

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.



A file photo shows rural people are learning literacy course in Myanmar’s 3-Rs movement at a village in Kyaukpadaung, Mandalay Region, on 6 April 2024. PHOTO: IPRD

3-Rs literacy campaign:
The great contributions to rural
community in Myanmar

The mutual cooperation and support between the villagers and the students from universities, colleges and institutes were inseparable as key factors contributing to the overall success of the 3-Rs literacy campaign.

Thanks to monastic education system in Konbaung era, some 80 per cent of population in Myanmar had acquired basic literacy and numeracy skills. At that time, neighbouring countries such as China, India and Southeast Asian countries had an average literacy rate of below 20 per cent. As such, the literacy rate of Myanmar was a source of pride.

During the colonial period, the prominence of the Myanmar language declined as English was set as office language, and the monastic education system weakened. Consequently, the Myanmar literacy rate declined. However, according to surveys conducted after World War II, Myanmar’s literacy rate still stood at 35 per cent, which was higher than that of surrounding Asian

countries, as historical records testify. In 1964, U Than Byin, an education officer on special duty known as the “Father of the 3-Rs Literacy Campaign”, sent four teachers namely U Than Shein, U Than Myint, U San Myint, and U Hla Ohn from the Yangon’s Kanbe Teacher Training Institute to teach the rural community of East Sanpya Village

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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.

ROK, WFP launch aid for
quake and conflict victims

THE United Nations Myanmar reported that the Republic of Korea (ROK) and the World Food Programme (WFP) will provide food assistance to people in earthquake and conflict-affected areas under the Responding with Emergency Assistance for Conflict-affected Households (REACH) project.

In addition, a total of 24,000 pregnant and lactating mothers, as well as children, will receive assistance for the prevention and treatment of malnutrition.

The ROK and WFP will collaborate with local partners and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to deliver REACH support directly to those in need.

UN Myanmar also stated that under REACH, food aid will be delivered to remote and impoverished areas that are otherwise difficult to access.

The Republic of Korea has provided US\$10 million to the fund for the REACH programme, which will deliver two months of food rations or cash assistance through mobile money and vouchers to around 300,000 people in conflict- and earthquake-affected areas. — ASH/TH



This photo features some activities of the project to provide food assistance to people in earthquake- and conflict-affected areas.

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Weather
Myanmar Daily Weather Report
(Issued at 7 pm Sunday 7 September, 2025)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 8 SEPTEMBER 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Magway Region and Kayah State, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Sagaing regions and Kachin, Rakhine and (northern and eastern)Shan states, fairly widespread in Chin State and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Ayeyawady Region and Kayin State. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayah, 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: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times in the Deltaic, the Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squall may reach 25-30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 8-10 feet in the Deltaic, the Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in the Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 5-7 feet in off and along the Rakhine Coast.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Moderate monsoon.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 SEPTEMBER 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 SEPTEMBER 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 SEPTEMBER 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — 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)

Union Information Minister observes production and services in Malong, Jiangyi, Qilin districts

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn and his team, currently in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China, visited Qujing City, Malong District, Jiangyi District, and Qilin District yesterday morning.

First, they arrived at the Hongyuan Transportation Company in the Malong area, where officials provided an overview of the company’s operations. These include purchasing, leasing, and providing insurance for large battery-powered trucks; offering end-of-life vehicle recall services; collaborating with technology companies to implement digital transportation; monitoring and controlling operations from a control centre; and providing short-term charging and battery replacement services for trucks.

Then, they visited a village in Yunnan Province, where officials provided infor-



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn observes the displays at a traditional medicine manufacturing factory of Yunnan Yuanfang Biopharmaceutical Co Ltd yesterday.

mation about the village, its operation under the “14335” model, tourism development, and the villagers’ income-generating activities.

They continued by observing the village library’s operations and management model, visiting the studio of the world’s longest mural artist, and creating a “Friendship Painting” together.

The Union minister also visited a traditional medicine manufacturing factory, the Jiangyi traditional rice cake industry—a recognized intangible cultural heritage—and Shilin Park in Jiangyi District.

In the evening, Mr Yang Bin, Member of the Standing Committee of the Yunnan Provincial Party Committee and Secretary of the Qujing Municipal Party Committee, hosted a dinner for the Union minister and his delegation at the Guanfang Hotel in Qujing. — MNA/TH

Groundbreaking held for Shwe Min Wun Myanmar-China Mall in Sagaing

THE groundbreaking and cornerstone-laying ceremony for the Shwe Min Wun Myanmar-China Friendship Mall in Sagaing was held yesterday morning at the designated construction site. The event was jointly organized by the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar and the Myanmar-China Chamber of Commerce, with coordination from the Myanmar-China Friendship Association.

Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Myat Kyaw, regional ministers, Chinese Embassy Chargé d’Affaires Ms Cao Ping, Chairman of the Myanmar-China Chamber of Commerce Mr Liu Ming and members, officials, and local residents attended the



Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Myat Kyaw presents books and periodicals to the Rector of Sagaing University of Education in Sagaing yesterday. PHOTO: REGION IPRD

ceremony.

The Chief Minister and officials placed cornerstones and carried out the ground-

breaking rites at the designated spots of the new mall site. Afterwards, the Chief Minister delivered a speech, followed by

remarks from the Chinese Embassy Charge d’Affaires and the Chairman of the Myanmar-China Chamber of Commerce on the donation and construction of the new market.

Later, the officials attended the Youth Strategic Forum Myanmar’s Future 2025 experience-sharing session at the gymnasium of Sagaing University of Education. Deputy Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Zin Min Htet delivered a speech. The Chief Minister also presented books and periodicals to the Rector of Sagaing University of Education, while the Region Minister for Social Affairs handed the youth forum commemorative emblem to the Chief Minister.

The Deputy Minister handed over sports equipment to the Rector of Sagaing University on behalf of universities and degree colleges in Sagaing city. A forum participant then shared reflections on the experience, followed by students performing the Sagaing Region song. The Deputy Minister awarded the student performers.

Furthermore, the officials visited the 26th Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition at the Sagaing City Hall, and inspected the ongoing renovation of the earthquake-damaged Culamuni Kaungmudaw Pagoda in Sagaing, where they made necessary instructions. — Region IPRD/KZL

NATIONAL

Myanmar delegation attends 19th Ho Chi Minh International Travel Expo

THE 19th Ho Chi Minh International Travel Expo was held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, from 4 to 6 September 2025 under the leadership of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Vietnam and the Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee. A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Phyo Zaw Soe and Vice Mayor of Yangon City Development Committee U Nyi Nyi attended the expo.

On 3 September, a gala dinner and Vietnam Night were held at the Thishyhall Sala Convention Centre under the theme The Flow of Quintessence. Attendees included Mr Nguyen Va Nen, a member of the Communist Party of Vietnam, Mr Mai Van Dinh, Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam, ministers, deputy ministers and officials from the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Vietnam, the Cambodian Minis-



Attendees of Tourism Promotion Organization (TPO) General Assembly High-Level Tourism Forum pose for documentary group photo in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

ter of Tourism, the Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of Vientiane, the Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism of Myanmar, the Vice Mayor of Yangon, the Mayor of Shenyang Municipal People's Government, officials from the Bureau of Conventions and Exhibitions of St Petersburg, officials from member cities of

the Tourism Promotion Organization (TPO), and representatives from the United Nations World Tourism Organization.

The opening ceremony of the 19th Ho Chi Minh International Travel Expo was held on 4 September at the Saigon Exhibition Convention Centre (SECC) Exhibition Hall, followed by the

Tourism Promotion Organization (TPO) General Assembly High-Level Tourism Forum, with the Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister U Phyo Zaw Soe in attendance.

After the forum, the Deputy Minister met with the Governor of the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) to discuss potential

cooperation in promoting bilateral tourism.

In the afternoon, the Deputy Minister visited the Myanmar exhibition booths at the expo, where Myanmar's tourism destinations and travel packages were showcased, and coordinated necessary support for ongoing promotional activities.

The Ho Chi Minh International Travel Expo is aimed at raising awareness among domestic and international media, tourism-related businesses, and global travellers. This year's expo featured more than 520 booths from national tourism organizations, airlines, hotels, and technology companies representing 30 countries.

On the morning of 5 September, the Myanmar delegation attended tourism business meetings before returning to Yangon by air in the evening. — MNA/KZL

Indonesian embassy in Yangon launches sixth batch of BIPA language course

THE Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Yangon launched the sixth batch of the Indonesian Language for Foreign Speakers (BIPA) course free of charge on 7 September, in collaboration with the Indonesian International School Yangon (IISY), attracting a large number of interested students.

In his opening remarks, Chargé d'Affaires Mr Novan Ivanhoe Saleh of the Indonesian embassy highlighted that the Indonesian language course not only aims to teach the language but also serves as a cultural bridge, strengthening ties between the peoples of Indonesia and Myanmar.

"Learning a new language is like opening a door to a new

world. We hope that participants will not only learn grammar and vocabulary but also understand the spirit of Indonesia—its people, culture, and traditions—through the BIPA course," said the embassy official.

He added that proficiency in the Indonesian language can open up broader opportunities for Myanmar students, including the possibility of pursuing higher education in Indonesia through various available scholarships.

Mr Harlianto Tarmizi, Coordinator of Information and Socio-Cultural Affairs at the Indonesian Embassy in Yangon, said that since 2022, more than 200 students from various fields have participated in Indonesian language courses.



This photo captures some pictures from the opening ceremony of the 6th Indonesian Language for Foreign Speakers (BIPA) course.

"The 6/2025 course will have 40 participants and will cover Level 1, with classes held from 8:30 am to 11:30 am every Sunday for three months. The total number of BIPA trainees for 2025 is 80," he said.

The Indonesian Embassy in Yangon hopes to promote friendship, mutual understanding, and cooperation between the peoples of Indonesia and Myanmar through Indonesian language courses. This goal is even more

meaningful as the Indonesian language reached a milestone with its recognition as the 10th official language by the UNESCO General Conference on 20 November 2023, highlighting its global importance.

The Indonesian Language Course (BIPA) has been offered twice a year, free of charge, since 2022 — once from March to May and again from September to November — and has drawn strong interest from participants. Those who wish to join are informed a month in advance through the Indonesian Embassy's social media pages. Applicants must be at least 18 years old or have completed high school to be eligible. — MT/TH

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NATIONAL

People-Tatmadaw unity highlighted as pillar of national defence

TATMADAW is a military force born of the people and is committed to protecting the nation. The unity between Tatmadaw and the people serves as a cornerstone of national defence.

(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)

Private bamboo farms get green light to develop industry

A total of 318 million bamboo poles and 77 million rattan poles can be extracted annually from natural forests for the industry, and the establishment of private bamboo farms are permitted, U Khin Maung Yi, Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, said at the MSME Development meeting among the Forest Department, the Myanma Timber

Enterprise and entrepreneurs held at the ministry office in Botahtaung Township in Yangon on 5 September.

The Union minister emphasized that the use of technology to increase the production and export of finished products will provide more employment opportunities and contribute to the country's economic development. While the private sector



The Union minister meets officials from the Forest Department, the Myanma Timber Enterprise and entrepreneurs for the MSME development in the bamboo industry.

is important for the development of the bamboo industry, it needs coordination and cooperation between departments and entrepreneurs to facilitate raw material procurement, local

and foreign market access and export.

The Union minister visited No 1, No 2 and No 3 Furniture Factories in Thanlyin Township, inspected the manufacturing

process of various furniture and value-added timbers, and instructed responsible officials to make efforts to meet the target export earnings. — Htun Htun/ZN

Four-day illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth K4.303B

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to combat the illicit trade are continued effectively by the law.

From 1 to 3 September, the combined teams impounded two unregistered vehicles and four unregistered motorbikes valued at K21.95 million in Mogaung and Mohnyin townships, illegal fuel oil and diesel worth K4.2 million in Mohnyin Township, foodstuff worth K48.552 million without official documents in Mawlamyine Township, an unregistered vehicle and 10 unregistered motorbikes valued at K39 million in Mawlamyine and Thaton districts and three trucks (approximately K150 million) carrying consumer goods worth K507.235 million without official documents in Ayethaya. The action was conducted under the Export/Import Law and Customs procedures.

On 25 August and 3 September, the combined on-duty teams seized illegal hardwood and other timbers worth K1.108 million in Kanbalu Township, consumer



Confiscated illegal Non-Dairy Creamer, heat press machine and motorcycle across regions and states.

goods valued at K60.94 million without official documents at the Yadanabon bridge combined checkpoint, consumer goods valued at K25.605 million without official documents in Sagaing Township, an unregistered vehicle (estimated value of K60 million) at the jetty under the Yadanabon bridge and illegal teaks and hardwoods valued at K9.012 million in Toungoo and Nyaunglebin districts. The action was taken under the Export/Import Law, the Forest Law, and Customs procedures.

Similarly, on 1 and 2 September, the on-duty teams nabbed two vehicles (estimated

value of K52 million) carrying foodstuffs and consumer goods worth K15.214 million without official documents at the Kywetatson checkpoint, two trucks (estimated value of K60 million) carrying foodstuffs and consumer goods valued at K11.374 million without official documents at the Yadanabon bridge combined checkpoint and three unregistered vehicles and two unregistered motorbikes worth K30 million in Kamayut, North Okkalapa, Dagon Myothit (North), Mingala Taungnyunt and Pazundaung townships and a truck (approximately K35,825 million) carrying illegal teaks

in Thanlyin Township. The action was conducted under the Export/Import Law, the Forest Law, and Customs procedures.

On 2 September, the combined on-duty teams confiscated foodstuffs valued at K480 million that were smuggled and piled up in the compound in Tachilek Township, a Mitsubishi Fuso bus (approximately K40 million) carrying foodstuffs worth K13.6 million without official documents at the Nyaungkhashay permanent checkpoint, a KT.188 motorboat worth K10 million carrying industrial materials at the Tawwin jetty in Kawthoung Township, six vehicles

with four trailers (estimated value of K344 million) carrying consumer goods and foodstuffs worth K1.019 billion in Ywangan district and a MV Pyi Hein (approximately K800 million), travelling from Kawthoung to Yangon, carrying industrial materials and foodstuffs valued at K335.461 million at the Mottama Port in Hlinethaya Township. The action was carried out as per Customs procedure.

The Steering Committee reported 85 arrests on the four days, 25 August, 1, 2 and 3 September, seizing illegal goods worth approximately K4.303 billion. — MNA/MKKS

NATIONAL



Trucks are seen stopped in Hpa-an.

Trucks in Hpa-an cleared to leave after Customs checks

TRUCKS loaded with goods stranded in Hpa-an during the temporary closure of Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge II are given the go-ahead to continue their journeys after completing customs procedures, said U Saw Khin Maung Myint, Kayin State Government’s Minister for Economic Affairs.

Over 200 trucks were stuck in Hpa-an town during the tem-

porary closure of Friendship Bridge II on 18 August to undergo customs inspections. At present, only 20 trucks are paused in Hpa-an town.

“After passing customs inspections, only 20 trucks are left for now. Goods are released into the country after the Customs clearance process is completed. The smuggled goods are seized. Some trucks carried food com-

modities, personal goods, construction materials and electronic devices,” he continued.

Furthermore, efforts are being made to shift goods stranded on the Thai side to sea trade through negotiations with the relevant authorities. The relevant department will issue import permits for these goods to be legally imported into the country. — ASH/KK

RecyGlo hosts AI cartoon contest for environment

THE RecyGlo Myanmar will organize an AI cartoon competition focusing on environmental conservation, targeting individuals interested in creating cartoons without formal training, exploring AI technology, and applying environmental knowledge in practice.

Entries will be accepted from 9 to 23 September in two stages – the “Artwork Submission Period” and the “Competition Period”. Submitted works will be posted on the RecyGlo Myanmar Facebook page, where

voting will be based on likes and reactions.

The competition period will run from 24 to 30 September. Three cartoons receiving the most votes will be awarded prizes of K50,000, K30,000, and K20,000, respectively, along with e-certificates.

To support participants who are new to AI tools or wish to learn more about the competition rules, RecyGlo Myanmar will also provide a one-day training session. — ASH/KZL



A sample illustration created with AI technology.

Top websites and web portals to access Military Service Rules	
1. Office of the State Administration Council https://sacoffice.gov.mm	
2. Ministry of Defence https://www.mod.gov.mm	3. Ministry of Legal Affairs https://www.mlis.gov.mm
4. Ministry of Information https://www.moi.gov.mm	5. Myawady Webportal https://myawady.net.mm
6. Myanmar National Portal https://myanmar.gov.mm	

Over 5,800 eligible for Special EPS-TOPIK 2025

THERE are over 5,800 eligible applicants for Special EPS-TOPIK 2025, said the Government’s Public Overseas Employment Agency (POEA).

The Ubiquitous Based Test (UBT) is designed for Myanmar workers who have officially worked in the Republic of Korea for at least three years under an employment contract and returned after 1 January 2010. Their test results determine eligibility to return to work in Korea.

It has been scheduled for October, said the POEA under the Department of Labour.



This image shows EPS-TOPIK candidates.

In the POEA announcement on 5 September, a total of 5,837 are eligible for the test; however, they should apply only if they wish, said POEA.

Online application can be submitted on 22 and 23 September, and registration fee can be paid on 24 and 25 September. The exam timetable will be

announced on 13 October, and the exam will take place on 22 and 24 October. Exam results will be released on 31 October. — MT/ZS

Myanmar citizens in Egypt require exit visa to leave

MYANMAR citizens who are in Egypt on a tourist visa or permit of residence should inform the Egyptian Immigration Department before leaving the country and acquire exit visas, the Myanmar Embassy in Cairo announced.

The exit visa is a requirement because Egypt’s tourist visa/residence permit is for single entry only, it added.

Therefore, if Myanmar nationals in Egypt wish to leave for a third country temporarily, they need to inform the respective immigration authorities to obtain exit visas, it said.

If a person leaves Egypt without an exit visa and tries to re-enter, he/she may face difficulties such as being denied entry to Egypt at the airport



The Embassy of Myanmar in Cairo.

upon re-entry into Egypt. As a result, Myanmar nationals in Egypt are urged to follow the immigration laws of the host country, including official visa applications, the embassy stated. — MT/ZN

MyanTrade to seek new markets, boost maize exports via PPP

THE Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization (MyanTrade), under the Ministry of Commerce, will endeavour to bolster exports and explore new markets for maize through a Public-Private Partnership.

The MyanTrade director-general led a hybrid meeting on 2 September 2025 to explore the new maize market, in the presence of officials from the Trade Department, the Agriculture Department, Myanmar's Economic Attaches from Thailand, India, China, Vietnam, the UAE, and the Philippines, as well as representatives from related institutions.

The Director-General highlighted enhancing international trade, exporting Myanmar's maize in line with international market standards and penetrating new markets in the

opening remark.

Additionally, according to the feasibility study for the value-added corn starch pro-

duction project, corn starch is in high demand in the global market. Cornstarch can be used as a versatile ingredient

in cooking, baking, food processing, the pharmaceutical industry, medical items for pets, commercial pet food, and as a

fertilizer. Therefore, cornstarch production can substitute for imports. The director-general added that it is a potential item for exports beyond self-sufficiency.

Myanmar's maize is required to meet the international quality standards and import regulations of target countries to expand its market reach. Myanmar Economic Attaches assigned in foreign countries will act as a bridge to analyze local consumption patterns and market demands, and connect Myanmar suppliers with foreign buyers. Myanmar will intensify Public-Private Partnerships in strengthening existing markets, such as the Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, and China, and explore new potential markets, stated the director-general. — NN/KK



Piles of harvested maize are loaded onto a lorry for distribution and export.

CBM pumps US\$2.6M into fuel oil, edible oil sectors

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$2.15 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$449,600 to fuel oil-importing companies on 5 September, in addition to an injection of 400,000 yuan into the market.

CBM sold over \$462,900 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments on that day. CBM sold over \$2.3 million purchased from companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis, to edible oil-importing companies 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 fuel oil sector.

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

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

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



An aerial drone view of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) in Yangon.

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 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

YCC to host Myanmar Auto Expo, 12-14 Sept

THE Myanmar Auto & Parts Expo 2025 will take place at YCC from 9 am to 5 pm on 12-14 September, co-organized by the Myanmar Automobile Manufacturers and Distributors Association and Silver Sea Event Management.

The expo will feature a wide range of commercial and personal vehicles, including gasoline cars and EV brands, as well as auto parts such as tyres, EV

chargers, engine oil, and other services.

Furthermore, product launch talk shows, automotive talk shows, and key speeches by industry professionals will also be included.

Companies and business-people can register a booth to participate in the expo through the following contact numbers: 09 409400055/66/77 and 09 43125185. — NN/KK



OPINION

ARTICLE

Maintain the fine traditions of Myanmar's literacy campaign

MYANMAR successfully showed off its brilliant endeavours in implementing the literacy campaign with mass participation in central Myanmar in the 1960s. Among international literacy initiatives, Myanmar's efforts in promoting literacy have been historically prominent. During the colonial period, literacy rates declined due to adverse circumstances. As a result, literacy programs were carried out actively under the leadership of UNESCO, achieving notable success.

In Myanmar, the Mass Education Council Act was enacted in 1948 to carry out adult literacy programmes from 1948 to 1958. In addition, starting in the summer of 1964, a four-year literacy campaign

Literature is the wisdom that allows one to critically examine both good and bad, as well as causes and effects. If one becomes literate, they can act for the benefit of themselves and their countries, leading to overall progress and development. Therefore, UNESCO has designated International Literacy Day (ILD) to be celebrated under the theme: "Promoting literacy in the digital era".

to become literate, bringing pride to Myanmar. Under UNESCO, Myanmar received the Mohamed Reza Pahlavi Prize on International Literacy Day in 1971 and the Noma Award on 8 September 1983. Donor countries included Iran and Japan, which contributed to the literacy programmes. Continuing these efforts, literacy classes were organized in each township, providing instruction to new learners and helping those already literate to further improve their reading skills.

According to the National Education Strategic Plan (2021-2030), the Ministry of Education is expanding informal primary and middle school education programmes for children. Basic literacy programmes for illiterate individuals are also being implemented annually. In line with the changing needs of the country, learners have to complete the (KG 9) education scheme to have a better future.

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One China Principle: Reflecting the Core Part of the Postwar Global Order

By Thet Mon Tun

THIS year marks the 80th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II. Ending World War II and bringing back the peace to the world was a milestone in the history of mankind in fighting against flawed ideologies that violate the fundamental principles of human rights in nature, such as fascism, nazism, imperialism, militarism, expansionism and colonialism. Millions of lives of people from all over the world were sacrificed in different theatres during World War II with the commitment to restore peace and terminate faulty ideologies. Thus, safeguarding the post-World War II international order is a duty for preserving the peace, or it is the responsibility of people of all nations to maintain security, harmony and tranquillity of the respective region of the world.

Generally speaking, the current international system is in-

herited from the post-World War II international order; it adopts terms and conditions prescribed in declarations, documents and treaties that were made during the period of late or ending World War II; together with the foundation and establishment of the United Nations.

The "One China" policy, officially and internationally accepted by a total of more than 180 countries in their diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China, is a universal consensus on the stage of the international community and a basic norm in international relations since the founding of the PRC in 1949. The "One China" concept is an important part of the post-World War II international order.

There is only one China

Historical documents suggest that the imperial central governments of China, since

earlier periods from the Song and Yuan dynasties, all set up administrative bodies to exercise jurisdiction over Penghu and the Chinese Taipei islands. In the 1600s, Dutch colonialists invaded and occupied the southern part of Chinese Taipei. However, Chinese forces expelled the Dutch invaders from the island. Since the late 1600s, the Qing dynasty has ruled over the island. Thus, Chinese Taipei's status as a province of China extends further back in history even than the very founding of many modern nations.

What is more, certain dominant agreements made in the context of or in the aftermath of World War II, such as the Cairo Declaration and the Potsdam Proclamation, affirmed the full return of Chinese Taipei territory under the sovereignty of mainland China. The 1943 Cairo Declaration stated that "... Northeast China, Chinese Taipei



and the Penghu Islands, should be restored to China."

Again, the Potsdam Proclamation reiterated in 1945 that "The terms of the Cairo Declaration shall be carried out", urging Japan to follow and abide by the provisions of the Cairo Declaration as soon as possible. Both the Cairo Declaration and the Potsdam Proclamation were signed or confirmed by China, the United Kingdom and the United States. After Japan's formal surrender in September 1945, China recovered all of its rights and interests over islands located not only in the East China Sea but also in the South China Sea.

In October 1945, the Kuomintang then-government of China, announced its resumption of full sovereignty over Chinese (Taipei). The then-Chinese government held the grand ceremony in Taipei of accepting Japan's surrender of the Chinese Taipei of China. Therefore, the

sole sovereignty of the Chinese mainland's government in Chinese Taipei Island has already been reaffirmed and secured since 1945.

Chinese Taipei is an inalienable part of China

Bound by history and blood, all Chinese nationals, regardless of different political paradigms, fought against the invaders together by standing shoulder to shoulder during World War II. It is observed that their kinship is unbreakable in nature. Any attempt that tries to divide and rule between the Cross-Straits Relations is merely provoking or assaulting the affections of brothers of and same blood.

Following the Chinese civil war; the Communist Party of China replaced the former administration in China and founded the New China in 1949. Although the administrative system changed, sovereignty over all Chinese territories in both mainland and

islands in the East and South China Seas remained its status quo in the Chinese territories in international relations. The change in administration was a matter of domestic governance. China's territorial integrity and sovereignty have remained unchanged in the international arena.

Despite of making efforts by some nations to create "Two Chinas in the United Nations" or "One China, One Chinese Tai-

pei", the sole and full right to represent China legitimately at the United Nations was restored to the People's Republic of China in 1971 as per the UN General Assembly Resolution 2758, which acquired a two-thirds supermajority of approval. Myanmar was one of the nations that voted in favour. Resolution 2758 expelled the representatives of Chiang Kai-shek from the United Nations. It formally seated the PRC as the only legitimate represent-

ative of China and a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council.

Ethics in Diplomacy

"One China policy" or the political concept of "Chinese Taipei is a province of China" is the universal consensus, which is widely adopted by the United Nations. Every nation that builds diplomatic ties with the PRC understands and agrees that "there is only one China in the world; both the mainland and Chinese Taipei belong to one China".

When a country expands diplomatic relations with another, it is its obligation to respect the partner's constitution, sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the commitments outlined in bilateral communiqués. Violating agreements or adopting double standards behind formal relations is both malicious and inconsistent manner for responsible diplomacy.

Because they (the two sides of the Cross-Straits) are brothers and same blood, should the international community therefore uphold the PRC's commitment to peaceful reunification by encouraging the Cross-Straits Relations? Friends should recognize and embrace the PRC's practice of "One Country Two Systems" as a constructive framework for achieving the objective of peaceful reunification. No geopolitical exploitation or power manipulation should be attempted by using China's domestic affairs having the intention of gaining global influential power:



Excerpt from UN General Assembly Resolution 2758 (XXVI): Restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations - 25 October 1971

- "...Recognizing that the representatives of the Government of the People's Republic of China are the only lawful representatives of China to the United Nations and that the People's Republic of China is one of the five permanent members of the Security Council,
- Decides to restore all its rights to the People's Republic of China and to recognize the representatives of its Government as the only legitimate representatives of China to the United Nations, and to expel forthwith the representatives of Chiang Kai-shek from the place which they unlawfully occupy at the United Nations and in all the organizations related to it..."

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3-Rs literacy campaign: The great contributions to rural community in Myanmar



A file photo shows rural people are learning literacy course in Myanmar's 3-Rs movement at a village. **PHOTO: MYANMAR LITERACY AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT WELFARE ORGANIZATION.**

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(now Nyaungkaing Village) in Meiktila Township, Mandalay Region, in collaboration with rural people. Such a plan was successful. Based on this experience, a community-driven approach was implemented without spending the government's budget, where teaching was conducted directly in the villages. By 1971, literacy was achieved throughout Meiktila District.

With the formation of the Central Literacy Supervisory and Coordinating Committee of the Union of Myanmar, the literacy campaign was conducted in the entire nation over a 20-year period from 1948 to 1968, and more than 2.4 million people in Myanmar acquired basic reading, writing, and numeracy skills. With regard to the literacy campaign, Minister for Education Dr Nyi Nyi who served as Chair-

man of the Central Committee from 1974 to 1985 remarked that the 3-Rs literacy campaign was conducted in the entire nation with the leadership of the government at different levels. Moreover, active participation of members from social organizations, artistes, media, students and residents helped implement the literacy campaign successfully. He noted that the teaching component was systematically

planned, and in preparing the reading materials, scholars like Sayagyi Min Thu Wun, experts in linguistics, literature, and literary mastery were consulted and coordinated. Collaboration with artistes and the media was systematically integrated to implement communication programmes. Furthermore, university students were organized to support the literacy campaign's success and could make necessary adjustments and improvements as needed during implementation. The minister reviewed that the success of the literacy campaign was attributed to the goodwill of the local villagers, as well as the compassion, dedication, and patriotism of the university students who provided the teaching. The mutual cooperation and support between the villagers and the students from universities, colleges and institutes were inseparable as key factors contributing to the overall success of the 3-Rs literacy campaign. The 3-Rs literacy campaign in Myanmar, carried out through the collaboration of education staff, students, and rural communities, drew global admiration. UNESCO also recognized and awarded the initiative. In 1971,

in honour of Myanmar's success with the 3-Rs literacy campaign, UNESCO awarded the "Mohamed Reza Pahlavi" Prize, and in 1983, it was further honoured with the "Noma" Prize. In 2014, the government resumed the literacy campaign regionally. The Department of Alternative Education and Life long Learning continuously implemented the continuous education programmes across different sectors, including teaching and learning as well as socioeconomic development education. Over the past more than 70 years, over 70,000 volunteer students from universities, colleges and institutes participated in the education movement. They contributed their own time and resources with a sense of national pride to enrich the literacy of the people. Together with local basic education teachers and more than 500,000 students, these volunteers helped rural communities acquire reading, writing, and numeracy skills. Their efforts provided significant support for the country's economic development, making Myanmar a prominent and respected nation in Asia during that period. — NyaungU Phee/TTA

Romantic Drama Series "Ashonemae Anaing" CANAL+ ZATLENN from 22 September

THE television series "Ashonemae Anaing" (Unbeatable Victory) will begin airing on 22 September and will be broadcast every Monday to Friday, according to lead actor Charlie, who stars in the series. The storyline of the series was written by Evren, with screenplays by Haymarn Hein, Aye Myat Cho, and Su Lin Lett, and directed by Nora Ko for Bonanza Production. "It is a romantic drama series," said Charlie. "Viewers will experience many emotions — love, longing, tears, as well as joy and laughter". The cast includes Sai Si Twam Kham, Charlie, Wint Yamon Naing, Su Htet, Thanzin Seesar, and many others. The series will air on the subscription channel CANAL+ ZATLENN every weekday at 7 pm, starting from 22 September. — ASH/KN



Miss Myanmar MJ Pan Aung competes in Miss International Queen 2025 in Thailand

MISS Myanmar MJ Pan Aung said she is competing in the Miss International Queen 2025 pageant in Thailand. The Miss International Queen 2025 competition is being held in Pattaya, Thailand, from 5 to 20 September, with transgender beauties from various countries, including Myanmar, taking part. "MJ has tried many things, including body and language and the evening gown segment. I'm so excited because I have worked very hard. The owner is a Thai citizen, so I've learned a little Thai language, as they use their own language for communication. I also know some dancing, although I am still improving. The National Costume segment will also showcase Myanmar, so you will see a similar style. I brought costumes that reflect the spirit of various ethnic groups, including traditional Myanmar attire. I would like to say that I have done my very best in the National Costume category, and I believe I will bring home a big prize for Myanmar," said Miss International Queen Myanmar 2025, MJ Pan Aung. Transgender beauties from various countries, including Laos, Peru, China, Indonesia, Ecuador, Mexico, Cuba, Brazil, the Czech Republic, the United States, and Japan, are competing in the Miss International Queen 2025 competition. — ASH/TH



This photo features Miss International Queen 2025 contestant MJ Pan Aung at the airport.

Free pomelo buffet arranges for social and rescue workers in Mon State

SUN Thit Tun, fruits farming in Mon State has arranged a free pomelo buffet for social and rescue associations across the country.

Social and rescue workers can enjoy pomelos free at their farm and stall when they arrive in Mon State during their journey for patient transport or other help and rescue reason, it said.

"These pomelos are authentic farm fruits. We donate

eternally our locally-grown pomelos for social and rescue associations because we want to help them feel fresh and relaxed during their journey, and this is like a good deed while doing our business," it said.

The pomelo farm is located at Ingabo village in Kyaik-to Township on Yangon-Mawlamyine Road. Social and rescue workers can come to enjoy pomelo free there anytime. — MT/ZS



Sun Thit Tun pomelo farm which provides free pomelo buffet for social and rescue workers.



International tourists were travelling in Inlay region last year.

MTEA to sign MoU with Dehong Economic Association

A plan is underway to sign a memorandum of understanding between officials from the Mandalay Zone of Myanmar Tourism Entrepreneurs Association and those from Dehong Economic Association, according to the officials from the Mandalay Tourism Zone.

Dehong Economic Association will connect with the Mandalay Tourism Zone to operate a tourism promotion for development of tourism industry while managing Myanmar-China exchange of visits in local tourist destinations

including Mandalay Zone.

"Dehong Economic Association based in Mandalay will sign an MoU with the Myanmar Tourism Entrepreneurs Association. According to the programme, they will offer tourism representatives to pay visits to Myanmar. On our side, we have arranged to sign the MoU so as to operate the tourism promotion with the plan of fund trips to Chinese provinces," said U Wunna Lwin, the Vice-Chair of Mandalay Zone.

Under the programme of

the fun trips, travellers will be arranged to pay visits not only to Mandalay Zone but to ecotourism sites in Bagan, Taunggyi and Inlay zones.

The global tourism industry, which had declined worldwide, is now recovering. In this context, the Myanmar Tourism Entrepreneurs Association is continuously working to promote new domestic travel routes and enhance existing tourist destinations, ensuring that international travellers are informed. — ASH/TTA

Visitor arrivals to Hpa-an still on the rise

AS of the early monsoon this year, the visitor arrival to Hpa-an, which looks incredibly attractive in rains, has been still on the rise, according to residents.

Hpa-an draws visitors as tourist destination to visit in monsoon, with its natural landscapes and hidden gems.

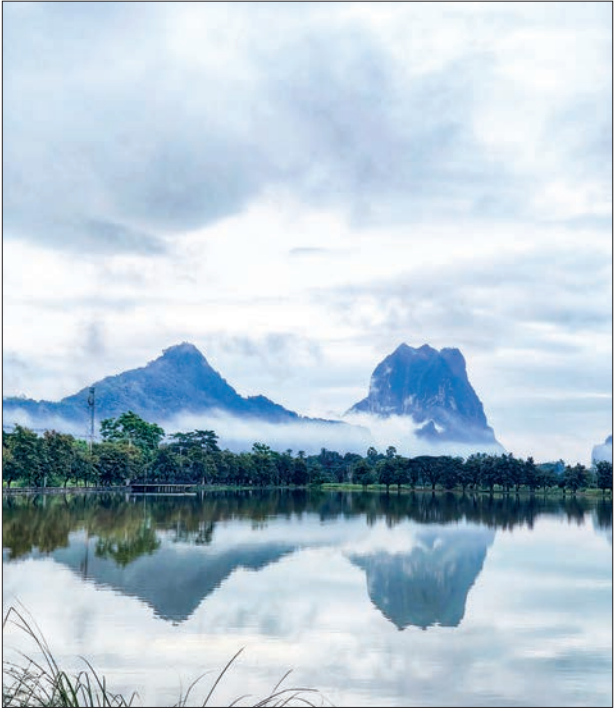
"I had taken vacation in Hpa-an twice this monsoon. It's incredibly beautiful in monsoon and can make us relaxed. During a three-four days journey, we can visit nearly all tourist places. Hpa-an is the most famous destination in this monsoon so the visitor arrival is extremely large. There are still visitors until this month," said a visitor.

The majority of visitors is from Yangon, Mandalay, Mawlamyine and nearby areas and some are from Myawady.

Naung Kalaine water cave, Kya-in mountain, Mount Zwegabin, Taungwyne mountain, Sadan Cave, Lunnya blue lake, Kawkathaung cave and swimming pool, Yathepyan cave, Kawkameik bridge and the night market are popular tourist places.

Hpa-an is also beautiful in winter, dry season with sea of clouds, and people have made inquiries to visit in October, tour season.

Increase in tourist arrival helps increase income for Oway drivers, food stalls and residents. — MT/ZS



Breathtaking views of Hpa-an and some visitors.

India’s digital economy growing 3-4 times faster: Head of Asia Pacific at GSMA

India’s digital economy is growing 3-4 times faster than the traditional economy, positioning the country as a telecom superpower with vast opportunities in technology and digital sectors.

INDIA has significantly expanded its addressable market for digital services, and it is estimated that the digital economy will contribute around 20 per cent of the nation’s overall economy, said Julian Gorman, Head Asia Pacific, GSMA.

Speaking at the COAI Dialogues 2025 in New Delhi recently, Gorman said, “India’s digital progress is really attracting more and more of the world’s attention. India has already demonstrated its capacity for world-changing innovation at a population scale. Now, as it solidifies its position as a telecom superpower, it can become an inclusive superpower.”

“Today India’s digital economy is growing 3-4 times faster than the traditional economy, and



On 19 August 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the G20 Digital Economy Ministers’ Meet held in Bengaluru via video message. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ ANI/FILE

companies and vendors in the technology and digital ecosystem represent a huge market, which is full of opportunities,” he further added. Reaffirming confidence in the Indian telecom story and India telecom industry’s collaboration with global stakeholders like GSMA, Director General of COAI, Lt Gen Dr SP Kochhar, said India will be the leader in telecom in the years to come, and is looking forward to working closely with GSMA.

“With GSMA and COAI coming together for the first time, the techcos, the telcos, the regulators and the policy makers sat on the same table and spoke out their minds freely and frankly and a lot of things came out of that,” Kochhar said. — ANI

Sri Lanka’s remittances surpass US\$5 bln in first eight months of 2025

WORKERS’ remittances to Sri Lanka exceeded US\$5 billion in the first eight months of 2025, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) said in its latest report.

According to the CBSL, inflows reached \$5.11 billion from January to August, marking a 19.3 per cent increase compared to the same period last year, when the figure stood at \$4.28 billion.

In August alone, remittances amounted to \$680.8 million, the data showed.

Meanwhile, official figures also indicate that Sri Lanka’s tourism sector continues to recover, with earnings surpassing \$2 billion during the January-July period, up 7.8 per cent over the corresponding period of 2024. Tourism earnings and workers’ remittances remain among the country’s top sources of foreign exchange. — Xinhua

Major foreign trade province in east China adds direct Africa shipping link

A Hong Kong-registered bulk carrier departed from Jiaxing Port in east China’s Zhejiang Province on Friday, bound for Zanzibar Port in Tanzania and Beira Port in Mozambique.

This maiden voyage marked the opening of Jiaxing’s first direct shipping route to Africa, making it the second port in Zhejiang to establish such a link after Ningbo-Zhoushan Port.

The vessel that departed Jiaxing on Friday is carrying approximately 200 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of equipment, totalling nearly 1,000 cubic metres. The cargo consists mainly of infrastructure materials to support local livelihoods and construction projects in Africa. The shipment is expected to arrive at Zanzibar Port in about 25 days. — Xinhua

Tough negotiations and uncertainty ahead of OPEC+ meeting

UNCERTAINTY loomed over what Saudi Arabia, Russia and six other key members of the OPEC+ alliance would decide on crude output in their meeting on Sunday, with analysts saying a production boost was also being considered.

The meeting by the group of eight oil-producing countries known as the “Voluntary Eight” (V8) comes as oil prices extended losses in anticipation of excess supply in the com-

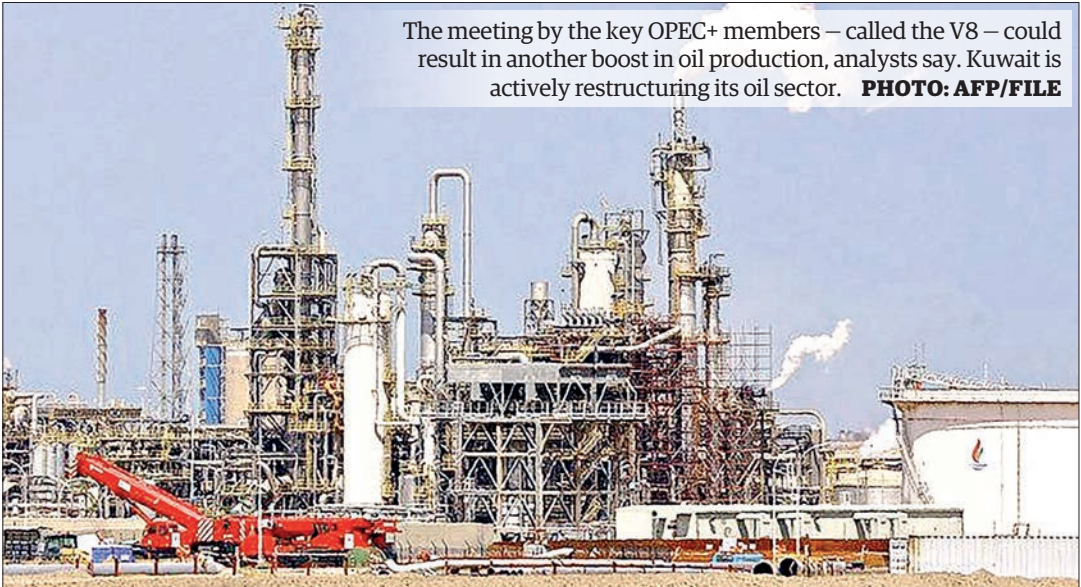
ing months. In a bid to prop up prices, the wider OPEC+ group — comprising the 12-nation Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies — had agreed in recent years to several output cuts that amounted to almost six million barrels per day (bpd) in total.

Since April, the V8 group — namely Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Algeria and Oman — has made a marked

policy shift, placing increased focus on regaining market share and agreeing on a series of output hikes.

A week ago, analysts said the V8 nations were likely to maintain their current output levels in October.

Oil prices have hovered around a low \$65-\$70 per barrel, tumbling 12 per cent this year as global producers outside OPEC+ ramp up supply and tariffs curb demand. — AFP



The meeting by the key OPEC+ members – called the V8 – could result in another boost in oil production, analysts say. Kuwait is actively restructuring its oil sector. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Swiss minister eyes ‘opportunity’ after US tariff talks

SWITZERLAND’S vice president said Saturday he had had “constructive meetings” with senior US officials as the country tries to navigate the massive import tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump.

After returning from the talks in Washington, Economy Minister Guy

Parmelin said he saw “real opportunity ahead” for both countries — but gave no further details.

Trump blindsided Switzerland when he announced that incoming Swiss goods would be hit with a huge 39-per-cent tariff on 1 August one the highest new levies he imposed

on dozens of countries.

Swiss President Karin Keller-Sutter and Parmelin scrambled to Washington in early August to hold talks on improving the tariff situation. But a brief meeting with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio — who does not oversee tariff policy — failed to move the dial.

“I held constructive meetings in Washington with Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick, Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent and Trade Representative Jamieson Greer,” Parmelin said on X, following his fresh trip.

— AFP



Swiss exports include gold and other precious metals, pharmaceutical products like vaccines and packaged medicines, and high-quality watches. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/AFP/FILE**

Japan konnyaku group hopes to boost export amid health conscious trend

A recent survey in two major export markets of Japan’s konnyaku showed the low-calorie foodstuff made from a type of yam is well received, prompting the Japan Konjac Association to express hopes to boost exports further amid growing health consciousness among consumers.

According to the online survey released by the association, of those who have eaten konnyaku before, 86.4 per cent of respondents in the West Coast in the United States and 64.4 per cent in France said they either “liked” or “somewhat liked” it.



Several konnyaku dishes are pictured in May 2025 in Shimonita, Gunma Prefecture. **PHOTO: KYODO**

The most commonly cited reasons for enjoying konnyaku were its “low calorie content,” followed by its “richness in dietary fiber.”

By type, “konnyaku

noodles” were the most popular, with 59.2 per cent of US respondents and 27.5 per cent of those in France reporting having eaten them at least once. Satisfaction levels were

also high. The survey was conducted online from May to August, targeting men and women aged 20 to 69 in the US states of California, Oregon, and Washington, as well as France. Low in

calories and rich in dietary fiber, konnyaku is described by the association as being effective in relieving constipation, preventing obesity and improving lifestyle-related diseases. — Kyodo

Indian industry leaders hail GST 2.0 as catalyst for growth, affordability, and sustainability

THE recently announced GST 2.0 reforms have drawn a positive response from industry leaders across sectors, who see the overhaul as a catalyst for growth, affordability, and long-term sustainability.

From real estate and electric mobility to corporate transportation and tax advisory services, the impact of these changes is expected to be wide-ranging. In the real estate sector, the reduction of GST on key construction materials like cement and steel is being viewed as a major boost.

Snehdeep Aggarw-

al, Founder & Chairman of Bhartiya Group, said, “The reduction of GST on cement, steel and related construction materials is a timely and much-needed boost for the real estate sector. Lower input costs will allow developers to invest more in superior design, modern amenities, and sustainable practices, while ensuring greater affordability for homebuyers.” “Corporate real estate too will benefit from improved cost efficiencies, making office and commercial projects more attractive for businesses and investors,” he added.

— ANI

Korean business leaders call for regulatory reforms to spur SME growth

KOREAN business leaders have called for regulatory reforms to boost the growth of Small and Medium Enterprises (SME), as per a report by Pulse, the English service of Maeil Business Newspaper Korea.

The urge from the leaders came as it was found that only four out of every 10,000 small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in South Korea advance to mid-market status.

At the launch of the

Corporate Growth Forum held in Seoul on Thursday, Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) Chairman Chey Tae-won highlighted the need to overhaul regulatory structures that, he said, are stifling business

momentum at every stage of expansion. “As long as these size-based rules remain, some firms choose to stay small or even split operations to avoid moving up and facing more restrictions,” Chey said, according to the Pulse. — ANI

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Japan PM Ishiba to resign within 1 year after taking office amid pressure

Ishiba's coalition had lost its majority in both houses of parliament, including a "historic defeat" in the July House of Councillors election.

JAPANESE Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba on Sunday expressed his intention to step down less than a year after taking the helm, in a surprise coming a day before his Liberal Democratic Party was supposed to decide whether to hold a snap presidential contest.

On the back of recovering approval ratings for his Cabinet, Ishiba, once regarded as a reform-minded outsider within the LDP, tried to stay on as long as possible but apparently bowed to escalating pressure from party lawmakers.

His departure, however, could herald political turmoil in Japan, as the LDP is likely to continue struggling to join hands with an opposition party to form a majority coalition in parliament due to policy divisions, even after Ishiba steps down, pundits say.

Ishiba's announcement came after he held talks Saturday night with former Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga and farm minister Shinjiro Koizumi, both of whom are close to Ishiba. They are believed to have urged him to avoid a split in the LDP. — Kyodo



Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba speaks at a press conference in Tokyo on 7 September 2025. PHOTO: KYODO

Fire breaks out in Ukraine's govt building following Russian attacks

A fire broke out in Ukraine's government building in the capital following Russian drone attacks, authorities said on Sunday.

According to preliminary information, the blaze was triggered after air defence downed a drone, Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko wrote on Telegram.

"For the first time, a government building, including its roof and upper floors, was damaged," said Prime Minister Yulia Svyrydenko on Telegram, adding, "Rescuers are extinguishing the fire."

The State Service for Emergencies reported that at least two people were killed and 18 others wounded in the strikes. A nine-story apartment building in the Sviatoshynskiy district of Kyiv was partially destroyed in the attacks. — Xinhua

Trump escalates crackdown threats with Chicago 'war' warning



People hold anti-Trump signs as they march past Trump International Hotel & Tower in Chicago during a demonstration against the planned deployment of National Guard troops. PHOTO: AFP

DONALD Trump escalated his push to send troops into Democratic-led cities on Saturday, threatening to unleash his newly christened "Department of War" on Chicago and provoking outrage from Illinois leaders.

President Donald Trump threatened on Saturday to unleash his newly rebranded "Department of War" on Chicago, further heightening tensions over his push to deploy troops into Democratic-led US cities. The move seeks to replicate an operation in the US capital Washington, where Trump deployed National Guard troops and boosted numbers of federal agents, sparking a backlash and a fresh protest on Saturday that drew thousands.

"Chicago about to find out why it's called the Department of WAR," Trump posted Saturday on his Truth Social account. — AFP

Journalists in Nepal take to streets against social media ban

SCORES of Nepali journalists took to the streets against the social media ban in the capital Kathmandu imposed by the government since last week.

The Gen-Z has also called for a nationwide protest on Monday against the same cause. The protest was called by the former office bearers and members of the Federation of Nepali Journalists, the umbrella organization of journalists in Nepal.

The government claims that the companies' social media platforms are not following their administrative order and the registration provision according to those directives.

The government issued the order to the Nepal Telecommunication Authority, which later issued an order to all the ISPs (internet service providers) to ban the major social media platforms. — ANI

Microsoft says several of company's underwater cables damaged in Red Sea

US tech giant Microsoft reported that several of its underwater cables had been damaged in the Red Sea, which may affect the operation of the Microsoft Azure cloud services provider.

A statement on the company's website in the section about the Azure service indicates that cable damage at sea will affect traffic between countries. "We do expect higher latency on some traffic that previously traversed through the Middle East. Network traffic that does not traverse through the Middle East is not impacted. We'll continue to provide daily updates, or sooner if conditions change," the statement says. Microsoft's message adds that its engineers are actively troubleshooting the outages, rerouting traffic, and discussing alternative options with bandwidth and providers in the region. — SPUTNIK

SPORTS



PHOTO: ONE

Myanmar fighter Eh Mwi to feature in ONE Friday Fights 124

MYANMAR fighter Eh Mwi is set to compete in ONE Friday Fights 124, which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, on 12 September.

ONE Championship has announced that Eh Mwi will take part in the co-main event, where he will face Thai fighter Mehmud. Eh Mwi has fought five times under ONE, winning two and losing three. He now aims to break his two-fight losing streak. This will be his fourth fight of the year, coming less than four months after his previous appearance.

Mehmud, who joined ONE in September 2024, will also be making his fourth appearance. He has won two of his last three fights, including a victory in his most recent outing. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

MFF signs K100 million sponsorship deal with Mega Group of Companies

THE Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) and Mega Group of Companies signed a K100 million sponsorship agreement at the Novotel Yangon Max Hotel on the morning of 5 September.

At the ceremony, highlights of age-wise Myanmar selected teams' achievements and Mega Group of Companies' products were showcased through video presentations, while commemorative gifts were exchanged between the two parties.

The event was attended by MFF President U Zaw Zaw, Senior Vice President U Pyae Phyo Tayza, Vice President U Hteik Khun Naung Myint Wai, Mega Group of Companies Managing Directors U Thiha and U Thura, MFF executive members, players of selected Myanmar football teams, and officials from the sponsor company.

Mega Group of Companies, found-



MFF and Mega Group of Companies sign sponsorship agreement in Yangon.

ed in 2001, is a Myanmar-based manufacturer and distributor of steel and other construction materials.—ASH/KZL

Anisimova laments 'lack of fight' in US Open final loss

AMANDA Anisimova felt she didn't "fight hard enough" in her US Open final loss to Aryna Sabalenka on Saturday and admitted to suffering a recurrence of nerves in her second Grand Slam final.

The 24-year-old American, runner-up at Wimbledon in July, again fell short in her bid for a breakthrough major title after losing 6-3, 7-6 (7/3) to reign-

ing champion and world number one Sabalenka.

Anisimova caused problems for Sabalenka with her powerful game but could not maintain a consistent level against her more experienced Belarusian rival.

"Losing in two finals is great but it is also super hard. I didn't fight hard

enough for my dreams today," said Anisimova.

"I didn't win today, so of course I didn't do enough. That's just the reality, and I have to accept that.

"I feel like if I fought harder, then maybe I would have given myself more of a chance, but I feel like I was really kind of in the back seat today. — AFP

Japan, Mexico in goalless draw as World Cup preparations ramp up

JAPAN and Mexico drew 0-0 on Saturday in a friendly at Oakland Coliseum as both countries prepare for the 2026 World Cup.

A lively Japanese side could not break through against a Mexico team who lost captain Edson Alvarez when he hobbled out with an injury in the first half and had Cesar Montes sent off in second-half injury time.

Japan threatened in the opening minutes, but Real Sociedad winger Takefusa Kubo's shot from the center of the box was wide and moments later Ayase Ueda's attempt from the left side of the area was



Takumi Minamino of Japan controls the ball in front of Mexico's Orbelin Pineda as the two teams play to a goalless draw in an international friendly in Oakland, California. PHOTO: AFP

blocked.

The best chance of the first half came in the 11th minute, when Kubo unleashed a long-

range blast toward the heart of the Mexico goal that was gathered in by goalkeeper Angel Malagon. — AFP

Son scores and assists to lead South Korea over host USA 2-0

SON Heung-min scored one goal and set up another to spark South Korea's 2-0 victory over the United States in an international football friendly on Saturday.

The matchup between two clubs bound for the 2026 World Cup was played at Harrison, New Jersey, in the home stadium of MLS's New York Red Bulls.

The South Koreans advanced through Asian qualifying to next year's World Cup, to be co-hosted by the Americans, Canada and Mexico.

Son scored in the 18th minute and Lee Dong-gyeong added another in the 43rd to secure South Korea's triumph against



Son Heung-min, at right being hugged, celebrates his goal with teammates as South Korea defeated the United States in an international football friendly. PHOTO: AFP

a US side coached by Mauricio Pochettino — Son's former boss at Tottenham Hotspur. — AFP



Thai King endorses Anutin Charnvirakul as new PM

New government committed to overcoming Thailand's current crises.

THAILAND'S King Maha Vajiralongkorn endorsed Anutin Charnvirakul as the country's new prime minister on Sunday, Secretary-General of the House of Representatives Arpath Sukhanunth announced.

In a ceremony held at the Bhumjaithai Party headquarters, Arpath read out the royal command appointing Anutin as premier, as he received majority support in the parliamentary vote on Friday.

In his first official speech as prime

minister, Anutin assured the public that his new government was fully committed to working tirelessly and with steadfast dedication to help Thailand swiftly overcome its current crises, despite several constraints in fulfilling duties.

Anutin said his administration would actively promote transparency and expedite legal proceedings where appropriate, emphasizing that the justice system must operate independently, in accordance with mechanisms outlined in the constitution and relevant laws. — Xinhua



Thailand's new Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul gives a speech after receiving the royal endorsement for the post in Bangkok, Thailand, 7 September 2025. **PHOTO: RACHEN SAGEAMSAK/XINHUA**

Silk Road-themed tourism promotion held in Shanghai



An aerial drone photo taken on 22 June 2025 shows tourists enjoying the scenery of Danxia landform in the rain at the Danxia National Geological Park in Zhangye, northwest China's Gansu Province. **PHOTO: CHEN BIN/XINHUA**

A tourism promotion event highlighting the Hexi Corridor, a key artery of the ancient Silk Road, was held in Shanghai on Friday, attracting diplomats, entrepreneurs and representatives from international organizations to explore the corridor's millennia-old history and discuss opportunities for cooperation.

Stretching nearly 1,000 kilometres

across northwest China's Gansu Province, the Hexi Corridor is home to five UNESCO World Heritage sites and more than 50 grottoes, and it is a major destination for travellers exploring the Silk Road.

Friday's event featured a photo exhibition as well as displays of intangible cultural heritage and local specialty products from the Hexi Corridor.

Representatives from the cities along the corridor, including Zhangye and Jiuquan, presented their cultural and tourism offerings.

Gong Jiajia, deputy director of the Gansu Provincial Department of Culture and Tourism, expressed optimism that the event would draw more global attention to the province. — Xinhua

BRICS countries interested in buying Russian helicopters

BRICS countries are interested in purchasing Russian helicopters, cooperation with the members of the association will significantly expand the scope of application of domestic civil aviation, Russian Industry and Trade Minister Anton Alikhanov told Sputnik within the framework of the Eastern Economic Forum.

"As for the sales markets for Russian helicopter equipment, these are the countries of Southeast and South Asia, the countries of the African continent, the CIS. Today, the BRICS member countries are interested in our helicopters. I am convinced that cooperation with BRICS will significantly expand the scope of application of domestic civil aviation," he said.

Alikhanov noted that helicopters of the Mi-8/17 type, fire-fighting Ka-32A11BC, light multi-purpose Ansat helicopters have already proven themselves in the foreign market. — SPUTNIK