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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.



Prime Minister U Nyo Saw delivers a speech at the opening ceremony of the 22nd China-ASEAN Expo and the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit in Nanning, south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 18 September 2025.

China, ASEAN to boost trade and economic ties

The China-ASEAN Expo aims to drive sustainable growth and foster mutual benefits for long-term regional development.

AN inauguration ceremony of the 22nd China-ASEAN Expo (CAEX-PO) and the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit took place at the Nanning International Convention Centre in Nanning yesterday morning, and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw delivered a speech on the occasion.

Present at the ceremony were Mr

Han Zheng, Vice-President of the People’s Republic of China, Vice-Presidents, Deputy Prime Ministers and Ministers from ASEAN member states, delegation leaders of Sri Lanka and Ethiopia, which are special dialogue partners for this year, officials, the Myanmar Ambassador to China and the Myanmar Consul-General in Nanning, departmental heads,

officials and Chinese businesspeople. The Chinese Vice-President welcomed the Prime Minister at the Nanning International Convention Centre, where they all had documentary photos taken. At the ceremony, Secretary of CPC Committee of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Chen Gang, the Deputy

Minister for Commerce and the Chairman of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) gave speeches while the Chinese Vice-President delivered an opening address. In his speech, Prime Minister U Nyo Saw said that this year, Myanmar is participating as the Country of Honour at the China-ASEAN Expo. It is a great pleasure and honour for him to take part in such a distinguished occasion and to have the opportunity to deliver a speech. Organizing expos of this kind helps deepen the strategic partnership between China and ASEAN member states, while also serving as an important platform for cooperation in trade, investment, and tourism. As a result, it has contributed to the further development of the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area.

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NATIONAL

General Aung San Declares Firm Stand Against Election Disruption

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

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



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

Dawbon Township provides elderly healthcare every Wednesday

HEALTHCARE workers led by Township Public Health Department Head Dr Myo Myo Khine yesterday offered healthcare services for older people, which are initiated by the Department of Public Health every Wednesday in Dawbon Township, Botahtaung District.

In healthcare programmes, the elderly were given guidance and education on healthy living and eating habits to prevent non-communicable diseases such as hypertension and diabetes. Afterwards, activities such as testing TB patients, conducting screenings, and holding chair-based exercise sessions were carried out. Healthcare workers provided older people with health check-ups and medications, and conducted health discussion sessions. The elderly participants actively engaged in discussions on health-related topics.

Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Chairperson Daw May Zin Phyto and party, and members of social welfare associations, provided support in healthcare services.

— Chit Su Wai (IPRD)/KTZH



Healthcare services underway in Dawbon Township.

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11th Waning of Tawthalin 1387 ME
17 September 2025

Appointment and Duty Assignment for Judges of Supreme Court of the Union

THE National Defence and Security Council has appointed and assigned the following persons to the duties of Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union under Subsection (b) of Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar:

- (1) U Win Myint
- (2) Daw Soe Khet Khet
- (4) Daw Thin Thin Cho

By Order,
Aung Lin Dwe
Executive Chief

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Approval for Retirement

THE National Defence and Security Council has allowed U Nyo Tun to retire from the duties of Judge for the Yangon Region High Court for his health conditions under Subsection (b) of the Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

By Order,
Aung Lin Dwe
Executive Chief

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https://www.mod.gov.mm | 5. Myawady Webportal
https://myawady.net.mm |
| 3. Ministry of Legal Affairs
https://www.mlis.gov.mm | 6. Myanmar National Portal
https://myanmar.gov.mm |

The application can be submitted by 18 September, and the fee is K150,000. — MT/ZS

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Myanmar-China Friendship Association donates solar lamps to Nay Pyi Taw disaster victims

THE Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central) donated household solar lamps yesterday to disaster-affected staff from the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, and the Office of the Union Auditor-General in Nay Pyi Taw.

Chairman U Tin Oo and the

association members presented 100 sets to Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, 100 sets to Union Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Hla Moe, 150 sets to Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win, and 100 sets to Union Auditor-General Dr Khin Naing Oo. Each set is valued at about K100,000. — MNA/MKKS



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn accepts household solar lamps donated by the Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Royal Thai Air Force Chief-led delegation arrives in Myanmar



Air Chief Marshal of the Royal Thai Air Force Punpakdee Pattanakul and his wife visit the Botahtaung Pagoda in Yangon yesterday.

AT the invitation of the Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung, a delegation led by Thai Air Chief Marshal Punpakdee Pattanakul and wife arrived in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning on an official goodwill visit to launch bilateral engagement activities between two air forces, and high-ranking officers from Tatmadaw (Air), the Thai military attaché to Myanmar, and officials welcomed them at Nay Pyi Taw airport.

Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung then had a discussion with the goodwill delegation led by Air Chief Marshal of the Royal Thai Air Force at the Jasmine Hotel. The Commander-in-Chief (Air) presented a Buddha statue,

relics of Arhats and a replica of the Maravijaya Buddha Image to enshrine in the Phra Mahathat Naphamethinidon Naphabhumisiri Pagoda being constructed by the Royal Thai Air Force in Chiang Mai, Thailand, to the Air Chief. The Thai Air Chief presented a Buddha statue as a Dhamma donation, and they all had documentary photos taken.

The Commander-in-Chief (Air) and his wife hosted lunch for the delegation led by the Air Chief Marshal of the Royal Thai Air Force and his wife, and exchanged gifts.

The delegation left for Yangon in the afternoon and visited the Botahtaung Pagoda. — MNA/KTZH

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NATIONAL

High-quality domestic products and cooperative systems vital to boosting exports

- ❖ To boost exports, domestically manufactured products must be of high quality, competitively priced, and aligned with market demands.
- ❖ Since rules and regulations govern the operation of State-capital businesses, they can be run individually or through a cooperative system.
- ❖ Therefore, the relevant ministries must collaborate to promote the national economy through a cooperative system.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the Union government meeting held on 17 January 2025)

Myanmar fully complies with policies and commitments to conserve ozone layer

THE Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation has confirmed that Myanmar is in full compliance with its commitments to protect the ozone layer, said deputy minister U Min Thu at World Ozone Day observance at the ministry’s office on 16 September.

Myanmar is a signatory to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer and its four amendments: the London Protocol, the Copenhagen Protocol, the Montreal Protocol, and the Paris Protocol, while it is in progress to be a member of the Kigali Amendment, the fifth to the Montreal Protocol introduced in 2016 to reduce hydrofluorocarbons



One of the documentary photos commemorating World Ozone Day on 16 September 2025.

(HFCs). By limiting HFCs, it could reduce the global temperature increase by 0.5 degrees Celsius by the year 2100. As a party to the Montreal Protocol, Myanmar has agreed to and followed the terms and the obligations. Myanmar has restricted the

import of ozone-depleting substances, and has also imposed restrictions on the use of pesticides, while it is striving to raise

public awareness and reduce the use of refrigerants like other world’s nations.

The deputy minister urged everyone to work together in the implementation of the issues related to the preservation of the ozone layer and combating climate change.

After videos from UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, ozone layer awareness and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP)’s executive director Ms Inger Adersen being displayed, the distinguished guests looked around the exhibition, and joined a group photo session.

To commemorate the World Ozone Day, posters were erected and information leaflets were distributed to the public in Myanmar. — Htun Htun/ZN

Myanmar-China Friendship Association donates medicines and equipment to Sao San Tun Hospital

THE Myanmar-China Friendship Association (Central) and its Taunggyi branch held a donation ceremony at Sao San Tun General Hospital in Taunggyi on the morning of 12 September, during which they donated essential medicines and medical equipment.

At the ceremony, Taunggyi branch chairman U Han Lin Aung, secretary U Tun Lwin, and executive members handed over medicines and supplies worth about K18.8 million. Medical superintendent Dr Yan Naing Maung accepted the donations, expressed gratitude, and presented a certificate of honour in return.

In addition, the Taunggyi branch chairman and execu-



The Sao San Tun General Hospital Medical superintendent Dr Yan Naing Maung presents a certificate of honour to chairman U Han Lin Aung from Taunggyi branch of The Myanmar-China Friendship Association.

tive members met with Chinese Consul-General Ms Gao Ping, who was in Taunggyi on a working visit from Mandalay, on the evening of 11 September. They discussed matters related to Myanmar-China friendship and cooperation. — MNA/KZL

Yangon Zoo introduces mini- buggy and e-bike rentals

THE Yangon Zoo announced on 17 September that mini-buggy and e-bike rental services are now available in the beautiful zoo as expanded services.

Comments include: “It was very good. We will visit and ride e-bike”, “We will come on weekends”, and “It becomes more convenient for children”. As a service fee, a mini-buggy can be rented for K8,000 per 30 minutes (up to three children or adults) and an e-bike for K5,000 per 30 minutes to operate in the Yangon Zoo at a low cost and enjoy the area around the park.

As a public recreation area, the entrance fee to the Yangon Zoo from 8 am to 5 pm is K2,500 for adults and K1,500 for children, with no closing days. For more information, visitors can contact the hotline numbers at 09 262499324 and 09 682011170. — MT/ZN



This image showcases visitors riding mini- buggies and e-bikes in the Yangon Zoo.

NATIONAL

Lwan Zedi to rise at former Sky Villa Condominium site



The second event of NTL Construction Company delivering compensation to bereaved families of 76 individuals killed in the Sky Villa condominium collapse.

LWAN Zedi (pagoda) will be built at the site of the Sky Villa condominium, which collapsed due to the Mandalay earthquake, in memory of the deceased, and Paritta chanting and Dhamma sermons will be held, said U Lin Lin Tun, Sky Villa Condo Operation Manager.

On 15 September, he delivered that during the second event of NTL Construction Company, compensations were delivered to the bereaved families of 76 individuals who died in

the collapsed Sky Villa. They offered K10 million compensation for the families of each victim killed in the collapsed Sky Villa condominium and apologies to those who lost their lives.

“We contributed compensation to the families or entities represented by 76 people who passed away during the collapse, including residents, staff and foreigners. Compensation will reach the remaining victims,” he added.



Clearing debris of the collapsed Sky Villa condominium has been completed, discovering 206 bodies and one unclaimed body as of 16 September.

The company handed over K10 million each to those related to 72 victims in the Sky villa collapse during the first batch of the event held on 8 September at the temporary shelter in front of the moat. — ASH/KK

Myanmar film ‘1994’ premieres nationwide this Sept

THE Myanmar film ‘1994’ is set to premiere in major cinemas across the country in the fourth week of September, according to its director, Arkar Soe Oo.

The story was written by Arkar Soe Oo, with the screenplay by Shwe Yi Shoon Lei. The film was directed by Arkar

Soe Oo and produced under Royal Poe Film Production.

“This film, 1994, is not made in the style of a typical ghost movie. Instead, it is designed to capture the raw emotions of love and hate, with songs and energy that will resonate with young audiences. Another unique feature is that

several well-known young artistes from different fields take on roles in unexpected ways,” said director Arkar Soe Oo.

The cast includes Tyron, Htoo Arnt Lwin, Double J, Min Thant, Min Hein, Lily Kyaw Khine, Mee Mee, and Thae Su Nyein, among others. — ASH/MKKS



This image displays a poster showing scenes and performances of the cast from the film ‘1994’.

Major repairs underway on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway after quake

ACCORDING to the Department of Highways under the Ministry of Construction, major repairs are being carried out at 46 sections of the expressway damaged by the recent Mandalay earthquake.

“Within just three days of the earthquake, we were able to fully repair the minor damage using all available machinery and manpower. For major repairs, work is being undertaken between Mileposts 165 and 185,” said an official from the Department of Highways.

In addition, repairs are underway between Mileposts 383 and 385 to restore the road to its original condition, the department stated. Road signs along the expressway are also being upgraded in line with the guidance of the Road Transport

Administration Department (RTAD) as part of the 2025-26 financial year works. Furthermore, more than 1,400 trees have been planted along the sides of the expressway.

The earthquake, which struck on 28 March, damaged 283 sections of the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway where concrete slabs were broken, and 185 sections where the surface became wavy, though the road base remained intact. In total, 468 locations were affected, in addition to damage to bridges, including the subsidence of bridge decks. Initially, the Department of Highways carried out temporary repairs to ensure uninterrupted traffic flow. At present, large-scale repairs are in progress. — ASH/KNN



This photo captures repaired sections of roads and bridges along the expressway.

‘Rock Hits Show 2025’ set for Nay Pyi Taw

SINGER Eaint Chit has confirmed that the “Rock Hits Show 2025” concert, featuring Lay Phyu, Zaw Paing, and herself, will take place at the Mingala Thiri Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw, according to her statement.

Although her mother, Daw Wah Wah Htoo (aged 66), passed away on 16 September, Eaint Chit said she would not cancel the scheduled concert out of respect for her late mother’s wishes.

“Even when I had personal matters, I never missed my performances. From the time my mother was alive, no matter what difficulties I faced, I always honoured the shows I had accepted for the sake of the audience who had been waiting. Though my mother has now passed away, I will not cancel any events, includ-

ing the Nay Pyi Taw concert, as a way of respecting her words. Please do come and support us in Nay Pyi Taw. I promise to give the best performance,” she said.

The “Rock Hits Show 2025” will begin at 5:00 pm on 21 September, with the performances of the singers accompanied by the renowned Rock Star Band. — ASH/KZL



This photo captures a promotional poster for the Rock Hits Show 2025.

MoALI: Seized Seintalone farmland will not be returned

THE Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation notified that appeals will not be accepted after plots of land designated for cultivation in the Seintalone Farming Zone II were seized upon non-compliance with rules.

The ministry set the Seintalone Mango Farming Zone I in Nay Pyi Taw (Dekkhinathiri, Ottarathiri, Lewe, Tatkon townships) and Zone II in Yamethin and Pyawbwe townships, Yamethin District and granted land permits to growers between 2010 and 2016.

The growers failed to farm in those plots of land in Zone II, and therefore, they were seized under Subsection 22 (b) (i) and (ii) of the Amendment Law to the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management 2018. The ministry will not consider any appeal letter for that decision.

The ministry notified growers in mango farming zones in Nay Pyi Taw to seek permits to utilize land under the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Law by 31 August. Seintalone mango farming zone was im-



Seintalone mangoes are seen being neatly arranged for sale at the fruit outlet.

plemented in Dekkhinathiri, Ottarathiri, Lewe and Tatkon townships in Nay Pyi Taw in 2010. Before the season, mango growers need to seek permits to legitimately utilize land where they are currently farming in line with the existing law and bylaw. Only when they obtain land

permits can they legally run the farming operations.

Moreover, those who have sought permits from the Central Committee on Management of Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands and Union Territory Management Committee may result in revocation under

Section 22 (A) (3) of the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Law if there are undeveloped land areas as per the existing law and bylaw.

Under Subsection 16 (C) of the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Law, those who are granted to utilize the vacant, fallow and virgin lands are not allowed to mortgage, lease, sell, transfer by other means or divide the permitted vacant, fallow and virgin lands without the permission of the Union Government. According to Subsection (A) of Section 29(A), individuals who broke the rules stipulated by Sub-Section (C) of Section 16 are subject to a sentence of less than two years and/or a fine of less than one million kyat. Therefore, those who have obtained permits to use land need to strictly adhere to the rules.

Individuals can enquire about details through the contact numbers at 067 3408749 for the Department of Settlement and Land Records (head office) and at 067 4550180 for the Nay Pyi Taw Land Records Department during office hours. — NN/KK

Public-private forum on Bago rice sector held on 15 Sept



The Bago Region government and officials from the Myanmar Rice Federation discuss the rice sector development in Bago Region on 15 September 2025.

A public-private dialogue on Bago Region rice sectoral development took place on 15 September 2025, according to the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF). The Bago Region chief minister, regional ministers, the director-general of the Department of Consumer Affairs, chairs of district/township management committees, the MRF vice-presidents, management committee members, the chairperson of the Myanmar Paddy and Rice Traders Association and committee members, rice millers and representatives of rice companies

attended the dialogue.

The chief minister coordinated matters related to assisting farmers and ensuring fair prices at harvest time. He also asked millers and companies to purchase rice at harvest time without delay.

The dialogue highlighted the implementation of rice export zones in the region, export of premium rice, facilitation of rice milling businesses, accelerating efforts in providing fertilizers, cultural inputs and agricultural loans and smooth trade flow. — NN/KK

CBM to inject US\$25M to fuel oil sector

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 16 September that it would pump US\$25 million into the fuel oil import sector.

In addition to injecting \$100,000 and over 566,400 yuan on that day, CBM sold over \$1.6 million to edible oil importing companies, \$437,000 to fuel oil importing companies, and over \$140,300 to those who made non-trade payments.



Vehicles are seen refuelling at the petrol station.

CBM sold \$1.25 million to edible oil importing companies on 15 September after sales of \$1,488 to CMP companies.

CBM sold over \$2.76 million to edible oil-importing companies on 12 September, in addition to selling \$30,000 to fuel oil-importing companies and \$83,805 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments.

CBM sold over \$1.79 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$353,900 to fuel oil-importing companies on September 11.

CBM also injected over

\$372,000 into the market, after sales of over \$241,000 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments.

CBM announced on 10 September that it would sell \$22 million to fuel oil entrepreneurs. CBM also sold over \$1.17 million to edible oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM sold over \$1 million, 11 million yuan and four million baht in August. Furthermore, CBM also pumped over \$32 million, purchased from the companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis, into the financial market.

CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March 2024, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

OPINION

Apply experiences gained from further studies abroad

THE State arranges for the capacity enhancement of departmental staff by sending them abroad to pursue advanced knowledge and technologies applicable to their respective workplaces at home. The knowledge and technologies they acquire abroad are intended to improve their capabilities and operational skills in these workplaces.

Among a large number of service personnel, outstanding individuals are selected by the State to travel abroad for studies, excursions, seminars, workshops, and training. In addition, foreign countries and international organizations offer scholarship programmes to Myanmar, providing excellent opportunities for service personnel to go abroad. However, they must diligently pursue their studies and actively participate in training and workshops as part of the orientation programs.

Only when the country's overall knowledge and skills improve will production and industrial activities flourish. Those who have the opportunity to study abroad are considered highly capable and exemplary. As the government continues to support education, students studying overseas must dedicate themselves wholeheartedly, making the most of the opportunity to gain in-depth knowledge in their respective fields. They must also prioritize activities that serve the interests of the nation.

progress of the country where they studied. During their time abroad, they are also expected to appropriately learn the language of the host country.

Attending training courses abroad offers significant benefits both to the individual and to Myanmar. Mastery of a subject depends primarily on the effort and dedication one invests in learning it. With a mindset focused on personal development as well as the progress of the country, participants must fully devote themselves to their studies during this opportunity. Public service personnel have the chance to study abroad; only those who demonstrate exceptional effort and commitment, and who are carefully selected after thorough evaluation, are granted the opportunity to receive such training.

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THE “Seinn Lann Myaing” Family moved to the United States in 2001. At that time, they faced an important decision that would affect not only their own lives but also the lives of their children. Like many immigrant families who arrive in a new country, they wanted to integrate quickly into society. They thought the best way to do this was by adopting the language of their new home. Therefore, they made a deliberate choice: they would stop speaking their native language, Myanmarsar (Burmese), at home and would communicate only in English. Their reasoning was simple. Since they were now living in an English-speaking country, they believed that English should completely replace their mother tongue.

At first, this decision seemed practical and even wise. The parents thought it would help their children succeed in school, make friends more easily, and eventually secure good jobs. The children quickly picked up English and became fluent. Over time, the family grew accustomed to speaking only one language, and the Burmese language slowly disappeared from their daily lives.

The children of the “Seinn Lann Myaing” Family are now adults, and like many immigrant families, they occasionally travel to Myanmar to visit old relatives and reconnect with their roots. Unfortunately, each visit brings a painful realization. They cannot communicate effectively with their own family members. Their grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins in Myanmar feel close emotionally, but a significant barrier remains between them: language. The parents now regret their earlier decision.

This scenario is not unique to this one family. It repeats itself countless times across the world. Immigrants often let go of not only their cultural traditions but also their native language when they move abroad. At first, they see it as a small sacrifice in order to adapt to the new country. However, over time, this sacrifice becomes a permanent loss. They give up the countless benefits of being bilingual.

Communication

One of the most practical advantages of being bilingual is the ability to communicate with more people across the globe.

Lessons on Preserving Bilingual Identity

By Yin Nwe Ko



Language is the most basic tool for human connection. People who can speak two or more languages are not limited to their own group; they can build friendships, conduct business, and form meaningful relationships with a much wider range of people.

For bilingual individuals, communication is direct and personal. They do not need to rely on interpreters or on the hope that everyone they meet will understand their language. They are independent, confident, and self-reliant. They carry the ability to express their ideas and emotions across cultural borders. In contrast, monolingual individuals are forced to depend on others when they encounter people who

do not share their tongue. This dependency can limit opportunities, create misunderstandings, and even cause feelings of isolation.

Thus, bilinguals are masters of their own words. They control how their ideas are shared and interpreted. This independence is not just convenient; it is empowering. It allows them to participate fully in the increasingly interconnected world of today.

Bilingualism as a Gateway to Culture

The benefits of bilingualism extend far beyond the practical ability to talk with more people. Learning and using a second language is also a gateway to understanding another culture in depth.

Culture and language are inseparable. Every idiomatic expression, every joke, every proverb carries within it the history and values of the people who use it.

Take, for example, American English. A common idiomatic expression is “to put your John Hancock on something”, which means to sign your name. To a person unfamiliar with American history, this expression may seem puzzling. Only those who know about John Hancock's famous and bold signature on the Declaration of Independence can fully appreciate the literal and symbolic meaning of this phrase. This demonstrates how language preserves cultural knowledge and makes it accessible to those who

speak it.

The same is true in Myanmar. Certain Burmese sayings or expressions carry deep cultural meaning that cannot be easily translated. Humour, poetry, and even daily conversation are filled with references that reflect centuries of tradition, history, and social values. Without knowledge of the language, these cultural treasures are invisible. Thus, bilingualism is not only a tool for communication but also a key to cultural awareness and appreciation.

Strengthening Family and Identity

Another important, yet often overlooked, benefit of bilingualism is the strengthening of family ties and personal identity. Language is more than a collection of words; it is a bridge between generations. When children can speak the language of their parents and grandparents, they gain access to family stories, cultural traditions, and a sense of belonging. They learn about their heritage not just through books or translated accounts but through living conversations.

In the case of the “Seinn Lann Myaing” Family, the decision to abandon the Burmese created a gap between generations. The children lost not only the ability to converse with relatives in Myanmar but also an important part of their cultural identity. They may feel American by language and culture, but they have lost a direct connection to their roots. This is a common tragedy among immigrant families, and it highlights the importance of maintaining bilingualism within the home.

Bilingualism and Global Awareness

Beyond the personal and family benefits, bilingualism has the potential to improve international relationships and promote global peace. If more people in

the world spoke a second or third language, cross-cultural understanding would increase. Miscommunication could be reduced.

Knowing another country's language allows people to see the world from a different perspective. It helps them appreciate the struggles, values, and dreams of people from other places. For example, someone who speaks Burmese and English can understand both American and Myanmar perspectives. This dual awareness creates empathy and reduces prejudice. On the other hand, ignorance of another language often creates distance, fear, and mistrust.

The Real Tragedy

The advantages of bilingualism are so clear that it is difficult to find any disadvantages at all. Being able to speak two or more languages enriches a lot of better communication, deeper cultural understanding, stronger family ties, and even broader global awareness. Yet the real

tragedy is not that people fail to learn new languages. The greater tragedy is when people who already have the gift of bilingualism neglect it.

This neglect often happens when immigrants abandon their native language in the pursuit of assimilation. At first, they think they are helping their children by focusing only on the dominant language of their new country. But in reality, they are depriving them of a lifelong advantage. Without regular use, the native language fades away, and with it goes a rich part of identity and heritage.

Languages must be practised to stay alive. Speaking them daily at home, reading books, listening to music, and watching films in both languages are ways to maintain bilingualism. Communities can also support cultural events and schools that encourage bilingual education. In doing so, they not only preserve a language but also pass on the invaluable benefits to future generations.

The story of the “Seinn Lann

New drug could be first to stop deadly fatty liver disease: Study

ION224 targets the liver enzyme DGAT2, which is crucial in liver fat production and storage.

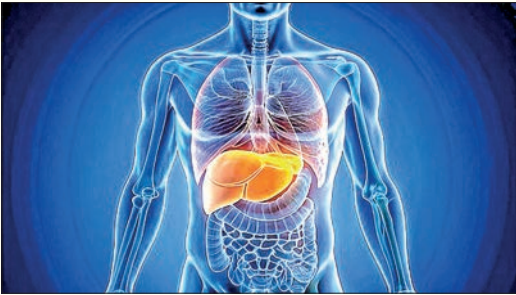
RESEARCHERS at the University of California San Diego School of Medicine have identified a new investigational drug that shows promise in treating metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis (MASH), a serious form of fatty liver disease linked to obesity and type 2 diabetes that can lead to cirrhosis, liver failure, and even liver cancer.

The study, published in the 23 August 2025 online edition of The Lancet, found that the medication, ION224, targets a liver enzyme called DGAT2, which plays a key role in how the liver produces and stores fat.

By blocking this enzyme, the drug helps reduce fat buildup and inflammation, two major drivers of liver damage in MASH.

“This study marks a pivotal advance in the fight against MASH,” said Rohit Loomba, MD, principal investigator of the study and chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at UC San Diego School of Medicine.

“By blocking DGAT2, we're interrupting the disease process at its root cause, stopping fat accumulation and inflammation right in the liver,” added Rohit Loomba.



The medication, ION224, targets a liver enzyme called DGAT2, which plays a key role in how the liver produces and stores fat. **IMAGE: CONCEPT ART**

The multicentre, Phase IIB clinical trial involved 160 adults with MASH and early to moderate fibrosis across the United States. Participants received monthly injections of the drug at different doses or a placebo over the course of one year. At the highest dose, 60 per cent showed notable improvements in their liver health compared to the placebo group. These benefits occurred regardless of weight change, suggesting the drug could be used alongside other therapies.

SOURCE: ANI

ARTICLE

Smoke-dried bodies could be world’s ‘oldest mummies’: study



Smoke-dried mummification has persisted in some communities in Indonesia’s Papua. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

The practice of smoke-drying allowed for the preservation of bodies in the region’s humid, tropical climate, where natural mummification was not possible.

SOME ancient societies in China and Southeast Asia appear to have smoke-dried their dead, effectively mummifying them thousands of years earlier than their Egyptian counterparts, new research has found.

While the bandage-bound bodies of ancient Egypt date back perhaps as far as 4,500 years ago, the oldest previously known examples of mummification are from ancient Chilean societies.

There, the dry air of the Atacama coastline allowed for nat-

ural mummification by drying.

But the bodies retrieved by researchers from China and southeast Asia came largely from humid regions.

The scientists were initially intrigued by the contorted positions of skeletons found in burial sites in China, Vietnam, the Philippines, Laos, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia.

The remains appeared to have scorch marks in some places, but in patterns inconsistent with attempts at cremation. — AFP

Sri Lanka to ban predatory pet fish to protect ecosystems

SRI Lanka will ban four species of predatory ornamental fish including Piranhas that have escaped into rivers and lakes, devastating native species and threatening fragile freshwater

ecosystems, the fisheries minister said Wednesday.

“We want to protect our inland water bodies from invasive species,” Ramalingam Chandrasekar said, adding it

was aimed at protecting the livelihoods of fishermen on the island nation.

The import, sale and transport of Redline Snakehead, Knife Fish, Alligator Gar and Piranha, imported from Southeast Asia, will be banned from Saturday, the minister said in a statement.

Snakeheads, which can grow to over three feet (one metre), were rapidly multiplying in a lake in the northwestern part of the island, threatening the native species.

Officials believe they may have been released into the Deduru Oya lake by owners who could no longer care for them.

The fisheries ministry has organized a competition for anglers to catch Snakeheads, coinciding with the ban on Saturday.

Sri Lankans are not used to consuming Snakehead fish which is a voracious predator, eating smaller native fish and amphibians and disrupting the ecological balance. — AFP



Pet owners rearing the four species have been asked to notify the authorities and hand them over so the fish can be confined to state-run aquariums. **PHOTO: PIXABAY**

Toucans, tortoises saved in major Brazil trafficking bust



Brightly coloured birds like toucans and macaws, boxes of tortoises, and monkeys and a python were among 700 rescued animals taken to a central facility to receive expert care. **PHOTO: PIXABAY**

BRAZILIAN police on Tuesday arrested 45 people and rescued hundreds of exotic animals in the biggest ever operation against wildlife traffickers in the world’s most biodiverse nation.

Brightly colored birds like toucans and macaws, boxes of tortoises, monkeys and a python were among 700 rescued animals taken to a central facility to receive expert care.

Forensic police carried the rescued animals in cages to be seen by veterinarians, covering some with blankets before their checkups. Over a thousand officers took part in the bust across Rio de Janeiro and other states, which was “the largest operation in Brazil’s history to combat the trafficking of wild animals, weapons, and ammunition,” a police statement said. — AFP

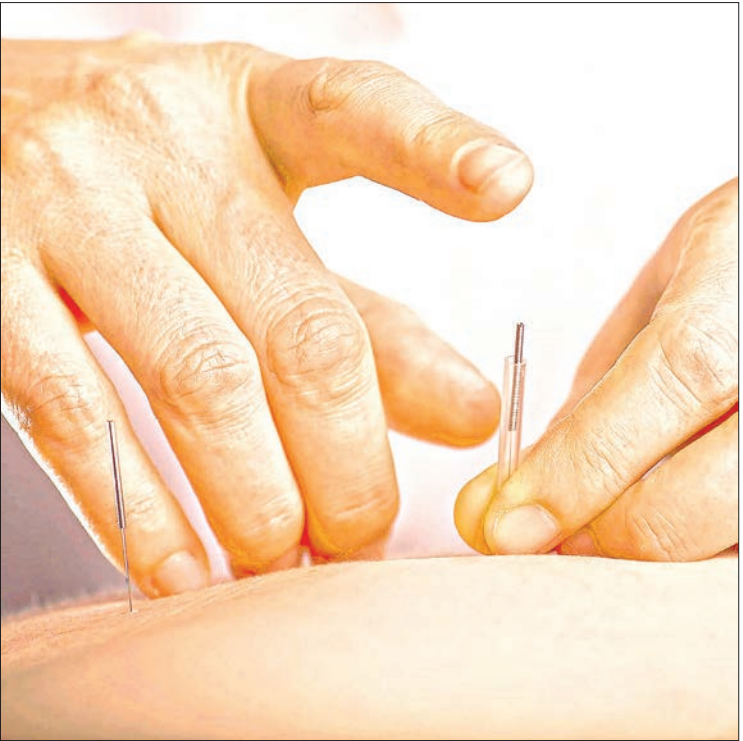
Acupuncture eases chronic low back pain in older Americans

Upon activation by deep-red light or ultrasound, the nanozyme tags cancer cells, making them clear targets for immune attack.

IN cancer immunotherapy, immune cells inside the body need to receive strong and enough “signals” to attack cancer cells. However, cancer cells are adept at disguising themselves, with very sparse natural signals on their surfaces. To accurately identify cancer cells, a research team led

by Han Shuo from the Centre for Excellence in Molecular Cell Science at the Chinese Academy of Sciences has applied proximity labeling technology from chemical biology research to disease treatment. They have successfully constructed an engineered nanozyme that responds to deep-

red light or ultrasound, which is described as a “nano-tagging robot” that can precisely identify cancer cells, according to Han. The nanozyme can carry antibodies or ligands that recognize cancer cells, and enrich on the surface of cancer cells through blood circulation. — Xinhua



The nanozyme is activated by a non-invasive signal, either deep-red light or ultrasound. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ NCCIH**



Canadian pop star Justin Bieber is making a high-profile comeback after a period of poor health and private challenges. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Sabrina Carpenter, Justin Bieber, Karol G to headline Coachella

AMERICAN singer-songwriter Sabrina Carpenter, Canadian pop star Justin Bieber and Colombian reggaeton artist Karol G will headline the prestigious Coachella festival in 2026, organizers said Tuesday. Also scheduled to perform is rapper Young Thug, released from prison in late October 2024 after pleading guilty to gang involvement at the end of a nearly two-year prosecution. Punk rock legend Iggy Pop, indie-rock band The Strokes, electronic music duo Disclosure and genre-bending Major Lazer are also on deck for the festival in Indio,

California, over two weekends in April. Karol G is the first female artist from Latin America to headline Coachella, after Puerto Rican hitmaker Bad Bunny became the first Spanish-language artist to do so in 2023. Bieber surprised fans by releasing a seventh studio album, “Swag”, in July, which was then re-released as a double album in September. In September, the singer had to cancel the final leg of a world tour due to Ramsay Hunt syndrome, a rare neurological condition that partially paralyzed his face. — AFP

Park Chan-wook’s murder comedy to open Asia’s biggest film festival

CELEBRATED director Park Chan-wook’s star-studded murder comedy will open Asia’s biggest film festival Wednesday, which launches its first fully fledged competition lineup as South Korea projects its soft power worldwide. The 30th edition of Busan International Film Festival (BIFF) arrives after the global success of critical works exploring Korean culture and

experiences, such as “Squid Game”, “Parasite” and this year’s megahit “KPop Demon Hunters”. The festival, which has long focused on emerging talents in the region, is undergoing a revamp this year, launching its first major competition section featuring 14 titles — including four South Korean pictures. The latest edition “sought

not only to further expand its long-standing role as a platform for discovering emerging Asian talent, but also to effectively showcase the works of acclaimed Asian masters”, festival director Jung Han-seok told AFP. Karen Park, the festival’s programme director, said the lineup was designed to honour Asian cinema in the way it wishes to be understood. — AFP



It highlights emerging Asian talent and acclaimed masters, showcasing Asian cinema’s cultural and historical perspectives on a global stage. **PHOTO: AFP**

ECONOMY WORLD

Denmark PM talks with PM Modi, expresses support for early conclusion of India-EU Free Trade Agreement



Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen gives a press conference after the presentation of the programme of the Danish Presidency as part of a plenary session at the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

PHOTO: JEAN-CHRISTOPHE VERHAEGEN/AFP/FILE

Both leaders reaffirmed commitment to enhance the India-Denmark Green Strategic Partnership.

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi had a telephonic conversation with his Denmark counterpart Mette Frederiksen on Tuesday, and the two leaders discussed ways to strengthen bilateral ties and issues of regional and global importance.

A PMO release said both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening the India-Denmark Green

Strategic Partnership across sectors such as trade, investment, innovation, energy, water management, food processing and sustainable development.

Prime Minister Modi conveyed his best wishes for the success of Denmark's ongoing Presidency of the Council of the European Union and non-permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council.

The leaders also discussed issues of regional and global importance.

The release said that Prime Minister Frederiksen reaffirmed Denmark's strong support for the conclusion of a mutually beneficial India-EU Free Trade Agreement at the earliest, and for the success of the AI Impact Summit to be hosted by India in 2026. — ANI

Japan auto body urges govt to continue talks with US to remove tariffs

THE head of Japan's auto industry body on Wednesday called on the government's top tariff negotiator to continue pushing the United States to remove its auto levies altogether, even after a rate reduction took effect the previous day.

Masanori Katayama, chairman of the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association, told Japanese negotiator Ryosei Akazawa that his and the government's efforts to secure a lower tariff were appreciated, saying the agreement with US President Donald Trump averted a "devastating" blow to the Japanese auto industry.

Trump raised the duty on automobiles imported to the United States to 27.5 per cent in April, with Tokyo and Washington negotiating in July to lower

the rate to 15 per cent, starting Tuesday.

The reduced duty remains far higher than the 2.5 per cent rate in place before Trump launched his global trade salvos.

Noting that the impact of a 15 per cent tariff is "by no means small", Katayama, chairman and CEO of Isuzu Motors Ltd, said the industry group hopes the government will continue negotiations with the Trump administration to restore an "open and free" trade environment.

"The Japanese auto industry and manufacturers will continue to make our utmost effort to boost competitiveness, protect employment and sustain a positive cycle of wage hikes," Katayama said during the meeting, part of which was open to the media. — Kyodo

UK inflation stable ahead of central bank rate call

BRITISH inflation was unchanged in August, official data showed Wednesday, fuelling expectations that the Bank of England will not cut interest rates again at its meeting this week. The Consumer Prices Index stood at 3.8 per cent last month, the same level as in July, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said in a statement.

The figure was in line with analysts' forecasts.

The BoE trimmed borrowing costs in August to four per cent, its lowest level in 2.5 years, but is widely expected to maintain its key interest rate on Thursday and for the remainder of 2025.

The Labour government faced a fresh blow last week



Britain's economy has struggled to grow after finance minister Rachel Reeves hiked taxes and slashed public spending following Labour's general election win in July last year. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

as data showed the economy stagnated in July, which came at the end of a turbulent week politically for Prime Minister Keir Starmer.

Official data on Tuesday brought more bad news, showing UK unemployment remaining at a four-year high of 4.7 per cent. — AFP

Germans turn to health apps as insurers foot the bill

GERMAN doctors are increasingly prescribing smartphone health apps alongside pills and therapy to patients, marking a growing trend towards digital healthcare.

Civil servant Mona Noe, 30, has long kept close watch over her diet in order to reduce

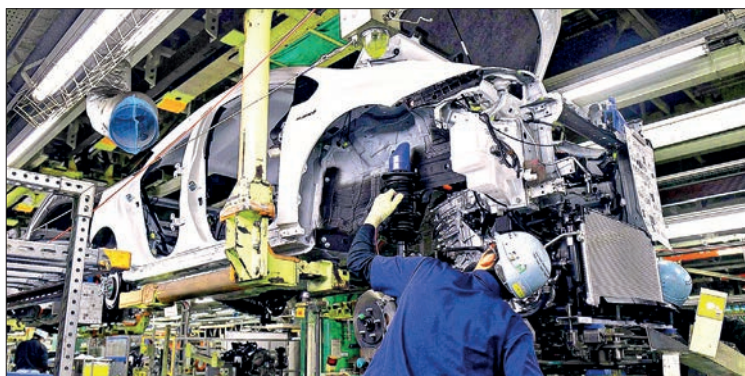
cramps and bloating caused by irritable bowel syndrome.

Noe managed to persuade her doctor to prescribe her the app Cara Care, where she receives wellness tips and keeps a food diary to identify her pain triggers.

"It is difficult to do it by

yourself," she said, preparing a vegetable stir fry without peppers or tomatoes at her home in Schleiden in western Germany, as per the app's instructions.

"The app has transformed my cooking by helping me avoid certain foods." — AFP



Workers in Toyota City in Japan's Aichi prefecture assemble a Prius.

TOSHIFUMI KITAMURA/AFP/FILE

Nissan to close 2 design studios in US, Brazil to push restructuring

NISSAN Motor Co said Wednesday it will close its vehicle design studios in California’s San Diego and Sao Paulo in Brazil by March 2026 and transfer their activities and programs to other sites as part of its restructuring overhaul.

The closures leave the ailing Japanese automaker with just five design centres — two in Japan and one each in Los Angeles, London and Shanghai. Operations in Japan and London will also be downsized, it said.

“This strategic shift empowers our organization to focus on upstream innovation and future mobility, while enhancing our creative agility and competitive edge in an increasingly dynamic landscape,” said Alfonso Albaisa, corporate executive of global design at Nissan, in a statement. — Kyodo

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Pesticide Registration Board granted registration of the following (1) pesticide with their Manufacturer Name as “ZIBO NAB AGROCHEMICALS LIMITED”. The Manufacturer Name of this pesticide will be changed from “ZIBO NAB AGROCHEMICALS LIMITED” to “SHANDONG ZOUPING NONGYAO CO.,LTD”. People’s Republic of China as below

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1.	Timefit	Pretilachlor 50% EC	ZIBO NAB AGROCHEMICALS LIMITED	SHANDONG ZOUPING NONGYAO CO.,LTD

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1.	Max Super Daung	Super Bayin	Fenoxaprop-P-ethyl 10% EC	P2025-6679

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V XO LUCKY VOY.NO. (X2518E)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V XO LUCKY VOY.NO. (X2518E)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **18-9-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** 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 TI2 LOGISTICS PTE LTD

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M.V ISEACO FORTUNE VOY.NO. (0QM6CE1NC)

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Shipping Agency Department
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Agent For:

M/S CMA-CGM SHIPPING LINE PTE LTD

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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S CMA-CGM SHIPPING LINE PTE LTD

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Phone No: **2301928**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S MAWLAMYINE CENTURY LOGITICS CO LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MCL 14 VOY.NO. (04)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MCL 14 VOY. NO. (04)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **18-9-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **TMT** where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
Phone No: **2301928**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S MAWLAMYINE CENTURY LOGITICS CO LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V BBC ZARATE VOY.NO. (1033084)

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S BEN LINE AGENCIES (S'PORE) PTE LTD

ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD



Some protesters turn out to express their displeasure at the visit. **PHOTO: AFP**

Trump gets royal treatment on UK state visit

Britain staged an extravagant royal welcome for US President Donald Trump's unprecedented second state visit at Windsor Castle, featuring a gun salute and mounted horses.

BRITAIN is staging its most extravagant display of royal pomp in decades to charm Donald Trump, even as protests loom just outside Windsor's walls.

Britain treated Donald Trump to an elaborate ceremonial welcome featuring a gun salute and mounted horses as the US president's unprecedented second state visit began under tight security on Wednesday.

Heir-to-the-throne Prince William and his wife Catherine

warmly greeted Trump and First Lady Melania Trump after the Marine One helicopter touched down at Windsor Castle shortly at 12:15 pm (1115 GMT).

Inside a ring of steel and out of sight from noisy protesters, William and Catherine walked Trump and his wife a short distance to meet King Charles III and Queen Camilla as the UK's major charm offensive got underway.

As the president shook

hands with the king, a 41-gun salute was fired simultaneously from six World War One-era guns on the castle's east lawn, as a similar display occurred at the Tower of London, in the centre of the capital.

Some 120 horses, and 1,300 members of the British military took part in the ceremony, which UK officials say marked the largest military ceremonial welcome for a state visit to Britain in living memory. — AFP

Peru evacuates 1,400 tourists from Machu Picchu amid protest

PERU'S famed Machu Picchu has been cut off by protests over transport contracts, with 1,400 tourists evacuated and hundreds still stranded as residents block railway access to the Inca citadel.

Peru evacuated some 1,400 tourists overnight from the train station that serves the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu, while about 900 others remained stranded Tuesday as protesters blocked the railway tracks, officials said.

A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1983, the ancient fortified complex receives some

4,500 visitors on average each day, many of them foreigners, according to the tourism ministry.

Residents placed logs and rocks on the tracks Monday to demand a new company be chosen to run the buses that ferry visitors from the Aguas Calientes train station, at the foot of Machu Picchu, to the site itself.

"We managed to evacuate about 1,400 tourists" stuck at the train station in an overnight operation before a fresh blockade Tuesday, Tourism Minister Desilu Leon told RPP radio. — AFP

Gold worth 600,000 euros stolen in Paris museum heist

THIEVES broke into Paris's Natural History Museum this week, stealing gold samples valued at 600,000 euros.

Thieves have broken into Paris's Natural History Museum, making off with gold samples worth 600,000 euros (\$700,000) in the latest of a series of robberies from cultural institutions, according to the museum.

Famed for its dinosaur skeletons and taxidermy, the National Natural History Museum in the chic 5th district of the French

capital also houses a geology and mineralogy gallery.

A break-in was detected on Tuesday morning, with the intruders reportedly using an angle grinder and a blow torch to force their way into the riverside complex that is popular with Parisians and tourists.

"The theft concerns several specimens of native gold from the national collections held by the museum," the museum's press office told AFP late on Tuesday. — AFP

Tyler Robinson appears in court in Charlie Kirk assassination case

TYLER Robinson, 22, charged with the murder of conservative activist Charlie Kirk, has made his initial virtual court appearance from a county jail in the US state of Utah, according to a court broadcast.

During the virtual hearing on Tuesday, US District Judge Tony Graf presented all seven charges against Robinson and scheduled his next hearing for 29 September at 10 am (16:00

GMT).

The judge also clarified that, in addition to the possibility of the death penalty, Robinson could face a sentence of life without parole or an indeterminate term of at least 25 years, which could effectively result in a life sentence.

Earlier on Tuesday, Utah County Attorney Jeff Gray announced that Robinson has been charged with aggravated murder

along with six additional counts. Gray also stated that, given the severity of the potential penalty, the suspect will be held without bail at the Utah County Jail.

Besides the aggravated murder count, Robinson faces several other charges, including discharging a firearm that resulted in serious bodily injury, with the aggravating factor of targeting Kirk due to his political beliefs. — SPUTNIK



Tyler Robinson, the suspect charged with killing political activist Charlie Kirk, attends a court appearance remotely from his jail cell in Provo, Utah. **PHOTO: POOL/AFP**

SPORTS

Man Utd post sixth straight annual loss despite record revenues



Manchester United finished 15th in the Premier League in the 2024/25 season. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

MANCHESTER United on Wednesday reported an annual net loss for the sixth consecutive year despite record revenues of £666.5 million (\$910 million).

The Red Devils were without Champions League football in 2024/25 and stumbled home 15th in the Premier League – their lowest top-flight finish in 51 years.

Ruben Amorim's men reached the final of the Europa League but lost to Tottenham in Bilbao. Revenue marginally increased by 0.7 per cent to £666.5 million in the year ending 30 June 2025 while the operating loss fell significantly from £69.3 million to £18.4 million compared with the previous 12 months. Overall losses dropped significantly from £113.2 million to £33 million after co-owner Sir Jim Ratcliffe oversaw wide-ranging, and often unpopular, cost-cutting measures, including widespread job cuts.

Chief executive Omar Berrada said in a statement on Wednesday United were beginning to feel the benefits of their cost-saving measures, adding the club were building for the "long term".

"On the field, we are pleased with the additions we have made to our men's and women's first-team squads over the summer, as we build for the long-term," he said. — AFP

Yangon United triumphs in Myanmar Women's League

ON Matchday 7 of the 2025-2026 Myanmar Women's League, Yangon United defeated YREO 4-1 at Padonma Stadium on 17 September.

League leaders Yangon United extended their unbeaten run with another convincing win, maintaining pressure on Thitsa Arman, who remain level on points but with a game in hand. YREO suffered their fifth defeat of the campaign and once again fell to a heavy loss.

The strength of Yangon United showed early, and just three minutes into the match, Yoon Waddy Hlaing opened the scoring. The dominance continued,

with Zin Moe Pyae netting twice in 13 and 40 minutes to give Yangon United a 3-0 lead at half-time.

In the 82nd minute, Ei Thet Phyto scored a consolation goal for YREO, but shortly before full time, Zin Moe Pyae converted a penalty to complete her hat-trick and secure a 4-1 win for Yangon United.

After this result, Yangon United have collected 16 points from seven matches, while YREO have three points from six



Yangon United and YREO players in action. **PHOTO: YUFC**

matches.

Matchday 7 will continue today at 3:30 pm at Padonma Stadium, with Ayeyawady facing Young Lionesses. – Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Bago wins 2025 Inter-Region, State Tennis Championship



The finale of the 2025 Inter-Region and State Tennis Tournament.

THE final matches of the 2025 Inter-Region and State Tennis Tournament took place at 3:00 pm yesterday at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Yangon, where the Bago Region team won the overall championship.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, who also

serves as Chair of the Yangon Region Sports and Physical Education Committee, attended the finals together with region ministers, the Bago Region minister for social affairs, the deputy director-general and officials from the Sports and Physical Education Department, the president, vice-president and executives of the Myanmar Tennis Federation.

After the matches, prizes were awarded to the winners in women's doubles, men's doubles, mixed doubles, women's singles, men's singles, women's team event and men's team event, including first, second, and joint third place medallists, along with awards for the best male and female players. Prizes and cash awards were presented individually by Yangon Region ministers, the Bago Region minister for social affairs, the deputy director-general of the Sports and Physical Education Department, and the president of the Myanmar Tennis Federation.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein then presented the women's championship trophy, the men's championship trophy, and the overall championship trophy to the winner, the Bago Region team. The tournament was held from 13 to 17 September. — Arkar Lin/KZL

Winner Soccer claims FIFA-MFF U19 Futsal League 2025 title



The champion team, Winner Soccer, celebrates their victory. **PHOTO: MFF**

THE final week of the FIFA-MFF U19 Futsal League 2025 Matchday 22 took place on 17 September at the MFF Futsal Stadium in Thuwunna, Yangon, where the Winner Soccer team secured the championship title.

On Matchday 22, JV beat FFU Minmahaw 6-2, Pacific Sun Far defeated Shwepyitha United 11-3, Royal Noka overcame Futsal Lovers 8-2, Winner Soccer beat MIU 7-2, YCDC MHDT thrashed Generations 10-1, and YRG won 4-0 against VUC ULAD. Winner Soccer had already secured the title with one match to spare, and they ended the season with another

convincing victory.

At the end of the tournament, Winner Soccer finished with 20 wins, no draws, and two losses, collecting 60 points to lift the championship. YRG took second place with 54 points, and YCDC MHDT finished third with 50 points. Behind them, VUC ULAD and JV both earned 36 points, Futsal Lovers had 32 points, Pacific Sun Far finished with 30 points, MIU and Royal Noka both ended with 28 points, Generations had 20 points, and FFU Minmahaw collected 10 points. Shwepyitha United, who were penalized with point deductions, finished bottom with minus six points.

Following the final matches, an award ceremony was held. Pacific Sun Far received the Fair Play Award along with a K300,000 cash prize. Aung Htoo Khant (YRG) won the Top Scorer Award, and Aung Khant Zaw (Winner Soccer) won the Best Player Award, each receiving a trophy and K500,000. VUC ULAD, who finished fourth, were awarded K1 million. YCDC MHDT, who finished third, received medals and K1.5 million. YRG, who finished second, received medals and K3 million. The champion team, Winner Soccer, were awarded medals, K5 million, and the championship trophy. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL



PM Narendra Modi turns 75: World leaders and international organizations offer birthday wishes



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

INDIAN Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who was born on 17 September 1950, celebrated his 75th birthday on Wednesday. His birthday celebration was held with great fanfare on Wednesday at 10:30 am local time in the city of Dhar, located in India's

Madhya Pradesh state.

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing extended warm wishes to Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi on his 75th birthday. He praised India's growing global stature under

PM Modi's visionary leadership and highlighted the strong and enduring ties between India and Myanmar. He also wished him good health, a long life, and continued success in shaping India's bright future.

According to a report by India's

DD News, on the occasion of the Indian Prime Minister's birthday, leaders from countries including the United States, the Russian Federation, and the United Kingdom, as well as international organizations, sent their birthday wishes. — MNA/GNLM

Putin congratulates Modi on his 75th birthday

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday that he had congratulated Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his 75th birthday during a telephone conversation.

"I just had a conversation with the Prime Minister of India, Mr Modi," Putin said during a video conference with government members.

Relations between India and Russia are based on trust and friendship, said Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"In modern history, more precisely, since the time of the Soviet Union, and then during the time of the new Russia, relations between India and Russia have been exceptionally trusting, friendly and, of course, supra-partisan," Putin added.

India is showing the highest economic growth rates among the major economies of the world, Vladimir Putin said.

Putin added that he congratulated Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi

on his 75th birthday during a phone conversation.

"I just had a conversation with the Prime Minister of India, Mr Modi... On behalf of all of you, I have taken the liberty to congratulate our friend, the Prime Minister of India, on his 75th birthday. And I want to convey his best words and wishes to the Russian leadership," Putin said at a videoconference meeting with members of the government.

Russian President Vladimir Putin discussed the situation around Ukraine in a phone call with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Kremlin said on Wednesday.

"The leaders discussed preparations for the Russian President's visit to India in December this year, and also touched upon a number of international issues, including the situation around Ukraine," the statement said.

Putin noted that under Modi's leadership India is pursuing an independent and sovereign policy and is achieving

impressive economic results.

"Vladimir Putin stressed that throughout modern history, relations between India and Russia have been friendly and based on national support in both countries. Satisfaction was expressed with the current successful development of the Russian-Indian particularly privileged strategic partnership, to which Narendra Modi is making a great personal contribution," the statement said.

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"Thank you, my friend, President Putin, for your phone call and warm wishes on my 75th birthday. We are committed to further strengthening our Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership. India is ready to make all possible contributions towards a peaceful resolution of the Ukraine conflict," Modi said on X. — SPUTNIK

AI to boost global trade by 40% by 2040: WTO annual report

THE World Trade Organization (WTO) said Wednesday that the use of artificial intelligence (AI) could boost global trade by nearly 40 per cent by 2040, while emphasizing the need to bridge digital divides.

AI could lead to significant increases in trade and GDP by 2040, with global trade projected to rise by 34 to 37 per cent. The development and deployment of AI is also projected to generate substantial global GDP increases of 12 to 13 per cent, said the WTO in its 2025 edition of the World Trade Report, the organization's flagship publication.

The report highlighted the role of trade in enabling inclusive AI-supported growth by helping economies access AI-enabling goods, including raw materials, semiconductors and intermediate inputs. It is estimated that global trade in these goods totaled US\$2.3 trillion in 2023. — Xinhua