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Taninthayi Expands Oil Palm Production with Plans for Local Refineries

Taninthayi Region, the only suitable area for commercial oil palm cultivation in Myanmar due to its equatorial climate, has expanded its plantation area to 401,605 acres. By August 2026, the region harvested 286,640 tonnes of fresh fruit bunches from 173,926 acres, following an output of over 617,000 tonnes in the 2025-2026 financial year.

Despite over 30 years of domestic and foreign investment, the region currently operates only five crude palm oil mills—located across Dawei, Bokyin, and Kawthoung. Because the crude oil must be shipped to Yangon for processing, the region cannot yet produce edible refined oil locally, leaving local edible oil self-sufficiency at just 0.47 per cent.

To cut reliance on



An aerial view catches thriving oil palm plants in Taninthayi Region. **PHOTO: MYINT OO (MYEIK)**

imports from Malaysia, authorities are planning an edible oil refinery in Taninthayi Region. Local farmers and stakeholders emphasize that introducing refining technology will not only secure domestic oil consumption and yield export surpluses, but also maximize returns on a crop that remains commercially productive for more than 20 years. — Myint Oo (Myeik)/ST

K500+M donated for kidney patients over three years

WITH the public contributions, the Pyinmana Sangha Hospital has provided free medical services on a monthly basis for people who need kidney dialysis and have financial difficulty, and the donation is worth totalling more than K509.6 million over nearly three years, said the hospital's senior medical superintendent, Dr Than Min Htut.

The donation plan is prioritized for patients with financial difficulty and now it has been two years and nine months, he said on his social media page.

In past two months between July and August 2026, more than K30 million was donated for people who underwent kidney dialysis. These patients can't urinate due to kidney failure and they need dialysis two times per week or eight times per month, he said.

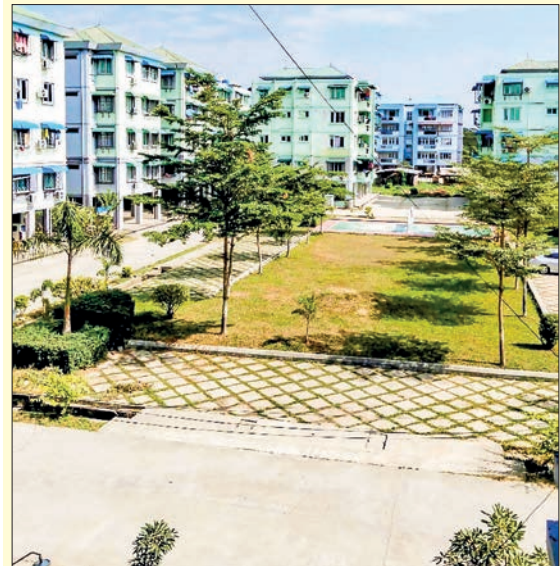
It costs K900,000 for monthly medical expense alone, excluding expenses for other prescriptions for a patient who has received dialysis, so these public donations are significant support for patients with financial difficulty, he said. — MT/ZS



Patients who have received kidney dialysis at the Pyinmana Sangha Hospital.

Tenders invited for three housing projects in Yangon Region

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This photo depicts Kyansit Min Housing Project in Hlinethaya Township.

Falam gradually returns to normalcy as residents return and MPT services resume

DEPUTY Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Thant Zaw Lwin, accompanied by the Chin State Minister for Natural Resources, donated funds to support the multipurpose use of the FBC Falam Baptist Church in Valai Ward, Falam.

He also attended the Sunday congregational service with local residents who are members of the Baptist church.

As Falam has become more stable and peaceful, local residents have begun returning to the town, while education, healthcare and government departments



The funds donation event to support the multipurpose use of the FBC Falam Baptist Church is in progress in Falam, Chin State, yesterday. **PHOTO:CHIN STATE IPRD**

are operating normally to serve the people. MPT telecommunications services have also been restored in Falam since 12 September. From

15 September, MPT Own Shop staff will assist residents in reactivating their MPT SIM cards where necessary. Mobile station CHN00001 in the town regained connectivity via VSAT at 12:12 pm on 12 September. Work is continuing to restore connectivity to mobile stations CHN00015 in Falam and CHN00150 in Tonzang.

Telecommunications equipment needed to restore MPT services in Falam and Tonzang as soon as possible has been transported from Yangon to the two towns by air and road. — Chin State IPRD/KNN

NATIONAL

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 on Sunday, 13 September 2026)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is weak to moderate over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal. The weather is a few clouds to partly cloudy North Bay and the South Bay of Bengal, partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 14 September 2026: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and Bago regions and Kachin and Rakhine states and scattered in the remaining regions and states with likelihood isolated heavy falls in Taninthayi Region and Kayin and Mon states. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi regions and Kayin and Mon states. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hails may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: The sea will be moderate in the Myanmar waters. The wave height will be about 5-7 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

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

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 September 2026: The isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 September 2026: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 September 2026: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

Citizenship scrutiny cards and UID cards issued in Sagu



An official collects data from a student with using iris-recognition system in Minbu (Sagu).
PHOTO: MAUNG MAUNG (MINBU)

THE Immigration Department under the Ministry of Immigration and Population issued Citizenship Scrutiny Cards (CSC) and provided Unique Identification Number (UID) cards to those who already possess CSC across the regions and states through the Lamin campaign.

A team led by the head of the township Immigration Department conducted a field service at Taung-

yat Basic Education High School (Branch), Minbu (Sagu) Township, Magway Region, on 12 September 2026. A total of 101 students were issued CSCs during the field service.

The head of the Minbu District Immigration Department, along with departmental personnel, attended to the needs of the students and employees at the school. — Maung Maung (Minbu)/KZL

Heavy Rainfall Warning No 75

Issued at 8 am MST on 13 September 2026

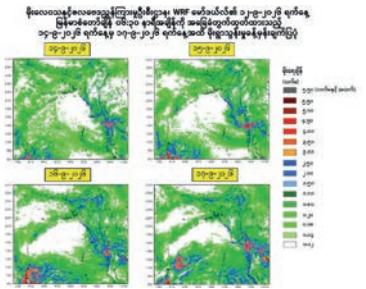
ACCORDING to the observations at 6:30 am MST today, due to the monsoon will be moderate over the Andaman Sea and the South Bay of Bengal, the strong development of the convective clouds and the remnant of low-pressure cell over the coast of middle Vietnam such as rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Magway and lower Sagaing regions and Kayah State and fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin and Mon states with 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 17 September 2026.

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

Advisory

People should be aware are 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 the heavy rainfall with strong wind, flash floods and landslides in the hilly areas and near small rivers and inland water transport and domestic flights. — DMH

Tenders invited for three housing projects ...

FROM PAGE 1

THE Department of Urban and Housing Development under the Ministry of Construction has invited Myanmar national entrepreneurs to submit tenders for the construction of 31 buildings under three housing projects being implemented in Yangon

Region.

The projects are the Kyansit Min Housing Project Phase II in Hlinethaya Township, the Yuzana Housing Project Phase III in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township and the Inwa Housing Project in Dagon Myothit (South) Township. A total of 31 housing blocks will

be constructed under the three projects.

Tender application forms will be available for purchase during office hours from 14 to 25 September at the Housing Development Branch of the Department of Urban and Housing Development, Office No 40, Nay Pyi Taw. Comple-

ed applications must be submitted by 3 pm on Thursday, 1 October. The date and time of the tender opening will be announced to the relevant entrepreneurs.

Those interested can contact 067-3407527 during office hours for further information. — TWA/KNN

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NATIONAL

Arrangements made for
Teng Hui (Myanmar)
Knitting labourers ahead of
temporary closure

TENG HUI (Myanmar) Knitting Co Ltd, a woollen-garment factory in Htantabin Township, Yangon Region, employing 2,610 workers, is set to temporarily suspend its operations due to a decline in orders. To prevent the workers from becoming unemployed and to ensure that they do not lose their rights and entitlements under existing labour laws, arrangements have been made to connect 2,355 workers who wish to change jobs with other factories in need of workers, Union Minister for Labour U Khin Maung Soe said on 12 September during the visit to the factory.

During the meeting, the union minister urged employers and workers to respect and comply with existing labour laws through mutual trust and understanding.

He visited Apex Plus Garment Co Ltd and Tri-Win Leather Co Ltd, garment factories in Hlinethaya



Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe meets workers and officials from Teng Hui (Myanmar) Knitting Co Ltd in Yangon on 12 September 2026.

(West) Township, where they met with members of the Workplace Safety and Health Committees, Labour Affairs Coordination Committees and workers. They explained labour-related matters and coordinated the necessary measures. He also observed the provision of necessary medical treatment and medicines, laboratory tests, ECG examinations and eye examinations at the workplaces for 2,122 insured workers covered by the Social Security Scheme from the two garment factories. The services were provided by mobile medical teams, including specialist doctors from workers' hospitals.

The Social Security Board is providing health-care services to 1,032,271 insured workers in Yangon Region through 23 township social security clinics, 52 fee-for-service clinics, 21 departmental clinics and mobile medical units. The medical expenses incurred for insured workers in Yangon Region amounted to K7,974.396 million during the 2025-2026 financial year, while K1,540.882 million was reimbursed from April to July 2026. — MNA/KTZH

Machinery installation works underway
to resume operation of No 2 Steel Mill
(Pangpet)

MACHINERY installation works are underway to resume operations at No 2 Steel Mill (Pangpet), with trial operations and commercial production to follow upon completion, Union Minister for Industry and MSME Development Dr Charlie Than said on 12 September 2026.

He instructed officials to complete the remaining works systematically, ensure proper machinery maintenance, acquire pig iron production technology and strive to produce quality products.

The Union minister



Union Minister Dr Charlie Than meets officials from No 2 Steel Mill (Pangpet) in Taunggyi, Shan State on 12 September 2026.

also urged Shan State MSME Agency members to cooperate in promoting MSME development, stressing that the growth of MSMEs would contribute to local and national

economic recovery.

Deputy Minister U Thwin Aung instructed officials to formulate the master plan for the project and prepare to operate the thermal power plant.

In the afternoon, Deputy Minister Dr Aung Zeya and the Shan State Minister for Electricity, Energy, Industry and Transport, met members of MSME agency of Shan State to make efforts to develop MSME business.

Deputy Minister U Thwin Aung also met officials of No 2 Steel Mill (Pangpet). They discussed the current requirements and necessary measures to successfully and safely resume operations of the project for the benefit of the country. — MNA/KTZH

Kachin State Chief Minister inspects Myitkyina
commodity checkpoint

IN order to facilitate the flow of goods across the border in Kachin State and bring illegal trade into legal channels, the Myitkyina Commodity Checkpoint was opened on 29 August in Mongna Village, Waingmaw Township, to inspect import and export goods passing through the Kampaiti border checkpoint.

On 12 September, Kachin State Chief Minister U Khet Htein Nan inspected the functions at checkpoint, including the construction of iron gates to facilitate the entry and exit of large trucks and the construction of a steel-framed lounge for



An operator uses a grader to widen the road around the Myitkyina Commodity Checkpoint.

drivers and passengers, a bathroom, a well, a water tank and toilets.

In addition, the chief

minister looked into the roads around the checkpoint, which was being widened by heavy machin-

ery to ensure smooth entry and exit of large trucks. He coordinated measures to construct the road with sandstone and install overpasses.

He also met with state ministers and departmental officials at the Kachin State Government Office. They discussed expanding livestock activities on the land between Palana-4 Village and Ngwepyaw Model Village, as well as establishing fish farms at the municipal waste disposal site and developing a livestock area for raising chickens, pigs and fish ponds in the area. — State IPRD/MKKS

China Donates 95 Tonnes of Rice to Flood Victims in Sagaing

CHINA has donated 95 tonnes of rice to flood-affected people in Sagaing Region under the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) Programme-3 (2025).

The rice distribution ceremony was held yesterday at the meeting hall of the Sagaing District Agriculture Department office. Sagaing

Region Chief Minister U Ko Lay delivered a speech and, together with officials, handed over the rice to flood-affected residents.

The chief minister and officials also inspected several manufacturing businesses in Sagaing.

They visited the Soe condensed milk and natural yoghurt factory in Pabedan

Ward, Sagaing, where they observed production activities. They also inspected footwear production and packaging at the Myanmar Step footwear factory in the Sagaing Industrial Zone, including the recycling of old long rubber boots into raw materials for storage.

At the Maha Nilar two- and three-wheeled vehicle

manufacturing factory in the Sagaing Industrial Zone, they observed the production of three-wheeled motorcycles, motorcycle rear racks, motorcycle brake levers and brake shoes.

The officials coordinated with those responsible to address the needs of the factories, according to the report. — Region IPRD/ST



Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Ko Lay presents the rice donated by China under the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) Programme-3 (2025) to flood-affected residents in Sagaing Region yesterday.

NATIONAL

Water inflow control measures underway following subsidence of Ngawun embankment

OFFICIALS from the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and the Ministry of Construction, together with Tatmadaw personnel, firefighters and local residents, are jointly carrying out the erosion prevention and water inflow control measures in response to the subsidence of the Ngawun River embankment in Laymyethna Township, Ayeyawady Region.

To block the inflow of water and raise the riverbed level at the affected section, various mitigation measures are being implemented. These include deploying geotextile



Flood recovery and repair works are underway with heavy machinery in Ayeyawady Region.

bags and geotextile tubes by watercraft; placing geotextile bags, jumbo bags, geotextile tube, rock cages and chained sandbags using cranes on both the river and land sides to reinforce sections where sheet piles have already

been driven; pumping sand into the area between the inner bank and the sheet piles; and installing struts and support pillars for the sheet piles. Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Aye Kyaw and officials visited and inspected the

collaborative operations yesterday afternoon.

Earlier that morning, at the guesthouse of the Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department in Hinthada, the Visakha Foundation donated rice, cooking oil, soap, tarpaulins, tea and household items for flood-affected residents in Laymyethna Township. The family of U Tun Thein and Daw San Yi Fuel Trading and Myanmar Restaurant, also donated K50 million in cash assistance. The chief minister accepted the donations and presented certificates of appreciation to the donors. — Regional IPRD/TH

Seven Suspects Arrested in Online Gambling Crackdown

AUTHORITIES have arrested seven individuals accused of involvement in online gambling activities in Yangon and Mandalay Regions, according to an official report.

The arrests were made as part of efforts to curb illegal online gambling, which authorities said had caused financial losses and negatively affected the social and economic well-being of some members of the public.

Authorities said online gambling operators had established different

levels of agents to recruit players and expand their networks. As part of efforts to identify those directing the operations, senior-level agents were targeted for arrest.

On 2 September, Senior Agent Phyo Theingi of Ibet 789 was arrested at Yangon International Airport with two mobile phones. Senior Agent Hnin Wut Yi Kyaw and two other suspects were also arrested at a house in Ward 5, PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Region, where authorities seized eight

mobile phones, a laptop, a tablet and a vehicle.

On 4 September, Senior Agent Kyaw Soe Lin was arrested at the Mandarin Hotel in Hline-thaya Township with two mobile phones and two vehicles. Senior Agent Yin Yin Nu was arrested at a house in Anawma-1 Ward, Thakayta Township, with one mobile phone.

The seven suspects — two men and five women — were arrested in total. Authorities seized 13 mobile phones, one laptop, one tablet and three

vehicles allegedly used in the online gambling operations.

Cases have been opened against the suspects and legal action is being taken, while authorities said further arrests would be made against those involved in leading online gambling agent networks.

Members of the public who have information about online gambling agents are encouraged to report them confidentially to the relevant authorities. — MNA/ST

Emergency Repairs Underway on Nyaungdonkyun Embankment



A collective effort is seen to protect the Nyaungdonkyun embankment.

RIVERBANK erosion has caused part of the Nyaungdonkyun embankment along a tributary of the Ayeyawady River near Ganchaung Village, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region, to collapse, according to reports.

The erosion occurred between embankment mileposts 11/6 and 11/7, with approximately 300 feet in length and 45 feet in width of the embankment body eroded from the morning of 25 August.

Temporary protection and repair works are currently being carried out

at the affected site. The works include dredging the waterway and constructing floating structures to help protect the damaged section.

Personnel from local military units, police personnel, social organizations and local residents are jointly taking part in the work, using both manpower and machinery to accelerate the repairs.

Officials from the Yangon Command also inspected the ongoing work and coordinated necessary measures with those concerned, according to the report. — MNA/ST

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NATIONAL

Digital smart meters installed in Thakayta Township to reduce electricity losses

DIGITAL smart meters are being installed in Thaketa Township, Yangon Region, to reduce electricity losses and facilitate the implementation of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system, according to the Ministry of Electricity and Energy.

Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy U Aye Kyaw, accompanied by officials, inspected the installation of digital smart meters and the transmission and distribution of electricity from the 66/33/11 kV, 30 MVA MOGE GIS substation in Thakayta Township yesterday.

He also inspected the Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation's Thakayta Township Electricity Manager's Office and gave instructions on related tasks.

Yesterday, the Deputy Minister met staff from the Bago Region (East) Electrical Engineer's Office. During the meeting, he called for close cooperation among electricity generation, transmission and distribution departments to ensure a reliable and quality electricity supply that meets growing annual demand. He also provided refreshments to the staff.

In the afternoon, he inspected the 66/11 kV, 20 MVA 1st-Mile GIS substation of the Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation in Hlegu Township. — MNA/KZL



Deputy Minister U Aye Kyaw inspects transmission and distribution of electricity from a substation in Yangon yesterday.

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

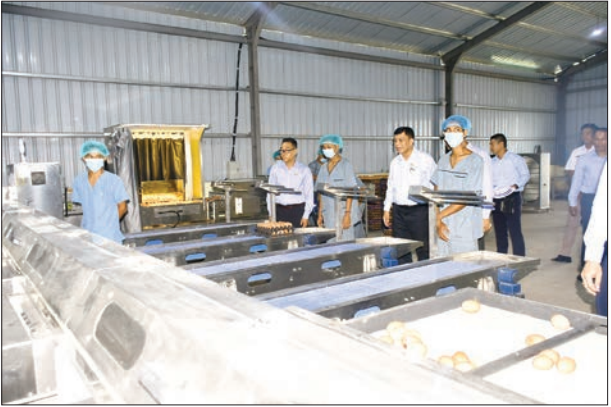
Collective tree-planting ceremony held in Hlawga watershed area

ORGANIZED by the Yangon Region government, the fifth monsoon tree-planting ceremony was held on the morning of 12 September in the Hlawga watershed area of Mingaladon Township, Yangon Region.

At the tree-planting ceremony, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Aung Naing Thu and his wife, the Deputy Speaker of the Yangon Region Hluttaw and Hluttaw representatives, regional ministers and their wives, the Yangon Region auditor-general, members and department heads of the Yangon City Development Committee, members of the Yangon Region Women's Committee and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, students and invited guests jointly planted 3,000 saplings.

Subsequently, the chief minister inspected livestock breeding operations at the Toe Farm in Takhwa Village-tract, Taikkyi Township, Yangon Region, as well as a field demonstration on the combined application of chemical and natural fertilizers at the paddy field of farmer U Myint Soe in Yintaikkwin Village.

Similarly, he over-viewed the Uto Agriculture and Livestock Station in Uto Village-tract; a duck farm in Ywatha Village, the Crystal Diamond broiler chicken farm in Kanthaya Village, and the construction sites for chicken and pig farms being developed



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Aung Naing Thu views round progress of poultry farming operations in Yangon Region.

by Myat Min Company in the Taikkyi Livestock Zone.

Additionally, the chief minister viewed round poultry farming operations at the Myanmar Economic Corporation's Shwepyi Agriculture and Livestock Zone in Hmawby Township, the Kaung Htet animal feed pellet factory, and ongoing works at Dagon University to construct water-retention ponds to improve cleanliness, neatness and drainage, as well as dredging works to remove silt and sand for landscaping. — Zwe Htet Ko (IPRD)/TH

Yangon Police intensify efforts to prevent crimes

POLICE personnel from township police stations across Yangon Region conducted operations in cooperation with traffic police and local administrative officials to strengthen the rule of law and prevent crime. As part of the operations yesterday, the Hmawby, Sangyoung, Insein, Hlinethaya (East) and North Okkalapa Township police officers, together with relevant personnel from Police Stations as well as members of the Dala and



Traffic police force members conduct public awareness activities on road accident prevention at the zebra crossing in Taikkyi Township. PHOTO: REGIONAL POLICE FORCE

Taikkyi Township Traffic Police Units conducted public awareness activities on crime prevention, door-to-door crime-prevention awareness activi-

ties, and distributed pamphlets, performed vehicle checks, patrolling the industrial zone by bicycle and encouraging pedestrians to use traffic signs. Also, on the evening of 12 September, commanders and members of Dagon Myothit (North), Ahlon and Hlinethaya (West) Township Police Forces patrolled in wards and inspected household guest registration records, as well as patrolled in police cars with light bars. — Aung Thu/KZL

Seizures of 302,000 stimulant tablets reported in Kalay, Hline

AUTHORITIES seized 290,000 stimulant tablets worth K725 million in Kalay and 12,000 stimulant tablets worth K24 million in Hline Township, according to the Myanmar Police Force. Legal action was taken against the suspects under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

At 7 pm on 10 September, a combined team comprising members of the Drug Enforcement Division, acting on a tip-off, searched a Toyota Hilux Double Cab driven by Myo Ko of Chanmyeyaungsi Ward near Hlinethaya Ward in Kalay. The team seized 290,000 stimulant tablets, valued at K2,500 per tablet or K725 million in total, along with K200,000 in cash.

Further investigation led to the arrest of Zaw Lin Aung alias Ko Set alias Ange Lay who allegedly received the stimulant tablets. He was arrested at his residence in Hlinethaya Ward, Kalay, at 9 am on 11 September. Myo Ko and Zaw Lin Aung were subsequently charged under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

In a separate case, at 2:30 pm on 11 September, a combined team from the Drug Enforcement Division stopped and searched Myo Oo of Yaylegale Village, Maubin Township, while he was walking along 5th Aye Yeik Mon Street in Ward 5, Hline Township. The team seized 12,000 stimulant tablets valued at K2,000 per tablet or K24 million in total. Legal action has also been taken against



Suspect Myo Oo arrested along with seized stimulant tablets in Hline Township.

Myo Oo under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

Union Minister calls for upgrading ageing sports facilities in Mandalay Region



The Union Minister observing athletes training in various sports, including Myanmar traditional martial arts, table tennis, boxing, Taekwondo and futsal, at gymnasiums.

MYANMAR Olympic Committee Chairman and Union Minister for Sports U Ye Myint Tun, while inspecting sports facilities in Mandalay Region on 12 September, said that plans should be made to upgrade and renovate ageing sports grounds and gymnasiums.

“Only when sports grounds and gymnasiums meet proper standards and provide good facilities can we identify young athletes, train them systematically and contribute to the development of Myanmar’s sports sector,” said the Union Minister.

He also urged the regular maintenance of sports grounds and gymnasiums to ensure their long-term sustainability, cleanliness and pleasant surroundings, and to enable members of the public to train and use the facilities comfortably and safely. — TWA/KZL

Health awareness talk held in Ngwehsaung to promote food hygiene

A health awareness talk on the hygienic preparation and sale of fresh food was held at Thila Rekkhita Monastery in Ward 2, Ngwehsaung, Ayeyawady Region, on 12 September.

The talk was organised for food delivery operators, grilled-food vendors and mobile food sellers in Ngwehsaung to prevent diarrhoeal diseases and promote the hygienic preparation and sale of clean, fresh food.

In his opening remarks, the town administrator urged vendors to prepare and sell food



An official talks about health awareness in Ngwehsaung, on 12 September.

hygienically, stressing that Ngwehsaung is a beach destination visited by domestic and foreign tourists. He also called for greater attention to personal and environmen-

tal hygiene during food preparation and urged vendors to put consumers’ health first and take responsibility for the food they sell.

Dr Aye Myint Thu,

head of the Township Public Health Department, explained the causes and modes of transmission of diarrhoeal diseases, preventive measures and key health practices that should be followed.

An official explained the beach rules issued to maintain Ngwehsaung Beach as a clean, beautiful and orderly recreational area. Attendees were urged to dispose of waste systematically and cooperate in keeping the beach clean and pleasant. — Kyaw Lin Oo (IPRD)/KZL

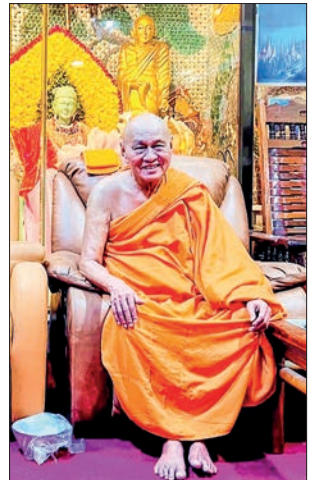
Presiding abbot of Natsintaya Monastery in Thanlyin passes away

AGGAMAHA Saddhammajotikadhaja Dr Bhaddanta Paññateja, aged 76 and 56 vasa, presiding abbot of Natsintaya Monastery in Kwanchangon Village, Phayagon Village-tract, Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region, passed away at approximately 1:56 am on 13 September.

On 8 September, the venerable abbot attended the opening ceremony of the Patthana recitation at Shinsawmyat Pagoda in Phayagyikon Village, Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Region. He subsequently received medical treatment for a kidney condition at 3rd-Mile Hospital in Labutta.

According to sources close to the monastery, after receiving treatment, he began experiencing abdominal pain at around 10:00 pm the same day and was urgently admitted to Kanthaya Hospital in Hline Township, Yangon Region. He passed away while receiving medical treatment at the hospital for a ruptured gastric blood vessel.

“The venerable abbot travelled to Thailand last April to receive medical treatment for cardiovascular disease at a Royal



Aggamaha Saddhammajotikadhaja Dr Bhaddanta Paññateja, aged 76 and 56 vasa.

Thai hospital. The loss of such a noble religious figure, who selflessly and tirelessly devoted himself to missionary work, compassionate almsgiving and charitable activities, is a tremendous loss to the Sasana,” said a local resident of Thanlyin.

The sacred remains of the venerable abbot have been conveyed from the hospital to the monastery for respectful veneration. The final funeral rites will be conducted under the guidance and instructions of senior monks, following the guidance of Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Thanlyin Minkyaung Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa. — TWA/TH

Front-line Tatmadaw personnel welcomed back in Sagaing Region

A ceremony to honour and welcome back Tatmadaw personnel returning from front-line duties was held at a local battalion in Phaungpyin Township, Sagaing Region yesterday evening.

Officials from the Phaungpyin Station, departmental officials, members of the Myanmar Police Force and Myanmar War Veterans

Organization, officers and other ranks, family members, students and residents attended the ceremony.

The returning personnel had served away from their families in front-line areas, undertaking duties to contribute to State stability, regional peace and security, and the safety of the lives and property of local people.

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Those attending warmly welcomed back the returning Tatmadaw personnel with eugenia sprigs and traditional flower dances. — MNA/KZL

People warmly welcome back front-line Tatmadaw members in Phaungpyin, yesterday.



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NATIONAL

Traffic safety awareness talk held for about 250 students

AS part of the road and traffic safety week activities in Yangon Region, a traffic safety awareness talk was conducted for the teachers and students from Basic Education High School No 2, Lanmadaw.

The awareness talk was organized on 9 September by the Yangon Region Transport Committee (YRTC), the Yangon Region Road Safety Council and the Multi-sectoral Road Safety Support Team (MORS), held at the Myat Pyinnya Hall of that school.

During the talk, U Lian Cin Mang, MORS chairman and YRTC joint secretary, along with U Kyaw

Lwin Oo, staff officer from the Road Transport Administration Department (West District), delivered awareness lectures, as well as the rules and disciplines that road users should follow.

A total of about 250 attendees, including the headmistress, teachers, and students attended the talk.

Distributing knowledge on road and traffic safety among students will help road users become more aware of and compliant with traffic rules and regulations, thereby contributing to the reduction of traffic accidents. — MT/ZN



The traffic safety awareness talk in progress at BEHS No 2, Lanmadaw.

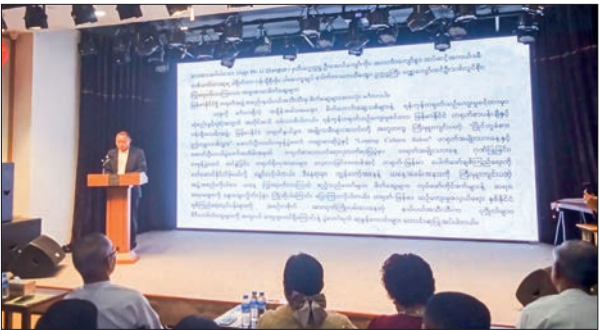
Gold Market Rate as of 13 September 2026

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China Cultural Centre in Yangon holds poetry festival

UNDER the theme “Experiencing Together, Admiring the Artworks’ Brushstrokes,” the Lasting Culture Salon poetry festival celebrating China’s National Day and the Mid-Autumn Mooncake Festival was held on 12 September at the China Cultural Centre in Yangon.

“This event serves as a bridge promoting China-Myanmar Paukphaw friendship and artistic exchange through traditional Chinese literature, poetry, painting, and cul-



The Lasting Culture Salon poetry festival in progress at China Cultural Centre Yangon.

ture. The Yangon China Cultural Centre will continue to consistently strive for bilateral cultural exchange and friendly relations,” said Mr Han Jiajun, In-charge of the Yangon China Culture Centre.

U Aung Kyaw Hoe, Vice-Chairman of the Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central),

delivered an introductory speech, while School Principal U Than Aung discussed Chinese calligraphy.

Invited guests at the event enjoyed musical and dance performances and poetry recitations, toured the Chinese calligraphy exhibition in the gallery, practiced hands-on calligraphy writing, tasted mooncakes, drank tea, and engaged in close discussions on literature and art before the event concluded. — TWA/ZN

Letter of recommendation for leave to be issued on new timetable starting from 14 Sept

THE Myanmar Embassy in the Republic of Korea said in an announcement on 11 September that the timetable for the issuance of letter of recommendation for leave will be changed starting from 14 September.

For applications which can prove complete information, the embassy will issue the letter of recommendation from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Mondays and Fridays, starting from 14 September, it said.

Regarding the an-

nouncement by the Department of Labour under the Ministry of Labour on the recommendation requirement to take leave for Myanmar nationals working abroad, the Myanmar Embassy in Seoul stated it has already issued a notice on 30 April 2026 about the leave policy for PJ passport holders.

For returnees on leave, payment for recommendation letter per piece and leave form was previously collected 40,000 Korean won



The Myanmar Embassy in the Republic of Korea.

and 1,000 Korean won respectively. However, starting from 1 August, it has been reduced to 10,000 Korean won; 9,000 for recommendation letter and 1,000 for leave form, it said. — MT/ZS



MDY launches construction skills training project

THE opening ceremony of the Construction Skills Training Project, aimed at providing vocational skills and employment opportunities for families affected

CVT CEO Daw Khin Myat Sanda introduces the project’s objectives, procedures and project team members during the ceremony.

by the earthquake and people seeking jobs, was held at the headquarters of the Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry (MRCCI) in Mandalay on 11 September.

The project is jointly led by the Myanmar Private Technical and Vocational Education Association (MPTA) and the Centre for Vocational Training (CVT), in collab-

oration with the Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Federation (MCEF) and MRCCI.

The training courses to be offered include carpentry, masonry, welding, plumbing, steel fixing, and soft skills. The courses will be provided free of charge, and daily allowances will be provided throughout the training period.

In addition, participants will receive on-the-

job training (OJT), start-up kits to help them start their own businesses after completing the courses, and assistance in securing direct employment opportunities.

Those wishing to attend the training courses can apply by contacting the CVT Office on 09 250640608, the MPTA Office on 09 797304635, or the MDY Office on 09 974374622, 09 940200063 or 09 898160148. — TWA/KN

OPINION

Strengthening bilateral relations between Myanmar and Cambodia

ALTHOUGH Myanmar and Cambodia are not neighbouring countries sharing a common border, the two countries have close ties based on their shared religious, traditional and cultural affinities. Their bilateral relations remain cordial, and they continue to support and stand by each other on regional and international issues.

The Government of Myanmar is grateful to Cambodia for its consistent support and encouragement extended to Myanmar in the spirit of fraternal friendship, as well as for its keen interest in developments in Myanmar. In addition, when natural disasters struck Myanmar in 2025, Cambodia provided assistance by sending emergency funds for relief operations, thereby demonstrating the obligations of a true friend.

Cambodia also sent election observation teams to Myanmar during the election period to observe the conduct of free and fair elections. During its tenure as ASEAN Chair, Cambodia provided positive support and assistance to Myanmar as a true and good friend. At present, Myanmar and Cambodia are fully cooperating through regional cooperation mechanisms such as the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation, CLMV and ACMECS. Diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Cambodia have a long and positive history, with relations steadily improving not only between government institutions but also between the two armed forces and among the peoples of the two countries. There are also opportunities to resume mechanisms such as the Joint

Commission for Bilateral Cooperation (JCBC) to further promote multifaceted cooperation between the two countries.

The Dawei Deep-Sea Port and Special Economic Zone are being implemented in Myanmar and have strong potential for the future. Therefore, Cambodian businesspeople could achieve significant success if they make investments in these projects. In addition, the two countries should enhance cooperation across various sectors, including trade and investment, agriculture and livestock breeding, and other areas, in order to promote mutual interests and prosperity.

Myanmar has successfully held a fair and dignified election and is working to firmly advance the country along the democratic path through Hluttaws comprising representatives elected by the people and a democratically elected government that will practically implement the will of the people. At the same time, efforts are also being made to achieve internal peace.

The Myanmar Government pursues an independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy, while further strengthening its existing bonds of friendship and amity with neighbouring and partner countries and continuing to promote regional interests in a balanced manner. At the same time, Myanmar attaches great importance to its friendly relations with Cambodia and will continue to stand as a reliable and good friend of Cambodia.

Join hands to Eliminate Child Labour

Than Zaw (Homalin)

CHILD labour refers to work performed by children that is harmful to their physical health, education, safety, and psychological development. It is not only a serious social problem but also an important economic issue because it can have long-term consequences for a country's human capital and economic development. International organizations such as the International Labour Organization (ILO) and UNICEF have been working with governments and other stakeholders to reduce and ultimately eliminate child labour worldwide.

According to the ILO and UNICEF, millions of children around the world continue to be engaged in child labour, with a significant proportion involved in hazardous work. Although the global number of children in labour has declined substantially since 2000, progress has slowed in recent years, indicating that stronger and faster action is still needed. Africa has the largest number of children involved in child labour, followed by the Asia-Pacific region. Agriculture remains the largest sector in which children work, while others are employed in services and industry. Poverty, inadequate social protection, limited access to quality education, and vulnerable family livelihoods are among the major factors contributing to child labour.

The ILO and UNICEF have emphasized the importance of investing in social protection, education, decent work opportunities, and responsible business practices throughout supply chains in order to address the root causes of child labour.

How Does Child Labour Affect Economic Growth?

(1) It Reduces the Quality of Human Capital

Economic growth depends heavily on a country's human resources, the skills and knowledge of its population. Children who enter the workforce at an early age are more likely to leave school or receive less education. As a result, they may lack the knowledge and skills needed to obtain productive and well-paid employment in adulthood. Over time, a large num-

ber of poorly educated workers can reduce a country's productivity, innovation, and overall economic potential.

(2) It Perpetuates the Cycle of Poverty

Child labour may provide additional income for poor families in the short term, but its long-term consequences can be harmful. Children who leave school early often have limited opportunities to acquire professional skills and may remain trapped in low-paid and insecure employment as adults. Their low income can make it difficult for them to provide better education and living conditions for their own children. In this way, child labour can contribute to the intergenerational cycle of poverty.

(3) It Can Reduce International Competitiveness

A high prevalence of child labour can negatively affect a country's reputation in international markets, particularly when products are associated with poor labour conditions or violations of children's rights. Such concerns may reduce consumer confidence and create challenges for businesses seeking access to international markets. In addition, countries with weak labour standards may find it more difficult to attract responsible foreign investment and participate in global supply chains that require higher social and environmental standards.

(4) It Creates Long-Term Health and Social Costs

Children involved in hazardous or age-inappropriate work may suffer physical injuries, chronic health problems, psychological stress, and other forms of harm. These consequences can reduce their ability to work productively later in life and may increase the need for public health and social welfare services. Therefore, the economic cost of child labour extends beyond the individual child and family and can place an additional burden on society and government resources.

How Can Child Labour Be Reduced?

(1) Implementing Poverty-Reduction Policies

Poverty is one of the major drivers of child labour. Govern-



ments should therefore strengthen policies that improve household income and economic security.

These measures may include creating decent work opportunities, supporting small and medium-sized enterprises, improving access to social protection, and providing targeted assistance to vulnerable families. When parents have stable and adequate incomes, they are less likely to depend on their children's earnings.

2. Providing Free and High-Quality Education

Access to affordable and high-quality education is one of the most effective ways to prevent child labour. Governments should ensure that children can attend school regardless of their family's financial situation. Reducing education-related costs, providing scholarships and school supplies, and supporting children from disadvantaged households can encourage school attendance.

(3) Strengthening Legislation and Enforcement

Strong laws alone are not sufficient unless they are effectively implemented. Governments should enforce minimum-age requirements for employment, strengthen workplace inspections, and take appropriate legal action against employers who violate child labour laws.

Employers should also be informed about their legal responsibilities and encouraged to adopt responsible labour practices. Effective enforcement is particularly important in sectors where children

are vulnerable to exploitation and hazardous working conditions.

Successful implementation requires cooperation among government institutions, employers, workers' organizations, communities, civil society organizations, and international development partners. Strong coordination among these stakeholders is essential to ensure that children are protected and that families have viable alternatives to relying on child labour.

Child labour may provide limited financial support to families in the short term, but its long-term consequences can be damaging to both individuals and the national economy. When children leave school prematurely and enter low-skilled employment, countries lose opportunities to develop a healthy, educated, and productive workforce. Child labour can also reinforce poverty, increase social and health-related costs, and create challenges for international competitiveness.

Therefore, eliminating child labour requires more than simply prohibiting children from working. It requires a comprehensive approach that addresses the underlying causes of the problem.

Poverty reduction, access to quality education, effective labour-law enforcement, social protection, public awareness, and better livelihood opportunities for families must work together. For Myanmar, the effective implementation of its national action plan, supported by reliable data and strong cooperation among relevant stakeholders, will be essential for creating a future in which every child has the opportunity to learn, develop, and contribute productively to the country's economic and social development.

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Keep your minds pure in the brief remaining span of life

By Aung Kyaw Thant

FRIENDS who have been bound by deep ties for over 40 years gathered to hold reunions about twice a year. I was only able to attend one of the gatherings held in 2025. I heard that only about eight friends attended the first meetup.

The second reunion was held in December 2025. I attended that gathering. At that time, a total of eleven friends attended: five living in Thanlyin and six outside Thanlyin. Although some friends wanted to attend the reunion, they could only drop by for a short while before having to leave due to family matters and office issues. Due to work commitments, others could only make it just as the gathering was about to end. Whatever the case, the very fact that they showed up at all is a testament to the bond of our friendship spanning over forty years.

Whether the gathering is grand or simple, and whether the hospitality and catering are lavish or modest, does not truly matter. The main purpose is simply the longing to see and meet the friends with whom we attended Yangon University (Botahtaung Campus) over forty years ago. The institution was transformed from the Regional College (1) under the Ministry of Education in 1984. Current-

ly, it has been transformed into the National Management Degree College. Most of us started learning higher education at the Botahtaung Campus of Yangon University in 1985. So, we missed the chance to become students of the Regional College 1.

These friends once spent the carefree, joyful days of their youth together at the Botahtaung Campus. Not only did we study together, but we also actively and merrily participated in various student societies and group activities. Rather than reminiscing about those youthful endeavours all alone, gathering with old friends to share fond memories and dig up the past feels as though time – which is steadily marching towards old age – is paused for a brief moment. Returning once more to the vitality of our youth and rejuvenating our spirits can only truly happen in that very place and moment when friends reunite.

Now, some of my friends have become prominent business owners. Some are retired military officers. Some are government officials. Some are merchants and brokers. Some are school teachers. Some are media professionals and artists.

Some, unable to run businesses for various reasons, are carrying on their family's traditional trades, navigating through life

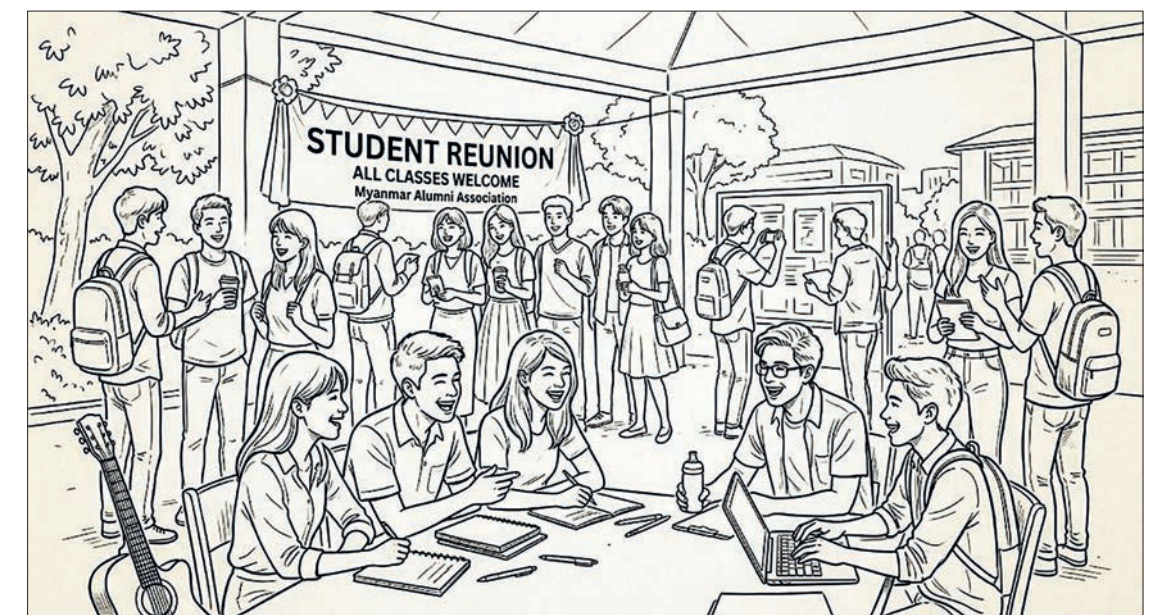
in all sorts of different ways. They are struggling to survive as much as possible. One thing is certain, though: none of our friends has given up on life just yet.

In August 2026, another friends' reunion was held in Thanlyin. I was unable to attend this gathering. Even though my friends persistently invited me, I had to miss this one due to the pressure of work commitments. However, I felt delighted looking at the photos my friends sent of their get-together. I joined in the fun in spirit.

At this gathering, friends who had not participated in previous ones joined in. A total of 16 people attended. There were also some who started in our major subject that we learned but soon transferred to a new major subject after meeting the grade requirements. I also saw two friends with similar names at the reunion who had been inseparable from the start of their first year until their final year, but hadn't seen each other even once since the end of that final year. Those two must have been overjoyed.

In reality, the little gathering was quite ordinary. There was nothing grand about it. Even so, it reawakened and rejuvenated their minds, which had settled over more than 40 years.

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This AI image catches activities of student reunion.

DELICACY/NEWS QUIZ

Coconut Milk Banana Pudding

COCONUT Milk Banana Pudding is one of Myanmar’s beloved traditional desserts. It combines the delicate fragrance of coconut milk, the natural sweetness of bananas, and a touch of salt for balance, making it a truly classic treat. This week, let’s look at how to prepare this popular dish enjoyed across all walks of life.

Ingredients

- 1. Ripe bananas (either firm or fragrant variety) – 5 (cut into medium slices or chunks)
- 2. Coconut milk (first extract, thick) – 1 cup
- 3. Coconut milk (second extract, thin) – 1½ cups
- 4. Sugar – about 3 tablespoons (adjust to taste)
- 5. Salt – ¼ teaspoon (to enhance flavour)
- 6. Sago seeds – 2 tablespoons (boiled and cooled)
- 7. Pandan leaves – 2 (for aroma)

Preparation Steps

Banana preparation

- Peel the bananas and slice into rounds or chunks.

Cooking the thin coconut milk

- In a pot, add the thin coconut milk and pandan leaves. Bring to a gentle boil over medium heat.

Adding bananas

- Once the coconut milk boils, add the banana pieces. Simmer gently for about three minutes until slightly softened.

Flavoring

- Stir in sugar, salt, and the pre-boiled Sago seeds. Mix gently.

Finishing with thick coconut milk

- Finally, add the thick coconut milk. Let it come just

to a boil, then remove from heat immediately (to prevent the coconut oil from separating).
Now your fragrant, creamy Coconut Milk Banana Pudding is ready to serve. It can be enjoyed warm, or chilled with ice cubes for a refreshing version. Some prefer pairing it with other foods rather than eating it alone.

Suggested Pairings

- 1. Bread – Dip plain or toasted bread into the coconut milk for extra richness.
- 2. Sticky millet pudding – Served warm, it complements the banana pudding well and makes it more filling.

- 3. Sesame or peanut sprinkles – A light topping of roasted sesame seeds or crushed peanuts adds crunch and depth of flavour.

Health Benefits

- Bananas are rich in natural sugars and carbohydrates, providing quick energy and reducing fatigue.
- Dietary fibre aids digestion and helps prevent constipation.
- Regular consumption may help regulate blood pressure and support heart and muscle function.
- Coconut milk contains healthy medium-chain triglycerides (MCTs), which the body can easily convert into energy. — MOON

Traditional Myanmar Delicacy



Weekly News Quiz

(for 10 September 2026)

THE following quiz is based on three national news stories and two international news stories published in Thursday’s newspaper (10 September 2026).

National News Quiz

- 1. As part of the ongoing upgrade works at Dawei Airport to accommodate large cargo aircraft, by how many feet is the existing 12,000-foot runway being widened on each side along its entire length?
 - A. 15 feet
 - B. 20 feet
 - C. 25 feet
 - D. 30 feet
- 2. Renowned writer, film director, and legal expert Aung Soe Oo (U Aung Soe), who passed away at the age of 78, wrote regular music criticism articles under which pen name?
 - A. Maung Thein Dan
 - B. Ko Alinka

- C. Thu Maung
- D. Min Lu
- 3. According to the expressway maintenance and repair supervisory team, what was identified as the primary cause of the 98 traffic accidents recorded on the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway from January to early September 2026?
 - A. Mechanical brake failure
 - B. Tire punctures
 - C. Drowsy driving
 - D. Speeding during heavy rain

Global News Quiz

- 4. China’s Five-hundred-metre Aperture Spherical Radio Telescope (FAST) detected how many neutral hydrogen sources across nearly half the sky to help build cosmic “galactic identity cards”?
 - A. 124,500
 - B. 142,300
 - C. 156,411
 - D. 168,920
- 5. Who officially declared open the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) as its newly appointed president at the UN headquarters?
 - A. Dennis Francis
 - B. Philemon Yang
 - C. Khalilur Rahman
 - D. Csaba Kőrösi

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ARTICLE/NATIONAL

Keep your minds pure in the brief remaining span of life

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The time gap of over four decades had drastically changed everyone’s physical appearances. Yet, their spirits remained unchanged. Thanks to the reunion, they felt youthful at heart and gained new strength. If anyone was feeling depressed, discouraged, or lost, that ordinary little gathering boosted their resilience, keeping them motivated and uplifted for at least a week or ten days, and bringing renewed energy to their work. This in itself was a rewarding gain for their lives.

Even those who shared only a casual friendship during their young student days have

now become close friends. Recalling the times when we struggled together in spirit during our student life has made our friendships grow even stronger. Over the span of more than forty years, there are also those who have passed away. Therefore, in the short time we have left in life, we are people who share the same thoughts, mindsets, and experiences, possessing lives where we can turn to each other and smile. Because of this, for the sake of the friends we bonded with in our youth, we all understand without a single word being spoken that it is now time for us friends to hold each other’s hands.

Various kinds of gath-

erings take place across society in many different forms. They are organized for diverse purposes, drawing participants from all walks of life around a variety of themes. Attendees may span different age groups, carry different duties and responsibilities, and pursue diverse livelihoods.

Yet, at these gatherings, they set aside their rank, status, and wealth, remembering how they once walked a shared journey in life with one heart and mind, striving together to overcome common challenges. Bound by the strong, enduring ties forged through those memorable milestones in their lives, they come to-

gether to exchange heartfelt feelings, share in one another’s happiness, and align their thoughts and perspectives.

In truth, time is not something that stands still or can be halted. We must navigate life maturely, adapting and evolving with the passage of time. Yet, life does not always run smoothly; from time to time, one encounters hardships and turning points.

Just as the Myanmar proverb goes – Every dog has his day – life’s ups and downs inevitably touch our daily existence. Whenever struck by these shifting tides, anyone would seek an emotional outlet and a source of encouragement

to stand firm with a resilient spirit. In such moments, simple gatherings among friends serve as a revitalizing tonic for those feeling weighed down by life.

Our alumni group is now around the age of sixty, with some already past it. No one knows how many of us will still be around in another twenty years. Even now, quite a few of the friends from our school days have already passed away.

Looking at a nearer horizon – just five years from now – I can only pray that all the friends present at this gathering remain in good health. I imagine we will continue to hold these reunions once or twice a

year. Some will be able to attend, while others may not due to various circumstances. For this reason, those of us who have made it to this gathering must take care of both our physical and mental well-being so that we can attend the reunions yet to come.

Human life is brief and lasts only for a fleeting moment. In this short span between birth and death, we should all try to keep ourselves in the best possible shape, both physically and mentally. Even if we cannot actively do good for others, we should live with mindfulness and care so as not to cause harm to anyone.

Yangon to host Myanmar Premium Car Expo 2026



This photo features a poster of Myanmar Premium Car Expo 2026.

ONE of Myanmar’s grandest automotive exhibitions, the “Myanmar Premium Car Expo 2026”, will be held at the Grand Ballroom of the Sedona Hotel in Yangon from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on 19 September.

The grand exhibition will showcase the latest luxury and premium car models, electric vehicles (EVs) and modern smart automotive technologies under one roof. In addition, attendees can look forward to hands-on car experience programmes, exclusive on-site promotional offers and exciting lucky draws.

The exhibition promises an unforgettable experience for car enthusiasts, business owners and automotive industry professionals, while also creating valuable networking opportunities for entrepreneurs to connect with one another.

Automotive brands, car showrooms, premium lifestyle brands and business partners are currently invited to participate as exhibitors. As booth spaces are limited, interested parties can contact 09-774500031 for further information. — TWA/TH

Applications open for Majestic Cultural Fashion Myanmar 2026

FOR the Majestic Cultural Fashion Myanmar 2026, which will be held in Myanmar for the first time, applications are being accepted.

The competition is a big chance for those who are ambitious and want to be catwalk models on the international stage.

It has four categories — Mister, Miss, Kid and Teen and Transgender.

Those who don’t have experience of beauty pageant are also eligible for this competition which is focused on catwalk and fashion and culture.

In addition to K1 million prize, it will offer a chance to join the International Competition in Cambodia as a national contestant, as well as employment opportunity in advertising, media, fashion and showbiz and art, speaking and personal development trainings.

Organizers say registrations are welcomed to this event which will bring opportunity to those who are passionate about international runway modelling. — TWA/ZS



The poster depicts Majestic Cultural Fashion Myanmar 2026.

Mister Myanmar 2026 Yu Gan to represent Myanmar at Mister International 2026 Pageant

MISTER Myanmar 2026 Yu Gan will represent Myanmar at the 18th Mister International 2026 competition, which will be hosted by Thailand from 13 to 26 September.

“This will be my second time competing in an international

pageant. I will do my best in this competition and aim to make it at least into the Top 10,” said Mister Myanmar 2026 Yu Gan.

Contestants representing Vietnam, Japan, Brazil, Indonesia, the Philippines, China, India, South Korea, Spain, Malay-

sia, France, Cuba, Panama and Azerbaijan will compete in Mister International 2026. — ASH/KZL

Mister Myanmar 2026 Yu Gan will represent Myanmar at Mister International 2026



ECONOMY WORLD

Japan automakers to revamp factory calendars from financial 2027 to draw workers

Major automakers have long operated factories on week-day national holidays.

CARMAKERS belonging to the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association plan to overhaul their factory work schedules from financial 2027, including reducing plant operations on national holidays, to better balance work and time with family.

In a bid to attract more workers, automakers will also review industry practices that

include taking days off on weekdays during Japan's Golden Week holiday period. The idea is to align with the country's national calendar.

Major automakers including Toyota Motor Corp and Honda Motor Co have long operated factories on weekday national holidays while taking extended shutdowns during the Bon summer holiday period and the



Employees work on the Lexus production line at Toyota Motor Kyushu Inc's Miyata plant in Miyawaka, Fukuoka Prefecture, on 22 December 2022. **PHOTO: KYODO**

year-end and New Year holidays under an industry-specific calendar.

The current factory schedules have improved production efficiency by

concentrating the days of operations and allowing equipment upgrades and maintenance during longer shutdowns. — Kyodo

Australian multi-job holders hit record one million in June

THE number of Australians working more than one job reached 1 million in June 2026, accounting for a record 6.9 per cent of employed people, official data showed on Friday.

The number of multiple job-holders increased 6.6 per cent from 984,200 in March, while 14.1 million people held a single job, according to data released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Women were more likely than men to work multiple jobs, with 7.7 per cent of employed women holding more than one job, compared with 6.2 per cent of men, the ABS said.

Workers aged 20-24 had the highest rate of multiple job-holding at 11.2 per cent, while only 3.1 per cent of employed people aged 65 and over held multiple jobs, statistics showed. — Xinhua

Sri Lanka to begin agricultural census in October

SRI Lanka will begin an agricultural census next month as part of the country's once-a-decade economic census, the Department of Census and Statistics said, as reported by local news outlet Newsfirst Saturday.

Director General of the department Shamali Karunaratne said training is underway for officials who will collect the data.

Agriculture, forestry and fishing accounted for over eight per cent of Sri Lanka's GDP in 2025, according to the department. — Xinhua

Nearly 40% of Slovak households are dissatisfied with living standards

NEARLY 40 per cent of Slovak households feel they are not living a decent life, with income and financial security playing a major role in how they assess their living standards, the News Agency of the Slovak Republic reported on Saturday.

The report cited a June survey conducted by the research company Focus for the Partners Foundation, which found that 39 per cent of households said they were not living a decent life. Re-



This photo taken on 1 September 2026 shows the main square in the old town of Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

spondents associated a decent standard of living primarily with adequate

housing, quality food, the ability to cover regular expenses and having sav-

ings for unexpected costs.

"The issue is not about affording a luxurious life. They assess whether they can manage their everyday expenses and look to the future without fear," said sociologist Martin Slosiarik with Focus.

According to the survey, Slovak households estimated that they would need an average monthly income of 2,720 euros (US\$3156.18) to maintain a decent standard of living. — Xinhua

Corruption probe targets Brazil presidential candidate

REVELATIONS that Brazilian presidential candidate Flavio Bolsonaro is under investigation for alleged corruption and money laundering rocked his right-wing campaign Friday, weeks before elections.

Bolsonaro, the son of former leader Jair Bolsonaro, is vying for the presidency against leftist incumbent Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in the October ballot.

A newly released court document revealed that police have been investigating Flavio Bolsonaro since July regarding possible crimes "in the context of financing the production" of a forthcoming film about his father. — AFP



An aerial drone photo taken on 22 May 2025 shows the entrance of the Sihanoukville Special Economy Zone (SSEZ) in Sihanoukville, Cambodia. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**

RCEP drives 21% surge in Cambodia's regional trade in Jan-Aug

CAMBODIA'S trade volume with Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) member states saw a year-on-year surge of 21 per cent in the first eight months of 2026, driven by tariff preferences and trade facilitation under the mega-regional pact, official data showed on Saturday.

The Southeast Asian country recorded US\$31.93 billion in trade with RCEP countries during the January-August period this year, up from \$26.35 billion in the same period last year, according to a report from the Ministry of Commerce.

Cambodia's exports to RCEP members grew 8.9 per cent to \$7.22

billion, while imports climbed 25 per cent to reach \$24.71 billion, the report noted.

The free trade pact remains Cambodia's largest market, accounting for 61.2 per cent of the country's \$52.1-billion total global trade volume during the eight-month period. — Xinhua

Syria temporarily raises
fuel prices amid global
supply pressures

SYRIA on Sunday temporarily raised fuel and cooking gas prices, citing rising global energy and shipping costs as well as reduced domestic refining capacity.

The country's Permanent Committee for Pricing Petroleum Products and Mineral Resources issued a new temporary price bulletin, raising the price of 95-octane gasoline from 152 new Syrian pounds (about US\$1.25) to 195 pounds (about \$1.60) per litre, an increase of 28.3 per cent.

The price of 90-octane gasoline rose from 147 pounds (about \$1.21) to 185 pounds (about \$1.52) per litre, up 25.9 per cent, while

diesel climbed from 125 pounds (about \$1.03) to 175 pounds (about \$1.44) per litre, marking the steepest increase of 40 per cent.

Cooking gas prices also rose, though more moderately. The price of a household gas cylinder rose from 1,470 pounds (about \$12.05) to 1,600 pounds (about \$13.12), an increase of 8.8 per cent.

The Energy Ministry said the increases were temporary and reflected an exceptional rise in the cost of procuring petroleum products from international markets, alongside the major overhaul of the Baniyas refinery, a key supplier of fuel to the domestic market. — Xinhua



People fill their vehicles at a gas station in Damascus, Syria, 8 May 2026. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

120-yr Japanese inn in quake-hit Noto
to reopen FY 2028 with new building

KAGAYA, a 120-year-old Japanese ryokan inn that remains closed after suffering major damage in the 2024 Noto Peninsula earthquake, has announced it will reopen by the end of fiscal 2028 with a new seven-story building.

The new property will be constructed on the site of a former annex owned by the group near the center of the Wakura Onsen hot spring resort in Nanao, Ishikawa Prefecture, in central Japan. The design is being handled by the office of renowned Japanese architect Kengo



Image shows an artistic rendering of a guest room in Japanese ryokan inn Kagaya's new building.

PHOTO: KYODO

Kuma.

Founded in 1906, Kagaya is a landmark ryokan in the area and widely revered as the gold standard of Japanese "omotenashi"

hospitality. It held the consecutive No 1 spot in an annual ranking of top 100 hotels and ryokans in Japan by industry professionals for 36 years through 2015.

The long-established inn was seriously damaged in the magnitude-7.6 quake on New Year's Day in 2024 and is in the process of being demolished under publicly funded work that began in April this year.

In late August, Kagaya President Takatsugu Watanabe told reporters after a groundbreaking ceremony for the new building, "I am relieved we were able to hold the ceremony. We intend to move forward with preparations so we can provide the best hospitality." — Kyodo

Somali piracy resurgence threatens global shipping

A resurgence of Somali piracy off the northeastern coast and in the Gulf of Aden is growing amid Red Sea security risks, threatening global shipping costs and commodity prices to push up, analysts warned.

Following a string of vessel attacks and seizures since April, the International Maritime Organization (IMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations regulating maritime transport, issued a warning on

24 August highlighting the rise in piracy and confirming that over 90 seafarers remain held hostage by pirate networks. Experts emphasize that a persistent lack of economic opportunities, compound-

ed by widespread illegal fishing by foreign vessels, is driving more Somalis toward piracy, viewed by many both as a form of socio-economic protest and a desperate survival strategy. — Xinhua

Passenger ship sinks in Indonesia

A passenger ship that had lost contact in Indonesia's Java Sea has sunk, the country's National Search and Rescue Agency said Sunday, with around 130 people still unaccounted for. Around 110 people have

been rescued and at least one person has died, according to the latest available figures.

The Chinese Consulate General in Surabaya confirmed to Xinhua that there were no Chinese

nationals aboard the ship, citing information verified with relevant authorities of the Surabaya city government. The passenger ship, Virgo Transport 8, was carrying 243 people when it lost contact at around 2:00

am local time on Sunday after encountering bad weather, according to the search and rescue agency.

The vessel had departed from Surabaya in East Java province on Saturday and was heading to Banjarmasin in South Kalimantan province. — Xinhua

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Argentina revives plan for South Atlantic naval base amid Falklands tensions

President Javier Milei has prioritized funding for the Integrated Naval Base in the 2027 national budget.

ALONG the Beagle Channel, an icy stretch of water at the southern tip of the Americas, a concrete slab rises from hills covered in low, brownish scrub.

This is the dormant site of the proposed Ushuaia naval base that right-wing Argentine President Javier Milei wants to revive to serve as a military and logistical hub in the South Atlantic.

In early September, he ordered that priority be given in the government's 2027 budget to "the development of the Integrated Naval Base and other strategic projects".



The Ushuaia Aero Club and the Ushuaia Naval Air Station, located next to the area where Argentina's government plans to build a new naval base, are pictured in Ushuaia, the capital of the southern province of Tierra del Fuego, Antartida e Islas del Atlantico Sur, Argentina on 8 September 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

That message came in a speech where Milei also took a tougher line on

Argentina's sovereignty claim over the British-held Falkland Islands in the

South Atlantic — known in Argentina as Las Malvinas, and scene of a 1982 war between the two countries.

The Falklands lie about 560 kilometres (350 miles) to the northeast of Ushuaia.

The foundation stone for the Ushuaia base was laid in 2022 by the previous center-left government in Buenos Aires, but work has since stalled.

Only about nine per cent of the project has been completed, according to a government report submitted to lawmakers in mid-2025. — AFP

Houthis claim missile, drone attack on Saudi military base

YEMEN'S Houthi group said Sunday that it had launched a large-scale ballistic missile and drone attack on a military base in southern Saudi Arabia.

In a statement posted on X, Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said the attack targeted weapons depots and command-and-control facilities at a military base in Sharurah, a Saudi city near the Yemeni border.

Sarea said a "large barrage" of ballistic missiles and drones was used,

claiming the attack directly hit its targets. He gave no details on casualties or damage.

He said the operation was in retaliation for continued Saudi military action in Yemen and warned that further escalation would be met with "larger operations" deeper inside Saudi territory.

There was no immediate comment from Saudi authorities on the claim.

The attack came amid a sharp escalation in Yemen, where intense fighting



Houthi followers take part in the parade to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the group's seizure of the capital Sanaa at Al Sabeen Square in Sanaa, Yemen, 21 September 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**

has spread across several fronts since the Houthis launched a major offensive on 3 September. — Xinhua

Trump asks Smithsonian to install George Washington statues

US President Donald Trump asked the Smithsonian Institution on Friday to install statues of George Washington, in his latest bid to reshape the treasured museum and research complex.

Trump, who has sought to root out what he called "woke" culture, has accused the Smithsonian — which operates 21 museums and galleries — of trying to rewrite Amer-

ican history on issues of race and gender.

A 162-page White House report said that Smithsonian leadership has "consistently denigrated and displaced whites, males, Christians, and Americans in educational materials and programming".

Trump called for the installation of a 30-foot (nine-metre) "Colossus statue" of George Washington, a

founding father and the first US president, and an exhibition honoring his legacy at The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington.

Trump also said he wanted the 11-foot (three-metre) statue of Washington that featured in August's Freedom 250 IndyCar motor race to go on display in the museum's Flag Hall. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

South African calls on BRICS to defend multilateralism

SOUTH African President Cyril Ramaphosa on Saturday called on BRICS countries to strengthen multilateralism and push for global governance reform, saying the voices of Africa and the Global South must be fully reflected in shaping the future international order.

Ramaphosa made the remarks at a session during the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi, India, according to a statement released by the South African Presidency.

He said the authority of the United Nations (UN) and the foundations of multilateralism were under threat as multilateral institutions and rules were being "ignored and subverted".

Ramaphosa said South Africa advocated a predictable global system based on international law, with the UN Charter at its center, adding that an order founded on the sovereign equality of states, territorial integrity and political independence would benefit all nations, large and small. — Xinhua

Iran, Iraq, and Türkiye urge preventing escalation

IRAN, Iraq and Türkiye have stressed the need to prevent an escalation of tensions in the West Asia region.

The issue was highlighted in separate phone calls between Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi and his Turkish and Iraqi counterparts on Saturday, according to statements released by the Iranian Foreign Ministry early Sunday.

During a phone conversation between Araghchi and Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan, the two sides discussed the latest regional developments and underscored the need to prevent further escalation of tensions and the expansion of regional conflicts.

They also called for continued consultations and diplomatic efforts to help ensure regional stability and peace. — Xinhua

Koja urges Japan to reduce Okinawa's base burden

GENTA Koja, who is set to win Sunday's Okinawa gubernatorial election, pledged to call on the central government to reduce the burden on the southern Japanese prefecture of hosting US bases.

Koja, 42, also said in a press interview at his campaign office that he will ask the Japanese government to clarify when the site of US Marine Corps Air Station Futenma will be returned to Ginowan city after its planned relocation within Okinawa. — Kyodo

SPORTS

Myanmar women face South Korean in Asian Games opener

THE women’s football competition at the XX Asian Games in Japan kicks off on 14 September, with Myanmar facing Asian powerhouse South Korea in their opening Group B match.

A total of 12 teams will compete in the women’s football tournament, divided into three groups of four. Group A comprises hosts Japan, Taipei Province of China, Vietnam and Thailand, while Group B features South Korea, North Korea, Bangladesh and Myanmar. Group C consists of China, the Philippines, Uzbekistan and Hong Kong SAR.

On the opening day, Taipei Province of China will face Vietnam, Japan will meet Thailand, South Korea will play Myanmar, North Korea will take on Bangladesh, the Philippines

will face Uzbekistan, and China will meet Hong Kong SAR. The Myanmar-South Korea match will kick off at 5 pm Myanmar Standard Time.

Under the competition format, the top two teams from each group and the two best third-placed teams will advance to the quarter-finals.

Myanmar face a difficult challenge in Group B, with South Korea and North Korea among Asia’s leading teams. While securing points against the two sides will be challenging, Myanmar will look to limit the number of goals they concede. A win over Bangladesh could give Myanmar a chance of finishing as one of the two best third-placed teams and reaching the quarter-finals. — Nyi Myat Thawda/KZL



Selected Myanmar women players seen in training session. PHOTO: MFF

Myanmar to compete in 5 sports at XX Asian Games



Myanmar Sepak Takraw team that won a gold medal for Myanmar at the 2022 Asian Games.

MYANMAR will compete in five sports at the XX Asian Games, which will be held in Nagoya and Aichi Prefecture, Japan, from 19 September to 4 October, with some events beginning on 14 September.

A total of 469 events in 43 sports will be contested, with more than 10,000 athletes from

46 Asian Olympic Council member countries expected to take part.

Myanmar will compete in Sepak Takraw, women’s football, Teqball, gymnastics and Esports. Of the five sports, the women’s football competition will be the first event for Myanmar, and the team has made extensive preparations and undergone pre-competition training in preparation for the Games.

At the previous Asian Games in Hangzhou in 2022, Myanmar won one gold and two bronze medals. Sepak Takraw won the gold medal in the men’s quadrant event, while the dragon boat team secured two bronze medals. — Chit Ko Ko/KZL

Mbappe at the double as Real Madrid sink Rayo

KYLIAN Mbappe struck twice to help Real Madrid smash Rayo Vallecano 4-1 on Saturday to pull level with Barcelona at the top of La Liga.

Jose Mourinho’s side got back to winning ways after a defeat by Real Betis in their previous top-flight outing, with a convincing victory against neighbours Rayo.

Jude Bellingham and Alvaro Carreras were also on target for Real Madrid, while Sergio Camello pulled one back for the visitors early in the second half.

Champions Barcelona visit Levante on Sunday looking to extend their 100 per cent start to the campaign



Kylian Mbappe netted two goals as Real Madrid polished off Rayo Vallecano to get back to winning ways in La Liga. PHOTO: AFP

mental to win, above all after losing the last game in La Liga,” Mourinho told Real Madrid TV.

“We killed the game in the first half — that’s not easy, working like we did after the Champions League game, not just physically, but mentally.”

Los Blancos took the lead from the penalty spot in the 14th minute after Florian Lejeune clumsily felled Carreras. Mbappe sent Rayo goalkeeper Emil Audero the wrong way. — AFP

Asian Games: Skateboard star Matsumoto, 14, gunning for street gold

SKATEBOARDING powerhouse Japan has produced a host of teenage stars in recent years, and one of the latest, 14-year-old Ibuki Matsumoto, is aiming to capture gold in the women’s street competition at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games.

Standing 170 centimetres in a discipline often dominated by smaller athletes, Matsumoto is known for her dynamic riding style characterized by impressive speed and air.

She will head into the Asian Games ranked No 1 in the world on the back of eye-catching performances in international competition, including last November’s world tour event in Kitakyushu.

On her final attempt of the best trick event, she successfully landed a “kickflip frontside nosegrind”, involving a vertical board rotation onto an obstacle, followed by sliding along a rail on the nose of the board. — Kyodo

ANSWERS TO QUIZ FROM PAGE 10



Weekly News Quiz

Answer Key

- C. 25 feet (From the Dawei Airport runway upgrade story on Page 1)
- B. Ko Alinka (From the Aung Soe Oo obituary on Page 4)
- C. Drowsy driving (From the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway report on Page 6)
- C. 156,411 (From the FAST radio telescope discovery story on Page 10)
- C. Khalilur Rahman (From the 81st UN General Assembly opening story on Page 14)

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WORLD

Weaponization of technology, critical minerals can hinder our shared progress: PM Modi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the BRICS summit. **PHOTO: ANI**

NOTING that weaponization of technology and critical minerals can hinder shared progress of BRICS countries, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that there is need of inclusivity in the adoption of technology. Addressing the open session ‘Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability: Shaping the Future for Inclusive Global Growth’ on the second day of the summit, PM Modi said the BRICS Logistic Supply Chain Cooperation Framework will help make our supply chains more reliable and resilient.

“Under the umbrella of innovation, the BRICS

Incubator Network will connect our startups and incubators. We have proposed the BRICS Startup Innovation Fund to promote innovative and scalable solutions. The BRICS Network on Digital Agriculture will create new opportunities for farmers; through this initiative, AI, geospatial technology, and digital public infrastructure will be aligned with the actual needs of farmers. The weaponization of technology and critical minerals could hinder our shared progress; therefore, we have emphasized inclusivity in the adoption of technology,” PM Modi said.—ANI

Voting begins in tight Swedish election

POLLING stations opened across Sweden on Sunday morning in a closely watched parliamentary election that could see the far-right Sweden Democrats (SD) enter government for the first time or the centre-left return to power after four years in opposition.

Opinion polls had generally put the centre-left opposition ahead of Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson’s governing right-wing camp. Still, the gap narrowed sharply in the final days of the campaign, making the race tighter as voting began.

The SD, long excluded from government by established parties because of its far-right roots, has supported Kristersson’s government from outside the cabinet since 2022 and is now seeking ministerial posts if the right-wing bloc retains power.—Xinhua

BRICS advocates for all countries to have equal opportunities for growth: Putin

BRICS advocates equal opportunities for sovereign growth and cultural preservation.

BRICS advocates for all countries to have equal and unrestricted opportunities for economic and social growth while preserving their unique national cultures and traditions, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Sunday.

“The BRICS association has always advocated and continues to advocate for all countries, without exception, to have equal and unrestricted opportunities for steady and bal-

Key Statements by Vladimir Putin

- BRICS nations are actively involved in shaping a more just, multipolar world order
- Putin called the further strengthening of the BRICS New Development Bank’s potential and the updating of its business models a key task
- The bank has already financed 123 projects worth nearly \$40 billion
- Domestic trade within the BRICS framework has already reached \$1.2 trillion
- The creation of a new BRICS investment platform would allow to attract long-term capital not only to the association’s member states but also to BRICS partner countries
- The growth rates of the population in BRICS countries are increasing year by year, with domestic markets strengthening and modern infrastructure established



This handout photograph taken and released by Indian Press Information Bureau (PIB) on 13 September 2026 shows Russia’s President Vladimir Putin (L), India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi (C) and China’s President Xi Jinping (R) attending the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi. **PHOTO: HANDOUT / INDIAN PRESS INFORMATION BUREAU (PIB) / AFP**

anced economic and social growth and for ensuring the well-being of their populations, while simultaneously preserving their unique national cultures and traditions and adhering to their own sovereign development models,” Putin said at the BRICS+ session as part of the summit. The Russian leader arrived in New Delhi on Friday for a three-day working visit to attend the BRICS summit, which is taking place in the Indian capital on 12-13 September. The BRICS+ session concludes the forum’s working agenda. — SPUTNIK

Highlights of Xi’s remarks on BRICS cooperation

Global South nations must jointly uphold international law without double standards.

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Sunday called on BRICS countries to strengthen unity among the Global South and play an active, stabilizing and positive role in global affairs, while putting forward five initiatives on greater BRICS cooperation.

Xi made the remarks when attending the second day of the 18th BRICS Summit. The following are some of the highlights of his remarks. — Xinhua

Notable Facts

- The Global South, with its collective rise, has become a key driver of world multipolarity.
- To bring stability to the world and make it a better place, BRICS countries must seize the historical initiative, rally the Global South, be an active, stabilizing and positive force in international affairs, and advance the well-being of all humanity.
- Global South countries should jointly defend the rule of law in international affairs, safeguard the basic norms of international relations including sovereign equality, noninterference in internal affairs, and the peaceful settlement of disputes, and ensure that international law and international rules are applied to all, free from double standards.