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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.

Arts of theatrical performance dubbed as precious spiritual treasure for the country

Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia said that the arts of theatrical performance are a precious spiritual treasure of a nation and also form part of humanity’s intangible cultural heritage.

The Chinese Ambassador made the remarks at the art performance ceremony at the National Theatre in Yangon on 20 September to commemorate the 76th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China and the 75th anniversary of the establishment of China-Myanmar diplomatic relations.

She added that China and Myanmar are both nations with ancient cultural heritages, and the arts of theatrical performance of the two countries have long histories. She noted that the two sides have carried out deep exchanges in culture, fine arts, education, religion, media and other arenas, thereby building a strong bridge of people-to-people connectivity.

At the art performance, the “Jinghua” opera, a major local opera genre from Zhejiang Province in eastern China, was staged. Likewise, artistes from the De-



Artistes from Jinghua Opera troupe presenting entertainments.

partment of Fine Arts under Myanmar’s Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture also performed key scenes from the traditional “Ramayana” drama, including the “Rama Chasing the Golden Deer” scene and the “Demon King growing blossoming plants” scene, showcasing cultural exchanges between the two countries.

The ‘Wu Opera’, also known as ‘Jinghua’ Opera, is the main traditional opera of Zhejiang Province in eastern China and has a history of over 500 years. The Wu Opera troupe performed its entertainments in Germany, Spain, and Andorra this year. The troupe presented its performances more than 200 times in 26 countries. Such

an entertainment was the first of its kind in Myanmar.

The Zhejiang Wu Opera Troupe, under the Wu Opera Research Institute of Zhejiang Province, performed its entertainment for the audiences at the National Theatre in Yangon at 3 pm yesterday. — MT/TTA



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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.

Union Election Commission



- 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.**

Bay of Bengal Condition

Issued at 4 pm MST on 21 September 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, a low-pressure area may form over the North Bay of Bengal during next 24 hours. — DMH

Republic of the Union of Myanmar National Defence and Security Council Amendment to Political Parties Registration Law National Defence and Security Council Law 3/2025

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21 September 2025

THE National Defence and Security Council enacted this law under Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

- This law shall be called the Amendment to the Political Parties Registration Law.
- Clause (i) of Section 12 (a) of the Political Parties Registration Law shall be substituted as follows: -
“(i) If the party is organized nationwide but fails to participate in the one-fourth of all constituencies in the Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw, and Region or State Hluttaws (including ethnic constituencies) in a general election,”

I signed this law under Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Sd/Min Aung Hlaing
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Acting President
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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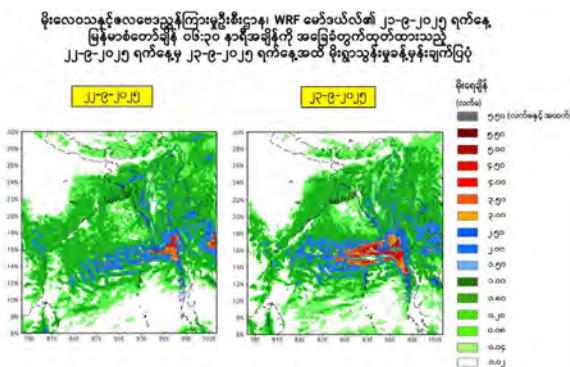
Special Weather News

Issued at 7 pm MST on 21 September 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, due to the strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal, due to the unstable air condition over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal, due to the low-pressure area may form over the North Bay of Bengal and due to the easterly waves, rain or thundershowers will be scattered in upper Sagaing Region and Kachin and northern Shan states and fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, lower Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and (southern and eastern) Shan states with regionally and isolated heavy falls in Yangon, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayin, Mon and Rakhine states during tonight to 26 September 2025. Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 10-12 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

People should be aware of the natural disasters such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, thunder, lightning strike, lightning, hails, flash floods and landslides in hilly areas and near small rivers and to make necessary preparations for inland water transport, domestic flights and irrigation dams. — DMH



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.

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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)

MoRAC Union Minister inspects construction of Myanmar Art Centre in Yangon

UNION Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Tin Oo Lwin inspected the construction works of the Myanmar Art Centre (Yangon) on Mindhamma Road, Insein Township, Yangon, on 21 September.

At the briefing hall, U Thant Zin, Managing Director of Myanmar Land and Development Limited, explained the implementation of seven projects with supplementary funds from the 2024-2025 financial year. Project Director Daw Yu Yu Naing also reported on the progress of projects.

The Union Minister instructed officials to ensure compliance with standards at every stage of construction, to use materials that meet specified quality requirements, to have the Ministry of Construction's Quality Control Team conduct inspections and produce QC re-



Union Minister U Tin Oo Lwin inspects the progress of the construction of the Myanmar Art Centre (Yangon) in Yangon on 21 September.

ports at each structural stage, to maintain proper records, and to supervise the works thoroughly. He also stressed the need to

make the structure resilient to earthquakes measuring up to 8.0 on the Richter scale.

The Union Minister then

inspected completed works, including two 30,000-gallon-capacity ground tanks, sinking of an eight-inch tube-well, cleaning

and painting of the steel structure, plastering and waterproofing of RC walls, as well as other ongoing works.

The Myanmar Art Centre (Yangon) is being developed as an international-standard cultural hub, not only for entertainment such as film, music, and drama performances, but also for art exhibitions, competitions, workshops, and lectures. Once completed, it will be able to host cultural festivals, plays, concerts, orchestral performances, art and sculpture exhibitions, workshops, and educational talks in collaboration with international communities. It is expected to provide Myanmar's young artistes in music, drama, film, painting, sculpture, and literature with opportunities to showcase their talents globally and to foster international artistic collaboration. — MNA/KZL

T&C Deputy Minister attends 2nd International Technology Congress

A Myanmar delegation, led by Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Aung Myaing, departed Yangon for Moscow, Russia, on 14 September to attend the 2nd International Technology Congress (ITC). The delegation returned to Yangon on the evening of 20 September.

The ITC was held over three days at the Patriot Expo in Moscow, Russia. The event featured plenary sessions, thematic technical forums, and demonstration sessions showcasing new technologies. Major

Russian technology companies also set up booths during the event.

The International Plenary Session of the 2nd ITC was held at 12:00 noon on 16 September under the theme "Shanghai Cooperation Organization's Digital Compass". During the session, the deputy minister delivered the opening speech on the topic "Partner Dialogue: Course Towards Trusted Technologies".

The 2nd ITC's International Cooperation for the Development of Next-Generation Industrial Automation Systems

Forum was held at 12:00 noon on 17 September. The deputy minister delivered a speech titled "Supporting the Development of Automation Systems That Operate Without Human Supervision in Industrial Sectors".

The deputy minister delivered a speech at the Second International Plenary Session of the 2nd ITC, held on 18 September under the theme "The Role of New Technologies in Improving Workers' Productivity".



Deputy Minister U Aung Myaing speaks at the 2nd International Technology Congress (ITC) in Moscow, Russia.

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New township law offices commissioned into service in Yangon Region

UNION Minister for Legal Affairs and Union Attorney-General Dr Thida Oo inaugurated new law offices in Dala and Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) townships on the morning of 20 September and met law officers at different levels in Yangon Region.

The Union minister, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein and officials cut ceremonial ribbons, unveiled signboards, and toured the offices.

At the ceremony, the Union minister said that the Ministry of Legal Affairs has completed the construction of three district law offices, eleven township law offices including the newly opened Dala and Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) offices, eight staff housing buildings, and thirteen combined office-and-staff housing projects.

She noted that these new law offices and staff housing projects reflect infrastructural progress that enables law officers and staff to perform their duties with peace of mind. She urged officials and staff to ensure the long-term durability of the buildings, preserve the greenery and cleanliness of the compound, and uphold safety and security, while striving to be reliable law officers for the State and the people.

In the afternoon, the Union minister met law officers at various levels in Yangon Region at the Yangon Region Advocate-General's Office. She urged them to perform their duties in line with the Civil Service Law, rules and regulations, the Union Attorney General Law, and the codes of conduct for law officers, as



Union Minister and Union Attorney-General Dr Thida Oo and officials cut the ceremonial ribbon to inaugurate the Dala Township Law Office. **PHOTO: KANU**

well as to actively cooperate with relevant government de-

partments and organizations to ensure that legal matters are

effectively supported. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KZL

Efforts made to ensure water sufficiency in PyinOoLwin Township

DEPUTY Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Bo Bo Kyaw inspected research and development works at the Department of Agriculture's Division for Cotton and Fibre Crops, and at the Silkworm Research and Technological Development Centre in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Region, 19 September.

He observed research on mulberry cultivation, silkworm rearing, disease inspection, breeding and conservation of silkworm species, and the production of silkworm eggs for distribution to farmers. He also discussed development-related matters with officials.

The Deputy Minister then inspected the upgrading of spillways at Sinlan Dam and



Deputy Minister U Bo Bo Kyaw inspects the upgrading of spillways at Sinlan and Sitha Dams in PyinOoLwin.

Sitha Dam, and maintenance of Sitha supporting dam in line

with the guidance of the Head of State to ensure adequate

water supply for PyinOoLwin area. The works included raising the Sinlan Dam spillway by two feet and the Sitha Dam spillway by three feet, as well as strengthening the structure of Sitha Dam.

Due to the two-foot higher spillway, the Sinlan Dam can store some 112 million more gallons, equivalent to 412 acre-feet, while the three-foot increase in the Sitha Dam spillway will provide an additional 72 million gallons, equivalent to 267 acre-feet. These quick-win projects are expected to deliver swift and effective water security for PyinOoLwin Township.

He visited the Myanmar Agricultural Machinery Factory (Ingon) in Kyaukse to in-

spect the trial production of paddy transplanter. Two models were being tested: one with a spacing of 23 centimetres for planting, preferred by Myanmar farmers, and another with the international standard spacing of 30 centimetres. He also observed design modifications to the picker system for improved planting performance.

At the meeting with officials, the Deputy Minister instructed that the design works for the 23-centimetre paddy transplanter, jointly developed by the Tatmadaw Heavy Industry (Sinte) and the Myanmar Agricultural Machinery Factory (Ingon), be completed within the designated time-frame. — MNA/KZL

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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)



Commander-in-Chief (Navy)-led delegation visits
naval HQs, landmarks in China

THE Tatmadaw (Navy) delegation led by Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Htein Win paid a goodwill visit to the People’s Republic of China on 14 September at the invitation of Deputy Commander of the PLA (Navy) Vice Admiral Cui Yuzhong with the aim of enhancing friendship and cooperation between the Myanmar Tatmadaw (Navy) and the China’s People’s Liberation Army (Navy) and arrived back in Yangon by air on the evening of 20 September.

During the trip, the Myanmar Tatmadaw (Navy) delegation visited the China’s People’s Liberation Army (Navy) Headquarters in Beijing on the afternoon of 16 September. The delegation was warmly welcomed by Deputy Commander of the PLA (Navy) Vice Admiral Cui Yuzhong and senior military officers.

The Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and the Deputy Com-



Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Htein Win and Acting Commander of North Sea Fleet Rear Admiral Wang Tianlin meet at the North Sea Fleet Headquarters on 17 September 2025.

mander of P LA (Navy) took the salute of the Guard of Honour and inspected it. Next, the facts about the PLA (Navy) were presented at the hall of the Headquarters.

They exchanged views on

further cooperation between the two navies of both countries and training affairs. In the evening, the delegation members attended the dinner hosted by the Deputy Commander of the China’s PLA (Navy).

On 17 September, the Admiral and party visited the Destroyer Xining at the North Sea Fleet in Qingdao. The commanding officer conducted them round the destroyer.

At the North Sea Fleet

Headquarters, the North Sea Fleet Commander and senior military officers welcomed the Tatmadaw (Navy) delegation with the Guard of Honour and explained facts about the fleet.

The Admiral and party visited the Navy Submarine Academy of the China’s PLA (Navy) on 18 September. The commandant of the academy clarified the history of the academy and training measures. The delegation members viewed round the library, the simulator and trainers in the academy headquarters and visited the naval museum.

On 19 September, the Admiral and party visited the Shanghai Hudong-Zhonghua Shipyard where officials conducted them round the shipyard.

While in China, the Admiral and party also visited the Lingguang Temple, the Great Wall and other landmarks. — MNA/TTA

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During the meetings, the deputy minister discussed several key issues, including ensuring the inclusive use of trusted technologies by all SCO and partner countries, including Myanmar; cooperation in improving cybersecurity; and

overcoming challenges in developing industrial automation in an inclusive manner. He also addressed the status of Myanmar’s ongoing collaboration with the international community, including the SCO, for the development of digital technology and the digital economy.

The Myanmar delegation, attending the 2nd ITC, also participated in the Russia-ASEAN Technology Cooperation Forum held on 17 September and discussed, on behalf of ASEAN countries, the possibilities for further cooperation between ASEAN and Russia in the fields

of digital economy, cybersecurity, satellite communications, e-commerce, and IT equipment and software manufacturing.

The delegation, led by the deputy minister, toured the exhibits at the 2nd ITC, organized by the Russian Ministry of Industry and Trade, and discussed

the presentations given by relevant officials.

This year’s International Technology Congress was attended by more than 400 delegates from over 20 countries, including SCO and ASEAN member states. — MNA/TH

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Balloon display challenge highlights Taunggyi Tazaungdine Festival

TAUNGGYI Tazaungdine Hot-air Balloon Festival will be held on a grand scale by adding a challenge in which decorated hot-air balloons designed by artists will rise into the sky, said an official of the Shan State government office.

The festival is scheduled to take place from 28 October to 4 November. Hot-air balloons crafted into various shapes with two-legged or four-legged creatures. Seinnapan hot-air balloons with innovative designs and Nyameegy (fireworks carrying balloons) will be launched at night.

“Regional government will provide chemical materials to artists and youths to make fireworks in creating stunning hot-air balloons. Artists can show artwork and unique designs. Hopefully, this year’s festival will attract more visitors. The regional government is cooperating with authorities concerned and experts to ensure safety,” said an official of the regional government office.

Last year’s festival was seen with only six crafted-animal balloons, 49 Nyameegy balloons and Seinnapan hot-air balloons. This year’s festival is planned to launch about 10 decorated hot-air balloons and over 70 hot-air



This photo shows the Taunggyi Tazaungdine Hot-Air Balloon Festival in the previous year.

balloons (Nyameegy and Seinnapan) at night.

The annual Taunggyi Hot-Air Balloon Festival is held magnificently and grandly at the Awaiya Balloon Ground in Taunggyi. Last year’s festival attract-

ed up to 500,000 visitors from various regions and states.

Some visitors will also continue their journey to the Hopong Hot-air Balloon Festival and the Kalaw Lightning Festival. — ASH/KK

Film industry members fund Myanmar Film Day, honour industry veterans

ARTISTES from the film industry are actively donating funds for the upcoming 105th Myanmar Motion Pictures Day and the 48th Respect-paying ceremony for film industry elders on 13 October, with Shwe Nadi Shwe Yi Film Production contributing K5 million on 19 September, according to Vice-Chair U Aye Kyu Lay of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO).

Both ceremonies will be held on 13 October 2025 at the MMPO Head Office on Wingaba Road, Bahan Township, Yangon Region, with film industry members and volunteers contributing donations.

On 19 September, Shwe Nadi Shwe Yi Film Production donated K5 million, Academy Myint Myint Khin and Khaing Hnin Wai, K1 million, and Channel 8 Myanmar, K800,000 while the exact number of elderly members is being recalculated as some have passed away and others have been added, according to U Aye Kyu Lay.

At the two ceremonies held on 13 October 2024, 140



Shwe Nadi Shwe Yi Film Production donating to MMPO for the 105th Myanmar Motion Pictures Day and the 48th Respect-paying ceremony for film industry elders.

veteran film artistes were honoured with cash and food items. — ASH/TH



This image showcases a promotional poster for the concert by singers Zaw Win Htut and Wai La.

Yangon to host live concert on 7 Oct

VOCALISTS Zaw Win Htut and Wai La will stage a concert at The Radio – Music Republic Bar in Yankin Township, Yangon Region, at 7 pm on 7 October.

Wai La said, “We are ready to give a full performance at The Radio – Music Republic Bar on 7 October. The show will be divided into two parts to please the fans. I will perform in the first part, while Ko Nyi Htut will perform in the second. This way, the audience will enjoy two different styles of performance in one show”.

The 1982 Band and the Emperor Band will provide instrumental support for both singers throughout the concert. — ASH/KZL

Gold Market Rate as of 21 September 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,980,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

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Myanmar needs to emphasize agriculture and livestock farming tasks

- ❖ Our country is fundamentally focused on agriculture and livestock farming as its primary sectors.
- ❖ Our country, with its naturally favourable climate, land conditions, and geographical location, is well-suited for the successful development of agriculture and livestock farming.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, at the National Defence and Security Council Meeting 1/2025 of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 31 January 2025)

Cauliflower growers in Shan make more profit due to high domestic demand

THANKS to higher domestic demand this year, cauliflower growers in Shan State are profiting more, according to the Aungban wholesale hub.

In previous years, the price of cauliflowers was around K1,000-K1,200 in the domestic market, but now it is as high as K3,000.

“We have to eat a cabbage over two days, but a cauliflower is consumed in one day. So, cauliflowers are consumed more quickly by end-users. Another point is that many 12-wheelers are carrying cauliflowers along Mandalay-Myitkyi-

na-Bhamo-Hpakant and Aungban-Myawady routes. Demand on these routes wasn’t good last year. So, we encouraged farmers to grow cauliflowers this year. There is also high demand from Yangon’s Thiri Mingalar market, Htaukkyant and Danyingon and also from Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw and central Myanmar. People prefer cauliflower to cabbage,” said an official from the Aungban wholesale hub.

Despite last year’s losses, Shan’s farmers are making significant profits this year.

“We encouraged farmers to grow cauliflower rather than

cabbage last year. We think cauliflowers have good potential. The farmers grew them as we suggested. When they encountered high prices this year, our prediction became true,” he continued.

Cauliflowers are mainly grown in Pindaya, Aungban and Pinlaung in Shan State, and are supplied to markets across Myanmar, as well as to local ones.

— Htet Oo Maung/ZN

Cauliflowers cultivated in Shan State.



Myanmar to expand avocado cultivation as domestic and global demand rises

AS demand for Myanmar avocados increases in both domestic and international markets, the Myanmar Avocado Producer and Exporter Association (MAPEA) has announced plans to expand the cultivation of avocado varieties that meet market needs.

Last year’s avocado season yielded about 3,000 tonnes of high-quality Hass avocados, and this year’s production is expected to be even higher. Reports indicate that demand for locally grown Hass and Buccaneer avocado varieties has been increasing every year, particularly in major cities such as Yangon and Mandalay, where they are primarily consumed.

“Since Hass avocados are cultivated on about 20,000 acres in Myanmar, we are seeking foreign markets. This year, we plan to primarily export avocados to Singapore and Thailand. The Department of Agriculture and MAPEA are working together to obtain GACC certification, which will allow Myanmar avocados to be officially exported to China,” said an MAPEA official.

This year, locally produced high-quality Hass avocados will be exported primarily to Singapore and Thailand, according to MAPEA.



This photo showcases Myanmar avocados reportedly in high demand in foreign markets.

Between September and December each year, Hass avocados are harvested in abundance and are consumed domestically as well as exported abroad. In addition to Hass, other avocado varieties such as Buccaneer; 034, Booth 7, and Amara are also exported. — ASH/TH

Superworm breeders prepare to penetrate local market

SUPERWORM breeding hasn’t still developed in Myanmar, however breeders say they have started preparing to penetrate the local market.

The superworm breeding was just introduced in Myanmar after 2018 and currently, there are 10 superworm farms in Yangon Region.

“Superworms can’t endure heat. Previously, superworm breeding was found in Mandalay and Pyinmana but the farms couldn’t survive because they are located in the dry zone. However, the weather of Yangon and the lower Myanmar isn’t extreme, even the highest temperature is around 35 degree so it is fine. The next advantage is transportation, from Yangon, we can deliver to all parts of the country. It has been found in Shan State too, but the problem is transportation which requires transit,” said a breeder.

Now, breeders have sought to start penetrating the local market for the product of the super-



Superworms are prepared for food.

worm breeding, from it, they will continue to take steps for export abroad, said the source.

“From these small-scale startups, we will ensure the local market becomes strong first and after it, we will initiate exporting abroad. We have to go step by step,” he said.

Small-scale superworm breeding can do at homes and it is a business to find additional income as the price per kilogram is now K25,000. Commercial breeding of insects and superworm has been found in neighbouring China and Thailand and from this livestock, they can help seek export earnings. — Htet Oo Maung/ZS

Serve the State's interest with wisdom and knowledge

MOST countries in the world build their nations based on education. Education is not only important for individuals but also plays a central role in shaping human environments and contributing to national development. In shaping a democratic nation, people must have a high quality of education when putting democratic principles into practical implementation.

For the development of a country, it is essential to have healthy and strong citizens, especially young people with a high-quality education. “Education” refers to the knowledge that enables one to understand right and wrong, good and bad, cause and effect, and to think, analyze, and critically evaluate.

At present, it is particularly necessary for people to possess knowledge, wisdom, and ways of thinking that align with the democratic system. The moral and civic education subjects taught

Today's world is rapidly changing due to technological innovations. Along with these changes, young people must strive to keep pace. As they make these efforts, it is necessary to continuously follow information and media trends. At the same time, they must be careful to preserve their own traditional culture, values, and good customs so that these are not lost amid the changing currents of the times.

“national education sector”, which serves as a key pillar in this effort.

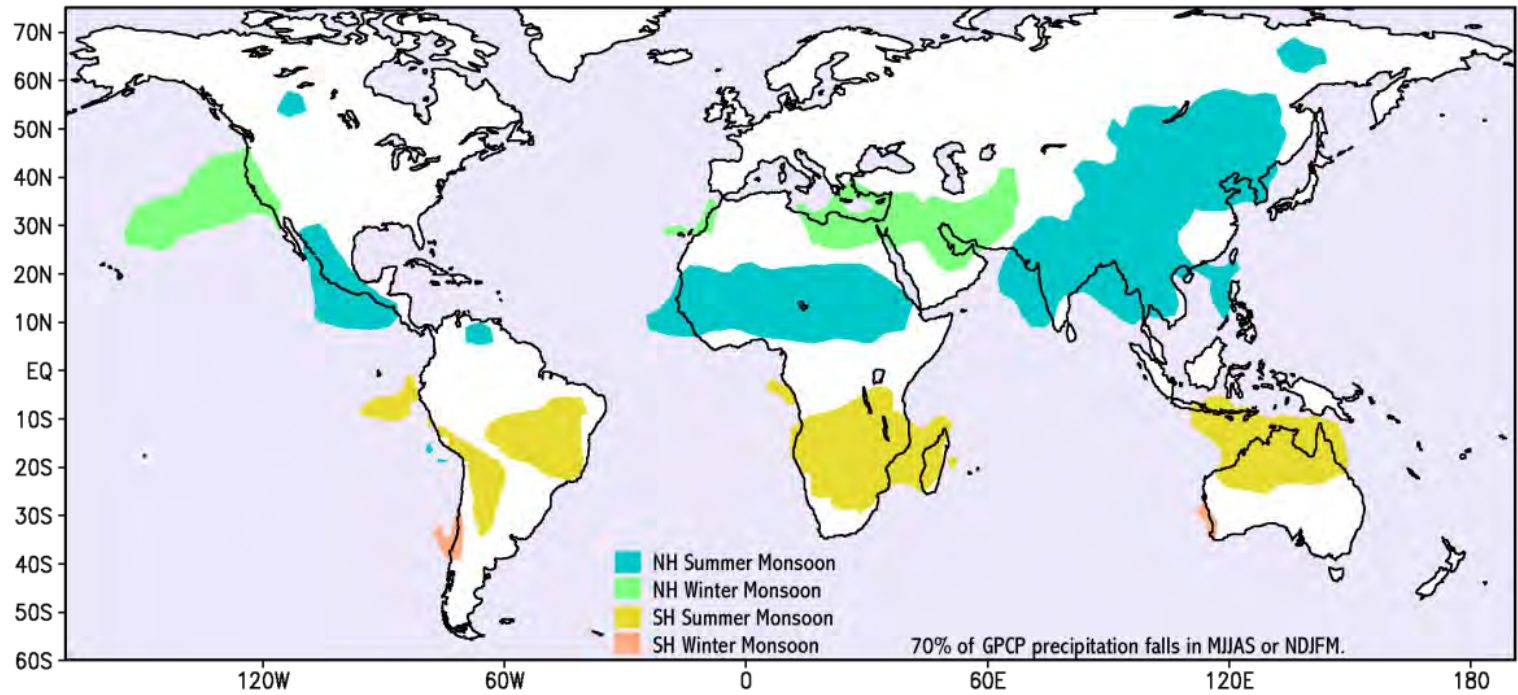
After completing the basic education level, students should continue to attend various universities to acquire higher-level knowledge. Gaining education is an effort to develop good human resources. Only through comprehensive knowledge can individuals achieve their desired goals. When guided by wisdom, discernment, and high moral standards, one's goals will be sustainable and enduring. Therefore, it is essential to continue preserving and applying the knowledge, skills, good habits, and positive attitudes that have been learned, while striving to develop the nation's human resources into valuable assets.

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in basic schools form the foundational pillars of good democratic practices suitable for Myanmar. Therefore, it is extremely important for children, youth, and young adults to continuously receive education, acquiring not only vocational skills but also knowledge, understanding, and wisdom. The essential knowledge gained at school should be thoroughly learned and applied in practical life.

Myanmar society encourages individuals to seek and acquire knowledge from an early age. A person is not considered fully accomplished merely by seeking, acquiring, or mastering knowledge; during this process, it is also important to respect good basic values and adhere to rules and laws. Therefore, to ensure the continuous development of the nation's education, the State is responsible for managing and shaping the

THE GLOBAL MONSOON AND ITS FUTURE



THE monsoon climate is one of the most prominent features within the global climatic system. The term “monsoon” is derived from the Arabic word ‘mausim’, meaning “season”. Meteorologically, it refers to a system characterized by seasonally reversing winds and the associated rainfall brought by the moisture-laden clouds these winds carry. Unlike daily or weekly weather events such as snowfall or storms, the monsoon is a large-scale, annual, and regular seasonal phenomenon that significantly influences the tropical equatorial belt and the subtropical regions north and south of the equator.

A defining feature of the monsoon is the seasonal reversal of wind direction, which leads to major changes in regional precipitation patterns. For instance, during June, July, and August, the northern hemisphere experiences the moisture-bearing southwesterly monsoon winds from the ocean, resulting in heavy rainfall. Conversely, during the same period, the northwestern part of Australia in the southern hemisphere experiences dry, cool southeasterly winds from the continental interior, leading to a dry season (Figure 1). These changes not only affect agricultural production and water availability across continents

but are also integral to global climate cycles known as teleconnections. The monsoon is widely recognized for its profound impact on global food security, energy supply, ecosystems, and the hydrological cycle.

Therefore, the global monsoon system is not merely a regional climatic phenomenon confined to Asia or Africa. Instead, it is a vast planetary-scale atmospheric circulation system that interconnects all the major rainfall-rich regions across the world's continents. Consequently, a comprehensive understanding of monsoon and wind circulation systems is essential

for predicting natural disasters like droughts and floods, managing water resources, and anticipating the impacts of climate change.

Scientific studies of the monsoon began in the late 19th century when the British, needing to forecast rains for agricultural projects in India, tasked scientists with its study. An early record is from the scholar Henry Blanford, who in 1889 first documented the correlation between snow cover on the Himalayan mountains and monsoon rainfall over India. Henry's innovative scientific methods laid the groundwork for subsequent

research on monsoon variability and prediction. Later, in the 1930s, K R Ramanathan elucidated the fundamental physical principles underlying the Indian monsoon.

In Myanmar, a seminal scientific study was Dr Tun Yin's 1949 paper, “An Analysis of the Aerological and Climatic Characteristics of the Onset of the Monsoon over Burma,” which stands as the first major record of the Myanmar monsoon system. This study remains a significant research paper to this day, as it was one of the earliest attempts to describe regional monsoon processes not only for

Dr Kyaw (Meteorology School)

annual rainfall in the Putao and Myitkyna regions of Myanmar is a direct result of this orographic effect.

Although the monsoon occurs seasonally and regularly, its wind strength, rainfall patterns, and amounts are not constant. During the monsoon season, the strength of the monsoon flow fluctuates, alternating between active (strong) and break (weak) periods. For example, during active monsoon periods, central regions of Myanmar may receive less rain, while these same areas often experience heavier rainfall during break periods. These fluctuations are linked to pressure conditions over land and sea, westward-propagating atmospheric wave movements in the Indian Ocean like the Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO), and global climate drivers such as the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) and the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD). This complex climatic dynamic remains a primary reason why issuing accurate monsoon forecasts continues to be a challenge, despite advances in modern computational climate technology.

Global Monsoon Zones

There are four major monsoon zones in the world:

1. The Asian (or South and East Asian) Monsoon Zone: This zone extends across Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Myanmar, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, China, and Japan.
2. The African Monsoon Zone: This occurs in parts of West Africa and the Sahel region south of the Sahara Desert.
3. The North American Monsoon Zone: This affects the southwestern United States and parts of Mexico.
4. The Australian Monsoon Zone: This occurs in northern Australia.

Among these, the South Asian monsoon system is the largest and most intense. It can

be further subdivided based on wind and rainfall patterns into subsystems: the Indian Summer Monsoon (affecting India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka); the Mainland Indochina Southwest Monsoon (affecting Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, and southwestern China); the East Asian Summer Monsoon (affecting China, Japan, and Korea); and the West North Pacific summer monsoon (affecting Vietnam, the Philippines, and southeastern China).

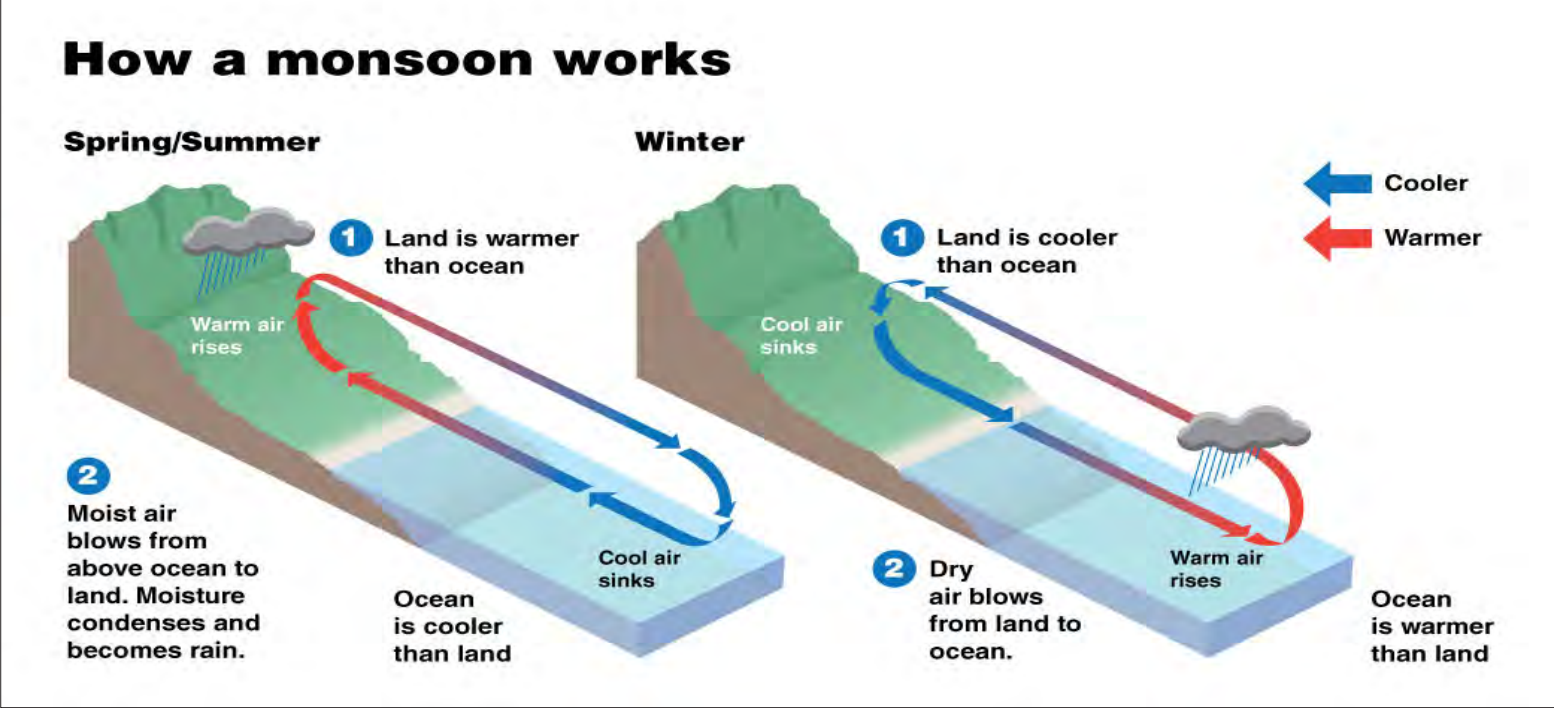
The South Asian monsoon system is fundamentally based on the complete reversal of wind direction between seasons, primarily the Summer Monsoon and the Winter Monsoon. During the northern hemisphere summer (the rainy season in Myanmar), as the Asian continent heats up, moist winds from the Indian Ocean flow into the resulting low-pressure zone, causing rainfall from May to September. In winter, dry winds blow from the northeast from the high-pressure zone over the continent towards the sea, resulting in significantly less rainfall from October to March.

Although Myanmar falls within the influence of the Mainland Indochina Southwest Monsoon, the country's diverse geography – its north-south elongation and varied topography of mountains and plains – results in significant regional variations in monsoon rainfall patterns. The Rakhine coastal area is most exposed to the summer monsoon winds. The Rakhine Mountain range also acts as a barrier, forcing moisture-laden clouds to rise and causing extremely heavy rainfall along its western slopes. However, after crossing these mountains, the southwesterly winds become drier, leading to substantially reduced rainfall in central Myanmar. This is why these areas are known as the central dry zone; regions like Magway, Mandalay, and parts of Sagaing frequently experi-

ence droughts even during the monsoon season. In contrast, southernmost regions like the Taninthayi Region have a longer rainy season and higher total rainfall because they receive precipitation from both the summer southwesterly and the winter northeasterly monsoon flows.

The global monsoon system is responsible for approximately two-thirds of the annual rainfall in the tropical equatorial and adjacent subtropical regions. Through its direct and indirect influences on regional climates, the monsoon supports agriculture and water resources for about one-third of the world's population and facilitates trade and food security for nearly three-quarters of humanity. The hydrology of major river basins such as the Ganges-Brahmaputra, Ayeyawady-Mekong, Yangtze, and Niger is almost entirely dependent on monsoon rains. Agricultural systems across Asia, Africa, and Latin America are timed to the monsoon's onset. Consequently, variations in monsoon strength, which can lead to droughts or floods, frequently threaten global food security.

Recent reports on global climate change indicate that the world's monsoon system is expected to become more irregular and unstable in the future. While climatologists project that total seasonal rainfall may increase in many parts of South Asia, this increase is not expected to be uniform. Instead, it is likely to be characterized by a higher frequency of heavy rainfall events, longer and more severe dry spells, and changes in the timing of the monsoon's onset and retreat. These changes directly threaten the food and water security of some of the world's most densely populated regions, including India, Bangladesh, and China. Therefore, it is recommended that in countries like Myanmar, which have agriculture-based economies, necessary preparations be made by all stakeholders, from farmers to relevant government departments, for the challenges ahead.



NATIONAL

New YPS card design launched for Thadingyut special

YANGON Payment Services (YPS) has again launched a YPS card in a new design, as a gesture of hailing the Thadingyut Festival, which will fall very soon.

Thadingyut is approaching, so people can give it as a gift of Thadingyut to their loved ones, said YPS. The new YPS card in the Thadingyut theme is available now at YPS counters.

YPS card and YPS QR services can be used for YBS lines 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 68, 72, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 84, 85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 100, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 128, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144 and 145.

YPS card and YPS QR services can be available at YPS counters, G&G convenience stores, Capital supermarkets, Nyein Chan Yay store near Sanpya Market, Thamadi minimart near Insein Park, YBS 21 (Power 11) stop, YBS 57 stop at Thakin Mya Park, YBS 81 stop at Thukha Dagon Housing, YBS 61 stop at Yangon West Technological University in Hlinethaya, YBS 35 stop in Htaukkyant, at Saikpyoyay stop, Rangoon minimart at the corner of Strand Road and Natsin Road and Aye Chan store in Dawbon Township.

For more information about YPS services, enquiries can be made to the YPS Facebook page messenger or call centre hotline number 09 772666699 between 9 am and 5 pm from Monday to Friday. — MT/ZS



This image showcases the newly introduced YPS card in the Thadingyut theme.

Myanmar's Mister International 2025 contestant showcases royal jacket in Thailand

THE Myanmar contestant in the Mister International 2025 in Thailand will wear a royal ornamental jacket, which was usually worn by the kings of ancient Myanmar in royal ceremonies, according to Myat Theinkha Nge, founder of the Myat Taw Win Myanmar Royal Costume Service.

The national costume was redesigned and created at a cost of over K20 million in accordance with the evidence in ancient Parabaik.

"The ornamental jacket is a garment that a king wears only in royal ceremonies. We held meetings among experts to remake it. We had to seek advice and study ancient Parabaiks. It cost around K20 million to make it, including honorarium fees," said Myat Theinkha Nge.

All parts of the costume – jackets, dresses, collars, waist-wear, headgears, slippers and fans – were recreated to reflect the magnificent look of a Myanmar King.

Ancient dresses of the kings and their royal family will continue to be rediscovered, referencing the available evidence, she said. There is a resurgence of interest in traditional Myanmar clothing among the younger generation, leading to more photo shoots and creations, she added. — MT/ZN



A model of ancient Myanmar King wearing the jewel-embedded jacket during royal ceremonies.

Illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth K8.496B

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to combat the illicit trade are continued effectively by the law.

On 15, 16 and 17 September, the combined teams impounded two unregistered vehicles and an unregistered motorbike (approximately K21.2 million) in Sagaing and Monywa townships, industrial materials valued at K24.39 million that were used in illegal gold mining at the Kantalu combined checkpoint, a Nissan Venette (approximately K20 million) carrying consumer goods worth K8.841 million without official documents at Than Village checkpoint. The action was conducted under the Export/Import Law, Customs procedures and the Myanmar Mines Law.

Additionally, 15 and 16 September, the combined on-duty teams seized five trucks and 10 tractor heads with 10 trailers (estimated value of K1.175 billion) carrying industrial materials, consumer goods and foodstuffs worth K3.475 billion without official documents in Kyaikto Township, six trucks and 10 tractor heads with 10



Confiscated illegal Gasoline Engine and Fabric across regions and states.

trailers (estimated value of K1.23 billion) carrying industrial materials, consumer goods, foodstuffs and agricultural re-

unregistered motorbikes worth K54 million in Mawlamyine and Thaton districts. The action was taken under the Export-Import Law and Customs procedures.

Similarly, on 9 to 18 September, 12 unregistered motorbikes worth K4.22 million in Pazundaung, Kawhmu, Mingaladon, Shwepyitha, Dagon Myothit (North), Botahtaung, Thakayta, Dawbon and Kayan townships, an unregistered vehicle (approximately K12 million) in Patheingyi Township, a Toyota Hilux Pickup (estimated value of K15 million) carrying industrial material, consumer goods and foodstuffs worth K67.248 million at Thanlwin bridge combined checkpoint, industrial materials worth K98.502 million without official documents from three containers at the Thilawa Port and two trucks (estimated value of K55 million) carrying industrial materials valued at K27.379 million in Mandalay. The action was conducted under the Export-Import Law and Customs procedures.

The Steering Committee reported 154 arrests on 9 to 18 September, seizing illegal goods worth approximately K8.496 billion. — MNA/MKKS

NATIONAL

Hotels fully booked in major tourist destinations for Thadingyut holidays

HOTEL rooms in Bagan, Chaungtha, Ngwehsaung, Inlay, Taunggyi and Hpa-an are already fully booked for the upcoming Thadingyut long holidays, according to U Aung Moe Kyi, Vice-President of the Myanmar Tourism Federation.

He said, “Hotels in Bagan, Chaungtha, Ngwehsaung, Inlay, Taunggyi and Hpa-an are fully occupied due to the large number of domestic travellers expected during the Thadingyut public holidays. Since it is both the

long holiday period and festival season, local travellers continue to visit these popular tourist destinations throughout the year.”

At present, these destinations are still receiving large numbers of domestic visitors, while the arrival of international tourists has declined compared with previous years.

However, this year, Bagan’s ancient cultural heritage sites are seeing not only many domestic tourists but also a notable number of international visitors. — ASH/KNN



Domestic travellers taking boats on their tours at destinations.

Film actor’s family donates cash to kidney patients at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital



Academy Khant Si Thu providing donations to patients receiving treatment at the hospital.

THE family of Academy Award winner Khant Si Thu donated cash assistance on 20 September to patients undergoing haemodialysis and to in-patients at the Department of Nephrology, Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1,000-bed), as well as to the hospital’s pharmacy fund, according to Khant Si Thu.

“My mother is suffering from kidney failure and receives dialysis every other day. On her behalf, I made this

contribution to support others who are enduring the same painful treatment. I pray for relief for kidney patients and made the donation personally. Many more donors are still needed,” said the actor.

Similarly, on 14 September, the family donated day meals and offertories, including rice, cooking oil and other foodstuffs, to 70 nuns from Chan Myae Yadana Nunnery in Mingaladon Township, Yangon Region. — ASH/KZL

Prisons deny false allegations

A Facebook page on 4 September called Khit Thit Media falsely claimed that political prisoner Ko Zaw Min Oo had died of suffocation at Monywa Prison after the Correctional Department allegedly refused to provide him with medical treatment or send him to a hospital.

Actually, there are no political prisoners in the prison; all inmates are serving sentences for violations of the law. Prisoner Zaw Min Oo is serving a seven-year sentence for stealing an electric wire under Section 6 (1) of the Public Property Protection Act. He had been experiencing symptoms such as loss of appetite, indigestion, chest pain, and yellow urine. On 31 August 2025, he visited the prison clinic. The prison doctor examined him and found that he had no fever; his blood pressure and pulse were normal, and all other areas were normal except for slight pain when pressing on the chest. Based on the patient’s history and tests, he was diagnosed with gastritis and mild liver inflammation, and received the necessary medical treatment. On 2 September, the prisoner suddenly experienced shortness of breath and was urgently taken to Monywa General Hospital for further treatment.

The prisoner died of sudden cardiac arrest due to heart failure at 7:40 pm on 3 September while receiving medical treatment. His family was informed, and he was buried alongside them.

Khit Thit Media reported that the number of prisoners dying due to lack of access to medical care is increasing each month; this claim is false. The media also stated that some LGBT prisoners are sexually abused by criminal inmates allegedly handpicked by the department, which is also untrue. There is no sexual violence against prisoners.

The prison clinic provides comprehensive medical treatment, and if there is no improvement, the patient is transferred to a public hospital. In the event of a prisoner’s death, the family is promptly notified. Officials at all levels monitor to ensure that no prisoner is discriminated against or mistreated.

Similarly, a Facebook page called Mizzima News in Burmese falsely claimed that 11 prisoners had been held in solitary confinement at Hpa-an

Prison for three months and that one had died.

During a search of Hpa-an Prison on 14 June, a keypad phone and a set of charging cables belonging to prisoner Thura Aung were found and confiscated. As a result of the seizure, Thura Aung was charged in the Hpa-an Township Court under Section 42 of the Prison Act, and the court sentenced him to six months in prison.

The three prisoners from Hostel No 1, ten prisoners from Hostel No 4, and a total of 13 leaders involved in the incident were sentenced to separate detention under Stanza 818 of the Prison Rules. Their ordinary reduction of good conduct time under Stanza 838, special reduction of prison time under Stanza 847, and 15 days of good conduct points for a year under Stanza 842 were all revoked. None of the prisoners were beaten.

Similarly, prisoner Nyan Min Tun, who is serving a 7-year sentence under Section 52(a) at Hpa-an Prison, suffered from coronary artery disease, a lung infection, diarrhea, and heart muscle weakness while in prison, and was treated with the necessary medications by the prison doctor.

The prisoner, who had been suffering from coronary artery disease for a long time before entering prison, was overweight and had been receiving ongoing medical treatment at the prison clinic upon his arrival. At 1:15 am on 14 July, he was urgently taken to Hpa-an General Hospital due to shortness of breath and fatigue. The attending doctor provided medical treatment, but the prisoner died from a blood clot in the heart.

Furthermore, according to the Facebook page Mizzima News in Burmese, the claim that prisoners are living in cramped conditions is false. On 2 February, while repairs were being carried out on the prison’s main eastern wall, prisoners from Hostel No 4, which is adjacent to the wall, were temporarily moved to Hostel No 5. Since the renovation was completed in June, the hostels have been restored to their original condition. The descriptions on so-called media Facebook pages are fabricated to mislead the public, creating a false impression of the prison’s routine operations. — Thitsa/GNLM

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LIFESTYLE: WORLD

Beyond the Classroom: A Summer Camp That Transformed Learning

By San Sandi Zaw

Nagoya University's Mei-Writing Camp blends academic training, cultural exchange, and lasting friendships

As a first-year master's student at Nagoya University, I expected my summer to be filled with reading, research, and quiet study. Instead, I found myself boarding a bus with other graduate and undergraduate students from Nagoya, Gifu, and Nanzan Universities, heading deep into the mountains of Nagano Prefecture for the **Mei-Writing Summer Camp (MWSC)**. What awaited us was not just an academic programme, but a journey that changed the way I think about learning, teamwork, and leadership.

Intensive Learning in an Ac-



tive Environment

The camp, organized by Nagoya University's Department of Academic Writing Education,



was four days and three nights of immersion in academic and personal growth. Unlike traditional lectures, MWSC emphasizes **active learning**. Each day, we worked in small, diverse teams under the guidance of a camp instructor. Together, we practised writing clear thesis statements, building logical arguments, and culminating in presentations. Our days were packed with workshops and group assignments, but the challenge pushed me to grow.

Diversity at the Core

One defining feature of the camp was its **multinational and multidisciplinary setting**. Teams were intentionally formed with students from different countries and academic fields, creating an environment where participants had to articu-

late their ideas clearly in English and work across cultural perspectives.

It was not only about improving academic writing but also about learning how to collaborate with people from diverse backgrounds.

More Than Study: Building Connections

Beyond its academic focus, MWSC offered opportunities for **friendship and cultural exchange**. Each morning began with lighthearted team-led exercises. Evenings featured **BBQs and campfires**, symbols of summer camp that encouraged conversation and bonding. Optional activities such as hiking, hot springs, and sports added variety to the schedule and allowed us to enjoy the natural surroundings.

Affordable arrangements

for transportation, accommodation, and meals made the programme accessible while allowing students to focus on learning, bonding, and experience rather than logistics.

A Lasting Impact

For me, the MWSC was more than a camp; it was a **transformative journey** that demonstrated how meaningful education can take place outside the classroom. As Nagoya University continues to host the MWSC, it stands as a model of how universities can combine academic excellence, cultural diversity, and personal growth in a single programme.

What stood out most was the camp's philosophy of "cooperating to compete." While teams with collaborative team leaders presented their work in a friendly competition, the atmosphere remained supportive. Our sense of achievement came not from prizes but from the shared journey of learning together.

By the end of the four days, participants left with sharpened academic skills and new confidence in communication. Many also took home friendships and memories that extended beyond the academic sphere. More than anything, the Mei-Writing Summer Camp reminded me that education is not only about books, theories, and learning through technology but also about the connections we build and the experiences we share.

Cambodia begins to celebrate traditional Pchum Ben festival

The festival is a time for alms-giving and merit-making dedicated to deceased relatives and loved ones.

CAMBODIA on Sunday began to celebrate the three-day traditional Pchum Ben festival, or Ancestor's Day.

In a special video message, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet said Pchum Ben festival is a Cambodian tradition that has been observed annually since ancient times.

"It is an occasion that the Cambodian people are engaged in

alms-giving and merit making in order to dedicate to their relatives and loved ones who had passed away," he said. "It is also a joyful occasion for family reunions."

Pchum Ben festival is the second-biggest celebration for Cambodian people after the Lunar New Year.

During the celebrations, the Cambodian Buddhists go to pagodas and make offerings to monks in

order to dedicate to their deceased relatives and loved ones.

They believe that everything they offer to the monks will reach their dead ancestors or relatives and in return, the dead will bless them with good luck.

Buddhists account for approximately 95 per cent of the kingdom's population of 17 million, according to the Ministry of Cults and Religions. — Xinhua



The festival also serves as a joyful occasion for family reunions. **PHOTO: SHUTTERSTOCK**

US regulator sues
Ticketmaster over
‘illegal’ ticket schemes

A top US regulator on Thursday sued Ticketmaster and its parent company Live Nation, alleging the ticketing giant conspired with brokers to inflate concert ticket prices and deceive consumers with hidden fees.

The Federal Trade Commission, along with seven states, filed the lawsuit in a California federal court, accusing the companies of allowing ticket brokers to harvest millions

of tickets in violation of purchase limits, and then resell them at marked-up prices. Ticketmaster has been the object of anger and frustration from both artists and spectators for decades, with concertgoers complaining about overpriced tickets, opaque pricing schemes, and glitches that saw sales for Taylor Swift’s historic Eras Tour, among others, marred by breakdowns. — AFP

NEVs produced in China’s Liuzhou
shine at 22nd China-ASEAN Expo



People view an unmanned aerial multi-functional support vehicle produced in Liuzhou during the 22nd China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning, south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, 20 September 2025. PHOTO: ZHOU TINGLU/XINHUA

AT the ongoing 22nd China-ASEAN Expo, new energy vehicles produced in Liuzhou of Guangxi and empowered by artificial intelligence draw wide attention from both domestic and overseas businesses and visitors.

Liuzhou is a renowned automobile manufacturing city in China. In recent years, the city has focused on applying AI technology to new energy vehicles, contin-

uously promoting innovation and upgrading in the auto industry, and exploring new models that integrate the promotion of NEVs with industrial development. Statistics show that in the first half of this year, Liuzhou’s total auto output reached 869,000 units, up 34.2 per cent year-on-year. Among them, NEV production hit 468,000 units, an increase of 95.9 per cent. — Xinhua

India’s top nine cities housing sales decline continues

HOUSING sales in India’s top nine cities fell by four per cent and consecutively declined for the 10th quarter, in Q3 (July-September) 2025, settling just above the 1 lakh-unit mark at 1,00,370 units, according to a report by NSE-listed real estate data analytics firm PropE-quity.

New launches, however, remained flat, coming in below the 1 lakh mark at 92,229 units declining by 10 per cent on Q-o-Q basis.

The top nine cities are Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Pune, Thane, Kolkata and Delhi-NCR. The Y-o-Y decline in



Housing sales in India’s top nine cities fell by 4 per cent and consecutively declined for the 10th quarter, in Q3 (July-September) 2025. PHOTO: ANI

sales across the top nine cities during Q3 2025 was primarily led by the Maharashtra region – including Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Thane, and Pune – which

experienced a contraction ranging from six per cent to 28 per cent. Bengaluru, Chennai and Kolkata, however, witnessed a rise of 21 per

cent, 16 per cent and 25 per cent respectively in Q3 2025. Delhi-NCR and Hyderabad, too, saw a 4 per cent YoY each rise in sales in Q3 2025. — ANI

Japan inflation eases
to 2.7% in August:
official data

INFLATION in Japan eased to 2.7 per cent in August from 3.1 per cent in July, official data showed Friday.

The reading from the internal affairs ministry, which excludes volatile fresh food prices, was in line with market expectations.

But it remains above the Bank of Japan’s two-per-cent target, cementing expectations that it will hike interest rates this year.

Inflation continues to

be driven by rice prices, which increased by 68.8 per cent year-on-year in August after surges of around 100 per cent in June and 90.7 per cent in July.

Taro Kimura, an analyst with Bloomberg Economics, said that a pullback in inflation “won’t change the big picture”.

“Consumer prices will remain warm enough to keep the Bank of Japan on track to pare stimulus, likely as soon as October,” he added. — AFP

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

East China lab unveils moon brick maker for lunar facility construction

The machine turns moon dust into bricks by focusing sunlight to generate temperatures above 1,300°C.

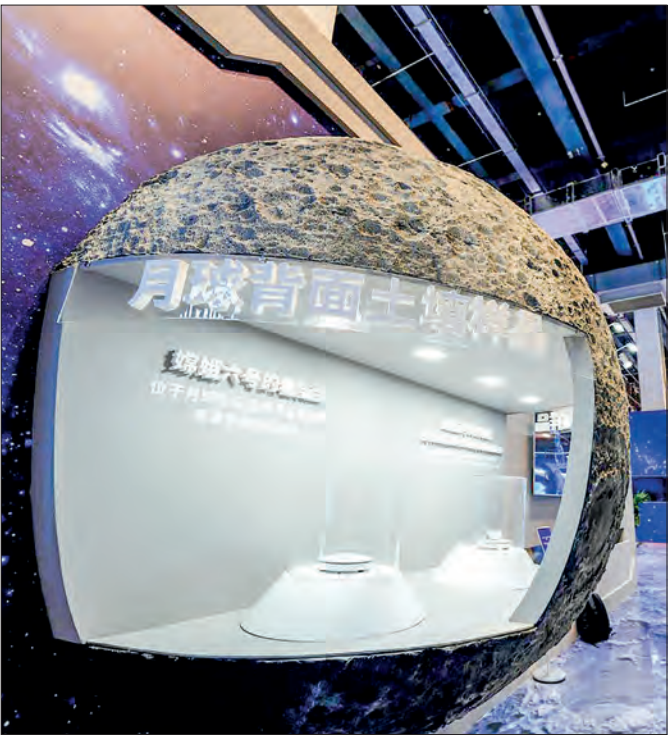
AT the ongoing 2025 World Manufacturing Convention in Hefei in east China’s Anhui Province, a Chinese space-tech lab has unveiled a lunar brick maker that turns moon dust into bricks.

As the world’s first proof-of-concept machine of this kind, it is designed to focus sunlight to generate temperatures above 1,300 degrees Celsius, thus melting lunar soil to create shaped bricks.

Bricks produced on site can be used to build roads and structures on the moon — thereby laying the groundwork for developing future lunar research stations and propelling China’s deep-space exploration goals.

This device uses a parabolic reflector to concentrate solar energy, which is then transmitted through a fiber optic bundle. At the end of this bundle, the solar concentration ratio can exceed 3,000 times normal intensity, according to the Deep Space Exploration Laboratory (DSEL) based in Hefei, capital of Anhui. To ensure this machine is capable of adapting to various types of lunar soil, DSEL researchers developed multiple simulated lunar soil samples and conducted extensive testing on the machine before finalizing its design.

China initiated the International Lunar Research Station — a scientific experimental facility that will consist of sections both on the lunar surface and in lunar orbit. It is projected to be constructed in two phases, namely a basic model to be built by 2035 in the lunar south pole region, and an extended model to be built in the 2040s. — Xinhua



Lunar soil samples collected from the far side of the moon are on display at the preview of a science exhibition marking the 10th Space Day of China at Shanghai World Expo Exhibition and Convention Centre in east China’s Shanghai, 23 April 2025. PHOTO: ZHANG JIANSONG/XINHUA

UK to recognize Palestinian state ahead of UN debate

THE United Kingdom is joining a group of nations set to recognize a Palestinian state at the upcoming United Nations general assembly.

Britain was set Sunday to recognize a Palestinian state with a landmark announcement due from Prime Minister Keir Starmer, as several nations were poised to follow at UN talks to pressure Israel over the Gaza war.

Starmer “will set out the position later on today”, his deputy David Lammy told the BBC on Sunday, stopping short of confirming UK media reports that there would be full recognition of a Palestinian state.

Portugal’s foreign ministry also said in a statement that Lisbon would “recognize the State of Palestine” and that “the official declaration of recognition will be made on Sunday, 21 September”. Although it would be a largely symbolic move, the UK would become the first G7 country to take the step with France and others expected to follow at the annual UN General Assembly which opens Monday in New York. — AFP

Iran says cooperation with IAEA to be suspended after UNSC fails to lift sanctions

IRAN’S top security body announced on Saturday that the country’s cooperation with the United Nations nuclear watchdog would be “effectively” suspended following a UN Security Council vote not to maintain the lifting of international sanctions on Tehran.

The statement came from Iran’s Supreme National Security Council (SNSC), detailing the outcomes of a meeting chaired by President Masoud Pezeshkian.

During the meeting, the SNSC discussed what it called the “ill-considered” actions by France, Britain, and Germany — collectively known as the E3 — regarding Iran’s nuclear program. The council declared that Tehran’s cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) would be effectively suspended in response to the European countries’ actions, despite Iran’s ongoing cooperation with the agency and proposals to resolve the nuclear issue. The SNSC tasked the Iranian Foreign Ministry with continuing consultations to safeguard national interests in line with the council’s decisions. — Xinhua

Thousands take to streets as Philippines protests flood control fraud



Protesters in the Philippines are demanding accountability over billions allegedly lost to fraudulent flood-control projects. PHOTO: AFP

THOUSANDS of Filipinos gathered Sunday in Manila to express their anger over a ballooning scandal involving bogus flood-control projects believed to have cost taxpayers billions of dollars.

Rage over the so-called ghost infrastructure projects has been mounting in the Southeast Asian country since President Ferdinand

Marcos put them centre stage in a July state of the nation address that followed weeks of deadly flooding.

On Monday, Marcos said he did not blame people for protesting “one bit” while calling for demonstrations to remain peaceful. The army has been placed on “red alert” as a precaution.

“There were times I personally waded through floods,” Aly Villahermosa, a 23-year-old nursing student from Metro Manila told AFP as an estimated crowd of 13,000 gathered Sunday morning in the capital’s Luneta Park.

“If there’s a budget for ghost projects, then why is there no budget for the health sector?” she said, calling the theft of public funds “truly shameful”. — AFP

SPORTS

Myanmar Fight New Generation Lethwei matches held in Yangon

THE Myanmar Fight New Generation traditional Lethwei event took place at 1 pm yesterday at Theinbyu Gymnasium in Yangon, featuring eleven bouts. Organized by the Myanmar Traditional Lethwei Federation of Sports and Physical Education Department and Myanmar Martial Art Group (MMAG), the event showcased intense matchups between skilled fighters.

During the event, Sein

Than Oo (Kyayyuwah) defeated Phyo Maung Maung (MFC Club) in the third round. Saw Ruby (YMA Club) beat Khun Min Min (MFC Club) in the second round. Mogyo (Bago Club) claimed a first-round victory over Saw Pide Aung (North Okkala), while Khaung Htet Zaw (STL Club) overcame Pawlu (Phonenix Club) in the second round.

The following bouts ended in draws: Ye Yint (Kyar Bayin)

versus Mann Nyi (YFC Club), Naing Zin Oo (Kyar Bayin) versus Shine Htet Oo (Wannion), Nayla (Taw Win Ayeyar) versus Pyae Phyo Aung (Kyar Bayin), Aung Kaung Khant (STL Club) versus Saw Htoo Dael (Phoenix Club), Kyaw Gyi (Taw Win Ayeyar) versus Aung San Lin (Kyayyuwah), Aung Ko Oo (MFC Club) versus Kyar Marn Hein (Smart Fight), and Thet Htar San (Wannion) versus Ray (Do Jo Nine). — Akar Linn/KZL



Pawlu and Khaung Htet Zaw fight during a Myanmar Fight New Generation traditional Lethwei at Theinbyu Gymnasium in Yangon on 21 September 2025. PHOTO: AKAR LINN

Kenya's Odira upsets Hodgkinson to win world 800m gold

KENYA'S Lilian Odira overhauled Olympic champion Keely Hodgkinson to win the women's 800 metres title at the world championships in Tokyo on Sunday.

Odira set a championship record — and a massively improved personal best time — of 1min 54.62sec for victory, beating by 0.06sec the previous best set by Jarmila Kratochvilova of the then-Czechoslovakia in Helsinki in 1983.

Georgina Hunter Bell took silver in a personal best of 1:54.90 in a photo finish with her British teammate and training partner Hodgkinson, who had to settle for bronze.

"This is my first world championships and I am really grate-

ful to be leaving it as the world champion. It has been a long time coming," said Odira, who only made the semi-finals of the Paris Olympics and won silver in the African Games last year.

Hodgkinson, who has won silver medals at the last two world championships, was the big favourite coming into the race despite having had limited races in her legs this season.

The 23-year-old had admitted she was sweating on her place at the world championships until the last minute because she was sidelined for months by hamstring problems after winning Olympic gold in Paris last summer and only returned to action in August. — AFP



Lilian Odira ran the perfect race to defeat Olympic champion Keely Hodgkinson in the women's 800 metres at the world championships, leaving the Briton in bronze medal position. PHOTO: AFP

McLaughlin-Levrone claims second world gold in relay



Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone carries the USA to victory in the women's 4x400 metres relay. PHOTO: AFP

SYDNEY McLaughlin-Levrone won her second gold of the world championships in Tokyo on Sunday, anchoring the USA team to a dominant victory in the 4x400 metres relay.

Double Olympic 400m hurdles champion McLaughlin-Levrone, who impressively

won the 400m flat gold at these championships earlier in the week, put in a punishing last leg timed at a rapid 47.82sec to bring the USA team home in a championship record of 3min 16.61sec.

It beat by 0.10sec the previous best set by the United States in Stuttgart in 1993.

Jamaica claimed silver in 3:19.25, with the Netherlands taking bronze in 3:20.18.

Femke Bol, fresh from retaining her 400m hurdles crown and known for her fast finishing speed, was on the anchor leg for the Dutch team.

But she had been left too much to do and could only chase down the shadows of her hurdling nemesis McLaughlin-Levrone.

"When you have great teammates as I have, it's amazing," said McLaughlin-Levrone, who ran the second fastest women's 400m flat time in history in winning the individual event.

"My last lap felt it was like a victory lap for us. I just wanted to finish strong because you never know who is behind, chasing you. It was just an incredible race. — AFP

Swiatek recovers from slow start to win Korea Open title

IGA Swiatek battled back from a disastrous start to win the Korea Open on Sunday, beating Russia's Ekaterina Alexandrova 1-6, 7-6 (7/3), 7-5 in the final.

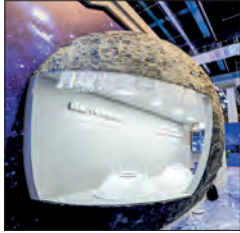
The world number two dropped the opening set after

an error-strewn performance drastically out of keeping with her dominating form this week in Seoul.

World number 11 Alexandrova was two points away from winning the title but Swiatek came back to level the

match after a tiebreak before finding her rhythm in the third set.

The win gave the Polish six-time Grand Slam champion her third title of the season and her first ever in the South Korean capital. — AFP



Northern Sea Route development to boost global trade: Russian official

The Northern Sea Route (NSR) is the shortest maritime route connecting Asia and Europe.



The Northern Sea Route (NSR) is a shipping lane that runs along the Russian Arctic coast, connecting the Atlantic Ocean (Europe) to the Pacific Ocean (Asia). It is the shortest maritime route between major ports in Asia and Europe, significantly reducing travel distance and time compared to traditional routes through the Suez Canal. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK/FILE**

THE development of the Northern Sea Route (NSR), the shortest maritime route connecting Asia and Europe, will bring benefits to global trade, Governor of Russia’s Arkhangelsk Region Alexander Tsybulsky has said.

In a recent interview with Xinhua, Tsybulsky said that year-round navigation is expected to be achieved within the next five to six years, thanks to technological advancements and related efforts.

The route, with its strategic significance and logistical potential, will have a substantive positive impact on global trade once year-round operation is realized, he added.

Tsybulsky said that the Arkhangelsk region holds a key position in the layout of the NSR. For example, the Arctic Express No 1, a sea-rail intermodal logistics line linking Moscow, Arkhangelsk and ports in China, could cut transportation time by up to 25 days, significantly reducing both delivery time and logistics costs. — Xinhua

US\$100,000 H-1B Visa fee: Indian government studies impact

THE government said on Saturday that the full implications of the US decision to impose US\$100,000 annual fee on H-1B visa applications is being being studied by all concerned, including by Indian industry, and that the measure is likely to have humanitarian consequences by way of the disruption caused for families.

In a statement regarding restrictions to the US H1B visa programme, Official Spokesperson of Ministry of External Affairs said industry in both India and the US has a stake in innovation and creativity and can be expected to consult on the best path forward.

“The Government has seen reports related to the proposed restrictions on the US H1B visa programme. The full implications of the measure are being studied by all concerned, including by Indian industry, which has already put out an initial analysis clarifying some perceptions related to the H1B programme,” the statement said. — ANI

China commences construction of high-precision telescope project on ‘roof of the world’

China on Saturday launched the construction of a new large astronomical observation project, the Xue-shan-mu-chang 15-metre SubMillimetre Telescope (XSMT). **PHOTO: XINHUA**

CHINA on Saturday launched the construction of a new large astronomical observation project, the Xue-shan-mu-chang 15-metre SubMillimetre Telescope (XSMT).

Situated on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, this project aims to enhance the country’s capabilities in exploring the cold, hidden universe by establishing a high-precision facility that addresses a notable gap in its existing astronomical infrastructure.

With a diameter of 15 metres, the telescope will be located in the city of Delingha, northwest China’s Qinghai Province, at an altitude of 4,800 metres. Led by the Nanjing-based Purple Mountain Observatory under the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the project is scheduled to be completed in 2027. In the universe, the formation processes of stars and planets are frequently obscured by interstellar dust, which traditional optical telescopes cannot penetrate. — Xinhua