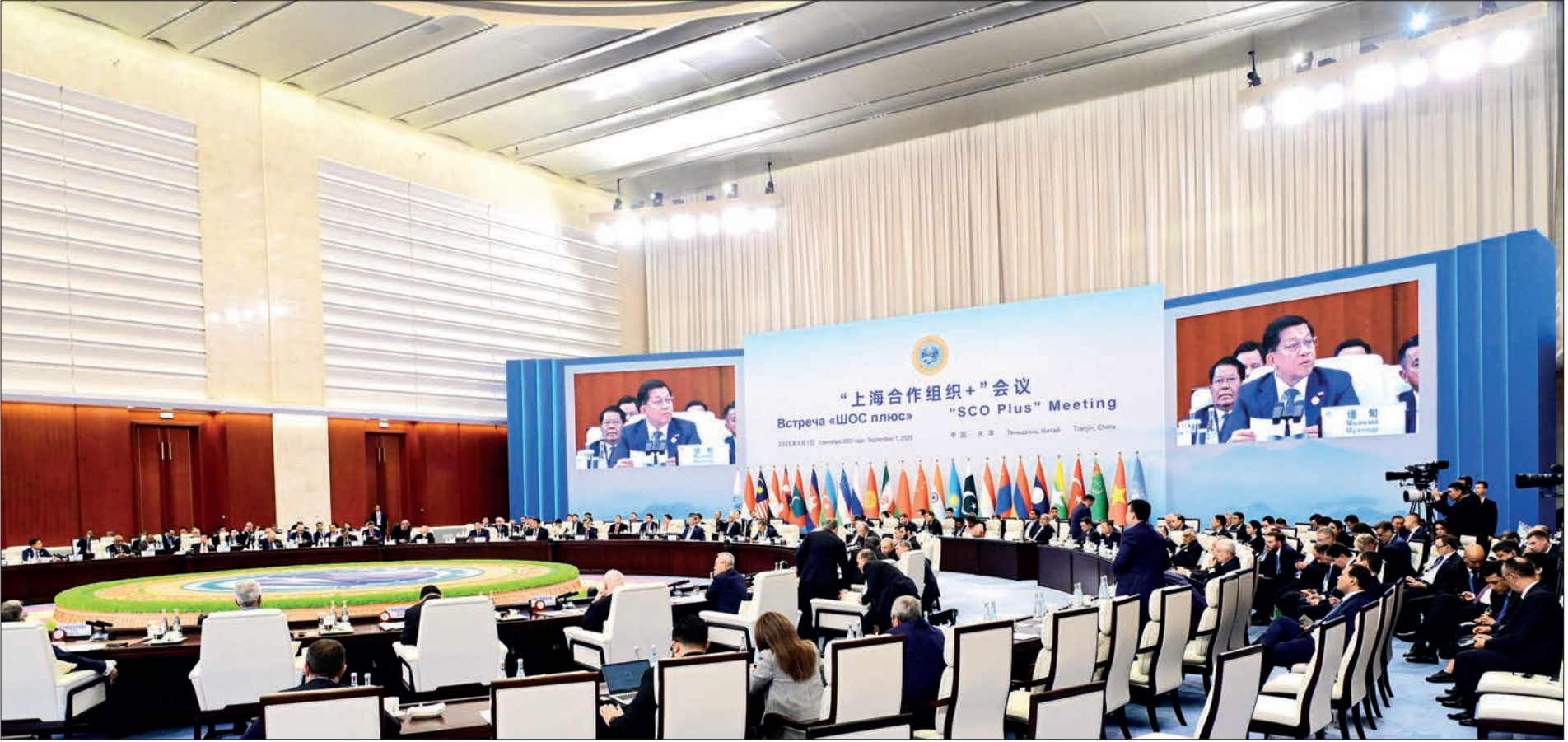


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Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

- 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.



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, takes part in discussions at the SCO Summit 2025 Plus, held at the Tianjin Meijiang Convention Centre in Tianjin, the People’s Republic of China.

SCO members urged to foster peace, stability, and prosperity

Myanmar seeks to boost investment and cooperation with SCO member countries, particularly in agriculture, industry, and energy sectors.

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing expressed his wish for Myanmar to participate in regional security and modern technology development activities under the framework of the SCO. Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, par-

ticipated in discussions at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2025 Plus held at Tianjin Meijiang Convention Centre in Tianjin, the People’s Republic of China, yesterday. In his greetings, the Chinese President said that he warmly welcomed distinguished partners who have come to attend the SCOs Plus Summit in Tianjin. SEE PAGE 3

- Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the SCO Summit 2025 Plus
- 1. SCO serves as a platform for comprehensive cooperation among member states, dialogue partners, and observer countries, enabling coordinated responses to global challenges.
 - 2. Principles of the SCO, such as non-interference, mutual respect for sovereignty, and equality among its members, are similar to the sound foundations of a constructive relationship on the international platform for countries like Myanmar.
 - 3. SCO has evolved into a strategic organization promoting economic integration and cultural exchanges.

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.

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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.

3,000 local and foreign journalists cover SCO Summit



Photos show global and local media-personnel busy covering the SCO Summit at the media centre, while a female robot provides information at the reception.

AT the ongoing Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit in Tianjin, China, some 3,000 international and Chinese-based media personnel are attending the media centre to gather and report news. The Chinese government has arranged the centre to facilitate easy access to information and smooth reporting.

The media centre has been prepared to enable journalists to report in real time, and arrangements have been made for them to learn about China’s technological advancements and cultural arts.

High-tech robots have also been deployed in the media centre, including a female robot named Xiaohu, who provides journalists with the information they need.

“One of the most interesting aspects is seeing the development of China’s technology. The female robot gives journalists the information

they seek, and it is very easy to communicate with her. There are also other service robots in the media centre — for example, a robot that prepares ice cream, and one that observes hand movements and mirrors them. Some robots demonstrate package handling, while others circulate the centre providing journalists with refreshments and water bottles, making it easy to access them,” said a journalist from Europe.

The centre is equipped with facilities for live reporting, multi-camera systems, automated news captioning systems, and multiple studios for broadcasting news.

Additionally, Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) exhibition areas have been set up to provide technological support for journalists. High-speed internet has been installed throughout the media centre, enabling access to press releases as well as to various meetings associated with the SCO Summit.

Journalists can also explore China’s cultural heritage within the media centre and participate directly in interactive experiences. — Khin Yada-dana/MKKS

NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

SCO members urged to foster peace, stability, ...

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Today's Summit theme is: "Promoting sustainable development through the implementation of a comprehensive policy and the maintenance of regional security." He said he will personally propose and advance the five points of the Global Governance Initiative (GGI). In his greetings, he was confident that this summit would be successful and would contribute to the SCO's development, regional peace and stability, economic growth, and overall prosperity.

The Chair of the Summit, President of the People's Republic of China, Mr Xi Jinping, delivered a keynote address. At the summit, presidents and prime ministers of Belarus, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mongolia, Vietnam, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Maldives, the Acting President and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Nepal, Türkiye, Egypt, Turkmenistan and Malaysia, representatives of Indonesia and India also made speeches.

Speaking on the occasion, Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, said: The Shanghai Cooperation Organization SCO was established in Shanghai, the People's Republic of China, on 15 June 2001. Since its establishment on 15 June 2001 in Shanghai, the People's



Acting President and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing speaks at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2025 Plus in Tianjin, China, yesterday.

Republic of China, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) has served as a forum for regional security.

Its membership has included major industrial countries, nations rich in oil and natural gas, countries abundant in aboveground and underground resources, and agriculturally and livestock-productive nations. Currently, some powerful countries have leveraged various political, economic, financial, and military pressures to advance their own interests under the guise of promoting democracy in line with their policies, while taking advantage of situations within other countries.

In response to such circumstances, the SCO has evolved into a strategic organization promoting economic integration and cultural exchanges. Today, it serves as a platform for com-

prehensive cooperation among member states, dialogue partners, and observer countries, enabling coordinated responses to global challenges.

All member countries have to initiate peace, stability and prosperity for all under the Shanghai Spirit in order to achieve mutual trust, mutual respect for diverse cultures, equality, and common development.

Principles of the SCO, such as non-interference, mutual respect for sovereignty, and equality among its members, are similar to the sound foundations of a constructive relationship on the international platform for countries like Myanmar.

Myanmar grasped a great chance to join the SCO as a dialogue partner in May 2023. Myanmar actively participate in the ceremonies organized by the SCO. As such, he deeply

requested the SCO to recommend so that Myanmar become its member.

The SCO possesses a region which achieves some 40 per cent of the global population and some 30 per cent of the world's GDP. The organization prioritizes promotion of economic cooperation among member States and utilization of resources for energy projects, including production of oil and natural gas, food security and energy security. Myanmar hopes for the promotion of investment and cooperation with the SCO member countries in the agriculture, industry and energy sectors.

As the SCO has been actively participating in the counter-terrorism movement in the security sector, its achievements can be seen vividly in effectively combating the current era's threats of terrorism, secessionism and

extremism. As such, Myanmar wishes to participate in regional security and modern technology development activities under the framework of the SCO.

As PRC President Mr Xi Jinping submitted a proposal on the five points of Global Governance Initiative (GGI), he supported the proposition of the President of PRC. Moreover, he said that Myanmar welcomes the SCO Development Strategy for the Next Decade: 2025-2035.

Before the summit, Acting President and Chairman of SSPC of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing held meetings with the Malaysian Prime Minister, the Mongolian President, the Nepali Prime Minister, the ASEAN Secretary-General, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Secretary-General, and the Pakistani Prime Minister and State leaders from the attending countries separately to talk about enhancement of friendship and cooperation between two countries.

The Summit was also attended by Chairman of the SCO Summit President of the People's Republic of China Mr Xi Jinping, Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, State leaders from SCO member countries, observer countries, dialogue partner countries, and 24 invited countries, United Nations Secretary-General Mr Antonio Guterres and leaders of international organizations. — MNA/TTA

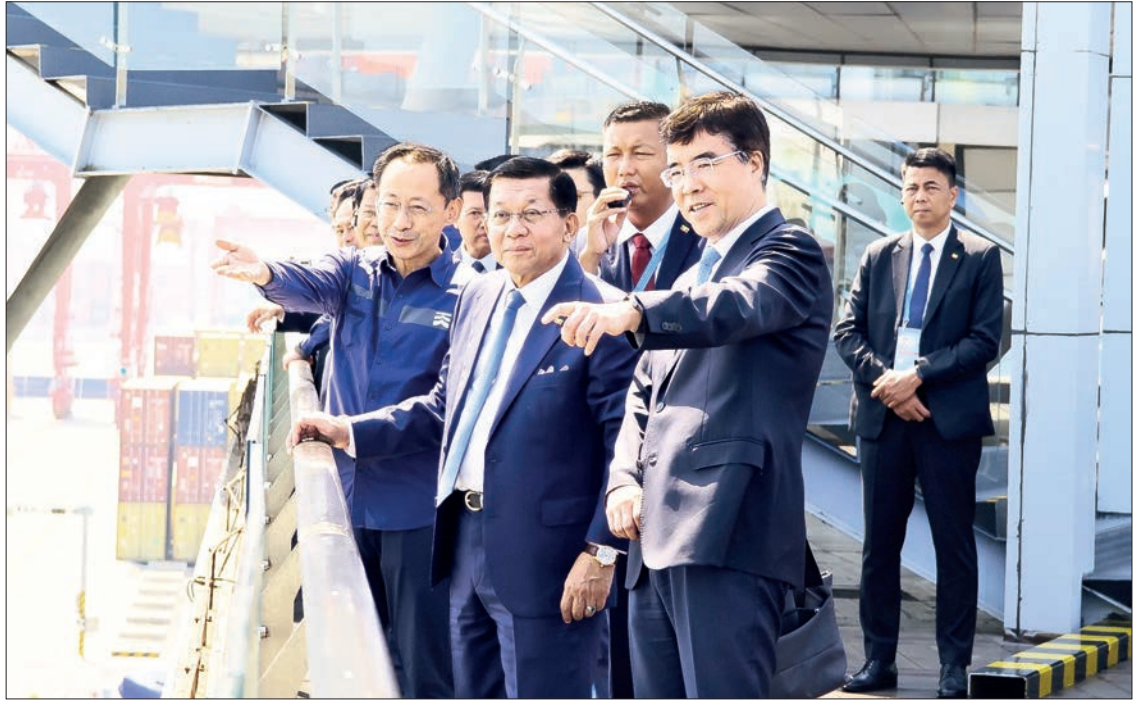
NATIONAL

Acting President and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits Tianjin Port

ACTING President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is currently in China on his working visit, together with his entourage,

visited Tianjin Port at 10 am Chinese standard time yesterday.

The high-level Myanmar delegation, led by the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, left the Tengle Hotel in Tianjin by car and viewed round urban development ac-



Acting President and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pays observation tours at Tianjin Port.

tivities along the route.

At Tianjin Port, the port in charge and an official reported to the Senior General on the functions of the port, transport

of commodities from Tianjin Port to other domestic destinations and abroad, transnational trade measures, construction of the port, handling containers through AI technology, efforts to shape the carbon-free port, and operation of functions with wind power.

The Acting President and Chairman of the SSPC of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar enquired about the port.

They observed the handling of containers through the AI system at the port and the work process at the port.

Container trucks equipped with AI technology demonstrated the SCO logo, representing the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2025, at the port.

The Acting President and Chairman of the SSPC of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, along with the party, had documentary photos taken and exchanged gifts with the port in charge.

Tianjin Port is located

within the Binhai New Area (BNA) District of Tianjin Municipality, which is the primary special economic zone in northern China. The port is located in the Tianjin Municipality Administrative Region, west of Bohai Bay, near the Hai River. The port aims to become a logistics hub for the northern part of China. The Deep-Water Seaport/Riverport, built on a 470-square-kilometre area, including 121 square kilometres of land, was commissioned into service in October 1952. The port admits 217 jetties, including 140 production jetties. It utilizes an AI system to handle containers. Tianjin Port is built on 22 metres (77 feet) of water and can accommodate the docking of 300,000-tonne vessels. Annually, the port handles more than 500 million tonnes of commodities and 13 million containers. It gives services to 14 provinces and regions of China, which is more than half of the country. — MNA/TTA



This image shows Tianjin Port with its cargo terminals along the Hai River in northern China.

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Protect unity and harmony of the State

- ❖ It is necessary to take action to prevent any further occurrences that would cause the unity and harmony of the nation to break down.
- ❖ Every citizen should be knowledgeable about the true history of Myanmar and participate as a leading youth in building a modern, developed nation and initiating a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with male and female trainees, administrators and instructors from the basic and advanced maritime youth training course No 1/2025 and those from the basic and advanced aviation youth training course No 1/2025 held on 21 May 2025)

Myanmar, Laos to further promote friendship and cooperation

ACTING President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is currently in China on his working visit, held a meeting with President of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Thongloun Sisoulith at Renaissance Tianjin Lake Hotel in Tianjin at noon Chinese standard time yesterday.

The Lao President cordially greeted the Acting President and Chairman of SSPC of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and held a meeting.

They exchanged views on peace and stability in the border region between the two countries, further promotion of friendship and cooperation between governments of both countries, further enhancement of tourism and trade sectors, cooperation between two armed forces, support of Laos for Myanmar to successfully hold the election, plans of sending election observation



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Mr Thongloun Sisoulith, President of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, in Tianjin, China, yesterday.

teams to Myanmar, and promotion of cooperation in all sectors. Also present at the meeting were the Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, commission members, Union ministers, the Ambassador of Myanmar to China and senior Tatmadaw officers. The Lao President was accompanied by officials of the government of Laos. — MNA/TTA

Appointment of Pakistani Ambassador to Myanmar agreed on

THE Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Tariq Karim as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Tariq Karim was born on 9 April 1974. He holds an MPhil in Environmental

Sciences and an MSc in Bio Sciences from Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, an MA in History from the University of the Punjab and completed a one-year Postgraduate Foreign Service Programme in Diplomatic Studies at the University of Oxford, the UK, with distinctions. He also studied the Russian language at Moscow State

University. From 2003 to 2021, Mr Tariq Karim held various diplomatic capacities from Third Secretary to Counsellor at the Embassies of Pakistan in Moscow, Russia, in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, in The Hague, the Netherlands, the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi, India, Deputy Permanent

Representative to the Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapon-OPCW and Pakistan’s D8 (Developing 8 Organization for Economic Cooperation) Commissioner. He also served as Assistant Director (United Nations and ECO/Central Asian Republics), Director (China, Japan & Korea), Director (Middle East &

Africa) and Director General for Economic Diplomacy and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC & ED) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan. He has been serving as the Consul-General of Pakistan in Chicago, the United States, since May 2021. He is married. — MNA

NATIONAL

Youth Strategy Forum concludes with youth-centred declaration

THE third day of the Future Front Myanmar: Youth Strategy Forum 2025, held under the theme “Myanmar Moving Forward with the Power of Youth,” continued yesterday at the Myanmar Convention Centre (MCC) in Yangon.

During the forum, the different groups discussed five different topics — future education and skills, business opportunities and young entrepreneurship, citizen participation and young leadership, sustainability and action on climate, global connection and cultural enhancement activities.

The students also participated in energizer quiz, and Deputy Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Zin Min Htet, and officials of Myanmar Narrative Think Tank (MNTT) presented prizes to the youths.

The students from Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, regions and



Forum youth representatives from various regions and states are seen reading the forum declaration point by point at yesterday's concluding event.

states responded to a young opinion and preference survey, and MNTT Executive Director U Zaw Oo briefed the survey.

MNTT Chairman U Ko Ko clarified the drafting of the

declaration of Future Front Myanmar: Youth Strategy Forum 2025 (draft) and the forum-born youth network.

A total of 15 youths approved and read out the declara-

tion of Future Front Myanmar: Youth Strategy Forum 2025.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein and the MNTT Chairman made speeches at the closing ceremony of the forum.

The region's chief minister and party observed the MSMEs booths at the event.

After the three-day forum, the youths from Nay Pyi Taw Council, regions and states showed their determination via the discussions to shape the nation's future through mutual respect, shared learning and collective creativity.

The declaration also intends to build a peaceful, safe environment with proper law enforcement, developing, unity and harmony with the environment and socioeconomy.

The declaration also covers the education and knowledge sector, economic growth and human resource development, environmental conservation sector, quality and community peace sector, democracy and qualified leadership sector, and youth and responsibilities. — MNA/KTZH

Wind Wave News, No 10, 2025

Issued at 7 pm MST on 1 September 2025

Wind Wave Condition

According to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, the wind wave over Kayah, and Kayin States, Myanmar, has moved west-northwestwards and crossing over the Bago, Nay Pyi Taw, Magway, Ayeyawady Regions and Rakhine State.

Next 24 hours forecast

It is likely to continue to move west-northwestwards and move over Magway Region and Rakhine State.

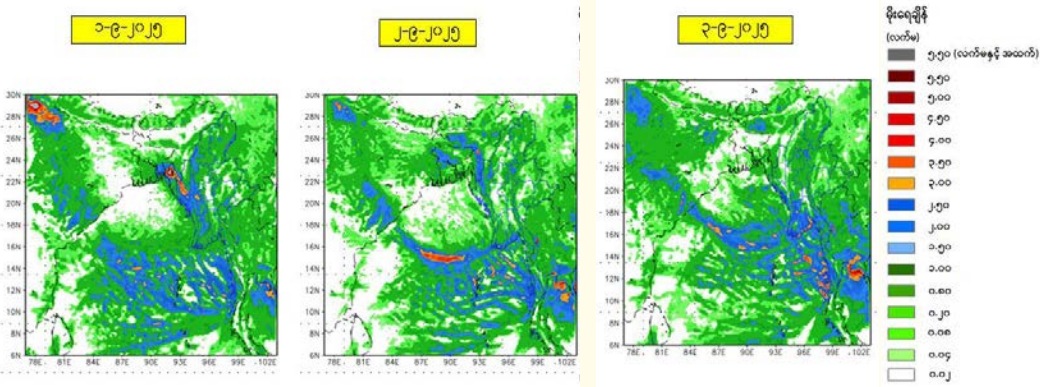
General Caution

Due to the wind wave, rain or thunder-showers will be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Chin, Kayah, Kayin, Mon and Rakhine States. States with isolated heavy

falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady Regions and Chin, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine States from today morning to 3 September 2025. Occasional squalls with rough seas are 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 strikes, lightning, hail, flash floods and landslides in hilly areas and near small rivers and to make necessary preparations for inland water transport, domestic flights and irrigation dams. — DMH



Fruits and vegetables weekend market reopens on 13 Sept

SAFE Food from Safe Farm, the fruits and vegetables weekend market will be reopened on 13 September at the previous locations, Kandawgyi Myaypadetha Kyun in Yangon, according to the Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producers and Exporters Association (MFVP).

Fresh fruits, vegetables,

value-added products, rice and culinary crops, seedlings and fertilizers, as well as eggs and frozen meat and fish can be sold at the market; however, all items must be locally made and organic or GAP products.

Registration for booths can be made via 09 43034894. — MT/ZS



The Safe Food from Safe Farm weekend market.

CBM sells over US\$1M, CNY11M, THB4M in Aug

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$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 injected 849,825 yuan and one million baht into the financial market on 29 August after sales of over \$1.67 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$242,000 to those who made non-trade payments.

CBM sold over \$1.9 million to edible oil-importing companies and \$727,500 to fuel oil-importing companies on 28 August, in addition to an injection of 66,150 yuan in the market.

Moreover, CBM sold \$127,894 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments.

CBM sold over 925,900 yuan and over one million baht on 27 August. Furthermore, it sold \$735,040 to edible oil-importing companies, over \$723,000 to fuel oil-importing companies, and over \$350,000 to CMP companies and individuals who made non-trade payments.

CBM announced on 26 August that it would sell \$32 million and 15 million yuan to importers of other commodities.

CBM also sold \$930,000 to edible oil-importing companies, \$260,354 to fuel oil-importing companies and over \$452,280 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments.

CBM sold over \$444,430 to edible oil-importing companies and \$390,000 to fuel oil-importing companies on 25 August after sales of over \$29,440 to those who made non-trade payments.

CBM pumped \$1.177 million into edible oil-importing companies and over \$287,600 into fuel

oil-importing companies on 22 August, after sales of 500,000 baht.

Furthermore, it sold over \$102,700 to companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis and those who made non-trade payments.

CBM sold over \$602,000 to fuel oil-importing companies and \$150,000 to edible oil-importing companies on 21 August, beyond an injection of over 702,000 baht into the market. CBM sold \$600,000 to edible oil-importing companies and over \$232,500 to those individuals who made non-trade payments after the injection of over one million yuan into the foreign exchange market on 20 August. CBM announced on 19 August that it would sell \$32 million to fuel oil importers.

Additionally, CBM sold \$314,375 to edible oil-importing companies and \$36,550 to those who made non-trade payments, in addition to an injection of 337,500 into the financial market on that day.

CBM sold \$700,800 to edible oil-importing companies and over \$429,200 to fuel oil-importing companies on 18 August, in addition to an injection of 579,910 yuan into the financial market.

Additionally, CBM sold over \$429,260 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments on that day.

CBM sold \$1.16 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$76,600 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments on 15 August, in addition to an injection of \$244,000 into the financial market.

CBM pumped \$1 million and over 1.27 million yuan into the financial market on 14 August.

Furthermore, CBM sold over



Foreign currencies are pictured at the money changer counter.

\$1.88 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$220,900 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments on the same day.

CBM announced on 13 August that it would sell \$32 million to those engaged in the fuel oil sector after sales of 300,000 yuan. CBM sold over \$1.55 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$128,200 to CMP companies and individuals who made non-trade payments on that day.

CBM injected \$1.3 million into edible oil-importing companies and over \$467,000 into CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments after sales of over 1.97 million yuan on 12 August. Importers of refined sugar, plastic, fertilizers, pharmaceutical and medical equipment, electrical devices, industrial raw materials, construction materials, auto parts, telecommunication devices, trailers, feedstuffs, paint, tar and food commodities also purchased foreign currencies through the foreign exchange market online trading platform.

The Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold \$1.18 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$415,900 to fuel oil-importing companies on 11 August after purchasing the foreign currencies from companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis. Furthermore, CBM injected over 65,000 yuan into the market on that day. CBM also sold

over \$348,000 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payment transactions. Additionally, importers of refined sugar, pharmaceuticals, pharma raw materials, electrical devices, industrial raw materials, construction materials, auto parts, motorcycle parts, telecommunication equipment, pesticides, tar and food commodities bought foreign currencies via online trading platforms. CBM injected over 1.46 million yuan and over 930,300 baht on 8 August. Additionally, CBM sold \$701,120 to edible oil-importing companies and \$361,921 to fuel oil-importing companies on the same day.

CBM sold over \$1.665 million to edible oil-importing companies after an injection of over 56,000 yuan into the market on 7 August.

CBM also sold over \$1.2 million into edible oil importing companies and \$590,000 to fuel oil importing companies on 6 August after selling over 1.46 million yuan and 1.5 million baht into the financial market on that day.

CBM injected over 1.4 million yuan and one million baht into the financial market on 6 August after selling over \$1.2 million into the edible oil-importing companies and over \$590,500 to fuel oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM announced on 5 August that it would pump \$30 million into the fuel oil sector.

CBM sold over \$1.86 million purchased from CMP companies to edible oil-importing companies, in addition to an injection of 1.38 million yuan into the market on the same day.

CBM announced on 4 August that it would sell 10 million yuan and 50 million baht to importers.

CBM also sold over \$1.08 million to edible oil-importing companies and \$620,200 to fuel oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM also pumped over \$1.04 million into edible oil-importing companies and over \$434,400 into fuel oil-importing companies on 1 August.

CBM sold \$36.5 million purchased from companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis, in addition to the injection of \$8.8 million, 13.3 million baht, 10.5 million yuan and 500,000 rupees in July. Furthermore, CBM sold over \$2.3 million to other commodities-importing companies as per its initial announcement of selling \$10 million. CBM sold \$8.4 million, 13.9 million baht and 5.2 million yuan in June 2025, in addition to the injection of \$14.9 million that was purchased from the CMP enterprises 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

Yangon palm oil reference price rises to K6,410 per viss

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil set for the Yangon market slightly increased to K6,410 per viss for the week ending 7 September, up from K6,300 per viss recorded in the previous week ending 31 August, according to the Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution.

The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and

Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs and banking services to decide the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil weekly.

Despite the reference price, the market price is way too high.

To control overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department

under the Ministry of Commerce informed consumers of lodging complaints for overcharging through the call centre hotline in late August. The department urges consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices.

The Committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market manipulation will face legal action under the Es-

sential Goods and Services Law. The department is working together with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the cooking oil importing companies to offer affordable rates of imported palm oil for consumers.

The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs Department, or sent to the

Facebook page of the department and the region and state departments concerned. The domestic consumption of palm oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. About 700,000 tonnes of palm oil are imported through Malaysia and Indonesia to meet domestic demands. — NN/KK

Expedite efforts for the agriculture and livestock industries

IN Myanmar, the economy mainly relies on agriculture and livestock-based enterprises. About 70 per cent of the population lives in rural areas, and more than half are engaged in farming and livestock activities. Officials serving at the district and township levels need to be aware of the conditions in their respective areas and work to find ways to improve production enterprises.

As ensuring local food security is important, efforts must be made to prevent rice shortages. It is necessary to cultivate quality and high-yielding rice varieties. By-products such as broken rice and bran from rice mills can be used for producing animal feed, which also requires the expansion of rice mill operations. Oil crops can be produced as sesame oil and peanut oil in addition to oilseed expeller cakes for animal feed to contribute to livestock breeding enterprises. By advancing agricultural and livestock production, the

local economy will improve. If efforts are made to increase per-acre yield and enhance productivity, it will bring significant benefits to the relevant regions.

To ensure the continued development of a region, it is necessary to maintain progress, strengthen the local economy, and promote the growth of production activities. Existing agricultural enterprises should increase their output in line with per-acre yield targets, and efforts should be made to enhance the productivity of all local production activities accordingly.

The central regions of Myanmar have climates and environments highly suitable for cotton cultivation. If cotton-based processing and production industries are developed as standards, it will bring significant benefits to the region. Quality long staple cotton strains should be cultivated to achieve target per-acre yields. In proper cultivation, factors such as seeds, soil, water, and correct techniques are crucial, so crop varieties must be carefully selected. Soil must be properly prepared, and water supply methods carefully planned and implemented. The most important factor is the use of proper systems. Good cultivation systems are essential for all farming operations, and without following correct methods, it will be difficult to achieve the designated per-acre yield targets.

Cotton cultivation is truly essential for Myanmar. Both State-owned and private textile factories require high-quality cotton. Cotton is a product that must be used for clothing, which is indispensable for people. For generations, farmers have had to leave the best ways of growing cotton in central Myanmar. With the support of relevant departments, now is the time for farmers to focus on selecting and planting high-yield cotton varieties to ensure a sufficient domestic supply of various cotton products.

The Importance of National Reconciliation

By Dr Than Lwin Tun

NATIONAL reconciliation is the process of restoring unity, trust, and mutual respect among different groups within a country after periods of conflict, division, or misunderstanding. It is a journey towards healing the wounds of the past and building a shared future. Reconciliation is essential not only for political stability but also for social harmony and sustainable development.

One of the primary reasons national reconciliation is important is that it fosters peace and stability. Without trust between communities and between citizens and the state, societies remain vulnerable to recurring conflicts. By addressing historical grievances, encouraging open dialogue, and promoting forgiveness, reconciliation prevents cycles of hatred and violence. A peaceful nation can focus its energy and resources on development rather

than conflict.

National reconciliation is a crucial process for countries that have experienced internal conflict, civil war, political instability, or deep social divisions. It refers to the deliberate efforts to heal divisions, build mutual understanding, and create a shared national identity after a period of conflict. Its importance lies in its ability to lay the foundation for long-term peace, development, and social cohesion.

Reconciliation is also vital for strengthening national identity. In many countries, divisions along ethnic or religious lines have prevented citizens from seeing themselves as part of a unified whole. National reconciliation encourages people to respect diversity while working towards a common vision. This unity in diversity forms the backbone of a resilient nation, where differences are seen as strengths rather than

threats.

- **Peace and Stability:** Without reconciliation, unresolved grievances can resurface and lead to further conflict. Reconciliation addresses the root causes of division and helps to create a society where disputes are resolved through dialogue rather than violence. It promotes a stable and peaceful environment in which all citizens feel safe and included.
- **National Unity:** Reconciliation fosters a sense of belonging among all citizens, regardless of their ethnicity, religion, region, or political beliefs. It encourages people to look beyond past divisions and work together for the future. This unity is essential for building a strong and resilient nation.
- **Democratic Development:** In societies where trust in in-

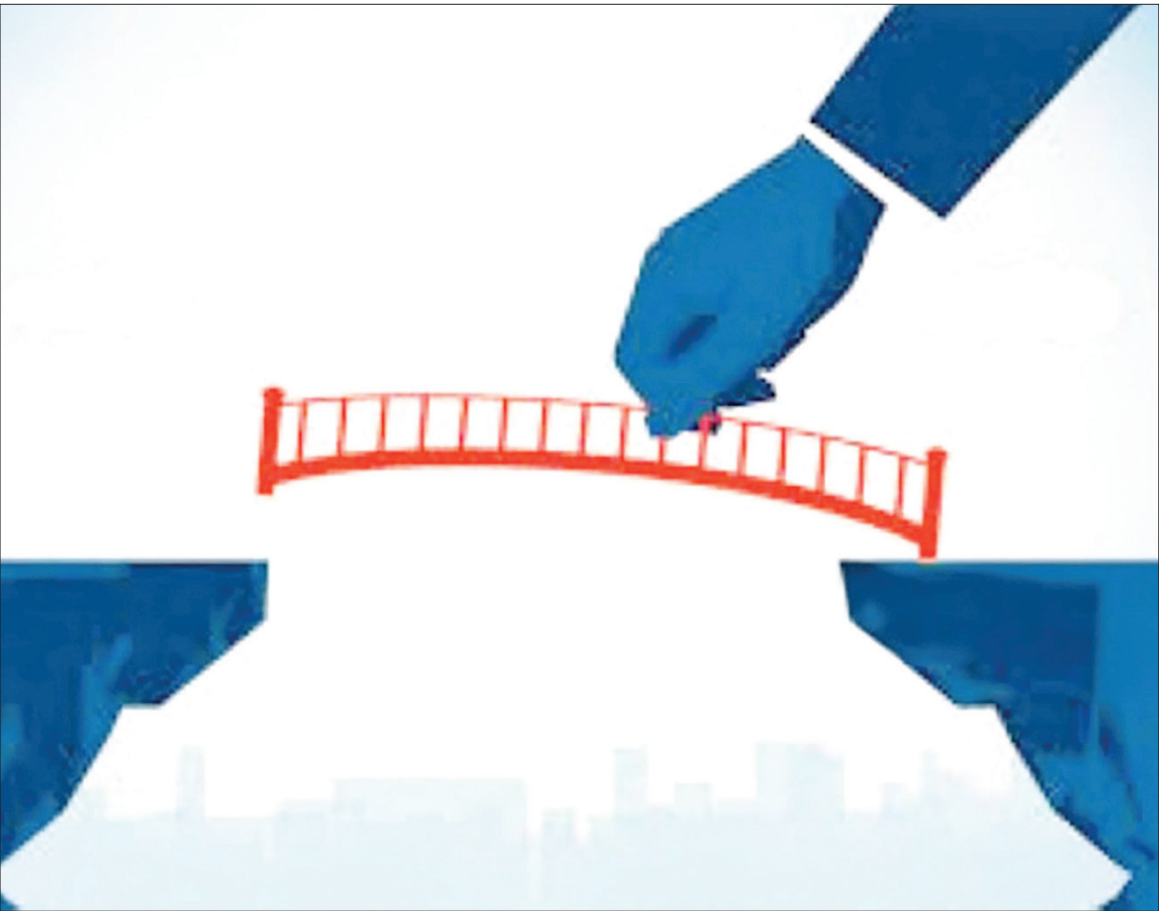
stitutions has been damaged, reconciliation helps restore faith in governance, the rule of law, and democracy. It encourages participation, transparency, and accountability, all of which are vital for sustainable development.

- **Economic Growth:** A peaceful and united society attracts investment, promotes tourism, and improves productivity. Reconciliation contributes to rebuilding infrastructure, restoring livelihoods, and enabling communities to focus on economic progress rather than conflict.

Moreover, reconciliation promotes economic and social progress. In a divided society, economic opportunities are often unequal, and marginalized communities suffer from neglect. When reconciliation takes place,

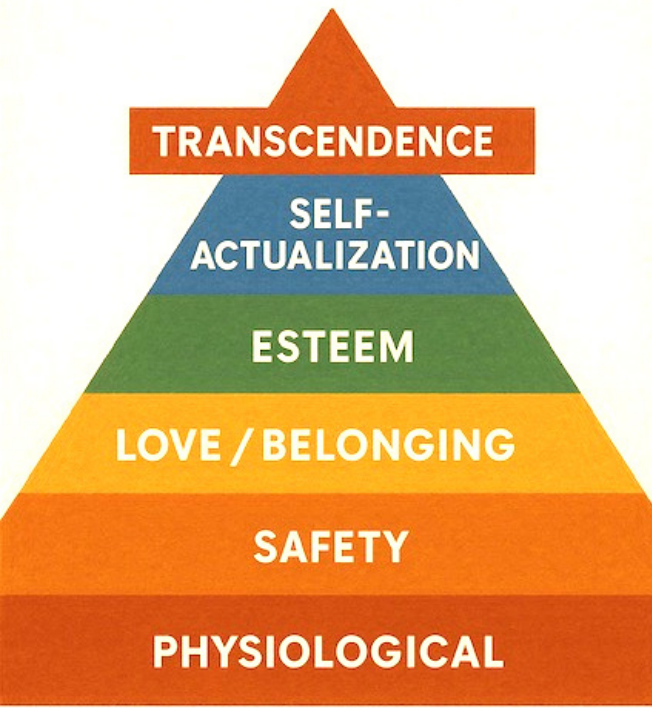
trust in institutions grows, and citizens are more willing to cooperate, invest, and participate in nation-building. This creates an environment where prosperity is shared, and social justice becomes a reality. It is essential for healing wounds, preventing future conflict, and building a united, just, and prosperous nation as well as working toward shared future, societies can move forward stronger and more united.

In addition, national reconciliation is more than a political necessity, it is the heart of a nation's long-term survival and prosperity. It transforms a society from one of division and mistrust into one of unity, respect, and shared purpose. Without reconciliation, peace remains fragile, and progress remains incomplete. With it, nations can move beyond the scars of the past and build a future where all citizens can live together in harmony.



Education: Beyond Credentials, Towards Wholeness

By Khin Maung Myint



MASLOW'S
HIERARCHY OF NEEDS

IN the mid-20th century, psychologist Abraham Maslow proposed a hierarchy of human needs — from basic survival to the pursuit of meaning. At its summit lies self-actualization: the fulfilment of one's potential through creativity, morality, and inner growth. Later, Maslow added transcendence — the desire to uplift others — as the highest human aspiration.

In Burmese, the phrase “တကယ့်ပညာတတ်” evokes more than academic achievement — it points to a scholar whose wisdom uplifts others.

Many pursue education for survival, status, or esteem. But the truly educated rise beyond these tiers. They seek knowledge not for applause, but for awakening.

Here, the Buddha's teaching shines. He showed that true education is not complete without Right View and Right Action, two steps of the Noble Eightfold Path. To know without practising is like seeing food but never eating it. Wisdom (paññā) must be joined with compassion (karuṇā), so that knowledge is lived, shared, and healing.

A genuine scholar, then, is like the Bodhisattva — learning not just for self, but to awaken others. They question, guide, and build bridges. They don't simply accumulate facts; they embody the Dharma, turning understanding into transformation.

Education is not about what you know. It is about who you become — and what you help others become.

Without wisdom, there is no light; without practising wisdom, the light never shines.

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Poet laureate of the country: Please don't grow old

By Thulin Wai/ Translated by Myint Zan

စာသစ် ပေသစ် ကဗျာသစ်နှင့်
ခေတ်စမ်း ဆီမီးခွက်
နောက်မျိုးဆက်တွက်
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devising new style in prose, poem
and literary works
he was the lantern
(one of the pioneers) of
the Khitsan literary movement*
for the benefit of future generations
in order to leave
good (literary) legacies
he led in lighting the lantern
which shimmers:
behold the flagstaff of his literary achievements!
... (a stanza from the original poem not translated)
yet this poet
now have difficulties
even to move gently
to one side in the bed
that he rests
what can we say about
the inexorable approach
of old age?
one wishes the beloved
grand uncle not to grow old

in one of his poems
written from the heart
he wrote about
the stump from the old pyinma tree
which renews itself:
(likewise) one wishes that
(by virtue of) the (literary) power
of this granddad of a poet
his strength would return:
new leaves will sprout:
the (poet's) youngish image
will return, display
and live in the gentle breeze**

*Under the guidance of Sayagyi U Pe Maung Tin (24 April 1888- 22 March 1973) Minthawun (10 February 1909-15 August 2004) and other then youngish literati 'devised' and led the new literary movement in the early 1930s which can be translated as 'testing the age'. The Khitsan writings depart from the mainly traditional religious and (on the other hand) romantic themes and wrote on more humanistic themes. There was also a change in writing style.
**that stanza in part quoted and paraphrased some of the words of Minthawun's famous poem Pyinma ngote toh which he composed in 1949 with the title 'the stump of the Pyinma tree (lagerstroemia speciosa)'. In his 1949 poem Minthawun wrote about how the stump of that large timber tree faced the deprivations and ravages of war, weather, locusts, but yet when summer comes in the cool, gentle breeze the stump comes out with fresh leaves and displays its youthful look.
Translator's note. (Dr) Thu Lin Wai (born 30 January 1979) who wrote the poem teaches Myanmar language and literature at University of Tongoo. He stated that he recited the above poem to Minthawun near the bed in the house of Sayagyi Minthawun in Yangon on 21 July 2004: just 24 days before the 94-year-old poet passed away on 15 August 2004.

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Probably composed on 21 July 2004.
Translated on 19 August 2025.

NATIONAL

GNU, PDF terrorists strike bridge repair team with suicide drones in Kayin State

THE GNU and PDF terrorists exploded the reinforced concrete Kawnwe bridge, which is 196 feet in length and 40 feet in width, on the Asia Highway along the Kawkaik-Myawady route in Kayin State on 15 December 2023.

Due to the explosion, the trade flows were suspended, causing transport difficulties. The government conducted repair work. While one engineer and 26 workers led by the deputy director of the Kawnwe bridge maintenance task force were repairing the bridge, GNU and PDF terrorists launched an attack from northwest of the bridge using two suicide drones yesterday, resulting in one death and eight injuries.

The security force conducted security measures in the vicinity of that location, and the



A captured suicide drone.

victims were taken to the Tatmadaw hospital in Kawkaik and were also transported to the Taungkalay hospital in Hpa-an Township for medical treatment.

Terrorists intentionally destroyed the non-military targets, causing huge impacts on the socioeconomic status of locals. Residents strongly opposed their destructive actions, and the security force accelerated the security measures. — MNA/KTZH



This image shows repair work on the Kawnwe Bridge along the Myawady-Kawkaik Asia Highway, disrupted by a terrorist suicide drone attack.

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Monday 1 September 2025)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

SPECIAL FEATURES: According to the observations at 17:30 pm MST today, the wind wave over the Rakhine, and Chin States and adjoining Northeast Bay of Bengal has crossed over the Northeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining Rakhine, and Chin States. It may further intensify into a Low-Pressure Area over the North Bay of Bengal during the next 24 hours.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 2 SEPTEMBER 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Lower Sagaing Region and Kachin, Kayah, and Northern Shan States, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Magway, and Upper Sagaing Regions and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of regionally heavy falls in Rakhine State and isolated heavy falls in Magway, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Chin, and Mon States. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, and (Southern and Eastern)Shan States. The area along

the Cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Occasional squalls with rough seas are 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.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Continuations of strong monsoon.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 2 SEPTEMBER 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 2 SEPTEMBER 2025: One or two time of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 2 SEPTEMBER 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

Two-year-old killed in landmine blast in Yebyu Township, Taninthayi Region

A landmine planted by terrorists exploded at approximately 12:15 pm yesterday near the Mawlamyine-Ye-Thaton Union Highway, at the entrance to Mayanchaung Village in Yephyu Township, Taninthayi Region.

A two-year-old child was killed in the blast, while the child's parents sustained injuries from shrapnel. The incident involved a family of three from Mayanchaung Village – U Ko Oo, his wife Ma Zarchi Moe, and their two-year-old son Maung Myint Aung. They were returning from shopping in Kaleinaung when they encountered the explosion. Terrorists had obstructed the Union Highway, commonly used by the public, with tree trunks. While attempting to navigate around the obstruction on a motorcycle, the family triggered a landmine planted by the terrorists.

The blast killed the child instantly from shrapnel injuries, and both parents suffered shrapnel wounds. They were immediately transported by vehicles provided by social aid organizations to the Dawei General Hospital for medical treatment.

The terrorists are reported to have been placing mines on public transport routes and bridges, planting mines and time bombs and detonating them to cause civilian casualties. They have also been indiscriminately firing at civilian vehicles. These actions have led to road destruction, disrupted communication and transport, and casualties among innocent civilians, including children.

Residents have condemned these insurgent acts, and security forces are taking measures to secure the affected areas and prevent further incidents. — MNA/KN



The map shows local casualties and injuries from a terrorist-planted mine blast in Yebyu Township.

NATIONAL



Sitagu Sayadaw encourages a monk undergoing surgery at the hospital.

Over 1,600 register for 14th Sitagu eyesight donation

MORE than 1,600 patients have been registered for the 14th time of Sitagu eyesight donation. The acceptance of new patients launched on 1 September, and even in the morning, the registration exceeded 1600, said the Sitagu Cakku Dana Hospital. The 14th time of free eyesight donation has been scheduled to resume on 17 September. In the previous round, there were some people who allegedly received the free medical service without registration.

So, this time, the hospital will ensure its medical treatment for registered patients by giving tokens. Now, the registration is closed, and those who are left to register can participate in the next 15th round, said the hospital. Through its free eye sight donation, including the 13th round, the hospital provided medical examination for 16,147 patients and surgery for 4,949, with laser treatment for 314, totalling 5,263. — MT/ZS

Thanlyin Modular Oil Refinery to start in 2025, expand by 2028



The No 1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin).

WORK is underway at No 1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin) to launch a modular-type refinery this year, with an annual capacity to process 500,000 tonnes of crude oil. Currently, all required machinery has been produced. The pipeline installation for distributing crude oil and petroleum products is 10 per cent

complete, and 90 per cent of the pipeline construction for natural gas supply to the refinery has also been completed. Additionally, 25 per cent of the ground-level construction has been completed, with ongoing efforts to ensure the refinery becomes operational by December 2025, as scheduled. According to the Ministry of Energy, the modular refinery project, with a capacity of 500,000 tonnes per year, represents the first phase in meeting the country's industrial fuel needs. The second phase will involve building a new refinery capable of processing three million tonnes of crude oil annually, with a planned completion date of 2028. — ASH/KNN

Myanmar film ‘Hnaungkyoewaing’ to hit major cinemas on 12 Sept



This photo displays a poster for the film ‘Hnaungkyoewaing’.

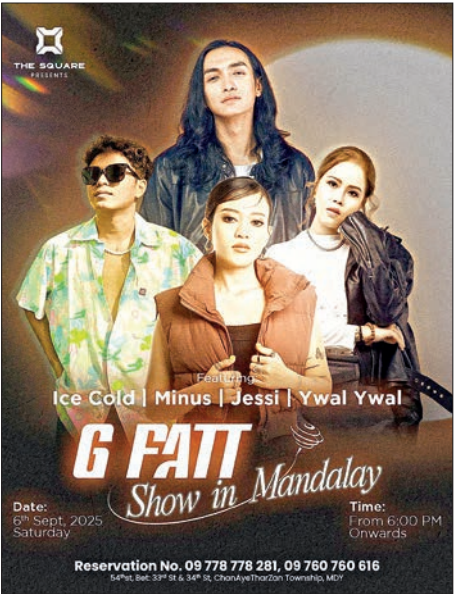
THE Myanmar movie ‘Hnaungkyoewaing’ (Circle of Bonds) is set to be released in major cinemas across the country on 12 September, according to actor Teza Lin Yaung, who stars in the film. The story of the film was written by Thiha Soe, with the screenplay by Zaw Min Soe, and it was directed by

Thiha Soe under NOT Film Production. “This long-awaited film blends love, sorrow, action, and heart-warming moments on the screen. We have strived to ensure it delivers the finest cinematic experience of a high-quality film. I would like to invite everyone to come and show their support when the

movie is released in cinemas,” said actor Teza Lin Yaung. The film features a strong cast, including Ye Hlaing, Teza Lin Yaung, Academy May Myint Mo, Academy Zaw Oo, Shoon, Ye Min, Ye Marn and Saya Lone Chaw, together with many other supporting actors and actresses. — ASH/MKKS

Top hip-hop artistes to perform in Mandalay on 6 Sept

HIP-HOP singer G Fatt announced that his concert, titled ‘G Fatt Show in Mandalay’, will be held at the Square Theatre Bar in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Region. The show will take place at 7 pm on 6 September, featuring not only G Fatt himself but also fellow hip-hop artistes Ice Cold, Minus, Jessi, and Ywal Ywal, who will join him to deliver energetic performances. Speaking about the event, G Fatt said, “On the evening of 6 September, we’ll be performing at The Square Theatre Bar in Mandalay. Along with me, hip-hop artistes Ice Cold, Minus, Jessi, and Ywal Ywal will be there. We’ll be performing hip-hop songs with full energy for the Mandalay audience, so don’t miss it.” — ASH/KZL



This image showcases an advertisement for the concert titled ‘G Fatt Show in Mandalay’.

ECONOMY
WORLD



Tourists visit the Angkor Wat Temple at the UNESCO-listed Angkor Archaeological Park in Siem Reap province, Cambodia, 29 January 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

Cambodia’s Angkor attracts
nearly 670,000 foreign tourists in
first 8 months of 2025

CAMBODIA’S famed Angkor Archaeological Park welcomed a total of 669,619 international visitors in the first eight months of 2025, a slight increase of 2.7 per cent compared to the same period last year, said a news release on Monday.

The ancient site made US\$31 million in revenue from ticket sales during the January-August period this year, a year-on-year rise of 2.4 per cent, said the news release from the state-owned Angkor Enterprise.

In August this year, the

park received 50,848 foreign tourists, earning \$2.42 million, down 24 per cent and 23 per cent, respectively, compared to the same month last year, the report said.

Located in northwest Siem Reap province, the UNESCO-listed Angkor Archaeological Park is home to 91 ancient temples, which were built from the ninth to the 13th centuries.

China was the fourth largest source of international tourist arrivals to the ancient park after the United States, Britain,

and France.

Thong Mengdavid, a lecturer at the Institute for International Studies and Public Policy of the Royal University of Phnom Penh, hopes that the Cambodia-China Tourism Year 2025 will help drive the growth of Chinese tourists to Angkor this year. “With 2025 being named the Cambodia-China Tourism Year, we can anticipate a notable surge in Chinese tourist arrivals to the Angkor Archaeological Park,” he told Xinhua.

— Xinhua

News in brief

Australian wine sector fuels US\$33.5 bln
economy with 200,000 jobs: report

AUSTRALIA’S wine industry contributes 51.3 billion Australian dollars (US\$33.54 billion) to the economy and supports over 203,000 jobs, an industry report reveals.

The Economic Contribution of the Australian Wine Sector 2025 report was released on Monday by Wine Australia, a government statutory corporation that promotes and regulates the Australian wine industry, encompassing grape growing, winemaking, and wine-related tourism.

The report highlights a multiplying effect, with every additional 1 million Australian dollars (US\$650,000) in wine sector output generating 2.16 million Australian dollars (US\$1.41 million) for the wider economy, and each job in the sector creating 1.42 additional jobs, the report said.

While the gross output has grown about 2.1 per cent annually since 2019, the increase is below the national inflation rate, it said, adding losses in the traditional grape growing and winemaking parts of the sector have been offset by growth in wine tourism.

— Xinhua

China-Arab States Expo concludes with
fruitful results

THE seventh China-Arab States Expo concluded on Sunday in north-west China’s Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region.

The four-day expo, featuring 36,000 square metres of exhibition area, attracted exhibitors from 1,082 organizations and enterprises of 53 countries and regions around the world.

The number of visitors at the expo totalled 218,700, with the value of on-site deals reaching 82.39 million yuan (about US\$11.55 million) and an intended transaction value of 624 million yuan.

Meanwhile, more than 40 investment promotion events, including trade and economic talks and industrial matchmaking activities, were held during the expo, resulting in 331 cooperation agreements with contracts totalling 107.75 billion yuan. Among these, 28 projects were valued at more than 1 billion yuan each. — Xinhua

Britain’s retail sector struggling amid inflation, cost hikes

BRITAIN’S retail industry is limping into the second half of 2025, squeezed by rising costs, stubborn inflation, and wavering consumer confidence.

More than 60 chief executives from Britain’s biggest retailers have written to the Chancellor, urging assurance that no further tax rises will be imposed on retail this autumn.

The country’s retail price inflation reached an 18-month high in August, driven by a 4.2 per cent year-on-year increase in food prices, according to the British Retail Consortium (BRC).

The latest price increases have added pressure to families already grappling with the cost of living, said BRC chief executive

Helen Dickinson.

“Retailers continue doing everything they can to limit price rises for households, but as the Bank of England acknowledged, the 7 billion pounds in new costs flowing through from last year’s Budget has created an uphill battle for retailers,” Dickinson noted.

Britain’s annual consumer price inflation (CPI) rose to 3.8 per cent in July, the highest since January 2024, when it was four per cent, according to data from the Office for National Statistics.

Guy Leman, spokesman for the BRC, told Xinhua that as inflation has been on the rise over the past few months, retailers, who operate in an industry with tight margins, have to pass on some



People purchase fruit in a shop in London, Britain, 17 January 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

additional costs from last year’s budget in the form of higher prices, although they tried hard to absorb higher costs.

Consumer confidence is in the doldrums, according to the BRC. Dickinson said that with prices rising, and food inflation

predicted to hit six per cent by the end of the year, households are expected to spend more on retail goods in the coming months.

“Belief in the economy has stayed stubbornly below -30 for six of the last seven months, a far cry from the net positive sentiment in July 2024,” she added, noting that consumers see rising prices, gap-toothed high streets, and reports of large businesses falling into administration.

“The pandemic really hit retail hard. But right now there are the worst vacancy rates ever for shop units in our towns and cities,” Lyndon Simkin, professor of strategic marketing at Manchester Metropolitan University, told Xinhua. — Xinhua

Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou innovation cluster tops global ranking

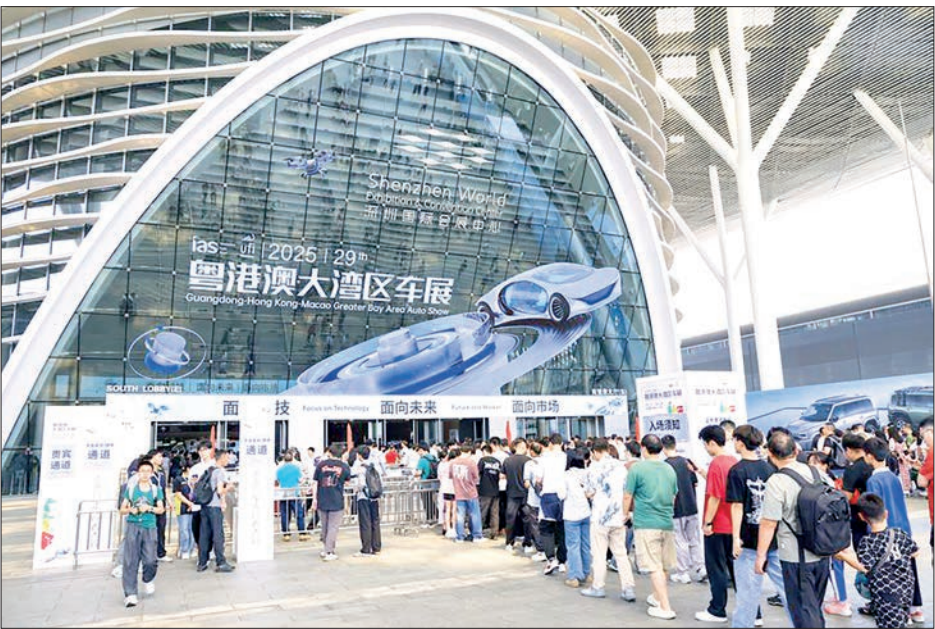
THE Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou innovation cluster in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area has ranked top of the world's 100 leading innovation clusters in the 2025 Global Innovation Index, which was released by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on Monday.

This is the first time the cluster has surpassed Japan's Tokyo-Yokohama cluster to become the world's leading innovation hub, highlighting the robust vitality of scientific and technological innovation in the Greater Bay Area, as well as the dynamic progress the international centre for technological innovation has achieved.

The Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou innovation cluster had since 2020 consistently ranked second globally.

The 2025 innovation cluster ranking process included a new core indicator, venture capital

transaction volume, which was added to existing key considerations of Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) international patent applications and the number of papers each cluster had seen published in Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) journals. This new evaluation system emphasizes the output and layout of intellectual property, and also highlights the transformation, application and value realization of innovation outcomes, according to the provincial



Visitors enter the Shenzhen World Exhibition and Convention Centre for the 2025 Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area International Auto Show in Shenzhen, South China's Guangdong Province, 31 May 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

market supervision and administration bureau of Guangdong.

This year, the world's top 100 innovation clusters are distributed across 33 economies. With 24, China is home to the highest number of these clusters, followed by the United States with 22 and Germany with 7. — Xinhua

Nikkei index ends at 3-week low, briefly dives 2% on AI competition woes

THE Nikkei stock index ended Monday at its lowest level in about three weeks after briefly plummeting over two per cent on prospects of increased competition in the artificial intelligence sector.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average ended down 529.68 points, or 1.24 per cent, from Friday at 42,188.79, its lowest level since 8 August. The broader Topix index finished 11.99 points, or 0.39 per cent, lower at 3,063.19.

On the top-tier Prime

Market, decliners were led by nonferrous metal, securities house and electric appliance issues.

The US dollar at one point slipped into the upper 146 yen range as the yen, seen as a safe-haven asset, was sought as stocks declined, dealers said.

At 5 pm, the dollar fetched 147.06-08 yen compared with 147.00-10 yen in New York and 147.00-02 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm Friday.

The euro was quoted

ed at \$ 1.1724-1726 and 172.42-46 yen against \$1.1677-1687 and 171.78-88 yen in New York and \$1.1674-1676 and 171.61-65 yen in Tokyo late Friday afternoon.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year Japanese government bond rose 0.020 percentage point from Friday's close to 1.620 per cent, as the debt was sold to lock in gains ahead of a 10-year bond auction by the Finance Ministry slated for Tuesday. — Kyodo

Digital Focus Company Limited
(Company Registration No. 112480765)
Notification of Appointment of Liquidator

Under Rule 15 of the Insolvency Rules 2020
Members' Voluntary Winding Up under Section 152 of the Insolvency Law 2020

1. The shareholders of Premium Living Solutions Co., Ltd. resolved, by way of a special resolution passed at a general meeting held on 31 August 2025, to liquidate the company by means of a members' voluntary winding up, in accordance with the Insolvency Law 2020.

2. The shareholders further resolved to appoint U Kyawt Mg (*Insolvency Practitioner Registration No. 00090*) of U Kyawt Mg & Associates Accountancy and Audit Firm, located at No.3, 105th Street, Mingalar Taung Nyunt Township, Yangon, as the liquidator of the company. Email: khin.tz.htay@gmail.com, Phone: 095176165

3. Accordingly, any person claiming to be a creditor of Digital Focus Co., Ltd. is hereby requested to submit relevant evidence of such claim(s) to the liquidator at the above address within one month from the date of this notification.

U Kyawt Mg
Liquidator
Certified Public Accountant & Auditor

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MAERSK VALENCIA VOY.NO. (533W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **2-9-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **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:

M/S MAERSK A/S

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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SITC CONTAINER LINE CO., LTD

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M/S MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY S.A

ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD



Russia, India sign several major aviation contracts in 2025

RUSSIA and India signed several major contracts related to aviation in 2025, Russian Federal Service for Military-Technical Cooperation chief Dmitry Shugaev said on Monday.

“India is our strategic partner, with a large volume, with a large portfolio. Several large contracts have been signed. They concern aviation topics, we will move forward. This year, on the eve of this event. Thus, their [contracts] portfolio has increased,” Shugaev told reporters.

The contracts that were prepared in 2024 were implemented in terms of signing in 2025, the official added.

Russia fulfils contracts to supply India with ammunition, Shugaev also said.

— SPUTNIK

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi attend an official welcoming ceremony for delegations’ heads at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in Tianjin, China. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

Over 800 killed, nearly 3,000 injured in eastern Afghanistan earthquake

AT least 812 people have been confirmed dead and 2,817 others injured in a 6.0-magnitude earthquake that struck eastern Afghanistan, Zabihullah Mujahid, spokesman for the Afghan interim government, said on Monday.

Mujahid reported that the majority of the devastation occurred in the Nurgal, Suki, Watapur, and Chapa Dara districts of Kunar province, with 800 confirmed deaths and 2,500 injuries.

In neighbouring Nangarhar province, 12 people were killed

and 255 were injured, while Laghman province recorded 58 injuries and Nuristan province saw four injuries. The casualty figures are initial estimates and are likely to rise as evaluations progress, the official stated. The rugged terrain has posed significant challenges for relief teams, but response units from relevant agencies have been deployed to the affected areas to expedite rescue operations and aid delivery to those trapped or in need, Mujahid added. — Xinhua



An injured person receives treatment at a hospital in Kunar province, Afghanistan, 1 September 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Senior Iranian diplomat says SCO significant to safeguarding multilateral world order

THE Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) plays a positive role in ensuring the continuity of an international order based on multilateralism and the rule of law, said a senior Iranian diplomat on Saturday.

The SCO is “very impactful and effective in the sense that it can represent the interests and concerns of the Global South,” Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei told Xinhua in an exclusive interview, ahead of an SCO summit taking place from Sunday to Monday in the northern Chinese city of Tianjin.

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian is in China for the summit as well as events to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the victory in the Chinese People’s War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War.

On the Iranian president’s visit to China, Baghaei said, “We are going to take this opportunity to promote our bilateral ties with China and to hold meetings with other leaders of the partic-



Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei speaks during an exclusive interview with Xinhua in Tehran, Iran, 30 August 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

icipating states.”

Baghaei noted that the world is now facing common challenges brought about by “unilateralism and coercive measures that certain Western countries, in particular the United States, have been applying against developing states.”

The SCO, he added, can play a very significant role in terms of providing an effective framework for cooperation among Global South countries, guaranteeing the interests of developing countries, and ensuring the continuity of an international order that is based on multilateralism, the rule of law, and “the normative structures coming from the United Nations Charter.” As regards Iran-China ties, Baghaei highlighted the two countries’ shared historical bond of culture and civilization, adding that both sides have continued to advance and deepen their relations, with mutual understanding and trust steadily growing. — Xinhua

Insufficient enrolment forces school closures across Greece

GREECE is closing hundreds of schools as falling student numbers highlight the country’s worsening demographic situation, Kathimerini, a Greek daily newspaper that focuses on

politics and economics, reported on Monday.

For the 2025-2026 academic year, 721 of Greece’s 13,478 schools will suspend operations due to insufficient enrolment,

most of them kindergartens and primary schools, according to Education Ministry data.

The student population is projected at about 1.21 million for the 2025-2026 academic year,

a drop of more than 150,000 compared with the level during 2018-2019.

The closures come against a backdrop of long-term demographic decline. According to

the Hellenic Statistical Authority, Greece’s population has fallen by over 400,000 in the past 13 years due to plunging birth rates, aging, and outward migration.

— Xinhua

SPORTS

Sabalenka, Djokovic move into US Open quarters



Aryna Sabalenka reacts after her women's singles fourth round win against Cristina Bucsa at the 2025 US Open in New York on 31 August 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

TOP-RANKED Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus dominated Spain's Cristina Bucsa 6-1, 6-4 to advance into the women's singles quarterfinals, while 38-year-old Novak Djokovic sailed past many's Jan-Lennard Struff 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 in the men's singles fourth round at the US Open on Sunday.

Defending champion Sabalenka, 27, won 84 per cent on first serve against Spaniard Bucsa who showed resilience in the second set but still lost the match in 73 minutes.

Three-time Grand Slam winner Sabalenka will confront Marketa Vondrousova of the Czech Republic in the quarterfinals, after the 2023 Wimbledon champion overcame ninth seed Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan 6-4, 5-7, 6-2. With a straight-set victory over 35-year-old Struff, Serbia's Djokovic has reached at least the quarterfinal stage of all four Grand Slams this year.

"Most of my career, I was running, I was sliding, I was grinding on the court, so I don't think that is going to change. But at times, when I have to be more aggressive and step in, I try to do that. That was the case tonight, so of course I'm pleased with the performance," Djokovic said after the match. The veteran reached the semifinals at this year's Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon.

In other men's singles matches, second seed Carlos Alcaraz of Spain defeated France's Arthur Rinderknech 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-4, while home favourite Taylor Fritz beat Tomas Machac of the Czech Republic 6-4, 6-3, 6-3. — Xinhua

Leverkusen sack Erik ten Hag after two league matches

BAYER Leverkusen have sacked manager Erik ten Hag after just two Bundesliga matches in charge, the club announced on Monday.

Fired by Manchester United last October, Ten Hag signed a contract until 2027 in May, taking over as the successor to Xabi Alonso, who moved to Real Madrid.

But the Dutchman had to contend with the sale of a handful of the Leverkusen stars who won the Bundesliga title in 2024 and his new team have struggled in the first few games of the new season.

"This decision was not easy for us. Nobody wanted to take this step," sporting director Simon Rolfes said in a statement.

"The past few weeks have shown that the steps to build a new and successful team have not been effective," Rolfes said. Club CEO Fernando Carro said the decision was "painful, but necessary".

The 55-year-old Dutchman now has the unwanted record of breaking the previous mark for a coach of five matches before dismissal. Named United manager in July 2022, Ten Hag won the FA and League Cups but was let go after a run of just one win in eight matches midway through the 2024-25 season, the club's worst start to a campaign in the Premier League era. Ten Hag took over after the most successful period in Leverkusen's history and was tasked with overseeing a dramatic rebuild. Leverkusen won an unbeaten league and cup double in 2023-24, including a first ever Bundesliga title. They have sold several core members of the team this summer, including Florian Wirtz, Granit Xhaka, Jonathan Tah, Jeremie Frimpong, Amine Adli and Lukas Hradecky. — AFP

Isak poised for Liverpool switch on frantic Premier League deadline day

ALEXANDER Isak is on the brink of a British-record £125 million (\$169 million) move to Liverpool from Newcastle on a frantic final day of the Premier League transfer window.

The Sweden striker is understood to have arrived at the club's training ground on Monday as a protracted saga nears its end.

With the Premier League window due to shut at 1800 GMT, there are a number of big deals yet to be done as clubs scramble to strengthen.

Sky Sports reported that Newcastle have agreed a deal to sign Brentford forward Yoane Wissa while Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma is set for a move to Manchester City after being told he was surplus to requirements at Paris Saint-Germain.

Struggling Manchester United are understood to have agreed a deal to sign Belgian goalkeeper Senne Lammens from Royal Antwerp for an initial 21 million euros (£18 million, \$24.6 million) as they seek to address their goalkeeping problems.

But all eyes will be on the expected finalising of Isak's move to Liverpool.

The 25-year-old has made clear his desire to leave Newcastle even though he has three years remaining on his contract.

The Anfield club had a £110 million offer for the forward rejected last month and since then he has not trained with or played for Newcastle.

Isak is set to become Liverpool's eighth first-team signing of the summer window, marking the second time they have broken their own transfer record following the capture of Florian Wirtz from Bayer Leverkusen for an initial fee of £100 million. — AFP

Mitoma sets up late winner as Brighton upset Man City 2-1



Brighton's Kaoru Mitoma dribbles the ball during the second half of an English Premier League football match against Manchester City on 31 August 2025 in Brighton, England. PHOTO: KYODO

BRIGHTON and Hove Albion winger Kaoru Mitoma set up Brajan Gruda for a dramatic 89th-minute winner Sunday as the Seagulls claimed a 2-1 comeback victory over Manchester City in the English Premier League.

Erling Haaland's first-half strike had given Pep Guardiola's men the lead before substitute James Milner drew the hosts level with his penalty in 67 minutes at the Amex in Brighton.

Having been denied early by Man City goalkeeper James Trafford's diving save, Japan international Mitoma continued to drive the Brighton attack until making his decisive contribution with a minute left in regulation.

As Gruda raced through a gap in City's defence, Mitoma's pass picked out his run, with the German substitute displaying deft footwork to round Trafford and roll the ball into the goal.

Albion fans had shown their appreciation for Mitoma before kickoff by unveiling a banner depicting the 28-year-old star, who was a reported summer transfer target for several clubs.

Elsewhere in England, Wataru Endo was a late substitute for Liverpool in their 1-0 win at home to Arsenal, while Daichi Kamada started for Crystal Palace and won the penalty that led to their opening goal in a 3-0 victory away to Aston Villa. — Kyodo



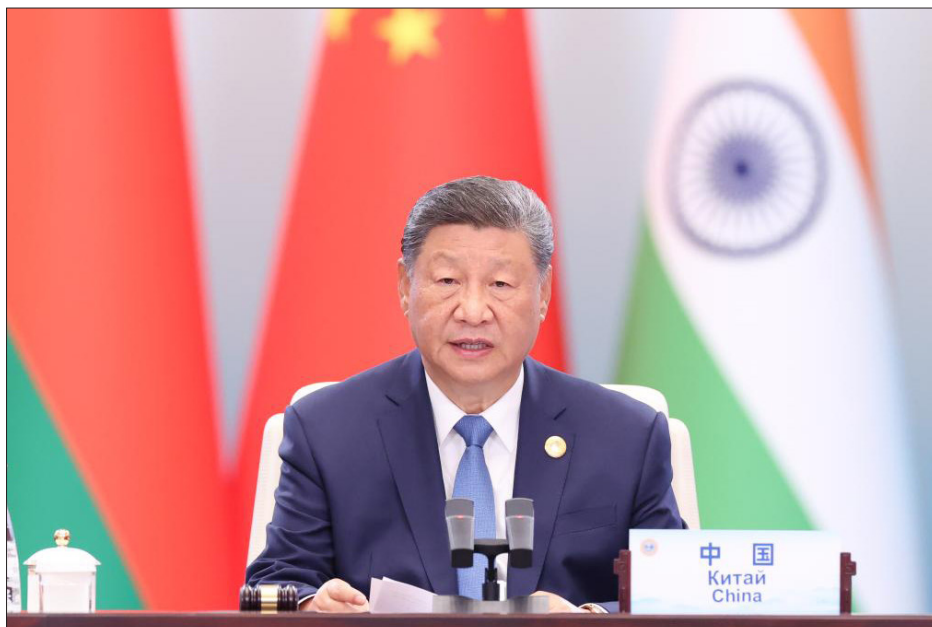
Xi proposes Global Governance Initiative at largest-ever SCO summit

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Monday proposed the Global Governance Initiative (GGI), calling on countries to work in concert for a more just and equitable global governance system.

Xi made the remarks when chairing the “Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Plus” Meeting in north China’s port city of Tianjin, where the SCO held the largest summit in its 24-year history, attended by leaders from more than 20 countries and heads of 10 international organizations.

The GGI marks the fourth landmark global initiative proposed by Xi over the past several years, following the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative.

Xi highlighted five principles of the GGI — adhering to sovereign equality, abiding by international rule of law, practising multilateralism, advocating the people-centred approach, and focusing on taking real actions.



Chinese President Xi Jinping chairs the “Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Plus” Meeting and delivers a speech titled “Pooling the Strength of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization To Improve Global Governance” in Tianjin, north China, 1 September 2025.

PHOTO: XINHUA

While the historical trends of peace, development, cooperation and mutual benefit remain unchanged, the Cold War mentality, hegemonism and protectionism continue to haunt the world, Xi said, adding that new threats and challenges

have been only increasing, and the world has found itself in a new period of turbulence and transformation.

“Global governance has come to a new crossroads,” he said.

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the victory in the World Anti-Fascist War and the 80th founding anniversary of the United Nations (UN). Xi stressed firmly safeguarding the status and authority of the UN, and ensuring its irreplaceable and key role in global governance.

He said that all countries, regardless of size, strength and wealth, are equal participants, decision-makers, and beneficiaries in global governance.

“There should be no double standards, and the house rules of a few countries must not be imposed upon others,” Xi noted.

Xi said the SCO should step up to play a leading role and set an example in carrying out the GGI, and remain a force for stability in this volatile world. — Xinhua

Russia backs China’s initiative on global governance: Putin at SCO



Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping shake hands during a ceremony to welcome Heads of States of the SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization) in Tianjin, China. PHOTO: SPUTNIK

RUSSIA supports the global governance initiative put forward by Chinese President Xi Jinping and is interested in moving to a concrete discussion of the proposals, Russian President Vladimir Putin said.

“We have certainly listened care-

fully to everything proposed by Xi Jinping regarding the creation of a new, more effective and functional system of global governance. This is especially relevant at a time when some countries still refuse to abandon their pursuit of dominance in international affairs.

Russia supports President Xi Jinping’s initiative and is interested in moving to a concrete discussion of the proposals put forward by our Chinese friends,” Putin said at the “SCO Plus” meeting.

Earlier in the day, Xi proposed an initiative in the field of global governance designed to build a more equitable global system. China is ready to work together with all countries to create a more just and equitable global governance system and move towards a community with a common future for humanity, Xi added.

An increasing number of states are seeking cooperation with the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), and genuine interest and attention from the international community toward the organization continues to grow, Putin said.

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization could become a leader in shaping a more just system of global governance, Vladimir Putin said.

The combined GDP of the SCO countries is growing faster than the world average, despite the difficulties in the global economy, Putin said. — SPUTNIK

Iran says UN watchdog inspectors oversaw fuel replacement at Bushehr nuclear plant

IRAN’S atomic chief said on Sunday that two inspectors from the UN nuclear watchdog oversaw a fuel replacement process at the Bushehr nuclear power plant.

Mohammad Eslami, head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, told state television the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspectors were allowed to supervise the work with the approval of Iran’s Supreme National Security Council and under a law passed in June to restrict cooperation with the agency.

He said the inspectors carried out their duties in line with the legislation, after receiving the required permit, and then left the country.

Eslami added that Iran’s Foreign Ministry has held two rounds of talks with the IAEA, and a third is planned. “The important point is that what should be materialized according to the parliament’s law is being negotiated at present,” he said. — Xinhua