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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.

Ancient marble sphinx unearthed in Inwa

Rebuilding the tooth relic tower, standing about 40 to 50 feet high, will not only showcase a Myanmar royal tradition to local and foreign visitors but also offer panoramic views of Inwa’s natural beauty, adding a new highlight to the city’s tourist attractions.

DURING the excavation of Inwa’s tooth relic building, a marble sphinx image, which was believed to be sculpted by Amarapura’s King Bagyidaw, was discovered, according to a local researcher, Bo Shake.

The tooth relic building was known to have eight sphinx images, and one of them was found during the excavation, which is invaluable for those who want to study the original work because this image can be referenced in renovation and restoration work.

“There are eight sphinxes in the tooth relic building. So far, one statue has remained intact. I’m so thrilled. When we rebuild it, we will have an original sculpted version to study. It’s an invaluable statue for those who want to study it in its original form. I hope to see more images,” he said.

The statue was delivered to the museum. As a donor will contribute to the



SEE PAGE 5 Photos (top and above) show a sphinx image uncovered during excavation of Inwa’s tooth relic building.



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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)



- 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.

Myanmar Gazette

Appointment of Head of Service Organization

THE National Defence and Security Council has appointed U Hlaing Win Maung, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Union Minister’s Office (Culture) of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, as Director-General of the Department of Historical Research and National Library of the same ministry from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

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.

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Wednesday 10 September 2025)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate to strong over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 11 September 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Mandalay, Magway, Lower Sagaing Regions and Kayah, Rakhine States, fairly widespread in Kachin, (northern and eastern)Shan States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, Upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon, and southern Shan States. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

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

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times in the Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach 25-30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 8-10 feet in the Deltaic, the Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 5-7 feet in off and along the Rakhine Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increase of rain in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin, Chin, Northern Shan States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 September 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 September 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 September 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

European Languages Day 2025 goes for two days

DAY of European Languages 2025, which can provide an opportunity to explore languages and cultures of Europe, will be held this month for two days, according to the Goethe-Institut Myanmar.

The two-day event, which will bring useful knowledge and

information about studying and working in Europe while learning new languages, will take place at the Goethe-Institut Myanmar in collaboration with its European partners.

It has been scheduled from 26 to 27 September. It will start from 2 pm to 6 pm on the first

day and from 10 am to 2 pm on the second day. Prior registration is not necessary, and anyone can join.

Through both days, visitors can enjoy the European food corner, get creative at the painting corner and let children explore fun activities at

the library. The Goethe-Institut Myanmar said it is a chance that shouldn’t be missed to unlock the future door in Europe.

— MT/ZS

This image reveals the Day of European Languages 2025 poster.



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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)

MoTC Dy Minister attends China-ASEAN Countries Forum on Blue Economy Cooperation and Development 2025

DEPUTY Minister for Transport and Communications U Aung Kyaw Tun, along with other officials, attended the China-ASEAN Countries Forum on Blue Economy Cooperation and Development (CAFBE-2025) ceremony held on 9 September in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, People’s Republic of China.

The forum was attended by the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Natural Resources of the People’s Republic of China, the Chairman of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the Head of the Guangxi Zhuang Oceanic Administration, relevant officials, and invitees from ASEAN countries.

At the forum, the deputy minister said that Myanmar, located at a pivotal position



The China-ASEAN Countries Forum on Blue Economy Cooperation and Development 2025 in progress on 9 September in China, addressed by Deputy Minister U Aung Kyaw Tun.

connecting ASEAN and neighbouring countries to the Indian Ocean and serving as a gateway to the rest of the world, will promote blue economic cooperation with the People’s Republic of China and ASEAN countries to achieve strong and sustainable regional economic

development while emphasizing equal prosperity with its neighbours. He also discussed Myanmar’s national development vision, which aligns with the ASEAN Blue Economy Framework (2023) and actively supports regional and international trade,

emphasizing close cooperation with the People’s Republic of China and ASEAN countries on environmental protection and emergency response, and noting that the development of the blue economy is not an impossible goal but a task that each country must prioritize

and pursue as a national policy. The forum is held every two years. The theme of this year’s forum is “Innovation, Green Development and Smart Solutions: Shaping a New Blue Future for China and ASEAN.” It aims to implement the United Nations’ 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and to continuously promote the China-ASEAN Blue Economic Partnership as part of the Belt and Road Initiative proposed by President Xi Jinping. During the forum, the deputy minister and his team visited Beibu Gulf Port Group Company, the China-ASEAN Artificial Intelligence Computing Centre, the Qinzhou Port Automated Container Terminal, and the China-Malaysia Qinzhou Industrial Park. — MNA/TH

MRESA offers free training and AML/CFT awareness seminar

THE Myanmar Real Estate Services Association (Central) yesterday inaugurated its professional real estate services training batch 51/2025, offered free of charge, along with an awareness-raising seminar on Anti-Money Laundering and Combatting the Financing of Terrorism, at the Yuzana Hotel in Bahan Township, Yangon, yesterday.

The courses were conducted by senior instructors from MRESA, and the training programme was overseen by the Chairman of the Myanmar Real Estate Services Association (Central), U Khin Maung Than, together with the Vice Chairpersons, Secretaries, CEC and EC members, and township chairpersons.



The launch of the professional real estate services training underway in Yangon yesterday.

During the sessions, 274 trainees attended the basic real estate course, while 489 trainees participated in the Anti-Money Laundering and Combatting the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) course. At the conclusion of the training, the Central Chairman, U Khin Maung Than, presented certificates of completion to the participants. — Arkar Lin/MKKS

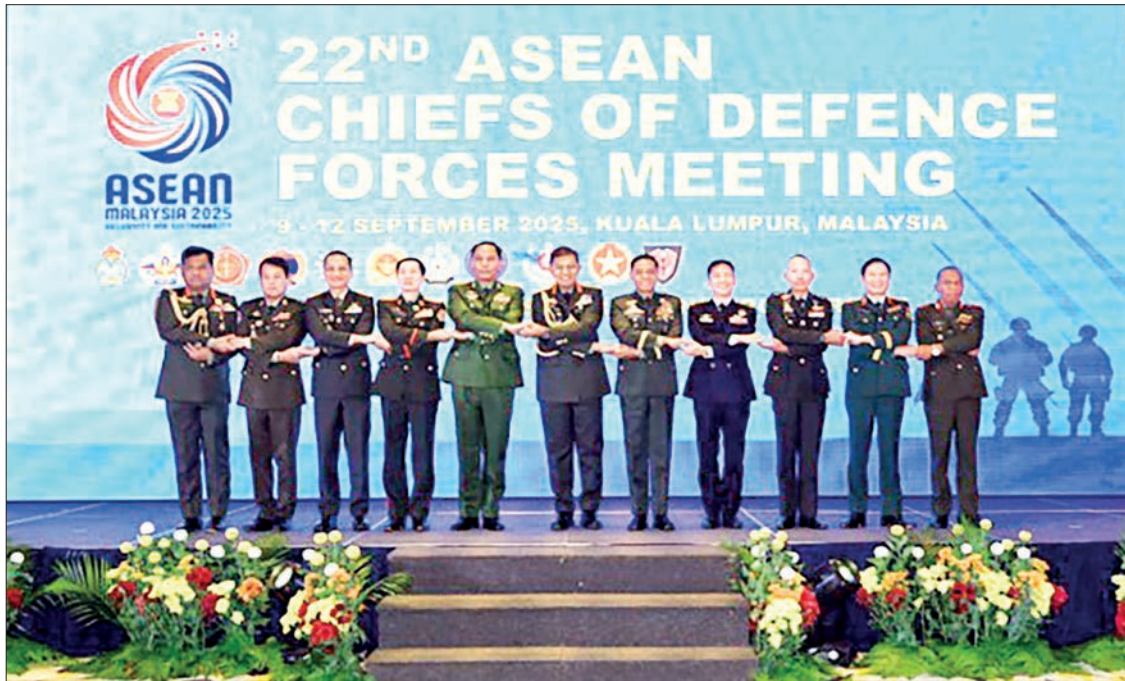
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22nd ASEAN Defence Chiefs Meeting held in Malaysia

MALAYSIA hosted the 22nd ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces Meeting (22nd ACDFM) and its related meetings on the morning of 9 September at the InterContinental Hotel in Kuala Lumpur.

On behalf of Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, a Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation headed by Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Than Htike from the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) attended the 15th ASEAN Military Operations Meeting - 15th AMOM and the 22nd ASEAN Military Intelligence Meeting - 22nd AMIM.

At the opening session, Chief of Defence Forces of Malaysia General Tan Sri Haji Mohd Nizam bin Haji Jaffar, who chaired the 22nd ACDFM, delivered opening remarks. This was followed by reports of outcomes from the 22nd AMIM by Lieutenant-General Dato' Mohd Razali bin Alias, Chief of Defence Intelligence of the Malaysian Armed Forces, and from the 15th AMOM by Major-General Dato' Indera Zahari bin Mohd Ariffin, Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations



The documentary group photo session of the 22nd ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces Meeting and its related meetings in progress on 9 September.

and Training), Malaysian Armed Forces.

Chiefs of Defence Forces and delegates from ASEAN countries then held discussions under the theme "ASEAN Unity for Security and Prosperity" in alphabetical order of their respective nations.

Speaking at the meeting, Lt-Gen Than Htike highlighted that unity among ASEAN member

states is the key foundation for continuous progress and development. He also addressed in detail the importance of unity for ASEAN's security and prosperity.

The meeting approved the Two-Year Work Plan (2025-2027) for ASEAN militaries and endorsed the Joint Statement of the 22nd ACDFM. Chiefs of Defence Forces signed the statement and

posed for a commemorative group photo.

Afterwards, General Tan Sri Haji Mohd Nizam bin Haji Jaffar delivered the closing remarks, and the chairmanship of the ACDFM was officially handed over to General Romeo Saturnino Brawner Jr, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, who will host the 23rd ACDFM.

In the afternoon, the Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Lt-Gen Than Htike held separate bilateral meetings with General Tan Sri Haji Mohd Nizam bin Haji Jaffar, Chief of Defence Forces of Malaysia; General Ukris Boontanondha, Deputy Chief of Defence Forces of the Royal Thai Armed Forces; Major-General Saichai Kommasith, Deputy Minister of National Defence and Chief of General Staff of the Lao People's Armed Forces; and General Vong Pisen, Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces.

During these meetings, the parties discussed ways to strengthen friendly relations and enhance military cooperation between their respective countries. They also exchanged commemorative gifts.

Meanwhile, the related meetings - the 15th AMOM held at the InterContinental Hotel and the 22nd AMIM held at the Shangri-La Hotel in Kuala Lumpur on 8 September - were attended by Myanmar delegations. The meetings helped reaffirm commitments to strengthening ties and cooperation among ASEAN militaries. — MNA/KZL

12 foreign nationals arrested for illegal entry in Myawady

AUTHORITIES have arrested 12 foreign nationals who illegally entered Myanmar through border routes after transiting some neighbouring countries, including Thailand. They were found yesterday in the KK Park area of Myawady Township, Kayin State, where they had been involved in online gambling, online fraud, and other criminal activities. The group consisted of six South Africans, four Chinese, and two Kenyans.

The departmental teams, in collaboration with one another,

are now compiling personal information and records of the detainees so that they can be repatriated to their respective countries as soon as possible. The inspection process is being overseen by Deputy Director U Myint Bhone of Kayin State Immigration and Population, together with responsible personnel.

From 30 January to 10 September 2025, a total of 9,385 foreign nationals who entered Myanmar illegally have been arrested. Among them, 9,269



Immigration processes underway for the deportation of 12 undocumented entrants.

have already been repatriated in accordance with legal procedures through Thailand to their respective countries. The remaining 116 are being held securely and are ready for handover.

The State continues to cooperate actively with the relevant countries to promptly identify, arrest, and systematically repatriate foreign nationals who engage in online fraud, online gambling, and other criminal offences in Myanmar. — MNA/KZL

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Tatmadaw vows to protect people from violence and self-serving agendas

- ❖ As long as the interests of a few individuals are prioritized under the guise of state and racial agendas, the lives of local people will continue to suffer.
- ❖ It is the responsibility of our Tatmadaw to ensure the necessary protection to prevent such losses.
- ❖ No society in the world tolerates armed violence, and we must ensure it does not take root in our country.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the ceremony to confer military gallantry honorary medals on 4 January 2025)

Ancient marble sphinx unearthed in Inwa

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reconstruction of the tooth relic building, located to the right of the eastern entrance to the ancient palace, the authentic renovation work preserving the original design will be conducted in Inwa, he added.
It was built for the fourth time by King Bagyidaw, probably in 1183 of the Myanmar Era, and will be rebuilt according to the

paintings of the Parabaiks.
The rebuilding of the tooth relic tower will help promote tourism, as local and foreign visitors can explore a Myanmar royal tradition. Its height is about 40 to 50 feet, which can also become a place to enjoy the natural beauty of the ancient city from a height, adding to the list of tourist attraction sites in Inwa.
— MT/ZN

Rescue & relief operations ongoing for quake-hit communities

UP till 10 September, the death toll stood at 3,818, with 5,104 injured and five people still missing in six regions and states of Myanmar that were severely affected by the powerful earthquake which struck on 28 March.
Members of the Myanmar Fire Services Department, along with local and international search and rescue teams, have been continuously con-

ducting timely operations in affected areas. Up to now, 653 survivors have been rescued from collapsed buildings, and the bodies of 881 deceased individuals have been recovered.
Further announcements will be made regarding the ongoing donations of cash and relief items from generous donors both locally and abroad to support those affected by the disaster. — MNA/MKKS

Beijing hosts seminar for ASEAN omnimedia editors and journalists



The opening event of the Seminar for Omnimedia News Editors and Journalists from ASEAN Countries in progress on 9 September in Beijing, China.

AN opening ceremony for the Seminar for Omnimedia News Editors and Journalists from ASEAN Countries, organized by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM) with the support of the China International Communications Group (CICG), was reportedly held at the Beijing ZIYU Hotel in Beijing, China, at 9:30 am on 9 September.
The seminar is intended

to promote cultural exchange and friendly relations, as well as cooperation in various media-related sectors between the People's Republic of China and the regional ASEAN countries. Through mutual discussions, it aims to foster the development of regional countries, the human resource development of nations, and the socioeconomic development.
"Seminar for Omnimedia

Editors and Journalists from ASEAN Countries," scheduled to be held in Beijing, China, from 9 to 28 September, will include eleven thematic discussions and study tours to significant sites for cultural exchange and experience. It is understood that 25 representatives from ASEAN countries, including five delegates from Myanmar, are participating in this seminar.
— Phyu Lu Thit

Bodies continue to be recovered from Sky Villa site as victim compensation proceeds



Bodies found during the Sky Villa cleaning operation being carried out on 8 and 9 September.

BODIES are still being recovered from the collapsed Sky Villa building in Mandalay, as funds are being provided to the victims.
NTL Construction Company assisted K10 million per victim for the first batch of 72 people who died in the collapse of the Sky Villa building due to the Mandalay earthquake, and its ceremony was held on 8 September at the Monetine

Zayat (a resting hall) in front of Mandalay Palace.
At 11 am on the same day, members of the search and rescue team from the City Development Committee and the Fire Services Department recovered a male body from the Sky Villa Building A, ground floor, according to a statement from the Myanmar Fire Brigade.
In addition, on 9 September

at 10 am, another male body was found from the Sky Villa Complex A, the first floor, and transferred to the Mandalay General Hospital.
NTL Construction Company has spent more than K1,800 million to clean up the collapsed Sky Villa. As of 9 September, about 88 per cent of the debris has been cleared with 207 bodies recovered, according to released data. — Htun Htun/ZN

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PTTEP to add 4 platforms, subsea pipelines at Myanmar's M-9 offshore block

THE Thai state-owned energy company PTTEP has announced that, under Development Project Phase 1E, four new platforms will be installed and subsea pipeline connection works carried out at the M-9 offshore block in the Mottama region.

The installation of the four new platforms and the subsea pipeline works will commence on 20 September 2025 and are scheduled to be completed by

28 February 2026.

During the implementation period, a four-kilometre maritime safety zone has been declared around the worksite to prevent delays or disruptions to operations.

At the M-9 offshore block, a total of 17 appraisal wells are planned for drilling. In 2018, five exploration wells were drilled, leading to the discovery of a commercially viable natural gas deposit, according to PT-



The M-9 offshore block in the Mottama region, where four new platforms and subsea pipeline connection works will be carried out.

TEP's statement. The current drilling activities are expected to help meet future energy demand and support the Zawtika

project area, which is operated under licence by Thailand.

PTTEP, a Thai state-owned enterprise, has made significant investments in Myanmar's Zawtika and M-3 natural gas projects, and on 9 April 2025, signed an agreement with Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) to cooperate in enhancing natural gas production at the Yadana offshore project, according to information released by the Ministry of Energy. — ASH/KNN

NDMC allocates K12.33B for housing reconstruction in Inlay areas

THE National Disaster Management Committee contributed K12.33 billion to the house owners destroyed by the Mandalay Earthquake to reconstruct houses in the Inlay region, according to the Department of General Administration in Nyaungshwe, southern Shan State.

The committee handed over the contributions to individuals affected during a handover ceremony of the committee held on 8 September, held at the Department of General Administration.

Those contributions went towards Kaylar village (K4.794 billion), Zayatgyi village (K2.587 billion), Mongthaukinn village (K228 million), ThalaeeOoInn village (K364 million), Aidaukgyi village (K1.366 billion), Paepininn village (K22 million), Myaungwagyi village (K168.66



This photo shows a handover ceremony of the National Disaster Management Committee's contributions towards the reconstruction of houses in Nyaungshwe held on 8 September 2025.

million), Kyataw village 1 in Nanpan town (K2.81 billion) to reconstruct houses devastated by the earthquake. — ASH/KK

Aung Thiri Film donates K1M for Myanmar Motion Pictures Day

AUNG Thiri Film Production donated K1 million for the 105th Myanmar Motion Pictures Day and the 48th Homage-paying Ceremony to Veteran Artistes, which will be held on 13 October. The donation was made by U Thein Shwe from Aung Thiri Film Production on 9 September, according to Vice-Chair U Aye Kyuu Lay of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO).

The 105th Myanmar Motion Pictures Day and the 48th Homage-paying Ceremony to Veteran Artistes will be held at the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (Central) on Wingaba Road, Bahan Township, Yangon Region, on 13 October 2025. Artistes and well-wishers have been making contributions to the upcoming event.

"The Homage-paying Ceremony to Veteran Artistes is held every year with-



Aung Thiri Film Production donates K1 million to the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization.

out fail on Myanmar Motion Pictures Day. This year, it will also be held on 13 October as usual. Academy Khant Si Thu, Saung Eindray Htun, Htoo Khant Kyaw family, and others have contrib-

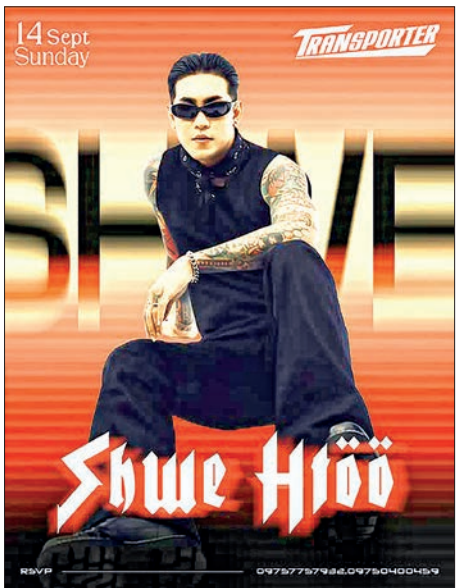
uted. At present, the exact number of veteran artistes is being reviewed, as some have passed away while new ones have joined the list," said U Aye Kyuu Lay. — ASH/KZL

Second solo concert set for Yangon's Transporter Bar on 14 Sept

SINGER Shwe Htoo's second solo concert will be held at the Transporter Bar in South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region, on 14 September, according to the singer.

"I'll be at the Transporter Bar on Sunday night, 14 September. In addition to my own performances, the Transporter Music Band and the in-house vocalists will also deliver their best on stage. And with the DJ artists ready with powerful beats to get everyone moving under the colourful lights, don't miss out on coming to enjoy the night to the fullest," said Shwe Htoo.

Shwe Htoo's solo concert, titled "The Door is Open", will start at 7 pm on 14 September. The Transporter Music Band will provide musical accompaniment, and the band's resident vocalists will also join in to perform. — ASH/MKKS



This image showcases a poster to promote singer Shwe Htoo's solo concert.

Myanmar's fish exports
top 100,000 tonnes from
Apr to Aug

MYANMAR conveyed more than 100,000 metric tonnes of fish in the past five months of the current financial year 2025-2026, beginning 1 April, bagging US\$127.85 million, according to the Department of Fisheries.

Myanmar sent over 57,800 metric tonnes of fish by sea, with an estimated value of \$85.5 million. Over 50,900 metric tonnes of fish worth \$42.3 million were exported to neighbouring countries via the border channel.

Myanmar's fish export amounted to \$421 million from about 400,000 tonnes in the past

FY 2024-2025 (April-March).

Myanmar steadily exports seafood to 40 countries, including China, Thailand, Bangladesh and Japan through maritime and border trade channels.

Myanmar's fishery exports exceeded 153,900 metric tonnes in the past five months.

Seafood, including hilsa, rohu, catfish, seabass, eel, shrimp and crab, is shipped to foreign markets, according to the Myanmar Fisheries Federation. There are over 140 fishery cold storage facilities, and the department grants annual licence renewals. — NN/KK



Workers are seen in the production line of fishery products.

Gold Market Rate as of
10 September 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,970,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

CBM pumps \$1.8M into edible
oil, fuel oil sectors on 9 Sep



The entrance to the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) in Yangon.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$1.5 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$350,000 to fuel oil-importing companies on 9 September.

Additionally, CBM injected \$560,000 and 306,000 yuan into the financial market. CBM sold \$11,350 to those who made non-trade payments as well on that day.

CBM over \$2 million purchased from companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis to edible oil-importing companies and over \$464,400 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments on 8 August, in addition to an injection of 1.9 million yuan into

the market.

CBM sold \$2.15 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$449,600 to fuel oil-importing companies on 5 September, in addition to an injection of 400,000 yuan into the market.

CBM sold over \$2.3 million purchased from CMP companies to edible oil-importing companies on 4 September.

Furthermore, it sold over \$248,800 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments on that day.

CBM sold over \$1 million, 11 million yuan and four million baht in August. Furthermore, CBM also pumped over \$32 million, purchased from the

companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis, into the financial market.

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

87 workers granted OWIC application

SAFE Migration under the Ministry of Labour announced on 10 September that 87 workers have been granted Overseas Worker Identification Card (OWIC) to work in Japan.

Through licensed overseas employment agencies, a man and 86 women would go to Japan and the ministry allowed them to attend the overseas employment training and apply OWIC.

The training has been scheduled on 11 September and OWIC application has been scheduled on 12 September. They will need to inform if they can't do by the timetable, it said.

For the OWIC workers, agencies will have to seek worker sending permit with a Excel soft copy attached with labour list, passport copy and OWIC copy in a week from the scheduled departure date, to the Department of Labour,



The OWIC issuing office (Mayangon).

dolmigrationjapan@gmail.com.

At present, interest in working in Japan has risen as a job opportunity abroad. — MT/ZS

MoHT to offer basic bakery
& pastry course in Oct

THE Centre for Tourism Development under the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism will open a Bakery & Pastry Basic Course between 1 and 31 October every weekday from 9:30 am to noon at the CTD in Pabedan Township, Yangon.

The fee is K350,000, including documents, materials used in training and apron. A professional baker with more than 20 years of experience will teach trainees over 40 types of pastries, breads and cakes. The course will cover basic hygiene measures, use of equipment, ingredients in banking, cake decorating for beginners and baking pastries and bread items, including muffins, loaves, batters, doughnuts, pudding, etc.

Those interested individuals can register through Google Form > <https://forms.gle/92W5xvz5KSQsRn7JA> or the centre office via 01 8377559 and 09 663186684. Those previously registered do not need to reregister, and their names have already been listed. — NN/KK

Preserve performing arts through artistes' concerted efforts

THE government and the entire people are striving not only to cultivate intelligence and knowledge but also to nurture refined and cultured new generations. In this effort, holding the Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition not only promotes the development of Myanmar arts but also allows the world to witness the unique and meaningful richness of Myanmar's artistic heritage.

When assessing the prestige and standing of a nation or a people, a key factor is how well that nation or people has been able to preserve and safeguard its fine arts and cultural heritage over time, and how faithfully it can present its traditions without losing their

It is a source of pride and satisfaction that Myanmar's cultural heritage has endured and flourished over time due to the respect and value placed upon it. The 26th Performing Arts Competitions also include the traditional cultures of various ethnic groups. At the national level, these competitions have served to ensure that Myanmar's cultural heritage is preserved over the years, to nurture new generations of youth, and to instil appreciation and care for cultural treasures and national identity.

Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition in singing, dancing, literature, and musical performance – held and safeguarded continuously by successive governments – serve both to preserve and to revive Myanmar's cultural traditions. Citizens who love and value their country and people should also support and promote these traditional cultural competitions. Since their inception in 1993, these competitions have been held annually without interruption, and this year marks the 26th edition of the event.

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original essence. In Myanmar, the fine arts and cultural disciplines that have flourished over many centuries continue to endure today, remaining strong and well-preserved while being showcased in their original form.

The ability of a nation to showcase its continuous cultural heritage plays a crucial role in keeping the patriotism and ethnic pride of its people alive and strong. In the present era, as rapid modernization brings the influence of foreign cultures, it has become increasingly important for citizens to value, preserve, and honour their own country and cultural traditions. The influx of foreign cultural influences has, in particular, led to a noticeable decline among young people in respect and appreciation for their own nation and ethnic heritage, while they may place greater admiration on foreign cultures.

In such times, the preservation and promotion of one's own country and cultural heritage are vital. The Traditional

RUSSIA and Belarus are already in the deep. China and India have done it long ago. So have some countries of Southeast Asia. ASEAN is now doing it using a different approach. Trump and the USA have done it too. Hey, we are talking about engaging the Myanmar government. So, who is left to engage the current legitimate government now?

Aussies

Australia has been supportive of Myanmar since its opening up in 2011. They have participated in offshore oil and gas tenders and many other businesses dealing with the government. With many underground resources in Myanmar, it would be a lose-lose situation if Aussies remain aloof to engagement.

They wanted the market economy, competitive pricing and democracy. How to have a market economy, if all the resources can only be sold to one buyer, i.e., China. So that itself is a dilemma. How can Myanmar be helped to move more towards a more market and competitive economy if Australia refuses to participate in the economy, especially in the natural resources sector?

Gangnam

Korea is one of the few countries that the Myanmar people love, admire and look forward to working there. Korea and Japan are consistently ranked as countries with the best labour conditions based on a survey of Myanmar workers. Korea took a step higher with the legislation that foreign workers in Korea cannot be paid lower than

To Engage or Not to Engage

By U AC

Koreans with equal qualifications and experience, hence providing the highest take-home pay for foreign workers.

The Korean government also wants to engage, but they have to rely on the US in case of war with its super-friendly northern neighbour, i.e., watch US actions before their initiation. Their reliance on Uncle Sam becomes even more inevitable, as they rightly worry that North Korea sent fighters to join the Russian Army to fight against Ukraine. And Myanmar, being the long-time ally of Russia, is not making the

initiation of engagement any easier.

Rising Sun

Japan, like Korea, is continuing all engagement at the humanitarian and general public level, from continuing recruitment of Myanmar workers to donating to the quake victims through various associations. And it has to take cues from the USA, too.

With many Japanese entities running away from Myanmar, the

The Vanishing Book Culture in Myanmar

By Ms Monn

THERE is a Myanmar saying, “May The Physical Body Be Carried Along Wherever The Mind Goes”, which evokes a profound philosophical idea rooted in Myanmar's rich literary and cultural heritage. It suggests that the mind, nourished by knowledge and imagination, can transcend physical limitations, carrying the body towards enlightenment, progress, and fulfilment. In traditional Myanmar's thought, influenced by Buddhist teachings, the mind is the gateway to wisdom, and books serve as the vessels that expand its horizons. Yet, in contemporary Myanmar, these ideal faces significant challenges. As our society grapples with rapid modernization, economic hardships, and the digital revolution, the once-vibrant culture of reading is fading, leaving many minds scattered and unanchored. Here, let me explore the decline of book-hiring shops, the struggles of libraries, the critical importance

of reading for our youth, and the broader implications for Myanmar's cultural and national identity, drawing on relevant facts from our country's context.

When I was young, Myanmar's society pulsed with a flourishing culture centred around book-hiring shops, often called “rental libraries” or “book stalls”. These were not grand institutions but humble, community-driven enterprises that dotted urban streets and rural wards. In cities like Yangon and Mandalay, and many other small towns, late afternoons saw crowds of youths and adults flocking to these shops, eagerly selecting novels, magazines, and knowledge-packed volumes. They were metaphors for “doors of the heart”, opened by passionate book enthusiasts who curated diverse collections without the rigid systems of formal libraries. Regular customers formed bonds with shop owners, discovering gems in literature, history, science, and aesthetics. I recall the simple joy of sitting in a nearby teashop, sipping lahpet yay (Burmese tea) while im-

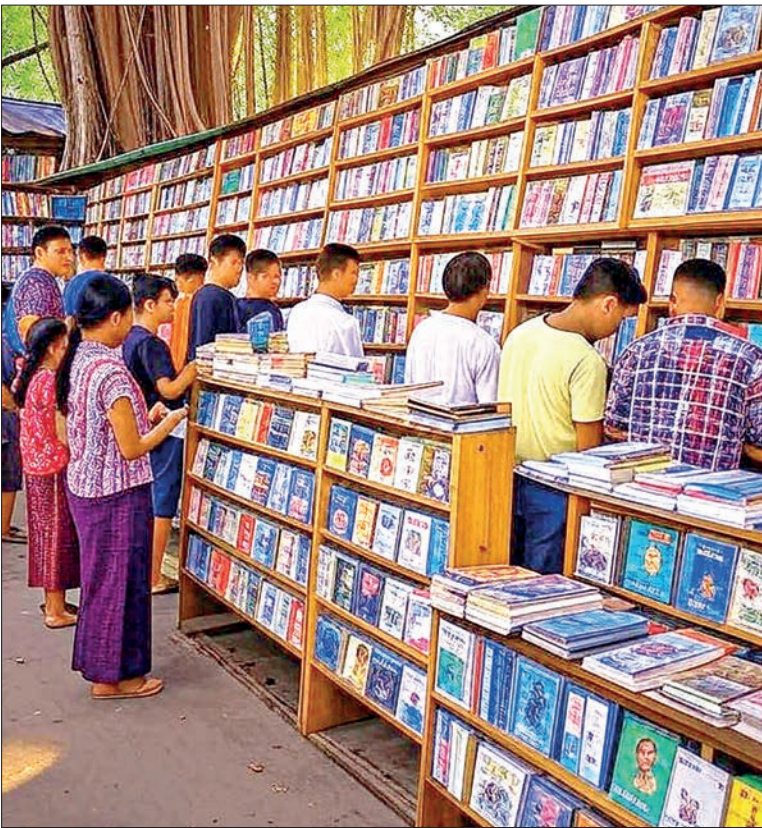
mersing myself in a freshly issued magazine. That tactile comfort – turning pages under the shade of a banyan tree – far surpassed today's digital scrolling on smartphones under free Wi-Fi networks in the same teashops.

Historically, these book-hiring shops emerged in the late 20th century, during Myanmar's post-independence era, when literacy rates began to rise under initiatives like the mass education campaigns of the 1950s. By the 1970s and 1980s, they thrived as affordable alternatives to buying books, especially in a country, where poverty limited access to personal libraries. Streetside bookstores in Yangon, such as those along Pansodan Street, became cultural hubs, offering everything from local folklore to translated international works. Comics, novels, and weekly journals were staples, rented for a few kyats, fostering a reading habit among the masses.

However, over the past few decades, these book-hiring shops have vanished like dinosaurs in a mass extinction. Their disappear-

ance can be attributed to multiple factors deeply intertwined with Myanmar's socioeconomic shifts. The most prominent is the explosive rise of the internet. In 2015, internet penetration in Myanmar was near zero, but by 2020, it had surged to over 40 per cent, and as of 2025, it exceeds 50 per cent. This digital leapfrog, fueled by affordable smartphones and data plans, has shifted reading habits toward social media platforms like Facebook and TikTok. Young people now consume bite-sized content, often laced with misinformation due to low digital literacy rates – estimated at around 30 per cent among youth. Economic pressures have compounded this: post-COVID-19, book publishing in Myanmar declined by 30-50 per cent, with only about 11,000 new books published annually in recent years, down from 14,000 in 2015. Rising costs of paper, printing, and distribution have forced many shops to close, replaced by internet cafes and online entertainment.

Who has investigated this cultural loss? Few, it seems, as atten-



tion focuses on immediate survival amid Myanmar's challenges. Today, while a handful of book-hiring shops linger in places like Yangon's streetside markets, they pale against the backdrop of underfunded libraries. Myanmar boasts 55,755 registered public libraries, but only about 4,868 are active, with many lacking basic resources. The government, through the Information and Public Relations Department, operates around 440 of these, but the founders of community libraries face insurmountable hurdles: funding shortages, site

acquisition, building maintenance, skyrocketing book prices, and staff salaries. Initiatives like the National Library Development Plan 2040 aim to modernize libraries, including e-libraries for higher education, and campaigns such as “Developing Libraries and Raising Reading Habits” in states donate books and cash. I praise the resilient mindset of library founders, like those in monastic and private setups, who persist despite odds, echoing the spirit of projects like Beyond Access Myanmar, which equips libraries with digital tools

‘first to leave and last to arrive’ nation is exactly looking after its own interests, despite its affinity to Myanmar.

The old rich

The diplomats stationed locally do want to engage more, in a private capacity, with the top decision makers of the nation. Yet the Union is not keen. So the only way out seems to be to entice the Union leaders far away with some tenable deeds and get the green light from them to take the engagement to the next level.

Why non-engagement is bad for Myanmar and the World

Let's give the example using Wa and the rare earth. Wa, an independent state, is the largest self-administrative region in the eastern Shan State. Even the Myanmar military cannot go into their region without prior approval from them. According to the CIA Handbook 2019, Wa is already the third largest exporter of rare earth in the world and 100 per cent of its rare earth is exported to China. Kachin and Shan state armies are also contributing to China's stockpile of rare earth through their respective exports. The result is that now China is controlling 90+ per cent of the global rare earth inventory.

The USA, the EU and Australia could have participated to absorb the supply, thereby retaining some form of control over the rare earth global supply. Without engaging Myanmar, they are deprived of that unique opportunity. And Myanmar lose out too as it loses competitive pricing due to having only one monopolistic buyer. Simple argument perhaps, but the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

to bridge the urban-rural divide.

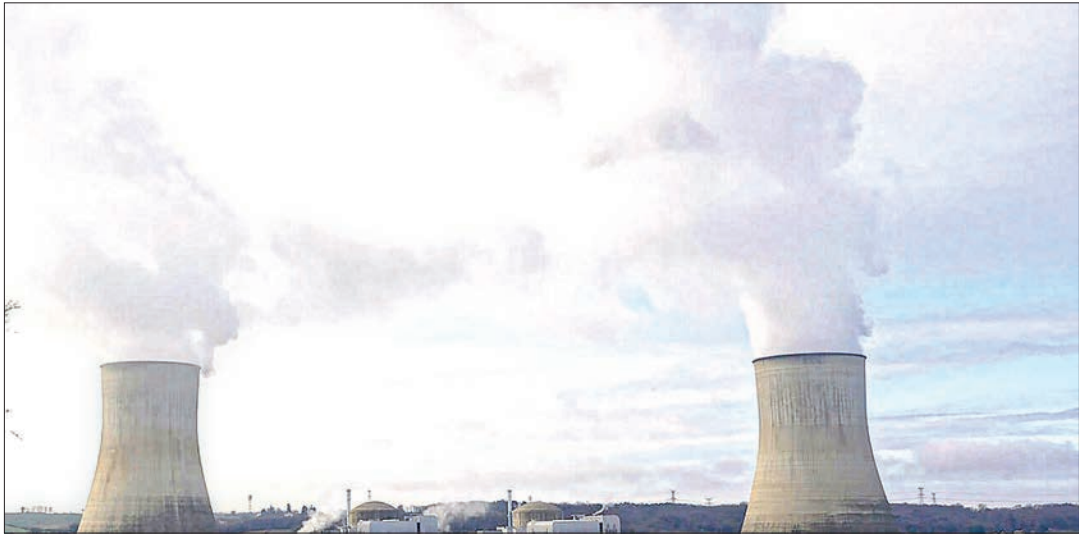
In this context, our nationals, particularly the youth, are drifting away from books. Myanmar's literacy rate stands at approximately 89 per cent as of 2025, a commendable rise from 75 per cent in 2016, but this masks disparities: rural areas lag at 80 per cent, and female literacy is 86 per cent compared to 92 per cent for males. Besides, other difficulties have further eroded education, with only four per cent of children having books at home. People who shun reading resemble those with disordered, scattered minds, unable to appreciate masterpieces by even the most brilliant writers. John Ruskin, the English critic, warned: **“If a race who are looking down on literature, science, art, life, loving-kindness, and sympathy but is desirous and chasing cash, that race cannot last long in society.”** In Myanmar, still grappling with poverty – where over 40 per cent live below the poverty line – chasing economic survival often overshadows cultural pursuits. Yet, as Ruskin implies, neglecting the mind's nourishment invites societal decay. Man requires nutrition for the body, but books feed the soul, fostering empathy, critical thinking, and innovation essential for national progress.

Moreover, the words of **Ludu U Hla**, a revered Burmese journalist and chronicler, resonate deeply: **“Opening of a door of**

a library can make a door of a prison close.” This wisdom, inspired by global thinkers like Victor Hugo, highlights libraries' role in preventing crime through education. In Myanmar, the lack of a thriving library culture raises alarms. How many prison doors have opened due to closed library doors? Best-selling books globally rack up sales in the millions (seven digits or more), but in Myanmar, even hits rarely surpass 10,000 copies. This stark contrast underscores our literary standard: while countries like Thailand boast 2,116 public libraries and robust reading programmes, Myanmar's per capita book access remains low. Literature is the yardstick of a nation's culture, as most assume, and ours risks falling short.

All in all, animals do not read books; it is literature that elevates humanity from savagery, enabling escape from hostility and fostering civilized living. Myanmar's literary tradition has long been a beacon. Yet, as a member of my township's library foundation, I feel a pang of shame. We must revive reading through government-backed initiatives, community drives, and balanced digital integration — perhaps hybrid models like the 2018 launch of Myanmar's first national eBook store. By nurturing minds with books, we ensure the physical body follows wherever enlightened thoughts lead, securing a brighter future for our nation.

SCI/TECH:
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The European Commission in 2022 defied protests from green campaigners and dissent in its own ranks to give a sustainable finance label to investments in both gas and nuclear power. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Top EU court upholds nuclear green label

The Court of Justice of the European Union ruled that the European Commission acted within its powers and was justified in its classification under the EU taxonomy.

THE EU's top court on Wednesday upheld the European Commission's decision to give a sustainable finance label to investments in natural gas and nuclear power, dismissing a complaint by Austria.

The European Commission in 2022 defied protests from green campaigners and dissent in its own ranks to give a sustainable finance label to investments in both gas and

nuclear power.

The EU argued that both have a role to play as cleaner power sources during the transition to a net-zero carbon future. But fiercely anti-nuclear Austria challenged the decision in court, with its government highlighting safety concerns and uncertainty over how to deal with nuclear waste.

The Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) found

that the commission did "not exceed" its power and "was entitled" to the view in its so-called "taxonomy".

The court "endorses the view that economic activities in the nuclear energy and fossil gas sectors can, under certain conditions, contribute substantially to climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation," it said in a statement. — AFP

Australia approves chlamydia vaccine for koalas



Chlamydia is responsible for about half of all koala deaths in the wild. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

AUSTRALIAN regulators have approved a chlamydia vaccine for koalas, researchers said Wednesday, as they seek to stamp out a sexually transmitted disease responsible for about half of all deaths of the fluffy marsupial in the wild.

For a decade, scientists at the University of the Sunshine Coast trialled the chlamydia vaccine in controlled settings.

But approval from the veterinary medicine regulator means the single-dose shot can be nationally rolled out.

Lead researcher Pro-

fessor Peter Timms said the disease was driving wild koalas to extinction, particularly in southeast Queensland and New South Wales.

In those areas, "infection rates within populations are often around 50 per cent and in some cases can reach as high as 70 per cent," he said.

Trials of the vaccine showed it reduced the likelihood of the herbivores developing chlamydia during breeding age and decreased deaths in wild populations by at least 65 percent. — AFP

US unveils new health plan avoiding curbs on junk food, pesticides

US Health Secretary Robert F Kennedy Jr on Tuesday unveiled the Trump administration's long-awaited roadmap to tackle chronic disease, calling for better nutrition, tighter scrutiny of medical advertising, and even a new push to boost fertility.

Conspicuously absent, however, were concrete proposals to directly restrict ultra-processed foods or pesticides -- long priorities of Kennedy's Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) movement. The omissions are viewed as wins for the food and agriculture industries.

"There has never been an effort like this across all the government agencies," said Kennedy during a Washington event where he released the plan, calling chronic illness "an existential

crisis for our country."

President Donald Trump later signed a memorandum directing agencies to step up enforcement of existing rules on online pharmaceutical advertising to curb misleading claims, backing one of the report's priorities. Kennedy, however, had previously called for an outright ban on drug marketing.

Experts also criticized what they called the vague and voluntary nature of the "Make Our Children Healthy Again" strategy, a follow-up to an initial assessment published this spring.

"The administration is trying to have it both ways," Scott Faber, senior vice-president of government affairs at the non-profit Environmental Working Group, told AFP. — AFP



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China rolls out domestic HPV vaccine for cervical cancer prevention

CHINA has rolled out its domestically developed nine-valent human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, administering the first dose on Tuesday in the city of Xiamen, to expand cervical cancer protection for females aged 9 to 45. Health authorities said those aged between 9 and 17 will need two doses, while women 18 to 45 require three.

Cervical cancer is among

the most common cancers in women worldwide, and HPV is linked to an estimated 700,000 cancer cases annually, including about 530,000 cervical cancers, with the rest involving the anus, vulva, penis and others.

Vaccination provides an important line of defense. When administered correctly, the HPV vaccine is 94 per cent effective in preventing infection. — Xinhua

China honours model teachers in celebration of Teachers' Day

Teachers who have made lasting contributions to national strategic initiatives and scientific research were recognized.

CHINA named 24 teachers and a group of Baoding University graduates, who volunteered to teach in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, as the nation's "Most Beautiful Teachers" for 2025, marking China's 41st celebration

of Teachers' Day on Wednesday. The honorees have been recognized as exemplary members of China's 18.85 million-strong teaching force, the backbone of the world's largest education system. The honored include special

education teachers who developed diverse learning resources for students with special needs, those who have long served schools in central and western China and rural communities, and teachers who have made en-

during contributions to national strategic initiatives and scientific research. For more than three decades, Ding Meizhen from Shanghai in east China has led a team dedicated to improving learning

for students with special needs – developing 38 regionally shared courses, hundreds of teaching aids and an intelligent platform to identify the needs of students with disabilities who remain in mainstream classes. — Xinhua



This photo taken in June 2024 shows a teacher instructing a student to use AI on mobile phone in Lijia Experimental Primary School in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

French fear diplomatic stitch-up over Bayeux Tapestry loan

FRENCH President Emmanuel Macron's decision to loan the Bayeux Tapestry to the United Kingdom for display in London next year has sparked significant controversy in France. Many in the French art world and public fear this diplomatic gesture could lead to a "stitch-up", expressing concerns over the tapestry's safety, national heritage, and the symbolism of sending this nearly 1,000-year-old medieval relic abroad for the first time in centuries. A petition opposing the loan has gathered over 40,000 signatures, reflecting widespread unease. Despite these fears, the British Museum assures the tapestry will be well protected during its stay. French President Emmanuel Macron's promise to loan the fragile 11th-century Bayeux Tapestry to the UK has ignited fierce opposition in France. Experts warn the 70-meter embroidery, depicting the Norman conquest of England, is too delicate for long-distance

transport, with over 24,000 stains and numerous tears documented. Restoration specialists and regional cultural bodies had previously advised against moving it before restoration, which was postponed indefinitely. Critics accuse Macron of prioritizing diplomatic gestures over heritage preservation, calling the loan a "heritage crime". A petition opposing the move has gathered over 71,000 signatures. Despite concerns,

French officials insist precautions and studies ensure safe transport. The tapestry will be displayed at the British Museum from September 2026 to July 2027 while its home museum in Normandy undergoes renovation. The controversy highlights tensions between cultural diplomacy and conservation, with many fearing irreversible damage to this priceless medieval masterpiece. — AFP



Detail of the Bayeux Tapestry **PHOTO: STEPHANE MAURICE/VILLE DE BAYEUX/AFP**

Genetic evidence confirms early puberty accelerates ageing, disease: Study

RESEARCHERS discovered that early puberty or childbirth doubles women's risk for major diseases and accelerates ageing, while later timing offers protective benefits. Genetic analysis reveals evolutionary tradeoffs, where reproductive advantages early in life create health burdens later. Reproductive timing matters when it comes to ageing and age-related disease. In a study now online at eLife,, Buck researchers determine that girls who go through puberty (the

onset of menstruation) before the age of 11 or women who give birth before the age of 21 have double the risk of developing type 2 diabetes, heart failure and obesity and quadruple the risk of developing severe metabolic disorders. The study also reveals that later puberty and childbirth are genetically associated with longer lifespan, lower frailty, slower epigenetic ageing and reduced risk of age-related diseases, including type 2 diabetes and Alzheimer's. — ANI

Australian researchers combat rabbit pest with organoid virus testing

RESEARCHERS have developed advanced organoid cell cultures that speed up virus testing for controlling destructive rabbit populations in Australia. The breakthrough accelerated development of new virus strains to overcome resistance in invasive rabbits, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO), Australia's national science agency, said Wednesday. CSIRO researchers

have developed improved organoid cell cultures, 3D cellular structures mimicking rabbit organs, that now support more efficient rabbit calicivirus replication and testing outside live rabbits, a CSIRO statement said. "The goal is to greatly reduce the number of animals needed for virus testing and to increase the speed of biocontrol research," said Tanja Strive, CSIRO senior principal research scientist. — Xinhua

ECONOMY
WORLD

World-class airport cluster emerges in
China's Greater Bay Area

This expansion significantly boosts HKIA's role as a key aviation hub in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.



Photo taken on 15 August 2019 shows trolley-pushing travellers at Hong Kong International Airport in Hong Kong, south China. **PHOTO: LUI SIU WAI/XINHUA/FILE**

A world-class airport cluster is rapidly taking shape in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA), marking a significant milestone in regional infrastructure development. This ambitious project integrates multiple major airports to create a cohesive and efficient aviation network.

On 30 July, Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport completed test flights on its fifth runway, becoming China's second and the GBA's first five-runway airport. Shortly after, on 3 August, Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport concluded flight calibration for its third runway, paving the way for its operational

launch within the year.

Following the November 2024 commissioning of Hong Kong International Airport's three-runway system, the GBA currently operates 13 runways and is soon set to expand to 15. Beyond these major hubs, other airports across the GBA are also advancing their expansion projects simultaneously.

The GBA's aviation landscape comprises three hub airports (Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Hong Kong), two major airports (Zhuhai and Macao), and two regional airports (Huizhou and Foshan), collectively serving over 200 global destinations. — Xinhua

Laos seeks to enhance
MSMEs competitiveness,
digital skills

LAOS is stepping up efforts to strengthen the competitiveness of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) and enhance human resource development through digital innovation, in line with its goal of equipping more young people with information and communication technology (ICT) skills.

According to a report from the Lao Ministry of Industry and

Commerce on Wednesday, the ministry convened a meeting to review the project for human resource development in digital innovation for MSMEs in Laos in 2023-2025.

The project aims to strengthen human capital and enhance the competitiveness of MSMEs, entrepreneurs, and startups through digital innovation. — Xinhua

New Zealand visitor arrivals near
pre-pandemic levels in July

NEW Zealand recorded a rise in international travel in July, with overseas visitor arrivals reaching 236,600, up 14,700 from a year earlier, the statistics department Stats NZ reported Wednesday.

Visitor arrivals from Australia surged by 17,700 to 126,700, the highest ever for a July month, coinciding with school holidays, Stats

NZ said.

July's overseas visitor arrivals were 93 per cent of pre-pandemic levels in 2019, it said. Of all overseas visitors in July, 55 per cent came from Australia, 10 per cent from China, six per cent from the United States, and three per cent each from Britain and Japan, statistics show.

New Zealand-resident

traveller arrivals reached 321,900 in July, up 8,000 from July 2024, or 95 per cent of July 2019 levels, Stats NZ said.

Arrivals from Australia increased by 9,300 in July 2025, while more residents travelled from Japan and the Philippines. Travel from Indonesia hit a record 14,100 for the month, it said. — Xinhua



Tourists enjoy the view of Mount Taranaki in New Zealand, 22 June 2021. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**

Mongolia's inflation rises
to 8.8% in Aug

MONGOLIA'S inflation rate, as measured by the consumer price index (CPI), rose to 8.8 per cent in August, the National Statistics Office (NSO) said Wednesday.

The figure marks a 2.6 percentage point increase compared with the same month in 2024, and a 1.6 percentage point rise from July.

Mongolia's central bank

aims to keep inflation within five per cent (± 2 percentage points) from 2027 to ensure macroeconomic and financial stability. The Asian Development Bank has forecast inflation to edge up to 9.1 per cent in 2025 before easing to 7.0 per cent in 2026, citing stronger economic activity, higher government spending, and recent energy tariff hikes. — Xinhua

South Korea sends plane to fetch detained workers from US

A chartered plane departed Seoul for the United States Wednesday to repatriate hundreds of South Korean workers detained in an immigration raid, flag carrier Korean Air told AFP.

South Koreans made up the majority of people arrested at a Hyundai-LG battery plant under construction in the US state of Georgia last week, according to immigration agents.

The operation was the largest single-site

raid conducted under US President Donald Trump’s immigration crackdown, according to an investigating agent.

A Korean Air Boeing 747-8I, which seats over 350 passengers, left from Seoul Wednesday, a company representative told AFP.

“The chartered plane left around 10:20 am for the US,” said the spokeswoman. “A timeline for the return flight has not been finalised,” she added. — AFP

Kathmandu Airport to reopen from Wednesday: Nepal Civil Aviation Authority

THE Nepal Civil Aviation Authority on Wednesday announced that Kathmandu’s Tribhuvan International Airport will reopen from 10 September, lifting the suspension of flights imposed due to adverse circumstances.

In an official statement, the authority said, “We hereby inform that the flights suspended due to adverse circumstances would now be lifted, which has been made in accordance with the decision of the Tribhuvan International Airport Security Com-



The Nepal Civil Aviation Authority on Wednesday announced that Kathmandu’s Tribhuvan International Airport will reopen from today, lifting the suspension of flights imposed due to adverse circumstances. PHOTO: X@BHARATBHUSAL/ANI

mittee meeting held today. Passengers traveling to the airport for flights are requested to contact their respective airline companies for flight information and to bring official airline tickets and identification documents with them

Ozempic maker Novo Nordisk to cut 9,000 global jobs



The popularity of Novo Nordisk’s weight-loss injections had once made it a darling of investors, boosting its share price and at one point making it Europe’s most valuable company. PHOTO: JOEL SAGET / AFP/FILE

DANISH pharmaceutical giant Novo Nordisk announced Wednesday it would cut 11 per cent of its workforce, as the maker of Ozempic and

Wegovy faces rising competition for its anti-obesity treatments.

The drug maker said in a statement it would save eight billion kroner (\$1.3 billion) by slashing 9,000 jobs across the company, including 5,000 in Denmark.

And for the third time this year, the company lowered its earnings forecast. It now expects operating profit growth of between four and 10 per cent, down from 10-16 per cent. — AFP

Changing Trade Name For Registered Pesticide

The pesticide manufactured by **Zhejiang E-Tong Chemical Company Limited** and distributed by **Uni Crop Co.,Ltd.** is changing trade Name as follow,

No	Previous Name	New Name	Registration No.
1	E-T Ace 75SP	Ace 75 SP	F 2018- 1490

Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Pesticide registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayint Naung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon within (14) days.

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Trump and Modi say US-India trade talks continuing

PM Modi called India and the US “close friends and natural partners.”



File photo of Donald Trump and Narendra Modi. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

US President Donald Trump said Tuesday that trade talks with India would continue, despite strained ties since his imposition of 50-per-cent tariffs over New Delhi’s purchases of Russian oil.

“I am pleased to announce that India, and the United States of America, are continuing negotiations to address the Trade Barriers between our two Nations,” Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform, adding he feels “certain that there

will be no difficulty in coming to a successful conclusion” for both countries.

Trump also said he would be speaking with India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi “in the upcoming weeks,” and Modi in response said he was “looking forward” to it.

Modi, in a post on X on Wednesday, said the countries were “close friends and natural partners”, adding that he was “confident that our trade negotiations will pave the way

for unlocking the limitless potential”, he wrote on X.

“Our teams are working to conclude these discussions at the earliest,” he added.

Trump has appeared irritated at New Delhi as he seeks credit for what he said was Nobel Prize-worthy diplomacy for brokering peace between Pakistan and India following the worst conflict in decades between the nuclear-armed neighbors in May. — AFP

China hopes Nepal can restore social order, stability soon: FM spokesperson

CHINA hopes all sectors in Nepal can properly address their domestic issues and restore social order and national stability at an early date, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Lin Jian said on Wednesday.

Lin made the remarks at a news briefing when asked to comment on protests and unrest in Nepal that forced its prime minister to resign.

China and Nepal are traditionally friendly neighbours, Lin added, while advising Chinese nationals in Nepal to pay attention to safety.

— Xinhua



Army personnel patrol along a street outside the Singha Durbar, the main administrative building for the Nepal government, in Kathmandu. PHOTO: PAAVAN MATHEMA / AFP

Macron appoints Sebastien Lecornu as France’s new PM

FRENCH President Emmanuel Macron named Defence Minister Sebastien Lecornu as the country’s new prime minister on Tuesday evening.

Lecornu, 39, has served as defence minister for more than three years and is regarded as a close ally of Macron, local media reported. The Elysee said his main task will be to consult with political parties to “build the necessary agreements for decisions in the coming months”.

In a message on his social media account, Lecornu thanked Macron for his trust and praised outgoing Prime Minister Francois Bayrou for his “courage” in defending his convictions.

Former Prime Minister Gabriel Attal, who heads the Together for the Republic coalition in the National Assembly, welcomed the appointment, saying on X that it serves “the public interest”. Edouard Philippe, another former prime minister under Macron, also voiced support, noting that Lecornu “has the qualities” to negotiate and reach an agreement with the other parties. — Xinhua

UN Security Council to hold emergency session after Israeli strike on Hamas leaders in Qatar

THE United Nations Security Council (UNSC) is set to convene an emergency session on Wednesday in New York, following an Israeli airstrike targeting senior Hamas leaders in Doha, Qatar.

According to a post on X by Israel’s Ambassador to the United Nations, Danny Danon, the session is scheduled to start at 3 pm (local time or 12:30 am IST on Thursday). It comes after Israel hit residential buildings in Doha housing members of Hamas’s Political Bureau, which has triggered sharp international reactions. — ANI

IAEA, Iran agree on terms for resumption of inspections in country: Grossi

THE International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and Iran have agreed on the terms for resuming inspections in the country, Director-General Rafael Grossi announced Tuesday.

“In Cairo today, agreed with Iran’s Foreign Minister Araghchi on practical modalities to resume inspection activities in Iran. This is an important step in the right direction,” Grossi wrote on X.

Iran expects the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to responsibly fulfill its obligations under the new cooperation agreement, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said. — SPUTNIK

At least 10 hurt in explosion at S Korean military base

AT least 10 soldiers were injured in an explosion during a live-fire simulation drill at a South Korean military base on Wednesday, the defence ministry in Seoul said.

The explosion happened at a military base in the northern border city of Paju, the Ministry of Defence said in a statement, where an artillery unit was conducting a drill simulating live-fire procedures but without real ammunition. — AFP

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European Ryder Cup captain Luke Donald. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Ryder Cup pairings not 'set in stone', says Europe captain Donald

LUKE Donald says his Ryder Cup pairings are not "set in stone" as the Europe captain fine-tunes preparations for this month's showdown.

Sepp Straka is the only member of Donald's 12-man team not in action at this week's PGA Championship at Wentworth, near London.

Rory McIlroy, fresh from his victory at the Irish Open, will play the first two days of the tournament, starting Thursday, alongside Ryder Cup team-mates Shane Lowry and Jon Rahm.

Tommy Fleetwood and Justin Rose will also be grouped together, along with American defending champion Billy Horschel, while captain's picks Ludvig Aberg and Matt Fitzpatrick go out with Japan's Hideki Matsuyama.

However, Donald, himself playing with Alex Noren and Matteo Manassero, remained coy over whether much could be taken from the groupings at the flagship European Tour event. — AFP

Winner Soccer, YRG vie for U19 Futsal League title

THE postponed Matchday 19 of the FI-FA-MFF U19 Futsal League resumed on 10 September at the MFF Futsal Stadium in Thuwunna Football Ground in Yangon, where both Winner Soccer and YRG secured victories, keeping the championship race alive.

On Matchday 19, YRG beat JV 5-2, VUC ULAD defeated Royal Noka 7-1, Generations edged FFU Minmahaw 3-2, Winner Soccer overcame Pacific Sun Far 5-2, Futsal Lovers defeated MIU 3-2, and YCDC MHDT beat Shwepyitha United 5-3. With only two matches remaining in the competition, Winner Soccer lead with 54 points, followed closely by YRG with 51 points. The final matches will be played on 13 and 17 September.

After the fixtures on 10 September, each team has completed 20 matches. Winner Soccer leads the standings with 54 points, followed by YRG on 51, YCDC MHDT on 44, VUC ULAD on 33, JV on 30, Futsal Lovers on 29, MIU on 28, Pacific Sun Far on 27, Royal Noka on 22, Generations on 20, and FFU Minmahaw on 10. Shwepyitha United remain bottom after a deduction, standing on -6 points. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Winner Soccer against Pacific Sun Far in action. PHOTO: MFF

British horse racing strikes over proposed tax rise on betting

BRITISH horse racing is holding a historic one-day strike on Wednesday in protest against a proposed tax rise on betting that racing chiefs warn could cause "irreparable damage".

All four scheduled meetings have been cancelled and rescheduled in an unprecedented move in the modern history of the sport.

Leading jockeys, trainers and owners will lobby lawmakers at an event in London on Wednesday as part of the "Axe the Racing Tax" campaign.

The government is considering proposals to raise the rate of tax on racing bets online, currently 15 per cent, to 21 per cent — aligning it with online gaming such as casino and slot games.

Economic analysis commissioned by the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) suggests such a rise could cost racing at least £66 million (\$89 million) and put 2,752 jobs at risk in the first year.

BHA chairman Charles Allen described it as "nothing short of an existential threat for our sport" and has called for a united front to oppose the move. — AFP

Atletico Madrid coach Simeone: We aren't playing so badly and should have more points

ATLETICO Madrid entered the new La Liga season as one of the title favorites after outperforming every other club in Spain this summer. But after two draws and a defeat in their opening three matches, Diego Simeone's side sits with just two points from a possible nine - already seven behind leaders Real Madrid and Athletic Bilbao.

The poor results and unconvincing performances have put Simeone under pressure, though the coach, who took charge at the end of 2011, insisted there is still time to turn things around.

"It's a difficult moment, like we have every

season, but we aren't going to hide," he told Spanish radio station Cadena Cope. Simeone noted that only last season his team trailed Barcelona by 10 points in December before climbing to the top of the table.

"We accept the criticism, because we haven't got the points we could have got, but the most important thing is to find our best team and improve," he said, arguing that Atletico was "not playing so badly". — Xinhua

Diego Simeone admits 'there is no justification' for Atletico Madrid start to season. PHOTO: AFP





Kim Jong-un leads commemoration of North Korea’s founding anniversary

NORTH Korean leader Kim Jong-un attended a national flag-raising and oath-making ceremony at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in Pyongyang to mark the 77th founding anniversary of the DPRK, the KCNA news agency reports, adding that the ceremony was also attended by senior North Korean officials.

Pyongyang marked the 77th anniversary of the country’s founding with a gala concert and fireworks display, according to KCNA.

Festivities began in Kim Il-sung Square on Monday evening. The national flag-raising ceremony was followed by a youth gala and a firework display.

Separately, working and trade union members met heroes and meritorious workers at the Central Hall of Workers.

Russian President Vladimir Putin sent a message to Kim Jong-un earlier to congratulate him on North Korea’s founding. On the same day, the North Korean embassy in Russia held a ceremonial reception attended by Russian Defense Minister Andrei Belousov and other high-ranking officials. — SPUTNIK

The founding of North Korea was proclaimed on 9 September 1948. This date is celebrated annually as a national holiday.



Pyongyang celebrated North Korea’s 77th founding anniversary with a gala concert, fireworks, and a flag-raising ceremony led by Kim Jong-un. **PHOTO: KCNA/SPUTNIK/FILE**

UN Tourism: global tourism rises in 2025 H1

GLOBAL international tourism grew five per cent in the first half (H1) of 2025 compared with a year earlier, the United Nations World Tourism Organization



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(UN Tourism) reported Tuesday.

Nearly 690 million people travelled internationally between January and June, 33 million more than in the same period of 2024. Africa saw a 12 per cent increase in international tourists, while Asia and the Pacific recorded 11 per cent growth in arrivals, led by a 20 per cent jump in Northeast Asia. Europe welcomed nearly 340 million international tourists, up by four per cent.

Outbound spending also surged, with Chinese travelers’ expenditure abroad rising 16 per cent through March. The United Kingdom, Spain, Singapore, and the Republic of Korea also posted solid growth in overseas spending, at 15 per cent, 16 per cent, 10 per cent, and eight per cent, respectively.

“International tourism continues to see strong momentum and resilience,” said UN Tourism Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili. — Xinhua

Spain moves to ban smoking in bar terraces, parks

SPAIN’S minority left-wing government approved on Tuesday a proposal to ban smoking and vaping in outdoor spaces, including bar terraces, parks and outside schools, in a move to protect public health.

Smoking will also be outlawed at concerts, festivals, university campuses and outside medical centres and transport stations, the health ministry said in a statement. The draft law also seeks to ban minors from consuming tobacco as well as prevent the advertising, promotion or sponsoring of tobacco products, which pose severe health risks, including cancer. The proposal must pass a consultation stage before being submitted to a vote in parliament and may never become law. — AFP