the Indian Defence Attaché to Myanmar and officials concerned.

On 8 September, the Indian delegation visited the headquarters of the



Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Win joins the Indian delegation for a group photo at yesterday's meeting.

Flying Training Base, where they were hosted to a luncheon by the Commander of the Air Base.

On 9 September, the Indian delegation met Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Win at Bayintnaung Guest Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they held cordial discussions on matters concerning the further promotion of friendship, mutual understanding and cooperation between the two air forces. Commemorative gifts were exchanged, and a group photo was taken.

The delegation then visited the National Defence College and later attended a working luncheon hosted by officials of Tatmadaw (Air) at Park-royal Hotel.

During the visit, the Indian delegation paid homage to the Shweda-gon Pagoda in Yangon, the Uppatasanti Pagoda in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and the Maravijaya Buddha Image, offering flowers, water and candles. They also visited Bogyoke Market, the Zafar Shah tomb and the National Museum in Yangon.

The delegation departed Myanmar for India yesterday morning. — MNA/KTZH

## Meiktila's rural agri-production road, bridge construction inspected

OFFICIALS conducted an on-site inspection on the afternoon of 10 September regarding the ongoing construction of a rural agricultural production road and bridges in Wahyon Village, Meiktila Township, Mandalay Region, funded by the Union Fund for the 2026-2027 financial year under the Department of Rural Development, the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development.

District Head U Win Zaw of the Meiktila District Department of Rural Development, along with officials and members of the Village Road Implementation Committee, inspected the progress of the road and bridge construction in Wahyon Village. The district head instructed those responsible to complete the implementation on time and in compliance with specified quality standards.

The project in Wahyon Village includes the construction of an agricultural production road measuring one mile and two furlongs

in length, 14 feet and three inches in width, with a two-foot earthen base and nine-inch gravel surface; two slab culverts measuring 18 feet long, three feet wide, and three feet high on the road; and a concrete bridge measuring 35 feet long, 14 feet wide, and 10 feet high. Construction began in the first week of July 2026, executed with a winning materials tender of K144.787 million by Tein Yan Myint Mo Company and K100.1096 million for department-executed works, bringing the total cost to K244.8966 million. To date, the project is 71 per cent complete.

Upon 100 per cent completion of the rural road and bridge project, it will benefit 2,395 residents across 457 households in five villages, enabling the swift transport of agricultural produce from 400 acres of farmland to markets, thereby enhancing the socioeconomic lives of the rural population. — Set Lu (DRD)



Officials oversee the ongoing construction of a rural road and bridges in Meiktila Township.

## MSY village project funds disbursed in Zeyathiri



An MSY fund disbursement ceremony is underway in Zeyathiri Township.

THE Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, held the seventh disbursement of the Mya

Sein Yaung (MSY) Village Project revolving fund in Shwebaho Village, Zayathiri Township on the morning of 10 September.

District Head Daw Soe Soe Oo of the Zeyathiri District Department of Rural Development explained that the funds were being disbursed to reduce poverty among rural residents in Shwebaho Village and to enable them to engage in manageable agriculture and livestock farming activities.

Township Head U Myo Zaw of the Zeyathiri Township Department of Rural Development clarified the directives in the MSY Village Project manual and the

rules and regulations to be followed during loan disbursement. Later, the township head handed over the funds to the village project committee members.

Afterwards, the village project committee members disbursed a total of K45.6 million from the MSY Village Project revolving fund to 117 members: K27.4 million to 55 agricultural workers, K15.6 million to 55 livestock farmers, and K2.6 million to seven micro-traders in Shwebaho Village. — Naw Lu (DRD)

## MAI postpones international flights, moves some domestic routes to Anisakhan Airport

MYANMAR Airways International (MAI) announced on the night of September 10 that all international flights — both arrivals and departures — at Mandalay International Airport will be temporarily postponed until further notice. This

suspension is due to operational circumstances. During this period, some domestic flights operated by MAI and Mingala Airline will be relocated to Anisakhan Airport in Pyin Oo Lwin Township. Customers affected by this change are eligible for a full

refund of their airfare and may also request a one-time free route change, depending on seat availability. Passengers who purchased tickets through travel agencies or online platforms should contact those agencies directly for refunds or route changes.

MAI will provide updates on flight schedules through its official news channels. — TWA/ZS

MAI's important announcement.





# Thatbyinnyu Temple Wall, Gate to Emerge After Excavation

Myanmar and China signed a MoM in 2017 and an MoU in 2022 for the construction of the Thatbyinnyu Temple, which was damaged by the 2016 earthquake in the Bagan Cultural Heritage Area. — ASH/MKKS

# MSY Village Project Funds Disbursed in Kawhmu

Afterwards, the township head and responsible officials conducted awareness-raising talks on preventing and controlling smoke, haze and air pollution to help create a safe and secure living environment for residents, according to the Kawhmu Township Department of Rural Development. — Ah Htwe (DRD)

# Yangon to upgrade National Races Village



The first round of EOI applications for the lease of land and buildings in National Races Village (Yangon) has been invited since 25 May. — TWA/MKKS

## 'Back When We Were Little' to launch nostalgic journey

This image illustrates a leaflet for the art exhibition.

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Time  
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Location  
**IFB Conference Room & Lann Sone Cafe, (IFB)**

Refreshment Hour  
**1 PM - 3 PM**



ECONOMY  
WORLD

# China’s top economic planner invites private investment in 36 projects

*The projects have a combined estimated investment of 61.4 billion yuan (about US\$9.06 billion) and are expected to attract 15.6 billion yuan in private capital.*

CHINA’S National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) has recommended 36 investment projects to private enterprises in a bid to further stimulate private investment.

These 36 projects, spanning transport, logistics, water conservancy and energy, were presented at a recent NDRC symposium involving private enterprises and industry associations.

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The projects cover railways, warehousing, wind power, energy storage, charging facilities and water diversion projects, among others. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/XINHUA**

lion yuan (about US\$9.06 billion) and are expected to attract 15.6 billion yuan in private capital. They cover railways, warehousing, wind

power, energy storage, charging facilities and water diversion projects, among others. Private capital can participate through wholly-owned

investment, controlling stakes, or equity participation in relevant companies.

The NDRC said it will make full use of its regular communication and problem-solving mechanism in working with private enterprises. It will also work with relevant parties to improve services, strengthen the supply of capital, land and other factors of production, and coordinate efforts to resolve key issues to ensure early implementation of the projects. — Xinhua

## Rice prices in Japan fall for 4<sup>th</sup> week, near 3,000 yen threshold

THE average price of 5 kilogrammes of rice at about 1,000 supermarkets across Japan was 3,003 yen (\$20) in the week through Sunday, down 109 yen from the previous week for a fourth straight weekly decline and nearing the key 3,000 yen threshold.

A government official attributed the drop to newly harvested rice from the 2026 crop reaching store shelves at sharply lower prices,

the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fish-

eries said Friday. At supermarkets,



File photo shows stockpiled rice being moved out from a warehouse in Saitama Prefecture, near Tokyo, in March 2025. **PHOTO: KYODO/FILE**

prices for newly harvested rice have fallen below 3,000 yen, with some varieties now cheaper than rice from the 2025 crop. Rice from the 2026 crop is expected to be abundant, raising the possibility of further price declines.

Japan’s policy on the staple food came under scrutiny after a rice shortage that began around summer 2024 sent prices sharply higher. — Kyodo

## Nepal flood recovery costs billions

NEPAL’S top disaster official said Thursday the South Asian country needs \$4.77 billion to support its initial recovery from last month’s dev-

astating flood and landslides.

“This is the sum needed for the initial recovery of damaged infrastructure and for provid-

ing basic services such as temporary housing, food, healthcare, education,” Dharma Raj Uprety, chief of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Man-

agement Authority, told Kyodo News. He added the estimate for the total damages caused by the flood is “still being assessed”. — Kyodo

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Dutch exports to US drop

THE value of Dutch goods exports to the United States fell by 25 per cent in the first half of 2026 from a year earlier, Statistics Netherlands (CBS) said Thursday.

“The decline continues a downward trend that began in the second half of 2025. Since August 2025, a general import tariff of 15 per cent has been imposed by the United States on goods from the European Union,” CBS said in a press release. According to CBS, the Netherlands exported goods worth 13.0 billion euros (US\$15.1 billion) to the United States in the first half of 2026, down 4.3 billion euros (US\$5.0 billion) from a year earlier.

In contrast, the value of Dutch imports from the United States rose 19.0 per cent to 27.6 billion euros (US\$32.1 billion). Three-quarters of the increase was attributable to mineral fuels. Excluding mineral fuels, the growth rate was 6.7 per cent. — Xinhua

## Global economy volatile amid US-Iran war

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) said Thursday that the global economy has been resilient despite six months of war between the United States and Iran, but uncertainty remains high.

“So far, despite six months of war in the Middle East, the global economy has been resilient. It has weathered the shocks, the energy shocks in particular, better than feared,” IMF spokesperson Julie Kozack said at a news briefing.

“But uncertainty, as we’ve been saying for quite some time, continues to remain high,” said Kozack.

She noted that the global economy is being pulled in two directions: a negative supply shock from higher energy and

commodity prices, and a positive demand shock from the AI-driven technology cycle.

She added that there are “significant differences” in how these forces are impacting individual economies.

Kozack also noted that several risks to the global economic outlook remain high, including a persistent energy shock, mounting public debt, and a stalled disinflation process.

The 2026 Annual Meetings of the IMF and the World Bank Group are scheduled to take place in Bangkok, Thailand, from 12 to 18 October. IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said in late August that resilience and dynamism are the two main topics. — Xinhua



The photo taken on 13 February 2026 shows a city view of Tehran, Iran. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**



# 200 mineral deposits newly discovered in China in 2025: report

A total of 200 non-oil and gas mineral deposits were discovered in China in 2025, according to a report released by the Ministry of Natural Resources on Friday.

The report, titled “China Mineral Resources 2026”, was launched at the ongoing 28<sup>th</sup> China Mining Conference and Exhibition 2026 being held in north China’s Tianjin Municipality.

It showed that China’s investment in geological exploration registered positive growth for the fifth consecutive year in 2025 and that important



People visit the 2026 China Mining Conference and Exhibition in north China’s Tianjin Municipality, 10 September 2026. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

progress continued to be made in mineral exploration.

Of the 200 newly discovered mineral deposits,

16 are gold deposits and 11 are iron deposits, making them the most frequently found types.

The report noted that,

in terms of conventional oil and gas exploration, major breakthroughs had been made in new layers and new zones in places such as the Tarim and Junggar Basins.

In 2025, China’s coal output was 4.85 billion tonnes, up 1.4 per cent year on year, while crude oil output was 216 million tonnes, up 1.5 per cent, maintaining positive growth for seven consecutive years. The report also showed natural gas output stood at 262.06 billion cubic metres last year, up 6.3 per cent. — Xinhua

## Vietnam earns over US\$6 bln from coffee exports in first 8 months

VIETNAM exported nearly 1.7 million tonnes of coffee worth more than US\$6 billion in the first eight months of 2026, local media VnEconomy reported Friday, citing the Vietnam Coffee and Cocoa Association.

During the period, coffee export volume rose more than 10 per cent year on year, while export value fell 11.2 per cent due to lower average export prices.

Germany, Italy and Japan were the three largest markets, accounting for 13.2 per cent, 8.2 per cent and 7.1 per cent of total exports, respectively, the Vietnam News Agency reported. The association expects Vietnam’s coffee export volume to increase up to 10 per cent in 2026, supported by supplies from the new crop starting in November. — Xinhua

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## Elevated crude prices, profit-booking drag Indian markets lower

DOMESTIC equity markets ended the week on a negative note on Friday, weighed down by elevated crude oil prices, profit-taking and cautious investor sentiment.

Brent crude touched a four-month high of US\$108 per barrel during the session before easing to close at US\$104.38 per barrel, keeping pressure on investor sentiment and raising concerns over inflationary risks.

At the close of trad-



The broader NSE Nifty 50 ended at 23,398.10 points, declining 79.70 points, or 0.34 per cent. **PHOTO: ANI**

ing, the BSE Sensex stood at 74,781.76 points, down 120.83 points, or 0.16 per cent. The broader NSE

Nifty 50 ended at 23,398.10 points, declining 79.70 points, or 0.34 per cent.

Commenting on the

market movement, Ri-yank Arora, Associate Vice President – HNI & Derivatives at Hedged. in, said domestic equities witnessed mild selling pressure, although the broader market structure remained intact.

“Indian equity markets ended today’s session on a mildly negative note, with benchmark indices giving up some of their recent gains amid profit-taking and cautious sentiment. — ANI

## S Korea’s exports surge 82.6% in first 10 days of Sept

SOUTH Korea’s exports surged in double digits in the first 10 days of September, driven by an exponential growth in semiconductor shipments, customs office

data showed Friday.

Outbound shipments totaled US\$34.97 billion in the 1-10 September period, up 82.6 per cent from the same period last year, according to the Korea

Customs Service.

It marked the highest performance for any corresponding 10-day tracking period, topping the previous high of \$30 billion set in July.

Daily average exports jumped 82.6 per cent to \$4.11 billion in the 10-day period.

Semiconductor exports skyrocketed 270.1 per cent to \$16.48 billion amid expanding global artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure investments. — Xinhua

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V DIAS WELL VOY.NO. (SW2609)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V DIAS WELL VOY.NO. (SW2609)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **14-9-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT** where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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GLOBAL VIEWPOINTS:  
WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS



PM Modi holds bilateral talks with Vladimir Putin following BRICS Business Forum engagements

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi joined BRICS leaders, the Chairs of the BRICS Business Council and the BRICS Women's Business Alliance for a family photograph in the national capital on the occasion of the BRICS Business Forum 2026.

The group photograph featured PM Modi alongside Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, his Brazilian counterpart Mauro Vieira, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, among other dignitaries.

The BRICS Business Forum is the flagship private sector platform of the BRICS grouping and is convened annually in the Summit host country on the eve of the Leaders' Summit. It brings together business leaders,

*BRICS emerged as major emerging economies' platform advancing Global South interests.*



PM Modi meets Russian President on sidelines of BRICS Summit. **PHOTO: ANI**

Ministers and Heads of State to discuss trade, investment, finance, technology and development challenges that shape the BRICS economic agenda.

The Forum also serves as a platform where key ideas and suggestions from the Council are presented and discussed. It plays a strong agenda-setting role, with its conclusions and the Business Council's recommendations regularly reflected in BRICS Summit declarations and follow-up work plans.

These areas include intra-BRICS trade, investment, digital economy, MSMEs, standards cooperation and value chain integration. — ANI

Researchers eye AI revolution in natural disaster forecasts

A revolution in forecasting natural disasters is underway, say researchers in Switzerland who are training AI models on vast troves of NASA climate data to produce potentially-lifesaving data at lightning speed.

They are feeding the NASA file stash into one of the world's most powerful supercomputers so artificial intelligence can speed up and expand vital weather and climate forecasting, and spot patterns scientists could not have seen.

AI models are increasingly used in weather and

climate forecasting and for early detection of natural hazards. As well as speed, they carry the promise of spotting previously imperceptible patterns in satellite and other data, potentially making it possible to



Swiss National Supercomputing Centre (CSCS) director Thomas Schulthess (R) discuss with professor of climate physics at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH Zurich) Reto Knutti next to the Alps supercomputer, at the CSCS, in Lugano, southern Switzerland, on 27 August 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

flag in advance disasters like Nepal's devastating flood, which last month left thousands dead or missing.

But training such AI models requires vast amounts of high-quality climate and Earth observation data, and significant computing power. Researchers at Switzerland's Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH) say they now have both, after copying around 100 petabytes of publicly available NASA data onto servers adjacent to one of the world's most powerful supercomputers, known as Alps. — AFP

China, India are making arrangements for Xi-Modi meeting

CHINA and India are making arrangements for a meeting between President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the upcoming 18<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit in New Delhi, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said on Friday.

This will mark the third consecutive year in which Xi and Modi meet, following their meetings in Kazan and Tianjin, said Mao Ning, the spokesperson, at a regular news briefing.

She said China stands ready to work with India to follow the strategic guidance of the two leaders, view bilateral relations from a strategic and long-term perspective, strengthen communication, expand cooperation, and properly handle differences, so as to be good-neighbourly friends and partners helping each other succeed. — Xinhua

Japan defence force ship arrives in Indonesia for 1<sup>st</sup> firefighting overseas

A Japanese Self-Defence Forces transport ship carrying three CH-47 helicopters arrived at a port in wildfire-hit Indonesia on Thursday to take part in the SDF's first firefighting mission overseas, the Japanese Defence Ministry said.

Around 350 members of the maritime and ground defence forces will take part in the mission. The Ground Self-Defence Force choppers will operate from West Kalimantan to assist the Indonesian military with aerial firefighting for around a week from Sunday.

"We will make every effort" to execute the mission to help the victims, a Japanese Defence Ministry official said. Massive fires that broke out in Indonesia from January to July have burnt around 2,000 square kilometres of forests and peatland. — Kyodo



A CH-47 helicopter is seen on board the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force's transport ship the Kunisaki following the ship's arrival at a port in West Kalimantan, Indonesia, on 10 September 2026. **PHOTO: KYODO**



SPORTS

Asian Games:  
Rejuvenated javelin  
star Kitaguchi seeks  
gold with new coach

PARIS Olympic women's javelin champion Haruka Kitaguchi is approaching the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games with renewed confidence after taking on a new coach and emerging from an injury-plagued stretch.

The 28-year-old struggled with a right elbow injury during a difficult 2025 season and failed to advance beyond qualifying at the world championships in Tokyo.

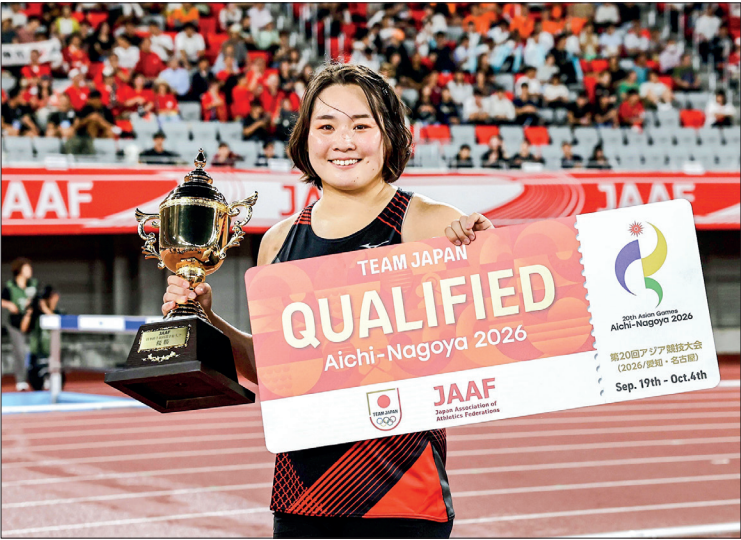
But signs of a turnaround emerged last month when she captured a Diamond League title for the first time in about a year, restoring her belief in her ability to compete at the highest level.

"I was able to go into a com-

petition with confidence for the first time in a while, and I'm glad that confidence was justified," said Kitaguchi, the first Japanese woman to win an Olympic field event.

The rebound in form comes amid her new partnership with Czech coach Jan Zelezny, the men's javelin world record holder and one of the sport's most decorated figures.

Kitaguchi said Zelezny identified nearly 20 areas for improvement when they first began working together this season, leaving her overwhelmed at times, but ultimately positive about her potential for progress. — Kyodo



File photo shows Haruka Kitaguchi after winning the women's javelin throw at the Japanese national championships in Nagoya on 12 June 2026. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Germany reaches first  
Women's Basketball World Cup  
semis, China falls to France

Host Germany reached the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup semifinals for the first time with a 93-74 victory over Belgium, while the United States overwhelmed Hungary 108-56 in the quarterfinals on Thursday.

Germany recovered from an early five-point deficit and took control across the end of the opening quarter and start of the second, turning a 19-18 deficit into a 29-19 advantage with an 11-0 run.

Belgium cut the deficit to 36-34 in the second quarter but could not regain the lead.

Leonie Fiebich led Germany with 17 points and 10 rebounds, while Nyara Sabally added 16 points and 12 boards. Alexis Peterson contributed 13 points and six assists without a turnover as Germany led for more than 31 minutes. Belgium power forward Emma Meesseman finished with a game-high 29 points and eight rebounds. — Xinhua

Yangon Region wins overall  
Judo Championship



Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs U Than Maung presents the championship trophy to the Yangon Region team.

YANGON Region won the overall championship trophy at the 2026 Inter-State and Region Judo Championships after securing seven gold, two silver and two bronze medals for a total of 11 medals.

The final of the Mixed Team event and the prize-giving ceremony of the championship, held at Gymnasium C of Wunna Theikdhi Sports Complex in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

In the Mixed Team event, teams competed in the men's +63, -60 and -73-kilogramme classes and the women's -73, -63 and +73-kilogramme classes. In the knockout rounds, Ayeyawady Region defeated Kachin State, Kayin State defeated Rakhine State, Shan State defeated Nay Pyi Taw Council, Ayeyawady Region defeated Yangon Region, Mandalay Region defeated Kayah State, Nay Pyi Taw Council defeated Rakhine State, Kayah State defeated Yangon Region, Shan State defeated Kayin State, and Ayeyawady Region defeated Mandalay Region.

In the third-place matches, Mandalay Region defeated Nay Pyi Taw Council, while Kayin State defeated Kayah State. In the final, Shan State defeated Ayeyawady Region to claim the championship.

At the prize-giving ceremony, Ei Chit Su San of Yangon Region and Wai Lin Htwe of

Ayeyawady Region received the Best Female Athlete and Best Male Athlete awards respectively.

In the women's individual -42 kilogramme class, Ei Chit Su San of Yangon Region won gold, Kyi Lae Lae Tun of Shan State silver, Yoon Nadi San of Ayeyawady Region bronze and Khaung Nan of Kachin State joint bronze. In the women's -52 kilogramme class, Hnin Wut Mon Lwin of Ayeyawady Region won gold, May Zin Phyo of Kachin State silver, Nan Sanda Oo of Kayin State bronze and Khin Thu Zar Aung of Shan State joint bronze.

In the men's individual -42-kilogramme class, Wai Yan Lin of Yangon Region won gold, Min Thant Kyaw of Kayin State silver, Hein Htet Aung of Nay Pyi Taw bronze and Samuel Naw Zet Aung of Kachin State joint bronze. President of the Myanmar Judo Federation U Tun Tun and officials presented the trophies, individual medals and cash prizes.

In the men's individual -50-kilogramme class, Khine Khant of Yangon Region won gold, Saw Lin Let Kyal Sin of Kayin State silver, Aung Ye Htwe of Mandalay Region bronze and Junior Khaung Lwam of Kachin State joint bronze. Director-General of the Department of Sports and Physical Education U Nyan Zaw Oo presented the individ-

ual medals and cash prizes.

In the team event, Shan State won first place, Ayeyawady Region second, Kayin State third and Mandalay Region joint third. Kachin State women's team won the women's championship trophy with four gold, two silver and two bronze medals, totalling eight medals. Deputy Minister for Sports U Nyi Nyi presented the medals, cash prizes and championship trophies.

Yangon Region also secured the men's championship trophy with four gold, one silver and two bronze medals, totalling seven medals, and claimed the overall championship trophy with seven gold, two silver and two bronze medals, totalling 11 medals. Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs U Than Maung presented the championship trophies to the Yangon Region team.

The 2026 Inter-State and Region Judo Championships were held from 8 to 11 September at Gymnasium C of Wunna Theikdhi Sports Complex in Nay Pyi Taw, with the aim of promoting physical fitness among the people, producing a new generation of young judo athletes and further improving the standard of Myanmar judo. A total of 238 athletes from 15 men's teams and 14 women's teams from the states and regions competed in the four-day championships. — MNA/KZL





# WORLD

## Egyptian President arrives in India for BRICS Summit

EGYPTIAN President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi arrived in the national capital on Friday to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit, with India set to host the grouping's leaders' summit on 12 September and 13 September under its 2026 chairship.

El-Sisi was received at the airport by Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth.

The arrival of the

Egyptian President comes as several key leaders and dignitaries reach the national capital for the summit.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian have also arrived in India for the BRICS Summit, while United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres is also in New Delhi for the summit. — ANI

## China-Belarus Institute of Outstanding Engineers opens in Minsk

THE inaugural academic year of the China-Belarus Institute of Outstanding Engineers was officially launched at the Belarusian National Technical University (BNTU) in Minsk on Thursday.

During the opening ceremony, Song Yanping, minister-counselor of the Chinese Embassy in Belarus, described the establishment of the institute as a landmark outcome of educational cooperation between the two countries.

Song said the institute represents a crucial effort

to integrate education, science, technology and talent development, while deepening synergies between education and industries, fostering collaboration between universities and enterprises, and promoting cross-border joint learning.

Song expressed hope that the institute would serve as an important platform and exemplary project for exchanges in engineering education, joint talent training, and collaborative technological innovation between the two countries. — Xinhua

## Algeria cuts diplomatic ties with UAE

ALGERIA will close its airspace at midnight Friday to all civilian and military aircraft registered in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the Defence Ministry said Thursday.

The measure leaves the UAE's commercial passenger flights to and from Algiers' Houari Boumediene International Airport untouched. They will continue until the end of 2026, when the existing contract expires, the min-

istry said.

Algeria on Thursday announced its decision to sever diplomatic relations with the UAE after "exhausting all avenues" to preserve their ties.

It accused the UAE of repeated "provocative or hostile actions" despite warnings. The UAE ambassador was formally notified of the decision at the foreign ministry and given 48 hours to comply. — Xinhua

## From Bishkek to New Delhi, Xi advocates Global South cooperation

*The Global South emerges for development and prospers through development.*

CHINESE President Xi Jinping is heading to New Delhi for this year's BRICS gathering just over a week after he took part in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in the Kyrgyz capital of Bishkek. The SCO "takes root in the Global South, its heart beats with the Global South, and it is an important pillar of South-South cooperation," Xi said at the Bishkek summit concluded on Tuesday last week, calling on the SCO to "promote the development and rise of the Global South through the SCO Wisdom".

The Chinese leader is expected to put forward further proposals on Global South coop-



In this file photo, Chinese President Xi Jinping attends an international summit.

PHOTO: XINHUA

eration at the upcoming BRICS summit, as he has noted that the BRICS is "standing at the forefront of the Global South". At the SCO summit last week, Xi called on countries to

"stay committed to putting development first, and open up the prospects for shared prosperity".

"The Global South emerges for development and prospers through de-

velopment. We should make ourselves the main driving force for common development," Xi said during the 2024 BRICS summit in Kazan, Russia. — Xinhua

## New York marks 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 attacks

NEW York commemorated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the devastating 11 September 2001 attacks Friday with a ceremony marked by controversy over President Donald Trump's absence and right-wing outrage over the attendance of the city's first Muslim mayor.

In an unusual move, Trump was paying his respects at the Pentagon, rather than joining the event in New York, where hijacked planes destroyed the World Trade Centre and killed most of the 2,977 total victims on that world-altering day.



The image shows the National 11 September Memorial & Museum featuring one of the large reflecting pools with One World Trade Centre rising in the background in New York City. PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Vice-President JD Vance and Trump's four living predecessors — Republican George W Bush, who was in office during the attacks, and Democrats Joe Biden, Barack Obama and Bill Clinton — were gathering at the Ground Zero site in lower Manhattan.

The ceremony, which began just after 8:40 am (1240 GMT), was designed to be apolitical, with no speeches.

Bereaved family members were reading out the names of all of those killed, with a bell tolling to mark major moments of the attack, which sparked years of US involvement in Middle East wars and bitter controversy over Washington's human rights record. — AFP