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Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

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

Myanmar, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region to promote trade and investment



Prime Minister U Nyo Saw meets Mr Chen Gang, Secretary of the CPC Committee of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, at Liyuan State Guesthouse in Nanning yesterday.

PRIME Minister U Nyo Saw, who is currently in Nanning of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People’s Republic of China to attend the 22nd China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) and the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit, received Mr Chen Gang, Secretary of the CPC Committee of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, at Liyuan State Guesthouse in Nanning yesterday evening.

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Yangon Region sees 1.1M+ acres of monsoon rice planted

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Palin Kanthaya elephant camp receives 1,015 times of food buffets online

NATIONAL

General Aung San Declares Firm Stand
Against Election Disruption

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

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



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

‘Beauty Monsoon’ group art
exhibition underway at Artistic
Space Art Gallery



This photo features the group art exhibition titled “Beauty Monsoon” being held at the Artistic Space Art Gallery in Botahtaung Township.

THE group art exhibition titled “Beauty Monsoon” is being held at the Artistic Space Art Gallery in Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region, from 13 to 17 September.

The exhibition feature more than 70 paintings by artists Myat Han, Hlaing One, Htay Myint, Win Min Mg, A T Kyin, Tun Win (Guava), Shan Lay, Ye Min Kau- ng, Saw Tin Maung, Sein Win, Shwe Myat Htut, Mat Men Thee, Min Htet Naing, Hla Pa, and Phu Pyae, created in various media

such as ink, oil, and acrylic.

“Artistic Space Art Gallery is currently hosting a group art exhibition titled ‘Beauty Monsoon.’ The exhibition will show- case different artistic styles be- tween 10 am and 5 pm from 13 to 17 September. We respectfully invite you to visit and support us,” said the curator.

The paintings in the exhibi- tion will be displayed in various sizes, including 24 by 24 inches, 36 by 24 inches, 18 by 24 inches, and 18 by 18 inches. — ASH/TH

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Sunday 14 September 2025)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 15 September 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Bago and Magway regions and Rakhine State, fairly widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and Kayah, Kayin, Mon and eastern Shan states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Manda- lay, Magway and Sagaing regions and Kachin State. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are de- veloping Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kay- in, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and (northern and southern) Shan states. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompa- nied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be

aware in advance these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in the Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 4-6 feet off and along the Myan- mar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increase of rain in up- per Sagaing Region and Kachin, Chin and northern Shan states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15 Septem- ber 2025: One or two times of rain or thun- derstorms. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGH- BOURING AREA FOR 15 September 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15 Septem- ber 2025: One or two times of rain or thun- derstorms. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

EARTHQUAKE

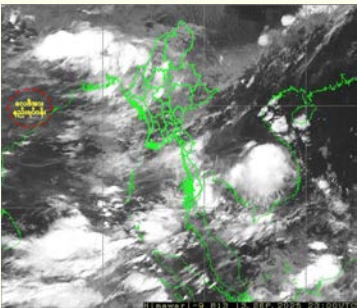
(Issued at 10 pm MST on 14 September 2025)

A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.5 Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about 25 miles south-southwest of Saw), latitude 20.84 °N, longitude 93.97 °E, depth 50 kilometres, about 65 miles southwest of NyaungU Seismological Observatory was recorded at 21 hours 26 minutes 46 seconds MST on 14 September 2025. — DMH

Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 7 pm MST on 14 September 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 5:30 am MST today, the low-pressure area over the westcentral and adjoining northwest Bay of Bengal (North Andhra Pradesh-South Odisha coasts, India) have reached in the North Andhra Pradesh and adjoining South Odisha coasts, India.— DMH



NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

Prime Minister
U Nyo Saw-led
Myanmar delegation
arrives in Nanning,
China

A MYANMAR delegation led by Prime Minister U Nyo Saw left the Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport by special aircraft yesterday morning to attend the 22nd China-ASEAN Expo (CA-EXPO) and the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit. They were seen off at the airport by Member of the State Security and Peace Commission, Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe, Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council

Chairman, the deputy minister and officials.
The Prime Minister was accompanied by Union Ministers Dr Charlie Than, U Chit Swe and Dr Thet Khaing Win, Kachin State Chief Minister U Khet Htein Nan, Deputy Minister Dr Zaw Myint and departmental heads, together with Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia, chairs of associations and members.
The Myanmar delegation



Prime Minister U Nyo Saw being welcomed by Mr Wang Weiping, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Committee of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region at the Nanning International Airport, China, yesterday.

arrived at the Nanning International Airport in the afternoon. They were welcomed by Mr Wang Weiping, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Committee of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Maung Swe, the Myanmar Consul-General in Nanning and cultural dance troupes. — MNA/TTA

Myanmar, Guangxi Zhuang
Autonomous Region to promote...

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They exchanged views on further promotion of trade and investment between Myanmar and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, distribution of advanced technologies in agriculture sector, cooperation in tourism sector, and establishment of friendship relations between sister cities in order to widely cooperate in various sectors between the two cities

and the two countries.
Also, present at the meeting were Union Ministers Dr Charlie Than, U Chit Swe and Dr Thet Khaing Win, Kachin State Chief Minister U Khet Htein Nan, Deputy Minister Dr Zaw Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China U Tin Maung Swe, and the Myanmar Consul-General in Nanning. The Secretary of the CPC Committee of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous

Region was accompanied by Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Wei Tao, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia and officials.
In the evening, the Secretary of the CPC Committee of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region hosted a dinner in honour of the Prime Minister and party at Chinese Hibiscus Hall of Liyuan State Guesthouse in Nanning.—MNA/TTA

Top websites and web portals to
access Military Service Rules

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

NATIONAL

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Announcement 103/2025

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14 September 2025

Announcement of the list of Pyithu Hluttaw constituencies, Amyotha Hluttaw First-Past-the-Post (FPTP) constituencies, and Region or State Hluttaw First-Past-the-Post (FPTP) constituencies where elections will not be held

1. The Union Election Commission has announced that elections will not be held in the following constituencies: 56 constituencies of the Pyithu Hluttaw, nine First-Past-the-Post (FPTP) constituencies of the Amyotha Hluttaw, and 56 FPTP constituencies of Region or State Hluttaw. These constituencies have been deemed not conducive to holding free and fair elections in the multiparty democratic general election scheduled for 28 December 2025, in accordance with Section 10 (f) of the Union Election Commission Law.

(a) 56 Pyithu Hluttaw constituencies where elections will not be held

No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency
Kachin State		
(1)	Chipwe Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Chipwe Township
(2)	Sawlaw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Sawlaw Township
(3)	Sumprabum Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Sumprabum Township
(4)	Ingyanyan Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Ingyanyan Township
Kayah State		
(5)	Pasawng Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Pasawng Township
(6)	Meisei Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Meisei Township
(7)	Shadaw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Shadaw Township
Chin State		
(8)	Paletwa Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Paletwa Township
(9)	Matupi Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Matupi Township
(10)	Kanpetlet Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kanpetlet Township
(11)	Mindat Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mindat Township
Sagaing Region		
(12)	Htigyaing Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Htigyaing Township
(13)	Indaw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Indaw Township
(14)	Pinlebu Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Pinlebu Township
(15)	Myaung Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Myaung Township
(16)	Pale Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Pale Township
(17)	Yinmabin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Yinmabin Township
(18)	Dabayin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Dabayin Township
(19)	Taze Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Taze Township
(20)	KhinU Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire KhinU Township
(21)	Wetlet Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Wetlet Township

No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency
Magway Region		
(22)	Saw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Saw Township
(23)	Htilin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Htilin Township
(24)	Pauk Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Pauk Township
(25)	Myaing Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Myaing Township
(26)	Yesagyo Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Yesagyo Township
Mandalay Region		
(27)	Natogyi Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Natogyi Township
(28)	Singu Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Singu Township
(29)	Mogok Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mogok Township
Rakhine State		
(30)	Yanbye Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Yanbye Township
(31)	Pauktaw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Pauktaw Township
(32)	Ponnagyun Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Ponnagyun Township
(33)	Rathedaung Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Rathedaung Township
(34)	Buthidaung Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Buthidaung Township
(35)	Maungtaw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Maungtaw Township
(36)	Kyauktaw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kyauktaw Township
(37)	Minbya Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Minbya Township
(38)	Myebon Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Myebon Township
(39)	MraukU Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire MraukU Township
Shan State		
(40)	Panghsan (Pangkam) Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Panghsan (Pangkam) Township
(41)	Narphant Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Narphant Township
(42)	Hopan Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Hopan Township

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No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency
(43)	Mongmaw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mongmaw Township
(44)	Pangwine Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Pangwine Township
(45)	Namsang Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Namsang Township
(46)	Mantung Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mantung Township
(47)	Kongyan Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kongyan Township
(48)	Laukkai Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Laukkai Township
(49)	Namtu Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Namtu Township
(50)	Kutkai Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kutkai Township
(51)	Namhkam Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Namhkam Township
(52)	Mabein Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mabein Township
(53)	Mongmit Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mongmit Township
(54)	Mongla Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mongla Township
(55)	Kunlong Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kunlong Township
(56)	Hsenwi Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Hsenwi Township

(b) Nine First-Past-the-Post (FPTP) constituencies for the Amyotha Hluttaw where elections will not be held

No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency
Kayah State Amyotha Hluttaw (First-Past-the-Post System)		
(1)	Constituency (5)	Pasawng Township
(2)	Constituency (6)	Meisei and Shadaw townships
Chin State Amyotha Hluttaw (First-Past-the-Post System)		
(3)	Constituency (2)	An entire Paletwa District
(4)	Constituency (4)	An entire Matupi District
(5)	Constituency (5)	An entire Mindat District
Rakhine State Amyotha Hluttaw (First-Past-the-Post System)		
(6)	Constituency (4)	An entire Maungtaw District
(7)	Constituency (5)	An entire MraukU District
Shan State Amyotha Hluttaw (First-Past-the-Post System)		
(8)	Constituency (4)	Palaung Self-administered Zone
(9)	Constituency (5)	Kokang Self-Administered Zone

(c) 56 First-Past-the-Post System (FPTP) constituencies for the Region or State Hluttaw where elections will not be held

No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency
Kachin State Hluttaw (First-Past-the-Post System)		
(1)	Chipwe Township Constituency	An entire Chipwe Township
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(3)	Sumprabum Township Constituency	An entire Sumprabum Township
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Kayah State Hluttaw (First-Past-the-Post System)		
(5)	Pasawng Township Constituency	An entire Pasawng Township
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Chin State Hluttaw (First-Past-the-Post System)		
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2. Therefore, in the multiparty democratic general election to be held on 28 December 2025, elections will be conducted in 274 Pyithu Hluttaw constituencies, 75 First-Past-the-Post System (FPTP) constituencies for the Amyotha Hluttaw, 26 Proportional Representation System (PR) constituencies, 266 FPTP constituencies for the Region or State Hluttaw, 42 PR System constituencies for the Region or State Hluttaw, and 29 Ethnic Constituencies for the Region or State Hluttaw.

Sd/Than Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

NATIONAL

Peace and stability highlighted as foundation for national development and public welfare

- ❖ The foundation of a country’s development lies in stability and the absence of armed conflicts.
- ❖ Only then will infrastructure be developed, and trade in goods improve.
- ❖ Similarly, it will be able to address the education, health, and social needs of the local population.

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

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Announcement 104/2025

8th Waning of Tawthalin 1387 ME
14 September 2025

Announcement on amendment to designated dates for submission, scrutiny and withdrawal of Hluttaw candidate lists for constituencies of relevant Hluttaws

- The Union Election Commission exercising authority entrusted under Rule 16 of the Relevant Hluttaw Election Rules announced the designated dates for submission, scrutiny and withdrawal of the Hluttaw candidate lists for relevant Hluttaws under the announcement 57/2025 dated 20-8-2025.
- The commission issued announcement 103/2025 dated 14-9-2025 that the election will not be held in 56 constituencies of the Pyithu Hluttaw, nine First-Past-The-Post-FPTP system constituencies of the Amyotha Hluttaw and 56 FPTP constituencies of Region or State Hluttaw where proper situations do not have to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election which will start on 28 December 2025.
- In order to allow political parties and independent Hluttaw candidates more time to complete the procedures required for submitting candidate lists in their respective constituencies, the dates for the submission, scrutiny, and withdrawal of Hluttaw candidate lists have been amended and extended and revised as follows: -

(a)	The date to start submission of Hluttaw candidates for constituencies of relevant Hluttaws	8 September 2025
(b)	The deadline to withdraw the nomination lists of Hluttaw candidates if necessary	17 September 2025
(c)	The start date and deadline for resubmitting a replacement candidate list for a political party which wish to withdraw the nomination list of one of its Hluttaw candidates in a PR constituency	From 18 to 22 September 2025
(d)	The deadline to submit the nomination lists of Hluttaw candidates	22 September 2025
(e)	The date to scrutinize the nomination lists of Hluttaw candidates	From 23 September to 4 October 2025

Sd/Than Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Thailand’s LPRDC -DLD invites participants for Hands-On Dairy and Meat Processing Training 2025

THE Myanmar Livestock Federation (MLF) has announced that value added product specialists from the Livestock Product Research and Development Centre (LPRDC) of the Department of Livestock Development (DLD) of Thailand invited trainees to attend the Hands-On Dairy and

Meat Processing Training 2025. It is opened for dairy and meat courses every year under the cooperation between the MLF and the DLD. This year, the two courses will be held simultaneously from 9 to 15 November at the LPRDC - DLD in Chiang Mai.

The courses will be delivered by specialists while research and marketing of new products are added annually at students’ request as new features, it said.

The training is exclusively open to Myanmar nationals at a discounted fee, and will be

open only if there are at least 10 students per course. The trainees will have to share the cost for Yangon-Chiang Mai-Yangon flight, tuition fees and course materials. Applicants will be required to have a passport with at least six months validity on 15 November 2025. Enquiries can

be made to the MLF (Phone / Viber - 09 752 278 795, email: myanmarlivestock@gmail.com).

The MLF is cooperating with local and international organizations to promote the development of the livestock industry, food security and food safety in the country. — MT/ZN

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NATIONAL

Yangon Region sees 1.1M+ acres of monsoon rice planted

ACCORDING to the Yangon Region Agriculture Department, a total of 1,108,964 acres of monsoon rice were planted across nine districts of Yangon Region this year. Out of the planned 1,148,222 acres, this represents 96.58 per cent completion. Farmers have cultivated 18 rice varieties, including high-yield, high-quality, and local types.

Planting began in late May in Thanlyin and Taikkyi districts, with some fields already ready for harvest and others still growing. Some medium-term rice fields are also waiting for harvesting.

“Monsoon rice planting in the Yangon Region usually concludes by the end of September. Some early-planted medium-term fields are still awaiting harvesting, while other fields in Taikkyi have well-grown crops. Short-term rice fields planted recently are also still in progress. Currently, over 96 per cent of the



Monsoon rice plantations are thriving in the farm. PHOTO: ZWE MANN

planned 1,148,222 acres have been planted. Farmers are receiving support from local authorities and companies to optimize soil use and ensure proper planting

techniques for high yields,” said Daw Hla Kyi, Assistant Director of the Yangon Region Agriculture Department. The varieties planted include

high-yield strains such as Hsinthukha, Manaw Thukha, Yakyaw, Shwewatun, Yadana Toe, 90-Day, Theehtetyin, Hsinthwelat, and Hmawby Sann, Super Hnankauk,

Hmawby-3, Pakhan Shwewah, Dagon, New Ayeyamin, Kayinma Hteiksaung and GW-11, high-quality strains such as Pawsanyin, Ayeyamin, Pawsanhmwe, Hmawby-2, Inma Yebaw, Basatima, and domestic varieties, such as Ngasein, Meedon, Ngakywe, Taungpyan and Ziya Oo.

Fields have shown promising yields, with some reaching over 72 baskets per acre, exceeding last year’s average of 70 baskets per acre. Planting continues until the end of September, with harvesting expected from late October to January, depending on the strains.

The rice fields are distributed across Dagon Myothit, Thanlyin, Twantay, Hmawby, Hlegu, Taikkyi, Mingaladon, Insein and Ahlon districts. Farmers are supported by local authorities and companies to optimize productivity and adopt proper cultivation techniques.—Thitsa (MNA)/KZL

MFVP to organize durain festival in mid-2026

A plan is underway to host the durain festival in Yangon in mid-2026, and it will be organized by the Myanmar Fruit, Flower, Vegetable Producer and Exporter Association (MFVP), according to the association officials.

The festival will take place at Myaypadethakyun in Bahan Township of Yangon Region in May 2026. It will feature the durain contest in addition to the durain producer and exporter matching.

Furthermore, arrangements are being made to register the Myanmar Durain Producer and Exporter Association. Upon completion, the association will help local growers

and exporters ensure smooth process in international relations and seeking international market.

A total of 18 varieties of durain including Shwedinga and Kyaukseine are thriving in Mon and Kayin states, Bago and Taninthayi regions, and some other areas. Currently, as demand of Chinese business partners is very high at the international market, efforts are being made to produce value-added durain products to be able to penetrate the international market. As such, local growers have to select quality strains of durain in their farms in order to boost per-acre yield.—ASH/TTA



This photo shows quality fruits of Myanmar’s durain varieties at the domestic market.

Safe Food from Safe Farm Market reopens in Yangon after five-year closure

THE Safe Food from Safe Farm Market, which was suspended during the COVID-19 period, has now been reopened at Myaypadethakyun in Bahan Township, Yangon Region, according to the Myanmar Fruit, Flower, and Vegetable Producer and Exporter Association (MFVP).

The market, organized by the MFVP, resumed operations on 13 September and will be open every Saturday and Sunday.

At the Safe Food from Safe Farm Market, a wide variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, and products grown through organic and good agricultural practice-GAP natural methods will be available. Customers will also be able to purchase organic rice, eggs, vegetables, mushrooms, avocados, dragon fruit, passion fruit, bananas, pineapples, coconuts, coffee, tea, macadamia nuts, jams, wines, and more.—ASH/KNK



Shoppers visiting the reopened Safe Food from Safe Farm Market.

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.

Choose the best way to develop the country

THE International Day of Democracy provides an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world. Democracy is as much a process as a goal, and only with the full participation of and support by the international community, national governing bodies, civil society and individuals, can the ideal of democracy be made into a reality to be enjoyed by everyone, everywhere, according to UNESCO.

The values of freedom, respect for human rights and the principle of holding periodic and genuine elections by universal suffrage are essential elements of democracy. Democracy provides the natural environment for the protection and effective realization of human rights. The peaceful development of societies is sure to

If actions are undertaken collectively and in harmony with the interests of the nation and the regions, the country will soon be on a path of development. Therefore, if there is a genuine desire for a democratic and federal union, the path forward is to abandon armed struggle and return to political dialogue, allowing the nation and its people to prosper.

of armed struggle. These actors are leading the various armed factions across the country.

All groups in different dimensions should review that when the destination is the same, choosing a path with fewer obstacles and minimal bloodshed is the wiser course. Due to destructive acts, many towns, villages, roads, bridges, and even the homes of innocent civilians have already been damaged. Although successive governments have taken steps toward national development, the destructive actions of some prevent steady progress, a situation that persists to the present day.

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contribute to the construction and consolidation of democracy and the development of democratic institutions, especially in times of transition.

The aspiration to build a Union based on democracy and a federal system is the shared hope of the Myanmar people today. This vision is not only embraced by the government, Tatmadaw, and the general public, but also by those who oppose, resist, or confront the State. However, it is difficult to understand why, despite agreeing on democracy and federalism in principle, some continue to take up arms and engage in conflict.

In the political arena, those who prioritize personal interests over national affairs, those who corrupt politics, and those with limited vision are increasingly visible. Likewise, there are individuals who, under the guise of defending ethnic groups, form armed groups to assert control, those who wield weapons for personal gain, and those who blindly adhere to an unending path

ASEAN Wrong Stance

By U AC

TO regurgitate the events of the recent past, at first, ASEAN refused even to acknowledge the possibility of widespread voter fraud. Second, most of the US puppet states of ASEAN blindly endorsed crooked criminal Suu Kyi, just because she talked smoothly and looked good on TV (reminds me of Michael Jackson's famous song). Third, they came up with the 5-point consensus that every intellectual Myanmar person knew was mission impossible. At least now ASEAN is beginning to soften its stance after digging deep into the reality of what had happened, appreciating the good works of NNCP terrorists, and really putting in some elbow grease to understand Myanmar.

The 5 points consensus

(i) The gist of the five-point con-

- sensus consists of immediate cessation of violence,
- (ii) constructive dialogue to seek a peaceful solution,
- (iii) a Special Envoy of ASEAN will facilitate mediation of the dialogue process,
- (iv) ASEAN shall provide humanitarian assistance, and
- (v) The Special Envoy shall visit Myanmar to meet with all parties concerned.

Unworkable consensus

We always wonder why the

ASEAN Secretariat is so dim-witted to even think that the violence that has been going on and spreading along every land border with neighbouring countries could be stopped with the issuance of the first point. They knew jolly well that EAOs would do anything to line the pockets of their top brass. Case in point - why would scam centres exist in the first place in KNU, DKBA, KNLA, and KNDO-controlled areas! When NNCP (NUG, NLD, CRPH, PDF) terrorist groups got their donations from the My-

anmar diaspora and some local businesses, and paid money to the EAOs to arm the misguided youth, it was just another opportunity for the EAOs to earn extra income through huge markups. Just for a fun fact, the violence in Myanmar would end only after EAOs lay down their arms. If the Myanmar military lays down its arms, there will be no Myanmar anymore.

Second point - dialogue with NNCP or EAOs - just think about the peace forum that the govern-

ment held last month in Nay Pyi Taw. None of the armed groups currently fighting with the Myanmar military attended. So far, so good for the dialogue. Hey, how about the dialogue with NNCP? Just to clarify, these guys want to bring Myanmar backwards a couple of decades, trying to come up with a new constitution that does not include the military. If they genuinely wanted a dialogue, why could they not negotiate based on the existing constitution? When the baselines

are different, negotiations cannot even start. Besides, NNCP terrorists keep on assassinating innocent and unarmed civil servants and destroying businesses that refuse to bend to their cause.

Point (iii) has been so successful that ASEAN wasted four years of funding and resources on a failed facilitation and mediation.

Point (iv) and (v) is a no-brainer, where any Tom, Dick and Harry can do. We do not need an ASEAN title to do that.

Powerhouses in support of the elections

India and China threw their full weight behind in full support for the upcoming elections when ASEAN was debating the syntax of why the election can be called 'General Elections' when almost the entire general public is not involved. A few of ASEAN dead-woods are still reminiscing about why the dishonourable NLD party would not be allowed to join the upcoming elections, while conveniently forgetting the obvious fact that they did not register to participate.

China and India shrewdly realized that elections are the only way out for Myanmar, a concept ASEAN still cannot grasp. With visible pre-election activities such as UEC - Media Council meetings, launch of Electronic Voting Machines, etc., the talk of

yesteryear by some within ASEAN on the minute possibility of actually having an election is now defunct.

US cut impacts

The US decision to cut off USAID funding and some under the Burma Act via policy realignments has grounded many of the NNCP terror activities and halted the exile fake news media. This indirectly bolstered the chances of holding a successful upcoming election.

In fact, stars are now aligned for the government to deliver on its dedicated duty with determination and decisiveness. The only question would be whether the administration is competent enough to complete the chore that they themselves put in charge four years ago.

Ashes Beneath the Banyan: Memory, Mourning, and the Human Cost of War in Myanmar

By Khin Maung Myint

Abstract

This article examines the final memorial tour of the Nippon Izokukai (Japan War-Bereaved Families Association) to Myanmar as both a cultural ritual and a political statement. By situating the tour within the broader discourse on war memory, nuclear deterrence, and intergenerational trauma, it argues that soldiers – often reduced to abstractions of power and policy – must be re-humanized as sons, fathers, and brothers. From the perspective of bereaved families, their lives were as precious as those lost on any side of the conflict. The essay emphasizes the ethical necessity of remembering war not as a triumphal narrative but as an enduring wound.

Introduction: The Human Face of War

The historiography of World War II in Asia has often been dominated by geopolitical narratives – strategic calculations, victories, defeats, and shifting alliances. Yet behind such abstractions lies the human cost: the lives of soldiers whose identities were consumed by the machinery of war. In Myanmar (then Burma), approximately 137,000 Japanese soldiers perished, leaving behind a generation of families who have carried the grief of absence for nearly eight decades. The Nippon Izokukai's decision to undertake a final memorial tour to Myanmar, despite years of political instability that kept the country off the itinerary, represents more than symbolic closure. It is

a testimony to the persistence of memory and the refusal to let soldiers be remembered only as statistics of empire.

Memory, Ritual, and the Weight of Place

War memory is not evenly distributed across landscapes. In the Burmese soil where Japanese soldiers fell, the terrain itself functions as an altar. The act of bereaved families retracing those grounds is not simply commemorative – it is a ritual of rehumanization. Each step insists: these were not faceless instruments of a state, but individuals torn from homes and communities. The building of schools with donations from bereaved families further enacts this rehumanization by translating grief into life-affirming legacies.

This relational act contrasts sharply with the ongoing geopolitics of the “atomic age,” in which military arsenals are paraded as symbols of deterrence. Where statecraft speaks of strategy, the bereaved speak of sons who never returned. Their mourning asserts an alternative language of memory – one that acknowledges war not as a chapter of history, but as an enduring rupture in the intimate fabric of family life.

Soldiers as Human, Not Abstractions

In both scholarship and public discourse, soldiers are often reduced to their roles: invaders, defenders, perpetrators, or casualties. Such framing obscures the fact that their lives



were as precious to their families as those of civilians. The Japanese mothers, widows, and children who mourned for decades did not see their loved ones as extensions of imperial ambition, but as sons who enjoyed festivals, as husbands who promised to return, as fathers who left children too young to remember them.

This familial perspective complicates simplistic moral binaries. To acknowledge

soldiers as human does not absolve states of responsibility for aggression or atrocities, but it does foreground the ethical imperative of mourning all lives lost. As the Burmese proverb warns, “When the tiger and the elephant fight, it is the grass that suffers.” Soldiers, like civilians, were often that grass trampled under the arrogance of power.

Contrasts with the Atomic Age

The memorial tour resonates against the backdrop of contemporary nuclear politics. Where nuclear doctrines emphasize deterrence and strategic balance, the bereaved families embody vulnerability and loss. Theirs is a whisper against the roar of atomic bravado, a reminder that the most advanced weapons do not erase the most basic truth: war destroys

families.

The metaphor of bamboo bending in the wind, often invoked in East Asian wisdom traditions, illustrates the resilience of memory. Families have survived by bending, not breaking – by carrying grief quietly through decades of shifting political orders. Their act of remembrance in Myanmar asserts that survival itself is a form of resistance against war's erasures.

Conclusion: Towards a Human-Centred Memory

The Nippon Izokukai's final tour to Myanmar is not simply a farewell gesture. It is a living archive of war's enduring costs. By placing the memory of soldiers within the frame of familial grief, the tour underscores that the human value of life transcends national boundaries and political ideologies. Soldiers, too often instrumentalized as symbols of state power, must be remembered as human beings whose absence has left empty chairs at dinner tables across generations.

In an age when global powers once again flirt with militarized nationalism and nuclear deterrence, such acts of remembrance serve as both caution and resistance. They remind us that the true cost of war is not measured in territorial gains or deterrence strategies, but in the silences left within families. No atomic age can render that noble.

NATIONAL



Elephants at Palin Kanthaya elephant camp being fed at the camp through contributions of elephant lovers. **PHOTO: DIPAR LINN**

ELEPHANT lovers across the country are feeding the elephants in Palin Kanthaya elephant camp online, according to the officials from the elephant camp. The Palin Kanthaya el-

Palin Kanthaya elephant camp receives 1,015 times of food buffets online

elephant camp is located near the west Palin village beside the Myingyan-Pakokku Road in NyaungU Township, Mandalay Region.

The camp was opened by the Myanmar Timber Enterprise of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation. Elephant lovers from across the country are buying elephant feed buffets online and feeding the elephants. The number of people feeding the elephant buffet increased to 1,015 times. Some booked online to feed the elephant, officials added.

There are a total of 22 elephant camps in states and regions. The elephant feeding can be done by contacting the elephant camps' pages. The buffet includes sugarcane, grass, banana, pumpkin, watermelon, cucumber, mango, coconut and corn and seasonal crops. It costs K50,000 to K100,000 per meal, and K100,000 can be donated for six elephants a day.

Those who would like to donate can contact the assistant manager, U Chit Ko Ko via phone number: 09 256325099. The elephant camps set up for the development of urban-based tourism are in short supply. Elephants in jungle and mountain camps are not difficult to find feedstuffs and water, an official clarified. — Dipar Linn/KZL

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AN unpaid research proposal writing and basic research methodology seminar featuring an assistant professor from the Niigata University in Japan will be conducted by MAJA Education Centre.

MAJA Education Centre said the seminar aims for

youths who are interested in researching and helps writing research proposals which are required for scholarship and university admission. Dr Kaung Myat Thwin, assistant professor from Niigata University, as well as a writer who contributes oral and dental articles to international research journals and currently engages in many research projects, will participate.

The seminar is unpaid and document fee K10,000 is required. It has been scheduled to begin from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on 27 September, at MAJA Education Centre located in South Okkalapa Township. Trainees are limited at 50 and those who are interested in post-graduate course in Japan can apply to [https:// forms.gle/ uNcusehn14m1MzMX6](https://forms.gle/uNcusehn14m1MzMX6) by Google Form. — MT/ZS

Hand-paintings demand highly among Bagan visitors

ACCORDING to U Naing Win, a hand-painting artist working at the car park near Siphushin monastery, artists' families are earning a fair income by providing hand-painting services at shops around pagodas and religious buildings to travellers across Myanmar visiting the Bagan-NyaungU Ancient Culture Region in NyaungU Township in Mandalay.

Flocks of visitors from across Myanmar have been increasingly coming to the Bagan. As a result, the number of horse-cart and e-bike rental services has gradually increased, enabling families to add their income. With more local pilgrims arriving, the local business of the Bagan-NyaungU area can now begin to recover, explained hand-painting artist U Tin Soe.

Those skilled in hand-painting charge between K1,500 to K 5,000 depending on the design, with durability lasting from one day or two days up



A hand-painting artist creates hand-paintings for a visitor in Bagan. **PHOTO: DIPAR LINN**

to a week and the type of paint used. This led lacquer workers to open hand-painting stalls, and pilgrims from across Myanmar have also been requesting hand-painted designs. This created job opportunities for residents of Bagan-NyaungU. They can also generate their income on one hand. During the significant days, especially full moon days, as the number of travellers wishing to take hand-painting artistic works becomes very large, the artists are able to work efficiently and earn steadily income. — Dipar Linn/KZL

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Robots entering Chinese homes

The four-day expo focused on “AI+” and “Intelligent Connected New Energy Vehicles,” featuring over 600 domestic and international companies and more than 3,000 smart technology innovations.

DURING the World Smart Industry Expo 2025, crowds of visitors gathered at the booth of Agile Robots to watch a robotic arm move precisely over a participant’s waist. Using sensors to detect muscle tension and applying the ideal amount of pressure for a massage, the robotic arm drew exclamations of amazement: “Its technique is even better than a veteran masseur!”

The healthcare robot developed by the Beijing-based company is called “Dabai” and is equipped with tactile sensors and artificial intelligence algorithms. It can provide users with professional massage services.

With a focus on “AI+” and “Intelligent Connected New Energy Vehicles” this year, the four-day expo from Friday to Monday brought together more than 600 domestic and international businesses, showcasing over 3,000 innovations in the smart technology industry.



A staff member introduces an elderly care robot during the World Smart Industry Expo 2025 in Southwest China’s Chongqing on 5 September 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

One particular highlight of the exhibition area was the various smart robot products that targeted ordinary Chinese households.

“The physiotherapy services industry relies on the therapist’s skills and faces challenges such as long training periods and a high staff turnover,” said Zhang Mingfeng, electrical supervisor at Agile Robots. “The

key to addressing industry bottlenecks is to standardize products and services.” Zhang added that “Dabai” can identify individual meridians and acupoints. “Based on big data and AI algorithms, the robot provides automated physical therapy with precise acupoint targeting and force control — just as a professional physiotherapist,” he said.— Xinhua

‘Adolescence’ and ‘The Studio’ tipped to win big at TV’s Emmys

THE Emmy Awards, television’s equivalent of the Oscars, will showcase potential big winners like the searing teen murder saga “Adolescence” and Hollywood satire “The Studio.” Apple TV+’s sci-fi office thriller “Severance” and HBO’s medical procedural “The Pitt” are strong contenders for best drama series. The ceremony, starting at 5:00 pm in Los Angeles, features a close race.

“Adolescence,” a limited series favorite, follows a 13-year-old boy suspected of murder, earning 140 million Netflix views in three months. Its four episodes, each shot in a single take, explore toxic

masculinity’s impact on youth. Vanity Fair praises it as a cultural zeitgeist.

“The Studio,” starring Seth Rogen, is a top comedy contender with 23 nominations and nine technical wins. It satirizes Hollywood’s insecurities, featuring a meta episode set during an awards show.

The best drama prize is hotly contested between “Severance,” about employees with split personalities, and “The Pitt,” a medical drama set during a tense hospital shift. Noah Wyle of “The Pitt” is favored for best drama actor. — AFP



The Emmy Awards are television’s equivalent of the Oscars. PHOTO: AFP/FILE



Newly crowned Miss International India 2025 Roosh Sindhu gets grand homecoming in Nagpur

NEWLY crowned Miss International India 2025, Roosh Sindhu, received a grand homecoming, after winning the title, at Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport in Nagpur on Friday.

Friends, family, and fans gathered to greet her with flow-

ers, cheers, and warm smiles.

Speaking to the media at the airport, Roosh said she was “grateful” and happy to see the love coming her way. “I am so grateful for this. I am so happy. There is immense support from all around the world...After the crowning, this is the first time I am meeting my family...”

Talking about her journey, she acknowledged that challeng-

es will always be part of it, but she remains determined. “Challenges are always there... I am doing my 100 per cent to prepare the best...I am extremely confident because this is the 63rd edition of Miss International, which is something that is very special, a lot of fan support is there with India...,” Roosh added.

Miss International India 2025 took place in Jaipur. — ANI

The Miss International India 2025 pageant was held in Jaipur. PHOTO: ANI

Türkiye’s culinary capital Gaziantep launches int’l gastronomy festival

THE seventh edition of the international gastronomy festival GastroAntep kicked off on Saturday in Gaziantep of southeastern Türkiye, a city renowned for its rich culinary heritage.

Co-organized by the Gazian-

tep Metropolitan Municipality and Türkiye’s Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the nine-day festival, running from 13 to 21 September, features hundreds of events, including concerts, theater performances, talks,

and gastronomic presentations, Deputy Minister of Culture and Tourism Nadir Alpaslan said at the opening ceremony.

On Saturday, the festival kicked off with a lively procession winding through the heart of Ga-

ziantep. Beginning at Gaziantep Castle, it passed the bustling, historic Coppersmiths’ Bazaar before concluding at Balikli Park, one of the city’s oldest parks.

Describing Gaziantep as “a mosaic of civilizations,” Mayor

Fatma Sahin highlighted that the city’s cuisine is deeply rooted in tradition and ritual.

GastroAntep was launched in 2018, and this year’s edition forms part of the nationwide Culture Road Festival. — Xinhua

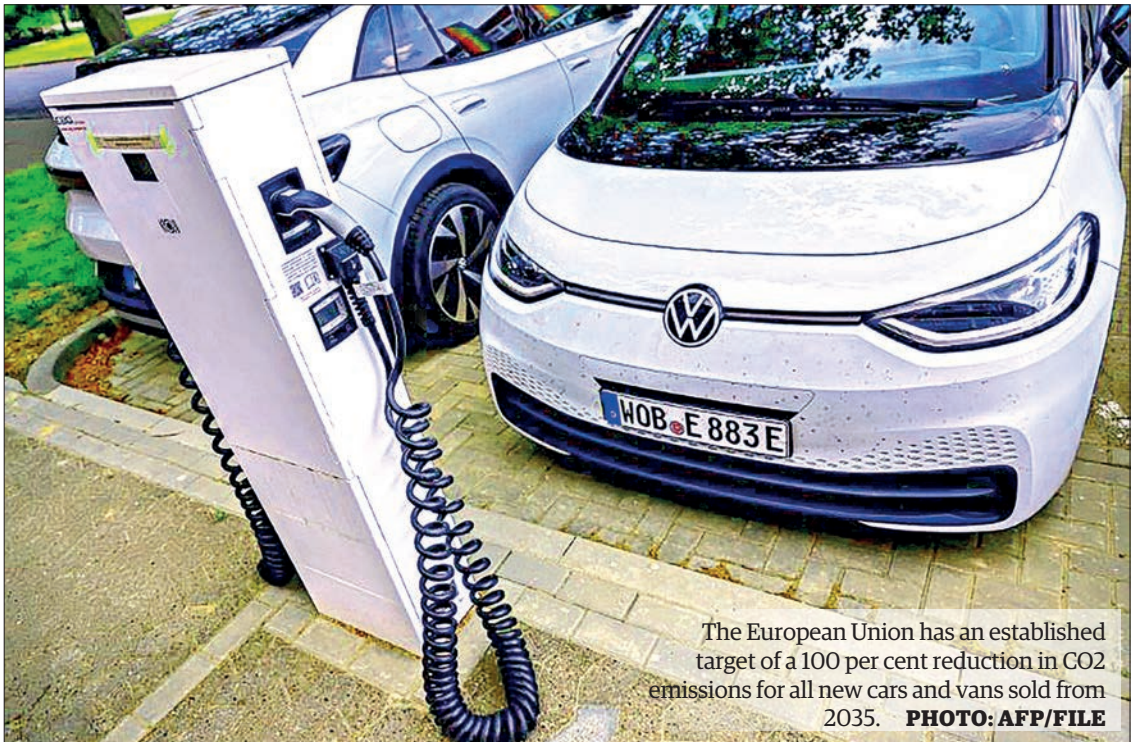
ECONOMY
WORLD

EU to fast-track review of 2035 combustion-engine ban

The review aims to give manufacturers greater visibility amid concerns that strict CO2 regulations threaten industry competitiveness and transformation.

THE EU has pledged to fast-track a review of its plan to end sales of combustion-engine vehicles by 2035, responding to pressure from struggling European carmakers.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen met with auto industry leaders in Brussels, promising a proposal by December to revise emission targets initially set



The European Union has an established target of a 100 per cent reduction in CO2 emissions for all new cars and vans sold from 2035. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

for 2026.

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The meeting, part of an EU initiative launched in January to support the sector employing 13 million people, included top executives from Renault, Stellantis, BMW, and Mercedes-Benz.

Carmakers have cited challenges such as reliance on Asian battery supplies, high manufacturing costs, increased US tariffs, and uneven charging infrastructure, which hinder electric vehicle (EV) sales—currently about 15 per cent of new cars sold in Europe. — AFP

India’s luggage market to touch Rs267 bln by 2028, branded segment to outperform: Motilal Oswal

THE Indian luggage industry is projected to grow at a healthy CAGR of 12 per cent to reach Rs 267 billion by Calendar Year (CY) 2028, up from an estimated Rs 170 billion in CY24, according to a report by Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

The report added that the sector, which had shrunk to Rs 60 billion in CY20 due to the pandemic, has staged a remarkable recovery with a 37 per cent CAGR between CY20 and CY23.

“India’s travel landscape has transformed dramatically post-pandemic,” the report added.

“Simultaneously, steady in-

creases in air and rail passenger traffic strongly correlate with rising luggage industry revenues. Premiumization is accelerating as consumers shift towards branded, stylish, and durable luggage over basic utility products,” the report further added.

The report noted that weddings have significantly increased luggage demand in India, driven by gift-giving customs, trousseau packing, and the growing trend of destination weddings. The market witnessed peak demand during Nov-Dec’24, with over 4.8m weddings during this period alone. — ANI



Post-pandemic, India’s travel landscape has transformed significantly, boosting luggage industry revenues. PHOTO: ANI

Japan’s toy market boosted by robust adult demand amid low birthrate



Photo taken on 28 August 2025, shows the new Tamagotchi Paradise virtual pet exhibited by toy maker Bandai Co at the International Tokyo Toy Show in Tokyo. PHOTO: KYODO

THE toy market in Japan is on an upward trend despite the country’s declining birthrate, boosted by robust demand by adults seeing gadgets as an affordable hobby and means to connect with others via social media, a research firm said.

The market in fiscal 2024 grew 7.9 per cent from a year earlier to a record 1.1 trillion yen (\$7.4 billion), led by trading cards and character merchandise, expanding 36 per cent from 10 years ago, according to the Japan Toy Association.

Other toys that saw notable sales growth were high-tech toys such as “Original Tamagotchi”, a small egg-shaped video game, and stuffed animals that are popular among adults in Japan as well as foreign tourists, the association said.

“The conventional image of toys being for kids has started to change, as they became a hobby for adults and a means of self-expression among them in recent years,” said Satsuki Kimura, an economist from the Meiji Yasuda Research Institute, in a recent report. Supporting the view, spending for toys expanded particularly among single-person households without a child, with the average expenditure in 2024 jumping by around 3.5-fold to 14,498 yen from 2014, according to the research firm’s analysis of government data. — Kyodo

South Korean chip stocks rally on strong US tech momentum

SOUTH Korean semiconductor stocks rose Friday morning, buoyed by strong momentum in US tech stocks, as per a report by Pulse, the English service of Maeil Business Newspaper Korea.

SK hynix Inc. shares were

trading at 321,500 won (USD 231.39) as of 9:19 am on Friday, up 4.72 per cent from the previous session, marking its ninth consecutive day of gains since 2 September.

The stock rose as high as 325,000 won intraday, surpass-

ing its previous record high set on Thursday.

Samsung Electronics Co. shares also gained 1.77 per cent to 74,700 won. They rose to a 52-week high of 75,000 won earlier in the session. — ANI



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Hundreds of quality system breaches were identified at Boeing's 737 factory in Renton, Washington, and Boeing subcon-

tractor Spirit AeroSystems' 737 factory in Wichita, Kansas, said the FAA on Friday.

The transportation agency said the violations were linked to an accident on an Alaska Airlines jetliner in which it lost a door plug panel on its fuselage in midflight.

In a statement Saturday, Boeing said that it is reviewing the agency's proposed civil penalty and that the company had put in place a safety and quality plan last year aimed at enhancing safety management and quality assurance. — Xinhua

Farmers' trade group highlights export crisis in US agricultural heartland

FARMERS for Free Trade's "Motorcade for Trade" arrived in the US state of Iowa on Friday for a listening session at a farm, where US Representative Zach Nunn met local growers pressing for stable export markets and lower trade barriers.

Nunn, a supporter of US President Donald Trump and his tariff policies, spent the afternoon trying to convince the audience that the US trade policy was reasonable for balancing a mammoth trade deficit with the rest of the world, local media reported.

The unique tour by the national advocacy group began 5 September in Nebraska, with US Representative Adrian Smith speaking to several dozen local agricultural leaders.

Nebraska Public Media quoted the farmers' group's co-executive director Brian Kuehl as saying, "We're on the verge of a farm crisis" as production costs exceed sale prices for many growers. — Xinhua

Sri Lanka opens online registration for maize farmers next season

SRI Lanka's Department of Agrarian Development announced on Saturday that registration is now open for farmers cultivating maize (corn) for the 2025-26 main farming season.

In a statement, the department said farmers can register online as well. It added that all maize farmers are required to register under this system, and that guidelines for registration and outreach to inform eligible farmers have already been issued.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, during the 2024-2025 main farming season, Sri Lanka produced 285,000 tonnes of maize. The main season accounts for about 90 per cent of annual output. — Xinhua



The \$500 million contract for associated gas and gas facility development in Basra is a major component of these deals. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Iraq signs \$1 bln investment deals with World Bank's IFC

IRAQ signed on Saturday investment deals worth \$1 billion in its energy, agriculture and finance sectors with the World Bank's private sector arm, as the country seeks to build on its economic recovery following years of unrest.

At a ceremony marking two decades of the International Finance Corporation's presence in Iraq, Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani announced

the new contracts with his country's private and public sectors.

In as statement, the IFC announced "\$1 billion in new investments and engagements in energy, infrastructure, agribusiness, and finance".

"Attracting foreign capital has contributed to supporting Iraq's economic stability," Sudani said.

Sudani's media office said the deals include a \$500 million

contract to invest in associated gas — the excess of natural gas released during oil drilling — and development of gas facilities in the southern province of Basra.

Oil-rich Iraq has been trying to move past decades of war and unrest, but it still suffers from poor infrastructure, failing public services, mismanagement and endemic corruption. — AFP

Lab-grown diamonds robbing southern Africa of riches

BOTSWANA and southern African peers that built much of their prosperity on diamonds are scrambling for alternatives as cheaper, lab-grown stones threaten their economies.

Diamond-dependent Botswana is leading the way and launched a sovereign wealth fund this week to lay the "foundation for a more resilient, sustainable and diversified future beyond di-

amonds".

It is exploring other avenues too, like boosting luxury wildlife tourism, launching into the medicinal cannabis market and exploiting its abundant sunshine for

solar power.

President Duma Boko has even mooted taking a majority stake in industry giant De Beers and selling Botswana's diamonds independently. "Countries such

as Angola, Namibia and South Africa are all exposed but not to the same degree as Botswana," economist Brendon Verster at the Oxford Economics Africa think tank told AFP. — AFP

ROLLING UPDATES

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PM Modi reiterates Mizoram’s role in Act East Policy & North East Economic Corridor

The government has enhanced connectivity in the Northeast through rural roads, highways, mobile and internet services, electricity, tap water, and LPG connections.



PM Modi reiterates Mizoram’s role in Act East Policy & North East Economic Corridor.
PHOTO: ANI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday laid the foundation stone and inaugurated development projects worth

over ₹9000 crore in Aizawl, Mizoram, underscoring the state’s pivotal role in India’s Act East Policy and the North

East Economic Corridor.

According to the official press release, the projects span across key sectors such as railways, roadways, energy, and sports, marking a significant leap in Mizoram’s development journey.

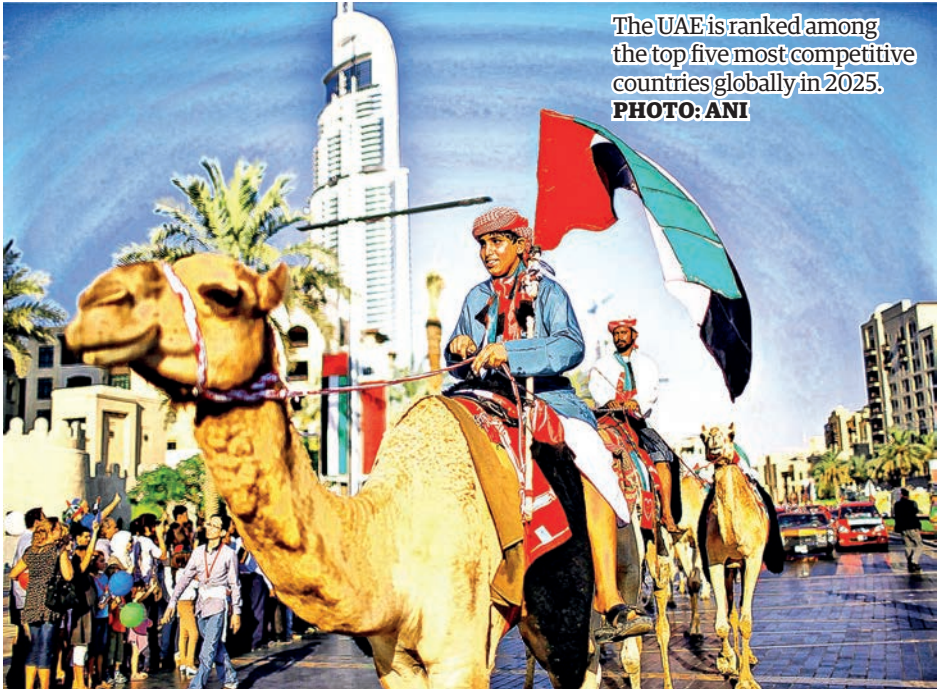
Highlighting Mizoram’s historical contributions to the nation, the Prime Minister praised the ideals and sacrifices of figures like Lalnu Ropuiliani and Pasaltha Khuangchera, stating that the values of courage, compassion, and service are deeply rooted in Mizo society. “Today, Mizoram is playing an important role in India’s development journey,” he said.

Underscoring that over the years, many states of the North East have been placed on the rail map of India for the first time, the Prime Minister highlighted that the Government of India has worked diligently to strengthen all forms of connectivity—rural roads and highways, mobile and internet connections, electricity, tap water, and LPG connections. — ANI

UAE strengthens global competitiveness leadership in 2025

THE United Arab Emirates continues to consolidate its position as one of the world’s most competitive nations in 2025, achieving outstanding results across a wide range of international and regional indices. These achievements reflect the success of the country’s comprehensive development strategy, the efficiency of its governance model, the resilience of its economy, and the high quality of life it offers to citizens and residents.

In the IMD World Competitiveness Report 2025, the UAE ranked among the top five countries globally with a score of 96.09 out of 100, advancing two positions compared with 2024, while also maintaining its lead in the Arab region for the ninth consecutive year. The country secured third place worldwide in business efficiency, second in economic performance, and fourth in government efficiency. It also led 113 global indicators, including employment, absence of bureaucracy, digital transformation, venture capital, public-private partnerships, and energy



infrastructure, affirming its leadership across multiple dimensions of competitiveness.

On the global soft power stage, the

UAE ranked tenth in the 2025 Global Soft Power Index, with the value of its national brand increasing to US\$1.223 trillion. — ANI

Global Sumud Flotilla sets sail from Europe to deliver aid to Gaza

SHIPS departing from Italy have joined vessels from Greece, Spain, and Tunisia to deliver humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip under the banner of the “Global Sumud Flotilla,” Euronews reported.

On Saturday, 18 boats carrying aid set sail from Sicily, with four Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) also on board, joining other vessels that had departed from Greece, Spain, and Tunisia in late August.

The flotilla mission includes 34 boats carrying around 600 people and approximately 500 tonnes of humanitarian aid. Organizers said the mission is the largest attempt so far to break the Israeli blockade of Gaza, though Israel maintains strict control of the territory’s shores and waters. — ANI

California lawmakers pass bill on AI security verification: reports

THE lawmakers of the US state of California have approved a bill on the verification of AI systems for safety, Politico reported on Saturday.

Now California Governor Gavin Newsom is to make the final decision on signing the bill into law.

In 2024, Newsom vetoed a similar bill, but this year a more lenient approach to AI regulation was proposed, based on an expert report on AI safety commissioned by Newsom himself, Politico reported. If the bill is signed, AI companies will have to disclose how their systems are tested for security and undergo appropriate certification, Politico reported. — SPUTNIK

Lebanese navy intercepts Panamanian tanker attempting illegal exit

THE Lebanese navy intercepted the Panamanian-flagged tanker Hawk III, which was attempting to illegally leave Lebanon’s territorial waters, the Lebanese army said on Saturday.

“The navy patrol launched an operation to intercept the Hawk III vessel, which was attempting to leave the territorial waters of Lebanon illegally. As a result of the refusal of the ship’s crew to obey the patrol’s orders, army soldiers fired warning shots into the air. Then, a unit from the marine commando regiment, with the support of the air force, conducted an amphibious operation on the ship,” the army said in a statement.— SPUTNIK

SPORTS

Shan United and Dagon Star United extend winning runs in MNL

THE 2025-2026 Myanmar National League (MNL) Matchweek III concluded on 14 September, with defending champions Shan United and Dagon Star United both continuing their winning form.

At Taunggyi Stadium, Shan United defeated Rakhine United 3-0. Despite having played one game fewer than most rivals due to international commitments, the champions have won both of their matches so far. Rakhine United, under new coach U Min Tun Lin, could not avoid another defeat after losing their opening game.

After dominating early, Shan United broke the deadlock in the 30th minute when Mark Sekyi scored with a header from a corner. In the second half, captain Nanda Kyaw converted a penalty



Shan United players compete against Rakhine United in MNL Matchweek III. PHOTO:MNL

in the 60th minute, before Jordan Hamilton sealed the win with a third goal in the 90th minute.

Meanwhile, at Thuwunna Youth Training Centre, Dagon Star United came from behind to beat Ayeyawady United 2-1, extending their perfect start to three wins in a row and staying top of the table. Ayeyawady took the lead in the 24th minute through Wai Yan Tun, but Dagon Star responded with goals from Aung Thiha in the 47th minute and Suan Lam Mang in the 65th.

The postponed fixture between Yangon United and ISPE FC, halted due to weather will be resumed with the remaining 20 minutes to be played on 16 September at 4 pm at Thuwunna Youth Training Centre. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Team Myanmar to play 3 more Asian Cup qualifiers this year

THE Myanmar national football team will play three more group matches in the 2027 Asian Cup third-round qualifiers this year.

Having already completed two of their six group-stage fixtures, Myanmar will play three of the remaining four matches in 2025 and the last one in 2026. The schedule sets Myanmar against Syria away

on 9 October, then hosting Syria on 14 October, followed by an away match against Afghanistan on 18 November. The final group match will be away to Pakistan on 31 March 2026.

Myanmar won both of their opening games, defeating Afghanistan 2-1 at home and Pakistan 1-0 at home. In Group E, Myanmar and Syr-

ia are currently tied on six points each, while Afghanistan and Pakistan are yet to collect any points.

With no qualifiers during the September international window, Myanmar played a closed-door friendly against Singapore on 9 September in Singapore, finishing in a 1-1 draw. — Chit Ko Ko/KZL



Myanmar national footballers seen celebrating for their goal during an international match. PHOTO: MFF

'Smart' Inoue beats Akhmadaliev by unanimous decision



Japan's Naoya Inoue beat Uzbekistan's Murodjon Akhmadaliev in Nagoya on Sunday. PHOTO: AFP

JAPAN'S Naoya Inoue gave a masterclass of technical boxing to beat Uzbekistan's Murodjon Akhmadaliev by unanimous decision on Sunday and retain his undisputed super bantamweight world titles.

The unbeaten Inoue gradually picked off a fighter who had been described as the most dangerous opponent of his career to finish the final round in Nagoya in complete control.

Inoue's pinpoint accuracy and elusive movement were on full display as he took his career record to 31-0, with 27 wins by knockout.

The 32-year-old, nick-

named "Monster", said he "proved I can fight smart if I want to".

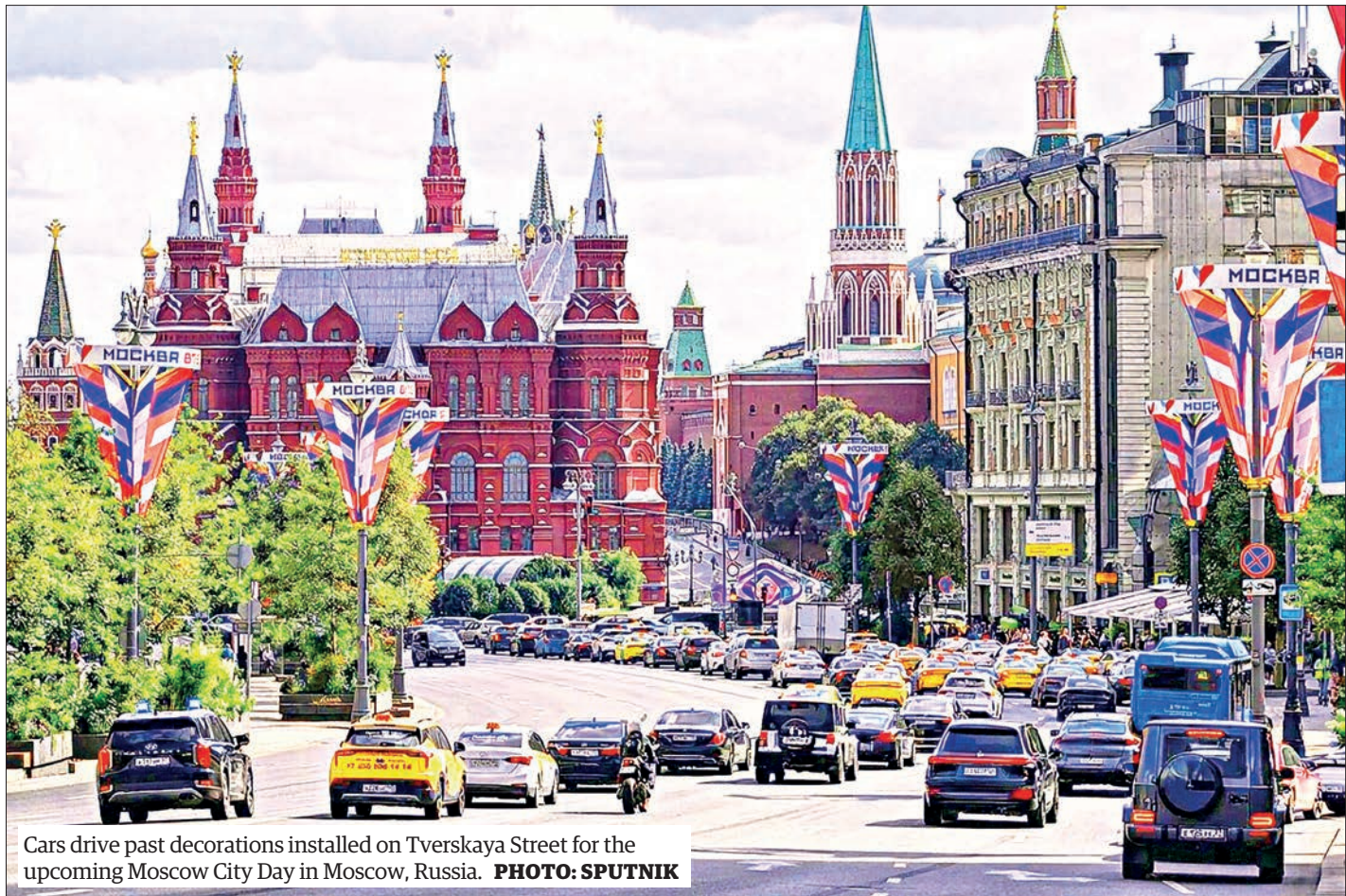
"I'm not sure how this fight would have turned out if I had fought it the way he wanted to fight it in the first round," said Inoue, who told the crowd that his next bout would be in Saudi Arabia in December.

"My team put together a great fight plan focusing on my technique and speed, and that's what delivered the result."

Inoue did not manage to knock down Akhmadaliev, a former two-belt super bantamweight world champion, over the course of 12 rounds. — AFP



WORLD



Cars drive past decorations installed on Tverskaya Street for the upcoming Moscow City Day in Moscow, Russia. PHOTO: SPUTNIK

Putin: Moscow ranks second among world's largest city economies

Putin described Moscow as the embodiment of Russia's destiny and historical mission as a civilization-state.

THE Russian capital is currently ranking as the world's second-largest urban economy, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Saturday in an address marking Moscow City Day.

"The capital ranks second among the largest city economies on the planet," Putin said during his speech in Zaryadye

park. For millions of people Moscow is the embodiment of Russia's "destiny and historical mission as a civilization-state", Putin said.

"Today, the city with its glorious history, great spiritual, cultural, military and labour traditions is the flagship of progressive, confident movement forward of

the whole of Russia, and strengthening of our sovereign and strong country," the Russian leader said, adding that "not only Muscovites but all those who sincerely love our capital consider it one of the best cities on the planet. I completely agree with this assessment, and that's the way it is." — SPUTNIK

Budapest conference marks 10 years of monetary cooperation with China

THE ninth Budapest Renminbi Initiative Conference was held on Friday at the headquarters of the National Bank of Hungary (MNB), marking the 10th anniversary of Hungary's central bank renminbi (RMB) programme and the designation of the Bank of China as the official clearing bank for the Chinese currency in Central and Eastern Europe.

Launched in 2015, the RMB programme has become a key milestone in Hungary-China financial cooperation, reinforcing bilateral ties and positioning Budapest as a regional hub for RMB transactions. This year's conference, co-organized by the MNB and the Bank of China, brought together senior officials, policymakers and financial experts to review a decade of progress and discuss the outlook for RMB internationalization.

MNB Governor Mihaly Varga said Hungary remains committed to diversifying its financial partnerships.

Zou Lan, deputy governor of the People's Bank of China, highlighted the steady development of bilateral monetary cooperation. — Xinhua

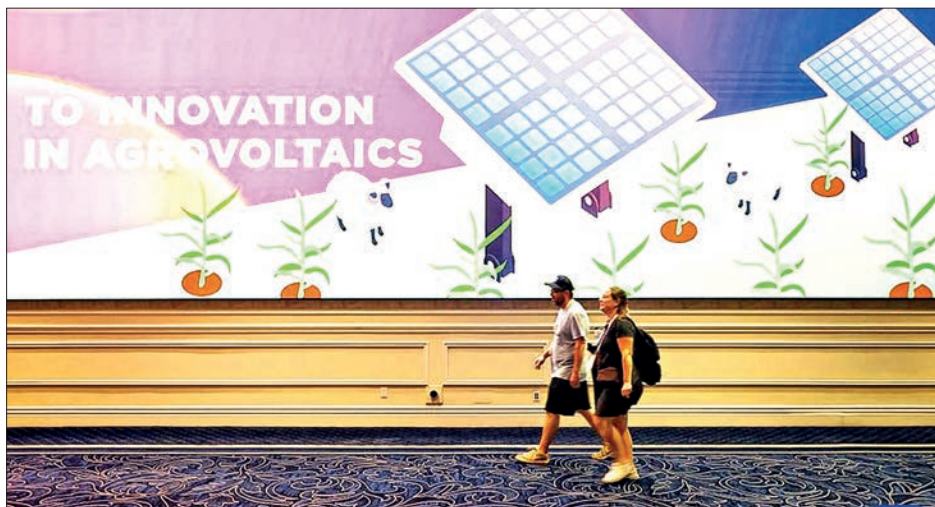
Tariffs cloud outlook at N America's top clean energy expo

EXHIBITORS at RE+, North America's largest clean energy expo in Las Vegas, warned that US tariffs and policy uncertainty pose major challenges for the global renewable energy industry, disrupting supply chains and complicating project planning.

The expo, held from Monday to Thursday, brought together exhibitors and industry professionals worldwide to showcase the latest solar, wind and

energy storage technologies, explore new products, forge partnerships, and discuss trends shaping the renewable energy sector.

Many companies in the US clean energy sector are facing significant challenges due to tariff-driven cost pressures and supply chain disruptions. Cheng Wang, CEO of Xenerpower, highlighted that tariff hikes have increased costs, forcing companies



Visitors walk past an electronic screen at the RE+ expo in Las Vegas, the United States, 8 September 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

to pass these expenses to consumers.

The removal of subsidies and stricter approval standards have led

to project delays or cancellations, particularly in solar and wind industries. — Xinhua