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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.



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, attends the Myanmar-China economic cooperation promotion meeting in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China, yesterday.




Senior General Min Aung Hlaing highlighted that, except for the Muse-Ruili border, other border trade posts have been suspended because of terrorist attacks by ethnic armed groups, which have negatively affected bilateral trade.

The Myanmar-China economic cooperation promotion meeting took place for the second time at the Shangri-La Hotel in Chengdu, Sichuan Province of the People’s Republic of China, at 1 pm Chinese standard time yesterday, with an address by 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.

Border stability restores trade activities

The expansion of Myanmar-China-Russia trilateral cooperation into the trade sector presents a significant opportunity to greatly enhance regional commodity flows and economic integration.

On the occasion, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar delivered a speech. He said: China is Myanmar’s second-largest investor among the 53 countries investing in Myanmar. The total trade value between the two countries reached over US\$8 billion in the financial year 2023-2024, over \$7.7 billion in FY 2024-2025, and over \$3 billion up to July of FY 2025-2026, reflecting the strong and stable trade relations between the two countries. **SEE PAGE 5**




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NATIONAL

General Aung San Declares Firm Stand Against Election Disruption

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

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



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

Weather

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Saturday 6 September 2025)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 7 September 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in upper Sagaing and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon and southern Shan States, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Magway and Ayeyawady regions and Chin and eastern Shan states, scattered in Yangon, Mandalay and Bago regions and Rakhine and northern 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, Yangon, Bago, Magway, lower Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and southern Shan states. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in the 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 7 September 2025: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 7 September 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 7 September 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH



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7th September 2025



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Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 7:30 am MST on 6 September 2025)

ACCORDING to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Sittoung River at Madauk has exceeded by about three inches above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level during the next two days.

It is noticeably advised to the people who settle near the river banks and low-lying areas in Madauk. — 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 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 is seen being heartily welcomed in Nay Pyi Taw on 7 September 2025.

Crowds of people enthusiastically welcome Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his high-level delegation back to Myanmar

THE high-level Myanmar delegation led by 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 attended the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2025 Plus 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 in China at the invitation of President of the People’s Republic of China Mr Xi Jinping, left the Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport in Chengdu of Sichuan Province of the People’s Re-

public of China by the special aircraft of Myanmar Airways International (MAI) for the Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport yesterday afternoon. They were seen off at the airport by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia, Myanmar Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China U Tin Maung Swe, Myanmar Military Attache (Army, Navy and Air) to China Brig-Gen Zaw Zaw Naing, the deputy governor of Sichuan Province, Consul-General U Kyaw Zeyar Lin of the Myanmar Consulate-General in Chongqing and officials.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was accompanied by Commission Secretary and Joint Executive

Chief General Ye Win Oo, Commission member and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe, Commission member and Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Kyaw Swa Lin, Union Ministers Dr Wah Wah Maung, U Min Naung and U Chit Swe, Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Tin Maung Win, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, deputy ministers, and military and civilian officials.

On their arrival back at the Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport in the evening, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and party were welcomed back by Commission Vice-Chairman

Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Commission member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Commission member and Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe, commission members, Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, officials from the Chinese Embassy and the Military Attache office to Myanmar, Myanmar citizens of Chinese descent, Chinese traditional dragon and lion dance troupes, ethnic cultural troupes, dance troupes, all religious organizations, artistes and residents.

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NATIONAL

Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits China Southwest Architectural Design and Research Institute Corporation (CSWADI)



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, visits the China Southwest Architectural Design and Research Institute Corporation (CSWADI) in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China, yesterday.

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 has arrived in Chengdu, Sichuan Province of the Peo-

ple'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 China Southwest Architectural Design and Research Institute Corporation (CSWADI) at 11 am Chinese standard time

yesterday.

They were welcomed by officials of the China Southwest Architectural Design and Research Institute Corporation (CSWADI).

At the hall of the corporation, officials clarified energy-saving construction projects of high-rise buildings, bridges, hotels, gymnasiums and hospitals implemented by the corporation, construction of buildings in international communities, creation of new designs for the earthquake-affected buildings through research works to construct the earthquake-resilient buildings, conducting research processes to prevent impacts of earthquakes, and construction of buildings in Myanmar. The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar enquired about and discussed some issues.

After signing the visitors' book of the corporation, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and a corporation official exchanged gifts and had documentary photos taken. — MNA/TTA

Crowds of people enthusiastically welcome Acting President ...

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Moreover, people voiced slogans such as "May China-Myanmar friendship last forever", "Wishing Senior General Min Aung Hlaing health as he works for all ethnicities, religions, and faiths", "Wishing Acting President and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission Senior General Min Aung Hlaing health", "May China-Myanmar friendship remain strong", and "May China-Myanmar friendship last forever". They also carried banners bearing "Wishing success for the comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership between Myanmar and China", "Warmly welcoming Senior General Min Aung Hlaing for his service to the nation", and "May the fraternal and Pauk-Phaw relationship between Myanmar

and China succeed," while waving miniature China-Myanmar flags and enthusiastically welcoming and honouring the occasion.

On his way back to Myanmar, Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing replied to queries raised by media personnel who went along with the high-level Myanmar delegation. The full text of the replies was as follows: -

I attended the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit Plus held in Tianjin of China, starting from 30 August at the invitation of the President of the People's Republic of China. It was also attended by SCO member countries, observers and dialogue partners. I held

bilateral meetings with most of the Heads of State. Likewise, I attended the parade to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War on 3 September. These are successful ceremonies. Especially, global issues and situations were discussed openly at the summit. In a meeting with Heads of State, I explained mutual cooperation and the situation of holding the election in December.

Not only Heads of State I met and other leaders I talked with comprehensively understand Myanmar's conditions and stand with Myanmar. They supported Myanmar to hold the election to be held in December. They expressed their wishes to successfully hold the election.

In recent days, I went to Harbin, located in the northeast of China. I observed agriculture, electronics and engineering works. Likewise, I visited Chengdu in Sichuan Province as the last one on this visit. Sichuan Province is also a region that has experienced earthquakes and successfully carried out effective reconstruction efforts, so their experiences in this regard have been shared. Moreover, I asked about agricultural activities. These are very satisfactory. Moreover, I held meetings with Chinese business representatives in Tianjin and Chengdu, where Union Ministers who accompanied me replied to questions of those businesspeople. I myself responded to their questions and briefed them on the necessary measures. **SEE PAGE 7**

NATIONAL

Economic growth seen as key driver of national progress and public well-being

BOOSTING the country’s economy is the most effective driving force for progress. Encouraging business growth will not only strengthen the economy but also enhance the socioeconomic well-being of the entire population.

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

Border stability restores trade activities

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Myanmar primarily exports rice, various types of beans and pulses, and sesame, as well as raw materials like rattan and hardwood, along with wood-based finished products to China. In addition, Myanmar is striving to produce higher-value-added wood-based products for distribution in both domestic and international markets. Both countries have expressed the desire to further expand bilateral trade and investment.

Although there are a total of eight border crossings along the Myanmar-China border, due to current security conditions, only the Muse-Ruili checkpoint is open, while the other border trade posts have been suspended because of terror attacks by ethnic armed groups, which have negatively affected bilateral trade. Since border trade directly contributes to the socioeconomic development of the peoples of both countries, it is necessary to cooperate fully to ensure stability and peace in the border areas and to enable the resumption of trade activities.

At present, instability in the Myanmar-China border areas has also affected the economies of Yunnan Province, Sichuan Province, and the Chongqing Municipality. If land borders between the two countries can be reopened, the flow of goods could increase beyond previous levels. Moreover, trade routes could be expanded from Myanmar’s northeastern region to Yunnan, Sichuan, Chongqing municipality, Guangxi Province, and Nanning City. Once these trade routes are reopened and expanded, both countries will be able to increase the variety of goods and value-added products for export, develop and upgrade transport infrastructure, and continue efforts to attract investment.

With the assistance of China, projects are being implemented in the education and health sectors for the socioeconomic development of Myanmar and electricity, energy, agriculture, industry and transport sectors for infrastructural development. As Chengdu is a primary economic centre in the western part of China, Myanmar has much potential to cooperate in trade, technology, tourism and energy sectors.

Currently, Myanmar and Sichuan Province are cooperating in many sectors. To strengthen collaboration in areas such as economic development, trade,

infrastructure construction, agriculture, healthcare, and education between Sichuan Province and Mandalay Region, plans are underway to sign a memorandum of understanding to establish a framework for friendly and cooperative relations. Similarly, a memorandum of understanding is also planned to be signed between Chengdu and Yangon, Myanmar’s commercial hub, to establish a sister-city relationship based on goodwill.

Moreover, efforts are being coordinated to further enhance economic and trade cooperation between Myanmar and Sichuan Province, promote tourism, cultural exchanges, and people-to-people interactions, and to resume the Yangon-Chengdu passenger air routes that were suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Strategically located at the road junction concerning the transport sector, Myanmar is a country that provides China with access to the Indian Ocean.

Moreover, many important projects such as the Kyaukpyu deep sea port project, China-Myanmar railway project and China-Myanmar cross-border national grid project are being implemented under the China-Myanmar economic corridor.

If the proposed railway projects can be successfully implemented and used for trade, it has been observed that, despite the long distance, there is good potential to conduct trade with both countries and even with the Russian Federation, with which both sides maintain good relations.

If Myanmar-China-Russian trilateral cooperation expands the trade sector, it will create good opportunities to much benefit the regional commodity flow.

In addition to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement, it is believed that bilateral investment agreements between China and Myanmar, the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA) agreement, and Myanmar’s investment protection and facilitation measures will enable both countries to strengthen not only bilateral but also regional cooperation robustly and sustainably.

The trade and border currency remittance is being operated to ensure a smooth working process of Chinese business partners in Myanmar and the yuan-kyat direct payment system in the investment process.

In addition to providing significant benefits and tax exemptions for Myanmar’s partner businesspersons, efforts will also be made to ensure that those who come to Myanmar to invest or conduct trade are treated fairly and without any disadvantages.

Furthermore, to promote the growth of investments between Myanmar and China, it is necessary to establish a Myanmar-China business cooperation committee to implement measures that will accelerate business development and progress. The Myanmar government is considering investing directly in Myanmar in yuan to facilitate smoother investment of Chinese businesspersons, and a decision is expected to be reached in the near future.

In the upcoming December, Myanmar will hold a free and fair general election, which is expected to further strengthen political stability. With greater stability, economic opportunities are also likely to expand. If Myanmar’s underground and aboveground resources and human resources are combined with China’s investments, significant positive outcomes are expected for both countries.

As such, the invitation is extended to Chinese businesspersons to operate their businesses in Myanmar with investments.

Chinese companies are implementing construction projects in Myanmar related to the reconstruction of earthquake-affected areas. Businesses will be allowed to operate if they comply with regulations, and private construction projects can also be implemented in collaboration with the UMFCCL. Efforts are underway to further promote bilateral investment, including the possibility of direct investment in yuan.

Resources exported from Myanmar are only allowed to be sent abroad in processed or semi-processed form, and not as raw materials.

Imports of necessary raw materials for manufacturing businesses invested in Myanmar will be permitted. In addition, if existing investments in Myanmar wish to carry out upgrading or expansion projects, permission will also be granted, and relevant companies can come and discuss these matters directly.

Investors are being invited to produce renewable energy to avoid environmental damage, particularly in solar and hydro-

power generation projects. Measures have also been put in place to ensure security protection during the course of these investments.

Officials from Chinese companies from Yunnan, Sichuan and Hunan provinces and Chongqing Municipality wishing to invest in Myanmar and investors asked about aid of Chinese organizations for Myanmar in the aftermath of the devastating Mandalay earthquake and their feasibility studies, investment for rehabilitation projects and generating solar power, Myanmar’s policies for export and import activities, cooperation in construction and digital technology, permission for direct investment in yuan to rise investment, protection of invested businesses, addressing the issue for waste of time in applying for import licences, export of necessary machinery for agricultural sector to Myanmar, ongoing procedures for Myanmar-China economic corridor project, and participation in development undertakings of Myanmar to enhance China-Myanmar cooperation.

In response, Union ministers briefed those Chinese businesspersons on rules and regulations for investments, issuance of permits for tenders under the relevant work procedures, generating solar power, allowing land plots for invested businesses under the rules, permission for doing businesses in vacant and virgin lands under the law, the policy for hiring experts at set rates, export of Pawsan rice of Myanmar to China, management to allow machinery licence application to upgrade garment industries in Myanmar, putting investment in Myanmar to manufacture agricultural machinery, more investments for improvement of agricultural produce, and further implementation of the Myanmar-China economic corridor project.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar cordially greeted the Chinese businesspersons and economists.

Also, present at the meeting were members of the Myanmar delegation, the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar, the Myanmar Ambassador to China, the president of UMFCCL, and businesspersons and economists from Yunnan, Sichuan and Hunan provinces and Chongqing Municipality, totalling more than 120. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, replies to questions raised by media in Chengdu

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, while in Chengdu of China, responded to queries on his working visit raised by news media from China at the Shangri-La Hotel in Chengdu yesterday afternoon.

At the interview, Chinese media such as Chengdu Daily, Chengdu Business Daily, West China Metropolis Daily, Chengdu Television (CDTV), Sichuan Television (SCTV), China Central Television (CCTV), People's Daily Online and Xinhua News Agency of China raised questions to Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing during his working visit to China on his attendance to the Shanghai Cooperation Organization-(SCO) Summit 2025 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 Anti-Fascist War, holding the Myanmar-China economic cooperation promotion meetings in Tianjin and Chengdu to enhance investment and trade between the two countries, and promotion of friendship and cooperation.

In a meeting with media personnel, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar explained his attendance at the SCO Summit and holding meetings with Chinese businesspersons to enhance investment and economic cooperation between the two countries. His clarifications are as follows: -

Mingalaba! Everyone. Following an invitation from Mr Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, I visited China on a goodwill trip from 30 August until today, 6 September, for a total of eight days. On the first day, 31 August, I attended the Shanghai Cooperation Or-



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, meets the press in Chengdu, China, yesterday.

ganization (SCO) Summit Plus in Tianjin. At that Summit, Myanmar, as a dialogue partner country, had already participated in 2023. In line with the invitation from the Chinese President, I attended this summit and delivered a speech. During the event, the President of the People's Republic of China discussed five proposals under the Global Governance Initiative for reforming and improving global governance. These proposals are consistent with the current state of the world. He highlighted that there are developed countries, developing countries, and impoverished countries around the world. While circumstances differ from country to country, some conditions are similar. Yet, powerful nations often exert political, economic, financial, and military pressure on both equally powerful countries and weaker nations. So, President Mr Xi Jinping emphasized this issue and explained the need for reforms and changes to address it. Therefore, Myanmar fully supports these five proposals, and we discussed this position during the meeting. World leaders also expressed their support. I would like to say that the Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit was a complete success. Continuing the trip, on 3 September, I attended the ceremony marking the 80th Anniversary of the Victory

in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War. It was an extremely grand military parade. First, I observed the highly organized training of the Chinese military, which is impressive. Second, I saw the full discipline of the Chinese people. Third, I witnessed the high level of China's national defence capability. Furthermore, China can provide protection globally. Some of the defence equipment I saw was beyond our expectations, and we believe it can safeguard the world against threats from powerful countries. Given that this anniversary commemorates 80 years since the people endured oppression by fascists, this parade was highly meaningful and impactful. During this trip, I also visited Heilongjiang Province in northeast China and Sichuan Province, where I am today, as part of a goodwill mission to enhance cooperative efforts between our two countries. This concludes today's trip.

During the rest of the trip, while examining how our two countries can cooperate in various sectors, I found that there are many opportunities for collaboration. Regarding economic matters, both sides also have numerous opportunities for trade to work together. In Tianjin, Sichuan, Harbin, and Chengdu, I met major Chinese business-

people and spoke openly about the economic opportunities in Myanmar. The Union ministers accompanying me were able to provide detailed explanations. The Chinese businesspeople actively participated in discussions and meetings, showing great interest, which gives both sides high expectations for increased economic cooperation. This was my 12th visit to China, and I would like to say that this trip has been the most successful one so far. Myanmar is a trustworthy and good neighbour of China. China has also always hoped to have Myanmar as a reliable partner. I want to emphasize that this trip created strong and confident opportunities for cooperation between our two countries. I also hope that China will continue to work closely with Myanmar. The participation of everyone here has contributed to making this a successful trip. Thank you all. Afterwards, questions of media were replied as follows:-

Q: Esteemed Acting President, I am a reporter from People's Daily Online Media. My question is regarding China-Myanmar relations and diplomatic ties, which have now reached their 75th anniversary this year. As the Acting President, I would like to know in which sectors the two countries will continue to collaborate strategically in the future, and how you plan to further promote

cooperation and harmony between China and Myanmar.

A: As I mentioned earlier, Myanmar and China are countries with a shared kinship-based relationship. They also share a border of approximately 1,300 miles as neighbouring countries. The history between the two nations includes interactions spanning many years, and the bilateral relationship has been built on complete trust. Therefore, we will continue to collaborate across all sectors. Moreover, China has an advantage in renewable energy (Green Policy). Since this policy aligns with our own approach of sustainable development and environmental care, we plan to leverage China's experience to cooperate in a way that allows Myanmar to also benefit from the results today.

Q: I am from Xinhua News Agency. I would like to raise two questions. The first one is that Myanmar is an SCO partner country. You, the Acting President, attended the SCO Summit at the invitation of our President. At the summit, our President underscored the Global Governance Initiative (GGI). In this regard, what is your view on the plan proposed by President Xi Jinping? And how do you think that plan impacts the current global situation? This is the first question. The second question is that China-Myanmar diplomatic relations turn 75 years old this year. When President Xi Jinping met you in Tianjin, he noted that China-Myanmar relations are a kinship-based relationship, with a long history rooted in people-to-people ties. Both sides have been cooperating strategically, building on 75 years of China-Myanmar diplomatic relations. As it is fostering a harmonious and mutually beneficial environment, bringing peace and well-being to the peoples of both countries, my question is: As of now, how would you comment on the progress of China-Myanmar relations?

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A: Regarding the global SCO Summit Plus, President Xi Jinping presented a five-point Global Governance Initiative. I also mentioned it at the beginning of my remarks. On the world stage, there are major powers that exercise influence politically, economically, religiously, and militarily. For example, the United States exerts pressure and sanctions on China, and we experience similar pressures – not just financially, but also politically and economically. These five points highlight existing global weaknesses and emphasize the need for corrective action. Therefore, I would like to stress the importance of cooperation among nations. President Xi Jinping also conveyed that China is prepared to face any pressure or threat,

and we understand this to mean that China is ready to manage these challenges effectively. In addition, there were comments regarding the 75th anniversary of China-Myanmar relations. Even though China-Myanmar diplomatic relations have officially lasted 75 years, the relationship between our two countries has existed for many centuries. We are also neighbouring countries. China’s development positively influences Myanmar, just as Myanmar’s development and stability contribute to China’s progress. The kinship-based relationship between China and Myanmar is recognized by both countries. As strategic partners, both sides agree to experience prosperity and challenges together. Therefore, during my current tenure, our country has placed special emphasis on this

relationship, and it is evident that China is actively cooperating as well. Currently, China-Myanmar relations are at their best and highest level. However, we will continue to work toward an even better, higher, and stronger level of cooperation. “Good” is never permanent. China’s ongoing development shows an example of better progress. Similarly, in advancing bilateral cooperation, both sides must strive to improve continuously. I can say that this visit has achieved better results than the previous situation. OK.

Q: Esteemed President, I am from Sichuan Daily Media. I have two questions. The first question is: During your current visit to Sichuan, how do you feel, and what impressions or benefits have you gained? The second question is: In

terms of areas for cooperation between Sichuan and Myanmar, which sectors do you hope to see collaboration in?

A: The main reason for coming to Sichuan Province is that I am visiting Chengdu. Including this visit, I have been to Chengdu five times. The first time was back in 2007, which was 18 years ago. During my visits, I have seen that Chengdu, which represents Sichuan, has developed significantly. We are impressed. We also discussed with the Provincial Party Secretary about areas for cooperation, and both sides have agreed to collaborate. There are broad areas for cooperation between Sichuan Province and Myanmar. Sichuan is advanced in industrial technology and highly developed in the education sector. Its agricultural sector is also strong. However,

there are agricultural products, aboveground and underground resources, and marine products that Sichuan does not have but Myanmar possesses in abundance. Therefore, if we are to cooperate in these areas, I would like to say that such initiatives represent China. Regarding aviation transport, arrangements are being made to implement it as quickly as possible. As trade increases, air traffic will also grow. In any case, cooperation between Sichuan Province and Myanmar is expected to develop far more extensively than in the past. So, I would like to invite media teams from Sichuan Province to visit Myanmar to observe and learn. By coming, they will better understand the significance of how to carry out cooperation with Myanmar. That’s all. Thank you.

Crowds of people enthusiastically welcome Acting President ...



The Senior General answers media questions on return flight.

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I would like to say that economic cooperation and mutually beneficial collaboration between the two countries have achieved significant progress. Another point is that China is giving considerable priority to artificial intelligence (AI). I also

observed that China places strong emphasis on initiatives related to the “Green Zone” or “Green Revolution”, focusing on environmental sustainability. This is something we can learn from. In Myanmar as well, we are carrying out activities under the motto “Let us protect our environment for the prosperity of the Nation”. This is

part of my policy. Our nation must move forward with renewable and sustainable energy. Similarly, when it comes to cooperation in joint meetings, it is not enough for us to only import goods from them – we must also produce our own goods and export them. We must strengthen our production. So, we are working under the motto “Let us encourage production for the prosperity of the Nation”. We all have to work for the nation. If not, we will not achieve anything. Moreover, I saw advanced technologies of China. I have experienced many times of visits to China. The development of China is very wonderful. If we practically assess it, we will see it. We have to make vigorous efforts to catch up with them. To have development, we have greater technologies and skills. Only when we have sound foundations for the education sector will we have technologies and skills.

Hence, we must also strive to improve the sound foundation of education. Only when we have a large number of educated people will skills and expertise improve, enabling us to work on par with others. One of the questions I was asked was whether, if they came to work in Myanmar, they would have access to the necessary human resources and whether they could assign responsibilities as required. My answer

is that, according to our laws, they must operate in line with the rules. But for that to be possible, we also need human resources capable of working alongside them. Without such human resources, how could we cooperate effectively? That is why I want to tell our country that we must exert effort and make progress. To achieve this, national stability and peace are essential. And for stability and peace, we must act with genuine awareness and responsibility. Our position will never change. I will continue to work until we achieve success.

After the upcoming election this December, our country will continue to move forward along the path chosen by the people, following the multiparty democratic system. If we keep disputing and hindering the process instead of working together, then we will not be able to fully enjoy the fruits of progress. That is why stability and peace are also necessary. To achieve stability and peace, we must act with genuine political awareness. The priority is to strive for stability and peace. Secondly, we must strive for higher education standards. And once that is achieved, we must continue to promote and strengthen education. We must work hard. Only if we can accomplish these will we be able to fully implement and realize the results gained during this trip. — MNA/TTA

Clean Air for Blue Skies: Essential for All Communities

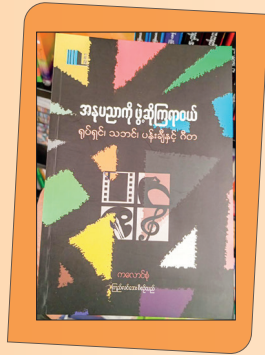
AIR pollution is a global problem and a major environmental health risk with far-reaching impacts due to its ability to travel over long distances. Without strong intervention, the number of premature deaths from ambient air pollution is projected to rise by more than 50 per cent by 2050.

With regard to air pollution, invisible particles spread through the air, and generally, people cannot see them or prevent these particles from entering their lungs, bloodstream, and bodies. In fact, pollutants are responsible for various health impacts, including strokes, chronic respiratory diseases, lung cancer, and heart attacks caused by air pollution. If the environment is clean, even patients with chronic diseases can ease their suffering through proper breathing practices in clean air. Therefore, everyone needs to be aware that ground-level ozone – formed through the interaction of different pollutants in sunlight – is also a major cause of asthma and chronic respiratory illnesses.

Hence, everyone should avoid their activities without harming others. In particular, farmers should avoid setting fire to already harvested farmlands as preparation for the next season's cultivation. Although these acts may not be intentional, the smoke and other gases released from the fires contribute to air pollution. Since all people, including the farmers themselves, rely on clean air for life, no one should engage in activities that pollute the air and harm their communities and the planet. By doing so, everyone should help build a safe and healthy society with clean air by following the theme for the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies 2025: Racing for Air: Every Breath Matters.

come populations, due to their lifestyle with indoor air pollution from cooking and heating with wood or kerosene, according to the United Nations.

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Book Title - Defining Arts: Film, Performing Arts, Painting and Music

Authors - Various Authors

Publishing House - Sar Yeik Myaing

Publication Date - June 2025 (1st Edition)

Price - K18,500

Defining Arts: Film, Performing Arts, Painting and Music

THIS week's pick is how the arts play a key role in civilized and cohesive society as they are powerful tools for cultural identity, innovation, community cohesion and developing critical thinking and empathy. Sar Yeik Myaing Publishing House released this anthology entitled “Defining Arts: Film, Performing Arts, Drawing and Music”, curated by Saya Kyaw Soe Win (Kyi Lin Aye) from Mandalay.

He expressed his appreciation and honour to artists and iconic figures who permitted to use of their precious piece of writing in this collection, weaving together different categories: drawing, visual arts and music, film, performing arts, novel, fiction, essays, articles and poetry.

Earlier, the editor aimed to publish a booklet or a little magazine. Then, Sar Yeik Myaing Publishing House released this anthology, bringing together works from famous figures, celebrating Myanmar's multifaceted arts.

Anthologies of aesthetic literature have always been devoted to readership. Therefore, the editor also hopes to grow a

devoted readership and turn into a loyal fan, he noted in the preface.

Having different authors is unique, and they are all well-known. Readers can find aesthetic writings of Ludu Daw Amar, Nan Nyunt Swe, Maung Thar Noe, Nat Nwe, Kyi Aye, Naing Win Swe, Win Pe, Wathon, Min Min Lat, Director Aung Myint Myat, Thu Maung, , Dr Than Tun, Daung Ma Lay (Shwe Mann Theatre), Khin Maung San, Pianist Thein Maung, Chit Oo Nyo, Win Sithyu, Nyi Pu Lay, Nay Win Myint, Shwegu May Hnin, Myint Maung Kyaw, Min Khaik Soe San, Maung Swe Khin (Kayanpya), Zalat, Maung Chaw Nwe, Aung Cheit, Aung Way, Maung Say Yoe, Win Myint, Aye Min Saw, Yoe Myay, Thi Mar Win.

Publisher Pyay Arkar (Sar Yeik Myaing literature) remarked in the preface that “I have dreamt of publishing an anthology. Yet, the lack of manuscripts and the inability to ask for permission for the renowned works hindered me. I am just a green hand in this field. I would like to express deep gratitude to Saya Kyaw Soe Win for curating this book.

This book encompasses drawing, music, film and performing arts, plus poetry, articles, novels, essays and visual arts categories.

Saya Nat Nwe's article titled “Him, His palm reading, relationship with me” stating that “Ko Nat, look at here, a new palm line has appeared. It is just new. And then, the other line here has vanished. Have a look”.

One day, when I arrived at his room, he gently touched his hand and showed me. I turned from checking the daily revenue of the film ‘Ngwe Hline Zar Paw Hmar’ to checking his palm. “One new line indeed emerged and another one disappeared”, noted in the introduction of the article. This piece of Him contemplates a versatile artist and well-known Myanmar actor named “Win Oo” and covers his palm reading.

This book also features U Thu Kha's manuscripts, rare events and visual storytelling of famous artists from film, performing arts, drawing and music industries. Painter Bagyi Lynn Wunna created the cover of the book and Khaing Zin Tun illustrated interior design.



Book Title - A Collection of School Songs

Writer - U Phoe Latt

Publishing House - Seikku Cho Cho

Publication Date - July 2025 (1st Edition)

Price - K20,000

A Collection of School Songs (Thachin Padaytha Paung Choke)

THE Seikku Cho Cho Publishing House has published a book that says “the Collective School Songs intend to provide short songs collected from the essence of Myanmar poetry so that students can choose and sing the ones they like, or parents and teachers may select and teach the appropriate ones to them, bringing joy to their hearts.”

The first edition of Collective School Song was released in 1951, whereas the second edition was released in 1954, and a new edition with additional songs was released in 1956. The first collection of these three categories was published by the Pan Shwe Pyi Publishing House in 2011, and now, Seikku Cho Cho has published a new one containing old classical songs with the arrangement of Saya U Ye Dwe, the son of the writer.

The collector of school songs is U Phoe Latt. Here is a brief biography of U Phoe Latt. He had a very close friendship with the late national education officer U

Phoe Kya, and was interested in Myanmar literature and culture since his school days. U Phoe Latt is the first headmaster of the first national school (Myoma National School). Although he is an officer, he is very humble. He wanted to do good things by studying Myanmar literature and culture. Regardless of his duties, he conducted research and presented his findings as articles in magazines. Most of his articles can be found in Ganda Lawka magazine. Moreover, he compiled papers and treatises.

The A Collection of School Songs book was created by U Phoe Latt. Moreover, ‘Naut Twe Shay Thachingyi Myar’ book was also published by U Phoe Latt.

Intending to study pure and meaningful songs so that children may attain the benefits of joy, refinement, courage, and a noble mind, Sayagyi U Phoe Latt compiled suitable Myanmar songs for children, ranging from the kindergarten level up to the

high school level. He also put the meaning of the words to understand more easily. This book was published in three volumes, and now compiling these volumes. It is the book named A Collection of School Songs used in schools.

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The preface reads Myanmar people love nature, and the songs are composed with scenes depicting the landscape, rain, cloud, weather, flower, animals and birds, and so the young ones who have to learn these songs can engage with nature and possess a mindset to value nature. Therefore, the young ones who learn these pure and meaningful songs will have joy, courage and become noble men and women.

Don't Colour Your White Mind

by Mya Thae (Research)

My friend, I know you are honest. Besides, you are a helpful woman plus generous. Moreover, you have enormous sympathy. So, you helped people with their difficulties. But some jealous persons blamed your good deeds. Patient with them and don't colour your white mind for their bad deeds.

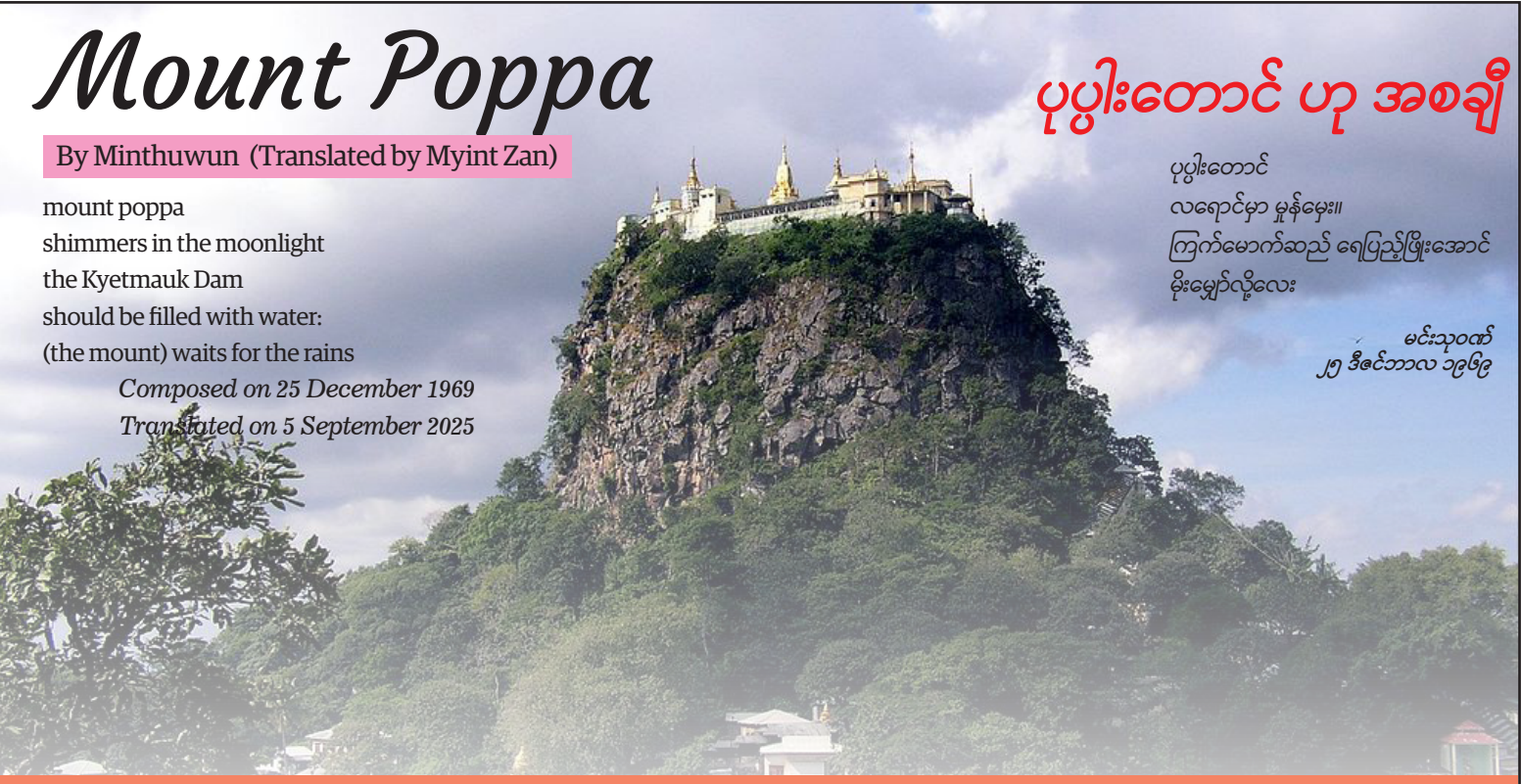


Mount Poppa

By Minthuwan (Translated by Myint Zan)

mount poppa
shimmers in the moonlight
the Kyetmauk Dam
should be filled with water:
(the mount) waits for the rains

*Composed on 25 December 1969
Translated on 5 September 2025*



ပုပ္ဖိုးတောင် ဟု အစချီ
လရောင်မှာ မှန်မှေး။
ကြက်မောက်ဆည် ရေပြည့်ဖို့အောင်
နိုးမျှော်လို့လေး

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Translator's note: Mount Poppa is an extinct volcano in central Myanmar. A Google search indicates that the distance between Mount Poppa and the Kyetmauk Dam is approximately eight miles.


Bonds Across the Border

By Min Zan

Along the hills where borders meet,
Two nations join with steps so fleet,
Through trade and trust, their hands extend,
On lasting ties, they both depend.

The roads and rails their journeys bind,
With hopes of progress well aligned,
Investments grow, the markets rise,
Bright futures shine before their eyes.

Through years of trials, side by side,
Their friendship stands, both strong and wide,
In every heart the promise stays,
Of peace and growth in the coming days.



(In honour of the Myanmar-China economic cooperation...)

NATIONAL

Entertainment

Blue Jeans Night 2025 concert set for fans



THREE famous vocalists, May Kha Lar, Connie and Si Thu Lwin, will host the Blue Jeans Night music concert 2025 at the Wyndham Grand Yangon Hotel on 30 September.

"The three great vocalists, Connie, Si Thu Lwin and May Kha Lar, will gather on the same night. Is Yangon ready to enjoy the golden days of the Blue Jeans Night music concert 2025 at Wyndham Grand Yangon Hotel on 30 September?" stated the Wyndham Grand Yangon Hotel.

The concert will be at Amarapura Grand Ballroom (Level 3) at 7 pm. Tickets are 10 per cent off for procurement between 1-15 September. — Htun Htun/KTZH



Htoo Khant Kyaw

THE Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO) organized an award ceremony for outstanding offspring of the artistes for the 2024-25 academic year. Ma Myo Thandar Kyaw, daughter of actor Htoo Khant Kyaw, was also awarded K200,000 - K100,000 by the organization and K100,000 by Mingalar U Zaw Min and family. Actor Htoo Khant Kyaw expressed gratitude to officials for presenting awards.

Phway Phway

ACADEMY Phway Phway starred as the 'Gyit Tu Ma' character in the 'Akye Gyi' film, and it will be screened on 12 September. It is directed by Aryone Oo Pwint Theingi Zaw, and cast members are Academy Nay Win, Academy Phway Phway, Academy Soe Myat Thuzar and other artistes, and the guest artistes are Academy Chuu Lay, Thein Linn Soe and Nyi Nyi Maung (Sangyoung). The actress also attended the Lotte Hotel Wedding Fair on 30 August together with famous artistes such as Nay Toe and Myint Myat.



Soe Myat Thuzar

ACADEMY Soe Myat Thuzar turned 54 on 1 September. In her official social media page, she also expressed gratitude to her fans and those who made wishes and gave presents on her birthday while she was doing good deeds.



Nay La

ACTOR and doctor Nay La opened the Mingala (24-hour) clinic and participated in charity events. He offered home treatment service, and he notified that patients can call him by dialling 09 950678123.

C E L E B R I T Y

BRIEF

Wai Lar Yi

ACTRESS Wai Lar Yi portrays an eccentric role in the 'Gon' film. She said, "I starred in it without taking any charges as it is to honour the elderly actresses. I tried my best to meet the character of a crazy person. Please support me as it is a chance to show off my skill." She will serve as a bridesmaid at the wedding of actor Hein Wai Yan and actress Soe Pyae Thazin, which will be held in November.



Chaw Yadana

THE nominated films for the upcoming Academy Award event are popular now. Moreover, fans are also making guesses about who will win the Academy Awards. Academy Chaw Yadana said, "All are my memorable films. I starred as otherworldly mother roles in 'Mi Chel' and 'Win Ka Sut' films. It is a gift for me. I am happy regardless of the role or character. I will always remember those who trusted me." — Htun Htun/KTZH

Union Information Minister pushes for effective AI use in media

THE Myanmar delegation, led by Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, attended the opening ceremony of the 2025 Global South Media and Think Tank Forum at the Intercontinental Hotel in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China, yesterday.

The attendees observed the Yunnan products and ancient artworks displayed at the event, and enjoyed the video clip of Yunnan's dance troupe.

Wang Ning, Yunnan Province Party Secretary, Hu Heping, from the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Fu Hua, President of Xinhua news agency and officials discussed the enhancement of cooperation with the global south media.

A rescue team leader, who participated in the Yunnan rescue team arriving in Myanmar after the Mandalay earthquake first, talked about the rescue activities in Myanmar, the effective rescue works of Chinese and Yunnan rescue teams, and showed the record photos that depict a better Myanmar-China friendship.

The Director of the Fire Services Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs also explained the experience in rescue works after the Mandalay earthquake and cooperation with the Yunnan



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn delivers a speech at the opening ceremony of the 2025 Global South Media and Think Tank Forum in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China, yesterday.

province rescue team.

At noon, the preliminary meeting of the high-level forum continued, and the Union minister said today, along with the advancement of modern technologies, all can see that the media sector is also improving and transforming day by day. At present, everyone is aware that AI technology is driving both developments and controversial issues.

Due to AI technology, all can now witness that tasks, which were once difficult to carry out, can be easily created and performed. However, it also recognizes that, in terms of laws and ethics, there are challenges and potential negative impacts. Therefore, it is very important to use AI technology in the media effectively, to ensure its application in line with common regulations, to narrow the technological gap known as the Digital Divide, and to promote collaboration among countries in the global south.

He continued that Myanmar is willing to strengthen cooperation with media organizations of the countries of the

Global South. Through this forum, it should continue fostering new exchanges and cooperation. By working together to combat fake news and misinformation spreading around the world, all can ensure that accurate information reaches both nations and their people. This will help promote mutual understanding and build stronger bonds of friendship, and contribute to creating a more peaceful and harmonious world. Therefore, all should strive together with the collective strength and unity of the Global South countries.

The Union minister signed an LOI on media cooperation with Chinese Information Minister Ms Zeng Yan. The six departments and organizations, including MRTV and Yunnan Media Group-YMG, approved and recorded the agreement on media cooperation by touching the screen on the video wall.

At the Yunnan-Myanmar information cooperation workshop, the Union minister and Chinese officials discussed the information cooperation, fast exchange of news data, sharing of broadcasting schemes and cooperation in print media.

After the meeting, the information Ministers of China and Myanmar exchanged gifts. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar launches youth strategy dialogue, opens annual arts performance show

THE Myanmar Future Youth Strategy Forum 2025 experience dialogue was held yesterday morning at the Yadanabon University Gymnasium in Amarapura Township, Mandalay Region. The event was attended by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung, Deputy Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Zin Min Htet, the Chief Justice of the Mandalay Region High Court, regional ministers, rectors of universities and degree colleges, forum representatives, as well as teachers and students of Yadanabon University.

At the ceremony, the Mandalay Region chief minister delivered a speech and donated

fiction and non-fiction books to the Yadanabon University Library, while the Deputy minister presented sports equipment to the university. The Chief Justice of the Mandalay Region High Court also presented gifts to the forum representatives participating in the dialogue.

Following the ceremony, the Mandalay Region chief minister inspected preparations for the 26th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition at the State High School of Fine Arts in Aungmyaythazan Township, Mandalay, and coordinated the necessary arrangements.

In the afternoon, the chief

minister, accompanied by his team, attended the 19th Mon Painting, Sculpture, and Music, Drama, Film, and Theatre Performance Ceremony of the 2024-2025 academic year at the National University of Arts and Culture in Patheingyi Township, Mandalay, where he also delivered a speech.

Subsequently, fourth-year students from the Department of Arts and postgraduate diploma students in arts presented works in oil and watercolour painting, while students from the Department of Sculpture displayed sculptures made of fibre. Awards were presented after the exhibition. The Region Chief Minister and



The Myanmar Future Youth Strategy Forum 2025 experience dialogue in progress at the Yadanabon University Gymnasium in Amarapura Township, Mandalay Region, yesterday.

his party then watched stage music, dance, film, and theatre. performances by students in — MNA/ MKKS

NATIONAL

Tatmadaw recaptures key Myawady highway stretch

AFTER 10 days of its counter-terrorism operation that began on 28 August, Tatmadaw recaptured the entire Kawkareik–Thingan Nyinnaung–Myawady Asian Highway at 1 pm yesterday.

This highway is a major trade route between Thailand and Myanmar. The area had been temporarily controlled by KNU terrorists. Tatmadaw had also reopened the Kyondoe–Kawkareik route on 24 July after seizing it from KNU terrorists.

In the efforts to regain control of the Kawkareik–Thingan Nyinnaung–Myawady Asian Highway and the town of Thingan Nyinnaung, which was briefly under KNU control, there were 382 major and minor clash-

es. Following the operation, 63 bodies, 57 assorted arms, and related equipment were seized from the terrorists. Some Tatmadaw officers and soldiers sacrificed their lives for the country, while others were injured.

Tatmadaw columns will continue conducting security operations along the highway to ensure that border trade resumes as soon as possible and that residents, tourists, freight vehicles, and passenger vehicles can travel safely and smoothly along the route. — MNA/TH

Tatmadaw members are seen in Thingan Nyinnaung.



Pre-event held for International Literacy Day



A pre-event to mark the 2025 International Literacy Day in progress at the Jivitadana Sangha Hospital in Bahan yesterday.

MYANMAR Literacy and Regional Development Support Association organized the ceremony to mark the 2025 International Literacy Day in advance at Jivitadana Sangha Hospital in Bahan township yesterday.

At the event, U Myo Thant, the association chairman, made an opening speech, and the first and second vice-chairpersons read out the activities of the association, three Rs-re-

lated activities and poems.

The chairman presented certificates of honour to Wunna Kyaw Htin Professor Dr Daw Po, Saya U Aung Kyi Nyunt, Sayama Daw Nwe Mu Sein, Sayama Daw Shwe Yin Su, Tekkatho Sein Myint Tun, Dr Daw Khin Than and commemorative presents to the secretary of Jivitadana Sangha Hospital and a donor.

Honorary patron of the as-

sociation, Professor Dr Daw Po, remarked, and the third vice-chair expressed words of gratitude.

Educational special officer U Than Byin initiated three Rs activities in Ashae San Pya village of Meiktila in the summer of 1964 together with four teachers of Yangon Kanbe Teacher Training Institute. His plan succeeded and continued with public activities without seeking government budget, and the entire people in Meiktila district were educated in 1969.

The Myanmar Literacy Central Committee was organized, and the teachers and students from Yangon University, College and Teacher Training Institute participated in three Rs activities in the summer. In honour of Myanmar's three Rs activities, UNESCO presented the Mohammad Reza Pahlavi prize to Myanmar in 1971 and the Noma prize in 1983. — Thit-sa (MNA)/KTZH

Myanmar to present film 'Upadan' at ASEAN Plus Film Festival 2025

THE Myanmar movie 'Upadan' will be screened at the ASEAN Plus Film Festival 2025 in Prague, Czech Republic.

The festival is underway in Prague from 4 to 10 September, featuring films representing ASEAN countries, and Myanmar will showcase 'Upadan' as part of the lineup.

The film's story and screenplay were written and directed by Maung Aung (Chemistry), while director Vann Gyi oversaw production for Zeyar Shwe Pyi Film. The cast includes Khaing Htoo

Tha, Zarti, Nan Su Oo, May Thin Zar Oo, Academy Khin Zar Chi Kyaw, and Academy Cho Pyone, among others. The film festival was attended by Dr Htun Naung, Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of Myanmar to the Czech Republic. Speeches were delivered by Mrs Rina P Soemarno, the rotating Chair of the ASEAN-Prague Committee and Ambassador of Indonesia, as well as Mr David Kaspar, Deputy Minister of Culture of the Czech Republic, as a special guest of honour. — ASH/MKKS



Shan State Police hails 61st Police Day with community service

THE Shan State Police Force organized a community clean-up at the Cibinthaya Park in Taunggyi yesterday to com-

memorate the 61st anniversary of Myanmar Police Day.

Led by the Shan State Police Force Commander, a total

of 188 participants, including 185 police members and three staff, took part in the activity from 7 am to 9:30 am. Shan

State Police Force Commander, Acting Police Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Han, and his wife Daw Tin Moe Aye provided

refreshments including tea, Myanmar snacks, and clean drinking water for the participants. — MNA/KZL

US Open offers home court advantage to top brands

THE US Open, the last Grand Slam of the tennis calendar, has become a coveted money-making opportunity for the world's top brands, in everything from banking to ice cream, generating hundreds of millions of dollars.

Last year, the event run by the US Tennis Association posted revenue of \$560 million, a record for a tennis tournament and more than double the figure from 10 years before. Ticket sales are the USTA's primary source of income, but broadcast rights could soon surpass that, with a new 11-year contract with Disney's ESPN

Group worth more than \$2 billion coming into effect in 2026. For consumer brands, "the US Open is arguably the most visible tennis tournament and it's also taking place in a city that's known for fashion and trends," said Patrick Rishe, a professor of sports business at the University of Washington in St Louis.

The two-week event — attended by a constellation of stars from actors to sports icons — is especially key for athletic wear and gear makers, as well as regular fashion labels, "to make a splash, because it's a global stage", Rishe explained. — AFP



The US Open is a golden opportunity for brands to showcase their offering, such as this custom Nike sneaker worn by Japan's Naomi Osaka. **PHOTO: AFP**

Vietnam posts US\$13.99 bln trade surplus in 8 months

VIETNAM posted a trade surplus of US\$13.99 billion in the first eight months of this year, according to the National Statistics Office on Saturday.

The country's total import-export turnover reached US\$597.93 billion during the period, up 16.3 per cent year-on-year.

Exports rose 14.8

per cent while imports climbed 17.9 per cent, said the report.

Seven key commodities each earned more than US\$10 billion in export value, including electronics, computers and components, telephones, textiles, garments, footwear, vehicles and parts, and timber products. — Xinhua

AI giant Anthropic to pay \$1.5 bln over pirated books



Anthropic, led by CEO Dario Amodei, recently closed a \$13 billion funding round that it said values the generative artificial intelligence startup at \$183 billion. **PHOTO: AFP**

ANTHROPIC will pay at least \$1.5 billion to settle a US class action lawsuit over allegedly using pirated books to train its artificial intelligence models, according to court documents filed Friday.

"This landmark settlement far surpasses any other known copyright recovery," said plaintiffs' attorney Justin Nelson. "It is the first of its kind in the AI era."

The settlement stems from a class-action lawsuit filed by authors Andrea Bartz, Charles Graeber, and Kirk Wallace Johnson, who accused Anthropic of illegally copying their books to train Claude, the company's AI chatbot that rivals ChatGPT. In a partial victory for Anthropic, US District Court Judge William Alsup ruled in June that the company's training of its Claude AI models with books — whether bought or pirated — so transformed the works that it constituted "fair use" under the law. — AFP

88 countries suspend postal services to US over tariffs: UN

POSTAL traffic to the United States plunged more than 80 per cent following Washington's imposition of new tariffs,

with 88 countries fully or partially suspending services, the Universal Postal Union said Saturday. The UPU, the United

Nations' postal cooperation agency, is working on "the rapid development of a new technical solution that will help

get mail moving to the United States again", its director-general Masahiko Metoki said in a statement. — AFP

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M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST

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India among largest delegations at Eastern Economic Forum

HUNDREDS of contracts worth more than \$80 billion were signed at this year’s edition of the Eastern Economic Forum (EEF), Russian presidential aide and executive secretary of the forum’s organizing committee, Anton Kobayakov, said on Saturday.

“353 contracts have been signed for a total of 6.51 trillion roubles [\$80.2 billion], excluding agreements that constitute a trade secret,” Kobayakov told reporters at the final press conference.

This year, the economic forum was attended by more than 8,400 participants and media representatives from 75 countries and territories.

Kobayakov specified that the largest delegations to EEF 2025 were from China, Mongolia, India, Japan and Laos.

The 10th edition of the EEF is taking place in Russia’s Vladivostok from September 3-6. RIA Novosti is the general media partner of the forum. — SPUTNIK



Russian President Putin speaks during a plenary session of the 2025 Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) at the Far Eastern Federal University on Russky Island in Vladivostok, Russia. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

5 SEPTEMBER

Maduro urges dialogue after Trump threat

VENEZUELAN leader Nicolas Maduro on Friday called for dialogue with Washington, hours after President Donald Trump threatened to shoot down Venezuelan military jets if they pose a danger to US forces.

Tensions between the two countries soared in recent days after the Pentagon accused Venezuela of buzzing its ships in the Caribbean following a deadly US strike on an alleged Venezuelan drug boat.

“None of the differences we have and have had can lead to a military conflict,” Maduro said in a message broadcast on all of Venezuela’s radio and television networks.

“Venezuela has always been willing to talk, to engage in dialogue, but we demand respect,” he added. As tensions mount, Washington is deploying F-35 warplanes to Puerto Rico as part of Trump’s war on drug cartels. — AFP

4 SEPTEMBER

Toyota planning to make EVs in Czech Republic

TOYOTA Motor says it will start making electric vehicles in Eastern Europe in the next few years. It will be Toyota’s first EV production in Europe at one of its own factories.

The Japanese carmaker will expand an existing plant in the Czech Republic. EV batteries will also be made there. About 220,000 vehicles, including hybrids, currently roll out of the factory each year.

Toyota plans to invest about 680 million euros, or nearly 800 million dollars, in the project. The Czech government will chip in up to 64 million euros, or about 75 million dollars, to help cover the expansion.

Toyota plans to offer 14 EV models in Europe by next year. The lineup will include new models. — Kyodo

3 SEPTEMBER

Heavy rains caused the Yamuna River in Delhi to rise

THE rising water level of the Yamuna River has led to severe flooding in several parts of Delhi on Wednesday, prompting large-scale evacuations and relief measures.

Low-lying areas along the river have been worst hit, with Yamuna Khadar, Mayur Vihar Phase-I, and Nigam Bodh Ghat inundated. Floodwaters also entered the Monastery Market and nearby residential and commercial areas.

Meanwhile, relief camps have been set up in affected areas, including Yamuna Khadar, Mayur Vihar Phase-I. The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has intensified its operations.

The flooding is not confined to Delhi alone. Areas around the Yamuna River in Uttar Pradesh’s Noida Sector 167 are flooded, as the water level of the river increases following heavy rainfall.

As a preventive measure amid the anticipation of the possible flood situation, people residing in the low-lying areas nearby have been shifted to safer locations. — ANI

2 SEPTEMBER

Japanese youth submit 110,000 signatures urging nuclear abolition

A group of Japanese high school students on Tuesday submitted to the United Nations more than 110,000 signatures calling for the abolishment of nuclear weapons 80 years after the US atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Four boys and 20 girls selected from across Japan as this year’s peace messengers conveyed the voices of aging survivors of the atomic bombings in a meeting with Carolynne-Melanie Regimbal, chief of service of the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs’ Geneva Office.

“Eighty years ago, the nuclear weapons dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki left behind deep wounds and unfathomable sorrow – scars that have never healed,” Ami Nagato, a 16-year-old student from Hiroshima Prefecture, said during the meeting. “It goes without saying what the consequences would be if today’s 12,000 nuclear weapons were ever used.” The students also attended a meeting of the Conference on Disarmament on Tuesday morning in Geneva. — Kyodo

1 SEPTEMBER

Japan logs hottest summer on record

JAPAN logged its hottest summer since 1898, when comparable records first became available, with the average temperature 2.36 C above normal, the weather agency said Monday.

The reading for the three months from June to August topped the previous records set in both 2023 and 2024, when the mercury was 1.76 C above normal, according to the Japan Meteorological Agency.

The reference temperature is the 30-year average from 1991 to 2020, the agency said.

With scorching conditions forecast to persist into September, the agency has urged the public to take precautions against heat-related emergencies.

The number of locations topping 40 C reached 30, the highest on record. — Kyodo

31 AUGUST

Indonesia tightens security after deadly protests

INDONESIAN authorities ramped up security after six people were killed in unrest over economic hardship that escalated into violent anger against the nation’s police force.

The deadly protests, which began last week over financial perks for lawmakers, have forced President Prabowo Subianto to make a U-turn over the measures.

Demonstrations had begun peacefully, but turned violent against the nation’s elite paramilitary police unit after footage showed one of its teams running over 21-year-old delivery driver Affan Kurniawan late Thursday.

Protests have since spread from capital Jakarta to other major cities, including Yogyakarta, Bandung, Semarang and Surabaya in Java, and Medan in North Sumatra province, in the worst unrest since Prabowo took power. — AFP

SPORTS

Late penalty downs Myanmar U23 against Japan

THE Myanmar U23 team fell 1-2 to Japan in their second Group B match of the 2026 AFC U23 Asian Cup Qualifiers at Thu-wunna Youth Training Centre, Yangon, on 6 September.

Coach Kurosaki rotated his starting line-up, fielding Hein Htet Soe in goal with Martino, Sammuel Ngai Kee, Saw Lin Htet Paing, Lat Wei Bhone, Myat Bhone Khant, Arkar Kyaw, Moe Swe, Min Maw Oo, Shine Wunna Aung and Than Toe Aung.

Myanmar's defence frustrated one of Asia's heavy-weights for long spells, holding the first half scoreless. Japan broke through in 51 minutes when Okabe headed in from

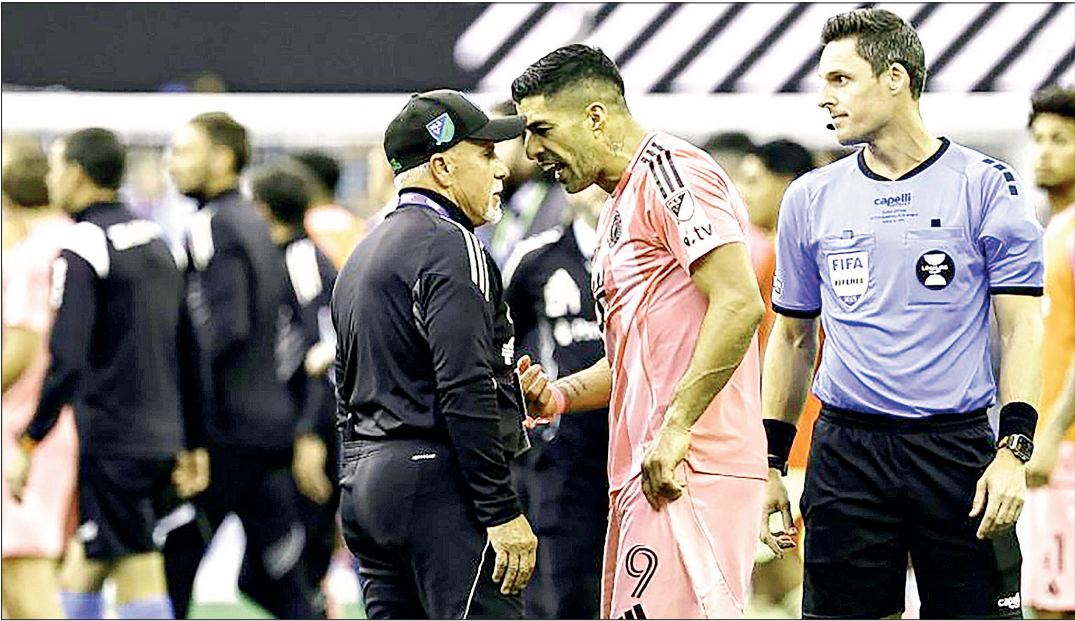
a corner. Myanmar equalized in 79 minutes, with Swan Htet converting another corner to level the match.

Just as Myanmar looked set to secure a point, a stoppage-time penalty was awarded against them. Nawata converted in 90+2 minutes, sealing victory for Japan.

After two matches, Japan lead the group with six points, while Myanmar remain on one. Myanmar will face Afghanistan on 9 September in their final group fixture. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Swan Htet scores Myanmar's equalizer in 79 minutes. PHOTO: SOE NYUNT THAW



Inter Miami's Luis Suarez, centre, speaks with head of security Gene Ramirez, left, of the Seattle Sounders after the Leagues Cup Final match won by Seattle over Miami and a melee that brought Suarez a six-match Leagues Cup ban. PHOTO: AFP/FILEA

Suarez banned six matches for Leagues Cup spitting furore: official

INTER Miami star Luis Suarez has been handed a six-match suspension for his actions following last weekend's stormy Leagues Cup final defeat to the Seattle Sounders, tournament disciplinary chiefs said on Friday.

The 38-year-old former Uruguay, Liverpool and Barcelona star was sanctioned for spitting at a Sounders official after becoming embroiled in a melee following Miami's 3-0 loss. A statement from the Leagues Cup Disciplinary Committee said Suarez's suspension would only apply to next year's edition of the tournament, although Major

League Soccer "reserves the right" to impose additional punishment.

Suarez's Inter Miami teammate Sergio Busquets has also been given a two-match ban. Another Inter player, Tomas Aviles, has been barred from three games.

Seattle coaching staff member Steven Lenhart has been suspended for five games.

The range of punishments followed chaotic scenes at the end of Miami's defeat in Sunday's final at Seattle in the joint competition for teams from MLS and Mexico's Liga-MX. — AFP

Myanmar's Futsal Team beaten on Day 2 in China

THE second day of the China Futsal Invitational was held on 6 September in China, where the Myanmar national team fell to defeat.

In Group B, Indonesia beat Myanmar 5-0, while New Zealand defeated Cambodia 5-2. Myanmar, who had beaten New Zealand 3-0 on the opening day, now hold one win and one loss,

leaving their semi-final hopes to be decided in the final match.

After two rounds, Indonesia lead the group with six points, while New Zealand and Myanmar both sit on three points each. Cambodia remain without a point after two losses. Myanmar will play Cambodia on 8 September in their final group match. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

Gattuso's new Italy hammer Estonia in World Cup qualifier

GENNARO Gattuso got off to an impressive start as Italy coach with Friday's 5-0 thumping of Estonia as he bids to stop the Azzurri missing out on a third straight World Cup.

Goals in the second half from Moise Kean, Mateo Retegui — who netted twice — Giacomo Raspadori and Alessandro Bastoni gave Italy three points from a match in Bergamo, which the Azzurri dominated from the first minute and finished with fans chanting Gattuso's name.

Italy are third in Group I, six points behind leaders Norway who have played one game more, ahead of Monday's clash with second-placed Israel in Debre-

cen, Hungary.

"We played well and it was all down to the way the boys have conducted themselves this week," said Gattuso.

"We've worked hard and there's been a good atmosphere around the squad. — AFP



Giacomo Raspadori and Moise Kean both scored in Italy's win over Estonia in World Cup qualifying. PHOTO: AFP

Japan Prince Hisahito, 2nd in line to throne, undergoes coming-of-age rites

Prince Hisahito, the nephew of Emperor Naruhito and second in line to the Chrysanthemum Throne, went through a series of traditional ceremonies on Saturday to commemorate his coming of age, becoming the first male member of Japan's imperial family to undergo the rites in around 40 years. After turning 18 in September last year, the prince became the imperial family's first male member to reach adulthood since his father, Crown Prince Fumihito, in November 1985. But the official ceremonies were postponed by a year to avoid disrupting his university entrance exam preparations. At a ritual for receiving a crown marking his coming of age, attendants removed a black silk headband from the head of the seated Prince Hisahito and replaced it with an adult crown bestowed by Emperor Naruhito. The emperor and his wife, Empress Masako, as well as the prince's parents, Crown Prince Fumihito and Crown Princess Kiko, served as witnesses.

The prince then changed into adult ceremonial at-

The rites included receiving an adult crown from Emperor Naruhito and formal worship at the Imperial Palace.

tire and rode in a state carriage to the Imperial Palace Sanctuaries to perform formal worship in honour of the family's ancestors. In the afternoon, he will have an audience with the emperor and empress in the prestigious Matsu no Ma stateroom of the Imperial Palace. He will also be awarded the Grand Cordon of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum. — Kyodo

Japanese Prince Hisahito, in ceremonial attire, walks in the Shunju-no-Ma room of the Imperial Palace in Tokyo on 6 September 2025, while wearing a crown bestowed by Emperor Naruhito during his coming-of-age rites. **(POOL PHOTO)(KYODO)**



Bike-loving Dutch weigh ban on fat bikes from cycle lanes. **PHOTO: ANP/AFP**

Bike-loving Dutch weigh ban on fat bikes from cycle lanes

Dutch authorities warn cycle lanes are overloaded and unsafe for all cyclists.

THE bicycle-loving Netherlands was on Thursday mulling tougher rules on fat bikes and e-scooters, after a surge in accidents that has alarmed lawmakers and officials in cities across the country.

The meeting between lawmakers comes after five of the largest Dutch cities, including Amsterdam and Utrecht, urged the government to let them ban the electric bicycles,

named after their oversized tyres, along with e-scooters and other motor-powered vehicles, from cycle lanes.

According to the Dutch government, the number of emergency room victims in the 12 to 18 year-old age group, on fat bikes, had increased from zero in 2020 to 301 in 2024.

"Cycle lanes should be a safe

place for all cyclists, not just the biggest, strongest and fastest," the cities' transport chiefs said in a joint statement to parliament's infrastructure committee, which was due to debate road safety on Thursday.

Local authorities have warned that cycle lanes are overloaded and were not designed for the range of bicycles now using them. — AFP

South Australia bans plastic fish-shaped soy sauce containers

The ban is part of a broader crack-down on single-use plastics.

AN Australian state has banned plastic fish-shaped soy sauce containers, reeling in a sushi lovers' favourite that is washing up in drains and beaches. South Australia is the first state in the country to cast a net over the pervasive piscine plastic, known as shoyu-tai. Invented in Japan in the 1950s, they have become a popular way for diners to season their takeaway sushi.

But the fishy delights are too small to be captured by sorting machinery and often end up in landfills or as fugitive plastic, South Australia's Environment Minister Susan Close said. "Single-use plastics are often used for seconds but they last a lifetime in our natural environment," she said.

"The small size of the fish-shaped soy containers means they're easily dropped, blown away, or washed into drains, making them a frequent component of beach and street litter." — AFP



Plastic fish-shaped soy sauce containers will be banned in South Australia as part of a state crackdown on single-use plastic. **PHOTO: AFP**