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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.

Elections: A First Step Towards Democracy

Voting-age students must grasp the essence and value of elections to exercise their right to vote equally among citizens and ensure they do not forfeit this critical democratic opportunity.



A CEREMONY to honour Tatmadaw members from Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air), offspring of in-service/war veterans, children of military-substituted civilian service personnel who passed the 2024-25 academic year’s matriculation examination outstandingly, outstanding award students and the students who won prizes in the national-level article, essay, painting, cartoon and mathematics skill contests took place at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

On behalf of Senior General Min

Vice-Senior General Soe Win, State Security and Peace Commission Vice-Chairman, Defence Services Deputy C-in-C, Commander-in-Chief (Army), warmly greets the outstanding students at yesterday’s event in Nay Pyi Taw.

Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Vice-Chairman of the Commission, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, delivered a speech at the ceremony and presented honorary prizes to the winners.

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Salient points from the speech delivered by the Vice-Senior General in honouring students

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- 2. The aim is to ensure a free and fair election, free from malpractice, and to bring forth Hluttaw representatives with integrity.
- 3. Students are urged to maintain their good habits and moral values and to continue striving so that one day they will become a new generation capable of making genuine contributions to the country.

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Administrators and civil servants must remain free from party politics

- ❖ It is necessary for those in administrative roles and public service personnel to remain free from party politics.
- ❖ Therefore, it is necessary for administrators to be fully qualified and to possess skills in governance, knowledge of the law, and a vision for regional development.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the government coordination meeting of the SAC on 19 May 2025)

- 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.

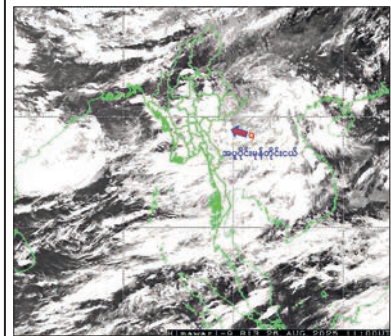
Tropical Depression Condition

issued at 7 pm MST on 26 August 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, the Tropical Depression over the upper parts of Laos and adjoining upper parts of Thailand and has continue to crossed border regions of Laos and Thailand.

Next 18 hours forecast

It is likely continue to move westwards and downgrade into a low-pressure cell over border regions of Thailand during the next six hours and downgrade into a wind wave over the border region of Thailand and Myanmar during the next 12 hours. Due to the Tropical Depression rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, and Shan States with isolated heavy falls in some Regions and States from today afternoon to 29 August 2025. Occasionally squalls with rough seas will be experience off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 miler per hour. Wave height will be about 10-12 feet in off and along the Myanmar Coasts.



Advisory

People should be aware of natural disasters such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, thunder, lightning strikes, lightning, hail, 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

Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 7 pm MST on 26 August 2025

According to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, the low-pressure area over the Northwest Bay of Bengal (off Odisha Coast, India) still persists. It is likely to move west-northwestwards and further intensify. — DMH

Myanmar coffee to go global via JCI Japan

THE Junior Chamber International (JCI) Myanmar and JCI Aichi Block Japan are collaborating to bring Myanmar coffee to international markets. Under the Omiyage Project, JCI Myanmar is working with JCI Aichi Block Japan to promote Myanmar coffee globally. Coffee beans sourced from Ywangan Township in Shan State will be marketed under the brand name Kizuna Blend.

The initiative aims to support Myanmar's economic development, generate international revenue, and create more job opportunities for local communities. As the first step, the coffee will be exported to Japan, with plans to eventually expand sales to ASEAN countries, other Asian markets, and worldwide.

A programme introducing the collaborative efforts of JCI Myanmar, JCI Aichi Block Japan, and MAJA to promote Myanmar coffee internation-



The Omiyage Project facilitates the international promotion of Myanmar coffee.

ally was held on 26 August at the MAJA Education Centre in South Okkalapa Township, Yangon. During the event, Mr Yamada, project leader from JCI Myanmar, outlined the plans to introduce Myanmar coffee to international markets. This was followed by remarks from Mr Hirano, Chairman of JCI Aichi Block Japan, MAJA Director U Myint Wai, and Chairman U Myo

Lwin. Project leader Mr Oza-wa then provided a detailed presentation on how the Omiyage Project is facilitating the international promotion of Myanmar coffee.

Attendees were also introduced to the Kizuna Blend coffee that will be produced and marketed, and a commemorative group photo was taken to mark the occasion. — Chit Ko Ko/ KZL



No new COVID-19 cases

THE Ministry of Health tested 493 samples from 8 pm on 17 August 2025 to 8 pm on 24 August 2025, and 0 new cases were detected. Therefore, the positivity rate was 2.28 per cent, and no new casualties were reported.

Currently, there is no need to worry about infection and deaths from COVID-19, but all need to follow personal hygiene methods, and the high-risk groups.

- Elderly people (aged 60 and above)
- People with diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, and cancer
- Pregnant women (especially those beyond the third month of pregnancy) are prioritized to receive COVID-19 booster shots.

More detailed COVID-19 information can be found on the website of the Ministry of Health, moh.gov.mm.

Myanmar CDC
Public Health Department,
Ministry of Health

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)

Elections: A First Step Towards Democracy

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On behalf of the Senior General, the Vice-Senior General delivered a speech. He said: During their school years, students who diligently fulfilled their educational duties and achieved excellence will be honoured. Outstanding students receiving the “Outstanding Youth Award” will each be awarded a 0.75-tical gold coin. Those who pass the matriculation examination with distinctions in three or more subjects will receive 0.25-tical gold coin per subject. Tatmadaw members who passed with at least one distinction will also be awarded 0.25-tical gold coin per subject. Winners of national-level competitions in article, essay, painting, and cartoon drawing will be awarded accordingly: a 0.75-tical gold coin each for first prize, a 0.5-tical gold coin for second prize, and a 0.25-tical gold coin for third prize.

It was emphasized that in building a democratic nation, it is essential not only to uphold democratic principles but also to ensure high-quality education.

Citizens must have knowledge, wisdom, and critical thinking compatible with democracy.

The subjects of ethics and civic responsibility taught in

basic education schools are fundamental to cultivating democratic practices.

Furthermore, students are mostly sons and daughters of serving or retired military personnel, and serving Tatmadaw members who passed the matriculation examination, pursued their studies diligently, becoming outstanding students and soldiers honoured today. They are urged never to forget the gratitude they owe to the Tatmadaw, and in their future endeavours to uphold loyalty, responsibility, accountability, and gratitude.

Elections are the first crucial step towards achieving the democratic nation long expected by the people. Through elections, representatives who can present, debate, and advocate the people’s will in Hluttaw will emerge, and governments will be formed.

Only by holding free, fair, and dignified multi-party democratic elections can Hluttaw, people’s representatives, and democratic governments with integrity come into existence.

In the upcoming general election, arrangements are being made so that all eligible voters, except those legally disqualified, will be able to cast their votes freely. The aim is to ensure a free and fair election, free from malpractice, and to

bring forth Hluttaw representatives with integrity.

Students are urged to maintain their good habits and moral values and to continue striving so that one day they will become a new generation capable of making genuine contributions to the country.

Voting-age students are reminded to understand the essence and value of elections, to exercise their right to vote equally with other citizens, and to ensure that they do not lose this important opportunity.

Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Phone Myat reported on matters related to outstanding students, the students and Tatmadaw members who passed the matriculation examination in 2024-25 AY, winners in the national-level competitions and mathematics skill contest, as well as prize-winning Tatmadaw education schools and basic education schools.

At the ceremony, Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Senior General, presented honorary medals, prizes and certificates to three outstanding youth award winners, one winner in the national-level article and essay contest and three six-distinction winners.

The Vice-Senior General awarded school administrators from Tatmadaw basic education high schools who stood

first, second and third pass rate in the examination, two outstanding youth award winners, one winner in the mathematics skill contest and one six-distinction winner.

Daw Than Than Nwe, the wife of Vice-Senior General, also awarded three outstanding youth award winners, one winner in the national-level article and essay contest and three six-distinction winners.

Commission member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, presented prizes to principals of Tatmadaw education schools, which stood first, second and third pass rate in 2024-25 AY, three outstanding youth award winners and one six-distinction winner.

The wife of the Prime Minister also gave prizes to four outstanding youth award winners and three six-distinction winners.

Commission member and Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe and his wife, Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief, General Ye Win Oo and his wife, commission members, Union ministers and their wives, Union-level dignitaries and their wives, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and his wife, the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and his wife, the CEC Chairman of Myanmar War Veterans Organization, the

Adjutant-General and the Quartermaster-General presented prizes to winners respectively.

Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, the wife of the Senior General, the Vice-Senior General and the party had documentary photos taken together with prize winners.

Outstanding students, parents and teachers were served with foodstuffs hosted by the Vice-Senior General and party.

After the ceremony, the Vice-Senior General cordially greeted the prize winners, parents and teachers.

At the ceremony, a total of 20 students who passed the matriculation exam with six distinctions, 46 students with five distinctions, 88 students with four distinctions, one with one distinction, three Tatmadaw BEHSs and three Tatmadaw education schools with high pass rates were honoured with awards. Moreover, a total of 43 outstanding youth award winners, two winners in the national-level competitions and one mathematics skill contest winner were also honoured. Furthermore, relevant military command headquarters honoured 248 students with three distinctions, 238 with two distinctions, 397 with one distinction and 38 university scholarship award winners. — MNA/TTA

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NATIONAL

Union Election Commission meets political parties

THE Union Election Commission (UEC) held a meeting yesterday at the UEC office conference hall with registered political parties.

At the event, UEC Chairman U Than Soe explained that among the political parties that applied in accordance with the registration law and regulations, 61 parties had been granted registration. Of these, nine parties are nationwide, and 52 operate only within a specific region or state. All parties that applied in accordance with the law have been thoroughly verified and approved.

The chairman reminded political parties that when submitting candidate lists for the legislature, they must comply with the legally stipulated number of constituencies and qualifications. Candidates must have completed at least basic education high school, and for upcoming elections, candidates should hold degrees from recognized universities or colleges. Political parties are encouraged to select



The meeting between the Union Election Commission and political parties is underway yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

and submit candidates who will serve the public interest and contribute to the nation.

It was also noted that citizens residing abroad or temporarily displaced must vote using Form 15. Those voting at their current residence must have lived there for at least 180 days to be eligible, with certification provided.

Regarding the election system, the First-Past-The-Post (FPTP) system will be applied for the Pyithu Hluttaw, while the Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) system will be used for the Amyotha Hluttaw and regional or state Hluttaws. Electronic voting machines will allow citizens to vote not only for

candidates but also for parties. Political parties are required to submit priority candidate lists for proportional representation (PR) constituencies. Candidate mobilization efforts for both FPTP and PR seats can be conducted in parallel.

To ensure successful elections, laws have been enacted to

prevent interference or obstruction in democratic general elections, and security measures are in place for political parties and voters. UEC stressed its commitment to conducting free, fair, and lawful elections and encouraged political parties to collaborate to ensure smooth and successful electoral processes.

Following the opening remarks, representatives from the attending political parties discussed election-related matters and party-specific issues. UEC members, officials from the Ministry of Home Affairs, General Administration Department, and the Department of Population and the Ministry of Labour also provided clarifications and guidance. Finally, UEC Chairman U Than Soe gave closing remarks, supplementing any necessary points, and concluded the meeting.

The event was attended by UEC officials and representatives, including chairpersons and leaders, from all 61 registered political parties. — MNA/KZL

MoFA Union Minister receives Indian Ambassador



The Indian ambassador calls on Union Minister U Than Swe yesterday.

UNION Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe received Mr Abhay Thakur, Ambassador of India to Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

They cordially discussed matters related to mutually beneficial cooperation, border

trade, border security and boundary, India's continued support for post-earthquake rehabilitation and reconstruction. — MNA

MIFER Union Minister receives UNFPA Delegation

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Wah Wah Maung received a delegation led by Mr Jaime Nadal Roig, Myanmar Resident Representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), yesterday morning at Office 1 of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.

They exchanged views and discussed the extension of UNFPA's work plan in Myanmar, the implementation processes and plans agreed

upon between UNFPA and relevant ministries, and the effective and efficient management of international aid.

The meeting was attended by the director-general of the Union Minister's Office, the di-

rector-general of the Foreign Economic Relations Department, senior officials from the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, and representatives from the UNFPA Myanmar office. — MIFER



Union Minister Dr Wah Wah Maung meets Mr Jaime Nadal Roig, UNFPA Myanmar Resident Representative and his delegation yesterday.

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President's Office Ministry 1 Union Minister receives Indian Ambassador

U Tin Aung San, Union Minister for the Ministry 1 at the President's Office, received Mr Abhay Thakur, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar, and his delegation at the office of the National Defence and Security Council yesterday morning.

They exchanged views on border issues between Myan-

mar and India, matters relating to investment and cooperation, assistance for post-earthquake reconstruction, and the conservation of ancient cultural heritage monuments.

Officials from Ministry 1 of the President's Office were also present at the meeting. — MNA/MKKS



The Indian ambassador calls on Union Minister U Tin Aung San yesterday.

MoFA Union Minister addresses future Myanmar embassy, consulate staff

UNION Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe delivered speeches respectively at the meeting with officers and staff who will serve duties at the Myanmar Embassy, permanent representative offices, and consulates in foreign countries yesterday.

In his speech, the Union minister highlighted the key requirements of every diplomat: to show loyalty to the

country, uphold the Three National Causes, serve duties with dedication to their own lives and perform with proper reasoning skills together with the qualification and ability of a diplomat.

He also stated that a diplomat must be a good listener to learn properly and apply effectively, and emphasized the need to have English language fluency and learn the language

of the countries where they serve duties.

He added that the diplomats should have problem-solving skills, think of better ways to solve the problems, and avoid mutually harmful cases.

The Union minister also urged them to be perfect diplomats through continuous learning, to keep promoting their capacities and serve duties successfully. — MNA/KTZH



Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Than Swe delivers the speech during the meeting with the personnel who will serve duties at Myanmar's foreign missions.

Myanmar, India sign agreement authorizing employment for diplomatic families

THE signing ceremony of the Agreement for Authorizing the Dependents of Members of a Diplomatic Mission or Consular Post to Engage in Gainful Employment between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of India was held at the Park Royal Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the ceremony in the presence of Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Naing Min Kyaw, the Agreement was signed by U Hau Khan Sum,

Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar and Mr Abhay Thakur, Ambassador of India to Myanmar, on behalf of the respective governments.

The ceremony was also attended by senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials from the Embassy of the Republic of India.

The Agreement reflects the shared commitment of Myanmar and India to consolidate their strong relations and long-standing partnership. — MNA

Top websites and web portals to access Military Service Rules

1. Office of the State Administration Council https://sacoffice.gov.mm	
2. Ministry of Defence https://www.mod.gov.mm	3. Ministry of Legal Affairs https://www.mlis.gov.mm
4. Ministry of Information https://www.moi.gov.mm	5. Myawady Webportal https://myawady.net.mm
6. Myanmar National Portal https://myanmar.gov.mm	

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.

NATIONAL

Artistes perform for servicemen, police in Loikaw, locals in Taunggyi

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, accompanied by Kayah State Chief Minister U Zaw Myo Tin, enjoyed the entertainment programmes performed by the artistes for the Tatmadaw and Myanmar Police Force members of Kayah State yesterday, and presented cash prizes to the Tatmadaw and police members.

In his greeting speech, the Union minister briefed the entertainment programmes of



Photos above and left below showcases Tatmadaw and Police members enjoying performances by artistes.

artistes, and highlighted the sacrifices of Tatmadaw and police members to regain state stability, whereas the management and reconstruction processes of

the state government improved the figure of Loikaw.

Famous artistes sang songs, and Tatmadaw and police members enjoyed themselves happily.

The Union minister, officials and artistes arrived at Taunggyi on the same afternoon.

At the City Hall of Taunggyi, the artistes hosted the entertainment programmes. During the event, the ethnic literature and culture associations also performed Shan and Pa-O dances. The Union minister then presented cash prizes to the artistes.

The Union minister and relevant officials donated 80 MRTV DTH receivers, 10 T-2 boxes, and 100 Canal+ DTH receivers.

They also drew lots for the attendees and handed over an MRTV DTH receiver and an MRTV T-2 set-top box to each of the winners, respectively. The ceremony came to an end with the lively performances of the artistes and participants. — MNA/KTZH

Press event honours 80th anniversary of China's War of Resistance Victory

THE Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Myanmar organized a media exchange to mark the 80th anniversary of the victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese and the World Anti-Fascist War. The event, held as the third China-Myanmar Media Exchange, took place yesterday morning at the Wyndham Grand Hotel in Yangon.

Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Tint, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia, representatives from Chinese news agencies based in Myanmar, media organizations from both Myanmar and China, officials from the Ministry of Information, and invitees attended the discussion.

The session opened with the screening of a video clip titled "The Significance of the Chinese Long March Army's Entry into Myanmar Battlefields during World War II".

Following the screening, Chinese Ambassador Ms Ma Jia noted that the media exchange served as a platform for peace-loving nations and peoples to collectively preserve historical memory while fostering a brighter future together.

Deputy Minister U Ye Tint highlighted the importance of avoiding conflicts and wars, stressing that nations should uphold the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence while nurturing mutual understanding, support, harmony, and stability. He expressed hopes that neighbouring and regional countries would continue to live together as good neighbours in the future.

The exchange concluded with discussions between officials from the Ministry of Information and media representatives from Myanmar and China, focusing on strengthening cooperation for regional peace and community building. — MNA/KZL



The third China-Myanmar Media Exchange event in progress yesterday, attended by Deputy Minister U Ye Tint.

Myanmar hosts 12th AMMSWD, related meetings online



The 12th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development and related meetings underway online, addressed by Union Minister Dr Soe Win.

THE 12th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD) and Related Meetings was being held via videoconferencing at M-Gallery in Nay Pyi Taw from 26 to 29 August.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win, alternate chairman of AMMSWD, made a speech at the opening ceremony.

After the ceremony, the 20th ASEAN GO-NGO Forum was held, and the speakers of ASEAN countries and partner countries discussed the social protection for children, women, the elderly and people with disabilities.

The 3rd ASEAN Outstanding Social Welfare and Development Award (AOSWADA) and 21st SOMSWD Meeting will be on 27 August, whereas the

20th SOMSWD+3 Meeting and the 7th Network of Experts on Inclusive Entrepreneurship for ASEAN (NIEA) will be on 28 August, the 12th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD) and the 8th AMMSWD+3 Meeting on 29 August.

The Union minister received Mr Jaime Nadal Roig, Resident Representative of UNFPA at the ministry on 25 August.

During the meeting, they cordially exchanged views on capacity building training for staff under the project signed by the Social Welfare Department and UNFPA, extension of the action plan, assistance for earthquake victims, visa and accommodation for UNFPA staff in Myanmar and further cooperation. — MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL

Outrage grows after TNLA destroys historic Gokteik Viaduct

THE entire nation has strongly condemned and rejected the act of TNLA terrorists who deliberately blew up the world-famous Gokteik Viaduct with mines, with numerous organizations issuing statements on 25 August to denounce this act. This 125-year-old rail-cum-bridge, Myanmar’s highest and the second highest in the world as well as the largest railway trestle bridge globally, is located on the Mandalay-Lashio railway line and connects Nawnghkio and Kyaukme in northern Shan State, making its destruction completely unacceptable.

The Myanmar-India International Business Federation, the Myanmar-India Friendship and Development Association, and the Myanmar Peace and Poverty Reduction Organization issued statements yesterday, strongly condemning the actions of TNLA terrorists. In their statements, the organizations emphasized that, together with peace-loving Myanmar citizens, they strongly denounce and categorically reject the reckless and unlawful act of TNLA terrorist insurgents who destroyed the famous viaduct, a key trading route rather than a military target.

On the morning of 24 August, TNLA terrorists detonated mines on the Gokteik Viaduct, Myanmar’s highest and the world’s second-highest railway bridge, damaging a 60-foot section between Pier P-16 and the approach structure AB-2 on the Kyaukme side. Both the bridge deck in that section and the approach structure AB-2 were destroyed. — MNA/GNLM

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Statement 10/2025

1. It has been learned that the Gokteik Viaduct, located on the Mandalay–Lashio road linking Nawnghkio Township and Kyaukme in northern Shan State, was destroyed on 24 August 2025. The Gokteik Viaduct, a railway bridge with a lifespan of 125 years, has long been preserved and maintained by the State and local people as one of the country’s most prominent and historic landmarks. This act of destruction has caused not only severe impacts on public transportation, security, and the daily lives and economic activities of local communities, but also damage to one of Myanmar’s historic heritages.
2. According to the Bridges Law, it is prohibited to deliberately destroy or damage major bridge structures or to engage in any acts that may affect the durability and long-term stability of bridges. The destruction of the Gokteik Viaduct constitutes an act intended to damage or cause the loss of vital public or private infrastructure, and therefore amounts to an act of terrorism under Section 2 (c) of the Counter-Terrorism Law.
3. The international community, including the United Nations, has recognized that all acts of terrorism as criminal offences that threaten the rule of law and security and lack any justification, must be explicitly condemned. The terrorist act of destroying the Gokteik Viaduct has caused a great loss to the nation and its people, and is regarded as an act that threatens peace, the rule of law, and human rights.

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission
25 August 2025

Statement of Myanmar-India International Business Federation 26 August 2025

ON the morning of 24 August, TNLA terrorists planted explosives and destroyed the Gokteik Viaduct on the Mandalay-Lashio railway in Shan State (North), a well-known landmark often visited by both domestic and international tourists.

We, the Myanmar-India International Business Federation, strongly denounce and categorically reject the reckless and unlawful act of TNLA terrorists who destroyed the world-famous 125-year-old Gokteik Viaduct, Myanmar’s highest and the world’s second-highest railway bridge.

Myanmar-India International Business Federation

Statement of Myanmar Peace and Poverty Reduction Organization 26 August 2025

ON the morning of 24 August, the world-famous 125-year-old Gokteik Viaduct in Myanmar was destroyed with explosives by the TNLA terrorist group.

We, the Myanmar Peace and Poverty Reduction Organization, together with peace-loving Myanmar citizens, strongly denounce and categorically reject the reckless and unlawful act of TNLA terrorists who destroyed the famous viaduct, a key trading route and not a military target.

Myanmar Peace and Poverty Reduction Organization

Statement of Myanmar-India Friendship and Development Association 26 August 2025

1. We have learnt with deep regret that on 24 August, armed TNLA terrorists planted explosives and destroyed the 125-year-old Gokteik Viaduct located on the Mandalay-Lashio railway, which links Nawnghkio and Kyaukme.
2. We, the Myanmar-India Friendship and Development Association, strongly denounce and categorically reject the violent act committed by TNLA terrorists in destroying the Gokteik Viaduct, which is regarded as a historic landmark of Myanmar.

Myanmar-India Friendship and Development Association



The Toshiba Youth Club Asia proudly announces the launch of TYCA Vol 10 on its page.

THE Myanmar Association of Japanese Alumni has announced that applica-

tions for visiting Tokyo under the Toshiba Youth Club Asia Vol 10 programme can be submitted from 1 September.

Students between 15 and 18 who are matriculation students or in their first year of university, speak good English, communicate well and write essays in English are eligible for the TCYA programme to visit Tokyo for two weeks from 21 to 28 March 2026.

For the development of youth leadership to shape a peaceful coexistent future of the Asia-Pacific Region, the

young from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, the Philippines and Vietnam will meet to discuss matters including energy and environmental issues, resilience against natural disasters, economics and social development of the region, and the role of science and technology for social innovation. Selected candidates will be sent to Japan at the expense of the organizers.

Applicants must be able to travel to Japan on 21-28 March 2026, be very passionate about Japan, and be able

to interact with international students on the aforesaid matters with a basic knowledge of Japanese.

Applications must be submitted between 1 and 8 September 2025 at the MAJA office at 2B (4). Snow Garden Housing, Thumingala Street, Thingangyun, Yangon. The candidates who meet the requirements will be notified to sit for the English Essay on 14 September, and the final selection will be done through a face-to-face interview. — MT/ZN

Beware of strong winds, landslides and floods in monsoon

Due to changing weather patterns and climate change, people are increasingly facing various natural phenomena. These changes can lead to extreme heat, intense rainfall, and strong winds. Therefore, the public needs to stay alert and be aware of these unusual weather events in order to stay safe.

The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology is also regularly issuing timely information and warnings whenever unusual weather conditions arise. In some parts of the country, continuous heavy rainfall may lead to flooding or related disasters. Therefore, people living near rivers and in affected or low-lying areas, as well as hilly areas, are especially urged to stay alert and take necessary precautions.

Therefore, individuals all over the country have to be cautious of landslide risks and falling rocks similar to the occurrences in recent storms, while those living near rivers and streams should closely follow the warnings issued by the department to stay safe from possible flooding and storm-related dangers. As such, people should be aware of natural disasters such as heavy rainfall with strong winds, thunder, lightning strikes, lightning, hail, flash floods, and landslides in hilly areas and near small rivers, and should make necessary preparations for inland water transport, domestic flights, and irrigation dams.

Due to possible impacts of the remnant typhoon, heavy rainfall can cause landslides and flash flooding in some areas. If such events happen, people’s homes may be inundated, and roads in low-lying areas may be submerged, making transportation difficult or causing road blockages. In particular; there

is a risk of health-related issues and the spread of waterborne diseases such as diarrheal diseases, so the public is advised to take special precautions. Moreover, people from flood-prone areas need to take collection of fresh water for drinking as a priority. They have to take lessons from past storm events to overcome various challenges.

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Scandal-plagued

By Kyaw Myint Htoon (Paris)

LET’S inform the Supremo who sits atop the Ivory Tower in New York that there are very disturbing allegations against the Great Envoy!

People should go online and find out. Spread the news locally as much as possible. From the street vendors to rickshaw operators, let everyone know. Plaster the news all over. Myanmar has the right to question whether the Great Envoy’s mental state of mind is sound, in light of such allegations. How can this person be involved in matters of such importance to Myanmar’s national security?

Allegations are so serious that anyone with the slightest decency would either step aside voluntarily (even temporarily until the smoke is cleared) or any organization with any dignity, credibility, and transparency would force the Great Envoy to

step aside. In a typical fashion, the Supremo is silent. Not a word! Naturally, the Great Envoy has denied any wrongdoing, but when there’s smoke, there’s fire!

How can the Great Envoy, who apparently lacks empathy and humility, remain employed by the August Organization? After all, this is the organization which claims to protect the weak and vulnerable. This is the organization that created a separate entity to advance women’s rights and the empowerment of all women and girls. But what about the rights of the victim, a woman, who has filed allegations of such cruelty against the Great Envoy! In such cases, the top priority for these people who sit in the Ivory Towers in Geneva and New York is to protect their own. No matter how serious the allegations. These people have no moral compass!

The Great Envoy may be busy planning a joy trip to New York to attend the useless one-day talkfest. Can’t pass up on such a trip after all! The alleged “bullying” tactics by the Great Envoy are so severe that the victim was driven to near suicide!! Yes, after a meeting with the Great Envoy, the person even thought of committing suicide and started to write a final note of goodbye to the children and partner. The person suffered a mis-carriage. At one meeting, when the person became distressed, the Great Envoy laughed at the person’s emotional response. Despicable actions of the Great Envoy occurred not long, long ago, but last February, while the Great Envoy was already under contract with the world’s preeminent humanitarian organization. Is it the type of organization that employs such people? Have they



no shame?

Allegations of such magnitude cannot be swept under the rug and moved on. These people from the Ivory Towers in Geneva and New York are experts at pointing fingers, especially at those in the Global South. But when it comes to one of their own, all of them remain silent. They hide behind, “innocent until

proven guilty.” But when they interfere in the affairs of under-developed countries, they wait for no evidence. They jump immediately with baseless claims, without any proven facts. These are world-class hypocrites!

People continue to be oblivious that in this day of age, nothing can remain hidden anymore. Everything is going to become

public sooner. Case in point, the sex harasser Prosecutor. When he was glad-handing arrest warrants that are soothing to the Uncles, all’s fine. Then, he touched something called the political “third rail” by issuing an arrest warrant that was supposed to be a “no-no”! From that moment, it didn’t take long for the sexual harassment case to surface.

The Supremo and cabal were silent there, too. No one in their midst spoke out to defend the aggrieved!

On a different subject, a certain so-called “Independent Mechanism” has been enjoying US\$15 million annual budget for years. Nice perks! Endless junkets, no one ever questioned! The Big Uncle, on behalf of the taxpayers, should ask for truly independent auditing of how the finances are spent.

Then there’s a so-called “Rapporteur” who continues to lob grenades from the base in Washington D. C. Such a person with high morality! Since there is a shrinking budget, annual jaunts at the expense of Myanmar might have ended. No money, no honey!

Each and every one of them has skeletons in their closets. They have never faced even the slightest of scrutiny for decades, until recent actions by the Big Uncle.

In the coming months, they will come in waves to interfere in Myanmar’s upcoming elections. A stable Myanmar is not in their interest. A stable and peaceful

Myanmar means the end of their employment. Don’t give them a single chance! Hit back at them instantly. A minute they open their mouth, they hit back harder. For those who are on the ground, there is something called “persona non grata”. There are plenty of other countries that have declared “persona non grata” on these obnoxious, arrogant people from the Ivory Towers in Geneva and New York. If any of them says a word that would be deemed as interfering in the internal affairs of Myanmar, give them 72 hours to pack up and leave. Don’t hesitate to declare “persona non grata”. There is not a single thing they can do.

Finally, a friendly and respectful suggestion to the Great Envoy. There is a group of sick people with “SAC” in their acronym. They have been making a living at the expense of Myanmar for years. You can join those “has-beens” and get in line for the next contract.

Au revoir!
(The views and opinions expressed in this article are solely those of the author.)

I Say What I See: Let It Be, Let Her Be

By @Editor

for peace. Not the kind found in politics or promises, but the kind found in the memory of someone who once held you and made the world feel safe.

These two songs, though born in different lands and languages, seem to meet in meaning. They speak of mothers – not just as people, but as symbols of peace. And in a world that feels increasingly loud, I say what I see: that peace often begins with remembering her.

A Life Between Songs and Silence

I have lived long enough to know that peace is not something you stumble upon – it’s something you build, often with trembling hands. At 62, I still have my mother, now 89, and that alone feels like a blessing wrapped in time. Since 2020, I’ve been able to support her with a fraction of my salary from my editing work. It’s not much, but it’s enough to make me feel whole. After years of hardship in Thailand, where I often had no money to buy food and had to ask my family for help, this small act of giving back feels like a quiet triumph.

My father was still alive during those years, and though I couldn’t support him in the way I wished, he never turned away from me. Neither did my mother. Their love was constant, even when I was far away – first in Singapore, then in Bangkok, where I stayed for nearly two decades. It wasn’t a planned life, but it became a second home. And in that long stretch of solitude, I missed my parents deeply. Especially my mother. Her presence was like a song I couldn’t hear but always remembered.

That’s why Let It Be speaks to me. It’s not just about letting go – it’s about holding on to the wisdom of someone who loved you first. And in Htoo Eain Thin’s အမေ, I hear the same sentiment. A mother’s love is not loud, but it’s lasting. It’s the kind of peace that doesn’t come from silence, but from understanding.



THERE are songs that don’t just play – they stay. *Let It Be* by The Beatles is one such song. It’s not just music; it’s a whisper of comfort in the middle of noise. Paul McCartney wrote it after dreaming of his late mother, Mary, who told him to “let it be”. That phrase, so gentle and so wise, became a hymn for peace in troubled times. It’s not a song that shouts; it’s one that listens. And in its quiet way, it reminds us that sometimes, the best thing to do is to surrender – not in defeat, but in grace.

In my own country, Myanmar, where chaos often feels like the background hum of daily life, I find a similar solace in the music of Htoo Eain Thin. His song အမေ (*Mother*) doesn’t need translation to touch the heart. It speaks of a mother’s love – soft, enduring, and quietly powerful. In his voice, I hear the same longing, the same search

my essay’s emotional and philosophical core – maternal wisdom as inner peace. Both songs portray mothers as sources of emotional clarity. Whether it’s “Mother Mary” or “အမေ”, their presence offers guidance, healing, and strength. Acceptance and surrender: “Let it be” is not passive – it’s a conscious choice to trust in the unfolding of life. This sentiment is echoed in my own journey of resilience and quiet triumph. Longing and tribute: Htoo Eain Thin’s lyrics express the ache of separation and the sacredness of memory. My plan to honour my father through traditional offerings mirrors this theme of reverence. Universal motherhood and peace: The songs transcend personal experience, speaking to a collective yearning for peace. My essay can frame maternal love as a universal force – one that nurtures not just individuals, but entire societies.

Conclusion: Peace Begins Where She Is

In the quiet spaces between lyrics, I find something more than music – I find meaning. Let It Be tells me that wisdom often comes not through answers, but through acceptance. And အမေ reminds me that love, especially a mother’s love, is not measured by grand gestures, but by presence – by the memory of someone who never stopped waiting for you to come home.

I’ve lived through years of distance, of longing, of hardship. I’ve walked the streets of Bangkok with nothing in my pocket but hope. And through it all, the thought of my parents, especially my mother, was the thread that held me together. Now, at 62, I find peace not in what I’ve achieved, but in what I can give. A small portion of my salary, a quiet tribute to my father, a moment of stillness in a world that rarely stops.

These songs, though born in different worlds, sing the same truth: that peace begins where she is. In her voice, her memory, her unwavering love. And if we are to build peace in ourselves, in our homes, in our country, it must begin with cherishing that love. Not just our own mothers, but the universal mother in all of us. The one who speaks words of wisdom. The one who waits. The one who lets us be.

Salient Thematic Sentiments for Peacebuilding

From both songs, we can extract powerful themes that align with

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Myanmar extradites 57 undocumented entrants



MYANMAR deported 37 Indians and 20 Indonesians, totalling 57 individuals, involved in telecom fraud and other criminal activities in Kayin State via the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge II yesterday.

Myanmar authorities officially handed the deportees the necessary legal documents to ensure their smooth repatriation.

Between 30 January and 26

The immigration process in progress for the deportation of foreign entrants.

August 2025, a total of 9,369 illegal immigrants were identified and detained in Myanmar. Of this number, 9,262 individuals have already been deported through Thailand to their respective countries, while arrangements are being made to deport the remaining 107 individuals. These individuals are currently under detention while awaiting repatriation.

The government is strictly cracking down on online scams and online gambling by cooperating with other countries, including neighbouring countries. — MNA/KTZH

Aungmingala Terminal handles 7,000 commuters daily

THE two highway bus stations facilitate public transport from Yangon to other places, and the Aungmingala highway bus terminal offers service for over 7,000 passengers per day, according to the YRTC.

About 120 bus lines of the Aungmingala highway bus terminal operate 490 express buses, while over 76 bus lines of the Dagon-Ayeya highway bus terminal operate more than 210 express buses for 2,000 passengers daily. The bus lines expand their services during the summer, winter and festival period.

“The bus lines of the Aungmingala highway bus terminal run daily in the rainy season. We also supervise the bus lines whether they run as per their fixed routes, examine the parcels and unmanned parcels, that they are properly licensed and also to ensure the expiration dates.

We also notify the bus lines to offer better services and sell the tickets at the normal prices. The Aungmingala highway bus terminal operates for over 7,000 passengers daily, and the Dagon-Ayeya highway bus terminal for over 2,000 passengers,” said YRTC member U Ba Myint.

The Aungmingala highway bus terminal offers services to the upper and lower parts of Myanmar daily, and the Dagon-Ayeya highway bus terminal to the cities in Ayeyawady Region. Those from Ayeyawady Region can go to other regions and states through the Aungmingala highway bus terminal.

YRTC supervises to ensure the systematic bus services, bus routes, proper transport, and no transit system between the zero mile and the Aungmingala highway bus terminal. — Ottha/KTZH



Long-distance express buses are seen at the Aungmingala highway bus terminal.

Myanmar seafarers, illegally sent to fishing boats, repatriated



An explanation ceremony for seafarers illegally employed on fishing vessels, held at the Myanmar Seafarers Federation office.

A ceremony to explain the repatriation of Myanmar seafarers illegally sent to fishing boats was held yesterday afternoon at the office of the Myanmar Seafarers Federation (MSF), located at 53, 37th Street, Yangon. At the event, Captain Soe

Min Aung, President of the Myanmar Seafarers Federation, explained matters related to seafarers, overseas employment, and concerns of their families.

Four Myanmar seafarers, who had been illegally sent to work on a fishing boat in Oman, shared their personal experiences of both their time abroad and their eventual return to Myanmar.

These seafarers had been sent illegally to Oman on 12 August and successfully repatriated to Myanmar on 26 August. — Arkar Lin/MKKS

MMPO to hold 20th Student Award Ceremony on 2 Sept

MYANMAR Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO) will hold the 20th awarding ceremony for outstanding students on 2 September, and MMPO members who have not yet registered will need to do so by 29 August.

MMPO will award a certificate of honour and prize to students who passed the matriculation exam in the 2024-2025 academic year, either with or without distinctions. So, MMPO members are reminded of registration no later than 4 pm on 29 August through U Thant Zin Oo at 09 951909585.

For registration, the student's name, parents' names



This image shows the awarding ceremony for outstanding students in 2005.

(copy of membership card and copy of household list) and exam result are required. MMPO said this year's award also covers students who passed the exam without distinctions.

MMPO provides financial support for education for children of members from primary to high school level when the new academic year begins. — MT/ZS

NATIONAL

Singer-actor plans music videos for Oct album release



Actor-cum-singer Oaksoe Khant.

ACTOR and singer Oaksoe Khant is preparing to produce music videos for his second album, according to the singer himself.

The upcoming album will

feature 10 songs, all of which are planned to be accompanied by high-quality music videos, with a release expected around October.

Oaksoe Khant said, “Right now, I’m working on my second album. I hope it will reach my audience very soon. I truly believe in it. In the past, I balanced both acting and singing, but now my focus is entirely on music. My fans are getting to know me more through my songs, and because of their support, I am dedicating myself fully to my music. Soon, my fans will be able to listen to it.”

Oaksoe Khant’s first album, Chit Nay Pyi, and its music video received strong support from his audience. — ASH/KZL

Yangon Region sees growth in commercial swiftlet farms

THERE are more commercial breeders of swiftlet birds in the Yangon Region, according to a nest builder.

Currently, commercial farming is not widespread, but there are small-scale farmers.

“In Yangon, there are more commercial farmers. Small-scale farming can be seen in other towns. There are more two-storey buildings with bird nests built upstairs and people living downstairs. As they need capital [for separate farming], farmers tend to do like that,” he said.

Most of the private farms near Yangon are found in Htauk-

kyant, Hlinethaya, Okkan and other townships.

“These birds like quiet places. That’s why there are many farms in Htaukkyant, Hlaing Thaya, Okkan and Thitseikkone. Land in these locations is not very expensive”, he continued.

China and Thailand are reportedly the main buyers of high-quality raw bird’s nests.

“China and Thailand buy raw bird’s nest. They also purchase from our Bahan Bird’s Nest factory, as Myanmar products are better than those of Thailand. As it is organic farming, the quality is better,” he said.

— Htet Oo Maung/ZN



This photo showcases swiftlet birds in a farm.

German shoemaker provides special shoes for Myanmar’s volleyball player

KO Kaung Nyunt Wai, a Myanmar national who stands seven feet and one inch tall (over two metres), received a specially made pair of shoes from German shoemaker Georg Wessels in the third week of August. Ko Kaung Nyunt, a volleyball player, is among the tallest individuals in Myanmar.

Because of his extraordinary height, wearing ordinary shoes has always been a challenge for him. To address this, Georg Wessels crafted a customized pair to fit his size. Wessels, who is renowned worldwide for producing oversized footwear for exceptionally tall people, has previously supported other



PHOTO: GEY

tall individuals in Myanmar by providing them with specially made shoes. — Aung San Oo/KZL

Myanmar-China Media Meeting: Strengthening ties on historic anniversaries

THE 2025 Third Quarter Myanmar-China Media Meeting was held on the morning of 26 August at the Wyndham Grand Hotel in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Region.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister U Ye Tint of the Ministry of Information, Chinese Ambassador Ms Ma Jia, Minister Counsellor Mr Zheng Zhihong, and other staff from the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China, as well as representatives from Chinese media outlets in Myanmar and Myanmar news media. Opening remarks were delivered by Ambassador Ms Ma Jia and Deputy Minister U Ye Tint.

During the discussions, Myanmar and Chinese media representatives engaged in extensive talks on the 80th anniversary of China’s victory in the Anti-Japanese War of Resistance and the World Anti-Fascist War. The meeting



The 2025 Third Quarter Myanmar-China Media Meeting in progress yesterday in Yangon.

also coincided with the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and China. Participants paid tribute to the Chinese people for their perseverance and sacrifices during the 14-year war and honoured the soldiers who laid down their lives. Lessons were drawn from these historical events, highlighting the importance of preventing similar tragedies in the future, maintaining peace, supporting China’s unity, and

strengthening the enduring friendship between the peoples of Myanmar and China.

Discussions were further reviewed and elaborated upon by Minister Counsellor Dr Zheng Zhihong of the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China. The 2025 Third Quarter Myanmar-China Media Meeting concluded in the afternoon with closing remarks by Minister Counsellor Mr Zheng Zhihong. — ASH/KNN

Rock Night Show set for 6 Sept in Nay Pyi Taw

ROCK singer Myo Gyi, Y Wyne, and Cornie will perform in the Rock Night Show music entertainment event at Excellent Bar & Restaurant in Zambuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw, according to singer Cornie.

During the performance, the Iron Cross Band will provide the best musical support for the singers’ performances, and audiences will also have the chance to enjoy the skilful guitar

solos of music director Chit San Maung.

Singer Cornie said, “On the night of 6 September at Excellent in Nay Pyi Taw, I will be performing together with Myo Gyi and Y Wyne. Along with the Iron Cross Band, we will present the true flavour of rock music. You will also get to listen to Chit San Maung’s impressive guitar skills. It will be a night to fully enjoy rock music together.” — ASH/MKKS

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EV Technical Training for
Workshop Mechanics slated
for Sept

GOVERNMENT Technical Institute (Insein) of the Department of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (DTVET) under the Ministry of Science and Technology will offer Electric Vehicles Technical Training for Workshop Mechanics (2/2025) from 8 to 12 September 2025 from 9 am to 4 pm in the corner of Mingyi Street and Lower Mingaladon Road, Insein, to share EV technical knowledge regarding troubleshooting problems in EVs. Trainees must be healthy enough to execute practical work. Graduates of GTHS (AT, ET, EC), ITC (AT), AGTI, BTEch, BE, ME, PhD (Mech, EP, EC, MC), and staff of EV private companies with a high school education are eligible to attend the training. The training will offer both practical and technical knowledge of EVs with the use of Lab equipment. They will receive a completion certificate.

Those enthusiastic can en-



Trainees are seen at the practical session.

rol in the training by 3 September by providing a citizenship scrutiny card copy, a health certificate from the Township Public Health Department, copies of education certificates, a household registration copy, a police clearance certificate and three

licence-sized colour photos. The training is limited to 25 trainees. Individuals can enquire about details through the contact numbers of the Department of Technical and Vocational Education and Training at 09 443973696. — NN/KK

DICA: 5,900 companies fail to file AR in
seven months

A total of 5,900 companies were struck off the register in the past seven months (January-July) 2025 as they failed to file annual returns (AR) on the online registry system, MyCO, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

DICA report showed failure of 1,500 companies each in January and February, 900 in March to submit AR. No company fails to file AR in April. Some 400 companies in May, 600 in June and 1,000 in July did not file AR.

DICA notified those companies which failed to file their AR on the MyCO were struck off the register from the date of the directive, under 430 (F) of the Myanmar Companies Law, according to DICA's notification.

A total of 19,000 companies also failed to submit the AR in 2024. The registration and re-reg-

istration of companies on the MyCO website commenced on 1 August 2018, in keeping with the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

All registered companies need to submit AR on the MyCO registry system within two months of incorporation, and at least once every year (not later than one month after the anniversary of the incorporation), according to Section 97 of the law.

Under Section 266 (A) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017, public companies must submit annual returns and financial statements (G-5) simultaneously. All overseas corporations must submit ARs in the prescribed format on MyCO within 28 days of the financial year ending, under Section 53 (A-1) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

As per DICA's report, thousands of companies were suspended for failing to submit AR

forms before the due date. Newly established companies are required to submit ARs within two months of incorporation or face a fine of K100,000 for filing late returns.

DICA has notified that any company which fails to submit its AR within 13 months will be notified of its suspension (I-9A). If it fails to submit the AR within 28 days of receiving the notice, the system will show the company's status as suspended. Companies can restore their status only after shelling out a fine of K50,000 for the AR fee, K100,000 for restoration of the company on the Register, and K100,000 for late filing of documents, totalling K250,000. If a company fails to restore its status within six months of suspension, the registrar will strike its name off the register, according to the DICA notice. — NN/KK

CBM injects over
\$800,000 into fuel, edible
oil import sectors

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$444,430 to edible oil-importing companies and \$390,000 to fuel oil-importing companies on 25 August after sales of over \$29,440 to those who made non-trade payments.

CBM pumped \$1.177 million into edible oil-importing companies and over \$287,600 into fuel oil-importing companies on 22 August, after sales of 500,000 baht.

Furthermore, it sold over \$102,700 to companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis and those who made non-trade payments.

CBM sold over \$602,000 to fuel oil-importing companies and \$150,000 to edible oil-importing companies on 21 August, beyond the injection of over 702,000 baht into the market. CBM sold \$600,000 to edible oil-importing companies and over \$232,500 to those individuals who made non-trade payments after the injection of over one million yuan into the foreign exchange market on 20 August. CBM announced on 19 August that it would sell \$32 million to fuel oil importers.

Additionally, CBM sold \$314,375 to edible oil-importing companies and \$36,550 to those who made non-trade payments, in addition to the injection of 337,500 into the financial market on that day.

CBM sold \$700,800 to edible oil-importing companies and over \$429,200 to fuel oil-importing companies on 18 August, in addition to the injection of 579,910 yuan into the financial market.

Additionally, CBM sold over \$429,260 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments on that day.

Furthermore, CBM sold over \$1.88 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$220,900 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments on the same day.

CBM sold \$36.5 million purchased from companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis, in addition to the injection of \$8.8 million, 13.3 million baht, 10.5 million yuan and 500,000 rupees in July. Furthermore, CBM sold over \$2.3 million to other commodities-importing companies as per its initial announcement of selling \$10 million. CBM sold \$8.4 million, 13.9 million baht and 5.2 million yuan in June 2025, in addition to the injection of \$14.9 million that was purchased from the CMP enterprises into the financial market. CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March 2024, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK



Greenbacks being counted at the currency exchange counter.

Korean Air purchases
over 100 Boeing aircraft

KOREAN Air said Tuesday it will purchase more than 100 Boeing aircraft in the largest deal in South Korea’s aviation history, just hours after the country’s president met US President Donald Trump in Washington.

“Korean Air announced its intent to purchase 103 next-generation aircraft from Boeing,” the company said in a statement.

The purchase, which also includes spare engines from GE Aerospace, is valued at approximately \$50 billion according to the company, and the aircraft are scheduled for delivery “through the end of 2030”.

“The aircraft purchase order includes 20 Boeing 777-9s, 25 Boeing 787-10s, 50 Boeing 737-10s, and eight Boeing 777-8F freighters,” the Seoul-

based carrier added.

The agreement was signed in Washington on Monday during a meeting of Korean and US businesses, overseen by Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick and South Korea’s Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

Trump held on the same day his first meeting with South Korean President Lee Jae-myung to discuss bilateral relations, just weeks after both countries agreed to trade deals involving announcements of huge investments into the United States.

Korean Air had agreed in March to purchase up to 50 Boeing aircraft, a deal valued at around \$32 billion, which also involved GE Aerospace. Boeing has been hit by manufacturing backlogs and safety concerns. — AFP

Japan to toughen
requirements for business
manager visa applications

JAPAN plans to raise the bar on requirements for foreigners entering the country on business manager visas, including increasing the minimum capital investment to 30 million yen (\$203,000) from five million yen, it said Tuesday, as concerns have been raised about abuse of the system.

The Immigration Services Agency of Japan’s proposed revision of a ministerial ordinance also includes requiring visa applicants to employ at least one full-time staff member at their companies.

The move came after revelations of cases in which people established firms with no actual operations simply to obtain the visa.

The new requirements for the business manager visa -- designed

to allow foreign nationals to start, operate or manage a business in Japan — are expected to take effect in October after comments are solicited from the public through 24 September.

The agency said it compared similar systems in the United States and South Korea when deciding to make the substantial increase in the minimum capital requirement.

Under the new system, visa applicants will be required to have at least three years of work experience or an academic qualification related to company management.

They will also need to have their new business plans checked by specialists who hold small and medium enterprise management consultant certificates. — Kyodo

Chinese shares close mixed
Tuesday

CHINESE stocks closed mixed on Tuesday, with the benchmark Shanghai Composite Index down 0.39 per cent to 3,868.38 points.

The Shenzhen Component Index closed 0.26 per cent higher at 12,473.17 points.

The combined turnover of these two indices stood at 2.68 trillion yuan (about US\$376.47 billion), down from 3.14 trillion yuan on the previous trading day.

Stocks related to pork and video games led the gains, while stocks related to contract research organizations



This file photo shows the Shenzhen Stock Exchange in Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong Province. PHOTO: XINHUA

and permanent magnetic materials suffered major losses.

The ChiNext Index, tracking China’s Nasdaq-style board of growth enterprises, lost 0.76 per cent to close at 2,742.13 points. — Xinhua

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Shares surge after US and S Korean leaders become Oval Office pen pals



US President Donald Trump (2nd L) welcomes visiting South Korean President Lee Jae-myung (2nd R) at the White House in Washington, DC, the United States, on 25 August 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

SHARES in a South Korean penmaker surged on Tuesday, an unexpected outcome from the first summit between US President Donald Trump and his counterpart Lee Jae Myung in Washington. Lee signed a guest book before enter-

ing the Oval Office for talks with Trump and the handcrafted wooden fountain pen he used caught the US leader's eye. "Is that your pen? It's a nice pen. Do you want to take it with you?" Trump said, drawing laughter in the room.

"You know, I like it. The writing is beautiful, the thickness. Grab that pen for me," he said with a smile, adding that he was not fond of ballpoints. Lee replied that he would gift it to Trump, calling it an "honour" and saying it would be "useful in your complicated signature". Trump said he would not use it but instead "keep it in a very important place". The US president is known for the bold, thick strokes of his signature, often filling a page with its sharp peaks and heavy lines. The exchange sent shares of South Korean penmaker Monami soaring on Tuesday, even though it did not make the pen used at the White House. Shares in the company, a household name that has produced pens for more than 60 years, closed up nearly 30 per cent, simply on misguided speculation that it had made Lee's pen. Zenyle, a domestic brand specializing in handcrafted pens, confirmed that it had made the pen used by Lee and coveted by Trump. — AFP

Typhoon death toll rises in Vietnam as downed trees hamper rescuers

THE death toll from Typhoon Kajiki rose to three in Vietnam on Tuesday, as rescue workers battled uprooted trees and downed power lines and widespread flooding brought chaos to the streets of the capital Hanoi. The typhoon hit central Vietnam on Monday with winds of up to 130 kilometres per hour (80 miles per hour), tearing roofs off thousands of homes and knocking out power to more than 1.6 million people. Authorities on Tuesday said three people had been killed and 13 injured, and warned of possible flash floods and landslides in eight provinces as Kajiki's torrential rains continue to wreak havoc. On the streets of Vinh, in central Vietnam, AFP journalists saw soldiers and rescue workers using cutting equipment to clear dozens of trees and roof panels that had blocked the roads. "A huge steel roof was blown down from the eighth floor of a building, landing right in the middle of the street," Tran Van Hung, 65, told AFP. "It was so lucky that no one was



People clear up the rubble after Typhoon Kajiki passed through in Nghe An province on 26 August 2025. PHOTO: AFP

hurt. This typhoon was absolutely terrifying." Vietnam has long been affected by seasonal typhoons, but human-caused climate change is driving more intense and unpredictable weather patterns. This can make destructive floods and storms more likely, particularly in the tropics. "The wind yesterday night was so strong. The sound from trees twisting and the noise of the flying steel panels were all over the place," Vinh resident Nguyen Thi Hoa, 60, told AFP. "We are used to heavy rain and floods but I think I have never experienced that strong wind and its gust like this yesterday." — AFP

News in brief

Aid to famine-struck Gaza still 'drop in the ocean': WFP

THE World Food Programme warned Tuesday that the aid Israel is allowing to enter Gaza remains a "drop in the ocean", days after famine was formally declared in the war-torn Palestinian territory. The United Nations declared a famine in Gaza on Friday, blaming the "systematic obstruction" of aid by Israel during its nearly two-year war with the Palestinian militant group Hamas. Carl Skau, WFP's chief operating officer, said that over the past two weeks, there has been a "slight uptick" in aid entering, averaging around 100 trucks per day. "That's still a drop in the ocean when we're talking about assisting some 2.1 million people," Skau told AFP during a visit to New Delhi. "We need a completely different level of assistance to be able to turn this trajectory of famine around." The Rome-based Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Initiative (IPC) said famine was affecting 500,000 people in Gaza. — AFP

Mediator Qatar says 'still waiting' for Israeli response to Gaza truce proposal

GAZA mediator Qatar said Tuesday that it was "still waiting" for Israel's response to a proposal for a truce and hostage release deal in the Palestinian territory after Hamas agreed to the framework more than a week ago. Qatar and Egypt, along with the United States, have been mediating indirect ceasefire negotiations throughout the Gaza war, but despite sealing two temporary truces, the successive rounds of talks have repeatedly failed to bring a lasting end to the conflict. The latest proposal put forward by mediators involves an initial 60-day truce and staggered exchanges of hostages for Palestinian prisoners, but Israel has appeared reluctant to budge from its demand that all the hostages being held at Gaza be freed at once. "We are still waiting for an answer" from Israel, Qatari foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari told a regular news conference on Tuesday, adding: "The statements that we are hearing right now do not fill us with confidence." — AFP

SPORTS

Myanmar National Futsal Team set for Invitational Tournament in China

THE Myanmar national futsal team will participate in the China Invitational Futsal Tournament, held from 5 to 11 September.

The team is preparing ahead of the 2026 AFC Futsal Asian Cup qualifiers in September and the XXXIII Southeast Asian Games in December. Participating in this invitational tournament offers valuable preparation before the Asian Cup qualifiers.

Since early August, 24 players have been training under head coach Pattara Pikun. This is the second training camp for the team, following their first trip to Thailand in March.

In the China invitational tournament, eight teams will compete. Group A includes China, Denmark, South Korea, and the UAE, while Group B features Myanmar, New Zealand, Indonesia, and Oman. Group matches



The Myanmar national futsal team is seen during a training session. PHOTO: MFF

will take place from 5 to 8 September, semifinals on 9 September, and finals, third-place, and classification matches on 11 September. Myanmar will face New Zealand on 5 September, Indonesia on 6 September, and Oman on 8 September. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

Liverpool face Isak dilemma ahead of Arsenal visit to Anfield



Liverpool's English striker (73) Rio Ndombi celebrates in front of the Newcastle fans after scoring their third goal during the English Premier League football match between Newcastle United and Liverpool at St James' Park in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, north east England on 25 August 2025. PHOTO: AFP

LIVERPOOL and Arsenal have combined to spend nearly £550 million (\$742 million) in a transfer arms race, yet the future of Newcastle forward Alexander Isak still hangs over Sunday's showdown between the Premier League title rivals.

Defending champions Liverpool are Isak's preferred destination should the Swede manage to engineer an exit from Tyneside before Monday's transfer deadline.

Yet, the early season showings of Arne Slot's men have raised doubts over whether Liverpool should allocate more major funds to retooling their

attack or invest in a defence that has proved porous so far this season.

Newcastle are reportedly holding out for £150 million for Isak, who has publicly declared his desire to leave and is yet to feature this season.

The Reds have already committed to a £100 million fee on German midfielder Florian Wirtz, that could rise to a British transfer record £116 million, plus £69 million for French forward Hugo Ekitike.

While Wirtz has so far underwhelmed, Ekitike has three goals in as many games in the Premier League and Commu-

nity Shield.

Liverpool have needed late drama to win both their opening two Premier League games in wild, high-scoring encounters to beat Bournemouth 4-2 and Newcastle 3-2.

Sixteen-year-old Rio Ndombi was their unlikely hero at a fiery St James' Park on Monday, with Newcastle fighting to the finish, fuelled by their anger of Liverpool's pursuit of Isak.

Federico Chiesa also made a match-winning contribution for Liverpool after coming off the bench against Bournemouth. — AFP

Brazil without Neymar and Vinicius as Paqueta back for World Cup qualifiers

BRAZIL coach Carlo Ancelotti did not recall Neymar and spared Vinicius Junior for World Cup qualifiers against Chile and Bolivia next month with Lucas Paqueta returning to the national team.

The 33-year-old Neymar, who returned to Santos in January, has not worn the Brazil jersey for nearly two years due to repeated injuries.

"Neymar had a small problem last week," Ancelotti told a press conference on Monday,

without providing further details.

According to the Brazilian press, Brazil's leading all-time scorer with 79 goals in 128 matches, has experienced thigh discomfort during training.

His absence from the squad for the final two World Cup qualifying matches was, however, played down by Ancelotti with the five-time champions having already booked their ticket to next year's tournament in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. — AFP

Two-time Wimbledon champion Kvitova retires after US Open loss

TWO-TIME Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova retired from professional tennis Monday after a first-round loss at the US Open.

The 35-year-old Czech, who announced before Wimbledon that New York would be her final tournament, fell 6-1, 6-0 to France's Diane Parry. Kvitova revealed she had contracted COVID-19 three weeks earlier and had struggled with her fitness.

Kvitova won 31 WTA singles

titles, including Grand Slam crowns at Wimbledon in 2011 and 2014. She rose as high as No 2 in the world rankings, posted eight top-10 seasons (2011-15, 2018-20), and earned a bronze medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics.

"I've never been world No 1, but I think still those two Grand Slam wins is above the world No 1. So that's how I'm going to take it, especially the Wimbledon ones. I'm proud of many things," said Kvitova. — Xinhua



WORLD

Xi meets Russian State Duma chairman

CHINESE President Xi Jinping met Vyacheslav Volodin, chairman of the Russian parliament's lower house, the State Duma, in Beijing on Tuesday.

Xi pointed out that China-Russia relations are the most stable, mature and strategically significant major-country relations in today's volatile and changing world.

Persistently promoting the high-level development of China-Russia relations is in the fundamental interests of the two peoples and is also the source of stability for world peace, he said.

"In May this year, I paid a state visit to Russia and attended the celebration to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the victory of the Great Patriotic War of the Soviet Union," Xi said, noting that next week, China will hold a grand event to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War.

China and the Soviet Union, as the main battlefields of World War II in Asia and Europe, respectively, made immense national sacrifice in resisting the aggression of Japanese militarism and German

Nazism, and greatly contributed to the victory of World War II, Xi said.

It is important that the two sides carry forward traditional friendship, deepen strategic mutual trust, strengthen

exchanges and cooperation across the board, jointly safeguard their security and development interests, Xi said.

He called on the two sides to promote solidarity with other Global South

countries, commit to true multilateralism, and work for a more just and equitable international order.

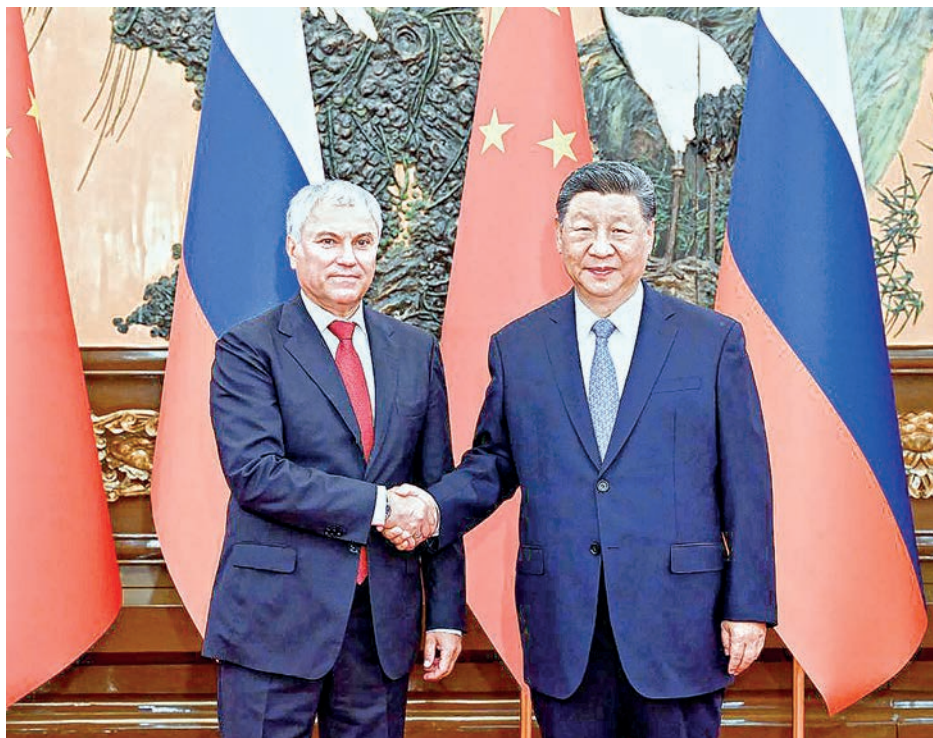
Xi emphasized that cooperation between legislative bodies is an indispensable part of the China-Russia comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination for the new era.

It is hoped that the two sides will actively share experience on governance and lawmaking in order to provide more robust legislative guarantees for China-Russia strategic coordination and comprehensive cooperation under the new circumstances, he said.

Volodin conveyed to President Xi the cordial greetings and best wishes from Russian President Vladimir Putin.

He said that under the strategic guidance of the two presidents, the Russia-China relations have seen further development and yielded fruitful outcome.

The Russian State Duma is committed to acting in line with the important consensus between the two presidents, reinforcing exchanges and cooperation between the legislative bodies, and working hard to make the bilateral relationship even more productive, he noted.
— Xinhua



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets Vyacheslav Volodin, chairman of the Russian parliament's lower house, the State Duma, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, 26 August 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Indian gov to discuss support for exporters ahead of new US tariffs

THE Indian prime minister's office will hold a high-level meeting on Tuesday to discuss support for Indian exporters facing the consequences of US tariff hikes, The Times of India newspaper reported, citing sources familiar with the matter.

Starting Wednesday, Indian goods entering the US market will be subject to a 50 per cent tariff after Washington doubled the existing duties, increasing price pressure on exporters.

The meeting is expected to be chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's principal secretary, the newspaper said. India's ministry of commerce is holding consultations with exporters and export promotion councils to minimize the impact of the existing 25 per cent levy, which companies say has already led to margin compression and reduced competitiveness, the newspaper said, adding that policy measures under discussion include targeted support for specific sectors rather than broad economy-wide measures. — SPUTNIK

1 in 4 people lack access to safe drinking water: UN

MORE than two billion people worldwide still lack access to safely-managed drinking water, the United Nations said Tuesday, warning that progress towards universal coverage was moving nowhere near quickly enough.

The UN's health and children's agencies said a full one in four people globally were without access to safely-managed drinking water last year, with over 100 million people remaining reliant on drinking surface water — for example from rivers, ponds and canals.

The World Health Organization and UNICEF said lagging water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services were leaving billions at greater risk of disease.

They said in a joint study that the world remain far off track to reach a target of achieving universal coverage of such services by 2030.

Instead, that goal "is increasingly out of reach", they warned.

"Water, sanitation and hygiene are not privileges: they are basic human rights," said the WHO's environment chief Ruediger Krech.

"We must accelerate action, especially for the most marginalized com-

munities."

The report looked at five levels of drinking water services.

Safely managed, the highest, is defined as drinking water accessible on the premises, available when needed and free from faecal and priority chemical contamination.

The four levels below are basic (im-

proved water taking less than 30 minutes to access), limited (improved, but taking longer), unimproved (for example, from an unprotected well or spring), and surface water.

Since 2015, 961 million people have gained access to safely-managed drinking water, with coverage rising from 68 per cent to 74 per cent, the report said. — AFP



(FILES) An Afghan Hazara boy drinks water from a tap in Qavariyak village in Shibar district of Bamiyan province on 18 June 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**