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President U Min Aung Hlaing arrives in Siem Reap from Phnom Penh

The high-level Myanmar delegation led by President U Min Aung Hlaing left Techo International Airport in Phnom Penh for Siem Reap by special aircraft at 10:15 am local standard time yesterday.

The President and party were seen off at the airport by senior officers from the Cambodian government led by Minister of Water Resources and Meteorology Mr Thor Chetha and officials.

Members of the Cambodian Guard of Honour took positions on both sides of the red carpet and rendered a salute, while a Cambodian girl presented a bouquet. Students and young people warmly bid farewell by waving small national flags of the two countries and holding photos of President U Min Aung Hlaing and His Majesty King Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni of Cambodia.

At Siem Reap Angkor International Airport in Siem Reap, the President and party were warmly welcomed by Governor of Siem Reap Mr Prak Sophoan, a representative from the Ministry of the Royal Palace of Cambodia and the Senator.

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Myanmar President U Min Aung Hlaing meets Governor of Siem Reap Mr Prak Sophoan in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Entrepreneurs Tap K100M Loan for Cotton Gins



This image shows cotton farmers harvesting their crop.

THE Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection announced that each entrepreneur is entitled to apply for up to K100 million loans from the MSME Development Fund to purchase up to four cotton ginning machines.

Cotton growers and ginning business owners seeking loans must pledge the machines as collateral, with the loan amount matching the machine value. Each machine costs approximately K25 million. The fund will accept 50 per cent of the machine's value as collateral, and applicants must provide additional collateral or obtain a credit guarantee for the remaining 50 per cent. Applicants must hold an MSME registration and apply at the local MSME agency office or the relevant regional or state Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection office.

The loan scheme aims to ensure the full processing of domestically cultivated cotton and enable farmers to gin their own cotton where feasible. — TWA/KK

MPC holds fake and false news awareness talk



The awareness-raising talk on combatting fake and false news and ensuring the accurate flow of news is in progress in Yangon on 11 September 2026.

AN awareness-raising talk on combating fake and false news and ensuring the accurate flow of news was held at the office of the Myanmar Press Council in Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region, on 11 September, according to the Myanmar Press Council.

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Objectives of 27th 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

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued at 7 pm Saturday, 12 September 2026

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal. Weather is a few clouds to partly cloudy over the South Bay of Bengal and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 13 SEPTEMBER 2026: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Magway Region and Kayah and (northern and eastern) Shan states, fairly widespread in Mandalay, Bago and Sagaing regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon and southern Shan states and widespread in the remaining regions and states, with a likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi regions and Kachin State. 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, Magway, lower Sagaing and Taninthayi regions and Kayin, Mon, Rakhine and southern Shan states. In areas along the movement of cumulonimbus clouds, weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied by rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur, and therefore it is recommended to be aware of these phenomena in advance.

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 25-30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 7-9 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Increase in rain in Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayin and Mon states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 13 SEPTEMBER 2026: One or two instances of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 13 SEPTEMBER 2026: Some rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 13 SEPTEMBER 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

14th Myanmar Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day Message from Lieutenant-General Nyunt Win Swe, Union Minister for Home Affairs and Chairperson of Central Body for Prevention and Suppression of Trafficking in Persons

13 September 2026

1. I extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to all Myanmar citizens residing throughout the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for good health and well-being in both body and mind, and for lives filled with peace, prosperity, and every blessing.
2. Since 1997, Myanmar has designated the fight against human trafficking as a national responsibility and has undertaken measures to prevent and suppress such crimes. Furthermore, Section 358 of the 2008 Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar explicitly stipulates that "The Union prohibits the enslaving and trafficking in persons." Accordingly, with a view to encouraging the entire people to participate and cooperate in combating human trafficking nationwide, 13 September was designated as Myanmar Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day in 2013. The observance has now reached its 14th anniversary.

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Statement regarding Illegal Activities of Kyaw Moe Tun, Former Permanent Representative of Myanmar to United Nations

THE Ministry of Foreign Affairs issues the following statement regarding the illegal activities of Kyaw Moe Tun, who has already been dismissed as Myanmar's Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

Kyaw Moe Tun was dismissed from civil service with effect from 27 February 2021 for failing to comply with orders and directives issued by the State, committing acts of treason against the State in violation of diplomatic ethics, and acting in allegiance to and as a representative of unlawful organizations.

Despite his dismissal from civil service, it has been found that Kyaw Moe Tun continues to use state-owned property, including the premises of the Permanent Mission of Myanmar in New York, the official residence of the Head of Mission, and a vehicle.

Furthermore, it has been learned that, as of February 2021, the funds amounting to US$2.76 million and EUR38,233.62 remained in the bank account of the Permanent Mission of Myanmar to the UN in New York. It has also been found that these remaining State funds were withdrawn and used without authorization from the State and were misused for personal interests. Therefore, Kyaw Moe Tun will be required to explain the use of the mission's funds and provide supporting evidence.

Furthermore, Kyaw Moe Tun has been in direct contact with the NUG and CRPH, which have been declared unlawful associations and terrorist organizations, and continues to act as their loyal representative. He has misused the UN platform and served as a political tool for the so-called NUG by creating a false appearance of legitimacy online and facilitating the collection of donations for the NUG. Moreover, he actively acts as an accomplice to terrorist acts by concealing, defending, and supporting unlawful violent operations targeting innocent civilians, civil servants, and public infrastructure within Myanmar on the international stage.

In connection with these acts, the Dekkhina District Court instituted Case No 32/2021 against Kyaw Moe Tun under Section 122(2) of the Penal Code for high treason against the State, and issued an arrest warrant against him. Furthermore, action has been taken against him under Section 17(1) of the Unlawful Associations Act, Section 6(1) of the Public Property Protection Act, and Section 124-A of the Penal Code. Additional legal proceedings have also been instituted against him under the Counter-Terrorism Law and Section 66(d) of the Telecommunications Law.

At present, Kyaw Moe Tun has been declared a proclaimed offender under Sections 87 and 88 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and court orders have been issued accordingly. Through INTERPOL and the United States National Central Bureau (USNCB), efforts continue via diplomatic channels, in cooperation with the Myanmar Embassy in Washington, DC, to coordinate with relevant United States law enforcement authorities for the necessary action.

In light of Kyaw Moe Tun's activities, including misuse of government funds and state-owned property, communications and activities with unlawful organizations, and use of the United Nations platform to propagate one-sided accusations as instructed by the opposition, questions have arisen about his personal credibility and his authority to represent Myanmar. Kyaw Moe Tun's continued representation of Myanmar at the United Nations does not constitute formal recognition of his legitimacy. Rather, his continued status is merely a temporary arrangement, with the Credentials Committee's decision deferred annually.

Therefore, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs informs the United Nations, the international community, and all governments maintaining diplomatic relations with Myanmar that Kyaw Moe Tun's status as a representative of Myanmar has been revoked and withdrawn. Furthermore, statements and acts of incitement by Kyaw Moe Tun do not represent the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and/or the people as a whole.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nay Pyi Taw
12 September 2026

NATIONAL

President U Min Aung Hlaing-led delegation returns from Cambodia


President U Min Aung Hlaing being welcomed back by State dignitaries and officials from the Cambodian Embassy in Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw on 12 September 2026.

Led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, the high-level Myanmar delegation departed for Myanmar yesterday evening from Siem Reap Angkor International Airport in Siem Reap after concluding a State Visit to Cambodia at the invitation of His Majesty King Norodom Sihamoni.

The President and his delegation were warmly seen off at the airport by Siem Reap Provincial Governor Mr Prak Sophoan and officials; Cambodian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Cheng Manith; Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Kyaw Soe Min; Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) Brig-Gen Zaw Win; and family members of embassy staff and personnel from the Military Attaché Office.

During the farewell, a Cambodian girl presented a commemorative bouquet, while students warmly waved small flags of both countries alongside portraits of President U Min Aung Hlaing and His Majesty King Norodom Sihamoni.

Accompanying the President on the return journey were Union ministers, the chief minister of Mandalay Region, the chief minister of Mon State, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, deputy ministers, and relevant officials who were part of the delegation.

During the visit, the President met Cambodia's Acting Head of State and Senate President Samdech Hun Sen, held bilateral talks, and met the Prime Minister and President of the National Assembly of Cambodia. During these meetings, they cordially and openly exchanged views on strengthening the existing friendly ties between Myanmar and Cambodia, enhancing mutual cooperation between the two governments, parliaments and peoples, and expanding collaboration across various sectors, including the economic, cultural and tourism sectors. They also visited historic landmarks and ancient cultural sites in Cambodia.

Subsequently, the high-level Myanmar delegation led by President U Min Aung Hlaing returned to Nay Pyi Taw Airport in the evening. They were warmly welcomed back 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 commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, and officials from the Cambodian Embassy and Military Attaché Office in Myanmar. — MNA/TH

President meets Myanmar Embassy, Military Attaché Office families, scholarship trainees in Cambodia


President U Min Aung Hlaing meets family members of the embassy and military attaché office and Myanmar scholarship trainees at the Myanmar Embassy in Phnom Penh yesterday.

Diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Cambodia have a long and positive history, with longstanding bonds of friendship and cordial relations while sharing many similarities in histories, cultures, traditions, religious practices and beliefs, said President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with staff and families of the Myanmar Embassy and the Military Attaché Office and scholarship trainees at the Myanmar Embassy in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, yesterday morning.

He noted that, leaders of the two countries have made reciprocal goodwill visits over the years and have worked to strengthen bilateral friendship and relations. He said that he had undertaken the current goodwill visit with the aim of preserving and further strengthening these longstanding and positive traditions of friendship.

As Myanmar and Cambodia share Mon-Khmer heritage, the two countries have similarities in cultures and Theravada Buddhist traditions, the President said. He added that he had learned that there were also some similarities between Mon literature and Cambodian literature. Although the two countries are not neighbouring countries, the shared cultural traditions have contributed to close and cordial relations between them.

The President said that Myanmar is primarily engaged in agri-based production, while Cambodia also places emphasis on agricultural and livestock industries. He noted that Myanmar is opening and operating technical and vocational schools focusing on industrial, agricultural and livestock-related fields in order to promote production based on agriculture and livestock and support national economic development.

He stressed that only through the development of agriculture and livestock industries can the country produce the goods it needs, meet domestic demand and increase exports. This, in turn, would improve the circulation of money within the country and contribute to growth in the national GDP.

Regarding the fight against online financial fraud and online gambling, the President said that Myanmar is undertaking efforts to eradicate such activities as a national task, while Cambodia is also taking measures to combat online scams and online gambling.

He stressed the need to seek foreign income through activities that benefit the country and to avoid methods that could harm the country and its people. While some people become involved in online scam and gambling operations as a result of threats, others knowingly participate for their own free will. He added that foreign nationals arrested in Myanmar for involvement in online financial fraud and online gambling activities have been systematically handed over to the relevant countries in accordance with the law. Myanmar nationals involved in such activities are also being taken action effectively in accordance with the law.

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NATIONAL

President U Min Aung Hlaing tours Angkor Wat and Bayon temples in Angkor Archaeological Park

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, who is on a State Visit to Siem Reap, Cambodia, accompanied by Union ministers and officials, visited the historic Angkor Wat and Bayon temples in the Angkor Archaeological Park in Siem Reap yesterday afternoon.

The President and delegation members observed the historic Angkor Wat temple, including its massive stone structures, stone sculptures, and intricate carvings on the walls depicting in detail the daily life, trade, ceremonies, wars and social conditions of the ancient Khmer people, as well as the Buddha images worshipped by the Khmer people. Officials from the Angkor Archaeological Park provided detailed explanations during the tour, and the President asked questions and discussed matters of interest.

The President presented a commemorative gift to the in-charge of the archaeological park and a duplicate of Maravijaya Buddha Image and the record book on building the image to be kept at the monastery in the archaeological park to an official.

The President and party viewed along the moat circular road in the archaeological park by car and proceeded to the ancient Bayon temple.

The President and delegation members toured the Bayon Temple and observed the ancient architectural works and stone carvings on the temple walls depicting the military affairs, culture and daily life of the Khmer Empire period.



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing visits the historic Angkor Wat temple in the Angkor Archaeological Park in Siem Reap yesterday.

The historic Angkor Wat and Bayon temples are located in the Angkor Archaeological Park in Siem Reap Province, northwestern Cambodia. The Angkor Archaeological Park is one of the world's largest historical sites. The world-renowned Angkor Wat and Bayon temples, renowned for its four-sided towers adorned with giant stone faces, and the Ta Prohm Temple, where tree roots have grown over and around the ancient structures, are prominent attractions and historic sites inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

The Angkor Wat was built in the early 12th century by King Suryavarman II as a temple dedicated to Vishnu, a Hindu deity. It was later converted into a Buddhist temple. During the reign of King Srindravarman (1295-1307), when Theravada Buddhism was adopted as the state religion of the Khmer Empire, the Angkor Wat was transformed from a Hindu temple into a Buddhist temple. It is now recognized as the world's largest religious monument and is featured as a symbol on the national flag of Cambodia.

The Bayon Temple was also built by King Jayavarman VII between the late 12th and early 13th century as a Mahayana Buddhist temple. Its most distinctive feature is the enormous stone faces carved on its towers. Originally, the temple had 54 towers bearing more than 200 faces oriented toward the four cardinal directions, of which about 37 towers remain today. The interior and exterior walls of the temple are adorned with highly detailed and beautiful bas-reliefs depicting the daily life, trade and warfare of the ancient Khmer people. As such, the Bayon is an ancient temple of great historical significance. — MNA/TTA

President U Min Aung Hlaing pays homage to Mohasangharajah Dhipiti Bour Kry at Preah Sihamoniraja Buddha University in Phnom Penh



President U Min Aung Hlaing is seen during his tour to pay homage to Mohasangharajah Dhipiti Bour Kry at the Preah Sihamoniraja Buddha University in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, yesterday.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing and delegation members paid homage to Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mohasangharajah Dhipiti Bour Kry at the Preah Sihamoniraja Buddha University in Phnom Penh, Cambodia at 8:15 am local standard time yesterday.

The President offered flowers to the Buddha image in the university and paid homage.

The President and party paid homage to the Samdech Preah Abhisiri Sugandha Mohasangharajah Dhipiti, supplicated the religious affairs and sought the words of advice. The Mohasangharajah Dhipiti explained the construction of the International Peace Cambodia-Myanmar Dormitory in Ampil Rong Village, Oudong area, Kampong Speu Province, Cambodia, as a symbol of Myanmar-Cambodia friendship. The President supplicated necessary matters.

The President offered a duplica of Maravijaya Buddha Image and the record book on construction of the image and alms to the Mohasangharajah Dhipiti who returned the gift to mark the Myanmar-Cambodian friendship.

The President and party visited the Buddha University campus. On their departure from the university, students and officials cordially bid farewell to the President and party. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

Flood recovery measures underway in Kyonpyaw

FLOOD recovery and rehabilitation work is underway in Kyonpyaw District, Ayeyawady Region, following flooding caused by water breaching the sandy section of the Ngawun embankment in Laymyethna Township.

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Aye Kyaw, accompanied by officials, inspected the ongoing rehabilitation work yesterday morning. He encouraged flood-affected residents preparing to return home as water levels receded and provided relief supplies, including rice, cooking oil, salt and pulses.

The chief minister also met residents who had returned to their homes Pohtaung Village in Kyonpyaw, and provided them with relief supplies. He inspected water flow conditions along the drainage route from Darka Creek in Thaungywa Village tract.

In Yekyi, relief-supplies were provided to flood-affected residents sheltering at the indoor sports hall and those who had returned home in Pateintan Road, Bahtoo Ward.

The chief minister also inspected cleaning work at Ngathainggyoung Township Hospital to prepare for its reopening. Staff from government departments, firefighters, social assistance groups and residents were taking part in the work. He later provided relief supplies to flood-affected residents who had returned home on Thura Lwin Road in Aung San Ward, Ngathainggyoung, and inspected the reopening of shops as floodwaters receded. — IPRD/KZL



Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Aye Kyaw and officials meet local communities in Kyonpyaw Township.

Guna Visitha Puja ceremony, 46th Maha/ Cula graduation ceremony held

THE Guna Visitha Puja Ceremony and the 46th Maha/Cula Graduation Ceremony were held yesterday at 1 pm at Aung San Hall in Tatkon.



The Guna Visitha Puja Ceremony and the 46th Maha/Cula Graduation ceremony are underway in Tatkon Township.

The ceremony was attended by the Presiding Patron of Shwe Inn Yeiktha Monastery and Township Ovadacariya Sayadaw, Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru title holder Bhaddanta Neminda; Member of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and Shwe Inn Yeiktha Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasami; the Chairman of the Township Sangha Nayaka Association; Supervisory Board Sayadaws; Sayadaws and nuns who received titles presented by the Union Government on Independence Day 2026; Sanghas and nuns who received honours in the Government Dhammacariya and Pali Pahtamapyan examinations; Dhammacariya graduate monks and nuns; senior, middle and junior Pahtamapyan monks and nuns; Deputy Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw U Maung Maung Ohn; Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Aung Zeya and officials; township authorities; the Chairman and members of the Township Upathambhaka Committee; and donors.

The biographies of the Sayadaws and nuns who received the honorary titles was read out.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker supplicated to Sayadaws and monks on religious matters.

The Deputy Speaker and the congregation presented the respective titles, MRTV DTH satellite receivers, donations and cash awards to the Ovadacariya Sayadaws, Supervisory Sayadaws, graduate Sayadaws, and Dhammacariya and Pahtamapyan graduate monks and nuns. — IPRD/MKKS

Falam Launches Mass Cleanup Drive

COLLECTIVE cleaning activities were carried out at a football ground and an gymnasium in Kinmawl Ward, Falam, yesterday morning as part of activities to mark Myanmar Police Force Day.

Local police personnel, departmental officials and residents took part in the cleaning. Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Thant Zaw Lwin, together with the Chin State Minister for Natural Resources and members of the Chin State Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Committee, inspected and encouraged the work.

In the afternoon, the deputy minister inspected renovation and construction work on government offices and staff housing in Falam, including the Falam District Immigration and Population Department office, District Audit Office and Township General Administration Department office.

Meanwhile, collective cleaning activities were also carried out in Tiddim District. Local officials, security personnel, departmental staff, ward development committee members and residents cleaned areas including Lwebwa Ward, a Basic Education affiliated Middle School, roadsides along Kanhauk Road and the old market. — MNA/KZL

President U Min Aung Hlaing arrives in Siem ...

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The Governor of Siem Reap paid a courtesy call on the President at the hotel where the Myanmar delegation stays.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed that the Angkor Archaeological Park in Siem Reap Province is a UNESCO-listed site with numerous valuable ancient cultural heritage sites comparable to the Bagan Archaeological Zone in Myanmar. They also talked about the ways to promote tourism between Siem Reap and Bagan, and the need for Cambodia to provide care and protection to Myanmar citizens working in the tourism and service sectors in Siem Reap in accordance with Cambodian laws.

The Siem Reap Governor hosted a luncheon in honour of the high-level Myanmar delegation led by the President. — MNA/TTA

President meets Myanmar Embassy, Military Attaché Office families, scholarship trainees in ...

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He stressed that staff of the embassy and military attaché office, together with their families, should keep eyes on the accurate history and current situation of the country, and learn the history, current development and bilateral relations with the country in which they are serving duties, to further strengthen bilateral relations.

Regarding language learning, the President urged those studying and serving abroad to continuously learn the language and literature of their host country, saying that language proficiency would help strengthen relations with the countries concerned and contribute to closer bilateral ties. He also called for Myanmar nationals in Cambodia to be assisted and protected in accordance with the law and urged them to live together in unity and harmony.

After the meeting, the President presented foodstuffs and cash awards to embassy and military attaché office staff, their families, and trainees through the Ambassador and the Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air).

The President visited the site where a new Myanmar Embassy building in Cambodia is to be constructed. — MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL

President's Office Spokesperson responds to media queries


Dr Khine Khine Soe.

AT the invitation of His Majesty King Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni of Cambodia, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing paid a State Visit to Cambodia. The following is a summary of the explanations and responses given by Dr Khine Khine Soe, Deputy Minister at the Office of the President and spokesperson at the Office of the President, in response to media questions regarding the State Visit.

In her clarification, she highlighted that the high-level Myanmar delegation led by the President was warmly welcomed by Cambodia. The Cambodian people who came out to welcome the delegation were truly warm and enthusiastic.

She revealed that President U Min Aung Hlaing met Samdech Hun Sen, Acting Head of State of Cambodia. He also met the Prime Minister and the President of the National Assembly. In each of these meetings, the leaders expressed their support for the political reforms currently being undertaken in Myanmar and encouraged the peace process. They also recognized Myanmar's efforts to re-engage with and reconcile with ASEAN and the international community.

She outlined that Cambodia will fully support Myanmar's resumption of its active participation in ASEAN as before, and will also provide full support on the international stage. This has been the consistent position expressed during the visits to the three ASEAN countries. Now, in the fourth country the Myanmar delegation has visited, they have conveyed the same message as the previous three countries.

These countries have stated that they will fully support Myanmar in relation to ASEAN and fully support Myanmar's position that Myanmar will pursue its own path in accordance with the Myanmar Way. Such support will be of great assistance to the processes that Myanmar needs to undertake going forward, particularly in terms of re-engaging with and reintegrating into ASEAN.

The deputy minister also revealed that Siem Reap and Bagan are Sister Cities. An agreement was reached to continue promoting their Sister City relationship and to further implement the "Two Countries, One Destination" initiative. Discussions were also held on expanding direct air services between the two countries and on promoting trade in Myanmar's agricultural and certain industrial products, including their export to Cambodia.

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Ayeyawady to implement annual riverbank conservation, protection works

RIVERBANK conservation and protection works will be implemented annually on a financial-year basis in Ayeyawady Region, according to the regional government.

Currently, the Ayeyawady Region Government is carrying out riverbank protection works by deploying floating units at Oakshitgon Village, Hinthada Township, Ayeyawady Region, where riverbank erosion is occurring due to currents in the Ngawun River. To prevent further riverbank collapses caused by erosion and carry out protection works in a timely manner, vulnerable areas are being monitored continuously, with priority given to emergency bank protection works where necessary.

To prevent damage caused by riverbank collapses to residential areas, roads, bridges, schools and public buildings, hazardous locations will continue to be monitored in coordination with relevant departments, and riverbank conservation and protection works will be implemented on a financial-year basis where necessary. — ASH/TH


This photo features officials from Ayeyawady Region government inspecting riverbank protection works.

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3. Human trafficking is one of the gravest forms of human rights violation and constitutes a transnational crime being combatted by countries around the world, as it severely undermines and destroys the development of humanity as a whole and human dignity. Along with changes in global trends and advances in technology, contemporary forms of human trafficking have become increasingly sophisticated and complex. In particular, trafficking in persons associated with online forced labour and online fraud perpetrated through the use of cyber technology has emerged as a new challenge for countries in the region, including Myanmar.
4. In Myanmar, under the leadership of the Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons, four Working Committees and Regional Bodies for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons at various levels have been systematically established. Five-year National Plans have been formulated to implement activities relating to Policy and Cooperation, Prevention, Prosecution, and Protection, with three strategies, four tactics, and four areas of work identified and implemented accordingly.
5. At present, the relevant ministries are systematically and harmoniously implementing the activities set out in the 2026 Work Plan, which is the fifth year of the Fourth Five-Year National Plan for Combatting Trafficking in Persons in Myanmar (2022-2026), with a view to completing the planned activities within the designated period.
6. Myanmar ratified the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNCTOC), adopted in 2000, together with its supplementary protocols, namely the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, on 30 March 2004. Myanmar also ratified the ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (ACTIP) on 6 January 2017.
7. Furthermore, Myanmar has been actively striving to prevent and suppress human trafficking by signing Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with neighbouring countries on bilateral cooperation in combating human trafficking, and by actively participating in regional and international cooperation mechanisms, including the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking (COMMIT), the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), the Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime (Bali Process), the Lancang-Mekong Integrated Law Enforcement and Security Cooperation Centre (LMLECC), and the ASEAN Multi-Sectoral Work Plan (2023-2028), including the BOHOL TIP Work Plan 2.0.
8. In Myanmar, cases of trafficking in persons for forced marriage to neighbouring countries, forced prostitution, forced labour, other forms of sexual exploitation, and the removal of human organs, among others, have been uncovered and perpetrators have been arrested.
9. Effective and prompt investigations were conducted to expose perpetrators of human trafficking and impose appropriate legal penalties in accordance with the law. From January 2026 to date, 235 offenders involved in 83 exposed cases have been prosecuted under the Prevention and Suppression of Trafficking in Persons Law, leading to the rescue of 143 trafficked victims. Findings reveal that among Trafficking in Persons cases, forced marriage accounted for 63.86 per cent, forced labour for 15.66 per cent, forced prostitution for 14.46 per cent, other forms of sexual exploitation for 4.82 per cent, and removal of organs from the body of any other person at 1.20 per cent. Consequently, relevant ministries are extensively collaborating through technological means to effectively suppress organized crime rings and prevent deceptive recruitment tactics that utilize fake job advertisements and financial incentives across social media platforms.
10. Regarding sentencing, from January 2026 to date, appropriate legal penalties were imposed on 122 offenders involved in 69 cases convicted under the Prevention and Suppression of Trafficking in Persons Law. Among them, two were sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment, 33 to 20 years' imprisonment, 79 to 10 years and above, and eight to under 10 years' imprisonment.

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Weekly Roundup

6 September

President U Min Aung Hlaing and spouse welcomed by Vietnamese counterpart

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing and spouse Daw Kyu Kyu Hla were welcomed by President of the SRV Mr To Lam and spouse at the square of the National Assembly Building with the Guard of Honour, and they held a bilateral meeting.

Myanmar, Vietnam discuss cooperation among parliaments

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing held talks with Chairman of the National Assembly of Viet Nam Mr Tran Thanh Man at the National Assembly Building in Hanoi.

Myanmar, Vietnam to deepen multi-sector ties

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing held a meeting with Prime Minister of Viet Nam Mr Le Minh Hung at the Grand Hall of the Government Office in Hanoi.

VP U Nyo Saw arrives back in Yangon

Vice-President U Nyo Saw, who attended the 11th Eastern Economic Forum in the Russian Federation, left Russia for Yangon by air on the morning of 5 September. The Vice-President arrived back in Yangon on the same evening.

7 September

Myanmar, Vietnam seek to expand trade and investment cooperation

The Myanmar-Vietnam Business Forum was held in Hanoi with the aim of promoting trade and investment between the two countries, with President U Min Aung Hlaing calling for greater bilateral economic cooperation and increased Vietnamese investment in Myanmar.

President U Min Aung Hlaing and party return from Vietnam

President U Min Aung Hlaing and spouse Daw Kyu Kyu Hla left Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi after an official visit to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at the invitation of Vietnamese President Mr To Lam and spouse, and arrived back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

9 September

President U Min Aung Hlaing to make State Visit to Cambodia

At the invitation of His Majesty Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni, King of the Kingdom of Cambodia, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar His Excellency U Min Aung Hlaing will pay a State Visit to the Kingdom of Cambodia in the near future.

2026 International Literacy Day marked

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing delivered an address at the ceremony to mark the 2026 International Literacy Day at the convocation hall of the Naypyitaw State Academy in Nay Pyi Taw.

Myanmar releases its position on so-called IIMM

During the 63rd session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 7 September to 9 October 2026, an enhanced interactive dialogue on the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the report of the so-called Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (IIMM) took place on 7 September. Myanmar reaffirms its strong objection to the mandate of the so-called IIMM and categorically rejects all of its publications and statements, including its Eighth Annual Report submitted to the Human Rights Council.

12 September

President meets Samdech Hun Sen

President U Min Aung Hlaing 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.

Myanmar-Cambodian leaders meet

President U Min Aung Hlaing met Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Manet at the Cambodian Prime Minister's Office.

Myanmar President meets Cambodian National Assembly President

President U Min Aung Hlaing held a meeting with President of the National Assembly of Cambodia Mrs Samdech Khuon Sundary at the meeting hall of the National Assembly building. — GNLM/TTA

14th Myanmar Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day Message from Lieutenant-General ...

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11. It has been identified that illegal recruitment operations are actively taking place, using seductive incentives to persuade and transport individuals to various destinations, including neighbouring countries and the Middle East. Legal action has been taken against these illegal brokers under the 1999 Law Relating to Overseas Employment, and appropriate assistance has been provided to the victims in accordance with the law. From January 2026 to date, 23 cases have been prosecuted under the Law Relating to Overseas Employment, leading to legal action taken against a total of 73 offenders, comprising 34 males and 39 females.
12. As prevention serves as an effective deterrent, public awareness campaigns against human trafficking, including crime news, articles, poems, short stories, songs, and educational panel discussions, are being broadcast and published through state-owned media, alongside awareness messages sent via mobile phone SMS operators. Furthermore, hotline channels have been expanded, enabling the effective receipt of information, real-time investigation, legal action, and victim rescue operations. In addition, relevant ministries are collaborating to raise public awareness not only in urban areas but also down to rural communities by conducting anti-trafficking awareness lectures, erecting educational billboards, and distributing pamphlets and stickers in high-traffic public areas such as bus terminals, jetties, airports, and railway stations.
13. Educational programs on safe migration are actively being conducted to raise awareness among individuals intending to work abroad about the risks of illegal migration, including potential human trafficking, forced labour, denial of full labour rights, and limited employment opportunities. Furthermore, preventive measures are being implemented at international airports, where departing individuals are provided with WhatsApp and Viber QR codes that allow them to contact the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Police Force directly for assistance.
14. In addition, close cooperation with relevant ministries is being carried out to repatriate foreign nationals back to their respective countries in response to requests for assistance submitted by foreign embassy representatives in Myanmar and via Interpol's National Central Bureau (NCB) channels, on behalf of foreigners who entered Myanmar through border areas for various reasons and encountered diverse hardships.
15. As fraudulent recruitment for illegal online gambling dens and online scam operations in border areas is increasingly carried out through organized crime networks, joint efforts with relevant ministries have been intensified to prevent illegal entry and human trafficking. Inspection and educational activities are being actively conducted at city checkpoints, bilateral border crossings, and international airports to raise awareness, intercept individuals, and facilitate their safe return home.
16. To combat online scams involving deceptive recruitment, labour exploitation, forced labour, and human trafficking, the Anti-Online Scam Law was enacted on 31 July 2026, under Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No 3. This legislation enables effective collaboration with both domestic and international organizations to ensure real-time technical monitoring, investigation, and enforcement against online fraud. Ultimately, it aims to protect the public from the devastating financial and personal losses caused by these scams.
17. In terms of protection, victim care and rehabilitation support, including psycho-social counselling, family reintegration, and vocational and skills training, are being provided through tailored service plans for each victim, in accordance with the National Standard Operating Procedures for the Repatriation, Reintegration and Rehabilitation of Victims of Trafficking in Persons. During court proceedings, victims are provided with travel expenses, food and rations, medical costs, and follow-up livelihood assistance. In addition, necessary support, referral services, and follow-up care for victims are implemented in collaboration with relevant ministries.
18. Relevant ministries are collaborating to ensure the safe return of Myanmar citizens who have entered foreign countries illegally and encountered hardship – whether through the deception of brokers, by their own choice, or due to various other reasons. Efforts are also being made to identify vulnerable groups among migrant workers who are at risk of being trafficked, providing them with direct assistance, repatriation, family reintegration, and rehabilitation services.
19. To ensure effective and successful implementation, harmonious efforts must be made across the four operational pillars of Myanmar's Fourth Five-Year National Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons (2022-2026), which comprise: 23 action items under the Policy and Cooperation sector, 16 action items under the Prevention sector, 20 action items under the Prosecution sector, and 25 action items under the Protection sector.
20. In a nation's development, children and youth constitute vital human resources. Under the leadership of the Central Body, relevant ministries must prioritize and implement measures to protect them from human trafficking stemming from online scam operations, as well as related forced labour practices.
21. Therefore, in line with the theme for the 14th Myanmar Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day in 2026, "Trapped behind the scam", I believe that by remaining Watchful against deceptive offers and traps, verifying information thoroughly to prevent becoming victims of human trafficking, and protecting our families and communities through awareness, we can collectively participate in combating human trafficking and build a safe, secure environment, thereby reducing trafficking in persons in Myanmar.

OPINION

Base plans on accurate and reliable data

Relevant officials at each level need to systematically verify the actual situation on the ground and the accuracy of statistical data before submitting the findings to higher authorities for implementation. If the data are inaccurate, they could lead to erroneous decisions in the formulation of plans and may result in ineffective policies.

Historical records show that different conflicts were largely rooted in economic decline. Therefore, officials at the Union level and at the regional and state levels need to accurately report the actual conditions prevailing in the country to the government. As plans and projects aimed at promoting national economic development are formulated and implemented based on calculations derived from the submitted statistical data, it is essential to systematically verify and report the actual situation on the ground and ensure the accuracy of all statistical data.

Accurate statistical data are indispensable when formulating policies for national development. However, officials responsible for reporting the actual conditions and accurate data at the regional and sectoral levels sometimes submit inaccurate information, resulting in a chain of errors. Inaccurate data lead to incorrect decisions, and incorrect decisions in turn result in flawed policies. Instead of promoting national development, flawed policies can lead to inflation, high unemployment and economic decline.

> Accurate and precise statistical data can faithfully reflect the actual situation on the ground and enable necessary measures to be carried out without error. The data must be complete, with no gaps in essential information, up to date and relevant to current conditions rather than outdated. Data and information presented across different systems or locations must be consistent and not contradictory. They should also be obtained from reliable surveys, research studies and official sources.

Accurate statistical data reflect the actual situation on the ground and can identify areas of weakness. They help ensure that financial resources are allocated where they are genuinely needed and can reduce waste and losses. By using accurate data, the most beneficial and effective course of action can be selected. The progress of a policy can be monitored through quantitative indicators, enabling the success or failure of an implementation process to be assessed and compared. If necessary, timely adjustments can then be made.

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As the government begins to accelerate efforts to ensure national stability and peace and promote economic development, it is important to make sound decisions and avoid errors in policymaking. Therefore, officials at each level must accurately report the actual conditions prevailing in the country and systematically ensure the accuracy of the statistical data they submit.

BOOKRACK

POEM



Book Title	-	Memory
Author	-	Dr Khin Maung Lwin (FAME)
Publishing House	-	FAME Publishing House
Publication Date	-	April 2026 (1st Edition)
Price	-	K30,000

Memory

THIS week, we would like to introduce readers to an excellent new book by Dr Khin Maung Lwin (FAME). As a medical doctor holding an MBBS degree and the founder of FAME Pharmaceuticals, the author possesses an in-depth, scientific understanding of medicine and natural dietary supplements. This publication marks the 57th title released by Fame Publishing House. The author notes that numerous international works were consulted and referenced in compiling this volume. Modern medical science has revealed that memory can be both trained and modified, a core premise emphasized throughout the work. Throughout life – whether for pursuing education, passing examinations, or achieving peak professional performance – memory is essential. However, as people grow older or become busier, many tend to give up on themselves, resigning to thoughts like "My memory isn't good anymore" or "I'm so forgetful." Written by medical expert and founder of FAME Pharmaceuticals, Dr Khin Maung Lwin, Memory dismantles these misconceptions, serving as a practical guide demonstrating how memory can be scientifically maintained, repaired, and enhanced.

The book begins with the foundational research of German psychologist Dr Hermann Ebbinghaus, who conducted the world's first scientific experiments on memory and learning. It explains his key findings, including the Forgetting Curve – which shows that forgetting occurs most rapidly right after information is learned – the Spacing Effect, which proves that spaced learning over time is far more effective than cramming in one sitting, and the Serial Position Effect, where the first and last items in a series are remembered best. Across ten structured chapters, the book analyzes how input enters the brain via the five senses (sight, hearing, smell, taste, touch) and how it transitions from short-term memory to long-term storage.

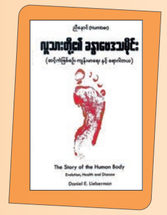
A key highlight is the scientific explanation of how quality sleep cleanses toxins from the brain via the glymphatic system and facilitates memory consolidation. Alongside theoretical foundations, it offers accessible, practical guidance on natural nutrients that support brain health, as well as medications and poor habits to avoid.

The author emphasizes that natural forgetfulness can be mitigated through practice, noting that the human brain remains fundamentally superior to current trending AI technologies, which are still striving to match the capabilities of the human mind.

Furthermore, the book outlines actionable ways to prevent age-related cognitive decline and memory deterioration.

By demystifying complex neuroscience into plain, accessible language and presenting it neatly on fine-quality art paper, this book is highly recommended as a must-have reference for students, test-takers, professionals seeking cognitive optimization, and health-conscious readers alike.

Readers will gain an accessible overview of medical insights regarding memory, discovering how sensory inputs are encoded into short- and long-term storage. Packed with practical dos and don'ts – from daily lifestyle habits and optimal foods to medications to steer clear of – it is a thoroughly rewarding read.



Book Title	-	The Story of the Human Body: Evolution, Health, and Disease By Daniel E Lieberman
Translator	-	Nyi Naung (Humber)
Publishing House	-	Genius Book House
Publication Date	-	September 2026 (1st Edition)
Price	-	K35,000

The Story of the Human Body: Evolution, Health, and Disease by Daniel E Lieberman

THIS book is a Myanmar translation by the author Nyi Naung (Humber) of the original work, The Story of the Human Body: Evolution, Health, and Disease, by Daniel E Lieberman, Professor of Biological Sciences specializing in human evolutionary biology at Harvard University. It is a remarkable work that examines the human body through the lens of evolution.

The book is divided into three parts. Part I describes the major stages of human evolution. It broadly outlines the evolutionary history of the human body from millions of years ago to the present day. Readers will learn about bipedalism, how this change began millions of years ago, brought benefits in foraging, but also created weaknesses such as lower back pain and knee and ankle problems. Moreover, readers can delve into Dietary Shifts, how humans came to eat grains, eggs, and meat and Brain Development, how massive amounts of energy demands led to the development of fat storage systems in the body.

In Part II, it analyzes how the Agricultural and Industrial Revolutions changed the human body, while Part III presents the chronic diseases encountered in the modern world and their solutions.

The key concept of this book is the evolutionary "Mismatch Hypothesis." Although the human body evolved for the lifestyle of Stone Age humans, it no longer matches today's modern environment. The author emphasized that we did not evolve for health; we were selected to have as many offspring as possible under challenging conditions.

The book begins with the question: "Why are our human bodies the way they are? Why do we suffer from these illnesses and diseases?" Lieberman's answer is simple yet profound.

Our bodies are the result of millions of years of evolution, and that body is no longer matched to the modern environment we now inhabit.

In the introduction to Chapter 1, titled What Are Humans Adapted For?, it begins with a quote from Winston Churchill: "The farther backwards you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see".

"Have you ever heard of a 'mystery monkey'? In 2012, at the Republican National Convention held in Tampa, Florida, the bizarre incident of a mystery monkey was quite popular. The mystery monkey roaming in Florida was a red-bottomed monkey that had escaped from somewhere unknown, foraging through garbage bins, eating, and causing trouble with cars.

Furthermore, Lieberman introduces the Dysevolution process, where modern cultural and medical interventions treat the symptoms of evolutionary mismatch diseases instead of addressing their root causes, causing diseases to persist or worsen. Lieberman uses evolutionary data to urge the creation of a health-promoting environment. Only by understanding the evolution of the human body can we prevent modern diseases. He suggests that environmental changes such as restricting sugary drinks in schools and encouraging stair use can have beneficial effects.

The Story of the Human Body is written in a clear and straightforward style, making complex concepts and scientific content easily accessible for readers. Although the book has many pages, it is compelling to read. Those who want to learn about our bodies or understand the roots of modern health problems should read this book.



A Daughter of the Soil

By Min Min Zan

With gentle hands, she tends the land,
And sows the seeds with hope so grand.
Beneath the sun, through sweat and toil,
She brings forth life from Myanmar's soil.
Her basket filled with harvest bright,
She works for every home's delight.
O noble maid, your deeds proclaim,
A nation's strength, a farmer's name.

ယင်

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The Fly

By William Blake,
Translated by Myint Zan

Little fly,
Thy summer's play My thoughtless hand
Has brushed away.
Am not I
A fly like thee?
Or art not thou
A man like me?
For I dance
And drink and sing, Till some blind hand
Shall brush my wing.
If thought is life
And strength and breath, And the want
Of thought is death,
Then am I
A happy fly,
If I live, Or if I die.



With a full stomach,
The little bird coming back
Is cussed and censured;
From the palace, may the master
Say it badly in anger.

In the living room with a whitish shadow,
At the beautifully flowered birdcage –
I don't think it wealthy but unhappy;
Fed by the master, a sweet taste
Is in a negative sense though it's food;
Only to the old place
Would I like to fly back?

Any bird
Here and there in its habitat
Wants to fly back and forth –
The master is wanted to get it.

Any bird is roaming
For food from anywhere
All by itself on its own initiative
Pretty fully for a living –
The master is wanted to know it.

By my wings flapping,
Running to the country and singing,
I have come back home again.

Original Poem by Maung Sein Win (Padeegon)
Translated by Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

NATIONAL
Entertainment



Daughter, singer father honour late mother with donation

THIRI J MAUNG MAUNG and her father, veteran singer J Maung Maung, held a donation ceremony on 10 September to mark the eighth anniversary of the passing of her mother, Daw Sandy Kyaw Din.

They donated rice and other offerings to 17 monks and 42 nuns at Kanbawza Nunnery. They also carried out meritorious deeds by feeding fish and releasing 11 fish as a life-saving donation. – TWA/KTZH

'Moe Nya' music concert ready for music lovers



A special music show, titled 'Moe Nya ', featuring popular 1990s singers Myo Kyawt Myaing, Si Thu Lwin and Tracy, will be held at Yangon Social in Yangon on 26 September.

The concert will feature refreshed performances of nostalgic songs from the past, with the Daily Gita Band providing musical accompaniment. The venue will open at 5 pm, with the performances starting at 7 pm. – TWA/KTZH



Inheritance drama ready for fans

The family drama film 'Inheritance', jointly produced by H&L and Khettiya Film Production, will be screened nationwide this September.

The film explores inheritance disputes, suspense and power dynamics within the family of a wealthy business tycoon. Academy Awratha directed the film, which stars Academy Nay Toe and Nay Aung, along with Zin Aung, Naw Phaw Eh Htar, War So Moe Oo, Yamin May Oo, Soe Moe Kyi and other artistes. – TWA/KTZH

Director-actor duo unveils AI driven superhero epic

DIRECTOR and actor Banyar Han has teamed up with actor Nay Htoo Naing to produce a new Marvel-style film incorporating AI technology.

The film, which is currently in the editing stage, combines AI technology with the actors' performances and aims to offer audiences a fresh cinematic experience. Banya Han said the new project is expected to be more innovative than Nay Htoo Naing's previously popular film 'Mee Let War'. – TWA/KTZH



Director/actor Banyar Han and actor Nay Htoo Naing.



Academy actor donates to mark birthday

ACADEMY actor Nay Toe donated K5 million to the Ziwita Dana Monastic Hospital in Yangon as his birthday charity.

The donation was made to establish a medicine fund at the hospital, with the merit dedicated to all seven-day-born people. – TWA/KTZH

J'Donuts' traditional performing arts show commences on 11 Sept



J'DONUTS' traditional performing arts show, titled 'The Sweetest J'Donuts Night and the Most Beautiful Aung Zabu Performing Arts Night', was held at Yangon Convention Centre (YCC) on 11 September.

The event showcased the beauty of Myanmar traditional performing arts in a spacious indoor venue, allowing audiences to enjoy the performances comfortably. – TWA/KTZH

Venue for theatrical star performance changed to Yadanabon Hall



The venue for the 'San Yay Moe' traditional performing arts show, scheduled for 13 September in Mandalay, has been changed from Mandalay Convention Centre (MCC) to Yadanabon Hall.

The event will be held from 1 pm to 10 pm, with audiences allowed to enter the hall from 10:30 am. The new venue is located at the corner of 78th and 38th streets in Mahaaungmyay Township. – TWA/KTZH

NATIONAL

Kyaiktiyo to begin Buddha Pujaniya Festival on Thadingyut Full Moon

THE Buddha Pujaniya Festival at Kyaiktiyo Pagoda in Kyaiktiyo Township, Mon State, will begin on the Full Moon of Thadingyut, according to U Soe Hla, Chairman of the Kyaiktiyo Pagoda Trustees Board.



Pilgrims are seen at the Kyaiktiyo Pagoda.

The festival runs from the Full Moon of Thadingyut to the Full Moon of Kason. This year, the festival will be held as usual, with 152 buses operating to transport pilgrims up and down the mountain.

"The Buddha Pujaniya Festival at Kyaiktiyo Pagoda will begin on the Full Moon of Thadingyut. The opening ceremony for Kyaiktiyo Mountain will be held on the Full Moon of Thadingyut. As visitors from across the country will come to the pagoda, 152 mountain buses will operate, while the cable car will also run as usual," said U Soe Hla.

In addition, hotels and guesthouses, as well as a four-storey free guesthouse operated by the trustees, will be ready to accommodate pilgrims from across the country. The pagoda compound will be kept clean and well maintained, while restaurants and souvenir shops will operate as usual. A clinic will also be opened in the pagoda compound to provide healthcare services to pilgrims. — ASH/MKKS

Staff capacity-strengthening test and agri-awareness discussion held



PHOTO: KO LWIN – OKTHA

A staff performance assessment test and an agricultural awareness discussion were held in the meeting room of the Yangon Region Department of Agriculture yesterday morning.

In the morning, as part of efforts to improve staff performance, staff members took a written test covering the Department of Agriculture's objectives, vision, duties, policies and agricultural knowledge.

In the afternoon, Kyauktan Township Department of Agriculture Head U Zarni Hlaing briefed staff members on current climate change, the El Niño phenomenon, and the agricultural sector, while Thanlyin District Department of Agriculture Head Dr Win Than discussed pesticide use and the elimination of pesticide residues. A total of 70 agricultural experts and staff members from the regional department attended the staff performance assessment test and agricultural awareness discussion. — Oktha/MKKS

Flood Warning

Issued at 8 am MST on 12 September 2026

ACCORDING to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Sittoung River at Toungoo is observed to be about nine inches below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next 36 hours.

According to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Toe River at Maubin is observed to be about three inches below its danger level. It may exceed about six inches above its danger level during the high tide period over the next day.

It is especially alert to the people who settle near the river banks, and low-lying areas in Toungoo and Maubin Townships should take precautionary measures and stay away from the flood-prone areas in time if the water level rises. — DMH

Heavy Rainfall Warning No 74

Issued at 8 am MST on 12 September 2026

ACCORDING to the observations at 6:30 am MST today, due to the monsoon will be strong over the Andaman Sea and the South Bay of Bengal, the strong development of the convective clouds and the remnant of low-pressure cell over the coast of middle Vietnam 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 a likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin and Mon states from today morning to 16 September 2026.

Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 25-30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 7-9 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

People should be aware that the monsoon will be strong over the Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal, with strong development of convective clouds and the remnant of low-pressure cells over the coast of central Vietnam, such as heavy rainfall with strong winds, flash floods, and landslides in the hilly areas and near small rivers and inland water transport and domestic flights. — DMH

Flood Bulletin

Issued at 8 am MST on 12 September 2026

ACCORDING to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Thanlwin River at Hpa-an has exceeded by about six inches above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level within the next day.

It is strongly advised that people living near the riverbanks and in low-lying areas in Hpa-an stay alert. — DMH

Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 7 am MST on 12 September

ACCORDING to observations at 5:30 am MST today, the low-pressure area over the Northwest-Westcentral Bay of Bengal and adjoining South Odisha-North Andhra Pradesh coasts has crossed the coastal areas of South Odisha-North Andhra Pradesh, India. It is likely to move west- northwestwards and across the interior region of India during the next 24 hours. This is the last news for the Low-Pressure Area. — DMH

MPC holds fake and false news awareness talk

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During the talk, National Literary Awardee writer Dr Tin Tun Oo gave a presentation on "Combatting Fake and False News", while U Khin Maung Kyaw Din, retired Editor-in-Chief of the Kyemon newspaper, spoke on "Ensuring the Accurate Flow of News".

Officials from the Myanmar Press Council and the Office of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, representatives from the press and news media, and interested persons attended the talk. — ASH/KZL

President's Office Spokesperson responds ...

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She recounted that Discussions were also held on expanding direct air services and promoting trade and exports of certain agricultural and industrial products from Myanmar to Cambodia. Moreover, the President proposed establishing a route from Ho Chi Minh City to Phnom Penh, from Phnom Penh to Bangkok, and from Bangkok to Dawei Deep-Sea Port, which would provide a direct overland route for regional countries to access the Indian Ocean.

With regard to border problems, the President said that border issues exist to varying degrees among countries that share borders. The most important thing is to find the best ways to resolve such issues through negotiations and discussions, and then establish joint committees to address them through the most appropriate means. The key message conveyed was that border issues should be resolved peacefully.

In implementing the East-West Corridor, she recounted that the route would involve four countries, running from Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam to Phnom Penh in Cambodia and then to Bangkok. The route can only be implemented once the border issues have been resolved. As the corridor would bring economic, social, diplomatic and cultural benefits, the President urged that the border issues be resolved peacefully and that efforts be made to reach mutually acceptable solutions while taking into account the interests of the region. — News Team/TTA

NATIONAL
BUSINESS

Tenders called for materials, machinery for Ayeyawady Bridge (Thayet-Aunglan) project



The photo shows a general view of the Ayeyawady Bridge (Thayet-Aunglan) Project.

THE Bridges Department's Construction Task Force 3, under the Ministry of Construction, has invited national entrepreneurs to submit open tender for the procurement, transport, and rental of construction materials and machinery for the Ayeyawady Bridge (Thayet-Aunglan) project in Magway Region.

The project is funded under the 2026-2027 Union Budget. Tender forms will be available from 14 September at the Bridges Department on Myitta Road, South Okkalapa Township, Yangon, and Ayeyawady Bridge (Thayet-Aunglan) project office, and the deadline for the submission is 4 pm on 29 September.

Bids will be opened at 10 am on 30 September at the Director (Civil) Office, Ayeyawady Bridge (Thayet-Aunglan), Aunglan. Individuals can contact the Tender Committee via 09 43165108, 09 5175675, 09 401556233, or 09 254322540 for further details. — NN/KK

MAC opens applications for Diploma in Accountancy

THE Myanmar Accountancy Council is now accepting applications for the Diploma in Accountancy (Part 1) Batch 46.

The course will commence on 1 December from 7 am to 8:50 am from Monday to Saturday at the Advanced Accounting and Auditing Training School in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon, under the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union. The programme consists of Part I (first year) and Part II (second year).

Trainees must attend at least 60 per cent of total training hours at the Advanced Accounting and Auditing Training School in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw or Private Accounting Training School registered with Myanmar Accountancy Council. Those falling short must reregister and complete the requirement in the following academic year.

Modulebased examinations are permitted under Notification 15/2020 date 29 September 2020 and Notification 24/2026 dated 25 May 2026.

Applications are available between 10 am and 3 pm from 10 to 30 September during office hours at Advanced Accounting and Auditing Training School (Yangon), 1/19, Thakin Mya Garden Street, Ahlon Township, Yangon, or Advanced Accounting and Auditing Training School at Office 12 in Nay Pyi Taw.

The form fee is K1,000. Applicants must submit the following documents along with their application: Degree certificate (original and copy), citizenship scrutiny card after 18-year-old age, two one inch by one inch passport-sized photos taken within one month. Civil servants attending councilrun courses must present approval letter from the relevant department head.

Applicants must also register online at: https://registration.oagmac.gov.mm/register/. Except for those awaiting graduation ceremonies, all applicants must present the original degree certificate. Incomplete applications or those submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

The list of successful candidates will be announced on 14 October on notice boards at the training schools in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon, and on the council's website: www.oagmac.gov.mm.

Individuals can enquire for further details through the Myanmar Accountancy Council office during office hours through 01 2302659, 09 673672525, 09 792447624, 067 3407886, 09 428338967, or 09 257213130. — NN/KK

MRF Quashes Pest Rumour in Myanmar Rice to Poland

THE Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) has issued a clarification in response to reports that dead pests and pest residue were found in a 250-tonne shipment of Myanmar rice in Poland, according to MRF's statement released on 11 September.

The MRF noted that Poland regularly imports Myanmar white rice and parboiled rice for domestic use and for landlocked countries in Eastern and Central Europe. The export volumes to Poland were registered at 79,492 tonnes by 35 companies in the 2024-2025 Financial Year, 64,752 tonnes by 29 companies in the 2025-2026 FY and 37,343 tonnes by 22 companies in the 2026-2027 (to date), totaling 181,527 tonnes.

The MRF pointed out that the TVP News report did not identify the importer, the arrival date at the Port of Gdansk, or the company responsible for distribution. The federation also noted that Thailand's jasmine rice shipment of 40 tonnes was blocked due to incorrect labelling in July, and food imports from Ukraine, China, Thailand, India, Brazil, South Africa, and Argentina are frequently subject to inspection.

The MRF explained that rice exports to Poland and other European countries require preshipment inspections and quality certification by thirdparty inspectors, covering Microbiological requirements, Phytosanitary standards, GMOfree certification, Fumigation, Heavy metals, mycotoxins, and other toxins and Pesticide residues. Myanmar rice exporting companies ship under FOB (Free on Board) terms in line with international trade regulations. Under FOB, the seller's responsibility ends once the cargo is loaded onto the vessel. Afterwards, qualityrelated responsibility rests with the buyer and the thirdparty inspection agencies.

The MRF noted that long transit times, buyerarranged shipping, and container pickup delays can contribute to quality issues. MRF urged exporters to strengthen contracts and clearly define quality responsibilities, and said it will continue monitoring the matter and report to relevant ministries for further guidance. — NN/KK

Hpa-an to auction seized consumer goods, electrical appliances

THE Hpa-an Township Customs Department will auction consumer goods and electrical appliances seized as public property, through a competitive bidding process on 17 September, according to the auction committee. The items will be sold in their current as-is condition. The public is invited to participate in the bidding.

The auction will be held at 9 am on 17 September at the Hpa-an Township, Customs Department at Ward 5, Bogyoke Road, Hpa-an.

Auction forms, including rules and the list of items, can be purchased at K10,000 per set from 14 to 16 September during office hours. Items will be available for inspection between 10 am and 4 pm on 15 and 16 September, exclusively for those who have purchased the form and paid the required security deposit.

Interested individuals can enquire for further details at the Hpa-an Township Customs Department office in person. — NN/KK

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Cambodia makes US$11.76 bln from garment exports in 8 months



Workers are busy producing garments inside a manufacturing factory in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. **PHOTO: FACEBOOK**

CAMBODIA'S export of garment, textile, footwear, and travel products reached US$11.76 billion in the first eight months of 2026, marking a 7.2 per cent increase from $10.97 billion during the same period last year, said an official report on Saturday. According to the Ministry of Commerce's report, apparel and textile exports reached $8.78 billion during the January-August period this year, up 7.3 per cent compared to the same period last year. Meanwhile, footwear grew 7.5 per cent to $1.5 billion, and travel goods rose 6.5 per cent to $1.48 billion.

The sector remains Cambodia's primary economic engine and largest foreign exchange earner, accounting for 48 per cent of total export value, the report showed.

Thong Mengdavid, deputy director at the China-ASEAN Studies Centre of the Cambodia University of Technology and Science, attributed the steady momentum to successful market diversification. — Xinhua

Australia records 710,980 short-term visitor arrivals in July

AUSTRALIA recorded 710,980 short-term visitor arrivals in July 2026, down 4.3 per cent from the same month a year earlier, official data showed on Friday.



People board a light rail train in Canberra, Australia. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

The number of short-term visitor arrivals was 10 per cent lower than the pre-COVID level recorded in July 2019, according to data released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

New Zealand was the largest source of visitors, accounting for 18.9 per cent of all short-term visitor arrivals, followed by China and the United States, the ABS said.

The state of New South Wales recorded the highest number of short-term visitor arrivals among Australia's states and territories, with 247,410 trips, while the island state of Tasmania recorded the fewest, at 4,320, statistics showed. — Xinhua

Chubu electric to withdraw Hamaoka plant restart applications

CHUBU Electric Power Co plans to withdraw its applications for regulatory screening to restart reactors at the Hamaoka nuclear power plant in central Japan, a government source said Friday, in a rare move for a utility in the resource-poor country.

Chubu Electric said the same day that it had received a report from a committee investigating the utility's intentional adjustment of seismic data used in the restart screening to meet regulatory requirements.

Chairman Satoru Katsuno has told people close to him that he intends to resign over the scandal, sources close to the matter said.

President Kingo Hayashi is slated to hold a press conference in Nagoya on Nagoya on Monday to explain the report's contents and the company's response.

Attention will focus on why the misconduct occurred, whether there was organizational involvement and who bears management responsibility. — Kyodo

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2. Applications for the open tender Shall be submitted only in the prescribed tender application form. Tender forms may be purchased during office hours from 14 September 2026 to 25 September 2026. The deadline for submission of tender documents is 28 September 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

3. For further clarification, prospective bidders may contact the Planning Division, Department of Marine Administration, No. (363/421), Corner of Thein Phyu Road and Merchant Street, Botahtaung Township, Yangon, in person or by telephone at (+9595169258) and (+959250115876) during office hours.

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST

SEPTEMBER 12

Xi says BRICS countries should firmly stand on right side of history

CHINESE President Xi Jinping said Saturday that BRICS countries should firmly stand on the right side of history in an address to the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi.

Xi called on BRICS countries to pioneer in innovative development, as well as in maintaining peace and stability, boosting mutual learning among civilizations, and improving global governance, noting that BRICS countries should steer the international order towards greater justice and equity, and work together to build a community with a shared future for humanity.

Xi said that China will assume the BRICS presidency next year and will host the 19th BRICS Summit.

Xi made the remarks at the 18th BRICS Summit held in New Delhi, India. — Xinhua



Chinese President Xi Jinping arrives in New Delhi, India, to attend the 18th BRICS Summit at the invitation of Prime Minister of the Republic of India Narendra Modi, 12 September 2026.

SEPTEMBER 11

Pezeshkian eyes stronger India partnership

IRANIAN President Masoud Pezeshkian on Friday expressed hope that his talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi today will pave the way for further cooperation between the two countries in areas such as culture, technology, trade, science and economy.

The Iranian President Masoud, who addressed Indian religious leaders, intellectuals and business leaders, at an event here on Friday evening, arrived here earlier in the day to take part in the BRICS Summit.

"First of all, I have to appreciate the Government of India and the Prime Minister for his very nice hospitality. We have had very nice talks with each other, he said, according to translation of his remarks by a translator. — ANI

SEPTEMBER 10

Israel opposition figure sues Netanyahu's wife

An Israeli opposition politician on Thursday said he had filed a libel lawsuit against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's wife after she suggested he had prior knowledge of Hamas's 7 October 2023 attack.

The lawsuit for defamation and incitement to violence comes as Israel's election campaign takes an acriminious turn, in a country divided and traumatised by the worst massacre ever committed on its soil.

In an interview with Israel's right-wing Channel 14 in late August, Sara Netanyahu lashed out at Yair Golan, the former deputy military chief of staff who heads Israel's centre-left Democrats party. — AFP

SEPTEMBER 9

Israel braces for high-stakes election

ISRAEL heads to the polls on 27 October for its first election since the 7 October 2023 Hamas-led attack, in a crucial referendum on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Seven million Israelis are eligible to vote among 38 registered parties.

Key contenders include Netanyahu's right-wing Likud, which faces tough competition after the protracted conflict. Centre-right challenger Gadi Eisenkot leads the newly formed Yashar party, while former prime ministers Naftali Bennett and Yair Lapid have joined forces in the centrist alliance Beyahad. The left is represented by HaDemokratim under Yair Golan.

Ultra-Orthodox factions like Shas and United Torah Judaism remain vital kingmakers, fiercely protecting religious exemptions from military service. Meanwhile, far-right figures Itamar Ben Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich lead Otzma Yehudit and Religious Zionism. Other key players include Avigdor Lieberman's secular right-wing Yisrael Beiteinu and Mansour Abbas's Arab party Raam. — AFP

SEPTEMBER 8

S Korea assesses Strait of Hormuz conditions

SOUTH Korea said Tuesday it had sent a fact-finding team to assess the situation in the Strait of Hormuz, stressing no decision had been made about potential troop deployment to the strategic waterway.

Traffic through the vital shipping route has been virtually paralyzed since the US-Iran war began on 28 February disrupting global energy markets.

The South Korean defence ministry said it had "dispatched a fact-finding team to assess conditions on the ground in the Strait of Hormuz".

"The team was sent to examine the regional situation and security conditions, and its mission does not presuppose an actual deployment," it said.

US President Donald Trump has repeatedly pressured ally South Korea to provide help for the war in the Middle East, but Seoul denied that ally Washington had asked it to deploy troops by a specified deadline.

No decision has been made regarding the deployment of troops. — AFP

SEPTEMBER 7

UK finance minister pledges financial discipline

BRITAIN'S new finance minister John Healey on Monday pledged to maintain the Labour government's strict financial discipline in his upcoming budget, after governments worldwide were hit by spiking borrowing costs.

In his first keynote speech since becoming chancellor of the exchequer in July, Healey said "financial discipline" was his "first priority".

New Prime Minister Andy Burnham, who replaced Keir Starmer over the summer, appointed former defence minister Healey to the top Treasury position.

"The prime minister and I are in lockstep in our commitment to meeting the fiscal rules at the upcoming budget" on 28 October Healey said as he delivered a speech at a manufacturing facility in the city of Coventry, central England. — AFP

SEPTEMBER 6

Tamaki secures third term leading Japanese opposition party

DEMOCRATIC Party for the People (DPP) leader Yuichiro Tamaki won a third term in the Japanese opposition party's leadership election Sunday.

In the election, held at an extraordinary party convention in Tokyo, Tamaki, 57, defeated his sole opponent, Mikihiko Hashimoto, 30, a member of the House of Representatives, the lower chamber of parliament.

Tamaki won 127 of the 159 points, far more than 32 points gained by Hashimoto. The DPP incumbent obtained 42 points from DPP member lawmakers, and Hashimoto 11.

At a news conference after the election, Tamaki said that his new term will be a "period for the DPP to make preparations to seize power". — Kyodo

SPORTS

Professional Boxing Matches 11 sees 6 bouts

PROFESSIONAL Boxing Matches 11 (PBM 11), organised by the Myanmar Boxing Commission, featured six bouts at Theinbyu Gymnasium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon, at 2 pm yesterday.

In the 50.8-kilogramme flyweight division, Naw Rein Aung of MBC Boxing Club defeated Phyo Thu Aung of Yangyi Aung Club on points after the bout went the full six rounds.

In another flyweight bout, Nyan Lin Htet of MBC Boxing Club and Wai Yan Tun of Mandalay Club also went the full distance. Wai Yan Tun was given a count in the fifth round after being punched by Nyan Lin Htet, but recovered to continue the bout and won on the judges' decision.



Fighter lands a left punch on his opponent.

In the 57-kilogramme featherweight division, Wai Yan Oo of Vanguard Lethwei Club knocked down Myo Myat of Mong Hsu Highlands in the first round. The two fighters then fought a closely contested bout through the sixth round, with three judges awarding the victory to Wai Yan Oo.

Yu Da of Python Tawwin Ayeya Club and Saw Lin Aung of Mawgyun Club also went the full distance, with Saw Lin Aung winning on points.

In the 59-kilogramme super-featherweight bout, Thiha Aung of MBC Boxing Club and Boxer Shine of Python Tawwin Ayeya Club fought all six rounds and finished level on points, resulting in a draw.

In the 61.2-kilogramme lightweight division, Aung Zay Myat of Boxing Family Club and Htun Htun Htet of MBC Boxing Club also went the full distance. As both fighters received equal points, the bout ended in a draw. — Bala/KZL

Flick warns Barca stars to keep focus after perfect start

BARCELONA coach Hansi Flick warned his players Saturday that any drop in focus could bring them crashing back down to earth after a spectacular start to the season. The Spanish champions have won all five matches they have played across all competitions, scoring 22 goals and conceding just three, ahead of Sunday's visit to face Levante in La Liga.

"We know in football things can change very fast. I like that we are enjoying the situation (right now)," Flick told reporters. "If we change something from this attitude we'll go in the wrong direction and this is what we don't want."

Barcelona's attacking stars, including Raphinha and Lamine Yamal, have shone in recent weeks, netting five goals against Feyenoord in the Champions League, as well as against Rayo Vallecano, Valencia and Elche in the Spanish top flight.

"We're very happy we are playing on this level but we know that we have to show it in every game," Flick continued. "We know we have huge quality but... we (also) have things we're doing that are important for us, when we keep the intensity high, we are focused and we are active."

Barcelona's main goal this season is to win the Champions League, which they last managed in 2015, but Flick said president Joan Laporta was also keen on claiming a third straight La Liga title. — AFP


Lamine Yamal has hit top form to help Barcelona win all five games so far this season and coach Hansi Flick wants to keep that run going. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Korda finally beaten as Europe grasp slender Solheim lead

WORLD number one Nelly Korda finally tasted defeat in a Solheim Cup foursomes match on Saturday, as Europe took a precious 7-5 lead over the United States after a dramatic session. With the two teams tied at 4-4, US captain Angela Stanford led off with her star player Korda paired with Allisen Corpuz, who together held a record winning streak of five consecutive victories. They were up against the Swedish pairing of Maja Stark and Linn Grant and, like on Friday, the US favourites got off to a shaky start, losing the first hole.

But this time there was no immediate response and the unbeaten pairing went two behind after missing a mid-range putt on the seventh. Stark then produced the highlight of the session, chipping in from well off the green for an eagle at the eighth to secure a three-hole advantage. Korda lipped out at the ninth, leaving them with a mountain to climb, four down at the turn.

But the Americans were not giving up their unbeaten record without a fight and took the first two holes on the back nine to halve their deficit. The Europeans held firm though to claim a famous 3&2 victory on the 16th, as Stark holed a mid-range putt to spark wild celebrations from a raucous crowd. "It's the best feeling ever," said Stark. "We're kind of hard to beat when we don't make any bogeys." — AFP

Black Steel Papua win International Futsal Cup 2026

INDONESIAN club Black Steel Papua were crowned champions of the International Futsal Cup 2026 after the third-place play-off and final were held at the MFF Futsal Gymnasium at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon on 12 September.

In the final, Black Steel Papua defeated Myanmar club MIU 3-0. The Indonesian club scored all three goals in the second half, with Ronald finding the net in 25 minutes, Peter in 26 minutes and Vinicius in 34 minutes. Black Steel Papua won all their matches en route to the title.

In the third-place playoff, two Myanmar clubs faced each other, with YCDC Dream Team beating YRG 5-3.

Following the final, an award ceremony was held. MIU received the Fair Play Award, a commemorative trophy and US$500. YRG's Nathan won the Top Scorer Award and received a commemorative trophy and US$300. Black Steel Papua goalkeeper Muhammad Algira won the Best Goalkeeper Award and received a commemorative trophy and US$300, while his teammate Peri An Budi Wibowo was named Best Player and received a commemorative trophy and US$300.

Fourth-placed YRG received US$1,000, while third-placed YCDC Dream Team received individual medals and US$1,500. Runners-up MIU received individual medals, US$2,500 and the runners-up trophy. Champions Black Steel Papua received individual medals, US$3,500 and the championship trophy. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL



Photo taken on 10 September 2026 shows the entrance gate to the Yoshida Trail of Mount Fuji in Yamanashi Prefecture. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Mt Fuji's climbing season ends

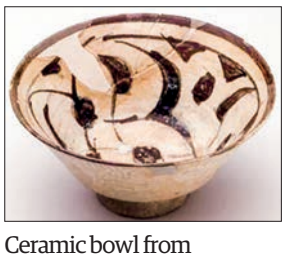
MOUNT Fuji's climbing season ended on Thursday, with foreigners accounting for 32 per cent of climbers during the season that began about two months ago. The figures were compiled for the first time using an online trail reservation system introduced this year, which collected hikers' information including their nationalities.

Foreigners account for thirty-two per cent of Mount Fuji climbers.

The number of hikers on the Yoshida Trail on the Yamanashi Prefecture side of Mount Fuji in central Japan, the most popular of the four trails, rose 17 per cent from the previous year to around 170,000, according to the prefectural government. — Kyodo

Cooking was already an artform in Bronze Age Syria

WHILE the folk of Bronze Age Europe were mostly making do with simple stews and bread, people in Syria were already importing ingredients and using pots of differing temperatures to support "sophisticated" cuisine, researchers said on Friday. The evidence from Danish experts suggests people living in what is now the city of Hama 4,500 years ago were already enjoying dishes of simmered goat, gazelle and cereals.



Ceramic bowl from the Islamic Period in Hama. **PHOTO: NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DENMARK.**

The city's cooks used pots with different heating properties depending on the type of meal they were about to prepare, much as we choose between cast-iron or non-stick frying pans today.

Mette Marie Hald, from the National Museum of Copenhagen, and her team reached the conclusion after examining animal bones, plant remains and fats from inside cooking pots found in the city. — AFP

AI is making an unexpected appearance in classrooms at some Chinese universities

At China Agricultural University, students from various academic backgrounds, including veterinary medicine, plant protection, sociology and accounting, are learning how to apply AI to their fields through "micro-majors" — short, focused and flexible programmes designed to complement their primary majors.

Chinese universities introduce micro-majors to bridge AI skills gap.



A humanoid robot performs playing football at a robot centre in Hefei, east China's Anhui Province, 15 July 2026. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**

As artificial intelligence and emerging technologies rapidly reshape the global workforce, Chinese universities are facing a significant time lag in updating traditional academic majors, which often take years to gain approval and graduate their first cohorts. To bridge this gap, institutions nationwide have embraced agile "micro-majors" — compact programs consisting of three to eight core courses completed alongside regular degree studies.

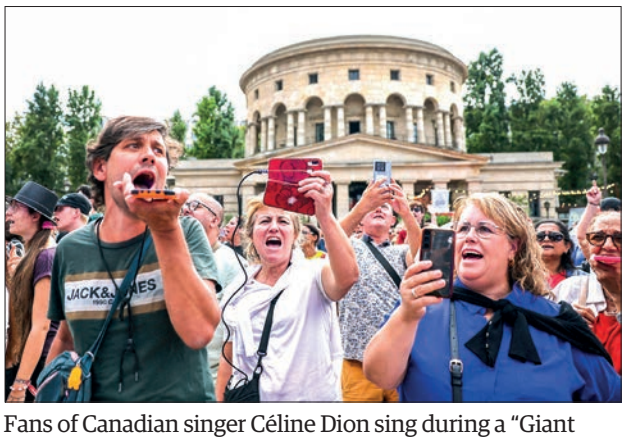
These flexible programs enable students across diverse disciplines, from agronomy and broadcasting to mining engineering, to blend foundational expertise with modern digital competencies. By participating in hands-on projects, short-video production, and industrial automation training, participants acquire practical, industry-aligned skills that significantly boost their employability. Employers have welcomed the shift, noting that cross-disciplinary training provides a reliable indicator of a student's adaptability.

Furthermore, micro-majors serve as a crucial testing ground for broader higher education reforms. They allow universities to quickly identify emerging market trends, foster direct partnerships with corporate employers, and optimize academic curricula in alignment with national education development strategies. — Xinhua

Celine Dion's Paris return with giant karaoke

RHINESTONE-STUDDED microphones in hand and decked out in glittery gowns, thousands of fans packed into a sweltering Paris theatre to belt out Celine Dion's classics ahead of the superstar's long-awaited return.

Paris has caught severe Celine Dion fever as the 58-year-old pop icon prepares for her first full concert on Saturday following a lengthy hiatus caused by a rare neurological disorder. With tickets for her 26 upcoming shows in high demand and sold out through a lottery system, disappointed fans who missed out are finding alternative ways to celebrate.



Fans of Canadian singer Céline Dion sing during a "Giant Karaoke" event in her honour in front of the La Rotonde Stalingrad monument in Paris on 11 September 2026, ahead of her concert on 12 September. **PHOTO: AFP**

Celine Dion fans host massive karaoke events in Paris

Iconic venues like the Grand Rex have hosted massive, sold-out karaoke events featuring fan-favourite French and English hits, themed merchandise, and impromptu musical performances. For attendees ranging from retirees to vocal professionals, these vibrant gatherings serve as a joyful prelude to her comeback and an emotional celebration of resilience, nostalgia, and community.

Many fans expressed profound relief and excitement to see the legendary singer rise like a phoenix and return to the stage. — AFP