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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.



This photo shows vessels loaded with export cargo docking at Kawthoung Port.

New route to boost Myanmar-Thailand border trade

Trade between Thailand and Myanmar was led by the Mae Sot border, which posted a record THB45.5 billion, far ahead of Kanchanaburi (THB32.4 billion) and Ranong (THB18.2 billion), with smaller volumes recorded at Mae Sai, Mae Hong Son, Prachuap Khiri Khan, and Mae Sariang.

ALTERING the trade route is advised during the recent cordial discussion to reduce congestion amid tight control in Tak Province, according to the Myanmar Economic At-

tache in Bangkok, citing a report of the Bangkok Post. Myanmar’s Ambassador U Zaw Zaw Soe received a delegation led by Mrs Arada Fuangthong, Director General of

the Department of Foreign Trade under Thailand’s Ministry of Commerce, at the Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok on 29 August 2025.

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General Aung San Declares Firm Stand Against Election Disruption

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

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



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

‘Tourism and Sustainable Transformation’ photo contest marks World Tourism Day

THE Ministry of Hotels and Tourism hosted a “Tourism and Sustainable Transformation” photo contest on 9 September at the Office of the Department of Hotels and Tourism in Yangon to mark 2025 World Tourism Day.

Winners were selected by U Myint Htwe, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Hotels and Tourism, Lifetime Academy Award-winning director Alinka Kyawswa Pachi Soe Moe, and a panel of photographers.

The competition aimed to promote and preserve Myanmar’s natural landscapes, traditional culture, dress, ethnic traditions, and festivals by showcasing the winning photographs.

The contest attracted 52 participants who submitted a total of 343 photos. The prizes are as follows: first prize K900,000; second prize K700,000; third prize K500,000; fourth prize K300,000; fifth prize K200,000; and 20 consolation prizes of K150,000 each. — Arka Lin/MKKS



Officials looking into the photo exhibits at yesterday’s event.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar National Defence and Security Council Office Order 35/2025

3rd Waning of Tawthalin 1387 ME
9 September 2025

Transfer of duty assignment

THE National Defence and Security Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar transferred and appointed the following Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union and the Chief Justice of Mandalay Region High Court as members of the Union Election Commission under Section 427 (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar –

- (1) U Khin Maung Gyi
- (2) U Myo Maung
- (3) U Kyi Thein
- (4) Daw Khin Thin Wai

By order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Executive Chief
National Defence and Security Council Office

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Announcement 95/2025

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Revocation of registration and dissolution of political parties

1. The Union Election Commission, under Section 5 (f) and (h) of the Political Parties Registration Law, designated 7 September 2025 as the final date for political parties to meet the required number of party members and party offices and to submit evidence of compliance to the Commission. This deadline was officially announced under Notification 56/2025 on 20 August 2025.
2. Under Section 12 (a), Subsections (9) and (10) of the Political Parties Registration Law, by the designated date of 7 September 2025, the National Democratic Force Party (NDF) failed to meet the required number of party members as stipulated in Section 5 (f), while the Democratic Party of National Politics (DNP), the Women’s Party (Mon), and the Union Farmers and Workers Force Party failed to meet the required number of party offices as stipulated in Section 5 (h). Therefore, under Section 12 (b) of the Political Parties Registration Law, the registrations of these four political parties have been revoked, and the parties dissolved with effect from 9 September 2025.

Sd/ Than Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

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)

MoTC Union Minister leads Myanmar delegation at 10th Eastern Economic Forum in Russia

THE Myanmar delegation, led by Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Mya Tun Oo, attended the 10th Eastern Economic Forum held in Vladivostok, the Russian Federation, from 3 to 6 September, and also held discussions to strengthen bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

The Union minister was accompanied by Union Ministers for Finance and Revenue, Electric Power, Energy, Industry, and Health, the Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation, relevant ministry officials, and the Vice-President of the Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

On 3 and 4 September, the Myanmar delegation met Mr Anton Kobaykov, Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation; Mr Shatirov Sergey Vladimirovich, Honorary Consul of Myanmar to the Russian Federation and Director of the Roscongress Investment Fund; Mr Sholban Valerievich Kara-Ool, Deputy Chairman of the State Duma; and Mr Ivan Viktorovich Polyakov, Chairman of the Russia-ASEAN Economic Council.

The two sides discussed close cooperation between Myanmar and Russia, preparations for the upcoming elections in Myanmar, matters related to



Union Transport & Communications Minister U Mya Tun Oo attends the 10th Eastern Economic Forum held on 3-6 September in the Russian Federation.

enhancing bilateral economic cooperation, the progress and plans of cooperation with the Roscongress Investment Fund of Russia, including transport and communications, finance, agriculture, electricity, energy, industry, and health, the promotion of bilateral tourism, overall cooperation between Myanmar and Russia, and economic cooperation between Russia and ASEAN countries, including initiatives to increase trade and investment in rice, coffee, mangoes, seafood products, and electricity and energy.

On 5 September, Union Minister U Mya Tun Oo received Ms Lidia Filatova, Director of Synergy International Recruitment

Agency, the Russian Federation, and discussed the progress of signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Myanmar and Russia on labour cooperation, opportunities for citizens seeking to work abroad, and collaboration in training programmes.

The Myanmar delegation then met Mr Maksim Reshetnikov, Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation, and had a frank and open exchange of views on issues related to the decisions of the Fifth Russia-Myanmar Intergovernmental Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation, the progress of Myanmar-Russia

economic cooperation, the implementation of the bilateral cooperation roadmap, and cooperation in the energy and industrial development sectors.

In the afternoon, the Myanmar delegation participated in the Main Forum Plenary Session, the main event of the 10th Eastern Economic Forum, which was addressed by the President of the Russian Federation, Mr Vladimir Putin.

After the plenary session, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Kan Zaw and the Union Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin met with Mr Maksim Reshetnikov, Minister of Economic Development of the

Russian Federation, and officials from Gazprom Company to discuss investment opportunities in Myanmar's promising oil and gas blocks, energy trading possibilities such as the LNG Hub using existing deep-sea ports and pipelines, and further cooperation in the energy sector between the two countries.

On 6 September, Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win visited the Medical Centre in Vladivostok and discussed the hospital's medical treatment conditions, the participation of international medical students, and the possibility of sending students from Myanmar for medical practice.

The Eastern Economic Forum has been held annually since 2015, aiming to establish contacts between the Russian Federation and investment institutions and to serve as a platform for international cooperation in the economic development of the Asia-Pacific region. The 10th Eastern Economic Forum was attended by more than 7,000 heads of state, government officials, experts, and private businesspeople from 75 countries. The Myanmar delegation, led by the Union Minister for Transport and Communications, returned to Myanmar by air on the afternoon of 8 September. — MNA/TH

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

MoBA Union Minister meets UN High Commissioner for Refugees



UN High Commissioner for Refugees Mr Filippo Grandi calls on Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae yesterday.

UNION Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae received United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Mr Filippo Grandi yesterday morning at the guest hall of the Ministry of Border Affairs.

They exchanged views on efforts being carried out for stability and peace in the

border areas of Myanmar, the development of those regions, and the improvement of the socioeconomic life of ethnic people living in border areas. They also discussed the progress of the national reconciliation and domestic peace processes being implemented by the Government, the cur-

rent status of humanitarian assistance, matters relating to the safe and dignified return of displaced persons to their places of origin in Rakhine State of their own accord when stability and peace are achieved, as well as possible future cooperation with the UNHCR. — MNA/KZL

MoFA Union Minister receives UN High Commissioner for Refugees

U Than Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, received Mr Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

They exchanged views on the matters related to the ongoing activities of UNHCR in Myanmar, as well as ways and

means for further cooperation between the Government of Myanmar and UNHCR.

Also present at the meeting were Ms Hai Kyung Jun, Director, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, Ms Noriko Takagi, UNHCR Representative in Myanmar and senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA



The UNHCR calls on Union Minister U Than Swe yesterday.

MoFA Deputy Minister attends 15th Summit of Global Forum on Migration and Development, held in Riohacha, Colombia

THE Myanmar delegation, led by U Naing Min Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, attended the 15th Summit of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, held in Riohacha, Colombia, on 2-4 September 2025. The summit focused on issues related to migration and development.

The delegation led by the Deputy Minister attended the opening ceremony of the forum on its first day (2 September), as well as participated in the expert-level panel discussions under the themes “Striking a New Deal on Pathways: Align-

ing Priorities for Countries of Destination and Origin” and “Durable Solutions to Internal Displacement.” On the second day of the forum (3 September), the delegation attended expert-level panel discussions under the themes “Care Work in Migration: Recognition, Advocacy, and Progress on Global and Regional Migration” and “Restoration of Rights as the Cornerstone for a Dignified Return.” On the third day of the forum (4 September), the delegation attended the “Future of the Forum” session as well as the closing ceremony.



The 15th Summit of the Global Forum on Migration and Development in progress on 2-4 September, attended by Deputy Minister U Naing Min Kyaw (2nd L).

At the opening ceremony of the forum, Mr Gustavo Petro, President of Colombia, and Mrs Rosa Yolanda Villavicencio Mapy, Minister of Foreign

Affairs, attended and delivered opening remarks. Representatives from 69 countries, along with 73 delegations from the United Nations, international

organizations, and research institutions, approximately 1,200 people participated in the event.

The forum was organized to promote transparency in migration and development issues and to foster mutual dialogue and collaboration between governments and non-governmental organizations through constructive policy discussions.

At the stopover in France, the deputy minister for Foreign Affairs visited the Myanmar Embassy in Paris. Following a tour of the embassy, he met the embassy staff and gave necessary guidance. — MNA

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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)

MoFR Union Minister meets Russian Sberbank VP for South Asia

UNION Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Kan Zaw received the Delegation led by Mr Ivan Nosov, Vice-President for South Asia Region of the PJSC “Sberbank of Russia” at the Internal Revenue Department in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

They cordially discussed mat-

ters pertaining to further consolidation of the bilateral cooperation, payment systems, financial matters on fintech and cybersecurity between the two countries.

Also present at the meeting were the deputy minister and departmental officials of the ministry. — MoFR



Union Finance and Revenue Minister Dr Kan Zaw holds talks with Mr Ivan Nosov, Vice-President for South Asia Region of the PJSC (Sberbank) yesterday.

MoIP Union Minister, UNHCR chief discuss Rakhine repatriation



Union Minister U Myint Kyaing and UNHCR Chief Mr Filippo Grandi meet to discuss the repatriation of displaced persons in Rakhine State, yesterday.

U Myint Kyaing, Union Minister for Immigration and Population, received Mr Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and his delegation in the ministry’s meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw at 3.30 pm yesterday.

They openly exchanged views on matters related to the repatriation of displaced persons from Rakhine State. Discussions covered the signing of a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the ministry and UN-

DP-UNHCR, ongoing efforts to ensure the successful implementation of these initiatives, and coordination between the governments of Myanmar and Bangladesh.

They also discussed delays in the repatriation process caused by obstruction from terrorist within Rakhine State, as well as arrangements allowing UNHCR staff operating in the Buthidaung and Maungdaw areas to temporarily relocate to Sittway and Yangon for safety reasons, with a

plan to return to their posts once the security situation stabilizes. The ministry and UNDP-UNHCR reaffirmed their joint commitment to continue working together to facilitate the repatriation process for displaced persons from Rakhine State.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister U Htay Hlaing, Permanent Secretary U Min Hein, the director-general of the Department of Immigration and other officials. — MNA/KZL

MSWRR Union Minister receives UN High Commissioner for Refugees

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win received Mr Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Geneva, Switzerland, at the Ministry’s meeting hall yesterday afternoon.

They discussed the UN High Commissioner for Refugees’ priority visit to Myanmar as his term of office will soon end, the progress made in signing the MoU between the Ministry and the United Nations High Commis-

sioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the status of UNHCR’s humanitarian assistance to the affected people, the internally displaced persons in Rakhine State and the ongoing cooperation between the Ministry and UN agencies.

The meeting was attended by officials from the Ministry, Director of UNHCR’s Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, Ms Hai Kyung Jun, and UNHCR’s Resident Representative in Myanmar, Ms Noriko Takagi. — MNA/MKKS



The UN High Commissioner for Refugees calls on Union Minister Dr Soe Win yesterday.

NATIONAL

Myanmar delegation joins 63rd AALCO annual session in Uganda

AT the invitation of Attorney-General of Uganda Mr Kiryowa Kiwanuka, the Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Legal Affairs and Deputy Attorney-General Dr Htein Lin Oo is attending the 63rd Annual Session of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO), being held in Kampala, Uganda, from 7 to 12 September 2025.

At the opening ceremony, welcoming remarks were delivered by AALCO Secretary-General Dr Kamalinne Pinitpubadol, Speaker of the Ugandan Parliament Ms Anita Annet Among, Minister of Justice of Uganda Mr Norbert Mao, and Attorney-General of Uganda Mr Kiryowa Kiwanuka.

During the session, member states approved the 2026 budget submitted by the AALCO Secretariat, elected the Chair and Vice-Chair of the meeting, reappointed the Secretary-General, and endorsed the Organization's annual report and the publication



This photo captures Myanmar delegates attending the 63rd Annual Session of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) in Kampala, Uganda.

of its International Law Journal.

In his remarks, Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney-General Dr Htein Lin Oo highlighted that Myanmar is a signatory to the United Nations Convention

against Corruption (UNCAC) and has enacted domestic laws and regulations to implement the Convention. On outer space matters, he emphasized Myanmar's acceptance of the principle that

outer space belongs to all humankind, to be used on an equal and non-discriminatory basis, regardless of the level of scientific and technological development of individual countries.

He stressed the importance of sharing technology, providing financial support, and offering capacity-building programmes to ensure equal access to space activities.

He also noted the rising threats of cybercrime worldwide, informing the session that Myanmar enacted its Cybersecurity Law on 1 January 2025, which came into effect on 30 July 2025, enabling the country to take action against unlawful activities related to cybersecurity and internet use. He reaffirmed Myanmar's active and consistent participation in AALCO and expressed the country's commitment to continued cooperation.

Furthermore, the Myanmar delegation engaged in discussions with representatives of member states on the work of the International Law Commission (ILC), the law of the sea, international humanitarian law, and matters related to environmental protection and sustainable development. — MNA/KZL

10 Myanmar youth delegates attend BIMSTEC Youth Leaders Summit 2025 in India

THE opening ceremony of the BIMSTEC Youth Leaders Summit 2025, hosted by the Bharat Scouts and Guides under the aegis of the Ministry of External Affairs of India, took place at the Mayfair Spring Valley Resort in Guwahati, India, yesterday.

Ten young Myanmar delegates from the governmental departments, political parties, media and private sectors attended the opening ceremony of the summit.

The summit is hosted by the Bharat Scouts and Guides under the aegis of the Ministry of External Affairs at the Mayfair Valley Resort in Assam, Guwahati, India.

The event was attended by the Governor of Assam, the Chief National Commissioner of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, special invitees and the delegates of BIMSTEC countries.

The delegates from BIMSTEC nations – India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand – sang



The BIMSTEC Youth Leaders Summit 2025 underway in Guwahati, India, yesterday (L), attended by 10 Myanmar youth delegates (R).

the national anthems and introduced themselves respectively.

After the ceremonial procedures, the Governor of Assam made a speech highlighting the role of BIMSTEC, as the real strength of the region lies in its youth. He also called upon the youths to engage actively in tackling global challenges such as climate change, natural disasters, and stated the position of

leadership. The relevant Indian officials made speeches respectively.

The BIMSTEC delegates enjoyed the cultural performance of the Indian cultural dance troupe and had dinner together.

The summit, themed "Thrive-Igniting Youth Leadership and Entrepreneurship" will take place from 9-12 September.

The objectives of the summit are to develop leadership activities, promote entrepreneurial mindsets, support youth-led social impact projects, and connect young people to resources and mentors.

The experts and youth delegates will discuss and exchange views on the different topics such as The 21st Century Leader: Skills for a Fast-Changing

World, Emotional Intelligence and Resilience Leading with Heart and Strength, Inclusive Leadership: Valuing Diversity and Building Teams, From Idea to Impact: The Entrepreneurial Journey, Lean Start up for First-Time Founders, Future of Work and Rise of Youth Entrepreneurs in South Asia, From Vision to Action during the event days. — KTZH



New route to boost Myanmar-Thailand border trade

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The cordial discussions highlighted both sides' exchanges of views on matters related to cross-border trade between the two countries, with a view to promoting economic cooperation and exploring opportunities to further enhance cross-border trade for the mutual benefit of the people of both countries, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

of Myanmar.

A temporary closure of Thailand-Myanmar Friendship Bridge II, and Myawady-Maesot checkpoint from Myanmar's side on 18 August brought negative impacts on Thailand's exports, the director-general addressed during the meeting. She also requested to ease some import licence rules. Myanmar's side advised Thai exporters who planned to use the

Thailand-Myanmar Friendship Bridge II in Tak to shift road freight transport to shipping mode (Ranong-Kawthoung ports) or the Maesai-Tachilek border point, Mrs Arada Fuangtong told the Bangkok Post.

Myanmar representatives accepted Thailand's proposal to discuss export earnings regulations with the Myanmar government. Mrs Arada added that Thailand will invite My-

anmar's Union Minister for Commerce to foster dialogue on trade policies and enhance trade collaboration.

According to the Bangkok Post's report, bilateral trade in the first half of 2025 amounted to 1,051.1 billion baht, indicating a 24.9 per cent drop compared to that of the previous year.

Thailand's exports fell by 16.3 per cent (63.5 billion baht) while its imports sharply

dropped by 35 per cent (41.5 billion baht). Of all checkpoints between Thailand and Myanmar, the Maesot border checkpoint performed the largest trade worth 45.5 billion baht, followed by Kanchanaburi (32.4 billion baht), Ranong (18.2 billion baht), Maesai (8.06 billion), Prachuap Khiri Khan (300 million baht), Mae Hong Son (698 million baht) and Mae Sariang (104 million baht. — NN/KK

Myanmar MSME products to sell at Mahar Nwe Shopping Centre

MYANMAR'S Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise (MSME) entrepreneurs will offer MSME products at about 30 booths at the Mahar New Shopping Centre in Maha Chai, Thailand, U Hein Htike Aung, a trading company owner, said.

"We are running a trading company of agricultural produce. Furthermore, it took three to six months for us to make efforts to trade MSME products. We are planning to sell our MSME product at Mahar Nwe Shopping Centre in Thailand. Currently, approximately 20 businesspeople are planning to open over 30 shops at the centre. I think our MSMEs will start running business in October at the centre," he elaborated.

MSME entrepreneurs plan to produce a range of MSME products, including clothing, footwear, lacquerware, and ready-made food items, such as Mont Hin Khar and fried fish paste. They are seeking registration from the Thailand Food and Drug Administration.

Myanmar's MSMEs participated in exhibitions held in Bangkok and Chiang Mai. Myanmar's MSMEs are endeavouring to explore new markets for local MSME products in Maha Chai.

The Mahar Nwe Shopping Centre is one of the main shopping centres for Myanmar migrant workers. This is a Myanmar shopping complex featuring shops that sell mobile phones, computers, watches, clothes, personal goods, and recruitment agencies' offices, as well as schools and restaurants. — ASH/KK



This photo showcases the Mahar Nwe Shopping Centre in Mahachai, Thailand.

CBM pumps huge forex into market

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$2 million purchased from companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis to edible oil-importing companies and over \$464,400 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments on 8 August, in addition to an injection of over 1.9 million yuan into the market.

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

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

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

CBM announced on 3 September that it would inject \$30 million into the fuel oil sector.



Cooking oil bottles are organized for sale at the supermarket.

Moreover, CBM sold over \$1.8 million to edible oil importing companies and over \$32,755 to those who made non-trade payments on that day.

CBM pumped over \$1.075 million into edible oil-importing companies on 2 September, following sales of over \$669,000 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments.

CBM sold over \$1.6 million to fuel oil-importing companies and over \$128,000 to fuel oil-importing companies on 1 September through foreign reserve purchased from the companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis. Furthermore, CBM injected 800,000 yuan and 300,000 baht into the financial market. CBM also sold over \$24,700 to the CMP companies and those

who made non-trade payments. CBM sold over \$1 million, 11 million yuan and four million baht in August. Furthermore, CBM also pumped over \$32 million, purchased from the companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis, into the financial market. CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March 2024, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

Mandalay to host MSME Market Festival 2025

MSME Market Festival 2025 is set to take place from 9 am to 6 pm on 20-22 September at Mingalar Mandalay (Promotion Area) for post-quake economic recovery.

This three-day MSME Market Festival will showcase MSME products and high-quality products with 86 booths, with a view to facilitating speedy business recovery in the post-earthquake.

Nearly 100 MSMEs will participate in the market festival. Visitors can enjoy a Traditional dance performance, famous singers and a DJ dance crew in the entertainment programme. Individuals can require details of the MSME Market Festival 2025 through contact numbers 09 2025557, 09 2035010, 09 962229111, 09 962036650, and 09 2059443. — NN/KK

Chances for people to enjoy their citizen rights in the upcoming election

THE multiparty democratic general election will be held on 28 December this year, and all sectors are actively working to ensure its successful conduct. For the country to return from its current situation to the path of democracy, it is essential to hold a free and fair election. The Hluttaw and government formed from this election will lead the country toward a new chapter.

Every adult citizen has the right to vote in elections, which is a fundamental citizen’s right and a means to participate in government affairs through representatives they elect. According to the Constitution (2008), Chapter 8, “Citizen, Fundamental Rights and Duties of the Citizens,” Section 369 (a) states, “Subject to this Constitution and relevant laws, every citizen has the right to elect and right to be elected to the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw,

and the Region or State Hluttaw.” Therefore, every citizen should freely cast their vote for candidates and parties they believe can serve the interests of the nation, the public, and their local communities.

The country has overcome obstacles and challenges to reach the path of democracy. At the end of this year, efforts must be made to ensure the successful conduct of the general election for all parties. Individuals should be mindful that their words, actions, and the conduct of those around them do not hinder or obstruct preparations for the election. The State has enacted laws to protect the general elections from interference or disruption and to safeguard the election process, candidates and parties campaigning, polling station staff and assistants, as well as voters from threats, obstruction, disturbance, or any form of encroachment.

For the upcoming general election for all parties, a total of 61 political parties have been granted registration to participate. Among them, nine parties will organize nationwide, while 52 parties will organize within the respective regions and states. The electoral system to be used in the upcoming election will include not only the previously used First-Past-The-Post (FPTP) system but also a Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) system, which combines FPTP with Proportional Representation (PR). The election will not be conducted all at once; instead, it will be held in separate phases.

wide, while 52 parties will organize within the respective regions and states. The electoral system to be used in the upcoming election will include not only the previously used First-Past-The-Post (FPTP) system but also a Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) system, which combines FPTP with Proportional Representation (PR). The election will not be conducted all at once; instead, it will be held in separate phases.

Attempts to disrupt and sabotage the election are efforts to prevent Myanmar’s political progress from moving forward. Therefore, to ensure the swift restoration of a democratic nation, everyone must collectively oppose and resist any disruption, destruction, or obstruction aimed at the upcoming general election for all parties.

THERE is something almost magical about the idea of a gift. Since childhood, gifts have been symbols of affection, small treasures that make our eyes light up, and tokens that seem to hold a piece of someone’s heart. But as life unfolds, we begin to realize that not all gifts are wrapped in bright paper or tied with ribbon. Many of the most powerful gifts are invisible, exchanged quietly in our daily lives: a smile across the room, a patient silence when words could wound, a touch that speaks of comfort, or even a sigh that carries irritation. These are the gifts that truly shape our relationships, for better or for worse.

A gift can be something we embrace with joy, but it can also be something we cannot accept. In love, the sweetest gifts are often the simplest ones. They are

Gifts That Heal, Gifts That Hurt

By Laura Htet (UDE)

the gentle words whispered in a quiet moment, the playful teasing that makes us laugh until our eyes water; the small gestures that say, “I remembered what you like.” A hand reaching out in a crowded place, a note slipped secretly into a bag, or even the act of listening with full attention – these are gifts that cost little yet mean everything. They tell us we are seen, we are valued, we are loved.

But love, like the seasons, changes. Alongside the sweet gifts come others we do not want: impatience, inconsiderate hab-

its, selfishness, anger, and cold silences. These are also gifts, though not the kind we welcome. Too often, when we feel uncomfortable or dissatisfied, we pass on that discomfort as if it were something worth giving. We come home tired, and instead of resting, we let our frustration spill onto the people we love most. It is as if we are saying, “I am in pain, so I will hand this pain to you.”

What happens next depends on us. If we accept that unwanted gift and respond with anger of our own, the fire grows hotter.

One sharp word leads to another, and soon both hearts are burning, both hands are scorched. But if we pause and refuse to accept what is harmful, something changes. The toxic gift remains with the giver. Anger, when not met with more anger, loses its fuel. Fire cannot burn without something to consume. A gentle silence or a calm reply can be like cool water poured on flames. In that moment, love becomes not just sweetness, but strength.

This does not mean that a relationship free of problems exists. Every bond will face storms. But peace is not the absence of storms; it is the choice to walk through them together without

tearing each other apart. When we learn to give patience instead of irritation, kindness instead of criticism, calm instead of fire, we discover a harmony that does not depend on perfection. It depends on intention.

If we reflect on our own lives, we can remember both kinds of gifts. There are times when we offer warmth, perhaps a gentle word to comfort a friend, or a smile that eases someone’s fear. And then there are the times we handed someone our bitterness – a snapped reply after a long day, or irritation passed onto someone who had nothing to do with our troubles. Both leave lasting marks, and both remind us how

much power we hold in the daily gifts we choose to give.

In truth, every relationship is a constant exchange of gifts. Some heal, others wound. Some are remembered for years, others are quickly regretted. The wisdom lies in choosing carefully what we hand to one another, and in finding the courage not to receive what will only bring harm. A kind word spoken at the right time can carry more weight than a hundred apologies offered too late. A single smile can soften anger, while silence chosen wisely can protect peace. These are the gifts that keep love alive, steady even when storms come.

Real love has never been

measured by the cost of jewellery or the size of a bouquet. It lives instead in the quiet, daily decisions we make: to listen rather than argue, to forgive rather than punish, to give joy rather than sorrow. These choices are invisible to the eye but unforgettable to the heart. They are the steady thread that binds two lives together, even in moments of weakness.

So perhaps we should ask ourselves: What gifts are we giving to those we love? Are we offering tenderness or bitterness, patience or complaints, kindness or carelessness? Life will always hand us difficulties we cannot control, but we can always decide what we pass on. When we choose

to hand over love instead of anger, calm instead of fire, we create a bond that feels less like a battlefield and more like a sanctuary.

The beauty of love is that it renews itself each day. We may fail one day and hand over the wrong gift, but the next day we can try again. Love does not demand perfection. What it asks of us is sincerity, patience, and the willingness to grow. Perhaps the greatest gift of all is refusing to give what wounds and choosing instead to give what heals. Every word we speak, every gesture we make, every silence we hold — these are gifts we place in another’s hands. What truly matters is that love cannot be measured by the value of gifts, but by the care, attention, and warmth we choose to give one another. True love is powerful – it renews itself every day, quietly, gently, and endlessly.

I Say What I See: Bridging the Divide Between Individualism and Collectivism

BY @EDITOR

Lexicographic Definitions
Individualism
Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary:
noun / ˈɪndɪˈvɪdʒʊəlɪzəm/
Definition:
The quality of being different from other people and doing things in your own way.

The belief that individual people in society should have the right to make their own decisions, rather than be controlled by the government.

English-Burmese Dictionary:
Burmese Translation: တာဝန်တော်ဝါဒ/တာဝါးပုဂ္ဂလဝါဒ
Definition:
A principle or habit of self-reliance and independence; the belief in personal autonomy and uniqueness.

Collectivism
Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary:
noun / ˈkɒːlektɪvɪzəm/
Definition:
A political system in which farms, businesses, and industries are owned by the state or collectively by the people.

The practice or principle of giving a group priority over each individual in it.

English-Burmese Dictionary:
Burmese Translation: ပြည်သူ့ပိုင်ပြုလုပ်ရေး/ဘုံဝါဒ
Definition:
A system or ideology that emphasizes group ownership, shared responsibility, and collective decision-making.

Digital versus Physical Communities: A Dichotomy of Values

Individualism in Digital Spaces
Digital platforms often amplify individualism in striking ways. **Personal Branding:** Social media encourages users to craft unique identities – profiles, bios, aesthetics, and curated content become expressions of self. **Algorithmic Autonomy:** Personalized feeds and recommendations reinforce individual preferences, creating echo chambers of taste and belief. **Creator Economy:** Platforms like YouTube, Substack, and Patreon reward individual voices, often elevating solo creators over institutions. **Freedom of Expression:** Online anonymity can empower physical goods and services cater to personal choice, status, and self-expression. **Legal Frameworks:** Rights-based systems emphasize personal autonomy, property, and freedom of movement.

Individualism in Physical Communities

In real-world settings, individualism is shaped by **Urban Design:** Cities often prioritize private space – apartments, cars, personal schedules – over communal interaction. **Consumer Culture:** Physical goods and services cater to personal choice, status, and self-expression. **Legal Frameworks:** Rights-based systems emphasize personal autonomy, property, and freedom of movement.

Collectivism in Digital Spaces
Despite its individualistic architecture, the digital realm also nurtures collectivism. **Hashtag**

Collectivism in Physical Communities

Collectivist values are deeply embedded in traditional, rural, or close-knit physical communities. **Shared Rituals:** Religious gatherings, festivals, and communal meals reinforce group identity. **Family Structures:** Multigenerational households and kinship networks prioritize duty and harmony. **Local Governance:** Town halls, cooperatives, and neighborhood associations reflect participatory collectivism.

The Tension and the Blend

Digital spaces often start with individualism but evolve into collectivist hubs. **Physical spaces** may begin with collectivist traditions but are increasingly shaped by individualistic lifestyles.

The bridge between these dichotomies lies in **intentional design** – how we choose to build platforms, cities, and cultures that honour both the self and the collective.

The Newsroom as a Microcosm of Duality

In the analogue hum of teleprinters and the rhythmic churn of Gestetner machines, the newsroom at NAB was more than a workplace; it was a living system of layered responsibility and shared purpose. My role as a junior editor, tasked with refining raw wire news into usable slugs, was a solitary endeavour at first glance. It demanded focus, judgement, and a personal editorial voice. Yet, this individual effort was only the first movement in a larger symphony.

Individualism in Action

The initial editing of foreign news slugs was a solitary task, requiring personal initiative and editorial discretion. I exercised autonomy in shaping the raw material by choosing what to highlight, what to trim, and how to structure the narrative. This stage reflects the *individual’s role as originator* – the first spark in the editorial process.

Collectivism in Completion

Senior editors reviewed and refined my work, adjusting headlines and ensuring consistency

with the agency’s standards. The final bulletins – produced thrice daily – were the result of layered collaboration, each stage building upon the last. The use of Gestetner machines to mass-produce bulletins symbolized the transition from *individual insight* to *collective dissemination*.

“Each bulletin was a mosaic – each editor a tile. Alone, we shaped fragments; together, we built the message.”

This experience offers a compelling metaphor for my essay’s theme: the transformation of solitary labour into collective output. It shows how individualism and collectivism are not opposing forces, but sequential phases in a shared creative process.

At Sea: When Individual Instinct Meets Collective Response

One afternoon aboard *MV Platinum Kris*, a Panama-flagged vessel slicing through open waters, a fire broke out in a crew cabin. The source: a heater, overloaded with clothes hung carelessly by the cabin’s occupant, an oiler. In the first moments, it was

individual instinct that took over. The oiler, alone in his cabin, acted swiftly to extinguish the flames before they could spread. His response was immediate, personal, and courageous.

But the story didn’t end there. The ship’s smoke detector triggered a full alert. Within moments, the crew mobilized. Trained, synchronized, and united by shared duty, we converged on the scene. Our collective strength ensured the fire was fully contained – no flames breached the cabin’s threshold, no damage extended beyond the heater. What could have been a catastrophic event was neutralized by a seamless blend of individual action and communal coordination.

“At sea, survival is never a solo act. It begins with one, but it succeeds with all.”

Reflections on the Dichotomy

Individualism: The oiler’s quick thinking and personal responsibility prevented escalation. His autonomy mattered. **Collectivism:** The crew’s coordinated response, shaped by training and trust, ensured safety for all. Our unity mattered.

This incident beautifully illustrates my essay’s core thesis: that individualism and collectivism are not opposing forces, but complementary responses to the demands of real life. Especially in high-stakes environments like ships or newsrooms, the bridge

between the two is not theoretical – it’s lived.

Between the Desk and the Deck: @Editor’s Lived Bridge

In the sterile hum of the NAB international news desk, individualism began with a slug. Each wire despatch, received through teleprinters, was raw – unfiltered, unrefined. As a junior editor, I worked alone in the first stage, shaping these fragments into coherent news items. This solitary labour demanded judgement, initiative, and a sense of editorial voice. Yet, the process did not end with me. Senior editors reviewed my drafts, corrected headlines, and refined the tone. The final bulletins – typed onto stencils and reproduced thrice daily via Gestetner machines – were the product of layered collaboration. What began as an individual effort became a collective output.

“In the newsroom, truth was a relay – passed from one hand to another until it reached the public.”

Years later, aboard *MV Platinum Kris*, I witnessed a different kind of relay. A fire broke out in a crew cabin – caused by clothes hung over a heater. The oiler, alone in his quarters, acted swiftly to extinguish the flames. His instinctive response was vital. But when the smoke detector sounded, it was the crew’s collective strength that ensured containment.

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NATIONAL/ESSAY

U Kyaw Kyaw Min presents Credentials to UAE President



The documentary group photo session followed the credentials presentation in the UAE on 8 September 2025.

U Kyaw Kyaw Min, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Arab Emirates, presented his Credentials to His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, on 8 September 2025, at Qasr Al Watan (Presidential Palace) in Abu Dhabi. — MNA

City Mart launches part-time retail hiring

MYANMAR’S biggest retail group, City Mart Holding Co Ltd is offering part-time retail jobs for the first time.

The part-time job is just four hours a day and does not affect anyone’s daily schedule. It is intended for those seeking a side job as supplementary income, City Mart Supermarket Myanmar announced on 9 September.

Students, mothers who want to support the family, retirees and anyone who wants another job to seek additional income can apply, it said.

There is an opportunity to join training while wearing a full uniform, enjoy additional income, and gain valuable working experience. Interested applicants can send their CVs to recruitment@cmhl.com.mm to the CMHL headquarters located at Padonma Stadium,



The first-ever part-time retail job to find supplementary income.

Bagaya Road, Myaynigon in Sanchaung Township, Yangon or nearby City Mart supermarkets and Viber/Telegram numbers 09 459198843, 09 259256796.

The post about this part-time retail recruitment is receiving a lot of attention and comments, as well as being shared widely. — MT/ZS

Aung Bar Lay’s 22nd 5-Digit Jackpot rises to K200M

THE highest prize for the 22nd edition of the 5 Digits Aung Bar Lay Lottery has been increased to K200 million, according to the Aung Bar Lay online lottery system.

As there was no winner for the grand prize of K100 million in the 21st edition, the jackpot of the 22nd edition has been raised to K200 million.

The 5 Digits Online Lottery is offered twice a month on the 1st and 16th of every month. The lottery tickets can be easily purchased through the Aung Bar Lay App by simply opening the app

and selecting the tickets at the rate of K1,000 per ticket. Customers can also call *117# and buy tickets via their Mytel phone bills.

A new jackpot from 5 Digits Online has been increased to K100 million. If there is no winner, the jackpot prize will be rolled over and added to the next edition’s highest prize three times, allowing people to win up to the maximum jackpot of K300 million. In the third round, the jackpot number will be randomly selected until a winner is chosen. – MT/ZN

I Say What I See: Bridging the Divide Between Individualism and Collectivism

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Trained, alert, and unified, we responded as one. The fire was extinguished before it could spread, with no damage beyond the heater, no panic, no loss.

“At sea, survival begins with one – but it succeeds with all”.

These two experiences – one rooted in language, the other in urgency – taught me that individualism and collectivism are not rivals. They are phases in a rhythm. The lone editor and the lone oiler each acted first. But it was the team – the editorial board, the ship’s crew – that completed the arc. Autonomy sparked action; solidarity ensured resolution.

From Experience to Insight: The Societal Echoes of Self and Collective

The newsroom and the ship were not just workplaces. They were microcosms – each revealing how human systems balance autonomy and interdependence. But beyond these contained environments, the tension between individualism and collectivism reverberates through our societies at large.

In Urban Life

Cities often celebrate the individual: personal ambition, private property, curated lifestyles. Yet, they depend on collective infrastructure – transport, sanitation, emergency services. The paradox is clear: the more we assert our independence, the more we rely on invisible networks of cooperation.

In Digital Culture

Online, we craft identities pixel by pixel. We post, comment, curate, and brand ourselves. But even here, the collective is never far. Algorithms group us. Movements unite us. Virality depends not on the lone voice, but on the chorus.

“The self may speak first, but it is the crowd that echoes”.

In Governance

Democracy itself is a bridge: the individual vote cast in solitude becomes part of a collective decision. Rights are personal; laws are communal. The tension is not a flaw; it’s the design.

Philosophical Reflection

Perhaps the dichotomy is not a choice, but a rhythm. We oscillate between solitude and solidarity, between the need to be seen and the need to belong. The challenge is not to choose one over the other, but to learn when each is needed, and how they can coexist.

“Individualism without empathy becomes isolation. Collectivism without voice becomes conformity”.

Conclusion: The Bridge We Build

In the lexicon, *individualism* and *collectivism* stand apart – defined as opposing principles, etched into dictionaries with precision. But in life, they rarely exist in isolation. From the quiet concentration of a junior editor shaping foreign news slugs to the urgent coordination of a ship’s crew extinguishing a fire at sea, I have seen how these forces intertwine. One begins the task; the other completes it.

Our societies, too, are built on this rhythm. The self seeks expression, but the group offers meaning. The lone voice may spark change, but it is the chorus that carries it forward. Whether in the newsroom, on the ocean, or in the digital ether, we are constantly negotiating the space between autonomy and solidarity.

As @Editor, I say what I see: and what I see is not a gap, but a bridge. A bridge made of moments where the individual steps forward, and the collective steps in. A bridge that holds the weight of both freedom and responsibility. A bridge we cross every day, often without knowing.

“To be truly human is not to choose between self and society, but to learn how to carry both”.

NATIONAL

Govt continues rehabilitation with local and foreign support

UP till 9 September, the death toll rose to 3,817, with 5,104 injured and five people still missing in six regions and states of Myanmar that were severely affected by the powerful earthquake which struck on 28 March.

Members of the Myanmar Fire Services Department, along with local and international search and rescue teams, have been continuously conducting

timely operations in affected areas. Up to now, 653 survivors have been rescued from collapsed buildings, and the bodies of 880 deceased individuals have been recovered.

The Government is continuing to carry out rehabilitation work with the support and donations of well-wishers and donors from both home and abroad. — MNA/MKKS

Renowned comedian U Htin Paw dies at 75



Humourist U Htin Paw.

U Nay Win, Secretary of the Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central), said that veteran theatrical artist U Htin Paw passed away from an age-related illness in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Region, on the morning of 8 September.

At the time of his passing, U Htin Paw was 75 years old. He rose to prominence during the golden era of the Mandalay Anyeint community, performing with well-known Anyeint troupes such as Aung Myay Aye, Yadanabon, Thit Lwin, Nan Myo Taw, Myataya and Shwe Yadana. He became particularly famous as part of the celebrated trio “Htin Paw, Chit Sa Yar and Dee Pa”.

“This is indeed a great loss for the theatrical world. U Htin Paw was a highly respected artist, not only within the Mandalay Anyeint world but also for the city of Mandalay itself. I had not heard that he was in poor health. According to his family, he passed away suddenly after

experiencing laboured breathing,” said U Nay Win.

U Htin Paw was a legendary comedian with a fine singing voice and an outstanding command of Myanmar songs. He was renowned for his ability to make audiences laugh heartily without resorting to vulgarity. He was also well known as the comedy partner of the late comedian U Chit Sa Yar (Mandalay).

He was born in Kyatphyu-Kuni Village, Mahlaing Township, Mandalay Region, as the third son of U Chit Sein, a leading oboe player, thereby belonging to a theatrical family. During the COVID-19 pandemic, U Htin Paw published a book recounting his career and experiences as a comedian, which he had originally shared on social media.

His funeral will take place on 10 September at 1 pm, with the cortege departing from his residence in PyinOoLwin for the cemetery. — ASH/KZL

First 72 Sky Villa victims receive K100M each



This photo captures an official from NTL Construction Company presenting compensation to the families of those who died in the Sky Villa building collapse caused by the earthquake.

A ceremony to provide K10 million in compensation to each of the first 72 victims of the Sky Villa building collapse, caused by the Mandalay earthquake,

was held at Nanshae Moantai Zayat on the afternoon of 8 September.

At the ceremony, NTL Construction Company, which built

Sky Villa, reportedly gave K10 million each to the first batch of 72 victims – both citizens and foreigners who died in the collapse.

“We are deeply saddened by the loss of lives due to the collapse of Sky Villa. The compensation provided is not intended to diminish the value of these lives; rather, it is a measure to provide temporary accommodation and food for the families left behind. The cost of clearing the collapsed Sky Villa has so far exceeded K1.8 billion,” said U Lin Lin Htun, Sky Villa Condo Operation Manager.

The demolition of the collapsed Sky Villa building is currently 88 per cent complete, and the death toll has reached 205. — ASH/TH

Film, theatre groups donate healthcare funds to veteran U Paw Lay

THE Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO) and the Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central) have donated K1.2 million for the healthcare of veteran theatrical artiste and film actor U Paw Lay, who is currently receiving medical treatment, according to MMPO Chairman U Kyi Soe Tun.

U Paw Lay has been undergoing treatment at North Okkalapa General Hospital since the evening of 7 September.



This photo showcases officials from the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization and the Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central) presenting a healthcare donation to veteran artiste and actor U Paw Lay, who is currently receiving medical treatment.

“We heard the news that Ko Paw Lay was hospitalized due to health problems, so we went to donate. We had some funds available, which made it possible. Our association has over 3,000 members. The official welfare fund only covers K100,000, which we provide with the hospital receipt. The additional amount came from

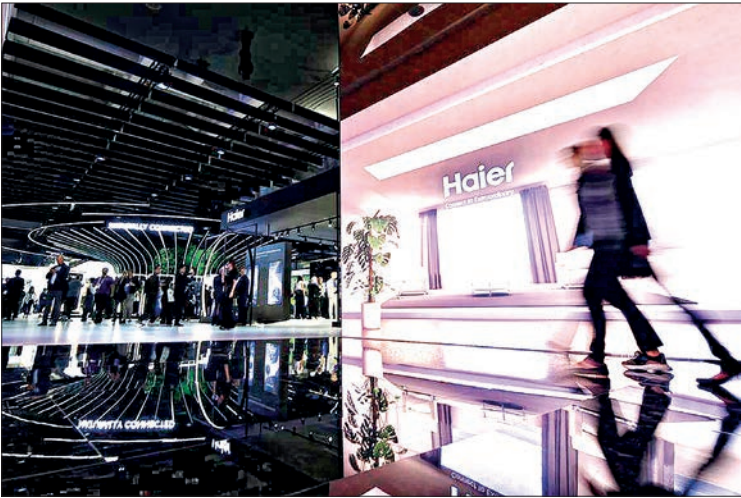
a special fund. Altogether, we donated K200,000. The Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central), led by Chairman and theatrical actor Phoe Chit, donated K1 million for healthcare support,” said U Kyi Soe Tun.

According to family members, U Paw Lay, a veteran artist of the theatrical and film industry, is suffering from coronary artery disease and has recently undergone heart surgery. — ASH/MKKS

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.

ECONOMY
WORLD

Chinese brands make waves at IFA 2025



The exhibition area of Haier is pictured at IFA Berlin 2025 in Berlin, Germany, 5 September 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

CHINESE technology firms are making a high-profile push at IFA Berlin 2025, using Europe’s largest consumer electronics trade fair to debut innovations that reflect both rising confidence and expanding global ambitions.

A smart refrigerator caught the spotlight at Haier’s exhibition area, as it effortlessly uses AI to identify different foods and adjust storage settings accordingly. Visitors watched with fascination as the appliance “saw” its contents and adapted in real time.

The same technology is now embedded in Haier’s washing machines, which detect laundry weight and colour to optimize wash cycles - a move the company says is part of its transition from manufacturing to intelligent solutions.

“Made in China’ has been shifting toward ‘Intelligently Made in China,’” Yan Xiaoming, general manager of Haier Europe, told Xinhua. “Haier is proud to be at the forefront of that transformation, aiming to lead in the global marketplace.”

Hisense also stood out at this year’s fair, taking home awards for Best in Home Entertainment and Best in Design. The centrepiece is a 116-inch RGB Mini LED TV - billed as the world’s largest - which drew steady crowds.

“Our goal is to make advanced display technology accessible to a broader audience,” said Li Wei, president of Hisense Visual Technology. “We’ve aimed to turn high-end picture quality from a lab innovation into a product for everyday homes.” — Xinhua

Cambodian capital’s new airport expected to boost tourism, economy, trade

TECHO International Airport (TIA), which is the new airport for Phnom Penh, capital of Cambodia, commenced official operations on Tuesday, becoming the biggest airport in the Southeast Asian country.

The first commercial flight, operated by Air Cambodia, flew from Guangzhou, capital of south China’s Guangdong Province, and landed at the TIA on Tuesday morning, receiving a water salute and a warm welcome from Mao Havannall, minister in charge of the State Secretariat of Civil Aviation (SSCA), and Tourism Minister Huot Hak.

In a post on official social media platforms, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet said

the official launch of Techo International Airport would further broaden Cambodia’s connection to the world.

“The aviation sector is one of many ways to connect tourists, businesses, political networks, and multi-purpose missions,” he said.

“As a major source of national revenue, it is driven by targeted policies to attract investment, strengthen diplomatic relations, and promote other destinations. Therefore, Cambodia has actively expanded and upgraded its international airports to meet growing travel demand, enhancing connectivity for travellers, especially those visiting Cambodia,” he added. — Xinhua



This photo taken on 9 September 2025 shows an exterior view of Techo International Airport (TIA) in Kandal province, Cambodia. PHOTO: XINHUA

Hitachi opens new \$100 million railcar plant near Washington

JAPANESE conglomerate Hitachi Ltd on Monday formally opened a \$100 million factory in the eastern US state of Maryland, with the new facility capable of turning out 20 railcars per month.

Hitachi said the plant in Hagerstown, near Washington, utilizes artificial intelligence and other advanced technologies, including a dog-like robot used for quality checks in hard-to-reach locations. The factory was established to deliver fleets of railcars for customers across North America.

The carbon-neutral facility, approximately 29,000 square metres in size, is expected to create as many as 1,300 jobs and contribute \$350 million annually to the region, Hitachi said. It is initially focused on producing railcars for metro op-



Hitachi Ltd President Toshiaki Tokunaga speaks at an event to mark the grand opening of a new railcar plant in Hagerstown, Maryland, on 8 September 2025. PHOTO: KYODO

erators in the Washington area, Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Of the total investment, Hitachi has allocated more than \$30 million for digital technologies at the factory, its flagship train production hub in North America.

“This is a very significant step toward growth in the United States,” Hitachi President Toshiaki Tokunaga told a press conference at the plant. — Kyodo

Hong Kong leaps to 4th place in world talent ranking

HONG Kong leaped markedly to fourth in the World Talent Ranking 2025 released Tuesday by the International Institute for Management Development, up from ninth spot last year.

Hong Kong has achieved

its highest-ever position in the ranking, securing the top position in Asia, the Switzerland-based business school said in the report.

According to the report, the city has seen improvements across all three tal-

ent competitiveness factors for the second consecutive year. Its position in “appeal” rose to 20th, while rankings in “readiness” and “investment and development” climbed to third and 12th, respectively. — Xinhua

Toyota affiliate to take 25% stake in S Korean battery material maker

JAPANESE trading house Toyota Tsusho Corp said Tuesday it will take a 25 per cent stake in LG-HY BCM Co, a maker of materials for auto batteries in South Korea.

The trading house, in which Toyota Motor Corp holds a 22 per cent

stake, declined to provide the purchase price for the stake in the joint venture set up by South Korea’s LG Chem Ltd and China’s Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt Co. The Chinese company’s stake will fall to 24 per cent while LG Chem will continue to hold 51

per cent, a Toyota Tsusho spokesperson said.

LG-HY BCM makes cathode active materials for use in lithium-ion batteries and operates a plant in South Korea with an annual production capacity of 66,000 tonnes, according to Toyota Tsusho. — Kyodo



Supplied photo shows a plant of LG-HY BCM Co a joint venture between South Korea’s LG Chem Ltd and China’s Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt Co in Gumi, a city in South Korea’s North Gyeongsang Province. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Russia plans to build eight new data centres by 2036

RUSSIA will build eight new data centres and expand its transport, energy and communications networks under a large-scale development plan through 2036, Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin announced Monday.

The new data centres, to be built in phases, will accommodate more than 10,000 server racks, the government said.

Mishustin told a government meeting that the plan also includes the construction and reconstruction of some 4,500 kilometres of railways and over 2,000 kilometres of highways, as well as the installation of more than 800 kilometres of high-voltage power lines and nearly 20,000 kilometres of fibre-optic communication lines. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MSC SUPARNA F VOY.NO. (SB535A)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MSC SUPARNA F VOY.NO. (SB535A)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **10-9-2025** 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 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm 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

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M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

Changing Trade Name For Registered Pesticide

The pesticide manufactured by **Jiangsu Hoso Import and Export Corp Ltd.** and distributed by **Shwe Thit Oo Co.,Ltd.** is changing trade Name as follow,

No	Previous Name	New Name	Registration No
1	Shwe Taung Thu Chlorfen (Chlorfenapyr 15% SC)	Top Plus (Chlorfenapyr 15% SC)	P2025-6611

Any Objection regarding to this changing can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board within (14) days.

Shwe Thit Oo Co.,Ltd. K-13, Yuzana Street, Bayintnaung, Mayangone Township, Yangon, Myanmar. Ph: 09-976410010

Notice for manufacturer company name change.

Notice is hereby given that manufacturer company name of the following product has been changed from the previous old name – UPL Limited to new name – Superform Chemistries Limited. In future, Superform Chemistries Limited name will be used in terms of the following product which was registered in Pesticide Registration Board.

No.	Brand Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1.	Dithane NT M – 45 80 WP	Mancozeb 80 % WP	FFF 2022 - 088

Myanmar Arysta LifeScience Co.,Ltd.
Suite # 09 – 02, Crystal Tower, Kyun Taw Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon
01 – 933 93 59, 933 93 60

Transferring Registered Pesticides

Registered pesticides distributing by **Shwe Thit Oo Co.,Ltd.** in the territory of Myanmar for the products as following are transferring to **Aung Gaday Htet Co.,Ltd.** as per mutual consent from both parties. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board within (14) days.

No	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration No.
1	Five Star	Emamectin Benzoate 5% + Lambda cyhalothrin 10% EC	P2025-6608
2	Super Paung Sin Shal	Bensulfuron-methyl 10% + Bispyribac-sodium 25% WP	P2025-6662
3	Pynoran	Dinotefuran 20% + Pymetrozine 50% WP	P2025-6607

Aung Gaday Htet Co.,Ltd. No.67, Seik Kan Thar Street, Ngwe Pin Lal Industrial Zone Hlaing Tharyar Township, Yangon Region, Myanmar. Ph:09-792277100

Notice for change of distributor

Notice is hereby given that the official distributor – Myanmar Arysta LifeScience Co.,Ltd. to Titan Agro Science Co.,Ltd. has been changed for the following pesticide manufactured by Nippon Soda Co.,Ltd.

Myanmar Arysta LifeScience Co.,Ltd. invites objections to Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein township, Yangon from all parties within a period of fourteen (14) days from the publication of this notice. If no objections are received within the period prescribed, parties mentioned above shall proceed with the completion of formalities recorded with the Pesticide Registration Board.

Brand Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

UN Charter remains vital to maintaining global peace, security, says UNGA president

THE purpose and principles of the UN Charter have been central to shaping the international order established after World War II and remain vital to maintaining global peace and security, said Philemon Yang, president of the 79th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA).

Adopted in the aftermath of unprecedented devastation, the UN Charter embodied a collective commitment to “save succeeding generations from the scourge of war” through international cooperation, the sovereign equality of states and respect for universal human dignity, the UNGA president told Xinhua in a recent written interview.

Signed in San Francisco, US state of California, in 1945 by representatives of 50 nations, the UN Charter emerged from



UNGA President Philemon Yang (C and on the screens) delivers concluding remarks during the General Debate of the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) at the UN headquarters in New York, on 30 September 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

the collective determination to ensure that the horrors of two world wars would never be repeated, Yang said.

“It reflected a solemn promise to build a new international system rooted in cooperation, mutual respect and the sovereign equality of all states,” he said. The UNGA president stressed that over the past 80 years, the principles of the UN Charter have underpinned multilateral diplomacy, helped avert another world war, advanced decolonization, reduced global poverty and provided a platform to address shared challenges.

“As the world continues to face serious crises, the Charter enables the United Nations to serve as a forum for dialogue and a guardian of peace,” he said. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Arab Parliament pledges support for Lebanon, presses Israel to end strikes

THE Arab Parliament reaffirmed on Tuesday its commitment to pressuring Israel to end its attacks on Lebanon and withdraw from Lebanese territories, according to the official National News Agency.

During a meeting in Beirut with Lebanese Foreign Minister Youssef Rajji, Arab Parliament President Mohammed Ahmed Al Yamahi said the Arab League’s legislative body “stands firmly with Lebanon against Israeli attacks ... rejects any external interference in Lebanon’s internal affairs, and supports efforts to strengthen Lebanese institutions as a guarantee of stability”.

For his part, Rajji expressed “great appreciation for the Arab Parliament’s unwavering support for Lebanon in Arab and international forums, and for backing Lebanon in asserting full sovereignty over its territory and controlling illegal weapons”. He called on the Arab Parliament to “help pressure Israel to stop its attacks, withdraw unconditionally from occupied territories, release prisoners, and adhere to the 1949 Armistice Agreement, allowing Lebanon to restore its sovereignty and pursue reconstruction”. — Xinhua

Iranian foreign minister to visit Egypt to hold talks with IAEA director - Foreign Ministry

IRANIAN Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi plans to visit Egypt, where he will meet with International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director-General Rafael Grossi, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Ismail Baghaei said on Monday.

“During the trip to Egypt, a meeting will be held with the IAEA director-general to summarize the negotiations related to the nature of the new cooperation between Iran and the IAEA,” Baghaei told the IRNA news agency. — SPUTNIK

US-Venezuela tensions mount over military buildup, drug dispute

TENSIONS between the United States and Venezuela are rising following a string of military moves and allegations linked to drug trafficking in the Caribbean.

The standoff intensified when US President Donald Trump announced the deployment of 10 additional F-35 fighter jets to Puerto Rico, part of a growing buildup targeting Latin American drug cartels, Reuters reported on Friday.

The jets joined US warships already deployed in the Caribbean, including guided-missile destroyers and amphibious assault ships carrying thousands of sailors and Marines.

The military expansion followed a US strike last Tuesday that destroyed a boat allegedly operated by Venezuela’s Tren de Aragua gang, which Washington designated as a terrorist group earlier this year. The strike killed 11 people and marked a rare instance of direct US military action in

Latin America.

“The strike occurred while the terrorists were at sea in International waters transporting illegal narcotics, heading to the United States,” Trump said on social media platform Truth Social, although no details of the cargo have been released.

Venezuelan officials questioned the authenticity of video footage of the strike shared by

Trump, with Minister of Communication and Information Freddy Nanez suggesting on social media that it might have been generated with artificial intelligence.

Three days after the US strike, Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro vowed to defend Venezuela’s sovereignty and urged Trump to engage in dialogue to avoid conflict. — Xinhua



Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro addresses a press conference in Caracas, Venezuela, on 1 September 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

SPORTS

Myanmar lose final group match at 2026 AFC U23 Championship

THE final day of the Group B matches of the 2026 AFC U23 Championship took place at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon yesterday. The Myanmar U23 team faced Afghanistan and suffered a 2-1 defeat.

Although Myanmar had already lost the opportunity to advance after the second day of group matches, the team aimed to secure a win for pride in this final match. Myanmar finished the group stage with no wins, one draw, and two losses, earning just one point.

Under the guidance of Japanese head coach Kurosaki, the Myanmar U23 side continued a struggling streak in interna-

tional competitions, having not won in four recent international friendlies and five previous international tournaments – a total of nine consecutive matches without victory.

For this match, Myanmar made several lineup changes, fielding Akar Kyaw, Than Toe Aung, Hein Htet Soe (goalkeeper), Swan Htet, Moe Swe, and Shine Wunna Aung. In the opening minutes, Myanmar applied pressure, but Afghanistan gradually gained control. In 18 minutes, Afghanistan took the lead through Mohammadi from a corner kick. Myanmar responded aggressively, and in 40 minutes, Swan Htet scored a header to

equalize, bringing the first half to a 1-1 draw.

In the second half, both teams played offensively, but Afghanistan secured the winning goal in the 90th minute through Yasa Safari, sealing Myanmar's 2-1 defeat.

At the conclusion of the group stage, Afghanistan finished with three points from three matches, while Myanmar earned only one point, extending their winless streak in consecutive U23 matches to six games. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Myanmar U23 players compete against Afghanistan during the match. PHOTO: MFF

Messi future unclear as Scaloni plans ahead



Lionel Messi of Argentina celebrates his goal during the 2026 FIFA World Cup CONMEBOL qualifier against Venezuela in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 4 September 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

ARGENTINA manager Lionel Scaloni said Monday that he did not know if Lionel Messi would be a part of the Albiceleste squad that will seek to defend its FIFA World Cup crown next year.

The 38-year-old Argentina captain has not yet committed to the tournament in the United States, Mexico and Canada, having hinted in recent interviews that he could retire beforehand.

"I haven't spoken with Messi about

the next World Cup. Whatever he decides is fine," Scaloni told a news conference ahead of his team's final World Cup qualifier against Ecuador in Guayaquil on Tuesday.

He added that there could still be openings for new players in Argentina's World Cup squad, but admitted the core would remain the same.

"We're still a long way off," he said. "Many things can happen, but we have a

base and that won't change much. When we know how many players can go to the World Cup, we'll make decisions".

Argentina won 3-0 against Venezuela in Buenos Aires while Ecuador drew 0-0 with Paraguay in Asuncion in the previous round of qualifiers last Thursday.

The Albiceleste leads the 10-team South American qualifying group and Ecuador is fourth, with both teams already securing a World Cup berth.

Messi will be rested for the match at the Monumental Stadium while defender Cristian Romero is out suspended. Scaloni said he would use the fixture to give opportunities to players with limited recent playing time.

"I think those who have played less deserve to play, that's the idea," he said. "Lautaro Martinez will have a chance to play tomorrow and Alexis Mac Allister is available. We'll see what system we'll go with".

He added that Ecuador would provide a stern test, praising the work of Argentine manager Sebastian Beccacece. — Xinhua

Man City, Premier League settle dispute over sponsor rules

MANCHESTER City and the Premier League have settled their dispute over regulations governing commercial partnerships.

Under the agreement, City has accepted that the league's rules on associated party transactions (APTs) are valid and enforceable. Both sides confirmed that ongoing legal proceedings will be brought to an end.

"Neither the Premier League nor the club will be making any further comment about the matter," a joint statement said.

City had previously challenged the APT framework, arguing that the regulations were "unlawful." An independent arbitration panel had already found against parts of the Premier League's rules last year, following a case initiated by the club.

The APT regulations are designed to stop clubs from benefitting from sponsorship or commercial agreements with owner-related companies that exceed "fair market value." In November 2024, most Premier League clubs voted to strengthen those rules, despite City's objections.

The club is still awaiting the outcome of a separate high-profile disciplinary case, in which the Premier League has charged it with more than 100 alleged breaches of financial regulations. City continues to deny any wrongdoing. — Xinhua

Ghana edges Mali in FIFA World Cup qualifier

ALEXANDER Djiku's second-half strike sealed a 1-0 victory for Ghana over Mali in the 2026 FIFA World Cup African qualifier at the Accra Sports Stadium on Monday.

Djiku scored his third international goal in 49 minutes, heading home from a

corner delivered by captain Jordan Ayew.

The win puts Ghana three points clear at the top of Group I with 19 points from eight matches, ahead of Madagascar. Comoros sits third with 15 points, followed by Mali on 12, the Central African Republic (CAR) on five, and Chad

with one.

Ghana will next face the CAR away in October before hosting Comoros in its final qualifier.

The Black Stars have previously appeared at four World Cups - in 2006, 2010, 2014 and 2022. — Xinhua

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August third-hottest globally on record, says climate monitor

DEVASTATING wildfires and blistering heatwaves during the world's third-hottest August on record underscored the urgency of tackling climate change and preparing for its deadly consequences, the European global warming monitor said Tuesday.

Southwest Europe wilted through a third summer heatwave, fires tore

through Spain and Portugal, while many parts of Asia experienced above-average temperatures during a scorching month that neared record highs.

The world's oceans, which help regulate Earth's climate by absorbing excess heat from the atmosphere, were also close to record high temperatures for the month. Hotter seas are linked to worsening weather extremes.

"With the world's (oceans) also remaining unusually warm, these events underline not only the urgency of reducing emissions but also the critical need to adapt to more frequent and intense climate extremes," said Samantha Burgess, strategic lead for climate at the EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service.

Global temperatures have been stoked ever higher by humanity's emissions of planet-heating gases, largely from fossil fuels burned on a massive scale since the industrial revolution.

Copernicus takes these measurements using billions of satellite and weather readings, both on land and at sea, and their data extends back to 1940.

The average temperature globally for August was 1.29 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial times, marginally cooler than the monthly record set in 2023 and tied with 2024. Such incremental rises may appear small, but scientists warn that is already destabilizing the climate and making storms, floods and other disasters fiercer and more frequent. — AFP



Forest firefighters fight a wildfire in Castrillo de Cabrera, northwestern Spain, on 16 August 2025. PHOTO: AFP

China releases index gauging trade with other BRICS members

AN index measuring trade between China and other BRICS member countries was released on Tuesday at the 25th China International Fair for Investment and Trade being held in Xiamen, east China's Fujian Province. The index unveiled in Xiamen reflects sustained improvement in both trade scale and structure.

Compiled by the General Administration of Customs (GAC), the index set its base period at 2009, the year BRICS leaders held their first meeting, with a value of 100 points. In 2024, the index had climbed to 301.51 points.

The index comprises four indicators that respectively measure the scale, structure, innovation and potential of trade. It is designed to monitor bilateral trade development and provide decision-making support for both government departments and businesses. From 2009 to 2024, these four indicators showed solid growth, with values of 283.73 for trade scale, 192.27 for trade structure, 342.81 for trade innovation and 387.21 for trade potential -- indicating burgeoning vitality in trade between China and other BRICS members. — Xinhua

African leaders call for enhanced climate solutions at 2nd Africa Climate Summit

AFRICAN leaders at the Second Africa Climate Summit on Monday called for stronger climate action and partnerships to advance the continent's green development goals.

Co-hosted by Ethiopia and the African Union (AU), Africa's flagship climate gathering is taking place from Monday to Wednesday in Addis Ababa, convening heads of state, ministers, diplomats, experts, and international partners under the theme "Accelerating Global Climate Solutions: Financing for Africa's Resilient and Green Development". Addressing the summit, AU Commission Chairperson Mahmoud Ali Youssef underscored the crucial need to ensure "justice and equity" in global climate finance.

He said the vulnerability of AU members, caused by climate change, debt burden, and the structural inequalities of the international financial architecture, must be addressed through climate justice.

Emphasizing the 55-member continental bloc's firm resolve towards "fair, significant, and predictable" global climate financing, the chairperson called on African leaders to reaffirm the continent's "unequivocal position regarding our global obligations, but still differentiated responsibilities".

The Second Africa Climate Summit, among other



African Union (AU) Commission Chairperson Mahmoud Ali Youssef addresses the Second Africa Climate Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 8 September 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

things, aims to unlock climate finance by advocating for fair, predictable, and scaled-up resources to support Africa's priorities. The meeting highlighted that although contributing less than four per cent of global carbon emissions, the African continent is disproportionately affected by climate change. — Xinhua