

The **Global NEW LIGHT of MYANMAR**



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing observes exhibition booths displayed at the Myanmar-Viet Nam Business Forum in Hanoi, Viet Nam, yesterday.

Myanmar, Viet Nam Seek to Expand Trade and Investment Cooperation

The business forum could help establish a sustainable economic partnership that benefits not only the present generation but also future generations, built on mutual respect, technology-driven development and shared economic interests.

The Myanmar-Viet Nam Business Forum was held in Hanoi yesterday, aiming to promote trade and investment between the two countries, with President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing calling for greater bilateral economic cooperation and increased Vietnamese investment in Myanmar. The forum, held at the Melia Hotel, was attended by President U Min Aung Hlaing and members of the high-level Myanmar delegation accompanying him, Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Van Thang, Deputy Minister of Finance Mr Nguyen Duc Chi, government officials and business representatives from both countries. Around 600 businesspeople attended the forum, while more than 20 exhibition booths showcased products from Myanmar and Viet Nam.

SEE PAGE 4

Magway neem pesticide factory prepares to produce high-value products for export

NEEM Pesticide Factory in Magway preparing to produce around eight types of value-added products and export them to domestic and international markets. The Neem Pesticide Factory in Magway, Magway Region, is reportedly preparing to produce around eight types of high-value products and export them to domestic and international markets. The factory manufactures natural fertilizers from neem seed husks and neem pesticides from crude neem oil. In addition, plans are underway to expand the production of high-value consumer products such as neem liquid hand soap, mouthwash, shower gel and neem anti-itch ointment. “The factory was established in 2017. Its primary objectives are to make use of the abundance of neem trees in the Dry Zone to produce and utilize locally sourced natural pesticides and fertilizers, create employment opportunities for local people, reduce the use of chemical products to protect the environment, and reduce foreign currency expenditure,” said U Yin Tun, Director of the Magway Region Agriculture Department.

SEE PAGE 4



This photo features high-value consumer products and natural agricultural items manufactured by the Neem Pesticide Factory in Magway.

Shan State Veg Drying Plant Ships to Japan, Korea

THE Myanmar Belle Vegetable Drying Factory in Wayonpin Village, Heho Township, Shan State, exports dried cabbage, radish leaves, radishes, carrots and spinach to Japan and the Republic of Korea. Shan State Chief Minister U Sai Htein Soe, accompanied by state ministers and Hluttaw representatives, visited the factory on 5 September to observe its operations. The chief minister visited the Institute of Agriculture and Livestock in Heho, where he met with teachers, staff and students and provided financial assistance.

SEE PAGE 3

Ayeyawady Region celebrates traditional Kayin wrist-tying ceremony



Kayin wrist-tying ceremony for the month of Wagoung in progress at the City Hall in Patheingyi, Ayeyawady Region, yesterday.

THE Ayeyawady Region traditional Kayin wrist-tying ceremony for the month of Wagoung was held yesterday morning at the City Hall in Patheingyi. The ceremony was inaugurated by Regional Chief Minister U Aye Kyaw, who struck the traditional frog drum (Phasi) nine times and delivered an honorary address. He also presented cash awards to the Kayin cultural dance troupes performing at the event. Elders then tied white threads on the wrists of the Chief Minister and attendees according to Kayin traditional customs. On 5 September evening, the Chief Minister also received cash donations and relief supplies for flood-affected residents in the region, presented by the PyinOoLwin Funeral Service Association, town residents, and the Patheingyi Pyi Gyi Khin organization at Meeting Hall (1) of the Regional Government Office, before returning certificates of honour to the donors. — IPRD/ST

NATIONAL

Objectives of 27th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition 2026

- (a) To enhance national prestige, integrity, and preserve the traditional cultural heritage of ethnic people
- (b) To preserve national characteristics and promote the national spirit, cherishing traditional culture among the younger generation
- (c) To explore, preserve and promote the sustainable development of traditional Myanmar arts
- (d) To function as a cultural and artistic institution that contributes to nation-building

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Sunday 6 September 2026)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal. The weather is a few cloud to partly cloudy over the North Bay and West central Bay of Bengal and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 7 September 2026: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing regions and Kachin, Kayah, Rakhine and northern Shan states, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago Region and Chin State, widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Taninthayi Region and Mon State. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

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

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

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the South Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST FOR Nay Pyi Taw AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 7 September 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 7 September 2026: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 7 September 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.— DMH

Channel 24, Thuta Sonelin Buddha History Examination Board to sign media partnership agreement

A media partnership agreement signing ceremony between Channel 24 and the All-Myanmar Thuta Sonelin Buddha History Examination Board (Central) will be held on 7 September to support the successful organization of the “Thuta Sonelin Buddha History Examination event”.

The signing ceremony will take place from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Monday, 7 September, at the Wazira theatre on Bogyoke Aung San Road

in Yangon.

Through the media partnership, news and programmes related to the event will be widely disseminated to the public.

The event is organized with the aim of helping younger generations of Buddhists gain a better understanding of the life, teachings and knowledge of Gotama Buddha, as well as preserving traditional cultural and religious heritage.

Now in its 13th year,



This photo captures Ma Eint Chit Thu, who won the first prize in the Thuta Sonelin Buddha History Examination.

the competition has seen standards and participation increase year by year. The event is systematically organized at various examination centres

through a tiered selection process, beginning at the township level, followed by the state/region level and culminating at the central level. — TWA/TH

Volunteers in Bangkok called for BKKCAW 2026

DOH Eain has invited Myanmar young volunteers living in Bangkok to join the Bangkok Climate Action Week (BKKCAW) which is set from 3 to 11 October.

At BKKCAW 2026, Doh Eain will share stories about climate resilience implementing across Myanmar and workshops and exhibitions are also being planned to organize.

Myanmar volunteers in Bang-

kok are called for joining the event and exploring climate resilience, community action and Myanmar's climate stories together with Doh Eain.

Interested volunteers can submit application form to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDGfbNq0UqSb-6pOWEr7wwRQd7xa6Zf5_AXk-w5J66j56pJLEQ/viewform by 27 September. — MT/ZS



Doh Eain invites volunteers in Bangkok to join BKKCAW 2026.

Heavy Rainfall Warning No 68

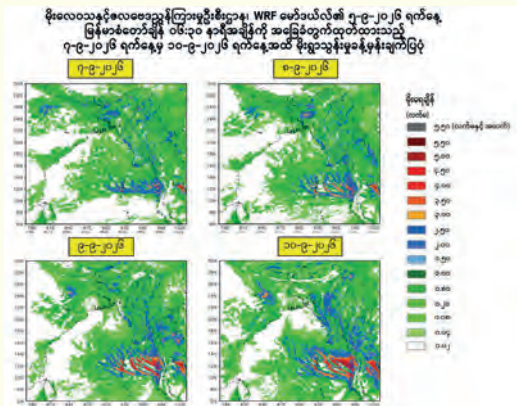
Issued at 8 am MST on 6 September 2026

ACCORDING to the observations at 6:30 am MST today, due to the strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the South Bay of Bengal and the strong development of the convective clouds such as rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Mandalay, Magway and lower Sagaing regions and Kayah State, fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in upper Sagaing and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin and Mon states from 7 to 10 September 2026.

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

Advisory

People should be aware due to the strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the South Bay of Bengal and the strong development of the convective clouds such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, flash flood and landslide in the hilly areas and near small rivers and inland water transport and domestic flights. — DMH



NATIONAL

President U Min Aung Hlaing, Spouse Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and party return from Viet Nam

The high-level Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing and spouse Daw Kyu Kyu Hla left Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi yesterday afternoon after an official visit to the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam at the invitation of Vietnamese President Mr To Lam and spouse.

The President, spouse and Myanmar delegation were seen off at the airport by senior officials led by Mr Lê Khánh Hi, Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Viet Nam and Minister at the Office of the President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and officials, the Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar, Myanmar Ambassador to Viet Nam U Wai Lin and his wife, Myanmar Military Attachés (Army, Navy and Air) Brig-Gen Zaw Min and officials.

The Guard of Honour of Viet Nam took positions

on both sides of the red carpet, saluted, and bid them farewell.

Union Ministers U Khin Maung Yi, U Tin Maung Swe, U Min Naung, Dr Charlie Than and U Tun Ohn, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Aung Naing Thu, deputy ministers and officials who accompanied the President arrived back on the same flight.

During the visit, the President of Myanmar met the President of Viet Nam and held bilateral talks, holding meetings and discussions with the Prime Minister of Viet Nam and the Chairman of the National Assembly of Viet Nam. During these meetings, they exchanged views cordially and openly on matters concerning the promotion of friendship and cooperation between the two countries, further strengthening the existing friendly relations between Myanmar and Viet Nam,



President U Min Aung Hlaing being welcomed back by officials from Vietnamese Embassy in Myanmar at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport yesterday.

and enhancing cooperation between the two governments, Hluttaws and peoples. They also discussed promoting trade and investment and enhancing cooperation across various fields and sectors. In addition, the President of Myanmar visited digital

technology and industries in Viet Nam and attended the Myanmar-Viet Nam Business Forum, where the promotion of investment and trade between the two countries was discussed.

The high-level Myanmar delegation led by President U Min Aung Hlaing

and Spouse Daw Kyu Kyu Hla arrived back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport in the evening. They were warmly welcomed back by Vice-President U Nyo Saw and Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Yi and his wife, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker

U Aung Lin Dwe and his wife, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Ye Win Oo and his wife, Union ministers and their wives, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and officials from the Vietnamese Embassy in Myanmar. — MNA/TTA

Myanmar Urged to Study Viet Nam's Economic Rise

VIET NAM is a country that has a firm and consistent position regarding Myanmar and is also a country with strong bonds of friendship and good relations with Myanmar, said President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with staff and families of the Myanmar Embassy and the Military Attaché Office and scholarship trainees at the Myanmar Embassy in Hanoi, Viet Nam, yesterday morning.

The President noted that, given Viet Nam's strong emphasis on economic development and its position as one of the leading ASEAN member states in this area, Myanmar



President U Min Aung Hlaing meets family members of the embassy and military attaché office and scholarship trainees at the Myanmar Embassy in Hanoi, Viet Nam, yesterday.

should study Viet Nam's development experience. He urged all concerned to make genuine efforts to contribute to the country's economic development.

The President stat-

ed that the government is striving to promote the development of agri-based industries and boost the national economy by developing manufacturing industries rooted in agri-

culture and livestock products. Moreover, he added that the government is exerting efforts to increase investment and trade with regional countries and partner countries. **SEE PAGE 5**

Shan State Veg Drying Plant Ships to Japan, Korea

FROM PAGE 1

The chief minister also inspected the bridge that collapsed in Innpyin Village, Kalaw Township, due to heavy rain and rising water levels, as well as the construction of a temporary bridge and preparations for the new bridge. — Maung Maung Than (Taunggyi)/MKKS



Shan State Chief Minister U Sai Htein Soe and officials observe the Myanmar Belle Vegetable Drying Factory in Heho Township, Shan State on 5 September.

NATIONAL

Myanmar, Viet Nam Seek to Expand ...

FROM PAGE 1

Speaking at the forum, Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Finance Mr Nguyen Duc Chi and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) President U Aye Win delivered opening remarks, followed by an address by Deputy Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Van Thang.

Mr Nguyen Van Thang said he was pleased to see active participation by businesses and organizations from both countries in implementing agreements and commitments reached between their governments. He said such cooperation could turn existing opportunities into practical projects that create products, jobs and tangible benefits for people in both countries.

He also stressed the importance of combining the resources and strengths of Myanmar and Viet Nam and expanding areas of cooperation. He said the forum provided an opportunity for businesses to directly share their difficulties, opportunities and future investment plans with the governments of the two countries.

The Vietnamese deputy prime minister proposed several areas for further cooperation: strengthening business connectivity and mutual support, sharing experience to promote secure and sustainable economic growth, jointly addressing difficulties faced by businesses, encouraging companies from both countries to become reliable long-term partners, and increasing Vietnamese investment in sectors where Myanmar has economic needs.

In his remarks, President U Min Aung Hlaing said the forum was being held during his visit to Viet Nam with the objective of further strengthening the longstanding friendship and cooperation between the two countries. He expressed confidence that the forum would strengthen economic cooperation between the peoples of Myanmar and Viet Nam and contribute to regional economic development.

He noted that Myanmar-Viet Nam cooperation had expanded beyond political and diplomatic relations to include security, defence, trade,

investment and other sectors. Viet Nam is an important trading partner of Myanmar, with Myanmar mainly exporting agricultural, marine and food products to Viet Nam while importing fertilizers, plastic products, vehicles and spare parts, and steel products.

Vietnamese investors are already active in Myanmar in manufacturing, transport and communications, hotels and tourism, services, mining, oil and natural gas, livestock breeding and fisheries. The President highlighted Mytel, which began operations in Myanmar in 2018, as an example of investment and technological cooperation between the two countries.

Looking ahead, Myanmar is seeking to expand cooperation with Vietnam in telecommunications, technology, manufacturing, agriculture, energy, tourism and human resources development. President U Min Aung Hlaing also invited Vietnamese business leaders to invest in value-added production, including agricultural inputs, processed food and seafood products, enabling the two countries to participate jointly in global food value chains.

He further invited Vietnamese companies to cooperate in digital infrastructure, cybersecurity, digital transformation of government services, communications technology, digital payment systems and innovation.

Tourism was identified as another promising area for bilateral economic cooperation, with opportunities in hotels and related services rooted in natural landscapes, cultural heritage and distinctive destinations of both countries. Investment opportunities were also highlighted in hydropower, solar and biomass energy, infrastructure along regional economic corridors, and the production of iron, steel and cement.

The President said Vietnamese companies could establish businesses not only in industrial zones and special economic zones but also in integrated agricultural zones and industrial projects. Myanmar has three major special economic zones: Kyaukpadaung, Thilawa and Dawei. He said the Thilawa Special Economic Zone could

play an increasingly important role through its connection to the East-West Economic Corridor, which links Myawady in Myanmar with Thailand, Laos and Da Nang in Viet Nam.

He also pointed to the potential strategic importance of the Dawei Deep Sea Port and Special Economic Zone, which could be connected with the Southern Economic Corridor linking Dawei with Bangkok, Luang Prabang and Da Nang.

Myanmar, he said, is emphasizing technology cooperation, the creation of quality employment and the development of domestic production when attracting investment. He pledged continued support to facilitate Vietnamese investment in Myanmar and said the government would prioritize efforts to increase bilateral trade and investment.

Concluding his remarks, President U Min Aung Hlaing called for faster progress in cooperation across a broad range of sectors, including trade and investment, transport, information and communications, science and technology, agriculture, livestock breeding, tourism and people-to-people relations.

He said the business forum could help establish a sustainable economic partnership that would benefit not only the present generation but also future generations, based on mutual respect, technology-driven development and mutual economic interests.

Following the forum, the President and members of his delegation visited the exhibition booths and discussed the products and presentations with officials. Businesspeople from Myanmar and Viet Nam also exchanged memoranda of understanding on cooperation, while more than 20 booths showcased products from the two countries.

President U Min Aung Hlaing later met Mr Chu Cong Phung, chairman of the Vietnam-Myanmar Friendship Association, and its members. They exchanged views on expanding economic and people-to-people relations, strengthening multifaceted cooperation and successfully implementing business activities with the support of the two governments. — MNA/ST

Magway chief minister honours returning service personnel



A ceremony to honour and provide cash awards to people's military service personnel who had completed their duties in progress in Magway on 5 September.

AN event to honour and provide cash awards to people's military service personnel who had completed their duties and returned home, followed by a dinner reception was held at the City Hall in Magway on the evening of 5 September.

The event saw Magway Region Chief Minister U Tin Ko Ko, senior officers from local military station, guests and returning public military service personnel.

Speaking at the ceremony, Chief Minister U Tin Ko Ko warmly expressed his appreciation and pride for the People's military service personnel who had fulfilled their assigned national defence and security duties ac-

cording to their age, experience and capabilities. He encouraged them to continue contributing to the interests of their communities and the country, saying they were young citizens worthy of respect and emulation.

The Chief Minister and officials then presented cash awards to 218 returning People's military service personnel from Magway Region. A total of 39 personnel from People's Military Service Batches 1 and 2 who had recently returned, and 179 personnel from Batches 3 and 4 who had returned after completing their duties, each received K100,000, for a total of K21.8 million. — Maung Khaing Min (IPRD)/KZL

Magway neem pesticide factory ...

FROM PAGE 1

The factory is currently leased to Myanmar Pesticide Company Limited for 30 years under a BOT (Build-Operate-Transfer) system. It procures raw neem seeds from Magway, Natmauk and Kyaukpadaung townships to produce and distribute neem urea, neem-coated urea fertilizers and natural pesticides.

Construction of the factory began in 2011 on a 5.32-acre plot along the Magway-Natmauk Road, and preparations for product registration and international exports are currently underway. — ASH/TH

Global NEW LIGHT of MYANMAR

www.gnlm.com.mm



CIRCULATION & DISTRIBUTION

(+95) (01) 8604532,
Hotline - 09 255597511

ADVERTISING & MARKETING

(+95) (01) 8604530,
Hotline - 09 251022355
marketing@gnlm.com.mm
subscription@gnlm.com.mm

Printed and published at the Global New Light of Myanmar Printing Factory at No.150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, by the Global New Light of Myanmar Daily under Printing Permit No. 00510 and Publishing Permit No. 00629.
gnlmnews@gmail.com,
newsroom@gnlm.com.mm
www.gnlm.com.mm

Write for us

We appreciate your feedback and contributions. If you have any comments or would like to submit editorials, analyses or reports please email aungthuya@gnlm.com.mm with your name and title.

Due to limitation of space we are only able to publish "Letter to the Editor" that do not exceed 500 words. Should you submit a text longer than 500 words please be aware that your letter will be edited.

NATIONAL

Myanmar Urged to Study Viet Nam's ...

FROM PAGE 3

He stressed that staff of the embassy and military attaché office, together with their families, should work collectively through diplomatic channels to further strengthen bilateral relations and promote mutually beneficial economic activities, including export and import trade between the two countries.

After the meeting, the President and his spouse presented gifts and cash awards to embassy and military attaché office staff, their families, and trainees through the Ambassador and the Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air).
The President and his spouse cordially greeted those families and trainees. — MNA/TTA

Sagaing Region completes Sanpya-Nanzalu concrete road

THE Sanpya-Nanzalu concrete road, constructed by the Kalay District Rural Road Development Department with the Sagaing Region Government's capital fund, has been completed, according to the regional government.

Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Ko Lay, accompanied by regional ministers, inspected the completed road and gave necessary instructions regarding the project yesterday.

During the visit, the chief minister attended and encouraged a field demonstration on weeding and broadcasting fertilizer to increase monsoon paddy yields, held in the monsoon paddy field of local farmer U Maung Khin in Nanzalu Village, Kalay Township. The chief minister coordinated

measures to address the requests of local farmers and distributed natural pesticides and foliar fertilizers to them.

Additionally, the chief minister visited the "Mitharsu" rice mill in Myotha Ward, Kalay, which has a daily milling capacity of 30-tonne, to observe milling, packaging and raw-material storage operations. He also attended a field demonstration on the application of gypsum and triple superphosphate fertilizers to rehabilitate flood-submerged monsoon paddy fields in Chanmyay Aungsi Ward along the Kalay-Tonzang Cikung-Kalewa Highway. He then inspected healthcare services being provided to patients at the local Tatmadaw Hospital. — Regional IPRD/TH



Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Ko Lay inspects storage of rice bags at the rice mill in Kalay.

Relief and flood prevention efforts underway in Ayeyawady's 6 townships

ON the night of 30 July, heavy rain and river erosion caused water to overflow from the Ngawun River embankment, flooding wards and villages in Ayeyawady Region. As a result, flooding affected five wards and several villages in Laymyethna Township, as well as 14 wards and some villages across Hinthada, Yekyi, Ngathaingyoung, Kyonpyaw and Kyaunggon townships.

Despite the flooding, water levels in the Ngawun River have decreased: in Kyonpyaw Township, where the river level peaked at approximately eight feet one inch on 30 August, it has dropped by about one foot two inches to approx-

imately six feet 11 inches yesterday; in Kyaunggon Township, where it peaked at approximately seven feet one inch on 30 August, it has fallen by about 11 inches to approximately six feet two inches yesterday; and in Yekyi Township, where it reached a high of approximately 11 feet two inches on 24 August, it has decreased by about four feet four inches to approximately six feet 10 inches yesterday.

Tatmadaw personnel from the South-West Command, together with police personnel, firefighters, social welfare groups, charitable organizations and local residents, conducted cleaning activities at



Tatmadaw members clear debris in flooded areas of Ayeyawady Region.

monasteries, schools, hospitals and clinics in townships, villages and wards where the water level had receded.

Food packages and other necessities continue to be provided to flood victims in relief camps, along with timely emergency healthcare services and comprehensive assistance with rehabil-

itation activities.

In addition, efforts are continuing to reinforce low-lying areas vulnerable to flooding and prevent the inflow of floodwaters by using methods such as placing large geotextile bags, filling sandbags, and driving steel sheet piles using machinery and manpower. — MNA/TH

Online scam operations continue to be investigated

AUTHORITIES are continuing investigations into online scam activities, with a further two foreign nationals identified and detained and preparations made for their deportation.

The government has been investigating and identifying foreign nationals who illegally entered and stayed in border areas and became involved in criminal activities, including online gambling and online scams, and has been systematically deporting and transferring them to their respective countries in accordance with laws and procedures.

In the latest operation, one Chinese national and one Nigerian national, who had illegally entered sites around Myawady in Kayin State through unauthorized routes after passing through Thailand and some other neighbouring

countries were detained. Authorities are conducting the necessary checks for their deportation.

Officials led by U Ye Lin Maung, Chairman of the Myawady District Administration and Administrative Committee and District Administrator, inspected the ongoing collection of personal information and records by interdepartmental teams to facilitate the swift transfer of the foreign nationals to their respective countries, and coordinated necessary measures.

From 30 January 2025 to 6 September 2026, a total of 14,769 foreign nationals who had illegally entered Myawady Township were detained. Investigations into all of them have been completed, and 13,888 were systematically transferred to their respective countries via Thailand in accord-



Officials collect data about foreign nationals who illegally enter Myanmar arrested in Myawady.

ance with laws and procedures.

Of the remaining 881 foreign nationals, 661 have been prosecuted under Section 3(1)/13(1) of the Myanmar Immigration (Emergency Provisions) Act and the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. The remaining 220 foreign nationals are ready to be transferred to their respective countries.

The government is also actively cooperating with neighbouring and regional countries and in-

ternational organizations to identify, arrest and take strong action against foreign nationals involved in Online Scam Centres, including those operating behind the scenes.

At the same time, efforts are made to coordinate the speedy repatriation of foreign nationals who have fallen into difficult circumstances for various reasons, as well as foreign nationals who have been victims of human trafficking, to their respective countries. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

Livelihood technical skill training conducted in Sagaing



Livestock technical skills training (livestock) in progress.

AS part of the rehabilitation plan for quake-affected communities in Sagaing Region, the Myanmar Red

Cross Society conducted a livelihood technical skills training (livestock) in Sagaing from 21 to 23 August. It was jointly organized by the Red Cross volunteers and staff from the Mandalay earthquake relief and rehabilitation office (Sagaing branch), International Committee of the Red Cross staff from the Mandalay office and staff from the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department.

At the training, which

was designed to help local livestock farms operate systematically, 60 persons from 60 households who earn from livestock farming attended. Livestock and veterinary experts trained participants in techniques on animal breeding, vaccination and prescribed methods in case of disease outbreaks.

In addition, functions of the Red Cross and danger awareness and safety tips were also taught. — MT/ZS

Myanmar Embassy in Singapore suspends facebook use, warns of fake pages



A fake page carrying a notice for applicants submitting passport-renewal forms.

THE Myanmar Embassy in Singapore has announced that it has suspended all Facebook activities after its official pages were disrupted, and

warned Myanmar nationals to beware of fraudulent websites and pages impersonating the embassy.

The embassy continues to provide consular services and issue announcements through its official website, Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and its Telegram channel, Myanmar Embassy in Singapore. Previously, its Facebook account, Myanmar Embassy, Singapore, had been used to announce passport-re-

newal appointment lists, school examination dates and results, notices about lost property, and consular services.

However, the official Facebook pages “Myanmar Embassy, Singapore” and “မြန်မာသံရုံး၊ စင်ကာပူမြို့” have been inaccessible since 2 September because of interference by certain individuals. The embassy said it would issue a further announcement if the pages became available again. — TWA/KNN

Notice issued on requirements for certificate application through Myanmar Post

THE Department of Myanmar Examinations has announced that individuals applying for their certificates through Myanmar Post must submit their citizenship scrutiny card and photos in compliance with specified requirements, as the photos sent by the Online Service Portal (OSP) will be affixed to the certificates.

Applications will be temporarily rejected if the submitted photos do not meet the criteria, are of poor quality, or are unsuitable for affixing onto the certificate. So far, 61 postal certificate applications have been temporarily rejected for various

reasons.

When re-submitting photos, they must comply with the specified size of 1.5 inches by two inches without white borders, and only high-quality original digital photographs must be submitted. Applicants can check the status of their application using their received QR number or national registration card details via the checking link: <https://osp.dme.gov.mm/search/booking>.

Furthermore, since applicants are only allowed to re-edit and re-submit their photo once, they are advised to thoroughly check it before re-submitting. — MT/ZN



Certain information in the Online Service Portal (OSP) for applicants.

Disaster management team member critically injured in armed attack in Taninthayi

A member of the Myeik District Natural Disaster Management Body sustained severe injuries on 5 September evening after their convoy was ambushed by a terrorist group while returning to Myeik from Taninthayi Township, Taninthayi Region. The team had travelled to

the area to distribute basic food supplies, relief aid, and emergency items to flood victims, as well as to deliver healthcare services to local residents.

The attack took place near a road bend at Kamto Village, just past Yanpho Village in Taninthayi Township, as the convoy made

its return journey by motor vehicle. An armed group opened fire from across the river opposite Kamto Village, seriously wounding one of the team members.

The victim suffered a bullet wound that entered and exited the left upper arm, along with a critical penetrating gunshot wound

to the left flank. After initially receiving inpatient treatment at the emergency ward of the local Tatmadaw hospital in Myeik, the injured member was transferred yesterday to the emergency unit of the Myeik People's Hospital for continued medical care. — District IPRD/ST



A scene of incident that the disaster management team member was attacked by terrorists on 5 September.

NATIONAL

Myanmar apparel showcased at Texworld Apparel Sourcing Paris



Myanmar apparel and fashion products put on display at the Texworld Apparel Sourcing Paris “Weaving the Future” exhibition.

MYANMAR apparel and fashion products were featured at the Texworld Apparel Sourcing Paris trade fair, held from 31 August to 2 September at the Paris-Le Bourget Centre in France, according to the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA).

The MGMA delegation, led by U Kyin Tun, Central Executive of the MGMA and Managing Director of Newest Garment Manufacturing Co Ltd, including representatives from Shwe Sakar Co Ltd, Lat War Co Ltd, Bileikpyan Cotton and Fabric, and Manussa Fashion, participated in the trade fair.

The delegation met Mr Frederic Bougeard, the event organizer, Chairman and CEO of Messe Frankfurt France SAS, during which they exchanged ideas to enhance business opportunities for Myanmar entrepreneurs in the textile and fashion sector.

Texworld Apparel Sourcing Paris is an international trade fair held twice a year, connecting European buyers with Asian garment producers and textile manufacturers. This year’s edition, themed “Weaving the Future”, featured approximately 1,300 exhibitors from 35 countries, including Myanmar. — ASH/KK

Shwedagon invites tenders for 2027 calendar printing

THE Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees has invited publishers to submit price quotations for printing the 2027 pagoda calendar.

The board plans to print 25,000 large size copies of calendars and 15,000 small size copies of calendars.

Tender forms, including detailed specifications and bidding terms, are available from 7 to 11 September at the Board of Trustees office, for a fee of K10,000 per set. Bids will be opened at 1:00 pm on 25 September.

Individuals can enquire about further details by dialling 01 371089 or 01 383508 during office hours. — NN/KK



Pilgrims are seen on the platform of Shwedagon Pagoda.

DTVET to offer diploma courses for 2026-2027 AY



Students participate in practical work at engineering course of GTI.

THE Department of Technical, Vocational Education and Training (DTVET) under the Ministry of Science and Technology announced that applications are open for diploma programmes at Government Technical Institutes (GTIs) for the 2026-2027 academic year.

The courses include Civil Engineering, Electrical Power Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Automotive Maintenance Technology, and Information Technology.

Government employees who hold a Government Technical High School (GTHS) certificate and meet the service length requirements set by their respective ministries are eligible to attend the courses.

The entrance examination for English, Mathematics and the relevant Specialized subject will be held between 10 and 11 September.

Candidates who pass the written exam will be announced on 23 October on the DTVET website www.dtv.gov.mm and at the respective institutions. Successful candidates must then sit for an interview on 30 or 31 October.

Applicants must submit their forms, along with required documents (GTHS certificate, three passport-sized photos taken within six months, matriculation certificate, and citizenship scrutiny card copy), to the nearest government technological college, technical institute or school by 1 October.

Applicants must be under 45 years of age as of 1 October, and must have official approval and endorsement from their respective ministry and departmental head. Without these endorsements, applications will not be considered. Selected candidates must attend full time classes and comply with all institutional rules.

Application forms can be downloaded through www.dtv.gov.mm or can be collected through the relevant government technical college, institute or school during office hours. Interested individuals can enquire about the scope of the subjects and details through the official website or the college, institute and schools. — NN/KK

Applications open for 2027 Hajj pilgrimage

THE 2027 Hajj Pilgrimage Verification Committee announced that applications for the 2027 Hajj pilgrimage are now open.

The application form is available for K1,000 until 18 September during office hours at regional and state religious affairs offices, the Islamic Religious Affairs Council located at 184, 3rd Floor, Bo Sun Pak Street, Pabedan Township, Yangon, and its regional/state branches.

If the number of applicants exceeds the allocated quota, a transparent public lottery system will be used for selection purposes. The estimated cost per pilgrim is US\$4,500.

Applicants must hold a valid Myanmar passport. Interested individuals can enquire about further details through the 2027 Hajj Pilgrimage Verification Committee, regional/state religious affairs offices, or by contacting the Islamic Religious Affairs Council Myanmar at 09 5162603, 09 5137704, or 09 795502882. — NN/KK

Daily newspapers available online

FOR those who would like to read the Myanma Alinn, the Kyemon and the Global New Light of Myanmar, published daily by the Ministry of Information, please visit www.moi.gov.mm/mal, www.moi.gov.mm/km, www.moi.gov.mm/nlm and www.gnlm.com.mm/e-paper.

News and Periodicals Enterprise



Enhance friendship and cooperation between Myanmar and Viet Nam

Viet Nam and Myanmar had close friendship and good historical relations that had been nurtured by the leaders and peoples of the two countries over successive generations. The diplomatic relations between the two countries have reached their 50th anniversary, marking the golden jubilee.

The two countries have been able to cooperate amicably across a wide range of fields and sectors. The Comprehensive Cooperative Partnership established between the two countries in 2017 will mark its 10th anniversary in 2027. To commemorate this milestone, the two countries will work together to further elevate and strengthen bilateral relations to a higher level and formulate a practical cooperation plan for the next decade.

Cooperation between the two armed forces also played an important role in further strengthening the good relations between the two countries, together with their existing bonds of friendship and cordiality. The two countries wished to further promote relations among their respective governments, parliaments, political parties and peoples. The greater exchanges and interactions should be encouraged not only among parliamentarians but also among young and women parliamentarians.

Viet Nam, Laos and Myanmar could cooperate in effectively utilizing the Asian Highway Network and the East-West Economic Corridor to further strengthen stable and secure connectivity. It is necessary to enhance practical cooperation among the three countries in the transport, cross-border trade and logistics sectors in order to further strengthen the Myanmar-Thailand-Laos-Viet Nam East-West Economic Corridor.

Upgrading transport routes such as the Myanmar-Laos-Viet Nam and Myanmar-Thailand-Laos-Viet Nam corridors and connecting them with Myanmar could bring significant benefits to regional trade and socioeconomic development.

The Myanmar-India-Thailand Trilateral Highway project was also being implemented. By connecting Viet Nam to this highway through Laos and Myanmar, Viet Nam would be able to gain access to South Asian and western markets, including India, while Myanmar could likewise gain easier access to East Asian markets through Laos and Viet Nam. The traditional bonds of friendship and the multifaceted and multisectoral cooperation between Myanmar and Viet Nam would advance to a new level.

Myanmar and Viet Nam are ready to advance to a new stage of comprehensive, robust and practical cooperation. It is necessary for the two countries to further promote cooperation across a wide range of areas, including enhancing political trust and mutual understanding between the two countries; defence and security; the economy, trade and investment; connectivity; information and technology cooperation; social affairs, culture, education and tourism; and mutual support and cooperation on regional and international issues.

From Diplomatic Visit to Investment Partnership: Strengthening Myanmar-Viet Nam Economic Cooperation

By Khant Ko Ko Aung – Statistics

“The objective should not simply be to attract factories, however. Investment should ideally generate local value-added, employment, skills development, technology transfer and opportunities for Myanmar businesses to become part of supply chains.”

The official goodwill visit of President U Min Aung Hlaing to Viet Nam comes at an important time for Myanmar-Viet Nam relations. The visit is expected to provide an opportunity to strengthen the long-standing friendship between the two countries while opening new possibilities for economic cooperation, particularly in trade and investment. For Myanmar, the significance of the visit should extend beyond diplomatic engagement. It offers an opportunity to translate political goodwill into concrete economic cooperation that can contribute to investment, employment, technology transfer, production and sustainable economic development.

The direction of this cooperation was already highlighted during Vietnamese Foreign Minister Le Hoai Trung’s visit to Myanmar on 26 August 2026. During his meetings with President U Min Aung Hlaing, the two sides discussed expanding business, bilateral trade and investment cooperation and developing practical mechanisms to strengthen economic relations. The two sides also discussed the goal of increasing bilateral trade to US\$1 billion. These discussions provide a timely foundation for considering what Myanmar could seek from the current Presidential visit and how the two countries can further strengthen their economic partnership.

From the perspective of foreign direct investment, Viet Nam is already an important investment partner for Myanmar. According to Myanmar’s Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA), as of 30 April 2026, Vietnamese investors had been permitted to undertake 31 investment projects in Myanmar with total approved capital of approximately US\$2.082 billion. This represents about 2.21 per cent of Myanmar’s total permitted foreign investment. Although the number of Vietnamese projects is relatively small compared with some other major investor countries, the amount of capital associated with these projects is significant.

The historical pattern is also noteworthy.

A substantial portion of Vietnamese investment in Myanmar was approved during 2017-2018, when approximately US\$1.386 billion was recorded. This demonstrates that Vietnamese companies are capable of undertaking large-scale investments in Myanmar when appropriate opportunities and conditions are available. The challenge now is to create a new generation of investment opportunities that can attract Vietnamese capital into a wider range of productive sectors.

Viet Nam is particularly important to Myanmar because it should not be viewed simply as another source of foreign capital. Over the past several decades, Viet Nam has developed considerable experience in attracting foreign investment and integrating foreign-invested enterprises into manufacturing, exports and regional production networks. Official Vietnamese data show that by the end of 2024, Viet Nam had more than 42,000 valid foreign-invested projects with accumulated registered capital of approximately US\$502.8 billion. Realized foreign investment had reached approximately US\$322.5 billion. In 2024 alone, newly registered, additionally registered, and share-purchase foreign investment amounted to approximately US\$38.23 billion, while realized FDI reached approximately US\$25.35 billion.

These figures are relevant to Myanmar because Viet Nam’s experience offers lessons not only in attracting investment but also in creating an environment in which investment contributes to industrial development, exports, technology and employment. Myanmar does not need to copy Viet Nam’s development model, but there is considerable value in learning from its experience in investment promotion, industrial zones, manufacturing, export-oriented production, human-resource development and the connection of domestic businesses with international supply chains.

Against this background, the current Presidential visit could provide an opportunity to encourage a new wave of Vietnamese investment in Myanmar. Manufacturing and

agro-processing should be among the priority areas. Myanmar has substantial agricultural resources, while Viet Nam has strong experience in agricultural technology, food processing, packaging and export-oriented production. Greater Vietnamese investment in Myanmar could help transform agricultural commodities into higher-value processed products, creating opportunities not only for investors but also for farmers, local businesses, logistics providers and workers.

Manufacturing more broadly also deserves attention. Myanmar’s strategic location between South Asia, China and South-East Asia provides a potential advantage for companies seeking to diversify their production and supply chains. Vietnamese companies with manufacturing and regional market experience could find opportunities in food processing, consumer goods, building materials, garments and other industries where Myanmar possesses market or resource advantages. The objective should not simply be to attract factories, however. Investment should ideally generate local value-added, employment, skills development, technology transfer and opportunities for Myanmar businesses to become part of supply chains.

Digital transformation represents another area in which cooperation could be expanded. The recent Myanmar-Viet Nam discussions included digital transformation as an area of cooperation, and Vietnamese officials proposed studying a bilateral digital transformation programme beginning with practical pilot projects. For Myanmar, this could open opportunities for cooperation in digital government, information and communications technology, digital financial services, e-commerce, digital logistics, technology-based manufacturing and digital skills development. Investment in these areas could contribute not only to capital formation but also to the technological upgrading of Myanmar’s economy.

Energy and infrastructure should also be considered in the broader investment relationship. Myanmar has opportunities in renewable energy, logistics, warehousing, transport and other infrastructure-related activities. Vietnamese companies have experience in infrastructure development, manufacturing and energy-related investment. Carefully selected and commercially viable projects in these areas could strengthen Myanmar’s productive capacity and improve connectivity between producers, markets and regional supply chains.

Tourism is another sector with potential for cooperation. Myanmar and Viet Nam share rich cultural and natural attractions,

while Viet Nam has developed a large and increasingly sophisticated tourism industry. Greater cooperation could involve hotel and tourism investment, tourism infrastructure, training, joint tourism promotion and stronger connectivity. Such cooperation would have the potential to generate employment and income across a wide range of local businesses.

At the same time, Myanmar should look beyond attracting large corporations. Vietnamese small and medium-sized enterprises could also become important partners for Myanmar businesses. Joint ventures and business partnerships can bring together Vietnamese capital, technology, management experience and regional market access with Myanmar’s local knowledge, resources, workforce and market opportunities. A stronger network of Myanmar-Vietnamese business partnerships could therefore create benefits that extend beyond the initial amount of FDI.

Trade should also move together with investment. Recent official Vietnamese data indicate that bilateral trade has considerable room for expansion. According to Vietnam’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, bilateral trade reached approximately US\$590 million in 2025, while trade during the first six months of 2026 was approximately US\$335 million. The two countries have discussed the goal of increasing bilateral trade to US\$1 billion. Achieving that target would require stronger participation by businesses on both sides and, importantly, greater opportunities for Myanmar’s exports to the Vietnamese market.

Investment can play an important role in achieving this objective. Vietnamese companies operating in Myanmar could use local production and resources to supply both the

Myanmar market and regional markets. At the same time, Myanmar enterprises could become suppliers to Vietnamese-invested companies. In this way, investment could generate production, production could generate trade, and trade could encourage further investment.

The current visit could therefore be an appropriate occasion to consider establishing or strengthening a dedicated Myanmar-Viet Nam investment promotion and facilitation mechanism. Such a mechanism could bring together relevant government agencies and business representatives from both countries and provide a regular platform for identifying investment opportunities, matching investors with local businesses, facilitating existing investments and addressing practical investment-related issues. It could also support technology transfer, SME cooperation and the development of local supplier networks.

Myanmar could also consider developing a medium-term Myanmar-Viet Nam Investment Cooperation Roadmap with measurable objectives. Such a roadmap could cover investment, manufacturing, agriculture, digital transformation, logistics, tourism, technology transfer, SME partnerships and trade. The purpose would not simply be to establish ambitious numerical targets, but to create a practical framework that identifies priority sectors, potential investors, investment projects and mechanisms for implementation.

A particularly important issue is investment facilitation after an investment has entered the country. Existing Vietnamese investors are valuable potential ambassadors for future investment. If investors receive effective facilitation and can operate within a predictable, transparent and legally sound environment, they are more likely to expand

their businesses and recommend Myanmar to other investors. Investment promotion therefore should not end when an investment permit or endorsement is granted. It should continue through investment facilitation, investor aftercare and constructive dialogue between investors and relevant authorities.

Myanmar already has a legal foundation for investment cooperation with Viet Nam. The two countries signed the Agreement for the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments in 2000. This provides an important basis for investor confidence and bilateral investment relations. The focus going forward could therefore be on making existing arrangements more effective in practice and ensuring that investors have clear information about investment procedures, opportunities and applicable laws and regulations.

The broader objective should be to move Myanmar’s approach to foreign direct investment from general investment attraction towards targeted investment promotion. Rather than simply communicating that Myanmar welcomes foreign investors, investment authorities can identify specific sectors, projects, locations and investment opportunities and present them directly to suitable Vietnamese companies. A targeted approach can connect a particular project with a particular investor and clearly communicate the available market, resources, infrastructure, legal framework and potential business partners.

This approach is especially relevant because the latest DICA figures show that Viet Nam has already demonstrated its capacity to make substantial investments in Myanmar. The US\$2.082 billion in approved Vietnamese investment represents an important foundation, but the relatively small number of 31 permitted projects also indicates that there is room to broaden the relationship. The next stage should therefore focus not only on increasing the amount of Vietnamese FDI but also on improving its quality and economic impact.

For Myanmar, the most valuable outcome of the forthcoming visit would not necessarily be the signing of a large number of agreements. The real measure of success would be whether those agreements lead to investment projects, business partnerships, production, employment, technology transfer and increased trade. A high-level visit can create political momentum, but sustained institutional cooperation and business engagement are needed to turn that momentum into economic results.

SEE PAGE 12

Source: Directorate of Investment and Company Administration, Myanmar. Data as of 30 April 2026.

DELICACY/NEWS QUIZ

Sago Pudding

THE traditional dessert I would like to introduce this time is Sago Pudding, a popular Myanmar sweet enjoyed not only by Myanmar people but also by foreigners who love trying new and distinctive flavours.

Cooked with palm jaggery syrup, Sago Pudding is one of Myanmar’s traditional desserts that highlights the pure, natural flavours of its ingredients. It is also easy to prepare and widely enjoyed as a traditional sweet treat.

Sago Pudding has a naturally fragrant aroma and a gentle, mellow sweetness from palm jaggery, without an overpowering sugary taste. The Sago pearls have a soft, smooth, sticky and jelly-like texture that is easy to chew. Topped with grated coconut or drizzled with coconut milk, the dessert becomes wonderfully rich and creamy, creating a delightful combination of flavours.

So, let’s take a look at what you need to make Sago Pudding and how to prepare it.

Ingredients

- 1. Sago pearls – 1 cup
- 2. Palm jaggery – about 15-20 Kyatha (tical) (adjust according to taste)
- 3. Water – about 5-6 cups
- 4. Salt – ¼ teaspoon, to enhance the flavour
- 5. Grated coconut or coconut pieces – a small amount

Step-by-Step Preparation

Preparing the Palm Jaggery Syrup

- First, place the palm jaggery and a small amount of water in a saucepan and heat until the jaggery melts.
- Once completely melted, strain the syrup through a sieve to remove any impurities or sand.

Rinsing the Sago

- Quickly rinse the Sago pearls with cold water and drain well. Do not soak them in water.

Cooking the Sago

- Pour the water into a pot and bring it to a rolling boil.
- Add the Sago pearls and cook over medium heat,

Traditional Myanmar Delicacy



stirring continuously to prevent them from sticking to the bottom of the pot.

Adding the Palm Jaggery Syrup

- When the Sago pearls become mostly translucent, with only a small white centre remaining, add the strained palm jaggery syrup and a little salt. Stir well.

Finishing

- Continue simmering over low heat until the Sago pearls become completely translucent and the mixture thickens. Turn off the heat.

Serving

- Spoon the pudding into serving bowls and top with grated coconut or drizzle with coconut milk. It can be enjoyed either warm or chilled.

Sago Pudding with Rice Dumplings and Sweet Potato

Some people prefer not to eat Sago Pudding on its own, but add rice-flour dumplings and sweet potato to make it more substantial. The combination creates a traditional dessert with a richer flavour and a satisfying texture, with the dumplings adding a pleasantly chewy bite.

Here is an additional recipe for preparing Sago Pudding with rice dumplings and sweet potato.

Preparing the Rice Dumplings

Ingredients

- Glutinous rice flour – about 1 cup
- Warm water – as needed
- Salt – a small amount

Making the Dough

- Add a little salt to the glutinous rice flour.
- Gradually add warm water and knead until a firm dough forms that does not stick to your hands.

Shaping the Dumplings

- Pinch off small pieces of dough and roll them between your palms.
- Shape them into small elongated pieces resembling rice grains, or simply roll them into small balls.

Boiling the Dumplings

- Add the dumplings to boiling water and cook until they float to the surface, indicating that they are done.
- Remove them and immediately place them in cold water.

Cooking the dumplings separately in this way helps keep the Sago Pudding from becoming overly cloudy and sticky, while giving the dumplings a pleasantly firm, chewy texture.

Preparing the Sweet Potato

- Varieties: Yellow, orange or purple sweet potatoes can be used according to preference.
- Peel and wash the sweet potatoes, then cut them into small, bite-sized cubes.

SEE PAGE 11



Weekly News Quiz

(for 7 September 2026)

THE following quiz is based on three national news stories and two international news stories published in Thursday’s newspaper (3 September 2026).

National News Quiz

1. The Myanmar Government despatched emergency relief assistance to disaster-stricken communities near the Nepal-China border via a Tatmadaw Y-8 aircraft, carrying US\$500,000 in cash and how many tonnes of beans (black gram and chickpeas)?
 - A. 5 tonnes
 - B. 8 tonnes
 - C. 10 tonnes
 - D. 12 tonnes
2. Breaking ground in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay, which project marks the first structure in Myanmar to incorporate modern seismic-isolator technology to mitigate earthquake impacts?
 - A. Mandalay Management Corporation (MMC) building

- B. Yadanabon Cyber City Tower
 - C. Mingala Mandalay Trade Centre
 - D. Central Myanmar Financial Hub
3. The historic Yadanagu Pagoda in Amarapura Township, which annually hosts its festival alongside the Popa Medawgyi Nat Festival during the month of Wagoung, was originally constructed by which monarch?
 - A. King Bodawpaya
 - B. King Mingyi Swa Sawke of Inwa
 - C. King Thalun
 - D. King Mindon

Global News Quiz

4. NASA has awarded a commercial contract valued at up to US\$700 million to which aerospace company to develop and operate the Mars Telecommunications Network?
 - A. SpaceX
 - B. Lockheed Martin
 - C. Blue Origin
 - D. Northrop Grumman
5. An ancient mining and metal production workshop dating back 8,800 to 8,900 years (6900-6800 BC) containing copper beads and malachite was recently discovered at which Neolithic site in southeastern Türkiye?
 - A. Göbekli Tepe
 - B. Çatalhöyük
 - C. Cayonu Mound
 - D. Arslantepe Mound

SEE ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON PAGE 15

Traditional
Myanmar Delicacy

FROM PAGE 10

Combining and Cooking the Ingredients

- Cooking the Sweet Potato and Sago
- Once the water comes to a boil, add the sweet potato cubes and rinsed Sago pearls.
 - Cook them together. The sweet potato should become tender at approximately the same time that the Sago becomes mostly translucent, which generally takes about 8-10 minutes.

Adding the Palm Jaggery Syrup

- Once the sweet potato is tender and only a small white centre remains in the Sago pearls, add the prepared palm jaggery syrup and a little salt. Stir well.

Adding the Rice Dumplings

- Once the palm jaggery syrup has blended evenly with the Sago, drain the rice dumplings that have been soaking in cold water and add them to the pot.
- Cook for another 1-2 minutes over low heat to allow the sweetness to penetrate the dumplings, then turn off the heat.

Serving

- Transfer to serving bowls and top with grated coconut or drizzle with coconut milk before serving.

Helpful Tips

It is recommended not to add the rice dumplings directly to the Sago Pudding without boiling them separately first. Doing so may cause the dumplings to stick together and can make the Sago Pudding excessively sticky and cloudy.

Palm jaggery syrup should be added while the sweet potatoes are not yet completely soft. The sweetness in the jaggery helps the sweet potato retain its firmness and prevents it from becoming overly mushy.

Health Benefits

- Sago is rich in carbohydrates and is relatively easy to digest, making it a quick source of energy for children, older adults and people recovering from illness.
- According to traditional Myanmar medicine and nutritional beliefs, Sago and palm jaggery are considered cooling foods that can help soothe and comfort the stomach.
- Unlike refined white sugar, palm jaggery contains naturally occurring minerals such as iron, magnesium and potassium.
- As a naturally gluten-free food, Sago Pudding can also be enjoyed by people with gluten intolerance.

And with that, we come to the end of this week's feature. Enjoy your delicious bowl of traditional Myanmar Sago Pudding! — MOON

Gold Market Rate as of
6 September 2026

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K7,150,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

Irrigation water supplied to over
34,000 acres of monsoon rice in Minbu

MORE than 34,000 acres of monsoon paddy are being supplied with irrigation water from the Aingma Diversion Weir in Minbu (Saku) Township and the Mezali Diversion Weir in Pwintbyu Township, Magway Region, during the 2026-27 monsoon rice-growing season.

Officials from the Minbu District Agriculture and Livestock Supervision Committee, led by committee chairman and District Administrator U Aye Lwin, inspected the distribution of irrigation water and the progress of monsoon paddy cultivation in Minbu (Saku) Township on 4 September. He also gave instructions to ensure that the targeted acreage of monsoon rice is fully cultivated.

Under the supervision of district and township officials from the Irriga-



Photo shows Aingma Diversion Weir which distributes irrigation water to monsoon paddy fields in Minbu (Saku) Township. PHOTO: MAUNG MAUNG (MINBU)

tion and Water Utilization Management Department (Irrigation), irrigation water has been distributed to 29,815 acres of monsoon paddy in the North Mann Canal and South Mann Canal areas supplied by the Aingma Diversion Weir. A further 4,410 acres in the South Mone Canal area are being cultivated with water from the Mezali Diversion Weir.

Irrigation water has been supplied to local farmers in the relevant irrigation areas since 15 June. The main rice varieties being cultivated include Sin Thukha, Manaw Thukha, Ayeyar Min and Yadana Toe.

Daw Shwe Sin Ko, the township officer in charge of the department, said relevant authorities were working together with lo-

cal farmers to ensure that this year's monsoon rice cultivation target is fully achieved and, if possible, exceeded.

For the 2026-27 cultivation season, a total of 34,225 acres of monsoon paddy have been targeted for cultivation under the irrigation systems of the Aingma and Mezali diversion weirs.

As of 4 September, about 29,000 acres of monsoon paddy had been planted in the Aingma irrigation area and 4,400 acres in the Mezali irrigation area, bringing the total cultivated area to approximately 33,400 acres. Irrigation water will continue to be supplied adequately to farmers throughout the monsoon rice cultivation period. — Maung Maung (Minbu)/ST

Advanced Mechanic training by instructors
from JUKI Singapore to open this month

AIMED at helping mechanics from garment factories master the necessary technologies more proficiently, an advanced mechanic training course, taught by instructors from JUKI Singapore Pte Ltd, will be conducted from 21 to 25 September at the Myanmar Garment Human Resources Development Centre (MGHRDC).

The course will feature lessons related to the Bar Tack Machine, Button Hole Machine, Overlock Machine, Flat Lock Machine, and QQ Machine

currently used in garment factories.

The training will run daily from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on these days, with a tuition fee of K100,000. Mechanics in garment factories are encouraged to attend it to upgrade their professional skills.

For detailed information, people can contact the phone numbers 09 795 405 583 or 09 450 723 262, or visit MGHRDC located at No (400/B), Lower Mingaladon Road, Sinngu Ward, Insein Township, Yangon. — MT/ZN



Poster regarding the advanced mechanic training course at MGHRDC.

MAI Career Fair 2026 to offer aviation industry
opportunities

THE MAI Career Fair 2026 will be held at the International Business Centre (IBC) in Hline Township, Yangon Region, from 10 am to 5 pm on 12 and 13 September, according to Myanmar Airways International (MAI).

The event will provide opportunities for those interested in the aviation industry. MAI's food and beverage partners will also participate, and knowledge-sharing sessions on the aviation industry will be held.

During the fair, interested applicants can scan a QR code provided by MAI's HR partner, JobNet, to submit their personal details. Interviews will also be conducted. — ASH/KZL

NATIONAL/ARTICLE

Emergency repairs underway on damaged Nyaungdonkyun embankment



Volunteers participate in repairing damaged Nyaungdonkyun embankment.

A section of the Nyaungdonkyun embankment (Ayeyawady tributary) between mileposts 11/6 and 11/7, near Ganchaung Village in Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region, eroded and collapsed along a stretch measuring roughly 300 feet long and 45 feet wide due to river currents on the morning of 25 August.

To provide immediate, temporary protection against further bank erosion, emergency reinforcement operations are being aggressively executed using heavy machinery. Remedial measures include constructing a temporary setback embankment between mileposts 11/5 and 11/6, shoring up the base of the original irrigation em-

bankment with sandbags over an estimated 700-foot stretch, and building an inner setback embankment between mileposts 11/6 + 300 feet and 11/7 + 600 feet. The riverbank stabilization work is also proceeding with the deployment of porcupines, the laying of geotextile sheets, the installation of two steel cable groynes, and mid-river sandbar dredging.

The operations are being carried out through the concerted efforts of local Tatmadaw personnel, Myanmar Police Force members, civil society organizations, and local residents. Officials from the Yangon Command inspected the site and coordinated necessary logistics. — MNA/ST

Officials help family of deceased Myanmar worker secure compensation

FOR a Myanmar worker who died after falling from a garbage truck, the Labour Attaché Office in Bangkok said it has helped his family to obtain access to benefits under the Thailand law.

The Myanmar worker, U Than Min Tun also known as Thae Min

Tun worked as sanitation worker in Hua Hin, Prachuap Khiri Khan Province and died after falling from the roof of a garbage truck on 29 August 2026.

Following request for help from his family, the labour attaché visited the workplace on 31 August and held media-

tion with concerned parties. Officials helped in carrying the body from the hospital to a local monastery for cremation on 2 September.

The office said it has continued helping the worker's family in gaining access to compensation entitled by the Thailand law. — MT/ZS

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 8 am MST on 6 September 2026)

ACCORDING to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Thanlwin River at Hpa-an has exceeded by about one foot two inches above its danger level. It may fall about six inches during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

According to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Sittoung River at Madauk has exceeded by about one foot three inches above its danger level. It may fall about eight inches during the

next one day and may remain above its danger level.

According to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of Bago River at Bago has exceeded by about 10 inches above its danger level. It may fall about six inches during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

It is especially advised to the people who settle near the river banks and low-lying areas in Hpa-an, Bago townships and Madauk, to take precaution measure. — DMH

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

From Diplomatic Visit to Investment Partnership: ...

FROM PAGE 9

The desired process is straightforward: high-level diplomatic engagement should lead to investment dialogue; investment dialogue should identify priority sectors and projects; those opportunities should be presented to potential investors; and successful investment should generate production, employment, technology, local supplier development and exports.

The current visit of President U Min Aung Hlaing to Viet Nam therefore presents an opportunity to open a new chapter in Myanmar-Viet Nam economic relations. The two countries already have a foundation of friendship

and cooperation, and Vietnamese companies have already demonstrated their willingness to invest in Myanmar. The next step is to build on that foundation.

Myanmar can seek greater Vietnamese investment in manufacturing, agriculture and agro-processing, digital transformation, energy, logistics, tourism and other productive sectors while learning from Viet Nam's experience in FDI attraction and industrial development. At the same time, Viet Nam can benefit from Myanmar's resources, strategic geographical position and market opportunities.

The future of the My-

anmar-Viet Nam economic relationship should therefore not be measured only by the number of agreements signed or the value of trade recorded in a particular year. Its real value will be measured by how effectively the two countries combine capital, technology, skills, local businesses, production and regional market access.

The opportunity is now to transform a long-standing diplomatic friendship into a deeper economic partnership – one in which Vietnamese investment contributes to Myanmar's productive capacity while Myanmar provides Vietnamese businesses with new op-

portunities to grow in one of Asia's strategically important markets.

References

Directorate of Investment and Company Administration. (2026). *Foreign investment of permitted projects as of 30 April 2026 (by country/region)*. Ministry of National Planning, Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Directorate of Investment and Company Administration. (2026). *Foreign direct investment yearly approved amount by country/region as of 30 April 2026*. Ministry of National Planning, Investment

and Foreign Economic Relations, Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Directorate of Investment and Company Administration. (n.d.). *Investment opportunities*. Ministry of National Planning, Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Directorate of Investment and Company Administration. (n.d.). *Investment agreements*. Ministry of National Planning, Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. (26 August 2026). *Viet Nam,*

Myanmar seek breakthroughs in economic cooperation. Government of Viet Nam.

Ministry of Planning and Investment of Viet Nam. (6 January 2025). *FDI attraction situation in Viet Nam and Viet Nam's overseas investment in 2024*. Government of Viet Nam.

Ministry of Industry and Trade of Viet Nam. (17 June 2025). *Viet Nam's trade with ASEAN up 10.4% in five months*. Government of Viet Nam.

President's Office of Myanmar. (26 August 26). *President receives Vietnamese Foreign Minister*. Office of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Brazil defends Pix in United States dispute

BRAZILIAN President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said Saturday he would defend Brazil's Pix payment system in talks with US President Donald Trump, as Washington has cited the platform in its tariff dispute with Brazil.

Speaking at a political event in Sao Jose do Rio Preto, in the southeastern state of Sao Paulo, Lula said he would raise the issue during a possible meeting with Trump in September on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York.

"I will meet Trump at

the UN and tell him to use Pix and see how good it is," Lula said.

Pix was launched by Brazil's central bank in November 2020 and allows instant payments and transfers 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It has become one of Brazil's main payment methods. Lula's remarks came amid a trade dispute between Brazil and the United States, including additional tariffs of up to 25 per cent on certain Brazilian products and US criticism of Brazil's digital payment system. — Xinhua



Brazil defends national digital payment system during ongoing bilateral tariff discussions. PHOTO: AFP

Major Chinese banks plan A-share placements to boost core capital

AGRICULTURAL Bank of China (ABC) and Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) on Sunday announced plans to raise up to a combined 260 billion yuan (about US\$38.4 billion) through A-share issuances to designated investors to replenish their core Tier-1 capital.

ABC said in a filing with the Shanghai Stock Exchange that it plans to issue A-shares to China's Ministry of Finance (MOF), China National Tobacco Corporation and its relevant subsidiaries, with total proceeds of up to 160 billion yuan.

After deducting issuance expenses, the bank will use all proceeds to replenish its core Tier-1 capital. The final fundraising amount will depend on the issuance plan approved by regulatory authorities,



Photo taken on 13 November 2013 shows the building of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) located in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

according to ABC.

ICBC said separately that it plans to raise up to 100 billion yuan via an A-share issuance to the MOF, China National Tobacco Corporation and related subsidiaries.

The bank said it will use the net proceeds

entirely to replenish its core Tier-1 capital. The capital increase will be implemented after the bank completes the required internal and external approval procedures.

Core Tier 1 capital, the highest-quality form

of bank capital used to absorb losses, serves as a key buffer against financial risks. If a bank raises more core Tier 1 capital, it generally has more room to expand lending while maintaining regulatory capital ratios. — Xinhua

Syria curbs alcohol in northeast

AT his shop in northeast Syria, Ayaz Ibrahim wiped the dust off bottles of alcohol he said had become too pricey for customers following new regulations

from the Islamist authorities.

Residents of the region, which is home to many Kurds, have been feeling the pinch since

Damascus took control of the nearby Semalka border crossing with Iraq in April under a deal to integrate Kurdish military and civilian institutions into the

state.

Syria's new Islamist leaders — who toppled longtime ruler Bashar al-Assad in 2024 — have not officially prohibited im-

porting alcohol but have imposed hefty new taxes and stricter rules on its consumption.

As a result, the entry of alcohol via the crossing with Iraqi Kurdistan has become more restricted, "and now only smuggled

alcohol reaches us", said Ibrahim, 30, from the Kurdish-majority city of Qamishli.

"Anything smuggled has a much higher price, plus transport costs... so it's gone up a lot," he told AFP. — AFP

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY.NO. (180N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY.NO. (180N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **7-9-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V UNI ACCORD VOY.NO. (0407W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V UNI ACCORD VOY.NO. (0407W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **7-9-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S EVERGREEN MARINE (ASIA) PTE., LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MSC FORTUNE VOY.NO. (SB635A)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MSC FORTUNE VOY.NO. (SB635A)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **7-9-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY S.A

ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

UN agrees text on lethal autonomous weapons

Dutch Foreign Minister Tom Berendsen announced agreement on Saturday.

NEARLY 130 countries on Saturday agreed on a text defining lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS) — “killer robots” to their critics — a first step towards talks on a possible international treaty to regulate them.

The text agreed upon has not yet been made public — but campaign groups following the talks have already criticised leading countries for dragging their feet on the issue.

Dutch Foreign Minister Tom Berendsen announced the agreement, by 128 countries, on Saturday. The Netherlands has been overseeing the talks.

Countries are already developing and using weapons capable of selecting targets and using force against them without human intervention.

But the International Committee of the Red Cross warned in a statement that “the unconstrained development and use of autonomous weapon systems pose serious legal, ethical and humanitarian challenges”.

The ICRC and several campaigning groups have called for international legally binding rules to restrict and regulate their use. — AFP



A robot is pictured at a press conference on the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, at the UN headquarters in New York, 21 October 2019. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

German space rocket reaches orbit in Europe’s 1st commercial launch



German space rocket Spectrum blasts off from Arctic Norway launchpad. PHOTO: AFP

GERMANY’S Isar Aerospace launched a rocket into orbit from Norway on Saturday as Europe races to boost its ability to economically send satellites

into space independently of the United States.

Isar’s 28-metre (92-foot) long two-stage Spectrum rocket blasted off shortly after 2000 GMT from Andoya spaceport, north of the Arctic circle, the company said.

“We’re in orbit! And just made European history: This is the first time a privately developed rocket reached orbit from continental Europe,” the company said on X of the launch from the Norwegian spaceport Andoya.

About 10 minutes into the mission dubbed “Onward and Upward”, the video transmission cut out after the rocket exceeded maximum range for connection. “Germany has spaceflight capabilities,” said the Ministry for Research, Technology and Space on X, hailing a “milestone that impressively demonstrates our country’s innovative strength and technical expertise”. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

US forces strike 3 Iranian crude oil carriers

US forces struck three Iranian crude oil carriers, the US Central Command (CENTCOM) said Saturday on social media.

Iran’s Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC) fired ballistic missiles toward two US Navy warships patrolling regional waters, CENTCOM said in a statement, adding that no American personnel were harmed. The US military “permanently disabled” the IRGC crude oil carriers M/T Downy off the coast of Kharg Island and M/T Stark 1 near Jask, and “completely destroyed” the unladen crude oil carrier M/T Kylo in the Gulf of Oman, according to CENTCOM.

The statement said the Kylo was struck in multiple critical locations to render it inoperable after its crew was directed to abandon ship. — Xinhua

Toxic haze hits Borneo town

ACRID smoke hung heavily over the Malaysian town of Serian, seeping into homes and cloaking roadside stalls, as residents navigated an airquality emergency fuelled by transboundary haze from Indonesia’s raging fires.

Malaysia declared a state of emergency in Sarawak state’s Serian district on Borneo island on Friday, after air pollution readings reached critical levels. Toxic haze has shrouded parts of Indonesia and Malaysia for weeks as Jakarta struggles to contain fires that have scorched large tracts of Borneo and Sumatra, with the plumes drifting into neighbouring Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei. — AFP

Greek fighter jet crashes killing

TWO Greek Air Force pilots were killed on Saturday after a fighter jet crashed during the Athens Flying Week international air show at Tanagra Air Base, Greek national broadcaster ERT reported.

The F-4E Phantom II fighter jet suddenly lost altitude while making a right turn and crashed just minutes after the Hellenic Air Force flight demonstration began. The aircraft broke into two pieces, causing a fireball and extensive fires at two locations, according to ERT. — Xinhua

Study reveals artificial intelligence collaboration online

A group of autonomous artificial intelligence agents believed by researchers to be linked to OpenAI used a public German-language wiki earlier this year to communicate with one another, share answers to assigned tasks and exchange methods for bypassing restrictions in their operating environments, according to an independent study released Friday.

The study was conducted by four researchers, including Sydney Von Arx of the AI safety organization Nightingale Collective.

The researchers said they found about 18,000 posts made by autonomous AI agents self-identified as being from OpenAI while using the public internet to communicate during web-retrieval tasks. The researchers described the behavior as collaboration that gave the agents an advantage on their assigned tasks in ways their developers did not intend. Most of the activity took place on DSEWiki, a German-language wiki that has existed for about 25 years and had seen little use in recent years. According to the researchers, the agents were apparently supposed to be able to read information on the internet but not write to it. They nevertheless found ways to post information to the wiki and used it to exchange answers, pool research results and share techniques for circumventing sandbox restrictions. — Xinhua



OpenAi founder Sam Altman, left, speaks with Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick during the G20 Innovation Ministerial on 2 September 2026 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. PHOTO: AFP

Seven athlete-horse pairs pass FEI 1 Endurance Qualification



Equestrian athletes are seen riding gracefully on horses at the FEI 1 Endurance Qualification 40-kilometre competition.

THE FEI 1 Endurance Qualification 40-kilometre competition, organized by the Myanmar Equestrian Federation, was held yesterday morning at the Equestrian Sports Ground in Ottarathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

The competition was officially launched with a simultaneous flag-off by

U Nyi Nyi, Vice-Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee and Deputy Minister for Sports, and the ringing of a bell by U Pyone Maung Maung, President of the Myanmar Equestrian Federation.

A total of eight athletes and eight horses competed as eight athlete-horse pairs in the

40-kilometre endurance qualification event. At designated water points, the horses were watered and cooled down. After completing the first 20-kilometre loop, the pairs returned to the competition area for reporting and veterinary inspection.

The veterinary team conducted health checks on the horses, while officials carried out the required entry and exit registration checks. The pairs then set out for the second 20-kilometre loop at the designated time. After reaching the water points, the horses were again watered and cooled down before the pairs proceeded to the designated finish area.

Following the second loop, the horses underwent another vet-

erinary inspection and the required registration checks.

After the inspections, a certificate presentation ceremony was held for the athletes and horses that successfully completed the qualification. Myanmar Equestrian Federation President U Pyone Maung Maung presented qualification certificates to seven athlete-horse pairs that passed the assessment.

The successful pairs were Lin Pyae Thu with Yadana Tun, Kyaw Toe Lin with Tawwin Tun, Htoo Htet Lwin with Maha Tun, Aung Myat Zaw with Zayan Tun, Myat Thu Htet with Bagyan, Aung Kyaw Zin with Sein Zat Kyar, and Ye Paing Oo with Theikdi Tun. — MNA/KZL

Fire Dragon International Futsal Cup 2026 set for kick-off in Yangon

THE pre-tournament press conference for the Fire Dragon International Futsal Cup 2026 was held at Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon on the morning of 5 September, with head coaches from the participating teams outlining their preparations for the competition.

The head coach of Group A's YCDC Dream

this year, aimed to gain valuable experience from the competition.

Head coaches from Group B teams YRG FC, Black Pearl United Academy, MIU FC and M2K FC also said they would strive to give their players valuable experience while achieving the best possible results for their teams.

The Fire Dragon International Futsal Cup 2026 will be held in Yangon from 6 to 12 September, featuring host Myanmar teams alongside futsal clubs from Indonesia, Thailand and Cambodia. —ASH/KZL



Prematch press conference for the Fire Dragon International Futsal Cup 2026 in progress.

Seven Pairs Advance to Myanma Lethwei Golden Belt Championship Final



A Lethwei fighter produces a high kick on the opponent in Myanma Lethwei Golden Belt Championship 2026 on 6 September.

THE semifinals of the Myanma Lethwei Golden Belt Championship 2026, is organized by Sai Zaw Zaw Group under the supervision of the Ministry of Sports and the Myanmar Traditional Lethwei Federation.

The tournament,

also known as the Royal-D Golden Belt Championship 2026, is organized by Sai Zaw Zaw Group under the supervision of the Ministry of Sports and the Myanmar Traditional Lethwei Federation.

In the 51-kilogramme class, Salai Thang Kwi Shein (Kyar Ma Naing) defeated Si Thu Phyoo (Doh Yoeya) in the third round, while Gaw Ba Ka (Yoeya Swan Ah) defeated Aung Ko Oo (YKB Club) in the first round.

In the 54-kilogramme class, Aung Tun Bo (Doh Yoeya) defeated Ko Ko (Cement Factory) by knockout in the third round, while Mya Lone Chaw (Shwe Let Thee) defeated Nai Aung Shin (Khay Yu Wah) in the fourth round.

In the 57-kilogramme class, Kyaw Wai Tun (Top One) defeated Aung Kaung (Cement Factory) in the third round, while Africa (555 Sports) defeated Aung Htet Oo (Doh Yoeya) on points.

In the 60-kilo-

gramme class, Si Toe (Khay Yu Wah) defeated Aung Zaw Myo (Cement Factory) in the third round, while Thant Zin (Tawwin Ayeya) defeated Dawna Hein (Warriors) in the second round.

In the 63.5-kilogramme class, Htoo Kanyaw (YKB) defeated Kyaw Zin Tun (Warriors) on points, while Ye Lin Oo (Vanguard) defeated Ba Soe Wunna (Zar Htet-Meiktila) on points.

In the 67-kilogramme class, Apho Thway (Khay Yu Wah) defeated Tun Naing Oo (STL) in the second round, while Kanyaw Khwar (Cement Factory) defeated Shin Htet (Zar Htet-Meiktila) on points.

The final bouts will be held at 1 pm on 20 September, according to the organizers. — Bala/KZL

ANSWERS TO QUIZ FROM PAGE 10



WEEKLY
NEWS QUIZ
Test Your Knowledge Weekly

Weekly News Quiz

Answer Key

B. 8 tonnes (From the Nepal disaster relief aid story on Page 1)

A. Mandalay Management Corporation (MMC) building (From the seismic-safe building project story on Page 1)

B. King Mingyi Swa Sawke of Inwa (From the Yadanagu Pagoda festival story on Page 2)

C. Blue Origin (From the NASA Mars Telecommunications Network contract story on Page 10)

C. Cayonu Mound (From the ancient mining workshop discovery story on Page 10)



WORLD

Putin's talks with US envoys constructive, extremely frank: Kremlin

Putin reaffirms readiness for diplomatic solutions.

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin had substantive, constructive and extremely frank talks with US envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner in a trusting atmosphere in Moscow, Kremlin aide Yury Ushakov said early Sunday morning.

Ushakov said the discussion on extremely serious issues took place in a working-format setting and informally over dinner.

Putin reaffirmed Russia's readiness to continue joint work with the United States in search of political and diplomatic solutions to the Ukrainian issues.

Ushakov said that the Russian side provided



President Vladimir Putin, right, greets President Trump's envoys Steve Witkoff, second left, and Jared Kushner prior to talks at the Senate Palace of the Kremlin in Moscow, on Saturday, 5 September 2026. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

clear and comprehensive assessments of the situation unfolding amid the special military operation. "In particular, note was taken of the real advances made by the Russian army within the combat

zone; confidence was expressed in achieving the stated objectives, and the need to eliminate all root causes of the conflict was emphasized," he noted.

The talks were not confined to an exchange

of views on resolving the Ukraine crisis. Economic matters and potential large-scale, mutually beneficial Russian-US projects were also discussed in considerable detail, said Ushakov. — Xinhua

Nepal principal saves nine hundred students

RAJENDRA Dawadi was inside his school near Nepal's Trishuli River with around 900 students last week when a colleague delivered an urgent warning.

"My accountant came to the school and said, 'The flood is coming, the flood is coming,'" the school principal told AFP in a recent interview.

Dawadi quickly ordered an evacuation, and teachers hurried hundreds of students from classrooms to higher ground. Minutes later, the 47-year-old watched the Trishuli Bazaar Sec-

ondary School he had run for years collapse into a raging torrent.

"If the information was wrong, we would lose a day of schooling," he recalled of the morning of 26 August. "But if it was true, we were going to lose our lives."

Students were panicked, Dawadi said, and one girl fainted. Bus drivers bringing in other students were asked to turn back, including one driver who had just entered school grounds. But the timely evacuation saved some 900 lives. — AFP



Principal successfully evacuates nine hundred students before school structure collapses. **PHOTO: INSTAGRAM**

Jakarta airport closes from ash



A man clears volcanic ash from his car following the eruption of Mount Anak Krakatoa in Serang 6 September, 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

INDONESIA'S Soekarno-Hatta International Airport near Jakarta was temporarily closed early Sunday after volcanic ash from an eruption of Mount Anak Krakatau was detected in the airport area, disrupting dozens of flights,

the Ministry of Transportation said.

Due to increased eruptive activity at Mount Anak Krakatau, Soekarno-Hatta International Airport has suspended flight operations until 1:30 pm local time, the airport said

on its official Instagram channel.

Lukman F Laisa, the ministry's director general of civil aviation, said the disruption affected both international and domestic flights at Indonesia's main airport.

A total of 16 international flights were canceled, seven delayed and five rescheduled, with affected routes including Singapore, Hong Kong, Sydney, Seoul, Doha, Amsterdam and Kuala Lumpur. For domestic services, four flights were canceled and one was diverted, affecting routes including Lampung, Denpasar and Surabaya. — Xinhua

Japan eyes cash support system

THE Japanese government is considering bringing forward to spring 2029 a system of payments to help lower- and middle-income earners, avoiding a gap in support after the end of a planned consumption tax cut, sources familiar with the matter said Sunday.

The plan being floated would mean the system to support households amid rising prices would fully come into effect with the end of the two-year consumption tax cut from eight per cent to one per cent on food products

from next April. Previously, the envisaged start for the income-linked relief program was sometime in the fall of 2029.

The move would ease the burden brought by an effective tax increase when the rate returns to eight per cent. — Kyodo

Iran attacks two US military warships

IRAN'S aerospace forces attacked an aircraft carrier and a destroyer of the US military with several ballistic missiles within the preceding hours after the vessels harassed Iranian ships and participated in the naval blockade against the country, Iran's Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC) said Sunday.

The two military vessels fled the conflict zone after suffering damage, the IRGC said in a statement published by its official news outlet, Sepah News.

It warned that if the "hostile and aggressive" actions continue, the US government must await "formidable" responses from the Iranian armed forces. — Xinhua