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Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

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

Myanmar, Russia to formulate roadmaps on economic cooperation

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is currently in the Russian Federation during his working visit, received Mr Anton Kobayakov, Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation, at the Radisson Collection Hotel yesterday afternoon.

They openly discussed arrangements being made to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election in Myanmar soon, a plan underway to transfer the State duties in accord with the democratic standard upon completion of the election, recognition and support of the international community including the Russian Federation for the election to be held in Myanmar, and situations to implement the roadmaps on economic cooperation step by step to ensure the development of the common interests both countries and people.

After the meeting, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar exchanged commemorative gifts with the Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation, the Honorary Consul-General and the Director-General of RC Investment Fund.

Also, present at the meeting were the Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Commission

The Russian Federation and the international community recognize and support Myanmar’s free and fair multiparty democratic general election.



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Mr Anton Kobayakov, Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation yesterday.

Member and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe, Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Thit

Linn Ohn, and officials. The Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation was accompanied by Honorary Consul-Gener-

al and Director-General of RC Investment Fund, Mr Sergey Shatirov, and officials. — MNA/TTA



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By Chen Ziqi, reporter from CGTN

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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

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

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- **Let us encourage production for prosperity of the Nation.**
- **Let us ensure education sector for the development of the Nation.**
- **Let us protect our environment for the prosperity of the Nation.**

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80% of Ayeyawady beach hotels booked for Thadingyut

DURING the upcoming long Thadingyut holiday in October, 80 per cent of hotel rooms at seaside resorts including Chaungtha, Ngwehsaung, and Shwethaungyan beaches, and Goyangyi Island have already been booked in advance by domestic and foreign tourists, according to the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism.

In the Ayeyawady Region, these seaside resorts possess favourable geographical conditions along the coastline and coastal areas. The regional government is striving to develop them into a vibrant and sustainable tourism industry while also establishing them as long-term competitive tourist destinations. During public holidays, the influx of visitors to these beach resorts contributes not only to the growth of the tourism sector but also to the expansion of related services and the creation of job opportunities for local communities.

In the four seaside resorts of the Ayeyawady Region, more than 500,000 visitors arrived annually in 2023 and 2024. By August 2025, a total of 159,213 tourists had visited. Local hotel and guesthouse operators estimated



Photos showcase domestic and international holiday makers at the Chaungtha Beach (above), and beachgoers vacationing at Ngwehsaung (right). **PHOTOS: H&T DIRECTORATE (PATHEIN)**



that, starting from this Thadingyut holiday and throughout the open tourism season, the number of visitors will surpass last year's figures.

In the Ayeyawady Region, the Ngwehsaung and Chaungtha beaches, which have good transportation access and sufficient infrastructure, are popular destinations regularly visited by both domestic and international travellers each year. Although

reaching Goyangyi Island and Shwethaungyan Beach takes more time, their natural beauty continues to attract visitors. Hotel and guesthouse operators have observed that if transportation access is further improved, the number of tourists visiting these destinations could increase even more.

"In the Thadingyut holiday, tourists are expected to flock to the beaches of the Ayeyawady Region. About 80 per cent of the rooms at the four main beaches have been booked in advance. In Ngwehsaung, there are 38 hotels, guesthouses, and lodges; in Chaungtha and Shwethaungyan, another 38; and including

Goyangyi Island, a total of 49,197 rooms are open for visitors. Tourism is an industry that succeeds only through collective effort. It is also a smokeless income-generating sector and can uplift the socio-economic status of a region. With hotel bookings already reaching 80 per cent for the Thadingyut holiday, new job opportunities are opening up, and the industry is bringing benefits to the country. Hotels are urged to provide the best possible service, while tourists are kindly requested to work together in ensuring that the natural beauty of the beaches is preserved and not harmed," said U Aung Thu Oo, director of the directorate.

The government also extends visa relaxation on the visa on arrival year by year to promote the tourism industry, and the director of flights from Yangon to Patheingyi can earn a higher income like Thailand. The Ayeyawady Region government make efforts to attract international travellers by cooperating with different departments, hotelier committees and associations. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH

NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

ARMED terrorists have been launching attacks by using residential homes and administrative buildings in towns and villages as cover, where they have forcibly settled. They aim to shield themselves from Tatmadaw counterattacks while also persuading temporarily displaced persons to return to their native areas and recruiting new members. That enables terrorists to use civilians as human shields. Tatmadaw is committed to safeguarding the sovereignty of the State and will respond to these threats based on intelligence and prevailing conditions. Therefore, residents in areas where terrorists have taken control must prioritize their safety and protect themselves from being exploited by these groups.

(An excerpt from guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Shan State cabinet members and state-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the plenary summit of the World Atomic Week Forum 2025 with the title “From a New Technological Rollout to a New World-view” at the Atom Museum in Moscow, the Russian Federation, on 25 September. The “World Atomic Week Forum 2025” was attended by international leaders including the President of the Russian Federation, the high-level Myanmar delegation led by the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Prime Minister of Armenia, and the President of Belarus, as well as senior government officials and heads of nuclear energy organizations, world-class experts, executives of major companies, leaders from the CIS, Asia, Africa, and Latin America, and delegates from 105 countries.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, together with international leaders, senior government officials, and other attendees, were welcomed by Mr Alexey Likhachev, ROSATOM Director-General of the Russian Federation, and officials.

At the ceremony, ROSATOM Director-General Mr Alexey Likhachev made an opening speech, whereas the President of the Russian Federation delivered a keynote address.

The President of Belarus, the Prime Minister of Armenia, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, and the IAEA Director-General, as well as senior government officials from various countries, heads of nuclear energy organizations, and world-class experts in attendance, delivered speeches on the occasion.

On the occasion, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar delivered a speech. He said: The global energy demand is increasing annually, and according to the report of the International Energy Agency (IEA), by 2025 it is projected to rise by 2.2 per cent compared to 2024. At present, about nine per cent of global energy needs



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing participates in the plenary summit of the World Atomic Week Forum 2025 on 25 September 2025.

Myanmar seeks ROSATOM, IAEA support for nuclear energy

Recognizing nuclear energy as a green, low-carbon power source, Myanmar aims to generate stable electricity from nuclear power and harness it to drive the country’s economic development.

are being met by nuclear power. Under the World Net-Zero Carbon Emissions initiative, plans are being implemented to use renewable energy in combination with nuclear power. Nuclear energy is recognized as a form of green energy with low carbon emissions and the ability to provide a stable electricity supply. In addition, nuclear technologies in agriculture help support safer food production that is more resilient to climate change impacts. Programmes such as genetic crop mutation breeding have pro-

duced crops that are resistant to drought, pests, and diseases. Likewise, sterile insect techniques have reduced the need for pesticides, helped protect ecosystems, and contributed to sustainable long-term harvests. For agriculture-based countries like ours, these advancements provide significant benefits. In the field of medicine, radioisotopes and nuclear imaging technologies have transformed methods of disease detection and treatment. Early diagnosis of cancers, along with targeted therapies through ra-

diotherapy, has saved millions of lives each year and greatly improved the quality of life for countless people. Nuclear medicine thus stands as a prime example of how the power of science can serve humanity. While the peaceful use of nuclear energy across various sectors brings great benefits to humankind, there are also challenges. It is essential to properly manage radioactive waste to avoid harming natural ecosystems, to prevent radiation leaks from nuclear materials, and to ensure reliable safety systems that can avert nuclear accidents. Myanmar, in its efforts to utilize nuclear energy, has since 2022 signed memorandums of understanding on cooperation with the Russian Federation and the State Atomic Energy Corporation (ROSATOM). This marked the beginning of laying the foundation for the country’s nuclear energy development.

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Acting President and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin at the Grand Kremlin Palace in Moscow on 25 September.

Myanmar, Russia celebrate 70 years of enduring friendship

Both sides will hold discussions on the agreements between the two governments to facilitate their continued implementation.

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Mr Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin at the Grand Kremlin Palace in Moscow on the evening of 25 September.

The President of the Russian Federation cordially welcomed the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

At the talks, President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin warmly welcomed the Acting President and SSPC Chair-

man of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. He said that the two countries have maintained diplomatic relations for more than 70 years. He recounted that during the visits to Russia, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar have signed many agreements between the two countries. He emphasized that both sides will discuss these agreements between the two governments

of both countries to continue implementation.

Amidst a busy schedule, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar said that he was especially delighted to have this opportunity to meet the President of the Russian Federation once again. Myanmar-Russia diplomatic relations have remained strong for more than 70 years, and the military-to-military ties between the two nations have also continued to strengthen through friendly cooperation. He recognized that every country has the right to defend itself if its sovereignty and the security and interests of its citizens are threatened. He also welcomed Russia's efforts to achieve a durable peace. In the near future, he unveiled that a free and fair general election involving all parties will be held in Myanmar, and upon its completion, State responsibilities will be transferred in accordance with democratic standards. International observer groups will also be invited to monitor the election. In the coming years, emphasis will be placed on the implementation of multi-sectoral cooperation for the mutual benefit and prosperity between the two countries and the people.

They also exchanged views on the promotion of friendship and cooperation between the two countries, the sector on peaceful use of nuclear energy, enhancement of cooperation in investment, electric power, health and production of medicines, agriculture, academics, and defence sectors, and cooperation in other sectors.

Also, present at the talks were Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Commission Member and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe, Union Ministers U Nyan Tun, U Ko Ko Lwin, Dr Myo Thein Kyaw and Dr Thet Khaing Win, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Thit Linn Ohn and officials. The President of the Russian Federation was accompanied by the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Presidential Executive Office, aides to the President of the Russian Federation, ministers from the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Energy, officials, and senior government executives. — MNA/TTA

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Myanmar and Russia join forces for peaceful space exploration

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is currently in the Russian Federation during his working visit, yesterday morning held talks with Director-General Mr Dmitry V Bakanov of the State Space Corporation “Roscosmos” of the Russian Federation at the head office of Roscosmos.

On arrival at the head office of Roscosmos, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and party were warmly welcomed by the Roscosmos Director-General and officials. The Senior General and party observed a scale model of a satellite to be launched to the space and visited the control room, which directly connects with satellites in orbit. The Senior General responded to the clarification of the Director-General of the State Space Corporation “Roscosmos” and officials.

At the meeting hall, the Senior General and the Director-General of the State Space Corporation “Roscosmos” held a meeting.

They frankly exchanged views on the promotion of cooperation in the peaceful use and exploration of space technology between Myanmar and the Russian Federation.

Moreover, they discussed matters related to the development of human resources in space technology and cooperation between the two countries in



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing is seen being briefed around the State Space Corporation Roscosmos of the Russian Federation yesterday.

the peaceful exploration and use of outer space.

Furthermore, they cordially talked about measures to launch the satellite to enhance the interests of Myanmar and the people, and sending scholarship students related to space technology.

After the talks, Director-General of State Space Corporation ‘Roscosmos’ Mr Dmitry V Bakanov and Executive Chief

of Myanmar Space Agency Dr Soe Myint Maung signed the agreements on cooperation in the outer space exploration and usage field for the peaceful purpose between governments of Myanmar and Russian in the presence of the Senior General.

Also, present at the meeting were Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Commission

Member and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Thit Linn Ohn and officials. The Roscosmos Director-General was accompanied by the Deputy Director-General of the International Cooperation of the Roscosmos and officials. — MNA/TTA

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In February 2023, a Nuclear Technology Information Centre was opened in Yangon. Through this initiative, greater public and media awareness and understanding of Russia’s extensive experience and advanced expertise in nuclear industries and technologies have been promoted.

In addition, Terms of Reference (ToR) for cooperation in developing national-level nuclear infrastructure were signed between the Russian Federation and Myanmar’s Ministry of Science and Technology. Furthermore, in collaboration with the Russian Federation and ROSATOM, the Ministry of Science and Technology organized the Science Fair 2023 and the Science Fair 2024 at the Nuclear Technology Information Centre and the Yangon Technological University (YTU). These events provided Myanmar students with extensive knowledge and understanding of nuclear technology.

Under the scholarship programmes arranged by ROSATOM, both sides cooperate in the sustainable development of human resources in nuclear energy

and nuclear technology, including work requirements of the Small Modular Reactor (SMR).

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar is implementing the nuclear energy plan aligned with three work pillars and three work phases under the timeline of ROSATOM in accord with the guidance of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Since its membership in 1957, Myanmar has been participating in the technical cooperation of the IAEA and cooperating with the IAEA to provide the funds and machinery to the IAEA, upgrade infrastructures, participate in technological cooperation in the development of human resources, conduct technological training courses and join technological cooperation projects.

The Myanmar delegation attended the nuclear law workshop organized by the IAEA in 2024 and revised Myanmar’s nuclear law.

In 2025, delegates from 18 countries, including Myanmar, attended a regional cooperation training course on the siting of small-scale nuclear power plants within the implementation of national nuclear programmes.

The course was organized for international experts under the leadership of ROSATOM Technical Academy and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). As an IAEA member state, Myanmar has long made efforts to enable the use of nuclear applications in the country, but progress has been delayed for various reasons. Since 2022, Myanmar has been working with Russia to step up efforts, and with Russia’s strong support, significant progress has been achieved.

As nuclear energy is a form of green energy with low carbon emissions, Myanmar aims to generate stable electricity from nuclear power and utilize it to drive national economic development.

Myanmar will work to further develop the use of nuclear technology in the health, agriculture, and industrial sectors. To ensure continuous human resource development, universities in Russia and Myanmar have signed memorandums of understanding for educational cooperation and are carrying out joint programmes.

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Agreements signed to advance nuclear technology in Myanmar



Acting President and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing is seen attending the signing ceremony of cooperation agreements between the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Electric Power, and the State Atomic Energy Corporation ROSATOM of the Russian Federation yesterday.

Myanmar and ROSATOM decided to focus on cooperation in training and skill improvement to enhance the human resources, and cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is currently in the Russian Federation during his working visit, yesterday morning held a meeting with Director-General Mr Alexey Likhachev of the State Atomic Energy Corporation ROSATOM of the Russian Federation. They discussed perspectives on con-

vening the “World Atomic Week Forum”, and the prospects for continuing to implement agreements between Myanmar and ROSATOM on the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

Moreover, they talked about the implementation of the national nuclear infrastructure for its development, and the improvement of the nuclear technology in Myanmar.

Both sides cordially focused on cooperation in training and skill improvement to enhance the human resources, and cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

After the meeting, Director-General Mr Alexey Likhachev of the State Atomic Energy Corporation ROSATOM of the Russian Federation and Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw and Union Minister for Electric Power U Nyan Tun signed the agreements on cooperation between the ROSATOM and the two ministries in the presence of the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Director General of the State Atomic Energy Corporation ROSATOM of the Russian Federation and Union ministers had documentary photos taken.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Director-General of the State Atomic Energy Corporation ROSATOM of the Russian Federation, exchanged gifts.

Also, present at the meeting were Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Commission Member and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe, Union Ministers U Nyan Tun, U Ko Ko Lwin and Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, ROSATOM Deputy Director-General Mr Nikolay Spasskiy and officials. — MNA/TTA

Myanmar seeks ROSATOM, IAEA support ...

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As an initial step, Myanmar is working closely with ROSATOM to establish a small nuclear power plant. The country also intends to cooperate with the Russian Federation to develop the necessary basic infrastructure and expand activities in other related sectors.

I earnestly request the Russian Federation and ROSATOM to continue providing all possible assistance to Myanmar in developing the necessary nuclear infrastructure, human resources, and other essential tasks for establishing a small nuclear power plant in the country.

Likewise, I sincerely appeal to the IAEA to continue supporting Myanmar in human resource development as the nation implements its nuclear energy programme. On behalf of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, I also wish to express our desire to cooperate with the countries participating in the World Atomic Week Forum in relevant sectors relating to nuclear technology. Furthermore, Myanmar invites enhanced friendship and cooperation with partner countries.

The “World Atomic Week Forum 2025” is being organized by Russia’s State Nuclear Corporation, ROSATOM, from 25 to 28 September. It aims to promote the peaceful uses of nuclear technology worldwide. The forum’s programmes will be attended by national leaders from countries implementing nuclear programmes, top global experts, executives from major corporations, leaders from CIS, Asia, Africa, and Latin America, as well as representatives from 105 countries. Discussions will cover topics such as clean energy, advanced healthcare, environmental sustainability, industrial innovation, geopolitics, digital technology, logistics, and science and education. On 27 and 28 September, the youth programmes will be prioritized, including the international science and education awareness competition “Knowledge. First”, as a platform for international dialogue led by the Russian Knowledge Society. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

Embassy, military attaché staff and trainees urged loyalty to the State

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is currently in the Russian Federation during his working visit, met families of the Myanmar Embassy to the Russian Federation, the Military Attaché's office, and scholarship trainees yesterday evening.

Also, present at the meeting were Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Commission Member and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe, and delegation members, Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Thit Linn Ohn and his wife, Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Soe Oo and his wife, families of the embassy and the military attaché's office, scholarship trainees and officials.

The Myanmar Ambassador and the families of the embassy and the military attaché's office first introduced themselves to the Senior General.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said that he was pleased to have had the opportunity to meet with the families of the Myanmar Embassy to the Russian Federation, the Military Attaché's Office, and Myanmar scholarship trainees. He arrived there to attend the "World Atomic Week Forum", which he attended yesterday in the Russian Federation, due to the invitation. Not long ago, he also attended the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2025 Plus in the People's Republic of China, as well as the military parade marking the 80th anniversary of the victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and World Anti-Fascist War.



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets families of the Myanmar Embassy, the Military Attaché's office, and scholarship trainees yesterday.

Participation in such international events brings beneficial outcomes for Myanmar. For the families of the Embassy and the Military Attaché's Office, it is important to be aware of and understand the real political changes and the actual situation in the State.

It is necessary to ensure that no electoral fraud occurs in the upcoming election. To prevent errors in the voter list, the election will be conducted using the Myanmar Electronic Voting Machine (MEVM). These MEVMs are reliable, trustworthy, and cannot be manipulated for electoral fraud.

The objective is to ensure that the upcoming election will be free and fair, an

election with dignity, and a Hluttaw with dignity. When casting votes, those chosen representatives should be the persons who can genuinely serve the interests of the nation, and they should truly uphold and practise democracy, faithfully safeguard Our Three Main National Causes, and work for the country's betterment.

For the families of the Embassy, the Military Attaché's Office, and the trainees, it is also important to make the right choice in selecting their representatives.

They are all serving the duties of the State and pursuing their studies in distant lands, in regions with different environments and circumstances, often amid challenges. So, they have to be loyal

to themselves, their work, and the State.

As the State has invested resources to send you abroad for studies so that the nation may gain valuable human resources for its future, they must not forget the gratitude owed to the State and should contribute back to its well-being. It is also necessary to dutifully and competently fulfil their responsibilities and work in ways that will serve the future interests of the nation.

The Senior General presented food-stuffs and cash awards for families of the Embassy, the Military Attaché's Office, and the scholarship trainees through the ambassador, the military attaché and trainees and cordially greeted them. — MNA/TTA

Myanmar joins 13th Asia-Pacific Legal Forum in Russia

THE Myanmar delegation, led by Union Chief Justice U Tha Htay, attended the 13th International Legal Forum of the Asia-Pacific held in Russia from 21 to 24 September.

The forum is held every two years, aiming at strengthening the legal collaboration of the Asia-Pacific region, and the forum could discuss and exchange views on judicial transformation processes with chief justices and legal officials of the regional countries.

On the morning of 21 September, the Union Chief Justice attended a bilateral meeting with Mr Yuri Ivanenko, Acting Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, and held discussions to strengthen bilateral judicial cooperation between the Supreme Court of the Union of Myanmar and the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, including the signing of a memorandum of understanding on judicial cooperation.

The Union Chief Justice and

delegation attended the "Welcome Reception" hosted by Mr Yuri Ivanenko, the Acting Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, which was held at the building of the Third General Jurisdiction Court of Cassation on the same evening.

On 22 September, the Union Chief Justice attended the 13th International Legal Forum of the Asia-Pacific together with the judiciary officials, justices and legal officials from 16 countries.



Union Chief Justice U Tha Htay attends the 13th International Legal Forum of the Asia-Pacific held in the Russian Federation on 21-24 September 2025.

During the Forum, the representatives discussed a variety of topics in the Forum sessions related to Tax Law, Customs Law, Competition Law, and Intellectual Property Law. Assistant Director of Union Supreme Court U Zarli San read a paper named "Intellectual Property Rights Protection in Myanmar: Judicial Perspective and Experience" at the forum. — MNA/KTZH

Emphasize tourism and sustainable transformation

THE PutaO region of Kachin State in the northernmost part of Myanmar, which has ice-capped areas, including Mount Phonkanrazi and Mount Hkakaborazi, attracts a large number of international tourists. These snow-capped regions are popular destinations for mountain trekkers. Good transportation links and regional stability are especially important to enable tourists to visit these preferred areas safely.

In addition, many domestic and international tourists visit the snow-capped trekking areas in China, which are contiguous with northern Myanmar. This is a result of regional stability and good transportation links. Therefore, for any economic activity, including

Businesspeople across the world accepted that tourism is often highlighted for its role in economic development. But it is more than that. It is a catalyst for social progress, delivering education, employment and creating new opportunities for all. Activities of a tourism operator can contribute to the State's economy as well as the socioeconomic life of the people.

icantly contributes to poverty reduction and regional development.

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The theme for World Tourism Day 2025 is "Tourism and Sustainable Transformation". It emphasizes tourism's ability to drive positive change and highlights the need for more than just growth, focusing on transforming the sector for a more sustainable future for both people and the planet.

Myanmar, with its natural wonders, diverse ethnicities, rich customs, and unique way of life, boasts a wealth of attractions. Its traditional cuisine, ancient religious sites, and cultural heritage form the backbone of its tourism industry, setting it apart from other nations. These tangible and intangible cultural treasures capture the imagination of both domestic and international tourists. Now, Myanmar is opening up to allow travellers to explore new attractions across the country, offering them experiences that can positively shape perceptions of Myanmar and its tourism potential.

Silk Road cinema connecting cultures and forging cooperation across borders

By Chen Ziqi, reporter from CGTN



Camels are travelling along the ancient Silk Road. [PHOTO: VCG]

IN 2025, the Belt and Road Initiative will celebrate 12 years of global cooperation between more than 150 countries. Beyond trade and infrastructure, its heartbeat lies in bringing people closer together.

Film, as a universal language, has emerged as a medium for cultural exchange. To advance this vision, the Silk Road International Film Festival (SRIFF) was launched in the very year the initiative began, weaving stories that unite cultures along historic trade routes.

This year, the festival takes place between 22 and 26 September in Fuzhou, Fujian Province, under the theme "Silk Road Connects the World, Film Festival Illuminates Fuzhou".

SRIFF fosters understanding across the Silk Road

Unlike other global film festivals, SRIFF places a special focus on countries along the Silk Road. This focus reflects the festival's mission to carry forward the ancient spirit of connection by providing a stage to showcase each nation's unique culture and charm, while fostering trust, respect, and mutual understanding among countries.

This is where cinema becomes more than entertainment. It has become a bridge of under-

standing. Through stories that resonate emotionally, films allow audiences to step into different cultures, societies, and experiences.

As acclaimed director Christopher Nolan once noted, cinema is not only about telling a character's story, but it's about letting audiences see the world through that character's eyes, and ultimately understand them on a deeper level.

A golden opportunity for international films

China's film market is vast and has become one of the most important markets for international cinema. As the world's second-largest box office, it generated about \$5.56 billion in revenue, second only to the US and Canada, according to Forbes. With more than 90,000 cinema screens, the largest network

worldwide, China represents a remarkable opportunity for filmmakers.

Although Hollywood films dominate imports, there is growing space for films from Silk Road countries in the Chinese market. Chinese audiences are open to global storytelling, as seen in successes like Bad Genius (Thailand, 2020), A Place Called Silence (Malaysia, 2022), and No Prior Appointment (Iran, 2025).

In this context, SRIFF plays an essential role. This year, nearly 90 domestic and international films are being screened across nine cities in Fujian Province.

Selected from 2,560 submissions spanning 120 countries and regions, the lineup honours the 120th anniversary of Chinese cinema, highlights works from countries along the Silk Road, such as Whispers in the Dabbas

(Indonesia, 2025) and Close up Kopitian (Malaysia, 2025).

It offers filmmakers a valuable gateway to China's massive box office market.

SRIFF promotes co-productions

Entering China's film market is no small feat, as international films must meet criteria and navigate approval procedures.

audiences on both sides.

SRIFF plays a pivotal role in promoting such collaborations, providing a platform for dialogue between filmmakers and policymakers. This year, officials from ten Silk Road countries, including Malaysia, Uzbekistan, Indonesia, and Nepal, offered insights into their domestic filmmaking and distribution policies.

Malaysia, for example, offers up to a 35 per cent cash rebate for films incorporating local culture. Dato Kamil Othman, chairman of the National Film Development Corporation, encourages historical co-productions between China and Malaysia, such as stories about Zheng He's voyages to Southeast Asia, reflecting the shared heritage of many Malaysians with China.

Uzbekistan, with over a century of cinematic history, is producing around 55 historical films, 20 of which are slated for international co-production. The country aims to showcase its world cultural heritage alongside China, offering modern infrastructure, skilled professionals, and cost-effective production opportunities.

Indonesia presents a different kind of potential. While domestic films have dominated its box offices since 2022, the nation, with only 2,300 cinemas and more than 300 ethnic cultures spread

across nearly 2000 islands, offers ample room for international filmmakers to invest and explore.

Nepal is also opening its doors. KP Pathak, director of the Nepal International Film Festival, noted that Chinese films such as Up in the Wind (2013) have been successfully shot in Nepali resorts. The country looks forward to co-productions that highlight the Himalayas, ancient temples, and bring Nepali cinema to a global audience.

As the proverb goes, "many hands make light work". With diverse storytelling, scenic locations, skilled crews, and talented screenwriters, co-productions not only appeal to target audiences but also smooth the path for distribution. In today's competitive landscape, these collaborations are increasingly essential for filmmakers seeking both creative and market success.

The Silk Road International Film Festival leaves a powerful message: Cinema is not only entertainment, but a bridge that crosses borders. It opens new pathways for co-productions, cultural exchanges, and shared storytelling. Though words may vary, the language of film speaks to every heart. It celebrates diverse civilizations along the Silk Road, bringing hearts closer together across the world.

To the Top

Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

Above another, one mountain towers,
Encircled by high others.

At the end of mountaineering _
As there is still the next one existing,
Again and again, by motivating himself,
He must try to trek.

Sometimes getting exhausted to death,
"Be the end - I don't want to move along here."
Under the illusion that enough is enough;

In reality, is that possible?

This had started already.
One day, it will come to an end.
Please don't give up in discouragement.
Wind down in no hurry.
Having cold lake water with flowers silvery;
To birds' songs, while hearkening,
Build up new strength from reanimating.
What a lovely human being!



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ငွေတာရီ

Researchers make atoms talk to each other inside silicon chips: Study

ENGINEERS discovered how to make atomic nuclei "talk" inside silicon chips, opening the door to scalable quantum computers.

Researchers at the University of South Wales (UNSW) have found a way to make atomic nuclei communicate through electrons, allowing them to achieve entanglement at scales used in today's computer chips. This breakthrough brings scalable, silicon-based quantum computing much closer to reality.

UNSW engineers have made a significant advance in quantum computing: they created 'quantum entangled states' - where

two separate particles become so deeply linked they no longer behave independently - using the spins of two atomic nuclei.

Such states of entanglement are the key resource that gives quantum computers their edge over conventional ones.

The research was published on September 18 in the journal Science, and is an important step towards building large-scale quantum computers - one of the most exciting scientific and technological challenges of the 21st century.

Lead author Dr Holly Stemp says the achievement unlocks the potential to build the future

microchips needed for quantum computing using existing technology and manufacturing processes.

"We succeeded in making the cleanest, most isolated quantum objects talk to each other, at the scale at which standard silicon electronic devices are currently fabricated," she says.

The challenge facing quantum computer engineers has been to balance two opposing needs: shielding the computing elements from external interference and noise, while still enabling them to interact to perform meaningful computations.

SOURCE: ANI

NATIONAL

Myanmar, India vow to sustain friendship, defence cooperation

VICE-CHAIRMAN of the State Security and Peace Commission, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win received a delegation led by Defence Secretary Mr Rajesh Kumar Singh of the Ministry of Defence of India at Bayintnaung Villa in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed good relations between governments and armed forces of both countries, further promotion of cooperation in all sectors through bilateral trust,

respect and friendship between Myanmar and India and two armed forces, conducting of training between the two armed forces, cooperation in stability of border regions, rule of law, security and development measures, and continuous sustaining of good diplomatic relations and friendship between the two countries and the two armed forces.

Also present at the meeting were Union Minister for Defence General Maung Maung Aye and senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief. The Indian



SSPC Vice-Chairman, Defence Services Deputy C-in-C, Commander -in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win receives the Indian delegation led by Defence Secretary Mr Rajesh Kumar Singh of the Ministry of Defence yesterday.

delegation, led by the Defence Secretary of India's Ministry of Defence, was accompanied by Defence Attaché to Myanmar Colonel Jaswinder Singh Gill

and officials of the Indian Armed Forces.

After the meeting, the Vice-Senior General and the Indian Defence Secretary ex-

changed commemorative gifts and had documentary photos taken together with the attendees. — MNA/TTA

Union Ministers participate in plenary meeting of World Atomic Week Forum



The plenary meeting of the world Atomic Week Forum in progress yesterday, attended by Union Ministers, the Mandalay Region Chief Minister, deputy ministers and UMFCCI representatives.

THE Union Ministers who accompany Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who is currently in the Russian Federation during his working visit, participated in the plenary meeting of the World Atomic Week Forum with the title of “Everything

starts with an atom” in Moscow, the Russian Federation, on the afternoon of 26 September.

The plenary meeting was led by Director-General Mr Alexey Likhachev of the State Atomic Energy Corporation ROSATOM, the Russian Federation, with the participation of Union Minister for Electric Power U Nyan Tun, Union Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin and Union Minister

for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung, deputy ministers and UMFCCI representatives.

In the evening, the Union Ministers and party attended the Russia-ASEAN meeting and joined the dinner hosted by the Director-General of the State Atomic Energy Corporation ROSATOM of the Russian Federation. — MNA/TTA

Royal Thai Princess supports Yezin Agricultural University with equipment donation

A ceremony to donate teaching and office equipment was held yesterday afternoon at Yezin Agricultural University under the Royal Thai Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Project. The event was attended by Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Tin Htut, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mongkol Visittump, university officials, the rector, professors, and teachers.

In his opening remarks, Deputy Minister Dr Tin Htut emphasized that education is the foundation of national development. He expressed his sincere gratitude to the Thai Embassy and Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn for their generous support in helping to restore and strengthen the University of Agriculture's educational programmes after the recent

earthquake.

As part of the ceremony, officials from the Royal Thai Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Project presented teaching materials and office equipment, which were received by the University Rector. In appreciation, the Rector presented a certificate of honour and a souvenir to Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn and expressed the university's heartfelt thanks.

Following the earthquake that struck on 28 March and damaged several university buildings, the project has provided computers, projectors, printers, and air-conditioners to support the reconstruction process. This contribution has played a vital role in the rehabilitation and advancement of the university's educational activities. — MNA/MKKS

CORRIGENDUM

PLEASE read “The Australian Embassy to Myanmar stated ...” instead of “The Myanmar Embassy to Australia said ...” in the news item with the headline “Embassy accepts USD cash ...” on page 10 of The Global New Light of Myanmar published on 25 September 2025. Errors are regretted. — Ed.

NATIONAL

19 new projects approved, creating over 4,000 jobs

MYANMAR Investment Commission approved four foreign investment projects and 15 local ventures yesterday.

These 19 projects encompass various sectors, including industry, services, electricity, transport, and communications, as well as breeding and marine sectors, with a total investment of US\$109.626 million and K417,542.12 million, resulting in the creation of 4,446 jobs for locals.

Union Minister U Mya Tun Oo, who is also Chair of the Myanmar Investment Commission, and commission members attended the meeting.

As of the end of August 2025, among the 53 investing countries, Singapore, China, and Thailand are the leading countries with the

largest foreign investments in the country. Of 12 sectors, the power sector accounts for 28.32 per cent by drawing the most significant investments, followed by the oil and natural gas sector (24.68 per cent) and the industrial sector (14.58 per cent).

The Myanmar Investment Commission oversees and approves investment project proposals from locals and overseas, as well as serving existing investors under the Myanmar Investment Law. — MNA/KTZH

Union Minister U Mya Tun Oo chairs the Myanmar Investment Commission meeting yesterday.



World Atomic Week Forum 2025 opens in Russia

THE opening ceremony of World Atomic Week Forum 2025 was held at the VDNKh centre in Moscow, Russia, on 25 September, and Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation A V Novak and officials made opening speeches.

The experts, media representatives, and officials from over 100 countries attended the forum and discussed the potential future impacts of nuclear energy, scientific and technological energy sectors, environmental conservation, and healthcare. The forum included roundtable discussions, signing ceremonies for memorandums of understanding, and exhibitions, allowing attendees to explore and learn about energy production and related topics.

At the forum, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Russia's ROSATOM Technical Academy and Yangon Technological University of Myanmar. According to the agreement, the two countries will enhance cooperation in nuclear science, technology, research, and human resource development. This includes exchanging curricula and participating in international projects to implement joint initiatives.



The World Atomic Week Forum 2025 inaugurated on 25 September in Moscow.

Regarding these issues, Dr Soe Lin Aung, an official from Naypyidaw State Polytechnic University, said: —

Today, we signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Yangon Technological University of Myanmar and Russia's ROSATOM Technical Academy. After signing such an MoU between the Yangon Technological University and the ROSATOM Technical Academy, the first steps will include student exchanges, teacher exchanges related to education, collaborative research activities, and initiatives for cultural exchange.

Currently, there are already students from Myanmar studying at Russian uni-

versities with the support of ROSATOM. Russia is a global pioneer in nuclear energy. The chances for our students and teachers to learn at these universities provide great opportunities for our country's HR sector, research sector, and successful projects related to nuclear energy.

The rector of Rosatom Technical Academy said Myanmar students studying at universities in Russia have to simultaneously implement their own nuclear education programmes in Myanmar to develop nuclear education.

The World Atomic Week Forum 2025 will take place from 25 to 28 September. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar port projects' challenges and resilience shared

A ceremony of scholars and experts from the Myanmar-China Maritime Research Universities on the development of the port industry in Myanmar was held by CITIC Myanmar to share the challenges and resilience analysis of the port projects in Myanmar on 25 September at the Wyndham Grand Yangon Hotel.

As Myanmar is located in the Indian Ocean region, its ports play a key role in connectivity and economic transit. Since Myanmar is located on the seismic belt of Europe and Asia, earthquakes can also pose a great challenge to the safety of port facilities.

"We are gathered here today to share our experience and discuss how to improve the resilience of Myanmar's ports

in the face of natural disasters. Myanmar and Chinese scholars will present the results of their research and share their practical experience", said Ma Chuanfu, Deputy Managing Director of CITIC Myanmar, investor and developer of Kyaukpyu Deepsea Port.

He added that CITIC is working with the Myanmar departments to build the Kyaukpyu Port as a sustainable project that will benefit Myanmar.

Following the opening remarks by Chief Engineer U Nay Myo Nyunt of the Myanmar Port Authority, Dr Saw Nu Sandar Thein from the Myanmar Maritime University, and Professor Dr Lin Shangfei of Hohai University participated in the discussions. — MT/ZN



Knowledge sharing on challenges and sustainability of port projects in Myanmar is in progress on 25 September in Yangon.

NATIONAL
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Ethnic armed groups need to emphasize the interests of the entire Union and all ethnic nationalities

❖ Ethnic armed groups need to consider the interests of the entire Union and all ethnic nationalities with genuine goodwill, placing them above their own organizational or individual wishes and interests. They must act with a focus on achieving lasting peace for the Union.

(An excerpt from the message sent by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, to the ceremony to mark the 78th Anniversary of Shan State Day, which falls on 7 February 2025)

General Aung San Declares Firm Stand Against Election Disruption

“Our Government shall not permit any disruption of the forthcoming election. The electoral process shall remain free and fair, and no interference shall be exercised upon those who participate in it. Yet, let it be firmly declared that any attempt to disturb or sabotage the election shall be met with the full weight of authority”.



(An excerpt from the radio address regarding the election, delivered by General Aung San on 13 March 1947)

CBM sells over US\$1.3M to importers



The facade of the Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$826,100 to edible oil-importing companies and over \$534,700 to fuel oil-importing companies on 25 September.

CBM sold \$300,000 to edible oil-importing companies and \$170,000 to fuel oil-importing companies on 24 September, in addition to an injection of 100,000 yuan into the market.

CBM announced on 23 September that it would pump \$22 million into the fuel sector.

Moreover, CBM sold \$800,000 to edible oil-im-

porting companies and over \$99,000 to fuel oil-importing companies, in addition to an injection of over 8,500 yuan into the market on that day.

CBM injected over \$1.7 million into edible oil- and fuel oil-importing companies on 22 September, selling over \$1.29 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$452,500 to fuel oil-importing companies.

CBM pumped 758,400 yuan and over \$500,000 into the financial market on 19 September.

Those US dollar injections went to edible oil-im-

porting companies (over \$368,100), fuel-importing companies (over \$79,000) and those who made non-trade payments (over \$58,000).

CBM sold over \$1.15 million to edible oil-importing companies and \$540,056 to fuel oil-importing companies on 18 September.

CBM sold over \$1 million, 11 million yuan and four million baht in August. Furthermore, CBM also pumped over \$32 million, purchased from the companies working on a Cut, Make, and Pack basis, into the financial market.

— NN/KK

DICA announces regulations to prevent removal of directors, shareholders

THE Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) issued guidelines to protect against unauthorized removals of directors and shareholders. The registration and re-registration of companies on the online registry system MyCO commenced on 1 August 2018, in keeping with the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

DICA clarified regulations regarding unauthorized dismissal of directors and shareholders from companies and asked directors to prevent un-

wanted changes.

According to provisions stipulated by Sections 90, 95 and 189 (a) of the Myanmar Companies Law, regulations records include maintaining records of directors and shareholders, creating a MyCO accounts to hold company authority and register contact information (email, contact number) of the directors and shareholders so that the Registrar can contact them to ensure that any reported changes are only made with their knowledge and authorization, the DICA stated. — NN/KK

MRF, partners exhibit 20 rice varieties at 22nd CAEXPO

MYANMAR Rice Federation and affiliated companies (SWY Group, GBS Group, Wilmar Group, Vivo Group and Benchmark Marine & Agro Export Co Ltd) displayed about 20 varieties of rice at the 22nd China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) held on 17-21 September in Nanning, capital city of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China.

The Myanmar delegation, led by the Prime Minister, including officials concerned,

the President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, affiliated associations and representatives, observed the booths of the MRF and member companies on 17 September 2025.

Officials of the MRF explained about rice quality, price, the most consumed rice varieties in China and value-added products from rice to the visitors as well. — NN/KK

New Zealand median household net worth up 33%, wealth gap persists

NEW Zealand’s median household net worth rose 33 per cent to 529,000 NZ dollars (US\$305,088) in the three years ended June 2024, driven primarily by higher real estate values, Stats NZ reported on Friday.

Owner-occupied dwellings and other real estate accounted for 48 per cent of total household assets in the year ended June 2024, up from 43 per cent in the year ended June 2021, said a statement from the statistics department.

The wealthiest 20 per cent of households saw a 24 per cent increase in median net worth to 2.4 million NZ dollars (US\$1.38 million) in the three-year period, the statement said.

Financial assets, such as pension funds, shares, and investment funds, dominated wealth holdings among the top 20 per cent, whereas other households held mostly non-financial assets, such as real estate and durable goods, it said. — Xinhua

Turkish Airlines inks big Boeing deal after Erdogan visits US

TURKISH Airlines announced on Friday a deal to buy up to 225 Boeing jets, one day after President Recep Tayyip Erdogan made his first White House visit since 2019.

The more than two-hour meeting between Erdogan and President Donald Trump raised Ankara’s hopes of seeing Washington lift sanctions that since 2020 have blocked it from buying American F-35 fighter jets.

The measures were imposed in retaliation for Turkey’s purchase of the Russian S-400 missile defense system. Speaking to Turkish reporters on his flight home from Washington, Erdogan described a “sincere, constructive and productive atmosphere” during the talks. But he conceded that “resolving all problems in a single meeting is, of course, impossible”. — AFP



The Turkish Airlines-Boeing deal includes 150 confirmed aircraft to be delivered between 2029 and 2034, with an option for 75 more. PHOTO: AFP

Afghanistan’s trade volume up 30% in past 6 months

AFGHANISTAN’S trade volume reached US\$6.783 billion in the past six months with a 30-per-cent increase year-on-year, local media outlet TOLONews reported on Thursday. The country’s primary export commodities include raisins, figs, cotton, apricots, saffron, pistachios, grapes, beverages, and other agricultural products, TOLONews quoted Akhundzada Abdul Salam Jawad, spokesperson for the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, as saying.

These goods are primarily exported to China, India, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Iraq, according to the official. Exports during this period totaled 748 million dollars, up nine per cent year-on-year, according to the report. — Xinhua



The ratio of bank loan, at least one month overdue, to the total, gained 0.05 percentage points from a month earlier to 0.57 per cent at the end of July, after decreasing 0.12 percentage points in the previous month. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ SHINHAN BANK

S Korean banks’ loan delinquency ratio rebounds in July

SOUTH Korean banks’ loan delinquency ratio rebounded in July on more new delinquent loan than bad loan settlement, financial watchdog data showed Friday. The ratio of bank loan, at least one month overdue, to the total, gained 0.05 percentage points from a month earlier to 0.57 per cent at the end of July, after decreasing 0.12 percentage points in the previous month, according to the Financial Supervisory Service (FSS).

New delinquent loan came to 2.8 trillion won (US\$2.0 billion) in the cited month, higher than the settlement of non-performing loan worth 1.6 trillion won (1.1 billion dollars).

The delinquency ratio has roughly been on the rise after hitting a bottom of 0.20 per cent in June 2022 on the back of lingering uncertainties over massive household debt. The country’s central bank lowered its benchmark interest rate by 25 basis points in February and May each to 2.50 per cent after cutting it by the same basis points in October and November last year. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY.NO. (158W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY.NO. (158W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **27-9-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
Phone No: **2301185**

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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

INDONESIA has issued 1,012 golden visas to foreign citizens, securing more than 48 trillion rupiah (around US\$2.9 billion) in investment as of 23 September 2025, the Directorate General of Immigration under the Ministry of Immigration and Corrections said in a press release Friday.

“The achievement of the Golden Visa programme by September 2025 proves that Indonesia is becoming increasingly attractive to global investors and talent. We hope this positive trend will continue to support national development and strengthen the Indonesian economy,” said Yuldi Yusman, acting director general of immigration, in the press release.

Of the total investment, 46.5 trillion rupiah came from foreign companies, 249.3 billion rupiah from individual investors, and 1.45 trillion rupiah from other categories. The programme has also contributed 12.96 billion rupiah to non-tax state revenue.

Launched in July 2024 to attract capital and talent, the golden visa grants residency for five to ten years to inves-

Indonesia’s golden visa programme attracts US\$2.9B in investment

“The initiative has generated 12.96 billion rupiah in non-tax state revenue.”

tors, foreigners with specialized skills, world figures, and former Indonesian citizens and their descendants.

Holders enjoy benefits such as priority access at airports, streamlined immigration services, and legal certainty for investment and employment in Indonesia. — Xinhua



PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ NOMADSEMBASSY.COM



The move is aimed at curbing illegal migrants.
PHOTO: AFP/FILE

UK to launch digital ID scheme to curb illegal migration

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Friday announced plans for a new nationwide digital ID in a bid to curb illegal migration, but the move faces strong opposition in a country that has long resisted identity cards.

The new digital ID will be held on people’s phones and there will be no requirement for individuals to carry or be asked to produce it, the government said.

However, it will be “mandatory as a means of proving your right to work”, a statement said.

“Let me spell it out, you will not

be able to work in the United Kingdom if you do not have digital ID,” Starmer said during a speech Friday.

“It’s as simple as that, because decent, pragmatic, fair-minded people, they want us to tackle the issues that they see around them.”

The government, which hopes to introduce the ID by the end of the current parliament in 2029, said the drive would also make it simpler to apply for services like driving licences, childcare and welfare, while streamlining access to tax records.

— AFP

Trump says not to allow Israeli annexation of West Bank

US President Donald Trump said on Thursday that he will not allow Israel to annex the West Bank, a “red line” drawn by Arab leaders amid efforts to seek a ceasefire deal in Gaza.

“I will not allow Israel to annex the West Bank. I will not allow it. It’s not going to happen,” Trump told reporters in the White House. “It’s been enough. It’s time to stop now,” the president added, saying he had spoken to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Trump promised Arab and Muslim leaders that he would not allow the annex-

ation during a closed-door meeting on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly on Tuesday, a key promise in a 21-point plan presented by the Trump administration for ending the Israel-Hamas conflict and establishing a non-Hamas body to govern Gaza, Politico reported.

The latest plan comes as international pressure mounts on Israel amid a worsening humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Leaders and senior officials from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Egypt, Jordan, Turkiye, Indonesia and Pakistan attended the meeting. — Xinhua



Israeli forces are seen during an army raid in Nablus, the northern West Bank, on 9 May 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

LOCAL SPORTS

Team Zenaka to represent Myanmar in esports at SEA Games

THE Myanmar Electronic Sports Federation (MESF) held a ceremony yesterday afternoon at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Yangon to present official jerseys to Team Zenaka, which will represent Myanmar in the esports category at the XXXIII SEA Games in Thailand.

At the event, MESF President Dr Kaung Myat San said Team Zenaka will compete in three esports disciplines with three squads at the Games. Established in 2024, the team will make its SEA Games debut this year, marking 2025 as a proud milestone for Myanmar's esports sector. He highlighted Myanmar's previous achievement

of winning a world championship title in esports and expressed confidence that the team will strive to bring further honour to the nation at the Games.

MESF Vice-President U Kyaw Htet Lin and Team Director Daw Shwe San Htar Oo briefed on the team's preparations and training. Following this, the new jerseys were showcased, while partners V Code and KBZPay extended words of encouragement. A representative from KBZPay also presented cash awards to the team members.

The MESF president and vice-president then officially handed over the jerseys and



Myanmar Electronic Sports Federation President Dr Kaung Myat San offers competition jerseys to Team Zenaka.

certificates of honour to the SEA Games squad.

Team Zenaka will compete in three esports disciplines at the

Games: a 10-player squad (five men and five women) in Mobile Legends, and two male players in the individual FC Online event,

bringing the total to 12 athletes. The XXXIII SEA Games will be hosted by Thailand in December. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KZL



Thway Lin Htet (right) endures Sam A's punches with resilience and spirit. PHOTO: ONE CHAMPIONSHIP

ONE 126: Thway Lin Htet loses on points to Sam A

MYANMAR Lethwei fighter Thway Lin Htet went the distance against Thai Muay Thai superstar Sam A at ONE Friday Fights 126, held on the night of 26 September in Bangkok, Thailand, but dropped a unanimous decision after three competitive rounds.

Thway Lin Htet showcased his trademark aggression, relying on high kicks to

challenge the veteran. In the second round, he connected with a spinning elbow to Sam A's head, a strike that lifted the crowd, though the Thai legend absorbed the blow without going down.

Despite Thway Lin Htet's resilience, Sam A turned the momentum in the final stanza, using a barrage of punches combined with smart clinch

control and low kicks to seal the contest. The judges awarded all three scorecards in favour of the Thai super-fighter.

Although the result went to Sam A, Thway Lin Htet's fearless display against one of Muay Thai's most decorated figures underlined his standing as a rising force of Myanmar Lethwei on the international stage. — KZL

BKFC holds talks with Lethwei community on upcoming event

A seminar on the possibility of hosting Bare Knuckle Fighting Championship (BKFC) events in Myanmar took place at 9 am on 25 September at Sky Star Hotel in Tamway Township, Yangon.

At the event, Myanmar Traditional Lethwei Federation President Dr Tin Aung Lwin delivered opening remarks, followed by Vice President U Wunna, who explained the agreements and discussions held with the BKFC organization. Vice-President (Technical), U Win Zin Oo, then provided additional input.

Attendees included officials

from the Myanmar Sports Media Federation, chairpersons of regional and state Lethwei supervisory committees, senior referees and chief referees from across the country, registered club owners and coaches, licensed promoters, veteran Lethwei fighters, experts, and gym owners, all of whom contributed suggestions and discussions.

BKFC, an American-based combat sports organization with a decade-long history, was originally established on the foundations of English boxing before developing into a global promotion. — Arkar Linn/KZL



BKFC meets Lethwei communities in Yangon on 25 September.



Belarus proposes construction of new nuclear power plant

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BELARUSIAN President Alexander Lukashenko proposed building a new nuclear power plant in eastern Belarus, including for the energy supply of Russia's new regions.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, commenting on Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko's proposal to build a nuclear power plant in eastern Belarus to supply electricity to new regions of Russia, stated that financing is not an issue if there is a consumer willing to buy electricity and pay the required tariff.

"The issue of financing is not even on the table. If there's a consumer who will buy electricity and pay the right tariff, it's not a problem at all," Putin said.

"That's the most important thing," Lukashenko responded to the Russian leader's comments. — SPUTNIK



Russian President Vladimir Putin and Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko shake hands during a signing ceremony of the Interstate Treaty on Security Guarantees within the Union State and the Interstate Treaty on Forming the Unified Electricity Market of the Union State as part of a meeting of the Supreme State Council of the Russia-Belarus Union State marking the 25th anniversary of the Union State Treaty in Minsk, Belarus. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

Global Dialogue on AI Governance launched at United Nations



The High-level Meeting to Launch the Global Dialogue on AI Governance is held at the UN headquarters in New York, 25 September 2025. **PHOTO: LI RUI/XINHUA**

THE Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence (AI) Governance was launched at the United Nations on Thursday.

"The question is no longer whether AI will transform our world — it already is," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said at the High-level Multi-Stakeholder Informal Meeting to Launch the Global Dialogue on AI Governance.

"The question is whether we will govern this transformation together — or let it govern us," he said.

Recalling that one year ago, the Global Digital Compact, the first universal agreement on AI governance, was adopted at the United Nations, Guterres said the cornerstones of a global AI ecosystem were laid today that can keep pace with the fastest-moving technology in human history. — Xinhua

Trade talks 'advancing well', EU tells Southeast Asian countries

TALKS on free trade deals between the European Union and Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines were "advancing very well", the EU trade commissioner said on Thursday as the bloc sought to cement commercial ties in Southeast Asia.

Maros Sefcovic's comments came two days after the EU signed a trade deal with Indonesia, the region's largest economy, after wrapping up nearly a decade of talks. "My message to my partners in ASEAN was that we do not want to stop here," Sefcovic told journalists before meeting economic ministers from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in Kuala Lumpur. "We have been advancing very well in our free trade negotiations with Thailand, with the Philippines, but also with Malaysia," he said. — AFP