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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.

Myanmar, Sichuan Province to cooperate in agriculture, livestock and industrial sectors

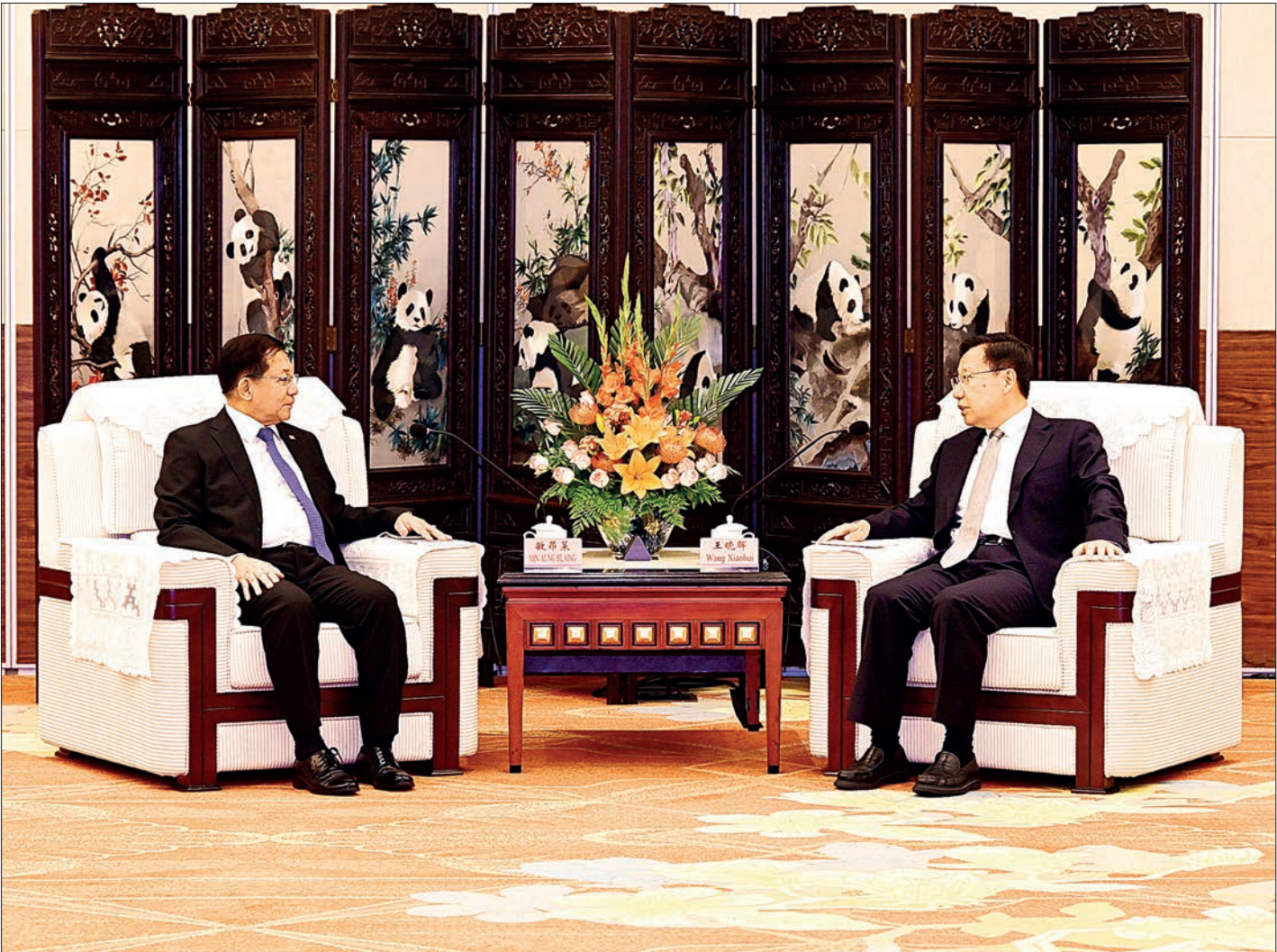
ACTING President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is currently in Chengdu, Sichuan Province of the People’s Republic of China during his working visit, held a meeting with Mr Wang Xiaohui, Secretary of Sichuan Provincial Committee of the Communist Party of China at the Jin Jiang Hotel at 6 pm Chinese standard time yesterday.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed the improvement of friendship and cooperation between the two countries, and measures to promote trade and cooperation between Sichuan Province and Myanmar.

They also frankly exchanged views on sending of aid teams by Sichuan Province to Myanmar at a time when the devastating Mandalay earthquake caused loss and damage, and cooperation in agriculture, livestock and industrial sectors between Sichuan Province and Myanmar.

Also, present at the meeting 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.

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Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Mr Wang Xiaohui, Secretary of the Sichuan Provincial Committee of the Communist Party of 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.

Steel testing labs to be set up in Yangon, Mandalay, Sagaing, and Nay Pyi Taw



This image displays lab equipment for steel analysis.

THE Ministry of Industry will set up the new labs to test steels used in construction businesses in Yangon, Mandalay, Sagaing, and Nay Pyi Taw, according to No 1 Heavy Industries Enterprise under

the Ministry of Industry. “Steel policy has been announced to ensure the steel quality and standard to be utilized in the reconstruction of the buildings destroyed by the Mandalay Earthquake. The in-

ternationally accredited labs for steel analysis will be developed at the respective industrial zone in order to test steel quality in line with that policy. Steel testing will be undertaken by classifying two categories: domestically manufactured and imported steel,” said U Min Thu, Managing Director of the No 1 Heavy Industries Enterprise.

Additionally, raising awareness of steel standards will be undertaken, especially for manufacturers and importers.

Following testing at the laboratories, test certificates will be issued for domestically produced steel and imported steel. — ASH/KK

Rescue & relief operations ongoing for quake-hit communities

UP till 5 September, the death toll rose to 3,815, with 5,104 people injured and five still missing across six regions and states of Myanmar that were severely affected by the powerful earthquake which struck on 28 March.

Members of the Myanmar Fire Brigade, along with local and international search and rescue teams, have been continuously conducting timely operations in the affected areas. To date, 653 survivors have been rescued from collapsed buildings, and the bodies of 878 deceased individuals have been recovered.

Further announcements will be made regarding ongoing donations of cash and relief items from generous donors both locally and abroad to support those affected by the disaster. — MNA/MKKS

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 4 pm Friday 5 September 2025)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.
FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF 6 September 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Region and Mon State, fairly widespread in Yangon, and Ayeyawady Regions and Kayin, southern Shan States, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, and Bago Regions and Kachin, Rakhine, and eastern Shan States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.
THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Bago, Sagaing, Ayeyawady, and Tanin-

thayi regions, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine, and 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: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 6-8 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.
OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increase of rain in Taninthayi Region.
FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 6 September 2025: Isolated

rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.
FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 6 September 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.
FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 6 September 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.
WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay Region and fairly widespread in Yangon Region. — DMH

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)

Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing tours Beidahaung Smart Agriculture Exhibition Centre, Heilongjiang Huida Technology Co Ltd

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 Harbin Heilongjiang Province of the People's Republic of China during his working visit, accompanied by Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo and delegation members, visited the Beidahaung Smart Agriculture Exhibition Centre at 8:30 am Chinese standard time yesterday.

They were welcomed by officials from the Beidahaung Smart Agriculture Exhibition Centre.

They watched a documentary video clip on the working process of the company in the centre. They also viewed round the scale model of farming process, agricultural activities on ploughing, cultivation and harvesting with the use of AI system-applied machinery and modern digital technology, broadcasting of fertilizers, pesticides and seeds on the cultivable lands with the use of AI system-applied drones, manufacturing of value-added finished products with the use of raw materials from agriculture and livestock



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views around the Beidahaung Smart Agriculture Exhibition Centre yesterday.

farms and sales of products, and modern agricultural machinery manufactured by Beidahaung Smart Agriculture.

At the Data Centre, they also observed the undertaking of agricultural activities and water supply measures with the use of

AI system-applied paddy transplanting machines and drones. The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar asked about some topics.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic

of the Union of Myanmar and an official from Beidahaung Smart Agriculture Exhibition Centre exchanged gifts.

When they arrived at Heilongjiang Huida Technology Co Ltd, an official explained the efforts of the company in

operating advanced agricultural tasks, designing unmanned vehicles and machinery, the production and use of agricultural drones, and the manufacturing of AI system-applied land survey equipment.

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Myanmar, Sichuan Province to cooperate ...



The Acting President and SSPC Chairman shake hands with the Secretary of the Sichuan Provincial Committee of the CPC.

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The Secretary of the CPC Sichuan Provincial Committee was accompanied by cabinet members of Sichuan Province, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia and officials.

After the meeting, the Sec-

retary of the Sichuan Provincial Committee of the Communist Party of China hosted a dinner in honour of the high-level Myanmar delegation led by the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. — MNA/TTA

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Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing tours Beidahaung Smart ...

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The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar asked about some points for products.

Afterwards, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and a company official exchanged gifts.

The high-level Myanmar

delegation led by the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar left Taiping International Airport in Harbin for Chengdu of Sichuan Province, in the afternoon. They were seen off at the airport by a person at the rank of Deputy Minister from the Heilongjiang Provincial government and officials.

On arrival at Changdu Shuangliu International Airport in Changdu in the evening, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and party were welcomed by a person at the rank of Deputy Minister from the Sichuan Provincial government and party. — MNA/TTA



Acting President and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing is pictured during his observation tours in Heilongjiang Province.

CBM reports anti-money laundering progress at APJG meeting in Macao

THE Asia Pacific Joint Group (APJG) face-to-face meeting on Myanmar's progress report regarding anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing was held on 3 and 4 September in the Macao Special Administrative Region, China. Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) Governor Daw Than Than Swe led the Myanmar delegation at the meeting.

APJG co-chairs, representatives from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) Secretariat, and APJG assessors attended



CBM Chair Daw Than Than Swe and Myanmar delegates are seen during the Asia Pacific Joint Group face-to-face meeting in the Macao Special Administrative Region, China.

the discussions. The Myanmar delegation presented immediate outcomes already implemented in line with recommendations from APJG assessors, providing a comprehensive update on the country's compliance efforts. Assessors then raised further queries on specific outcomes, which the delegation addressed in detail.

Discussions covered how Myanmar's law enforcement agencies are using intelligence from the Financial Intelligence Unit in investigations, prosecutions, and concurrent financial investigations in ongoing cas-

es. Cooperation on cross-border money laundering cases, the confiscation and management of criminal proceeds, instrumentalities, and equivalent-value assets, as well as measures to preserve asset value until confiscation, were also explained.

The meeting further reviewed Myanmar's legal framework improvements to align with FATF standards, ongoing legislative amendments, and next steps to strengthen implementation. Participants also discussed recognition of Myanmar's efforts and the potential upgrading of its rating status. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

Compulsory KG+9 education launched to build skilled and knowledgeable workforce

THE fundamental requirement for a country’s development is an abundance of educated individuals. Therefore, to cultivate a skilled and knowledgeable workforce, a compulsory education system has been implemented, requiring everyone to complete at least KG+9. Upon successfully completing KG+9, students may enrol in basic education, agricultural, or industrial high schools. Those who meet the specified qualifications can pursue further education at relevant universities and colleges.

(An excerpt from message sent by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to the ceremony to mark the 77th Anniversary of Independence Day which falls on 4 January 2025)

Information Ministry strengthens media ties across South and Southeast Asia: UM

THE opening ceremony of the South and Southeast Asian Media Network (SSAMN) Annual Meeting took place at the Shangri-La JEN Hotel in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China, yesterday.

Ms Zeng Yang, Member of the Party Standing Committee of Yunnan Province and Information Minister of the Yunnan Provincial Government, Myanmar Information Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn-led delegation, and other representatives from China, Cambodia, Thailand, Laos and Sri Lanka attended the event.

After the ceremonial procedures, the leaders released the constructive outcomes of the 2025 South and Southeast Asian Media Network.

Speaking at the meeting, Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn said the theme of the annual meeting, “Achieving Development through Mutual Learning and References,” is timely and highly relevant.

South and Southeast Asia are among the fastest-growing regions in the world today, leading in areas of economic growth, technological advancement and social development. Such achievements are the result of mutual learning, cultural exchanges and strong media cooperation between the countries.

He added that the ministry has already established various forms of cooperation with media across South Asia and Southeast Asia. Similarly, it has also been broadening its media cooperation with many countries. Especially with Chinese media organizations. Moreover, Myanmar signed a Letter of Intent to participate in the Mekong Look App project, together with other Mekong region



Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn speaks on the opening occasion of the South and Southeast Asian Media Network Annual Meeting in Kunming Yunnan Province, China, yesterday.

countries.

He continued that Myanmar is a member of regional organizations such as ABU and AIBD, which are dedicated to advancing broadcasting and media development in the Asia-Pacific region. Through these organizations, the country actively joins media trainings, workshops, and technical courses both online and in person.

Last year, the country co-hosted the 4th China-Myanmar Twin City Media Forum with Yunnan Province. Training and technology, Media-driven cultural exchanges, such as co-productions of films, TV series, documentaries, news and program exchanges, should also be expanded, sharing each other’s cultural works, people of the two countries can expand their friendship.

Through the forum, mutual learning, innovative approaches,

and responsible dissemination of information will not only benefit each country, but will also contribute significantly to peace, stability and sustainable development in the region and the world, he added.

During the roundtable discussion “hand in hand through border areas”, the representatives of China, Thailand, Pakistan, Cambodia and Vietnam participated in.

At noon, the Union minister met Wu Xu, executive secretary of the All-China Journalists Association.

They openly discussed comprehensive media cooperation, combating misinformation and disinformation with the true information, support in the media sector to ensure the successful holding of the election in Myanmar and further cooperation between the two media.

In the evening, China-Myan-

mar government officials, rescue team members, media and partner organizations attended the 2025 China-Myanmar Twin City Media Forum and talk shows.

The video clip features the rescue works conducted by Yunnan Province rescue and medical teams in quake-affected areas of Myanmar. The participants exchanged views on rescue works, rescue methods and the role of borderless language.

During the discussion titled “moving towards future joining hands among media”, the media-related representatives discussed the enhancement of media collaboration and improving the media sector using AI technology.

The Myanmar delegation, led by the Union minister, attended the opening ceremony of a variety show and market fair in 1903 Park in Kunming in the same evening.

During the ceremony, the Information Ministers of China, Myanmar and Cambodia inaugurated the China-Myanmar market fair and the China-Cambodia market fair. They enjoyed the entertainment programmes performed by Chinese, Myanmar and Cambodian artists.

The Chinese, Myanmar and Cambodian delegates observed the products of different countries, booths of the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, photos of tourist destinations and landscapes of Myanmar, and photos highlighting China-Myanmar cooperation.

Over 150 entrepreneurs from South and Southeast Asian countries participated in the market fair, showing their products, Yunnan-produced agricultural products, as well as the booth of Yunnan education. — MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL

MRCs, IFRC launch earthquake recovery training



This image shows the opening ceremony of the Integrated Earthquake Recovery Assistance On-Job Training.

THE Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCs) and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) jointly conducted the Integrated Earthquake Recovery Assistance On-Job Training on 2-5 September in Mandalay.

Executive Committee Member Dr Tin Maung Hlaing and Dr Myo Khaing, vice chair of the Mandalay Region Red Cross Supervision Committee, gave the remarks respectively at the opening ceremony. A total of 46 volunteers from Nay Pyi Taw, Kachin State, Shan State (southern, northern), Mandalay Region, Bago Region, Taninthayi Region, Magway Region and Ayeyawady Region attended the training. — ASH/KK

Rakhine-language film starts shooting in Yangon on 7 Sept, to stream on For You Cinema

THE press launch of the Rakhine-language video film ‘Yinkhonthan Ayinisone’ was held on 4 September at M3 Food Centre in Bahan Township, Yangon Region, according to director and actor Bhone Hlyan, who will lead the production.

The script and storyline were written by Phyo Thinzar Kyaw, while TTTI Buthidaung Production appointed Bhone Hlyan as director and producer.

Speaking at the event, Bhone Hlyan said, “I have wanted to make this kind of film for a long time. Although there are many outlets in the Rakhine music industry and some Rakhine videos have been produced, they have not reached a wide audience. That is why this project is only now being realized. I also had support on the script and storyline from Phyo Thinzar Kyaw. This is my very first project as a director. The film is a romantic drama with some comedy added in. About 80 per cent of the dialogue will be in Rakhine and about 20 per cent in Myanmar. It is not meant only for Rakhine audiences. Just as people enjoy Korean films without knowing the language, or Indian films in the same way, this one is made so that



A press launch for the ‘Yinkhonthan Ayinisone’ Rakhine-language video film in Yangon.

everyone can enjoy it. The Rakhine language is fast, but if you listen carefully you can follow it”.

The cast includes Bhone Hlyan, Wai Shine, Nyi Sae (San Myint Htun), Htet Myet, Soe Win Maung, Mi Ko Khant, Ju Htet Htet Aung, Thanda Soe, Gangaw Pyae Sone, and child actress Pan Ei Thu. The theme song of the film was composed by U Tun Hlaing, and it will be sung by singer Mi Chaw.

The video film will begin shooting in Yangon from 7 September, and it will be released and screened via the For You Cinema application, according to reports. — ASH/KZL

Corrigendum

PLEASE read “80th Anniversary of the Victory of the Chinese People’s War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War” instead of “80th Anniversary of the Victory in the World Anti-Fascist War” in the second paragraph of the first column and in the second paragraph of the fourth column on page 6 in the news story under the headline of “NDSC Information Team Leader Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun responds to media” in The Global New Light of Myanmar Daily issued on 3 September 2025.

Moreover, please read “80th Anniversary of the Victory of the Chinese People’s War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War” instead of “80th anniversary of victory in Chinese Anti-Japanese and World Anti-Fascist Wars” as the headline on the front page of The GNLm issued on 4 September 2025. Error is regretted. — Ed

‘Pauk Naypyi’ album live show press launches

THE live show press launch of the album ‘Pauk Naypyi’ was held by actor-singer Kyaw Kyaw Nanda and Kyaw Kyaw Eaindra on 4 September at Asahi 3 Restaurant in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Region.

The album includes 12 songs written by composers Ko Lay Lwin and Ko Soe, including previously successful old songs, and was produced by Ko Maung Maung as Music Mixing.

“My fourth album is finally out. I had released three albums during the previous VCD era. This album also features Kyaw Kyaw Eaindra, marking her first album. The title track, Pauk Naypyi, is sung by Kyaw Kyaw Eaindra,” said singer and actor Kyaw Kyaw Nanda.

Kyaw Kyaw Eaindra will also sing five additional songs, which are scheduled to be released in the second week of September. — ASH/MKKS



This photo showcases a poster for Kyaw Kyaw Nanda and Kyaw Kyaw Eaindra’s album ‘Pauk Naypyi’.

Leopard cub born at Yangon Zoo, aiding conservation

A leopard cub, born on 22 June to female leopard Shwin Shwin and a male leopard at the Yangon Zoo in the Yangon Region — a species in urgent need of conservation — was officially announced by the zoo on 4 September.

The successful breeding of the Indochinese leopard (Panthera pardus delacouri), a species native to Myanmar and close to extinction, is good news, according to the zoo.

According to a statement from the Yangon Zoo, the female leopard Shwin Shwin had been impregnated by the male leopard before but suffered an unexpected miscarriage; this time, however, she was able to give birth successfully. — ASH/TH



This photo captures a leopard cub, born on 22 June 2025 to female leopard Shwin Shwin and the male leopard at the Yangon Zoo.

MCEF,
MWEA to
host Business
Matching on
13 Sept

MYANMAR Construction Entrepreneurs Federation (MCEF) and Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association will organize a Business Matching from 9 am to noon on 13 September at the MCEF Hall.

Those interested members of MCEF and business entities can register through MCEF's contact numbers 09 893217109 and 09 660282000 by 10 September or No 3 in the corner of Thanthuma Road and Waizayanta Street.

MCEF's Technology Development Committee will host the MSMEs: Build Back Better (BBB) panel discussion for a more sustainable and resilient recovery of the micro, small and medium enterprises 1 pm on 13 September at MCEF Hall.

U Thurein Nyein will perform as a moderator, and panelists include Professor Dr Aung Tun Thet, U Aung Htoo and U Myint Zaw.

Those interested individuals, MCEF members and business people can register through MCEF's contact numbers 09 893217109, 09 422721757 and 09 266823226, and email mcef1996@gmail.com and MCEF's address. — NN/KK

DICA urges firms, institutions to
strictly follow directives

THE Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) released a directive 106/2025 on 1 September that companies and institutions are asked to abide by orders, directives and notifications of the Registrar.

Under Section 462 (a) (ii) of the Myanmar Companies Law, the DICA director-general releases notifications, orders, directives, rules and regulations, outlines and stipulated forms mandating compliance for registered companies and institutions, in exercise of the power conferred by Section 1 (C) (31) of the Myanmar Companies Law.

Registered companies and institutions are responsible for compliance with the Myanmar Companies Law, rules, regulations and Registrar's order, directives and notifications according to the Myanmar Companies Law. Companies need to send an email attached with the necessary documents (Annual Return) to the Registrar within two months of incorporation, according to Section 97 of the Myanmar Companies Law. The documents include company's bank account, the relevant township police verification certificate for the present address of the company that must not differ from the registered address and Immigration Form



The signage of the office of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

C if the company's director is a foreigner according to the Registration of the Foreigners Rules 1948, police verification of the addresses of the company's board of directors which must be exact address filled in the registration and relevant documents for legal person or legal institution.

Companies' directors must notify the change in the ownership of the company's shares through the email address declared by the DICA. According to Section 83 of the Myanmar Companies Law, changing the ownership of shares needs the approval of the board of directors and the signatures of both the recipient

of shares to legally own shares and the previous shareholder who transfers the rights. Copies of the agreement contract, charged with stamp duty and relevant documents need to be submitted to the Registrar. To change a company director, a citizenship scrutiny card, a copy of the passport, board resolutions according to Section 173 of the Myanmar Companies Law, document signed by the entity itself for voluntary resignation or appointment of a director within a statutory timeframe. For the termination of the company director, a relevant reason must be provided according to Section 178 of the Law.

The Registrar will check

the mandatory compliance of the public companies. The statement highlighted that public companies should be established only when they are committed to strictly abide by the rules and regulations.

The Registrar registers the companies and associations. Those business entities and institutions need to strictly adhere to the law, rules, directives and regulations of the ministries concerned. The Registrar will proceed to take action upon the non-compliance notice of the respective ministries.

The statement revealed that the companies and representatives of the companies will face legal actions for non-compliance with the Myanmar Companies Law and the existing laws, and involvement in another business entity. Furthermore, inspections of anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) will be undertaken.

DICA will inspect the Director of the new company to determine whether they are obliged to run the businesses under the Myanmar Companies Law and the existing laws before registration. Thus, the new incorporation must provide the necessary documents to the Registrar and act accordingly. — NN/KK

CBM sells over US\$2M to edible oil-importing companies

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$2.3 million purchased from companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis on 4 September.

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

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

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



Vehicles are seen refuelling at the petrol station.

CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments.

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

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

Furthermore, CBM injected 800,000 yuan and 300,000 baht into the financial market. CBM also sold over \$24,700 to

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

CBM 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

Expand the forest coverage area nationwide

THE abundance of forest resources is a major foundation for the country’s socio-economic development. Therefore, to increase the forest coverage area, the State will implement afforestation and reforestation projects and carry out conservation works with the participation of all citizens.

According to research studies by scientists, lush and green forests can help reduce stress and improve mental and physical health. Forests full of green trees, shrubs, grasses, and mosses, along with cool air, sunshine, and other natural elements, contribute to overall well-being. Therefore, afforestation and forest conservation are vital

for the nation’s environmental sustainability and the future generations, representing an invaluable natural resource that provides significant benefits.

Myanmar is ramping up its strenuous efforts to raise the forest coverage area, up from over 42 per cent. Forests play a vital role in maintaining ecological balance and supporting human life on Earth. They help preserve natural, lush, and green ecosystems, ensure a green and sustainable environment for future generations, and enable people to recognize the true value of forests. Expanding forest cover and implementing proper forest conservation activities contribute directly to the nation’s ecological sustainability and overall well-being.

seed balls on degraded forests and vacant areas of hilly areas in Hlwabon forest reserve in the watershed areas of Sinthe Creek in Tatkon Township, Ottara District of Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory and Inlay Lake watershed areas in Nyaungshwe Township, Taunggyi District, Shan State.

Such aerial sowing of tree seeds helps to cut expenditure for the project, expand forest cover over a wide area with minimal manpower; use helicopters in the remote hilly areas, conduct such actions in a wider area in a short time, and enables reforestation in inaccessible lowlands and mountain slopes to achieve effectiveness to some extent similar to growing saplings. This method rapidly increases forested areas and contributes significantly to ecological restoration, environmental protection, and the enhancement of natural resources.

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From Kilimanjaro to Arusha

By U AC

Off to be born free

“Born free, as free as the wind flows.
As free as the grass grows.
Born free to follow your heart.

Born free, and life is worth living.
But only worth living.
‘Cause you’re born free.”

Whenever we hear the above ‘Born Free’ music, we cannot help but remember the spirit of lioness Elsa roaming the wide plains of Africa. We had the unique opportunity to be there to experience the soul of Africa by going for the first time to Arusha, Tanzania, attending the World Press Council Assembly and the North Africa Media Councils summit.

Arusha is a city in East Africa’s Tanzania, located at the base of volcanic Mount Meru (fifth fifth-highest mountain in Africa). It’s a gateway to safari destinations and to Africa’s highest peak, 5,895m Mount Kilimanjaro, lying some 100 kilometres northeast. To the west lies Serengeti National Park, home to wildlife including lions, rhinos, giraffes and leopards. Annual migrations feature huge herds of wildebeests crossing their plains. The city claims the title of being the fourth-largest city in Tanzania.

We were there close to a week, meeting many media colleagues across the globe, discussing media issues of the day, while exploring the various natural beauties of the country around the city.

The best way to a man’s heart

It is said that ‘The best way to a man’s heart is through his stomach’. And we do not have it easy in Tanzania. The key issue is that in Africa, rice is not the staple food. For five days, our diet suddenly changed from rice-based to tuber and root-based staples. Instead of alternating between Basmati, Jasmine and Brown, we had the enviable selection of alternatives among sweet potato, yams, potatoes, and Ugali (a thick porridge made from maize flour). This sudden change of menu is something that we had not expected beforehand.

Another surprise constituent on the table is banana dishes. In our whole lives, we are totally unaware of the fact that bananas can be cooked

into dishes. Hot banana soup, banana curry, banana with beef, banana stew, you name it, they’ve got it. We could not help but wonder how such a tasty fruit, such as a banana not be eaten directly and had to go through such an arduous process to turn it into something that was not incrementally better off.

Jewels of the Nile

Tanzania is somewhat akin to Myanmar in the sense that it also produces precious stones, despite most of them being of questionable quality. Yet there is one type of precious rock that can only be found in this great state of Tanzania - the Tanzanite. The name itself indicates its origin.

Contrarians might ask ‘How about Tsavorite?’ Well, Tsavorite is found across the East African region, including Kenya and Tanzania. So it is not exclusive to the latter.

The last King of Tanzania

How would the trip to Tanzania be complete without a tour of the famous Tanzanite experience? I visited three out of four such places.

The first one is next to the Africa Arts Gallery, one of the major must-visit places in Arusha. The two-story shop there is as big as the gallery itself, selling everything from stationery to souvenirs to stones. There, we managed to speak to the self-proclaimed King of Tanzanite. He apparently supplied all the tanzanite to Tiffany and to the 47th Street jewellers in the Big Apple. A businessman of Indian origin, his family business is not just a global business, but an engagement in personal and corporate social responsibilities. The gallery itself was mainly sponsored by him, and he teamed up with the UNOPs in many of the projects that help the less fortunate African children. Bravo indeed.

He is, in fact, very knowledgeable on the Tanzanite and jewellery business in general, always highlighting that it’s a matter of marketing. Maybe under the incessant spell of De Beers diamond advertisements. He did agree that the future of diamonds as a precious gem is in doubt due to the oversupply of both mined and synthetic diamonds.

He brought out his transparent side by stating the Tanzanite prices openly for raw stones and those atop crystals. The former was being priced at \$100

per gramme and the latter \$70 per gramme (one gramme = five carats). And no discounts were being offered to anyone, he said. But he did show us lots of raw stones and crystals for us to rummage through and select the stone of our choice. We selected a couple and let him have the honour of choosing the best one. We bought 3.5 gramme of uncut stone at \$350 (\$100 per gramme). When I got to Thailand upon return, I went to the JTC (Jewellery Trade Centre) near the Surasak BTS station to countercheck if we had overpaid the King. Much to our delight and surprise, there is no shortage of dealers who would take the rock at \$100 per gramme. Even though we did not make a quick profit, we were pleased that the King of Tanzanite played fair to us. At the end of the day, our first and only purchase of Tanzanite turned out to be an equitable trade after all.

The second shop was uniquely named ‘Tanzanite experience’. The shop does not sell uncut stones, but polished ones and jewellery adorned with Tanzanites and Tsavorites only. Tanzanite is of a blue colour base like Sapphire, but Tanzanite is a blue-violet variety of zoisite, while sapphire is a blue variety of corundum. Tanzanite is generally less expensive and not as durable as sapphire. Sapphires are known for their intense blue colour and exceptional hardness, while tanzanite can exhibit a wider range of blue hues, including violet undertones. Sapphire hardness is nine, just like rubies, but Tanzanite hardness is at 6.5 on the Mohs scale, making it more susceptible to scratches and damage. But the value of Tanzanite goes up due to its rarity of being found exclusively in Tanzania. People of Myanmar and around the Southeast Asia region are spoiled with good quality sapphires from Moe Goat mines so much that they do not think of wearing Tanzanite as bijouterie. For the first time in my life, I discovered Tsavorite in that shop too, albeit in limited quantities. They are also being sold in finished stone format as necklaces, bracelets, earrings and brooches. Tsavorite colour is similar to Emerald green colour. Tsavorite, a type of garnet, offers a brighter, more vivid green and greater brilliance due to its higher refractive index. Tsavorite is also significantly rarer, particularly in larger sizes, and can be more affordable despite its rarity. Emerald is slightly more brittle, despite both of them having

a hardness of around 7+.

The last shop I visited was in the central market area of Arusha. The shop sells similar items to the first shop, but more expensive, with limited stocks. I missed out on our chance to visit the Tanzanite Museum nearby due to time constraints.

Hotel Arusha

The three-star Lush Garden hotel that we stayed in, in Arusha, was of reasonable quality. Rooms were sparse with amenities, yet acceptable. It is in a desolate part of the city, hence we do not have much of a chance to explore outside of the hotel compound.

The only complaint would have been the weather. Who would have expected Africa to be this cold! None of the delegates were prepared for 10 °C temperatures at night and less than 20 °C daytime temperatures, and most came down with symptoms of cough and cold before the end of the event.

The room, without a working air conditioner (and hence heater), feels like a morgue at times, especially in the middle of the night.

The missing Lion King

During one of the afternoons, we ventured out into nature in search of a lion king. We unfortunately went to the Arusha National Park, which apparently has no lions within the giant park.

Mount Meru was equally impressive, standing tall at 15,000 ft, being the second-highest in Tanzania after Mount Kilimanjaro.

The press must be crazy

What is the World Press Council’s thinking of in relation to the media today? The topic of the day in 2022 has been fake news and how to tackle it. Now the falsehoods are already there, but with somewhat diminishing impact as people wise up in their judgement on plausibility.

The discussion topics focus on AI and how to effectively utilize the AI to write, edit and monitor news stories. All the participants agreed that AI is still at a nascent stage, and an average intellectual is able to distinguish whether an article is written by AI or a human. Dangers of AI are also elaborated with a discussion on whether to make AI disclosure compulsory for newsmen and media personnel.

to particle pollution, and the problem is expected to increase as the climate warms, posing growing risks to infrastructure, ecosystems, and human health.

Meanwhile, it highlights the fogs as a result of pollution, saying that although fog is a seasonal occurrence, its growing frequency and duration are increasingly linked to pollution from vehicles, construction, heating, cattle, and burning of vegetation.

Source: Xinhua

To a Flower Picker

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo’s Song)

Leave it or wear it, if you wish.

I want you to wear and enjoy a flower,
Make you feel it dandy, however,
As a flower basket in your hand,
You can lord it over me at your command.

On sale or on stage, whether,
If you tread or crumple it, no matter.

Who shares flowers out, it is me,
Just feeling content to so be;
May you get, take, have them on thee.



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တင်မိုး

World meteorological agency urges addressing vicious cycle between air quality and climate change

FOSSIL fuel burning and other human activities that contribute to climate change are sources of pollution, which in turn aggravate climate change, forming a vicious cycle, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) said in an annual report released on Friday, calling for coordinated countermeasures.

In the Air Quality and Climate Bulletin released for the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies to be marked on 7 September, the UN specialized agency

details the dangerous feedback loop between climate change and air pollution, driven significantly by tiny airborne particles known as aerosols. The report notices the role of aerosols in wildfires, winter fog, shipping emissions, and urban pollution, while stressing the need for improved atmospheric monitoring and more integrated policies to safeguard human and environmental health and reduce agricultural and economic losses.

Particulate matter from activities such as transport, industry, and agriculture, as well as from wildfires and wind-blown desert dust, remains a major health hazard, says the report. Ambient air pollution causes more than 4.5 million premature deaths each year worldwide with huge environmental and economic costs, according to World Health Organization estimates. The WMO report notes that wildfires are a major contributor

to particle pollution, and the problem is expected to increase as the climate warms, posing growing risks to infrastructure, ecosystems, and human health. Meanwhile, it highlights the fogs as a result of pollution, saying that although fog is a seasonal occurrence, its growing frequency and duration are increasingly linked to pollution from vehicles, construction, heating, cattle, and burning of vegetation.

NATIONAL

Work begins on Sagaing's Htupayon Pagoda after Mandalay quake

BAMBOO scaffolds are being prepared to begin the restoration of the Htupayon Pagoda in Sagaing, which was damaged by the earthquake, according to a statement from the Sitagu International Buddhist Academy (Sagaing).

For the reconstruction of the building for the bronze image in the Soon Oo Ponya Shin Pagoda, the engineer Ko Cho Zaw Min submitted the design to the Sitagu Sayadaw on 3 September, and the Sayadaw gave the necessary instructions.

In addition, on the morning of 27 August, the same engineer and other technicians – U Maw Gyi and U Chine – climbed the Kaunghmudaw Pagoda and inspected the damaged umbrella to be repaired under the guidance of the Sitagu Sayadaw.

After inspecting the damaged parts,



An engineer presents the design of the building to accommodate the bronze image of SunU Ponnyashin to the Sayadaw. The Sayadaw offers guidance for the renovation of the Kaunghmudaw Pagoda.

the engineer presented a digital record to the Sayadaw, who reportedly gave the details of the parts to be repaired. — Htun Htun/ZN



Bamboo scaffoldings are under preparation to repair the Htupayon Pagoda.



This photo showcases the planned residential shop building at the Hanthawady Wholesale Market and Cargo Vehicle Stand.

FPB sells residential shop units at Hanthawady Market, Bago

SALES of residential shop units at the Hanthawady Wholesale Market and Cargo Vehicle Stand in Bago, which are available at three-year instalments, will be held at its location near the PT Power gas station from 10 am to 5 pm on 6-7 September, according to the Shwe Property.

The new project, located at the junction of Bago bypass road and old Yangon-Mandalay highway and designed to adapt to traffic jams and natural disasters, is 100 per cent complete, and buyers can obtain the owner's books.

Other programmes, such as a K15 million cash back discount, 30 per cent down-payment with one year no-interest instalment, and a one-year ex-

emption of maintenance fees, are included in the event. The new market is suitable for wholesale centres and retail shops for agricultural equipment, cars, motorcycles and bicycles, highway bus and truck terminals, cafes, restaurants and banks, it said.

For the safety and risk of natural disasters to the shops, two-story RC residential shops were built with pile foundation, RC structure, reinforced concrete slab, earthquake-resistant reinforced concrete, and drainage system.

The First Private Bank said that details about the home loan service can be obtained by dialling 09 250966369 and 01 8251748. — MT/ZN

Heavy rain forecast in some states, regions on 10-11 Sept

DUE to unusual weather conditions expected to form over the Bay of Bengal and the South China Sea, high rainfall is forecast in some regions and states of Myanmar on 10 and 11 September, said meteorologist U Win Naing.

The formation of Invest-97W and Invest-96W at the west and east coasts of the Philippines began on 5 September. The 97W in the South China Sea is expected to be stronger and move south of Hong Kong-Macau. The 96W

and 97W will combine and only the 97W will remain, as shown by ECMWF, GFS and ICON model forecasts.

The 97W will become stronger in stages from a low-pressure area to a storm on 7 and 8 September and enter the west of Macau and the southwest coast off mainland China at night on 8 September, showed to initial forecasts.

After passing the inland, it will continue moving to the west- Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and Myanmar as remains of a

storm, leading to rain in Myanmar like the previous phenomenon when remains of the recent typhoon entered western Myanmar.

Due to remains of the storm, it will rain from moderate to heavy in western Myanmar- Shan State, Kayin State, Mon State, Bago Region, Ayeyawady Region and Yangon Region from 10 September, 6 am to 11 September, 6 am, and from light to moderate rain in the rest regions and states, said U Win Naing. — MT/ZS

Around 10 watermelon trucks arrive daily at Danyingon, trade thrives

ABOUT 10 watermelon trucks have arrived at the Danyingon wholesale market in Yangon Region's Insein Township per day, according to fruit traders.

The watermelon season is approaching, with produce from Upper Myanmar's Monywa, Myingyan, and Meiktila townships now hitting the market again.

"The conveyance of watermelon is about 10 trucks daily. These watermelons are from three major sources- Monywa, Myingyan and Meiktila," said

an official from a watermelon wholesale stall at the market.

In the wholesale market, the price of a watermelon ranges from K2,000 to K3,000, better than that of previous years, he said.

"The trade has been fine, and this is the wholesale market, so the distribution has been better," he added.

Myanmar watermelons were mainly exported to China, but the overseas market has been inactive for the moment, leading the fruit to rely on the

domestic market alone. All of the local production is being transported to Thirimingala market and Danyingon market in Yangon as the major destination.

Watermelon is grown in Mandalay Region, Sagaing Region and Shan State, as well as there are many watermelon farms in Kayan, Thongwa, Hlegu, Bago, Hinthada, Pyinmana, Meiktila, Thazi, Myittha, Myingyan, Kyaukse, TadaU, Sagaing, Katha and Htigyaingt. — Htet Oo Maung/ZS

NATIONAL

MNHRC inspects Kyauktan Police Lock-up, Kyauktan Township Court Detention Centre and Kyauktan Home for the Aged

AN inspection team led by Commissioners of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Dr Than Myint and U Tin Ko Ko conducted the inspection of Kyauktan Police Lock-up, Kyauktan Township Court Detention Centre and Kyauktan Home for the Aged in Kyauktan Township, Thanlyin District, Yangon Region, yesterday under Sections 43 and 44 of the Commission's Law.

During the inspection at Kyauktan Police Lock-up and Kyauktan Township Court Detention Centre, the MNHRC team inspected the conditions of detainees during the remand period, whether any torture occurred while in custody, and whether there were opportunities to meet with family members, the disposal of sewage and the overall cleanliness of the lock-up and detention centre as well as the arrangements for food provision, the conditions of meeting with



MNHRC Commissioners warmly greets older people at the Kyauktan Home for the Aged yesterday.

idents in their living quarters and assessed a range of conditions, including the provision of healthcare services, food and nutritional support, access to clean drinking and household water, freedom of religion and belief, and the overall hygiene and sanitation standards of dormitories, bathrooms, toilets, and kitchens. They also inquired about arrangements for recreation and relaxation, occasional counseling, the accessibility of pension payments for eligible residents, and the availability of social pension support for those aged 85 and above. The team extended warm words of encouragement to 22 elderly individuals residing at the facility.

The inspection team will send its findings and recommendations to the relevant department for necessary action under the Commission's law. — MNHRC

family members and access to legal assistance during the court appearance period. During the visit at Kyauktan Home for the Aged, the inspection team met elderly res-

Drugs worth K3.36B seized in Mongpyin, Shan State



An offender is seen alongside seized drugs and a vehicle.

AUTHORITIES have seized 420 kilogrammes of Ice (methamphetamine) worth approximately K3.36 billion in Mongpyin Township, Shan State (East), according to the Myanmar Police Force.

The seizure took place at around 10 pm on 30 August near Nayonk village in Mongpyin Township. Police searched a Toyota Kluger travelling from Metmung to Mongpyin, driven by Sai Oo Thila (aka) Sai Ywek, and recovered 420 kilogrammes of Ice (methamphetamine) valued at K3.36 billion.

According to investigators, the offenders transported

the drugs from near Takawlay village in Matmung Township to near Nayonk village in Mongpyin Township.

Authorities have taken legal action against the arrested individuals and are continuing investigations to uncover further links in the drug trafficking network. — MNA/MKKS



Myanmar reports no new COVID-19 cases

THE Ministry of Health tested 1,360 samples from 8 pm on 24 August 2025 to 8 pm on 31 August 2025, and no new cases were detected, and no new casualties were reported.

Currently, there is no need to worry about infection and deaths from COVID-19, but all need to follow personal hygiene methods, and the high-risk groups.

- Elderly people (aged 60 and above)
- People with diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, and cancer
- Pregnant women (especially those beyond the third month of pregnancy) are prioritized to receive COVID-19 booster shots.

More detailed COVID-19 information can be found on the website of the Ministry of Health, moh.gov.mm.

Myanmar CDC
Public Health Department, Ministry of Health

ECONOMY

WORLD

Thailand is poised to become a key hub for Russian businesses in Southeast Asia by 2025



Sergey Katyrin, President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation. **PHOTO: GRIGORY SYSOEV/SPUTNIK**

As the second-largest economy in Southeast Asia and a crucial export base within ASEAN, Thailand benefits from a strategic geographic location at the crossroads of major trade routes.

THAILAND has a good chance of becoming one of the main hubs for Russian business in Southeast Asia, President of the Russian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Sergey Katyrin told Sputnik on Thursday.

“Thailand remains one of the most promising trade and economic partners for Russia in Southeast Asia.

The interest of Russian businesses in this country is

constantly growing. It is no exaggeration to say that the country has a good chance of becoming one of the main support points for Russian business in the region.

A number of factors contribute to this,” Katyrin said on the sidelines of the Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) in Russia’s Vladivostok.

Thailand is the second-largest economy in Southeast Asia

and one of the four most important export bases in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the official said.

Furthermore, the country has a favorable geographical position - located in the core of the Southeast Asian region, at the crossroads of trade routes, it has historically developed as a link between Asia and other parts of the world, Katyrin added. — SPUTNIK

Japan’s minimum hourly wage hits record 1,121 yen amid rising prices

JAPAN’S average minimum hourly pay has been raised by 66 yen to a record 1,121 yen (\$7.6) for fiscal 2025 starting in April, up 6.3 per cent from a year earlier, amid rising living costs, the labour ministry said Friday.

The sharpest year-on-year increase comes as Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba’s government pushes for wage hikes that outpace inflation, which has

squeezed household budgets in recent years.

But the rise still falls short of the 7.3 per cent average growth necessary every year until fiscal 2029 to meet the government’s target of lifting the minimum hourly pay to 1,500 yen by the end of the 2020s.

Tokyo topped the list at 1,226 yen, while the prefectures of Kochi, Miyazaki and Okinawa

were lowest at 1,023 yen, according to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

Minimum wages have been increased as companies face pressure to retain workers in a tight labour market and cope with persistent price rises. While the move benefits workers, it also squeezes businesses, especially small and midsize firms, economists say. — Kyodo



Illustrative: A Japanese convenience store is a prime example of a successful business within the retail and service sectors, offering a wide array of products from snacks and meals to utility bill payments, as depicted in the provided photo. **PHOTO: KYODO**



Flags of the European Union flutter outside The Europa Building in Brussels on 17 March 2025. **(PHOTO / AFP)**

EU advances trade agreements with Mercosur, Mexico

THE European Commission on Wednesday proposed moving forward with two major trade agreements for approval, aimed at expanding the European Union’s global trade network to offset US tariffs and strengthening its presence in Latin America.

The EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement (EMPA) and the EU-Mexico Modernized Global Agreement (MGA) are intended to diversify trade relations, reduce tariffs, and create new opportunities for European businesses, the commission said in

a statement.

“EU businesses and the EU agrifood sector will immediately benefit from lower tariffs and costs, contributing to economic growth and job creation,” European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said.

According to commission estimates, the EMPA could increase EU annual exports to Mercosur by up to 39 per cent, or about 49 billion euros (about \$57 billion), supporting more than 440,000 jobs across Europe. — Xinhua

‘Roblox’ game to impose age controls this year

THE publisher of “Roblox” has promised to set up age verification mechanisms, after allegations the video game massively popular with children and teens worldwide has fallen short on safety.

Roblox will “expand age estimation to all Roblox users who access our on-platform communication features by the end of this year”, the American company’s head of safety Matt Kaufman wrote in a blog post.

The company would combine estimates of users’ ages, checks on official IDs and parental consent to “launch new systems designed to limit communication between adults and minors unless they know each other in the real world”, he added in the Wednesday post.

Around 100 million people use Roblox every day, with under-13s accounting for around 40 per cent of 2024 users, according to the company.

But the game has repeatedly been accused of failing to protect its youngest players in recent years.

The US state of Louisiana filed a lawsuit in August accusing Roblox of facilitating child exploitation and distribution of child sexual abuse material. — AFP



‘Roblox’ has many millions of players under 13.
PHOTO: AFP

Pakistan’s services exports rise 18.27% in July

PAKISTAN’S exports of services rose sharply in July 2025, reaching US\$745.52 million, marking an 18.27 per cent year-on-year increase, according to the data released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics on Friday.

Meanwhile, imports of services also edged up slightly to \$871.44 million, representing a marginal decline of 0.61 per cent in July compared to \$876.83 million in the corresponding month last year.

Month-on-month, exports rose 4.47 per cent in dollar terms, while imports grew 3.41 per cent, showing continued momentum in Pakistan’s services sector. — Xinhua

Malaysia’s national carmaker Proton launches country’s first EV factory



This reflects close cooperation between Malaysia and China through Proton and its strategic partner, Geely, thus driving the country’s automotive industry to a higher level. PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/PIXABAY

MALAYSIA’S national carmaker Proton launched its first dedicated electric vehicle (EV) factory in Perak state, marking a new milestone in the country’s industrial journey.

This reflects close cooperation between Malaysia and China through Proton and its strategic partner, Geely, thus driving the country’s automotive industry to a higher level, Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim said in his

official remarks at the launch on Thursday.

“This is proven because not only do they benefit from the collaboration in this field and industry, but their willingness to transfer technology and

provide space for locals (to be involved in the industry),” he said.

Anwar emphasized that China’s willingness to engage in technology transfers and the training of local engineers has gone beyond typical investments, helping Malaysians to master future automotive technology.

He added that the development of the Proton EV factory is in line with the country’s key policies, which emphasize mastering high technology.

“The launch of this EV factory fulfils several policies. Firstly, our climate policy, namely the energy transition. Secondly, it also fulfils what we call our industrial roadmap and master plan... and, of course, the national automotive policy,” he said. — Xinhua

Japan household spending up 1.4% in July

JAPAN’S household spending in July rose a real 1.4 per cent from a year earlier, the third straight monthly increase, government data showed Friday.

Households of two or more people spent an average of 305,694 yen (about US\$2,063) in the reporting month, according to the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

On a seasonally adjusted, month-on-month basis, the average household spending was up 1.7 per cent in July.

A ministry official said the gain was driven by a rise in electricity bills and automobile expenses, while food expenditure declined amid inflation, noting the recovery in consumer spending was not robust. — Xinhua

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M.V YM SUMMIT VOY.NO. (03/25)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V YM SUMMIT VOY.NO. (03/25)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **6-9-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **WILMAR** 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.

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GLOBAL VIEWPOINTS:
WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS



There are plans to transform the Russian Far East into a rare earth metal hub. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

Putin reveals plan to transform Russian Far East into rare earth metals hub

THE 10th anniversary of the Eastern Economic Forum (EEF 2025) is taking place in Russky Island, Vladivostok, from 3-6 September at the Far Eastern Federal University campus, with the main theme of “The Far East – Cooperation for Peace and Prosperity.”

Russia has pursued a sustainable macroeconomic policy for 15 years, creating conditions for national progress, Russian President Vladimir Putin underscored at the plenary session of the 10th Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok.

“I want to assure you that Russia’s

Putin underscored that developing the Far East and Siberia is a key priority for Russia in the 21st century.

financial authorities, the government, and the Central Bank are acting professionally,” the head of state said.

Macroeconomic stability remains the cornerstone of long-term growth, he noted.

Development of the Far East and Siberia is Russia’s priority for the 21st century, noted the Russian President.

There are plans to transform the Russian Far East into a rare earth metal hub, stated Putin. He noted that mineral extraction in the Far East is expanding rapidly. Port capacity in the Far East has doubled in the past decade, and railway approaches to Far Eastern ports will continue to expand, stressed Putin. — SPUTNIK

Europe’s fastest supercomputer to boost AI drive

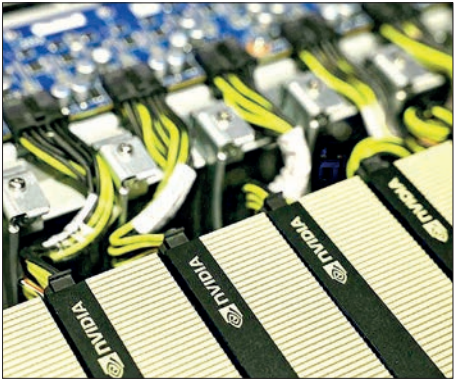
EUROPE’S fastest supercomputer, Jupiter, is set to be inaugurated in Germany, marking a significant leap in the continent’s computing capabilities. Located at the Juelich Supercomputing Centre, Jupiter is Europe’s first exascale supercomputer, capable of performing at least one quintillion calculations per second – equivalent to the power of about one million smartphones.

The €500 million (\$580 million) project is funded equally by the European Union and Germany. Equipped with around 24,000 Nvidia chips favoured by the AI industry, Jupiter is 20 times more powerful than any other computer in Germany and is accessible to researchers and companies for various applications, including training AI models.

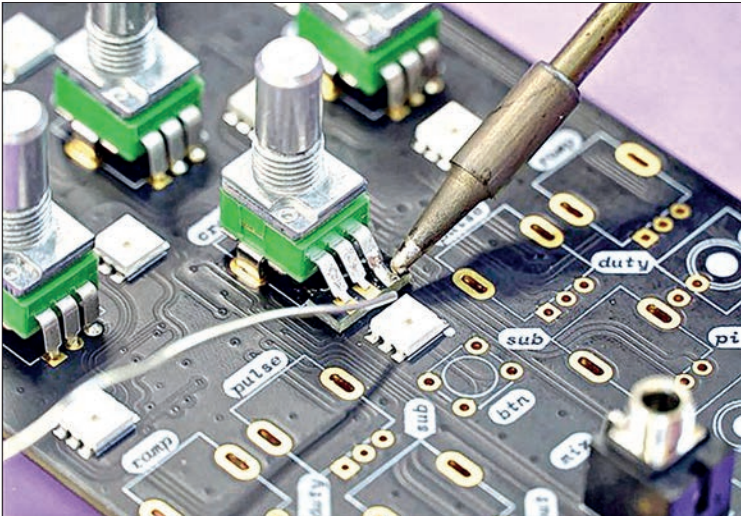
Jupiter aims to help Europe catch up in the global AI race.

It is the continent’s largest AI machine and is expected to significantly enhance the development of large language models used in generative AI chatbots.

– AFP



Jupiter is housed in a centre covering some 3,600 metres (38,000 square feet) – about half the size of a football pitch – containing racks of processors, and packed with about 24,000 Nvidia chips, which are favoured by the AI industry. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**



Unique geopolitical challenges make India’s progress particularly noteworthy. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/SHUTTERSTOCK**

India’s semiconductor sector achieves unprecedented exponential growth: SEMI President Ajit Manocha

INDIA’S semiconductor industry is witnessing historic, unprecedented exponential growth, positioning the country as a major global player. Ajit Manocha, President and CEO of SEMI, described this rapid rise during the opening of SEMICON India 2025, highlighting the unique geopolitical challenges that make India’s progress especially significant.

He recalled introducing the concept of exponential growth inspired by Prime Minister Modi’s reference to Moore’s Law and added “unprecedented” to capture the current scale and speed. Manocha stressed the importance of continuing this growth trajectory despite geopolitical uncertainties. A key driver of this surge is the robust ecosystem development, which encourages companies to invest in major projects in India. SEMICON India’s exhibitor booths nearly doubled from 650 last year to 1,300 this year, achieved in just two years. Manocha emphasized that semiconductors are foundational to humanity and called for building supply chain resilience alongside growth. — ANI

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Newcastle's Burn has 'nothing but good wishes' for Isak



England defender Dan Burn speaks during a pre-match press conference ahead of a World Cup qualifier against Andorra at Wembley. PHOTO: AFP

NEWCASTLE defender Dan Burn insisted on Friday he feels "no animosity" towards Alexander Isak following the striker's drawn-out move to Premier League rivals Liverpool.

Isak effectively went on strike in order to force a move through a move to the English champions, with a British record £125 million (\$169 million) transfer finally completed on Monday's deadline day of the summer window.

Newcastle fans turned on their one-time hero and while Burn was sympathetic towards their feelings, the Magpies centre-half accepts the Sweden striker had to look after himself.

"I've been in football long enough to understand that for a player, the careers are short and they've got things that they want to achieve," Burn said ahead of England's World Cup qualifier with Andorra on Saturday. "So for me, happy that it's over."

"Alex is a mate, so it was tough situation because you wanted him to be around and helping the team, but also understand for him, what he needs to do personally. So I've got nothing but good wishes for Alex."

"No animosity, I think as a Newcastle fan, and you know what Newcastle fans are like, we're very protective of our club, and our city". — AFP

5 Myanmar players make AFF Women's Championship Best XI

THE ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) announced on 3 September the Best XI of the 2025 AFF Women's Championship, which took place from 6 to 19 August. Myanmar stood out with five players selected – the highest number among all teams.

Striker Win Theingi Tun, midfielder Phyu Phyu Win, defenders Zun Yu Ya Oo and May Thet Mon Myint, and goalkeeper Myo Mya Mya Nyein were included in the team. Champions Australia contributed three players, the Philippines two, and hosts Vietnam one.

Win Theingi Tun was also named Most Dynamic Player of the Tournament, scoring seven goals to claim the Top Scorer award. Goalkeeper Myo Mya Mya Nyein earned the Best Goalkeeper award.

Myanmar finished as runners-up in the competition, while Australia took the title and Vietnam secured the third place. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

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ZUNE YU YA OO



Myanmar seal opening win at China Invitational Futsal Tournament

THE Myanmar national futsal team made a strong start in the China Invitational Futsal Tournament with a clean-sheet victory on the opening day of Group B matches on 5 September in China.

Myanmar beat New Zealand 3-0, while Indonesia defeated Cambodia 5-1 in the other Group B fixture. Goals from Htun Aung Kyaw, Ko Ko Lwin, and Myo Thet Aung secured Myanmar's win, putting the team in a favourable position to reach the semifinals.

The result also marked the first international tournament victory under Myanmar's new head coach, Thailand's Pataraphi Khon.

The invitational tournament runs from 5 to 11 September. Group A features China, South Korea, Denmark, and the United Arab Emirates, while Group B includes Myanmar, Indonesia, New Zealand, and Cambodia.

Myanmar will face Indonesia in their second group match on 6 September at 12 noon Myanmar Standard Time. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL



England coach Thomas Tuchel speaks ahead of a World Cup qualifier against Andorra. PHOTO: AFP

'No curse' on England, insists Tuchel despite near misses

ENGLAND manager Thomas Tuchel is adamant there is "no curse" upon his side as he looks to end their near 60-year wait for a major international trophy.

England's only previous major title came at the 1966 World Cup on home soil, defeating West Germany in the final.

England came close several times to ending the drought under Tuchel's

predecessor Gareth Southgate, losing successive European Championship finals, as well as reaching the 2018 World Cup semifinals and the last eight in 2022.

England's women have enjoyed success under Sarina Wiegman, winning back-to-back Euros titles in 2022 and 2025, while the men's Under-21 side are also double European champions after backing up their 2023 title with

victory in Slovakia in June.

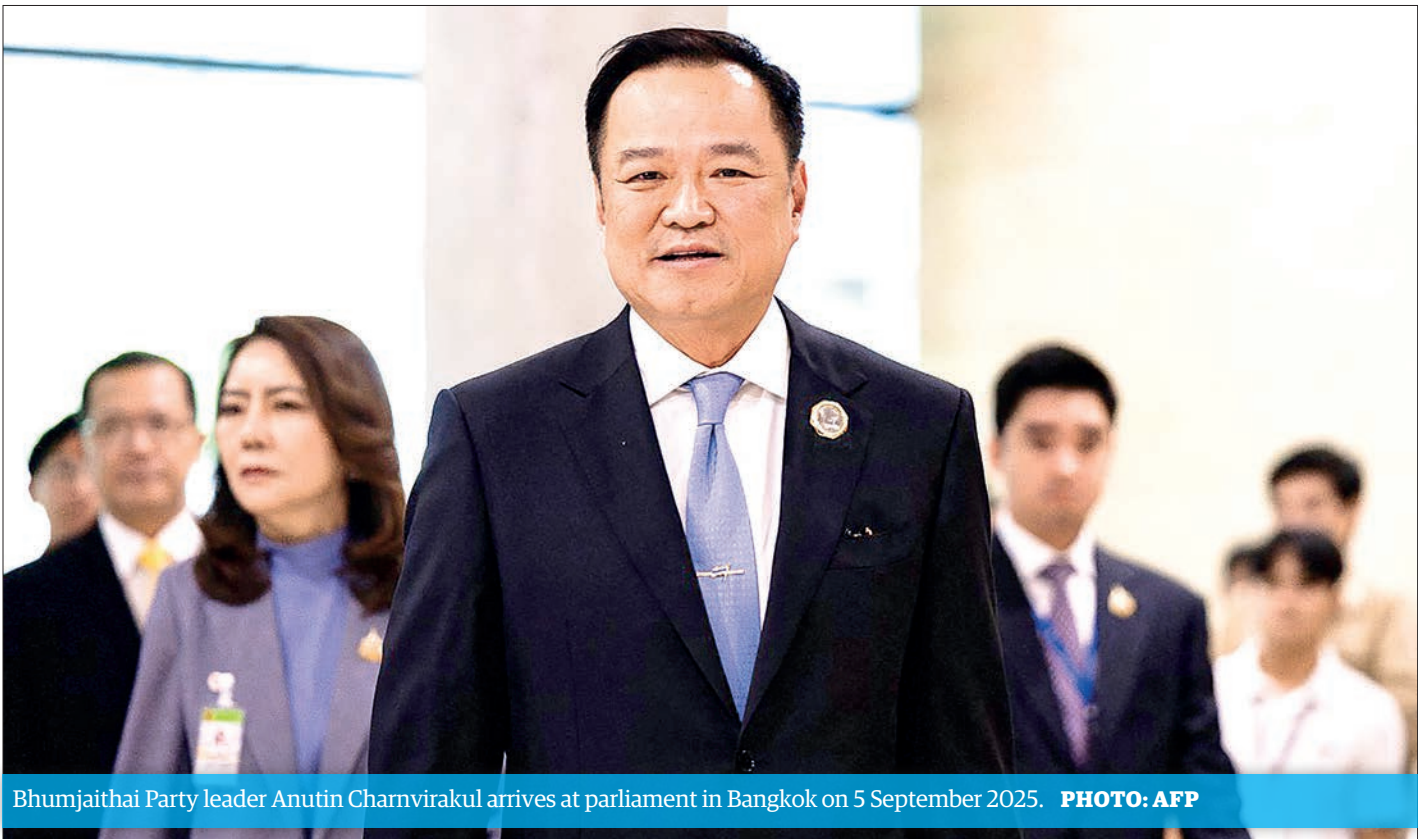
"Not at all," Tuchel said when asked if he felt extra pressure due to the women's and youth teams' successes.

"If it is something, then it is a good omen and I was so happy for Sarina and (Under-21 coach) Lee (Carsley) because they made it and they made an extraordinary effort and a huge success with back-to-back victories. — AFP



Thailand’s parliament elects Anutin Charnvirakul as new PM

His appointment now awaits formal endorsement by King Maha Vajiralongkorn, making him the country’s 32nd prime minister.



Bhumjaithai Party leader Anutin Charnvirakul arrives at parliament in Bangkok on 5 September 2025. PHOTO: AFP

ANUTIN Charnvirakul, leader of the opposition Bhumjaithai Party, was elected as Thailand’s new prime minister on Friday after winning a majority in a parliamentary vote.

Anutin beat his sole contender, nominated by the ruling Pheu Thai Party, Chaikasem Nitisiri, to lead the next government, following a court ruling last week that removed Paetongtarn Shinawatra from her premiership over an ethics breach.

After a one-hour roll call vote, Second Deputy House Speaker Chalad Khamchuang announced that Anutin received 311 votes in favour from the 490 members present in the House of Representatives, exceeding the simple majority required for approval.

Anutin is pending formal endorsement by Thailand’s King Maha Vajiralongkorn to become the 32nd prime minister of the Southeast Asian country. — Xinhua

India-EAEU free trade talks to generate productive results in under 2 years

NEGOTIATIONS for a free trade deal between India and the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) are projected to reach completion within 18 months, said Nikhilesh Giri, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Indian Embassy in Moscow, during a business dialogue at the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok.

“With the Terms of Reference signed last month, both sides begin serious discussions of a free trade agreement between India and the Eurasian Economic Union in order to finish the talks within 18 months,” Giri stated.

Trade turnover between EAEU member countries and India in 2024 reached \$69 billion, amounting to a seven per cent increase compared to 2023, according to the International Trade Centre’s estimates. — SPUTNIK

Putin hails China’s visa-free policy for Russia’s ordinary passport holders

CHINA’S visa-free policy for Russian citizens holding ordinary passports is “an extremely kind gesture” and Russia will respond in kind, Russian President Vladimir Putin said in Vladivostok on Thursday.

He was commenting on a Tuesday announcement by a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson that China will temporarily introduce a visa-free policy for Russian citizens holding ordinary passports, for the period from 15 September 2025 to 14 September 2026, allowing the stay of up to 30 days for purposes such as business travel, tourism, as well as other private visits, exchange visits, or transit.

“Undoubtedly, this will lead to more Russian citizens visiting China and contribute to the development of business, commercial ties, and personal exchanges alike,” Putin said,

according to a release by the Kremlin website.

Russia will respond in kind to

this friendly act, Putin noted, saying: “We will take the same measure.” — Xinhua



Tourists from Russia visit the Bund in Shanghai on 4 December 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA