

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.

Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party arrive in Russia to attend World Atomic Week Forum 2025

A HIGH-LEVEL Myanmar delegation led by Acting President and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing left the Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport by the special aircraft yesterday morning to attend the World Atomic Week Forum 2025 to be held in Moscow of the Russian Federation at the invitation of President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Putin.

The delegation was seen off at the airport by Vice-Chairman of the Commission Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Commission Member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Commission Member and Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe, Commission members, Union ministers, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Myanmar Mr Iskander Azizov, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, and officials of the Embassy of Russian Federation to Myanmar and the Military Attaché’s Office to Myanmar.

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Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar arrives in Moscow, the Russian Federation, yesterday.

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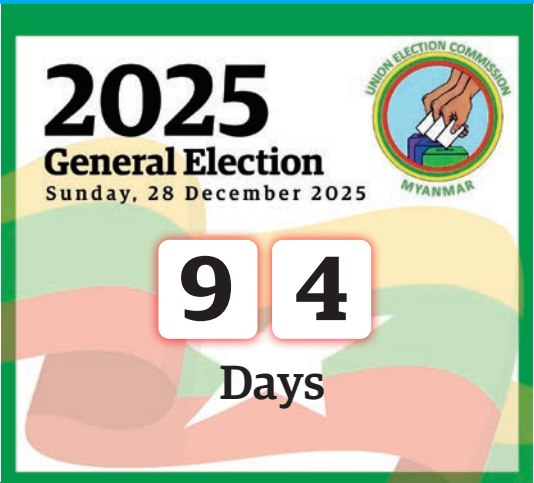
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## 2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

- Domestic election observers who wish to monitor the multiparty democratic general election, which will begin in phases on 28 December 2025, may apply for election observation permits at the Union Election Commission (UEC), as well as the relevant Region/State, District, and Township Election Subcommissions from today until 5 December 2025.
- The Union Election Commission announced on 16 September 2025 that domestic election observers must follow the Code of Conduct for Observers, issued under Notification 68/2025, and adhere to the procedures set out for their observation activities under Notification 69/2025. These notifications are available for viewing and can be downloaded from the Union Election Commission's official website <https://www.uec.gov.mm>.
- The Union Election Commission has also announced that international election observers will be allowed to monitor the multiparty democratic general election. Invitations will be extended directly to representatives of relevant countries and international organizations. In addition, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, invitations will be sent to representatives of foreign embassies, consulates, and permanent missions that maintain diplomatic relations with the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Union Election Commission



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

### Myanmar Gazette

#### Appointment of Head of Service Organization confirmed

THE National Defence and Security Council has confirmed the appointment of U Myint Naing Oo, Director-General of the Planning and Administrative Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on the expiry of the one-year probationary period.

### Bank Holiday

ALL Banks will be closed on 1<sup>st</sup> (Wednesday) October 2025, "BANK HOLIDAY", under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar

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.

## Appointment of Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Myanmar agreed on

THE Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of Mr Maziad Mohammed Maziad Alhowishan as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Maziad Mohammed Maziad Alhowishan was born on 21 January 1980. He obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Law from King Saud University,

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, in 2002 and a Master's Degree in International Law from Alexandria University, Alexandria, Egypt, in 2024.

Mr Maziad Mohammed Maziad Alhowishan served as an Attaché at the General Administration for Asian Countries in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 2004 to 2005. From 2005 to 2007, he was assigned as Second Secretary at the Embassy of the Custodian of the

Two Holy Mosques to the People's Republic of Bangladesh. From 2010 to 2012, he served as First Secretary at the Embassy of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques to the Syrian Arab Republic. Since 2021, he has been serving as Consul General of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Mr Maziad Mohammed Maziad Alhowishan is married with three children. — MNA

## Japan Foundation to hold disaster prevention seminar

AN education talk on disaster prevention, which is one of the ongoing activities jointly organized by the Japan Foundation in Yangon and Goethe-Institut Myanmar, has been planned to be organized on 27 September, said the Japan Foundation.

This event will be held together with a Japanese national who is an expert in natural disaster prevention.

Mr Juichihirano, who contributed to active participation in a similar event last year, will join again this year, and he will discuss how to respond and prepare in case of an earthquake as an expert speaker.

The event has been scheduled from 9:30 am to 11 am on 27 September at the Japan Foundation Hall, and the capacity is limited to 50 people. Registrations are welcome to <https://forms.office.com/r/9brc10vU5i>, and early registrations are prioritized, it said. — MT/ZS

This image showcases a leaflet for the disaster prevention awareness seminar and educational discussion.





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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

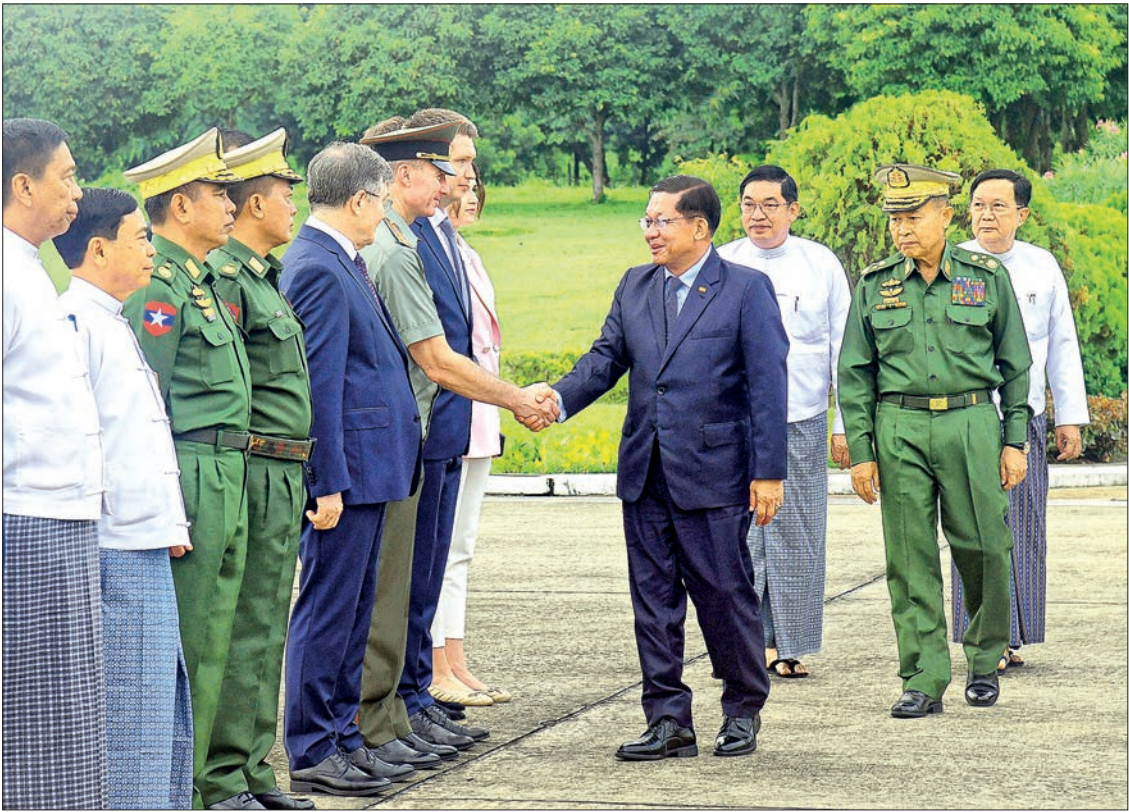
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The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was accompanied by Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Commission Member and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe, Union ministers U Nyan Tun, U Ko Ko Lwin, Dr Myo Thein Kyaw and Dr Thet Khaing Win, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, deputy ministers, and military and civilian officials.

The special aircraft carrying the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and party landed at Tolmachevo Airport in Novosibirsk, the Russian Federation, where they were welcomed by Novosibirsk Governor Mr Travnikov Ahdrey Aleksandrovich and officials.

At the airport lounge, the Acting President and SSPC



The Senior General is seen off at the Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport before departing for Russia yesterday morning.

Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Governor of Novosibirsk frankly exchanged views on measures

to be taken to enhance cooperation.

During the discussion, the Governor of Novosibirsk and

party were served with Myanmar's traditional meals such as pickled tea leaves, tea and steamed hilsa prepared from

Myanmar. They all ate the meals. The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar explained Myanmar's traditional meals.

After the meeting, both sides exchanged gifts.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and party left for Moscow, the Russian Federation, by the special aircraft, and were seen off at the airport by the Governor of Novosibirsk and members.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and party arrived at the Vnukovo International Airport in Moscow in the evening. They were warmly welcomed by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Mr Andrey Rudenko and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Thit Linn Ohn, and Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Soe Oo. — MNA/TTA

UEC Chair and Russian Ambassador hold talks on upcoming elections

UNION Election Commission Chairman U Than Soe received Russian Federation Ambassador Mr Iskander Azizov yesterday morning at the guest hall of the Union Election Commission Office in Nay Pyi Taw.

They held cordial and open

discussions on arrangements for holding the election in phases, advance voting abroad, matters relating to political parties, ongoing electoral processes, the electoral system to be adopted, the invitation of election observation groups, candidate appli-

cations, and measures to ensure that all eligible voters can cast their votes.

Members of the Union Election Commission and officials from the Commission Office also attended the meeting. — MNA/KZL



UEC Chair U Than Soe shakes hands with Russian Ambassador Mr Iskander Azizov during the latter's call on the former yesterday.



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## President's Office Ministry 1 Union Minister attends event marking 76<sup>th</sup> PRC founding, 75 years of Myanmar-China ties

UNION Minister for Ministry 1 of the President's Office U Tin Aung San and his wife attended a ceremony marking the 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Myanmar-China diplomatic relations at the Wyndham Grand Yangon Hotel in Yangon yesterday.

Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia and officials welcomed the Union minister and his wife and attendees, and they viewed the photos depicting the history of China.

After the ceremonial procedures, the Chinese ambassador made a speech.

The Union minister said the event was not only a tribute to the achievements of the Chinese leaders and their people over the past 76 years, but also a commemorative event that reflected the historical milestones, strong partnership, mutual respect and



Union Minister U Tin Aung San views the photos displayed at the ceremony marking the 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Myanmar-China diplomatic relations in Yangon yesterday.

commitments made to further enhance cooperation in various sectors preserved between the two countries for more than 75 years. Since the establish-

ment of diplomatic relations, the friendship between the two countries has been able to release the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence- namely mutual

respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty, non-aggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful

co-existence.

The Union minister expressed gratitude for the timely rescue work, healthcare services, rehabilitation, and relocation after the Mandalay earthquake, as well as constructive support in Myanmar's peace and national reconciliation processes, a strong stand with Myanmar on the international stage, and further support in the upcoming election.

The history proves that the mutual assistance and sector-wise cooperation between the two countries enhance the mutual trust and support. If efforts are made based on equality, mutual respect, and Swe Myo Pauk Phaw friendship, mutual relations would take a step to a higher level.

The Union minister and the Chinese ambassador cut the ceremonial cake, and the Chinese ambassador hosted dinner for all the attendees. — MNA/KTZH

## Myanmar attends First World Public Assembly on Conscious Unity in Russia

THE Myanmar delegation, led by Union Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Kan Zaw, attended the First World Public Assembly on New World of Conscious Unity, which was held on 20-21 September in the Russian Federation to mark the International Day of Peace.

At noon on 20 September, the Union minister attended the opening ceremony of the assembly and remarked.

He met Mr Andrey Belyaninov, Secretary-General of the World Peoples Assembly, and exchanged gifts.

On 21 September, the Union minister attended the Business Forum together with the representatives of Asia, Africa, the European Union, BRICS and SCO.

The Union minister dis-

cussed the topic of "From People Trust to Economic Trust (Humanitarian Foundations of Partnership)" at the forum.

During the panel session under the topic of "The Role of Business in Economic Integration amid Global Changes", the BRICS member states and other countries discussed the important role of cooperation for economic growth and practical suggestions for economic cooperation.

In the evening, the Union minister attended the closing ceremony of the forum.

The forum brought together over 5,000 participants from over 150 countries.

The Union minister met with Mr Sholban Kara-Ool, Deputy Chairman of the State Duma at the Federal Assembly



Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw and dignitaries pose for the group photo at the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA) in Moscow.

of the Russian Federation, on 22 September, and they discussed matters related to the Constitution, the election to be held in Myanmar and certain support of Russia for the successful holding of the election. He also visited the State Duma Hluttaw.

The Union minister, together with the Deputy Chairman of the State Duma, visited the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA) at the invitation of the vice-rector of the Russian Presidential

Academy. He discussed the topic of Economic Development of Myanmar, and observed around the school buildings.

The Union minister-led delegation arrived back in Yangon on 23 September. — MNA/KTZH



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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)



Mol Union Minister discusses Wazira Cinema upgrading

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn presided over the meeting on upgrading the Wazira Cinema into the Red-Carpet Theatre in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the event, the Union minister said the working committees and subcommittees are organized and assigned duties to upgrade the Wazira Cinema into the Red-Carpet Theatre. The Head of State also inspected the cinema and provided instructions. The cinema should be prepared not only for film screenings but also for multipurpose use in various artistic activities, and arrangements are to open in March 2026. In upgrading the Wazira Cinema, it is necessary to consider and arrange for parking spaces, and the flyover and underpass should be constructed to ensure



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn holds the meeting on the upgrading of the Wazira Cinema into the Red-Carpet Theatre in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.



convenient and smooth access to the cinema for the people. Deputy Minister U Ye Tint, chairman of the working committee, reported on the activities of subcommittees for the upgrading of the cinema. The chairpersons of subcommittees explained the air conditioning, electricity, maintenance, audio, lighting and projection activities. Attendees coordinated the discussion, and the Union minister concluded the meeting. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar wraps up Mekong-Lancang agriculture trade project

THE closing ceremony and research findings sharing session of the project “Improvement of Agriculture Trade Facilitation to Encourage Supply Chain of Myanmar’s Agriculture Products in Cooperation with LMC Countries” was held yesterday morning at the Jasmine Naypyitaw Hotel in the hotel zone of Nay Pyi Taw.

At the event, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Gyi said that in line with the National Export Strategy to double export earnings, the project was designed to include trade facilitation processes and related activities, along with market research on the most promising export crops such as rice, maize, pigeon peas, green gram, watermelon, and fishery products. He expressed thanks to the People’s Republic of China, the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund, the Myanmar Mekong-Lancang Cooperation National Coordination Unit (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), relevant ministries, and the Embassy of China to Myanmar for their financial support and contributions.

Afterwards, the director-general of the lead department presented the objectives and research summary of the project. Deputy ministers then handed over research reports on the market competitiveness and export potential of rice, maize, pigeon peas, green gram, watermelon, and fishery products to responsible officials, who formally received them.

From 2017 to 2025, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation has reportedly received approximately US\$14.11 million from the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund to implement a total of 42 projects. — MNA/KZL



The ceremony of sharing research findings and project completion workshop of the “Improvement of Agriculture Trade Facilitation to Encourage Supply Chain of Myanmar’s Agriculture Products in Cooperation with LMC Countries” in progress in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.



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## Special train delivers rebars for rehab, construction projects



**H**RB 500 steel reinforcing bars (steel rebars), which are required for rehabilitation and reconstruction work in earthquake-affected areas, have been transported from Yangon to Mandalay by a special freight train.

The special freight train, carrying a total load of 486.886

Officials inspect the HRB 500 steel reinforcing bars after arriving in Mandalay.

tonnes of steel rebars, departed from Mahlwagon Station in Yangon on the morning of 23 September, arrived at Nay Pyi Taw Station in the evening, and then continued its journey, reaching Myohaung Station in Mandalay yesterday morning.

Mandalay Region Minister for Transport U Aung Zaw Oo and responsible officials inspected the consignment. The rebars will be distributed for use in rehabilitation and reconstruction projects within Mandalay Region. — MNA/MKKS

## Artistes donate K3.3m for Motion Pictures Day, elders' ceremony

ACADEMY Soe Pyae Thazin stated that she and her friends donated K3.3 million to the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organisation on 22 September for the 105<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Motion Pictures Day and the 48<sup>th</sup> Respect-Paying Ceremony for film industry elders, according to the Academy Soe Pyae Thazin.

For the 105<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Mo-

tion Pictures Day and the 48<sup>th</sup> Respect-Paying Ceremony for film industry elders to be held on 13 October, film professionals and generous donors are also donating to the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organisation.

“For my 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday, which falls on 22 September, my friends and I made a collective donation of K3.3 million,” said



Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization Chairman U Kyi Soe Htun receives the donation from Academy Soe Pyae Thazin.

Soe Pyae Thazin.

At the 104<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Motion Pictures Day and the 47<sup>th</sup> Respect-Paying Ceremony for film industry elders, 140 veteran film artists were honoured with cash and food items. — ASH/MKKS

## Top singer to hold solo concert at Yangon's entertainment bar



This photo showcases a promotional poster for Ni Ni Khin Zaw's solo music concert.

SINGER Ni Ni Khin Zaw said that her solo music concert will be held at Judson Entertainment Bar in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Region, at 7 pm on 27 September.

“On the night of 27 September, I will be at Judson Entertainment Bar. The Secret Pieces Dancer Crew will also be joining me, so please come and enjoy the evening. We will sing songs together, and you can cheer us on with dance performances as well,” said Ni Ni Khin Zaw.

Since winning the Melody World singing contest in 2008, Ni Ni Khin Zaw has built a strong fan base and has become one of the lead figures in the pop generation.

Judson Entertainment Bar's resident band will provide musical accompaniment for Ni Ni Khin Zaw's performance at her solo concert. — ASH/KZL

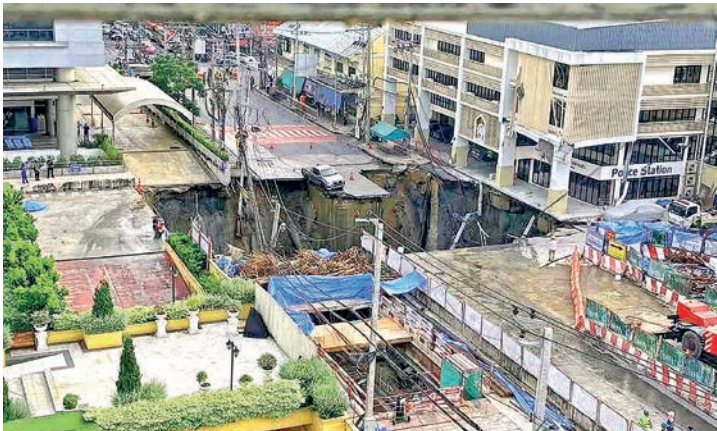
## Writer urges Myanmar to learn from Bangkok sinkhole

CITING the landslide in front of Bangkok's Wachira Phayaban Hospital, author Mee Eain Shin Dr Nightingale suggested on social media that Myanmar should reduce the use of underground water to avoid such cases.

Heavy rains caused the landslide at 7:13 am on 24 September, resulting in a sinkhole about 150 feet (50 metres) deep. No one was injured, but the road has been closed, and 3,500 patients in the hospital have been moved to safer facilities.

According to landslide surveys, Yangon is one of the 48 cities in the world with subsidence.

“Yangon is one among 48 cities with subsidence. About two-thirds of the Yangon Re-



This photo captures the sinkhole seen in front of the Wachira Phayaban Hospital, Bangkok.

gion are facing it, and it is the worst in South Dagon Myothit, according to Singapore's Nanyang Technological University,” she said.

Some areas of Yangon were sinking between 0.01 and 7.5 cm per year from 2014

to 2020, and the worst, South Dagon, suffered 7.5cm subsidence per year, possibly due to overusing underground water, said the study.

With an eight-million population, Yangon had to depend more on artesian wells

for freshwater, while internationally funded water supply projects seemed to be stopped. Ground sinking was prominent in South Dagon Myothit and Hlinethaya, she said, quoting the study.

A 2014 paper titled “Yangon Seismic Analysis” published by researchers from Thailand's Chulalongkorn University and the Myanmar Earthquake Commission, based on satellite technology, suggests that the land between the Dagon University and the East Dagon Industrial Zone is sinking at a rate of more than two inches per year, possibly due to the extraction of excess groundwater, advising this factor to be considered in future Yangon urban development.

— Htun Htun/ZN



Myanmar sets as its ultimate objective to hold multiparty democratic general elections

- ❖ The successful holding of a multiparty democratic general election is our ultimate objective.
- ❖ Chief Ministers of Regions and States, as well as responsible officials, need to thoroughly and comprehensively study the laws related to elections.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council,  
Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, at the coordination meeting of the Union government on 3 February 2025)

MPBMSMA aims for US\$1.5B in pulses exports for 2025-26FY

MYANMAR'S pulses export is targeted to exceed 1.8 million tonnes in the current financial year 2025-2026, generating income of US\$1.5 billion, according to Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association.

Myanmar delivered 2.14 million tonnes of various pulses to international markets in the previous financial year 2024-2025, bagging \$1.82 million.

At present, sluggish foreign demand has resulted in a downward trajectory.

Myanmar mainly exports black gram, green gram and pigeon peas to foreign markets. Of them, black gram and pigeon peas are primarily shipped to India, while green gram is exported to China and Europe.



The photo shows pulses and beans being neatly organized for sale in the market.

and India signed on 18 June 2021, India will import 250,000 tonnes of black grams and 100,000 tonnes of pigeon peas (tur) from Myanmar for five consecutive years from the 2021-2022 financial year to 2025-2026 FY. This G-to-G pact will not affect the pulses' annual quota set by India. Myanmar's exporters are also entitled to deliver the pulses to India under that yearly quota.

The Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association stated that black grams, which India primarily purchases, are commonly found only in Myanmar, whereas pigeon peas, green gram and chickpeas are grown in African countries and Australia. — NN/KK

India has a growing demand and consumption requirements for black gram and pigeon peas. According to a Memorandum of Understanding between Myanmar



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CBM secures US\$22M injection to fuel sector

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 23 September that it would pump US\$22 million to fuel oil sector.

Moreover, CBM sold \$800,000 to edible oil importing companies and over \$99,000 to fuel oil importing companies in addition to injection of over 8,500 yuan into the market on that day.

CBM injected over US\$1.7 million to edible oil and fuel oil importing companies on 22 September, selling over \$1.29 million to edible oil importing companies and over \$452,500 to fuel oil importing companies.

CBM pumped 758,400 yuan and over \$500,000 into financial market on 19 September. Those US dollar injection went to edible oil importing companies (over \$368,100), fuel oil importing companies (over \$79,000) and those who made non-trade payment (over \$58,000).

CBM sold over US\$1.15 million to edible oil importing companies and \$540,056 to fuel oil importing companies on 18 September.

CBM sold over US\$1.15 million to edible oil importing companies on 17 September.

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 Cutting-Making



Greenbacks at the exchange counter.

and Packaging 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

Gold Market Rate as of  
24 September 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,990,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

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THE ocean is far more than a highway for commerce. It is a life force – feeding billions, regulating our climate, and sustaining biodiversity. It is also a source of jobs, opportunity, and hope for millions of people, according to the remarks given by UN Secretary-General António Guterres.

It is true that oceans around the world have long served as reliable routes for commerce between countries. Maritime trade has been promoting international exchange for many years, even before the Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama’s voyage in 1498. Through this trade, cultural exchanges have spread from one country to another, helping to improve the socioeconomic lives of people in all societies.

The United Nations stated that this year’s World Maritime Day theme — “Our Ocean, Our Obligation, Our Opportunity” —

In Myanmar, the government promotes the development of maritime transport by training mercantile cadets, engineering cadets, and other technical specialists through relevant institutions, alongside graduates in marine studies year by year. Myanmar’s youth can envision a promising future in the maritime profession, where success depends on their ability to apply advanced technologies in shipping operations. Despite the challenges and risks inherent in the field, Myanmar’s young professionals navigate the oceans daily, striving for a brighter future with each voyage, keeping abreast of those from other countries.

ocean protection. It works closely with sectors such as tourism, fisheries, and marine research to manage the ocean sustainably. Through its robust global regulatory framework and extensive technical assistance programs for its 176 Member States, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) continues to lead efforts toward cleaner and safer seas.

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highlights the essential role the ocean plays in sustaining life, livelihoods, and the global economy. It provides half of the oxygen we breathe, feeds billions of people, regulates the climate, and facilitates more than 80 per cent of global trade through maritime transport. The ocean is also home to countless marine species and serves as a vital source of jobs, food, and economic opportunities for millions.

As ocean-based transportation develops, it creates employment opportunities for young people striving to improve their livelihoods. Maritime transport also boosts tourism and various industries, including the fisheries sector, generating income for the countries involved. As a result, the profession of maritime transport has had a remarkable impact on the global community.

As the largest sector operating in ocean spaces, the shipping industry plays a crucial role in facilitating global commerce and promoting

European Union as a Supporter of the Progressive Garment Industry of Myanmar

By Ma Moe Pya

MYANMAR began exporting garments in 1994, but the industry’s growth accelerated only after international sanctions were lifted in the 2010s. The European Union (EU) suspended its sanctions against Myanmar in 2012 and opened an office in Myanmar in 2013. This paved the way for Myanmar to gain duty-free access to the EU market under the Generalized Scheme of Preferences (GSP) and the Everything But Arms (EBA) initiative in 2013.<sup>1</sup> Myanmar’s main exports to the EU are textiles, footwear, rice, and gems.<sup>2</sup>

EU as the Top Destination for Myanmar’s Garment Exports

According to the World Bank, the value of Myanmar’s garment exports surged from US\$0.9 billion in 2010 to US\$5.5 billion in 2022, a six-fold increase. A major turning point for the industry came in 2013 when the EU granted Myanmar under the GSP initiative. This preferential access proved highly beneficial, with EU countries receiving over half of Myanmar’s total garment exports. By 2022, garment exports accounted for one-third of Myanmar’s total export value. The sector’s primary income, generated through CMP services, represented approximately one-third of the total garment export value, or about three per cent of Myanmar’s GDP.<sup>3</sup>

Since the mid-2010s, the EU has been the leading market for Myanmar’s garment exports. Currently, a significant **38 per cent of Myanmar’s garment factories rely on the EU as their**

**primary market. In 2022, the EU received 52 per cent of Myanmar’s total garment exports.** Other key markets included Japan at 18%, the United Kingdom at 10 per cent, the United States at six per cent, and Korea at four per cent. This data highlights the EU’s crucial role in supporting and sustaining Myanmar’s garment industry. **Supporting the State’s Core Policy of Job Creation and Income Generation<sup>4</sup>**

Amidst different core policy areas of Myanmar, a core national policy has been to create employment opportunities alongside income generation for its people. In this regard, Myanmar’s garment industry has proven to be the largest source of jobs, especially for young, migrant women from rural areas. Despite a decline in exports in 2020 and 2021 due to political changes and the COVID-19 pandemic, the sector rebounded strongly. By 2022, export levels had exceeded those of 2019, with an average of 95 per cent of garment factories resuming operations at their previous capacity to produce exports.

According to World Bank data, as of January 2022, Myanmar’s garment sector employed around **500,000 workers as a major source of employment.** This represented 2.3 per cent of the country’s total employment and 23 per cent of all jobs within the manufacturing sector. By the end of 2022, the number of workers was estimated to have grown to **700,000**, with current estimates now at around 800,000. Notably, **85 per cent of the workers are**

women in Myanmar’s garment sector.

In 2022, **34 per cent of garment factories** in Myanmar raised their wages, leading to a **five per cent average wage increase** across the manufacturing sector compared to the previous year. This positive trend was reinforced by a national policy change, which increased the minimum wage from **4,800 to 5,800 Kyats** in 2023. According to the World Bank, this enabled some factories, especially those that export to the EU, to boost their workers’ wages by an additional **10 per cent to 20 per cent** in 2023.

Although the share of Myanmar’s garment sector in the global garment trade is small, local garment entrepreneurs believe they can be competitive in the international market. They state that the main reasons for this are the abundant workforce and low wages.

Myanmar’s Policy for Connecting with Migrant Workers Abroad

To ensure that workers going abroad for employment do so in a systematic and legal manner, the Overseas Employment Law was enacted, and efforts are underway to approve and enact an amended law to align with the current situation. The Five-Year National-level Action Plan for the management of labour migration to other countries has been drafted and implemented for the first and second times. To assist Myanmar workers abroad, labour attachés have been appointed in Korea, Thailand, Malaysia, and Japan. In countries where there are no labour attachés, the Myanmar embassies are collaborating to provide any assistance to Myanmar

Trade Situation

According to the official EU website<sup>6</sup> for Myanmar, over **90 per cent of Myanmar’s exports were shipped to the EU, with preferential tariff rates under the EBA scheme in 2023.** This shows that Myanmar is significantly benefiting from the EU’s EBA scheme. In 2023, Myanmar’s total exports to the EU under the EBA preferential system were valued at approximately €3.4 billion (US\$3.7 billion) while imports reached €3.0 billion (US\$3.2 billion).<sup>7,8</sup>

In 2024, the EU stood as Myanmar’s 4th largest trading partner, accounting for 10.3 per cent of the total trade in goods. Conversely, Myanmar ranked as the EU’s 75th largest trading partner, making up 0.1 per cent of the EU’s total trade in goods. Similarly, total trade volume between the EU and Myanmar amounted to **€3.6 billion (US\$3.9 billion)** in 2024, while the EU’s imports from Myanmar were primarily textiles, valued at **€3.1 billion (US\$3.4 billion).** Meanwhile, the EU’s exports to Myanmar mainly consisted of transport equipment, accounting for **€458 million (US\$495.60 million).** Additionally, volume of trade services in 2023 reached **€346 million (US\$374.41 million)** between them.

Investment Situation

According to the official EU website for Myanmar, the volume of EU investment in Myanmar reached **€251 million (US\$271.61 million)** in 2023. In the same year, Myanmar’s FDI in the EU amounted to **€7 million (US\$7.57 million).**

Code of Conduct for European Union Delegation Staff Serv-

ing Abroad

As members of the EU Delegation serving abroad, staff must primarily adhere to the following principles:

(a) **Adherence to the EU’s Laws<sup>9</sup>.** All actions of the delegation must strictly comply with the Treaty on European Union (TEU), the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), and their subsequent laws, regulations, directives, and decisions. Furthermore, they must act in accordance with the EU’s external action policies, including the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), trade policy, and development cooperation. For instance, when managing aid projects, the delegation must strictly follow the EU’s procurement and financial regulations.

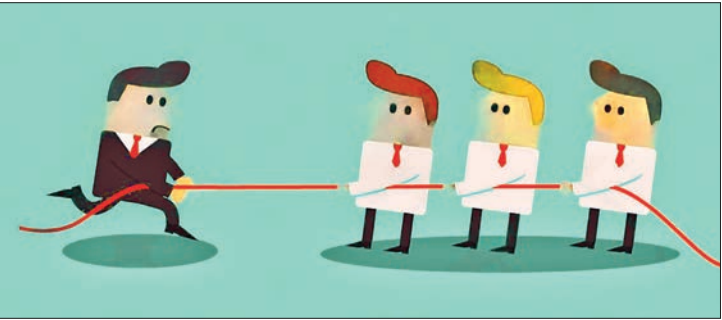
(b) **International Law.** Staff of the EU delegations must respect international diplomatic law, particularly the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (1961)<sup>10</sup>. Specifically, under Article 41, while delegates have privileges and immunities, they are obligated to respect the laws of the host country. Failure to comply with these laws can lead to the host country declaring the diplomat or delegate “persona non grata”, which is the most severe penalty for a diplomatic representative. This results in sending them back to the home country or terminating their functions. Additionally, under Article 31, their immunity does not exempt them from the jurisdiction of their home state. In cases of serious crimes, if the host country formally requests that the EU waive its diplomatic immunity to allow for prosecution, the EU may choose to waive immunity

to demonstrate its commitment to justice and maintain good relations with the host country.

(c) **Adherence to Financial Regulations<sup>11</sup>.** A core responsibility of the EU Delegation is to manage projects funded by the EU. This includes ensuring that contracts are awarded through fair and transparent processes (tendering and procurement) and that funds are used for their intended official purpose. The delegation that acts fraudulently or mismanagement is subject to financial audits and must take the necessary actions. All financial operations must be fully compliant with the EU’s Financial Regulation to ensure accountability.

In short, the EU Delegation’s legal and professional responsibilities are a blend of diplomatic duties. They must respect and adhere to the legal systems of the European Union, international law, and relevant laws of the host country. This mission involves a combination of upholding EU values like democracy, the rule of law, and human rights, providing development aid and fostering cooperation, engaging in public diplomacy and communication, and managing trade and economic relations.

As a result, the assistance provided by the EU delegation to Myanmar – in order to maintain the Myanmar-EU economic relationship – is an expression of “understanding Myanmar”. Specifically, providing duty-free access for Myanmar’s garment exports under the EBA (Everything But Arms) scheme helps support the livelihoods and regular incomes of approximately 800,000 workers, 85 per cent of whom are women.



Concentrate only on what you can influence in interactions with difficult people. ILLUSTRATION: SHUTTERSTOCK

Skilfully Handling Difficult People

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo’s Song)

IN THE world, there can be seen different kinds of people in the context of a mutual relationship. It is pretty easy to establish a relationship with some people, but quite difficult with others. These difficult people are often under the illusion that they are always right; that is, their harsh words seem to be beautiful and even worth saying despite the grating expressions. Sometimes, they want others to easily accept their decision and action, possibly knowing this is no easy task. Many simple things go straight, yet they may not be quickly finished off in the hands of difficult people. However, since man is a social animal, as the saying goes, we will have to bear a relationship with those people sooner or later. How to handle difficult people is herein the best solution to human relationships.

The first thing to handle difficult people is to broaden our view. In other words, we must be able to view the manner of a difficult person from different perspectives. If not, only a love-hate relationship will arise between him and us. This is simply because, just as mentioned above, he may think that whatever he does or decides is never wrong. At that time, we should step back and ask why he acts this way, then learn from these moments and adjust our response. For instance, a difficult person likes

to use dirty language. Why on earth does he use it? Because of his inborn manner? Must he do so? Or what alternative in the world might he use instead of strong language? It would be best not to speak foul language in several cases, although bad language is hardly ever in good use. Such questions are likely to make a difficult person’s mind less or more changeable. Even small changes can encourage positive behaviour.

Secondly, we ought to seek support for difficult people. It is vital that we know the background situations of a difficult person before our relationship, to make it better, so that we understand why he has difficulty making friends with others. The potential reasons are his family types, suffering illnesses, environmental influence or genetic abnormalities. Early knowledge of the background situations of difficult people will ease the probable tension in interpersonal relationships in the future. For instance, if a difficult person is feeling autistic, normal people need to make companionship or play partners for him as much as possible. Collaboration will lessen the loneliness or even boredom to some extent, which can then give rise to a cooperative spirit. In this case, we can involve a mediator if needed, especially if we ourselves are unable to do it.

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# NATIONAL



Distant view of the tall building in Australia housing the Myanmar Embassy.

## Embassy accepts USD cash and AUD online payments for passport, consular services

THE Myanmar Embassy to Australia said on 24 September that it will accept US\$ in cash for passport and consular services payment, as well as online payment in Australian

dollars.

The embassy said it will accept US dollars in cash only for passports and all consular services starting from 1 October 2025, and added that online

payment in Australian dollars is acceptable too.

However, cash payments in Myanmar kyats or Australian dollars are unacceptable, it said. — MT/ZS

### Special Weather News

Issued at 4 pm MST on 24 September 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, due to the strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, due to the unstable air condition over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, due to the remnant of cloud from Typhoon “RAGASA” over the South China Sea, rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin, northern Shan States and fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Lower Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, (southern and eastern)Shan States with regionally and isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Lower Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions

and Kayah, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine, southern Shan States during today evening to 30 September 2025. Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 10-12 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

#### Advisory

People should be aware of natural disasters such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, thunder, lightning strike, lightning, hail, flash floods and landslide in the hilly areas and near small rivers and to make necessary preparations for inland water transport, domestic flights and irrigation dams. — DMH

### Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Wednesday 24 September 2025)

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

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** According to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, Typhoon “RAGASA” over the South China Sea has moved west and it is centred at about 25 nautical miles west-southwest of Yangjiang (China). It is likely to move westwards and may cross coastal areas of Guangdong, southern China, during the next 6 hours. Thereafter, it may pass over the northern part of Vietnam as a tropical storm during next 48 hours.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 25 September 2025:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Chin, Rakhine, northern Shan States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of regionally heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Kayin, Mon States and isolated heavy falls in Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Lower Sagaing, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

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

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Occasionally squalls with rough seas will be experienced in the Deltaic, the Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 10-12 feet in the Deltaic, the Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along the Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-11 feet off and along the Rakhine Coast.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Continuation of increase of rain in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kayin, Mon, and Shan States.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25 September 2025:** Some rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25 September 2025:** One or two times of rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25 September 2025:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

## Typhoon “RAGASA” News, No 6, 2025

Issued at 4 pm MST on 24 September 2025

#### Typhoon “RAGASA” Condition

According to the observations at 15:30 hrs MST today, Typhoon “RAGASA” over the South China Sea has moved west-northwestwards and crossed Xiachuan Island, China. It is centred at about 30 nautical miles East-Southeast of Yangjiang (China).

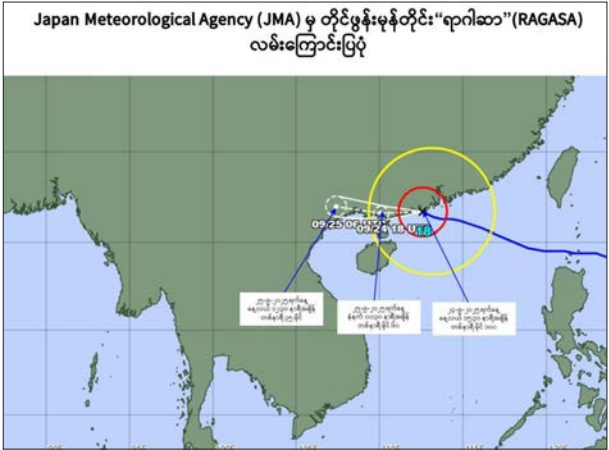
#### Position of Typhoon “RAGASA”, centre pressure and wind

Typhoon “RAGASA” is located at Latitude 21.7 degree

North and Longitude 112.6 degree East, centre pressure of Typhoon “RASAGA” is 950 hPa and maximum wind speed near the center is 110 miles per hour at 3:30 pm MST today.

#### Next 48 hours forecast

It is likely to move westwards and may cross coastal areas of Guangdong, southern China, during next 6 hours. Thereafter, it may pass over the northern part of Vietnam as a tropical storm during the next 48 hours. — DMH





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WORLD

# Germany’s Merz rejects claims he is slowing green shift

*Opposition charges the conservative-led coalition is slowing green energy transition through gas power expansion and cuts to renewable subsidies.*



The German government wants to build more gas power plants. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

GERMAN Chancellor Friedrich Merz on Wednesday rejected claims his government was undermining the climate change fight, but insisted that industry also needed to be protected to revive the crisis-wracked economy.

Critics charge that Merz’s conservative-led coalition is putting a brake on the shift to green energy through measures ranging from a planned expansion of gas power to proposals to scrap some renewable energy subsidies.

In a fiery debate in parliament marked by loud heckling from the opposition benches, the chancellor noted his critics claimed he was “undermining climate protection”.

“Nothing could be further from the truth,” said Merz, whose

centre-right CDU/CSU bloc governs in coalition with the centre-left SPD.

He stressed he wanted climate protection “without ideology. That is the difference between us and the last government”.

In the previous administration, the Greens party helmed the economy ministry and pushed ambitious measures to accelerate the energy transition — some of which caused unease among businesses about extra burdens at a time they were already struggling.

“Climate protection that jeopardises or even destroys the industrial base of our country, climate protection that jeopardises our country’s prosperity — that will not be accepted by the population,” Merz said. — AFP

## Skilfully Handling Difficult People

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The mediator will try to develop a fraternizing strategy for dealing with the solitude of difficult people. Moreover, we can ask for advice from trusted colleagues about difficult people. Care should be taken not to handle everything alone in any relationship with difficult people.

Thirdly, we had better act but not react towards difficult people while building a relationship with them. Issac Newton’s action-reaction theory is not wrong in all cases. Still, our reaction in the relationship with a difficult person is of utmost importance. Unless we react to difficult people in the right way during our relationship, the long-lasting relationship ‘bridge’ will collapse to the ground in the not-too-distant future. Thus, no reaction is the best method of reacting towards difficult people in any circumstance, we should believe. For instance, difficult people tend to speak ill

of us in our presence. Nobody is perfect to the core, of course. Meanwhile, we had best make self-reflection on ourselves, whether we are flawless or not, no matter what difficult people are. Really, it often annoys us to encounter such people to a greater or lesser degree. Whether they do something upsetting on purpose or to no purpose, it is best if we always avoid reacting towards them. Our thoughtful actions can defuse situations by focusing on finding solutions, not the issue itself.

Fourthly, we have to show empathy to difficult people. One of the root causes of some people becoming difficult is nothing but their socioeconomic conditions. In today’s age, everyone is still beset with his or her difficulties related to education, jobs, income, work domain, marital status, friendship and so on. Here, considering what we would do if we were them is certainly needed. Without empathy, sympathy is blind\_ talking about sympathy

with no empathy just looks like shedding crocodile tears for the difficult. For instance, the main reason why a difficult person hesitates to donate some money to others may be that he himself is mean, or he is so poor that he cannot afford it, or he has another valid reasoning or rationalization for being unable to do so. We must also try to understand difficult people’s perspective, listen actively to their concerns and finally respond with kindness and patience.

Everything has a limit, I think. Beyond the limit, anything will be fragile for sure. Hence, people also have an extent to which they can put up whilst having a relation with others. Then, fifthly, we will have to set boundaries between our relationship with difficult people. What boundaries must be marked in a difficult relationship? We need to clearly communicate what is acceptable, be consistent with our boundaries and enforce consequences if necessary. For

instance, a difficult person may gossip about our personal lives or criticize us for personal injury. In fact, idle gossiping or destructive criticism is under no condition acceptable. Therefore, we should, in advance, say to difficult people that such gossiping or criticism is unacceptable at all times, as this can lead to an easily broken relationship at times. Within the boundary, any healthy relationship can be created, even very quickly.

Sixthly, we must be able to understand the behaviour of difficult people. We will be required to concentrate on the actions of a difficult person, not the person. We may or may not dislike his behaviour, but not the individual at all. That is why if we do not tell the difference between people and manners, hatred and neglect will only be a vicious cycle between us. For instance, difficult people are given to telling a barefaced lie to us sometimes. Even though it is a kind of white lie, there might be no lies that are

good for all time. On occasions, we wrongly believe someone’s lies with our eyes shut so that we can avoid making a U-turn in our lives. Accordingly, we should identify which actions bother us quite frankly every time we start to meet difficult people. By doing so, difficult people may abstain from their manners that can disturb others.

At last, it is better if we stay positive together with difficult people. We can keep a positive mindset, which means that people are just people, and as long as the human species exists in the world, the personality trait of difficult relationships with others will be in the bag to be seen, humorous to say. Accordingly, we must pay attention to merely what we can control as regards difficult people. And we have to maintain a calm and professional demeanour. The way we talk is the life of our relationship with difficult people. After all, we ought to give difficult people a helping hand as much as we can afford to have a wide circle of friends in the human atmosphere, just because difficult people are people only.



ECONOMY  
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Indian stock market retains positive long-term outlook over stable macro economics: Report

India's GDP showed strong growth, exceeding expectations due to robust manufacturing and government spending, with GST reforms expected to boost consumption and ease inflation.

INDIAN equity markets retain a positive long-term outlook, backed by a normal monsoon, sustained policy reforms, government capex, and the financialization of savings — which continue to underpin India's growth trajectory, according to PL Wealth, the wealth management arm of PL Capital (Prabhudas Lilladher).

In its Market Outlook—September 2025, the report notes that India's GDP for



The report recommends prioritizing high-quality large-cap stocks and using staggered entries to manage timing risks. PHOTO: ANI

Q1 2025-26 surprised on the upside at 7.8 per cent year-on-year, aided by robust manufacturing, front-loaded government capex, and a favourable deflator; outperforming expectations of 6.9 per cent.

The outlook has been further buoyed by the GST rationalization effective September 2025, which is expected to lift growth by 0.2-0.3 per cent, spur consumption, and ease inflationary pressures. — ANI

UK rail operators set for new EU border checks

THE Channel Tunnel's operator and train service Eurostar have expressed confidence that the European Union's much delayed new border-check system will run smoothly when launched next month.

A phased launch from 12 October of the Entry/Exit System (EES) for non-EU nationals replaces passport stamps with fingerprints and face photos thanks to a series of scanners installed at airports, ports and railway stations across Europe.

With Britain no longer part of the EU following Brexit, Eurostar and Tunnel operator Getlink have installed new systems in the country at a cost of

tens of millions of euros (dollars).

"Everything is ready, everything is prepared and everything has been tested already with hundreds of customers," Getlink chief executive Yann Leriche told AFP on Tuesday near the entrance to the Tunnel in Folkestone, southeast England, that connects to France. "We are absolutely confident that it will be a success in October", Leriche added, amid concerns the new system could cause travel delays.

The CEO noted that six out of 10 cars departing the UK were using the Tunnel to cross the Channel, with the remaining 40 per cent using ferries from nearby Dover port. — AFP



Getlink CEO Yann Leriche told AFP that 'everything is ready' for the launch of a delayed Channel Tunnel border-check system. PHOTO: AFP

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V AS SOPHIA VOY.NO. (536W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V AS SOPHIA VOY.NO. (536W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **25-9-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP/MITT** 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:

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S WILSELMSSEN PORT SERVICE(S) PTE LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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## Nissan halts US production of Ariya EV amid Trump tariffs, weak demand

NISSAN Motor Co has temporarily suspended production of its Ariya electric vehicle for the US market, company sources said Tuesday, amid sluggish demand and high tariffs under US President Donald Trump’s administration. Ariya, manufactured at Nissan’s Tochigi plant in eastern Japan, has been exported to the

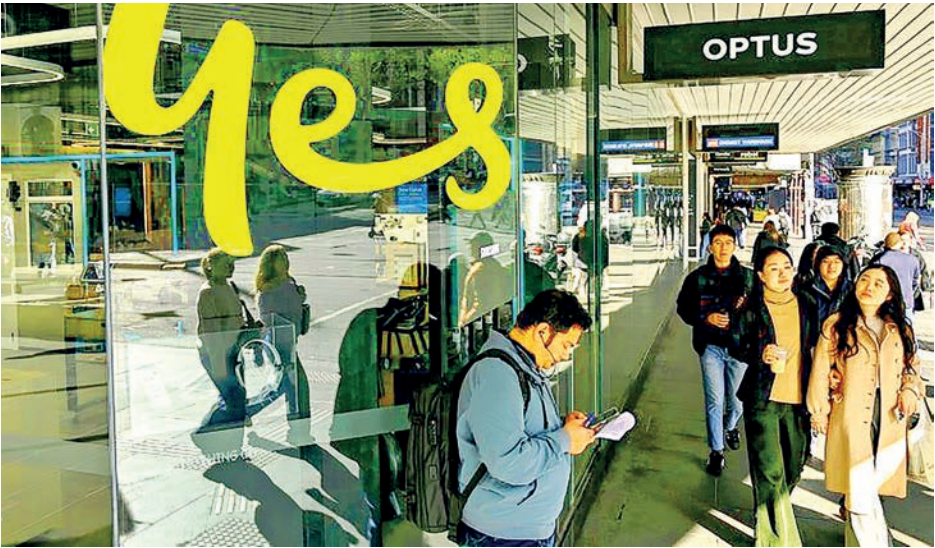


Photo shows Nissan Motor Co’s Ariya electric vehicle. PHOTO: KYODO

United States, but sales are set to end once local inventories are depleted, the sources said. The suspension covers the 2026 model year currently being produced, while production plans for subsequent models remain undecided. Nissan will continue making Ariya units for the domestic market, according to the sources. — Kyodo

## Australian telco giant slapped with \$66 million fine over ‘appalling’ conduct

EMBATTLED Australian telco giant Optus was hit with a \$66 million fine on Wednesday over “appalling” sales conduct as the firm grapples with fallout from a network outage linked to several deaths. A federal court ruled the company — one of Australia’s top telecoms providers — should be punished for selling products to vulnerable customers between 2019 and 2023 that they did not need or want, leaving many in debt. Many of these people were also Indigenous and lived in remote parts of the country. Federal Court’s Justice Patrick O’Sullivan labelled the company’s



Embattled Australian telco giant Optus was hit with a \$66 million fine on Wednesday over “appalling” sales conduct. PHOTO: AFP conduct as “extremely serious” and “appalling”. Consumers incurred thousands of dollars of debt while on modest incomes and became embarrassed or stressed over how they would pay these, he added. The court formally approved the penalty Wednesday, which Optus and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission had agreed to in June. — AFP

Notice for Change of Distributor

Notice is hereby given that official distributor has been changed for the following pesticides from Agro Green Land Chemical Co. Ltd. to Heyoza Co.Ltd. Agro Geen Land Chemical 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 (14) days from the publication of this notice.

| No. | Trade Name | Active Ingredient             | Registration Type | Registration No. |
|-----|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1   | Calm       | Haloxypop-R-methyl 108 g/l EC | Full              | F2022-3566       |

Agro Green Land Chemical Co. Ltd. Tel: 09-955006789

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| No. | Trade Name | Active ingredient                             | Registration Type | Registration No. |
|-----|------------|---|-------------------|------------------|
| 1   | Cylo Bisso | Cyhalofop butyl 12% + Bispyribac sodium 4% OD | Provisional       | P2023-5392       |

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| No. | Trade Name     | Active ingredient        | Registration Type | Registration No. |
|-----|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1   | Lae Paung Shin | Bispyribac sodium 40% WP | Provisional       | P2023-5573       |

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French consumer group seeks Perrier sales ban

AN influential consumer rights association on Wednesday urged a court to ban the sale of Perrier bottled water in France, saying the brand’s claim that its product is “natural” was misleading. UFC-Que Choisir, which lodged its request with a court in Nanterre near Paris, said the Nestle-owned Perrier brand should be banned temporarily from selling its sparkling water and be ordered to stop its “dishonest” description of the water. “Consumers buy water that is sold as natural mineral water but it isn’t natural because it has been treated,” the association’s lawyer Alexis Macchetto told AFP. In early 2024, media reported that Nestle Waters — which also owns the Vittel and Contrex brands — had deployed banned processes to improve its quality, including ultraviolet treatment and activated carbon filters. — AFP

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| No. | Trade Name | Active ingredient                   | Registration Type | Registration No. |
|-----|------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1   | Fop Fop    | Cyhalofop butyl 30% OD              | Provisional       | P2025-6655       |
| 2   | AL 2,4 D   | 2,4-D Dimethylamine salt 720 g/l SL | Provisional       | P2025-6656       |
| 3   | Benzo AL   | Emamectin Benzoate 5.7% SG          | Provisional       | P2024-6441       |

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# ROLLING UPDATES

## WORLD



A vehicle on the edge of a sinkhole after a road collapsed in Bangkok on Wednesday. **PHOTO: WATSAMON TRI-YASAKDA / AFP**

## Thai authorities rush to battle Bangkok sinkhole

*Heavy rain eroded a possibly leaking underground water pipe, per Bangkok disaster agency head Suriyachai Rawiwan.*

AUTHORITIES in the Thai capital of Bangkok on Wednesday were tackling a large sinkhole that appeared when a piece of busy road collapsed 50 metres (160 feet) into the ground.

The sinkhole appeared in front of the city’s main hospitals and near a police station in a residential neighbourhood of the city. The site was cordoned off and people living and working nearby were asked to evacuate. Suriyachai Rawiwan, head of Bangkok’s disaster agency, told the AFP news agency that heavy rain likely eroded a large underground water pipe that may have already been leaking, causing the damage.

Thailand’s Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul told reporters that “dirt from an underground train construction was sliding in”, exacerbating the issue. — ANI

## India’s education sector remains prime cyberattack target: Report

INDIA’S education and research sector continues to remain one of the most targeted industries for cyberattacks, according to the latest Threat Intelligence Report from Nasdaq-listed Check Point Software Technologies Ltd.

The report noted that the sector faced an average of 7,095 weekly attacks per organization, placing it above government institutions and consumer goods companies, and second globally only to healthcare.

Following education, the most targeted sectors were government with 5,140 weekly attacks and consumer goods and services with 3,889 weekly attacks. — ANI



Indian organizations averaged 3,233 weekly attacks over past six months, surpassing global average of 2,002. **PHOTO:PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ ISTOCK**

## Anti-nuclear exhibition opens in nuclear weapons state Pakistan

AN exhibition protesting against nuclear weapons has opened in nuclear-armed Pakistan, with its creator saying his brass sculptures were made based on how he imagined the sufferings of the victims of the 1945 atomic bombings in Japan.

The “Remains of Ruins” exhibition by Bashir Ahmad, a pioneering Pakistani miniature painter and sculptor, comes as this year marks 80 years since the atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in the closing days of World War II. It is being held from Tuesday.

Ahmad, now in his 70s, hopes to send a message to the public that nuclear weapons should not be produced. He said he chose to make his sculptures out of bronze since weapons are made of metal. It took him seven years through 2008 to come up with the roughly 30-centimetre-tall figures representing the human cost of the attacks. — Kyodo

## Vietnam breaks ground on projects for APEC in 2027

A groundbreaking ceremony on several infrastructure projects was held on Wednesday in southern Vietnam’s An Giang province, to serve the APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting in 2027, local daily newspaper Nhan Dan (People) reported.

The projects include roads, water supply infrastructure, smart city facilities, waste treatment, and a conference center. They are parts of a broader package of 21 infrastructure projects for the meeting.

Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Chi Dung urged relevant ministries and local authorities to complete all works three to six months ahead of schedule, ensuring safety, transparency, and compliance with international standards to be ready for the meeting. — Xinhua

## Italy deploys frigate after drone ‘attack’ on Gaza aid flotilla

ITALY dispatched a navy frigate to waters off Crete on Wednesday after a Gaza-bound aid flotilla reported drone attacks near Greece, prompting Rome to condemn the incident and urge Israel to safeguard Italian citizens aboard.

Italy’s Defence Minister Guido Crosetto sent a navy frigate Wednesday to assist a Gaza-bound aid flotilla, after organizers said several of their boats had been targeted by drones off Greece.

The Global Sumud Flotilla said more than a dozen explosions were heard around the flotilla late Tuesday, with damage caused by “unidentified objects” dropped on deck. — AFP

## Serbia hosts international defence fair

THE 12<sup>th</sup> International Arms and Defence Equipment Fair “Partner 2025” opened in Belgrade, Serbia, on Tuesday.

The event attracted a record 200 exhibitors from more than 30 countries, including leading European and global defence companies, according to the Ministry of Defence. Major European participants include France’s Safran and Thales, the Czech Republic’s Aero Vodochody and Ceska Zbrojovka, as well as Switzerland’s B&T AG. — Xinhua



SPORTS



Myanmar and Afghanistan are in action during the match. PHOTO: MFF

Myanmar suffer heavy loss in Asian Futsal Qualifier final group match

THE final day of the 2026 Asian Futsal Qualifiers Group H continued yesterday at the MFF Futsal Indoor Stadium in Thuwunna Youth Training Centre, Yangon, where Myanmar suffered an 8-0 defeat in Afghanistan.

Myanmar needed to avoid a heavy loss to keep alive hopes of qualifying as one of the best second-placed teams. However, this defeat has greatly reduced their chances. With Group D matches scheduled for 18 to 22 October, the full list of qualifiers will only be confirmed after those games conclude.

Despite their efforts, Myanmar

struggled against Afghanistan's superior strength, conceding six goals in the first half before shipping two more in the second.

At the end of Group H, Afghanistan advanced as group winners with six points, Myanmar finished second with three points, and the Maldives ended bottom without a point after two defeats.

The qualifiers are contested across eight groups, with the eight group winners and the seven best second-placed teams: 15 teams in total securing progression. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

IMAKi Pride Glory Honour Lethwei tournament to be held in Yangon



A news briefing on the IMAKi Pride Glory Honour Lethwei competition in progress yesterday.

THE Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs and the Traditional Myanmar Lethwei Federation will supervise the IMAKi Pride Glory Honour Lethwei Tournament, which will be organized by JNCS Company Limited. The competition is scheduled to take place at 1 pm on 28 September at Theinbyu Boxing Gymnasium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon.

In connection with the tournament, a press conference was held yesterday at

2 pm at the Shwe Htut Tin Ground on East Horse Race Course Street in Tamway Township. At the press event, Dr Tin Aung Lwin, President of the Traditional Myanmar Lethwei Federation, delivered the opening speech. Deputy vice-president U Wunna and U Kyaw Win Tun elaborated on the significance of organizing the event, while an official from JNCS Company Limited explained the purpose of hosting the tournament.

The main attraction of

the competition will feature Ramahn against Aung Khine and Htun Min Naing against Saw Htoo Aung. Extra bouts will showcase pairings such as Saw Ba Hein versus Saw Min Naing, Ye Lin Oo versus Si Toe, Saling Htan Khwe Shane versus Shan Tauk, Htet Lin versus Kyaw Naing Htun, Africa versus Aung Hein Swan, Gaw Pa Ka versus Lakapaw, and Kyaw Wai Yan versus Kyauk Yine. In the women's division, Lynn Sandar Htay will face Mar Lar Win. — Linn Yama/KZL

Ailing Nissan ends sponsorship with Manchester City football club owner

NISSAN Motor Co has ended a sponsorship deal with City Football Group, owners of Manchester City, who compete in the English Premier League, in an apparent cost-cutting move by the struggling automaker, a source close to the matter said Wednesday.

The Japanese company signed the agreement in 2014 with the group, which owns and operates football clubs in Europe, Asia and the United States, and publicized its brand through football matches.

The group also owns a stake in the operator

of Yokohama F Marinos, a football club based near Tokyo, with Nissan being a major shareholder of the company. The termination comes as the automaker aims to restore profitability through restructuring measures, including reducing its global workforce and production capacity.

Nissan posted a net loss of 670.90 billion yen (\$4.5 billion) for fiscal 2024, hit by lackluster sales in the United States and China. — Kyodo



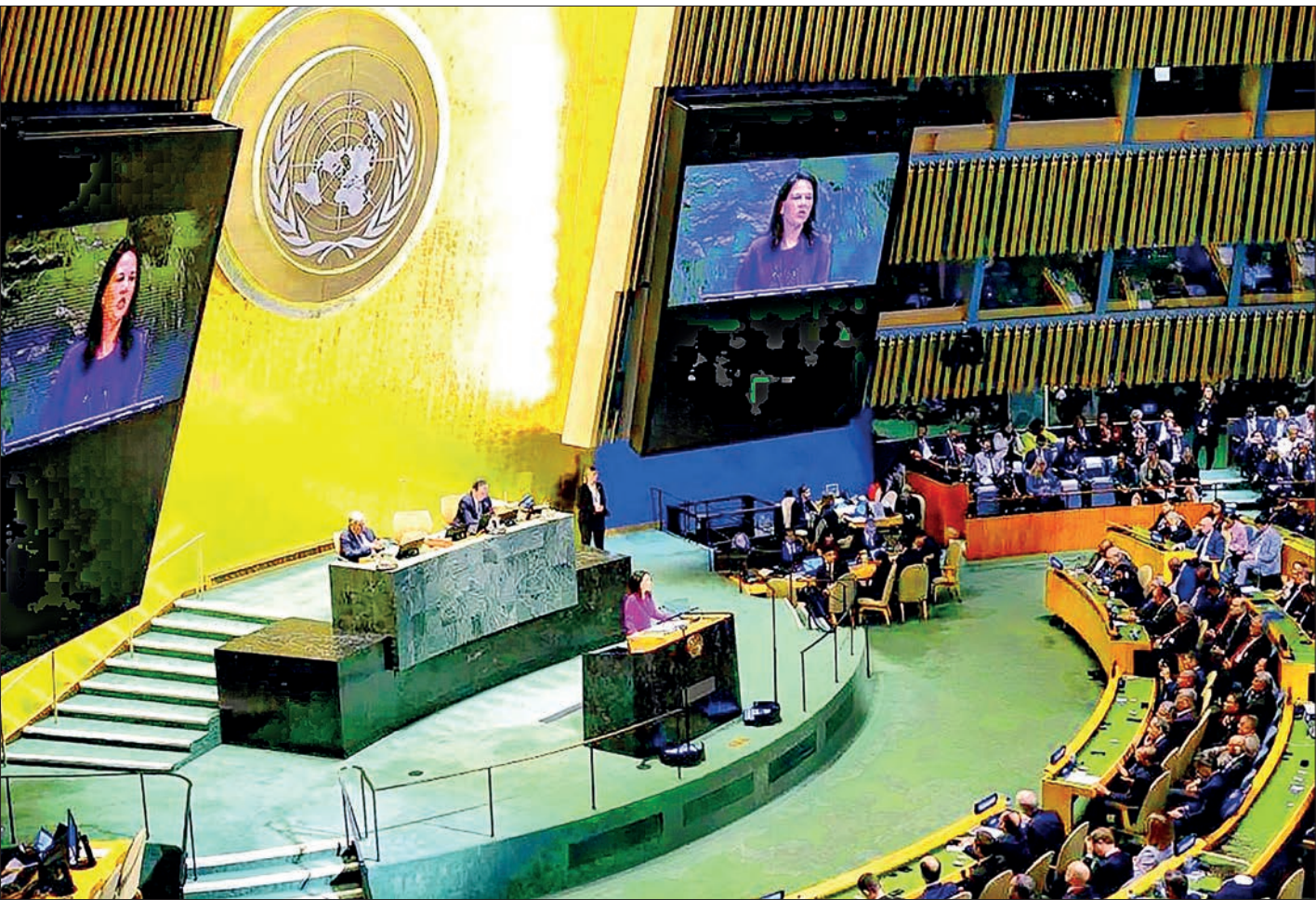
Supplied photo shows the home stadium of Manchester City Football Club, which competes in the English Premier League, and a Nissan Motor Co vehicle. PHOTO: KYODO





UNGA begins general debate to address global issues

From 22-30 September, includes high-level conferences and bilateral meetings alongside the debate.



United Nations General Assembly President Annalena Baerbock delivers a speech during at the opening ceremony of the General Debate of the 80<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) at the UN headquarters in New York, 23 September 2025. PHOTO: WU XIAOLING/XINHUA

REPRESENTATIVES from United Nations (UN) member states, including some 150 heads of state and government, will take turns at the podium of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) to deliver an address on global issues during the UNGA general debate that kicked off on Tuesday.

In his address to the UNGA, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the world has “entered an age of reckless disruption and relentless human suffering”, with the principles of the United Nations “under siege” and the pillars of peace and progress “buckling under the weight of impunity, inequality, and indifference.”

Noting that the world is becoming increasingly multipolar, Guterres said multipolarity without effective multilateral institutions courts chaos.

“The choices we face are not part of an ideological debate. They are a matter of life and death for millions,” he said, adding that peace rooted in international law is humanity’s first obligation.

The general debate will conclude on 29 September. Representatives and heads of state and government will also attend a series of high-level conferences and hold bilateral meetings during the High-level Week from 22 to 30 September. — Xinhua

Laos strives to build sustainable food systems

THE first Lao National Youth Forum, themed “Youth-Led Climate Smart Agriculture and Climate-Resilient Food Systems”, kicked off in Lao capital Vientiane on Wednesday, aiming to empower youth to drive the transformation of food systems towards sustainability.

According to the Vientiane Mai newspaper on Wednesday, the forum was attended by Lao Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Environment Xaynakhone Inthavong, the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Laos Bakhodir Burkhanov, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Representative to Laos Kyung-Mee Kim, and other key stakeholders.

In his speech, Xaynakhone highlighted Laos’ rapidly growing population, projected to reach nine million by 2035. This growth will drive economic expansion but also increase demand for food, water, and land. — Xinhua

China proposes AI+ Intl Cooperation Initiative to benefit all

CHINA proposed the AI+ International Cooperation Initiative at a high-level meeting on the Global Development Initiative held here on Tuesday.

In line with the vision of building a community with a shared future for humanity, the initiative urges promotional efforts to deeply integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) into the economic and social development to benefit all countries, including the Global South.

AI represents not only a technological upgrade, but also a systematic and comprehensive transformation with profound implications. According to the initiative, it also plays a vital role in advancing the United Nations (UN) 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

The initiative calls on all countries to proactively carry out AI+ campaigns in public well-being, technological advancement, industrial application, cultural prosperity and talent cultivation according to each country’s conditions, enhance policy exchange and practical cooperation, and share best practices and solutions on the basis of mutual respect and mutual benefit. — Xinhua



A humanoid robot poses during an exhibition at the Zhongguancun Exhibition Centre in Beijing, capital of China, 28 March 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA