

Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

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

Acting President & SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits Harbin Institute of Technology, Harbin Electric Corporation

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 the People’s Republic of China during his working visit, together with his entourage, left Beijing Capital International Airport for Harbin at 8 am Chinese standard time yesterday. They were seen off at the airport by officials from the Beijing Municipal People’s Government.

On arrival at Taiping International Airport in Harbin at 9:30 am Chinese standard time, they were welcomed by a person at the rank of Deputy Minister from the Chinese government and officials.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and party visited Harbin Institute of Technology, where they were welcomed by Mr Han Jie Cai, President of Harbin Institute of Technology, and officials.

At the museum of the institute, they watched a video clip on the institute. They viewed the manufacturing of missiles, **SEE PAGE 3**



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing looks into the exhibits at Harbin Institute of Technology in Harbin, China, yesterday.

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General Aung San Declares Firm Stand Against Election Disruption

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

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



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

Recreated 7 Spirits attires draw youth interest

THE attire and stylistic depictions of the 37 Spirits are being recreated by the Myat Taw Win Royal Dress Service, and among the 37 Spirits, the depictions of seven Nats have been completed, attracting interest among young people, according to founder Myat Theinkha Nge.

Completed depictions include Mahagiri, Mandalay Bo Daw and the Taungbyone princes.

“One of the difficulties when doing this recreation is that it takes time to find and study Myanmar traditional handicraft based on Parabaik in different ages. Our efforts will enable studying intangible cultural heritage handed down for thousands of years and Myanmar fashions in successive eras. The young people are interested in and support our work,” said Myat Theinkha Nge.

They are reconstructing the royal garments and accessories by referencing ancient manuscripts, traditional paintings, and murals, consulting with historians and cultural experts to ensure accuracy.

Once all 37 Spirits are fully recreated, the team plans to publish a bilingual documentary book in English and Myanmar featuring their photographs and historical summaries. — MT/ZN



This photo depicts the dress style of Hti Phyu Saung Mel Taw.

Over 14,000 locals visit Ngwetaung Beach in Aug



A general view of the Ngwetaung Beach and visitors enjoying their trip.

THE Ngwetaung Beach in Hainggyi Island, Ngaputaw Township, Ayeyawady Region, attracted 14,355 domestic visitors in August 2025, according to Daw Ni Ni Mar, an executive of the Myanmar Tourism Entrepreneurs Association (Ngwetaung Beach).

Located near the Myat Mawtin Pagoda, Ngwetaung Beach is a popular year-round destination for local travellers. Most visitors reportedly come from Yangon Region and the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

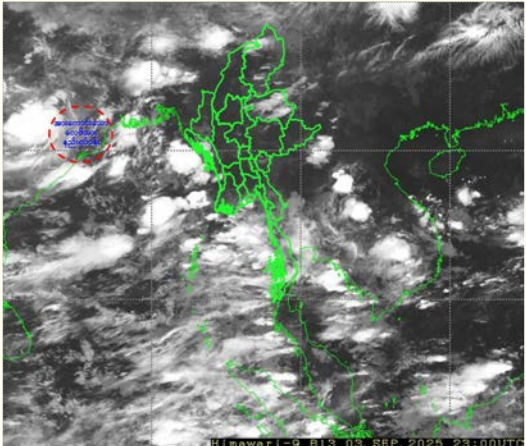
“In July this year, 11,155 domestic travellers visited Ngwetaung Beach. In August, the number rose to 14,355. Visitor arrivals are steadily increasing, and the beach continues to welcome travellers throughout the year,” Daw Ni Ni Mar said.

To ensure visitors enjoy their trips in a safe and peaceful environment, arrangements have been made for leisure activities and services such as bicycle rentals, motorboat rides, and horse riding. In addition, stalls offer local food, consumer goods, and souvenirs. — ASH/KZL

Well-Marked Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 7 pm MST on 4 September 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, the Well-Marked Low-Pressure Area over the Northwest Bay of Bengal off North Odisha coast has moved west-northwestwards over the North Odisha coast. It is likely continued to move west-northwestwards and cross North Odisha and adjoining Jharkhand and North Chhattisgarh, India, and gradually weakened during the next 24 hours. — DMH



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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

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innovation of rockets and satellites, successful tests to produce nuclear bomb and hydrogen bomb for the sake of defending the State, innovation and launching of satellites for relevant sectors, success in the aerospace sector, the booth on landing at the moon, launching of spacecraft, and the booth on astronauts who came out from China. Officials conducted them around the museum.
The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar raised queries for clarification and discussed prospects to share aerospace technologies between Harbin Institute of Technology and Myanmar.
He accepted a scale model of a space station presented by the president of the institute and returned the gifts.



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pays observation tours at Harbin Electric Corporation.

In the afternoon, they visit- where they were welcomed by officials. At the hall of the compa- ny, they watched an introductory video clip. They viewed round

generating hydropower, wind power and solar power, as well as nuclear-powered electricity, manufacturing of necessary generators and accessories to be used in generating coal-fired electricity, operation to generate green power energy, and production of electronic equipment displayed at the hall. Officials conducted them around the exhibition.
Moreover, they observed the production of machinery using AI technology. After hearing the clarification of officials, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar explained the prospect of cooperation in generating hydropower in Myanmar.
The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the official of the company exchanged gifts. — MNA/TTA

Make fighting human trafficking a national priority: MoHA UM

UNION Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, who is also Chairman of the Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons, addressed the first meeting of the committee yesterday.
In his speech, the Union minister said the central committee organized four working committees and task forces at different levels to combat human trafficking as a national task. Due to the changing human trafficking patterns, the youths from neighbouring countries enter the country for different reasons, and the committee investigated and took action against cases



Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung addresses the first meeting of the Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons yesterday.

where they marry the Myanmar women without love but to mis- lead by paying money, and also make marriage registration at

the court and take the women to their countries. Moreover, some foreigners entered the country with a tourist visa, opened a language school and persuaded the Myanmar women to marry their nationals. Such cases were also exposed.
The human traffickers use Facebook, TikTok and Telegram to lure the victims via the advertisements. Therefore, all need to carry out the duties in combating human trafficking in accordance with the three facts: information gathering, prevention and taking action.
He added that the human trafficking suppression project

is being drafted as a one-year pilot project to combat the on-line fraud and gambling-related human trafficking, forced labour and coercion, accelerate the educational programmes and prevent the illegal entry via border areas.
He also highlighted the legal action in combating the online scam, the deportation processes for the victims to their respective countries, and the enhancement of cooperation with other countries in combating the online scam. The attendees coordinated the discussion, and the Union minister concluded the meeting. — MNA/KTZH

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Myanmar, Heilongjiang Province forge Pauk-Phaw relations

Heilongjiang Province and Myanmar eye the promotion of cooperation in the education, culture, trade and other sectors.

ACTING President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, 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 the People's Republic of China during his working visit, held talks with Mr Xu Qin, Secretary of the Communist Party of China's Heilongjiang Provincial Committee at 6 pm Chinese standard time yesterday.

Also present at the talks were Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Commission members, Union Ministers, and the Myanmar Ambassador to the People's Republic of China. The Secretary of the Communist Party of China's Heilongjiang Provincial Committee was accompanied by cabinet members of Heilongjiang Province, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia and officials.

They discussed the suc-



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cessful holding of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2025 and the parade to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Victory of the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World

Anti-Fascist War, diplomatic relations between Myanmar and China over 75 years, and forging Pauk-Phaw friendly relations.

They exchanged views on success in agriculture and livestock industries in Heilongjiang

Province, the establishment of advanced universities and colleges, the learning of Myanmar scholarship students at these institutions, export of Myanmar's crops to Heilongjiang Province, exchange of technologies in ag-

riculture and livestock sectors, promotion of cooperation in education and culture sectors, and sectoral cooperation and trade activities between Heilongjiang Province and Myanmar. — MNA/TTA

DEPUTY Minister for Transport and Communications U Aung Kyaw Tun attended the 2nd Sustainable Maritime Industry Conference (SMIC) 2025 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Saudi's Deputy Minister for Transport and Logistic Services, Secretary-General of The International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (IALA) Mr Francis Zachariae made remark stating the over 80 per cent of shipment of world trade via maritime, comprehensive cooperation to ensure the sustainable maritime, and the Secretary-General of International Maritime Organization (IMO) clarified the theme of World Maritime Day 2025 "Our Ocean, Our Obligation, Our Opportunity" via video message.

The meeting continued with different topics such as effective use of vessels with the minimum of energy, maritime insurance and financial matters, implementation of carbon reduction strategies in maritime transport

Myanmar attends 2nd SMIC in Saudi Arabia



The second Sustainable Maritime Industry Conference 2025 in progress in Jeddah, attended by Deputy Minister for Transport & Communications U Aung Kyaw Tun.

sector, developing a sustainable development roadmap for small and medium-sized maritime enterprises, role of digital technologies in promoting maritime

capacity, safety and sustainable development, maritime cybersecurity in digital era, and women's leadership in maritime sector transformation.

Deputy Minister U Aung Kyaw Tun met Mr Eng Sulaiman A Al Mazroua, Saudi Minister for Transport and Logistics Services, and talked about the

active participation of Myanmar in conserving the maritime and implementation works following the MARPOL. He also talked about further participation in ASEAN maritime safety and environmental conservation programmes, other activities of BIMSTEC and Mekong-Ganga, port partnership with China and India and technical cooperation with Korea and Singapore.

He then expressed his willingness to work together in work plans of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) as Saudi Arabia prioritized clean energy, sustainable transport and digital transformation under the 2030 vision, which are the same vision, resources and objectives as Myanmar.

The meeting was held under the theme of "Sailing Towards and Sustainable Future", and representatives from international organizations and maritime experts from 90 countries attended the event. — MNA/KTZH

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Individuals have to explore and study information and knowledge to improve capabilities

❖ As today is a technological age, if individuals utilize technology to explore and study the necessary information and knowledge for their personal development through internet platforms and literature, their individual capabilities will also improve.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, on his inspection tour of the local training depot in Taungnyo Station on 22 January 2025)

Returning scholarship students urged to share experiences with peers from home units

ACTING President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, 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 Harbin of the People’s Republic of China during his working visit, met scholarship students who are learning at universities in Harbin, at Shangri-La Hotel in Harbin at 5:30 pm Chinese standard time yesterday.

Students learning at universities in Harbin introduced themselves to the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Speaking on the occasion, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar unveiled that Myanmar-China relations are the best at present.

He recounted that he attended the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2025 Plus and the parade to mark the 80th anniversary of the victory in the Chinese People’s War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World An-



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets scholarship students learning at universities in Harbin, China, yesterday.

ti-Fascist War. The SCO is playing a key role in peace, stability and development of the world, and Myanmar is expected to become a member of the SCO.

At a time when they arrived back in Myanmar, he urged the students to share their experiences and knowledge they learned, learning experiences, improvement of the living standard of Chinese people and their

societies with those from their departments. Moreover, trainees have to learn proficiency of Chinese languages as much Chinese as possible.

He continued that preparations are being made in Myanmar to hold a free and fair election in coming December with endeavours to enable all eligible voters to cast their votes at the election. He clarified that Myan-

mar Electronic Voting Machines will be used to prevent errors in the voter list and voting fraud.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar fulfilled the requirements of students, presented foodstuffs and financial support and cordially greeted them.

Also, present at the meeting were Commission Secretary and

Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, commission members and Union ministers who accompanied the Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Myanmar Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China U Tin Maung Swe, and students. — MNA/TTA

Myanmar joins ASEAN environment ministers’ meeting on climate and sustainability

THE Myanmar delegation, led by Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Min Thu, attended the 18th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment and its related events, hosted by Malaysia in a hybrid format from 2 to 4 September.

The meetings included the inaugural ASEAN-EU Ministe-

rial Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change, the 3rd ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change, and the 19th ASEAN Plus Three Environment Ministers’ Meeting.

Environment ministers from ASEAN member states, ASEAN senior officials on environment, **SEE PAGE 6**



The 18th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment and related events in progress virtually on 2-4 September, attended by Deputy Minister U Min Thu and Myanmar’s delegation.

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Myanmar delegation heads to China for Global South Media and Think Tank Forum



The Myanmar delegation, led by Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn, poses for the group documentary photo before leaving for China to attend the Global South Media and Think Tank Forum.

A total of 53 delegates, including 36 from ministries and 17 from private media and organizations, departed Yangon for Kunming by China Eastern Airlines yesterday afternoon to attend the Global South Media and Think Tank Forum to be held in Kunming, Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China, from 4 to 8 September.

The delegation includes dance groups from the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture and from Myanma Radio and Television, who will perform at the opening ceremonies of the Global South Media and Think

Tank Forum and the Global South Market Fair. Representatives from the Ministry of Home Affairs will participate in the discussions, while the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development and the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism will take part in the fair, showcasing Myanmar handicrafts, natural landscapes, tourist destinations, and souvenirs.

The delegation, led by Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, includes representatives from six ministries, private media and organizations. — MNA/TH

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representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat, the UNFCCC COP 30 Chair, the European Union, and representatives from the Plus Three countries – Japan, South Korea, and China – participated in the discussions.

At the ASEAN-EU dialogue, co-chaired by Mr Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani, Acting Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Malaysia, and Ms Jessika Roswall and Mr Wopke Hoestra from the European Commission, participants exchanged views on joint actions to address environmental challenges, end plastic pollution through a global treaty, enhance climate change mitigation and adaptation measures, cooperate on carbon markets, and adopt the ASEAN-EU work programme for 2025–2026.

At the ASEAN-Japan dialogue, co-chaired by Mr Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani and Mr Keiichiro Asao, Japan's Minister of the Environment, discussions fo-

cused on the ASEAN Strategic Plan on Environment (SPACE), its progress, and future cooperation, followed by the declaration of a joint statement.

At the ASEAN Plus Three meeting, ministers from ASEAN and the Plus Three countries delivered remarks and reviewed ASEAN Plus Three decisions and the progress of joint activities. They discussed marine plastic pollution initiatives, sustainable consumption and production programmes, the mid-term review of the ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Strategy Framework (2021-2025) and preparations for the next framework (2026-2030), as well as upcoming ASEAN-China, ASEAN-Japan, and ASEAN-South Korea programmes for 2025-2026.

At the conclusion, ASEAN environment ministers also met with Ambassador André Aranha Corrêa do Lago of Brazil, Chair of UNFCCC COP 30, to exchange views on the upcoming global climate negotiations. — MNA/KZL

Myanmar's durian association to launch in Taninthayi Region

THE establishment of the Myanmar Durian Producers and Exporters Association has been underway in Taninthayi Region, according to the Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producers and Exporters Association (MFVP).

Led by MFVP, the regional durian producers and exporters association is planned to be officially launched on 6 September.

The official formation will be made at Dawei Township Department of Agriculture, and durian growers in the region can attend the ceremony in person or via an online platform, said MFVP.



This image displays durians in a farm.

Durian producers and exporters associations were already formed in Yangon Region, Bago Region, Kayin State, Mon State and Ayeyawady Region. — MT/ZS

Myanmar's Khakaborazi honey popular at home and in China



This photo shows beehives on the rocky cliffs.

THE Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization (MyanTrade) reported that Khakaborazi honey, also known as Kyaukkanpa honey, is in high demand in the Chinese market and commands good prices locally.

It is a herbal honey found in wild beehives on the cliffs near Mount Khakaborazi in PutaO District, Kachin State.

Harvesting the honey is difficult because hunt-

ers must climb high mountains to reach the beehives. This honey is only available once a year, in May and June. Harvesters from Nagmon Village, located near the ice-capped mountain, usually spend about two months travelling on foot for a round trip.

The honey produced after the honeycombing process is sold in PutaO, but it never fetches a good price, resulting in a very low income for the indigenous farmers. After that, the MSME businessmen from Kachin State visited the area, bought the honey collected by all the minorities in bulk, and paid the locals a good price, it stated.

Businesses in Kachin State sell bottled Khakaborazi honey under their own brands, and it is preferred by locals and Chinese buyers due to its medicinal quality.

Available only once a year, Khakaborazi honey is a rare medicinal honey with potential in both local and foreign markets. — Htet Oo Maung/ZN

MRCCI to train youth in motorcycle mechanics

THE Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry (MRCCI) will open motorcycle mechanics training especially for young people affected by the Mandalay Earthquake from 10 am to 4 pm from 8 to 19 September at the Small-Scale Industries Department located on 41st Street between 86th Street and 87th Street in Mandalay.

This training is jointly conducted by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), MRCCI and the Small-Scale Industries Department, aiming to provide vocational education to young people affected by the Earthquake.

The Mandalay Earthquake struck some regions in Myanmar on 28 March 2025, causing significant social and economic disruptions by damaging infra-

structure and property and disrupting essential services. The department worked together with the UMFCCI and MRCCI, and offered motorcycle mechanics training with contributions from well-wishers.

Early registration is advised due to the limited number of trainees. Individuals can submit personally at the MRCCI's temporary office address by 6 September 2025. Interested ones can enquire details through MRCCI's contact numbers at 09 402514678 and 09 4200 89490, and mrcci.mdy@gmail.com. MRCCI and affiliated associations' family members can attend the training free of charge. Non-members need to contribute K30,000 to the Earthquake Reconstruction Fund of the MRCCI, the news and information committee announced. — NN/KK

Myanmar rice export exceeds 1M tonnes in Apr-Aug



Yangon Port bustling with loading and unloading of overseas bound merchant vessels along the Yangon River.

MYANMAR'S rice and broken rice exports hit over one million tonnes in April-August of the current financial year 2025-2026, bagging US\$355 million, according to Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

Myanmar exported over 142,700 tonnes of rice and broken rice worth \$52 million in April, over 529,500 tonnes worth \$91 million in May, over 212,400 tonnes worth \$71 million in June, 230,671 tonnes valued at \$77 million in July and 192,984 tonnes worth \$65 million in August. Rice exports

mainly depend on sea trade, while only small volumes were exported to neighbouring countries via border points.

The federation aims to achieve three million tonnes of rice exports in the current FY.

Myanmar bagged over \$1.129 billion from 2.48 million tonnes of rice and broken rice exports in the financial year 2024-2025 (1 April-31 March). The federation is projected to export 2.5 million tonnes of rice in the FY 2024-2025, falling short of the target.

Ministry of Commerce

is working together with the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association, Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association, Myanmar Industries Association, Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association, Myanmar Fisheries Products Processors and Exporters Association to meet monthly export targets and facilitate exports. — NN/KK

Top websites and web portals to access Military Service Rules

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

CBM to inject US\$30M to fuel oil industry

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 3 September that it would inject US\$30 million into the fuel oil sector.

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

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

CBM sold over \$1.6 million to fuel oil-importing companies and over \$128,000 to fuel oil-importing companies on 1 September through foreign re-



Oil bowsers ready to distribute fuel to regions and states.

serve purchased from the companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis.

Furthermore, CBM injected 800,000 yuan and 300,000

baht into the financial market. CBM also sold over \$24,700 to the CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments. CBM sold over \$1 million, 11 mil-

lion 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 sold \$36.5 million purchased from CMP companies, 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

Foster a Charitable Spirit to shape a peaceful society

INTERNATIONAL Day of Charity symbolizes Mother Teresa, the renowned nun and missionary, who was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in 1910. With her great efforts, she founded the order of Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata in 1950. Although she has passed away, the charitable activities she illuminated continue to shine around the world like guiding lights.

Like the activities of the global icon Mother Teresa, the Myanmar society, comprising people from various ethnic groups, is always keen to make donations and carry out charity activities under the teachings of Buddhism. They never hesitate to participate in charity activities with sympathy for those in need. Generally, the Myanmar people hold charity fairs and feasts on significant days year-round. As acts of charity are in the tradition of ethnic people in Myanmar; they save parts of their income daily to contribute to the charity fairs even though they have hard-to-earn incomes. This clearly reflects their sincere goodwill and charitable intentions.

All human beings, while alive, should support and care for one another, foster a charitable spirit, and strive to create a harmonious society. A community that embraces a charitable spirit will never face poverty, hardship and physical and mental problems. A society free from poverty and suffering will remain peaceful, joyful, and harmonious. Consequently, people will have a brighter future not only for themselves but for their generations and should focus on spreading global generosity and strengthening community support.

The United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development puts ending poverty across all its dimensions at the centre of the global mission. Poverty isn't just a lack of income; it also means hunger, exclusion, unsafe living conditions, and limited access to education or healthcare. Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) requires strong partnerships between governments, civil society, businesses, and charitable organizations working together.

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Adverbs: The Quiet Architects of Clarity and Colour

By Mingalajii

IN the architecture of language, adverbs are the discreet yet decisive elements that lend precision, nuance and rhythm to expression. While nouns name and verbs act, adverbs refine, often operating in the background, shaping meaning without demanding attention.

Lexicographically, the Oxford English Learner's Dictionary defines an *adverb* as "a word that adds more information about place, time, manner, cause or degree to a verb, an adjective, a phrase or another adverb". Grammatically, adverbs function as modifiers: they qualify actions (*run swiftly*), intensify qualities (*extremely cold*), and even comment on entire clauses (*Fortunately, no one was hurt*).

In journalistic writing, where clarity and tone are paramount, adverbs serve as subtle instruments of framing. They may temper a claim (*allegedly*), suggest caution (*reportedly*), or inject urgency (*suddenly*). Their placement and presence can alter the reader's perception, often without overt notice.

This article explores the adverb not merely as a grammatical category, but as a stylistic force – one that shapes narrative, guides interpretation, and, at times, carries ethical weight in reportage. As with previous entries in this series – on verbs, nouns, adjectives and Latinisms – we aim to illuminate the role of the adverb in everyday English, with particular attention to its implications in news writing.

What Adverbs Do - More Than Just Modifiers

In the grammatical hierarchy, adverbs are often relegated to the role of mere modifiers – words that simply add detail to verbs, adjectives or other adverbs. Yet their function is far more expansive. Adverbs are linguistic instruments of precision, capable of shaping not only the action but the atmosphere in which that action unfolds.

At their core, adverbs answer questions such as:

- *How?* – *She spoke clearly.*
- *When?* – *They arrived late.*
- *Where?* – *He looked everywhere.*
- *To what extent?* – *It was extremely difficult.*
- *Why?* – *She left because she was tired.*

They may appear as single words (*gently, often, here*) or as multi-word phrases (*at once, in the meantime, without warning*). Their placement within a sentence is often flexible, though not without consequence; shifting an adverb's position can subtly alter emphasis or rhythm.

Importantly, adverbs do not merely decorate language; they calibrate it. In journalistic writing, this calibration becomes critical. A well-placed adverb can temper a claim, signal uncertainty, or inject urgency. It is this quiet power that makes the adverb indispensable to both grammar and style.

Adverbs as Backgrounders in News Writing

In the newsroom, adverbs often function as **backgrounders** – linguistic devices that provide context, soften assertions, or introduce ambiguity. They are the quiet editors of tone, guiding the reader's interpretation without overt commentary.

- Consider the following examples:
- *Allegedly:* A legal safeguard, used to report claims without asserting their truth.
 - *Reportedly:* A distancing mechanism, indicating that the information comes from a secondary source.
 - *Suddenly:* A dramatic cue, often used to heighten tension or urgency.
 - *Quietly:* Suggests discretion or secrecy, often used in political or corporate reporting.

Editorial Style and the Adverb's Role

Most reputable news organizations maintain style guides that address adverb usage. The BBC, The Guardian and Reuters, for instance, advise caution in using adverbs that imply judgement or emotion. The aim is to preserve



Nuance, Bias and Ethical Implications

While adverbs can clarify, they can also **colour**. A single adverb may introduce subtle bias, even when unintended. Consider the difference between:

- *He responded angrily.*
- *He responded.*

The former implies emotional volatility; the latter remains neutral. Similarly:

- *She bravely spoke out.*
- *She spoke out.*

The adverb *bravely* adds moral weight, potentially influencing the reader's perception of the speaker and the context.

In political reporting, such nuances matter. Adverbs like *allegedly, apparently, or purportedly* are often used to maintain distance from contentious claims. Yet overuse can erode clarity, leaving readers uncertain about what is fact and what is speculation.

Ethically, journalists must balance precision with restraint. The adverb is not a shield for ambiguity, nor a substitute for evidence. It is a stylistic choice that must be wielded with care.

Editorial Style and the Adverb's Role

Most reputable news organizations maintain style guides that address adverb usage. The BBC, The Guardian and Reuters, for instance, advise caution in using adverbs that imply judgement or emotion. The aim is to preserve

objectivity and avoid editorializing.

Excessive adverb use can weaken prose, making it verbose or imprecise. Consider the difference between:

- *He ran quickly.*
- *He sprinted.*

In many cases, a strong verb is preferable to a verb-adverb pairing. Yet adverbs remain essential when nuance is required, especially in complex or developing stories.

Real-World Implications: Adverbs in Action Across Global Newsrooms

While adverbs may seem like grammatical footnotes, their real-world impact in journalism is anything but minor. Across global newsrooms from *The Guardian* to *The New York Times*, *Al Jazeera* to *Reuters*, adverbs are used not only to shape tone but to navigate legal, ethical and emotional terrain.

Case Studies: Headlines and Hidden Meaning

Let us examine a few headlines and dissect the adverbial influence:

1. **“Police allegedly used force during protest”**
 - *Allegedly* introduces legal caution, distancing the outlet from the claim.
2. **“Minister quietly resigns amid controversy”**
 - *Quietly* suggests discretion, possibly implying guilt or strategic retreat.
3. **“Company reportedly plans to lay off workers”**
 - *Reportedly* signals

a legal necessity. Without it, the paper could be seen as making a direct accusation, which could invite litigation. Similarly, *Reuters* often uses *reportedly* when citing unnamed sources in geopolitical coverage. This adverb signals that the information is second-hand, allowing readers to assess credibility while shielding the outlet from claims of misinformation.

Emotional Framing and Public Response

Adverbs also influence how readers emotionally engage with a story. In coverage of humanitarian crises, natural disasters or political upheavals, adverbs like *tragically, suddenly, or quietly* can evoke empathy or urgency.

- During the COVID-19 pandemic, *BBC News* frequently used adverbs such as *rapidly* and *unexpectedly* to describe the virus's spread. These choices shaped public perception of the crisis's volatility and urgency.
- In climate reporting, *The Guardian* has used adverbs like *increasingly* and *alarmingly* to describe environmental degradation. These words do more than inform – they galvanize.

Political Sensitivity and Diplomatic Language

In international reporting, adverbs help navigate cultural and political sensitivities. For instance, *Al Jazeera* often uses *reportedly* and *apparently* when covering contentious issues in regions with restricted press freedom. These adverbs allow the outlet to present information without appearing to take sides.

- In coverage of protests in Myanmar, *The New York Times* used *peacefully* and *violently* to distinguish between different phases of demonstrations. These adverbs were not just descriptive; they were politically charged, influencing how global audiences interpreted the events.

Economic Reporting and Market Sentiment

In financial journalism, ad-

verbs like *slightly, sharply, unexpectedly, and gradually* are used to describe market movements. These choices affect investor sentiment and public understanding.

- For example, *Bloomberg* might report that “stocks fell sharply” versus “stocks fell slightly” – a single adverb changes the perceived severity of the event.
- In coverage of inflation, *The Financial Times* often uses *persistently* or *temporarily* to describe trends, subtly guiding readers' expectations about economic stability.

Scientific Reporting and Uncertainty

In science journalism, adverbs are crucial for expressing degrees of certainty. Words like *possibly, likely, tentatively, and preliminarily* help convey that findings are subject to revision. When *Nature* or *Scientific American* reports on new studies, they often use *tentatively* or *initially* to signal that results are early-stage. This protects against misinterpretation and maintains scientific integrity.

Style Tips for Writers and Editors

For journalists and editors, the following principles may serve as a guide:

- **Use adverbs sparingly:** Prioritize strong verbs and clear nouns.
- **Avoid editorializing:** Refrain from adverbs that imply judgement (*bravely, foolishly, heroically*).
- **Maintain neutrality:** Use adverbs like *allegedly* and *reportedly* with care and attribution.
- **Be mindful of placement:** Adverb position can affect emphasis and tone.
- **Respect regional nuance:** British English adverbs may carry different connotations than American ones.

Closing Reflection: The Power of the Subtle

Adverbs are the quiet architects of language. They do not command attention, yet they shape it. In journalism, where

every word carries weight, the adverb is both a tool and a responsibility. It can clarify or confuse, guide or mislead, depending on its use.

As we continue to explore the English language through this series, let us not overlook the subtle. For it is often in the quiet corners of grammar that the greatest influence resides.

“Language is not merely what we say – it is how we say it. And in that ‘how’, the adverb reigns”.

Endnote

This article is part of an ongoing series on the English language, written with a view to supporting adult learners, particularly those engaged in self-study. The approach adopted here is intended to be good for everyone: accessible, practical and rooted in real-world usage. Language learning, especially for adults, need not be arduous or exclusive. It can be pursued through simple yet effective means, drawn from everyday reading, listening and reflection.

As the writer behind Mingalajii – a name that carries the spirit of great blessing – I do not claim to be an authority, but rather a fellow traveller. My aim is not to instruct, but to facilitate; not to lead, but to accompany. In sharing these insights, I hope to assist peer learners in their own journeys, offering guidance where needed and encouragement throughout.

Language is not merely a tool; it is a bridge. And every learner, regardless of age or background, deserves the chance to cross it with confidence.

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NATIONAL



The third nationwide ‘Thabin’ Veterans Honouring Ceremony” underway in the previous year.

MTA to honour 1,000+ veteran artistes at 4th national ceremony

THE Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central) will hold the fourth nationwide respect-paying ceremony for veteran theatre practitioners on 18 September.

At this year’s ceremony, which marks the fourth occasion of its kind, veteran theatre practitioners aged 75 and above will be honoured.

Speaking at the event, U Nay Win, Secretary of the Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central), said, “Our association covers a wide range of performing arts. Thabin (theatre) includes drama, Anyeint (non-dramatic performances by female dancers and comedians), marionette theatre, circus acts, and magic shows. Across the country, there are

over 1,000 veteran theatre practitioners aged 75 and above. Each will be presented with offerings worth K100,000.”

The nationwide respect-paying ceremony for veteran theatre practitioners could not be held in 2024, but this year it will be organized for the fourth time. The ceremony will take place at the new office of the Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central), located at the corner of Insein Railway Station Road and Lanthit Road in Insein Township, Yangon Region. A temporary theatre will be built at the site, and vibrant theatrical performances will also be staged there. — ASH/KNN

Special EPS-TOPIK exam set for Oct



Myanmar workers are seen at the airport before the departure in the previous year.

SPECIAL EPS-TOPIK 2025 has been scheduled to be held in October, said the Department of Labour, the Public Overseas Employment Agency.

It is the Ubiquitous Based Test (UBT) test and is designed for Myanmar workers who officially worked in the Republic of Korea for at least three years in accordance with the employment contract and returned after 1 January 2010, and they can go back to work by the test result. Only those who passed the exam are eligible to proceed with the submission of a job application under the overseas recruitment system.

Online application can be submitted on 22 and 23 September, and registration fee can be paid on 24 and 25 September. The exam timetable will be announced on 13 October, and the exam will take place on 22 and 24 October. Exam results will be released on 31 October.

Eligible candidates must be between 18 and 39 years old, have no criminal record, never been prohibited from leaving the mother country, never been exiled from the Republic of Korea and be in good health. Those who lived in the Republic

of Korea for more than five years under an E-9 or E-10 visa are ineligible.

The exam application must be submitted with the candidate's consent, and any dishonest act is not allowed in the exam room. If a candidate is caught cheating, they will face a four-year ban from exams. Name, date of birth and passport number on the exam form must be the same as the passport's data. If they do not match, the candidate won't be included in the final exam results and won't be allowed to work.

There are workers who illegally left from the airport or the workplace and overstayed after the employment contract expired, affecting the bilateral agreement, and even suspension may happen. In order to prevent these cases, workers will have to deposit K1.5 million as an initial payment for a guarantee into the Department of Labour account at Myanmar Economic Bank 5 and make a K3-million contract before leaving Myanmar. If there is a breach of the employment contract, the initial payment will be lost, and the rest K1.5 million shall be compensated by two guarantors. — MT/ZS

U Nu Daw Mya Yi Foundation to provide free prosthetics in Oct

THE U Nu Daw Mya Yi Foundation will provide prosthetic limbs free of charge, according to the foundation.

The free prosthetic care is scheduled in the first week of October 2025, it announced.

In addition to those who require prosthetic limbs, the foundation will take care of its previous customers who want to change the device size or repair damaged parts.

Those who want to install a prosthetic limb free of charge may con-



Those who are going to receive free prosthetic limbs undergo medical examination.

tact U Soe Lwin at 09 798467012, U Boe Mingalar at 09 421078666, or Ma May Chan Myae Aung at 09 783953510 during office hours.

As the notice for free

installation of prosthetic limbs was found to be drawing much attention, the foundation requested the informed persons to share this charity information. — MT/ZN

ShweStream to air Myanmar film series ‘Wandwin Kaway Maung Moe Swe’

THE television series ‘Wandwin Kaway Maung Moe Swe’ will premiere on 5 September, according to actress Mya Yar, who plays one of the leading roles in the production.

The story of ‘Wandwin Kaway Maung Moe Swe’ was written by Maung Paing (Pale), with the screenplay by Hla Win (A1), and directed by Htet Kyaw under Htet Film and Video Production.

Speaking about her role, actress Mya Yar said, “In this series, I play the character Kalya, who deeply dislikes black magicians. My mother died

because of one of these masters, so I have always harboured intense hatred towards them. Fate, however, brings me into contact with Moe Swe, who was born with innate black magic powers. The drama then unfolds around what happens when we meet. It’s a very engaging story. Since it will be released soon, I would love for audiences to watch it and share their feedback.”

The cast includes Henry San, Zarti, Mya Yar, Aye Thandar Bo, Min Thu, Zaw Win Naing (Mann), Zaw Hmine and many others. — ASH/MKKS

Argentine police recover Nazi-looted painting spotted in property ad

Art expert Ariel Bassano confirmed the piece is in good condition for its age, dating back to 1710, and estimated its value at around \$50,000.

ARGENTINE authorities recovered an 18th century painting stolen by Nazis from a Dutch Jewish art collector over a week after it appeared in a property ad only to suddenly vanish.

The “Portrait of a Lady” by Italian baroque painter Giuseppe

Ghislandi was missing for eight decades before being photographed hanging in the home of the daughter of a senior SS officer, who fled to Argentina after World War II.

Prosecutors said Wednesday that the woman’s lawyer returned

the work after a major hunt for it that made headlines worldwide.

Showing off the piece, art expert Ariel Bassano told reporters it was “in good condition for its age, as it dates from 1710”.

He was quoted by the local La Capital Mar del Plata news-



Art expert Ariel Bassano with the Nazi-looted ‘Portrait of a Lady’ after it was retrieved by Argentine authorities from the daughter of an SS officer in the resort of Mar del Plata. **PHOTO: AFP**

paper as valuing it at “around \$50,000”. The painting was recognized last week by the Dutch newspaper AD in photographs of a house for sale in the seaside resort of Mar del Plata. — AFP

From novelist to influencer: the many sides to Albert Camus



Camus is quoted in rap lyrics and on social media. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

THE premiere of “The Outsider” at the Venice Film Festival highlights Albert Camus’s enduring influence as a Nobel Prize-winning French author.

His novel, famous for the opening line “Mother died today. Or, maybe, yesterday; I can’t be sure,” explores existential themes and remains widely

read, translated into nearly 70 languages. Camus’s work continues to inspire contemporary audiences through adaptations, social media trends, and musicians across genres.

Politically, Camus was a libertarian who rejected totalitarianism and distanced himself from organized parties, famously breaking with Jean-Paul Sartre.

He was also a passionate abolitionist, campaigning against the death penalty, influencing later French legal reforms. Despite a reserved public image, Camus was a romantic figure, maintaining a long affair with actress Maria Casares and expressing a deep love for football, which shaped his moral views. — AFP

Vogue appoints Chloe Malle to replace fashion doyenne Wintour

CHLOE Malle has been named the new editor of Vogue, succeeding Anna Wintour after more than 40 years at the helm. The announcement ends months of speculation following Wintour’s June decision to step down as editor, though she will remain Vogue’s global

editorial director and Conde Nast’s global chief content officer.

Malle, currently editor of Vogue.com and co-host of the magazine’s podcast, The Run-Through, will lead the creative and editorial direction of Vogue, reporting directly to Wintour.

Daughter of actor Candace Bergen and director Louis Malle, Chloe described herself as a “proud nepo baby” in a New York Times interview. Interestingly, Bergen once portrayed the head of Vogue on the sitcom “Sex and the City”. — AFP

This simple diet could help protect memory, even with Alzheimer’s genes: Study

A new study led by investigators from Mass General Brigham, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, and the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard suggests that a Mediterranean-style diet may help reduce dementia risk.

The study, published in Nature Medicine, found that people at the highest genetic risk for Alzheimer’s disease benefited more from following a Mediterranean-style diet, showing a greater reduction in dementia risk compared to those at lower

genetic risk.

“One reason we wanted to study the Mediterranean diet is because it is the only dietary pattern that has been causally linked to cognitive benefits in a randomized trial,” said study first author Yuxi Liu, PhD, a research fellow in the Department of Medicine at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, a founding member of the Mass General Brigham healthcare system, and a post-doctoral fellow at the Harvard Chan School and Broad. — ANI

England moves to ban sale of energy drinks to children

HIGH-CAFFEINE energy drinks such as Red Bull will be banned for sale to youths under 16 in England under plans announced by the government on Wednesday.

“By preventing shops from selling these drinks to kids, we’re helping build the foundations for healthier and happier generations to come,” health minister Wes Streeting said in a statement.

Up to a third of 13- to 16-year-olds in England are believed to consume energy drinks — some of which contain more caffeine than two cups of coffee — despite

most supermarkets having introduced a voluntary ban, according to the government.

“How can we expect children to do well at school if they have the equivalent of a double espresso in their system on a daily basis?” Streeting said.

“We’re acting on the concerns of parents and teachers and tackling the root causes of poor health and educational attainment head on,” he added.

A 12-week consultation will now gather evidence from experts, the public, and retailers and manufacturers. — AFP

ECONOMY
WORLD

S Korea logs current account surplus
for 27th month in July



Illustrative: The strong demand for locally-made cars, alongside semiconductors, has helped South Korea maintain a current account surplus for 27 consecutive months as of July. **PHOTO: PIXABAY**

The current account surplus stood at \$10.78 billion, the highest July figure on record, though lower than June's \$14.27 billion.

SOUTH Korea logged current account surplus for the 27th successive month in July due to strong demand for locally-made semiconductors and cars, central bank data showed Thursday. Current account balance, the broadest measure of cross-border trade, recorded a surplus of US\$10.78 billion in July, staying in black since May 2023.

The surplus was down from \$14.27 billion in the previous month, but it marked the high-

est July figure. Trade surplus for goods came to \$10.27 billion in July, lower than \$13.16 billion in the previous month. Service account deficit stood at \$2.14 billion in July, improving from a deficit of \$2.53 billion in June. Primary income account, which includes monthly salary and investment income, registered a surplus of \$2.95 billion on solid dividend income from foreign stock investment. — Xinhua

Cambodia approves investment projects worth US\$7.2 bln in 8 months

CAMBODIA attracted a fixed-asset investment of US\$7.2 billion in the first eight months of 2025, a year-on-year increase of 50 per cent, the Council for the Development of Cambodia (CDC) said in a report on Thursday. The Southeast Asian country approved 491 investment projects during the January-August period, up from 287 projects over

the same period last year, generating around 339,000 jobs, the CDC said. The projects have mainly focused on manufacturing, infrastructure, agriculture and agro-industry, and tourism, the report said. China remained the top foreign investor in the kingdom, accounting for 52.82 per cent of the total investment. — Xinhua

Trump admin asks Supreme Court for 'expedited' ruling on tariffs

PRESIDENT Donald Trump's administration asked the US Supreme Court on Wednesday for an expedited ruling preserving the tariffs that have roiled global markets, saying a lower court ruling against it has already damaged trade negotiations. Solicitor General John

Sauer urged the court in a filing to "expedite resolution of this case to the maximum extent feasible, given the enormous importance of quickly confirming the full legal standing of the President's tariffs". The petition comes after a 7-4 ruling by the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit,

which found that Trump exceeded his authority in tapping emergency economic powers to impose wide-ranging duties. The judges, however, allowed the levies to stay in place through mid-October, giving Trump time to take the fight to the Supreme Court. — AFP



Port of Los Angeles, California: APM Terminals manages Pier 400, the largest container terminal in the Western Hemisphere, covering over 507 acres with world-class infrastructure. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Nippon Steel ends litigation over buyout of US Steel

NIPPON Steel Corp said Thursday it has withdrawn its lawsuit filed against rival US steelmaker Cleveland-Cliffs Inc and others, putting an end to all US litigation launched to prevent its plan to purchase United States Steel Corp from being blocked. Japan's largest steelmaker, which finalized the buyout of the iconic American steelmaker in June, said the lawsuit against Cleveland-Cliffs, its CEO Louren-

co Goncalves and United Steelworkers union leader David McCall, who all had been opposed to the \$14.1 billion purchase plan, has been dropped. The union has also taken back its charge filed with the United States' National Labor Relations Board against US Steel, claiming that the company imposed unfair labour practices on its members, Nippon Steel said. — Kyodo

Honda to release hybrid version of Prelude, 1st model in 24 years

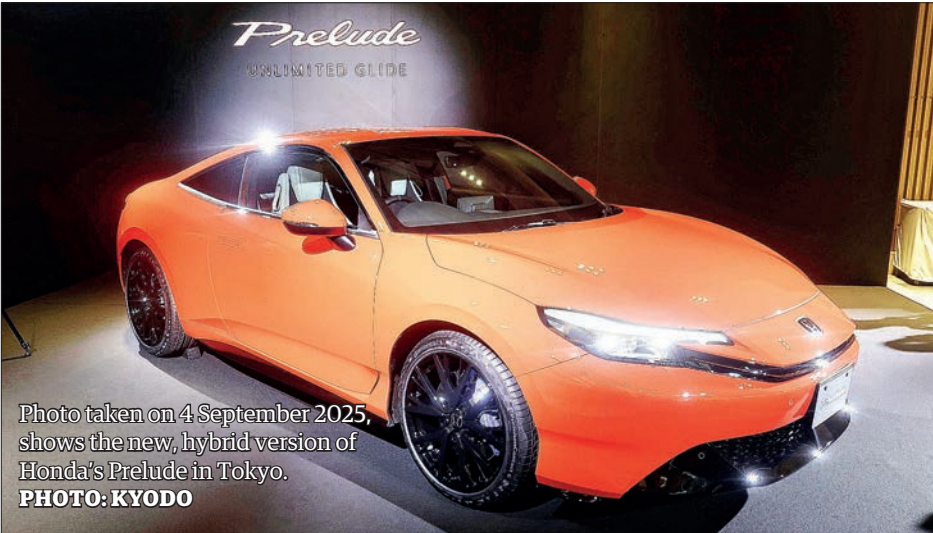
HONDA Motor Co will release on Friday a new, hybrid version of the Prelude as the coupe returns to the market after a 24-year hiatus.

The automaker said Thursday the design of the sixth-generation Prelude, which will be introduced in North America late this year and in Europe in the first half of 2026, was inspired by “the image of gliders soaring freely and boundlessly through the

open sky”, with the driver’s seat made “suitable for sporty driving”.

“This model will play a significant role in the four-wheel automobile strategy going forward,” Honda’s Chief Officer for Automobile Operations Katsuhi Inoue said at a press conference in Tokyo.

The two-door, four-seater sports car’s suggested price is 6,179,800 million yen (\$41,680), Honda said.



First launched in 1978, the Prelude was popular for its stylish exterior throughout the 1980s and 1990s, selling a cumulative total of 490,000 units in Japan.

Amid slowing demand for electric vehicles in many countries, Honda has been reviewing its electrification strategy and stressing hybrid cars, a strong point of Honda and other Japanese automakers. — Kyodo

Berlusconi media group takes control of German broadcaster

ITALY’S MediaForEurope (MFE) announced Thursday it had taken control

of one of Germany’s biggest private broadcasting groups, as it seeks



MFE is led by Pier Silvio Berlusconi, son of the late media tycoon and Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi.
PHOTO: AFP/FILE

to build a pan-European group able to compete with streaming giants.

MFE, the biggest commercial television network in Italy which is majority-owned by the Berlusconi family, secured more than 75 per cent of shares in the German company through a takeover offer.

ProSieben, which has 15 television channels, had recommended its shareholders accept MFE’s offer, which values the company at nearly 1.9 billion euros (\$2.2 billion). — AFP

Ryanair slashes winter seats in Spain over airport fees

IRISH budget airline Ryanair on Wednesday said it would slash more than one million winter seats in Spain over “excessive airport fees”, sparking “extor-

tion” accusations from the national airport operator.

The row is the latest clash in an ongoing spat between the carrier and Spanish authorities that

erupted last year after the leftist government fined Ryanair 107.8 million euros for “abusive practices” such as charging for hand luggage. — AFP

DISTRIBUTER CHANGING

The manufacture of **Tonghua Pesticide Chemical Industry Stock Co.,Ltd** have registered the following product in Pesticide Registration Board of Myanmar to distribute in Myanmar. Now, we have to change from old distributor name “**Zabu Htate Tan Myanmar Group Co.,Ltd**”, to new distributor name “**Myanmar Max Agro Service Co.,Ltd**”. If any object or enquiry, please contact to Pesticide registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayint Naung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon, from here to next 14 days. Myanmar Max Agro Service Co.,Ltd. Ph-09401573814

Sr.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration No.
1.	TH-Aung Myin 30 EC	Difenoconazole 15% + Propiconazole 15% EC	P2020-4779

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SITC HAIPHONG VOY.NO. (2520S)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SITC HAIPHONG VOY.NO. (2520S)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **5-9-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S SITC CONTAINER LINE CO., LTD

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MCL 4 VOY. NO. (22N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **5-9-2025** 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: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S MAWLAMYINE CENTURY LOGISTICS COMPANY LIMITED

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S CMA-CGM SHIPPING LINE PTE LTD

ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Laos exploring accession to BRICS: Prime Minister

Speaking at the Russia-Laos Business Dialogue during the Eastern Economic Forum (EEF), Prime Minister Sonexay Siphandone noted BRICS' strong economic growth and global influence.



Participants gather at the venue of the 17th BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This year's summit will be held on 6-7 July, under the motto "Strengthening Global South Cooperation for More Inclusive and Sustainable Governance". **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

LAOS is interested in joining BRICS and is currently looking into the matter; Prime Minister of Laos Sonexay Siphandone said on Thursday. "We are interested in becoming a BRICS member. And we are currently in the process of studying this issue," the prime minister said at the Russia-Laos Business Dialogue at the Eastern Eco-

nomics Forum (EEF). BRICS countries are showing significant results in economic growth and influence on global economic development, the prime minister added. BRICS is an intergovernmental association created in 2006. In addition to Russia, Brazil, India, China, and South Africa, it now in-

cludes Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Indonesia and the United Arab Emirates. Malaysia, along with Belarus, Bolivia, Kazakhstan, Thailand, Cuba, Uganda, Nigeria, Uzbekistan and Vietnam are BRICS partner countries since 1 January 2025. The 10th edition of the EEF is taking place in Vladivostok from 3-6 September. — SPUTNIK

Coin sets celebrating 40th anniversary of "Dragon Ball" to go on sale

THE Japan Mint said Thursday it will issue two kinds of commemorative coin sets to mark the 40th anniversary of the hugely popular manga series "Dragon Ball". The so-called proof coin set, with a silver medal featuring the design of series protagonist Goku in his child form, as well as a special leather case, will sell for 16,500 yen (\$110) with 25,000 units available. The second coin set, meanwhile, featuring a red

copper medal with a design of Goku in his adult form, will sell for 3,100 yen, with 60,000 units available. The mint will also issue coin sets featuring designs from the "Choju jinbutsu giga," or Scrolls of Frolicking Animals, a set of four scrolls from the 12th and 13th centuries recognized as national treasures. A set based on the first volume will go on sale initially, while the rest are planned for release at later dates. — Kyodo

Aussie govt reaches record settlement with victims of illegal debt collection scheme

THE Australian government has agreed to pay a record-breaking class action settlement to victims of an illegal government debt collection scheme. Michelle Rowland, Australia's Attorney-General, on Thursday announced that the government has reached an agreement to pay A\$475 million (\$310.5 million) in compensation for harm caused to victims of the "illegal and immoral" Robodebt scheme. Launched in 2015, the automated scheme used data matching algorithms to recover welfare debts from people the government claimed had cheated

the system. A landmark royal commission in 2023 found that the government wrongfully raised A\$1.7 billion in debts against 433,000 people under the scheme, A\$751 million of which was recovered from 381,000 people before it was declared unlawful by the Federal Court in 2019. The former federal government in 2020 agreed to a settlement package worth A\$1.8 billion, which included wiping all debts and refunding payments that had been recovered with interest, but did not provide compensation for the suffering of victims. — Xinhua

Israel rejects Hamas ceasefire offer, vows to press on with Gaza City offensive

ISRAEL on Wednesday rejected Hamas' proposal for reaching a comprehensive ceasefire deal in Gaza to end the war, saying its army will continue to prepare for a major attack on Gaza City. In a press statement released on Wednesday, Hamas reiterated its willingness to reach a "comprehensive deal" under which Israeli hostages in Gaza

would be released in exchange for an agreed number of Palestinian prisoners held in Israel. According to Hamas, the deal would also include a permanent ceasefire, the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza, the reopening of border crossings to allow the delivery of humanitarian aid and essential supplies, and the start of reconstruction

efforts. Hamas also voiced support for the establishment of an independent national administration composed of technocrats to take immediate responsibility for managing Gaza's civil affairs. In response, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu dismissed the statement as "a spin". — Xinhua



An Israeli army tank rolls in the Gaza Strip along the separation fence on the border with southern Israel, on 3 September 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

SPORTS



PHOTO: ONE CHAMPIONSHIP

Aung La N Sang to feature in ONE Fight Night 36

VETERAN Myanmar fighter Aung La N Sang will feature in ONE Fight Night 36 scheduled for the morning of 4 October Myanmar Standard Time.

In what is expected to be his final fight, the 40-year-old will face Swedish opponent Kittstan. Although Aung La N Sang initially planned to retire after his bout with Turkish fighter Erdogan in February this year, he decided to take on one more challenge before stepping away from competition.

ONE Championship has arranged this farewell bout in Thailand, where he enjoys a large following. Aung La N Sang has fought under the ONE banner for over a decade, holding both the middleweight and light heavyweight world titles.

He reigned as middleweight champion from June 2017 to October 2020 and as light heavyweight champion from February 2018 to April 2021, marking the most successful period of his career. After relinquishing both belts, he contested seven middleweight bouts in pursuit of regaining a title but fell short.

ONE Fight Night 36, mainly targeting US audiences, will be held in Thailand at 6:30 am MST on 4 October (9 pm US Eastern Time on 3 October), featuring several world-class fighters. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

Myanmar kabaddi team heads to Malaysia for SEA Games pre-tournament study

THE Myanmar Kabaddi Federation official departed from Yangon International Airport yesterday afternoon for Malaysia to study the XXXIII SEA Games kabaddi pre-tournament and to hold discussions on the development of Myanmar’s kabaddi sport.

The delegation led by President U Kyaw Naing and vice-chairpersons of the Myanmar Kabaddi Federation will attend the Southeast Asian Kabaddi Federation meeting to be held in Penang, Malaysia, on 5 and 6 September. The meeting will discuss the inclusion of kabaddi as a new competition category in the XXXIII Southeast Asian Games, where Myanmar aims to participate and achieve success. The delegation will also observe the kabaddi pre-tournament.



The Myanmar kabaddi team members are seen before the departure to Malaysia.

Myanmar kabaddi teams will take part in the XXXIII SEA Games in the men’s triple, quadruple, and quintuple events. — Arkar Linn/KZL

Sinner powers into US Open semis, Anisimova gains Swiatek revenge



Jannik Sinner improved his record against Italian players to 16-0 with victory over Lorenzo Musetti. PHOTO: AFP

REIGNING champion Jannik Sinner marched into the US Open quarterfinals Wednesday as Amanda Anisimova avenged her Wimbledon thrashing by Iga Swiatek to set up a last-four

clash with Naomi Osaka. World number one Sinner swept aside 10th seed Musetti 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 in the first all-Italian men's quarterfinal in Grand Slam history. "It was a great performance, very solid. I started the match very well," said Sinner, who faces Canadian 25th seed Felix Auger-Aliassime in the semifinals on Friday. Auger-Aliassime has won two of three previous meetings but Sinner thrashed him for the loss of just two games in Cincinnati last month. "Every player who is in the semis of a Grand Slam can say they're playing their best tennis," added Sinner. The 24-year-old Sinner also tied Nicola Pietrangeli for the most Grand Slams win by an Italian man with his 86th victory. Auger-Aliassime overcame Alex de Minaur in a four-set battle lasting over four hours to reach his second US Open semifinal. The 25-year-old Auger-Aliassime is back in the last four of a Grand Slam for the first time since the 2021 US Open after beating eighth seed De Minaur 4-6, 7-6 (9/7), 7-5, 7-6 (7/4). — AFP

'Biggest' Women's Asian Cup can help drive change, says top official

NEXT year's Women's Asian Cup can help break down barriers for women in the region, a lead organizer told AFP, saying it will be the biggest tournament in its history. Australia will host the 12-team competition on 1-21 March, having successfully staged the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2023 along with New Zealand. That competition broke records on and off the pitch while women's football has boomed in Europe, with this

summer's continental championships in Switzerland played out to unprecedented crowds. Sarah Walsh, an Australian former international player and now chief operating officer of the local organizing committee for next year's tournament, admitted that Asia is playing catch-up in that respect. Some countries in the region are lagging when it comes to gender equality in society, but football can play a part. — AFP

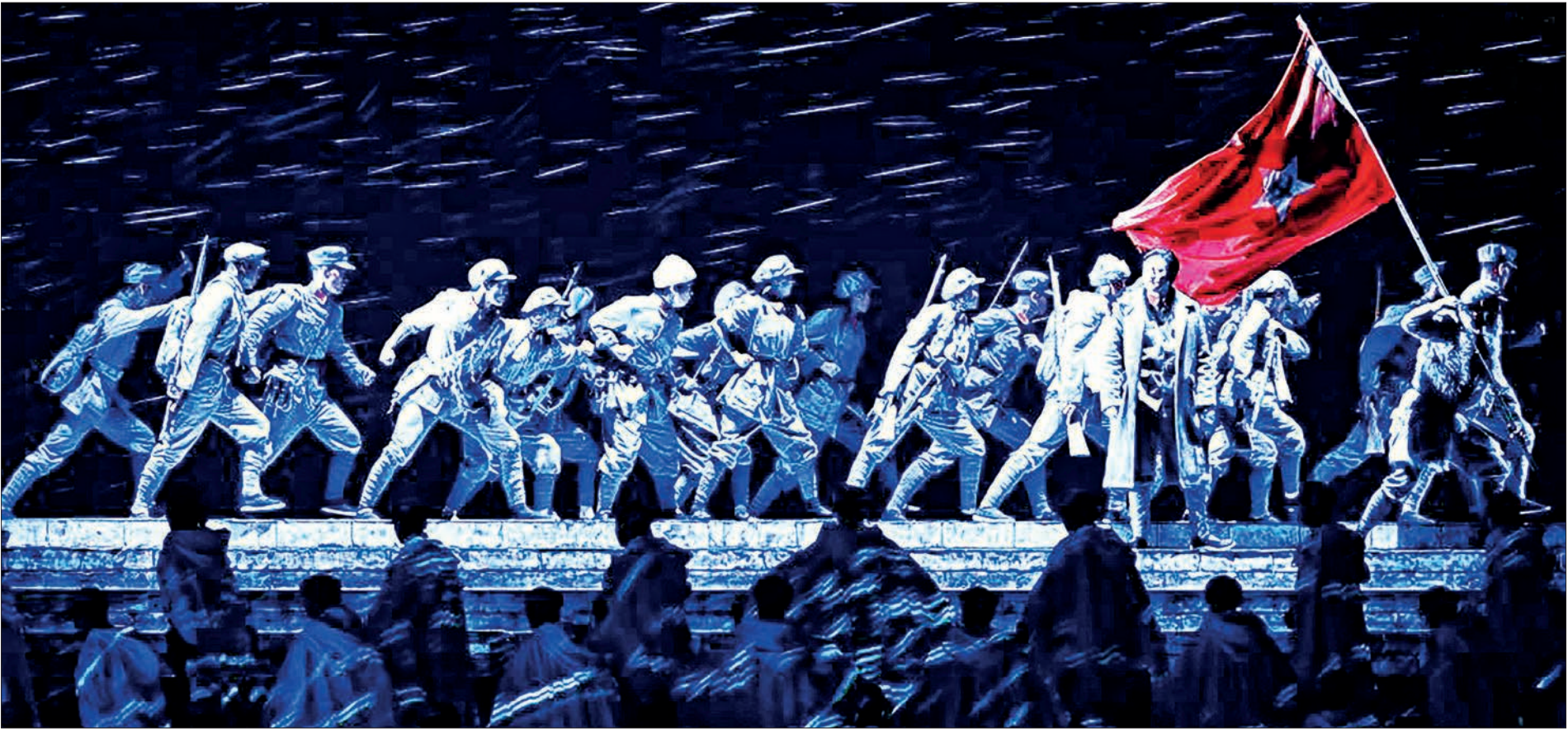


The Women's Asian Cup trophy ahead of the draw in Sydney. PHOTO: AFP



China stages cultural gala for V-Day commemoration

The gala, themed “Justice Prevails”, recounted the epic history of China’s resistance against Japanese aggression, emphasized the Communist Party of China’s central role in the struggle, celebrated the heroic spirit of the Chinese people, and highlighted the nation’s resilience and standing among the world’s countries.



A grand cultural gala with the theme of “Justice Prevails” is staged to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese People’s War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, 3 September 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

ABOUT 6,000 people on Wednesday evening watched a grand cultural gala staged to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the victory of the Chinese People’s War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War.

Joining the crowd at the Great Hall of the People were Party and state leaders Xi Jinping, Li Qiang, Zhao Leji, Wang Huning, Cai Qi, Ding Xuexiang, Li Xi, and Han Zheng. Before the show started, Xi and other leaders shook hands with war veterans.

With the theme of “Justice Prevails”, the gala reviewed the epic history of the Chinese People’s War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, highlighted the role of the Communist Party of China as the pillar of the re-

sistance, resounded with the heroic theme of the Chinese people’s fight against aggression, and showcased the indomitable spirit of the Chinese nation standing tall among the nations of the world. — Xinhua



Train operation starting on the Yandyki-Olya railroad stretch, crossing the Astrakhan Region. It is part of the North-South transnational transport corridor, which will link Russia with Iran, India and Southeast Asia. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

Final stretch of North-South global trade route nears completion

RUSSIA and Iran are finalizing the design of the last component of the International North-South Transport Corridor’s western route — the Rasht-Astara railway.

There are three key elements of this plan that the Iranian side has to work out, Russia’s Minister of Transport Andrey Nikitin told media on the sidelines of the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok:

- Buyout of the land where the rail will be built.
 - A bill making the project exempt from all taxes and welfare payments
 - Resolving all matters related to interbank operations
- All three aspects are currently being resolved and the Iranian side has confirmed its interest in completing this project, Nikitin remarked.

The minister also suggested that construction may begin by the end of the year.

The International North-South Transport Corridor is a 7,200-kilometre long multimodal trade route for moving freight between Europe and Asia.

The route, consisting of railways, sea lanes and roads, runs from Russia to India via Iran and Azerbaijan. — SPUTNIK