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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.

Further Invitation Extended for Union’s Interests

ARMED groups, including those identified as PDFs, were invited in the interests of the Union to return to the legal fold, with the expectation of building a Union based on democracy and federalism. Understanding the State’s genuine goodwill, members of armed groups, including PDFs, who returned to the legal fold, have been handed back to their parents. For the voter list errors in the 2020 general election, requests to address the following were rejected. However, an attempt made to convene the Hluttaw based on the disputed election results was an attempt **SEE PAGE 3**



A close-up view of white cotton bulbs, they bloom across the cotton field.

MyanTrade in talks to import high-grade cotton from India

Moreover, Uzbekistan also informed Myanmar that the Agriculture Department wants to deliver pest-free high-yielding cotton varieties to Myanmar, according to MyanTrade’s notification dated 7 August.

THE second coordination meeting on the import of high-grade cotton variety from India was held virtually on 2 September 2025 at the meeting hall of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization, emphasizing on further

collaboration for the import of high-grade cotton variety. Dr Htein Lin, Director-General of MyanTrade, Myanmar’s Economic Attaches from New Delhi and Kolkata, India, representatives from Myanmar

Cotton and Cotton Products Merchants Association and International Federation of Business Intellectuals and Change-makers (IFBIC) participated in the meeting. **SEE PAGE 7**

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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)



Visitor arrivals to Bagan-Popa rise



This photo shows pilgrims at the Shwezigon Pagoda in NyaungU on 7 September 2025. **PHOTO: NAY MYO HLAING**

VISITOR arrivals have mounted recently in Popa and Bagan, according to residents. An influx of people has now flocked to Popa to enjoy the famous ritual ceremony, “Aba Htwet Pwe”, marking the day Boe Min Gaung died, and they’ve also visited Bagan. “The arrival of visitors to Bagan is usually low in the monsoon, but there is a slight increase on public holidays and weekends. Recently, there

have been many visitors in Bagan because those who come to celebrate the Aba Htwet Pwe also come to have a pilgrimage here. The transportation is fine and Bagan is now thronged with visitors,” said a resident.

The majority of visitors are local, and the arrival of foreign tourists normally increases in the dry season from October to pre-Thingyan.

Visitor arrivals at Bagan-NyaungU were also large in last year’s tour season, and it is expected to rise this October, the start of the tour season.

At present, there are local visitors who have made inquiries about travelling in the coming tour season, the Thadingyut holiday. — MT/ZS

- 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 Monday 8 September 2025)

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

Special Features: According to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, the Severe Tropical Storm “TAPHA” over the Gaungdong, China, has downgraded into a Tropical Storm “TAPHA” over the Eastern Guangxi, China. It is likely to move west-northwestwards and gradually weaken.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 9 September 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Magway Region and Kayah, and Rakhine States, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Bago, and Sagaing Regions and Kachin, and (Northern and Eastern) Shan States, fairly widespread in Chin, and southern Shan States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Taninthayi Region. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, and (northern 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, Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls 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 Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 5-7 feet in off and along the Rakhine Coast.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increase of rain in Shan State. — DMH

6 special civil appeal cases passed judgements, 2 special criminal cases and 5 special civil appeal cases heard

A special appeal tribunal consisting of Chief Justice of the Union U Tha Htay and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union: U Kyi Thein, U Thaung Naing, Daw Pyone Pyone Aye and Dr Ko Ko Naing was convened yesterday morning at the Supreme Court of the Union and passed judgements for six special civil appeal cases – Nos 13/2025 (Yangon),

17/2025 (Mandalay), 18/2025 (Bago), 19/2025 (Mandalay), 20/2025 (Mon), and 22/2025(Shan).

In addition, two special criminal cases: Nos 4/2025 (Yangon) and 5/2025(Bago), and five special civil appeal cases: Nos 4/2025 (Yangon), 26/2025 (Yangon), 27/2025 (Ayeyawady), 29/2025 (Sagaing) and 30/2025 (Shan) were heard. — MNA

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)

Further Invitation Extended for Union's Interests

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to seize State power by wrongful forcible means, according to Section 417 of the Constitution -

- (a) rejecting the request to address the errors in the voter list and electoral fraud found during scrutiny
- (b) rejecting the request to solve these errors by convening the special session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw
- (c) rejecting the request to seek the best ways by the government, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Union Election Commission
- (d) failure to take action over the two-time formal requests to convene the National Defence and Security Council to discuss the aforesaid measures

Such actions not only revealed the inability to transparently clarify the electoral fraud, but also showed that the then President himself was directly involved in the attempt to forcibly unlawfully seize State power, which constituted personal criminal misconduct beyond the duties assigned by the Constitution. Therefore, the Acting President declared a State of Emergency in accordance with the Consti-

tution and transferred the State power to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services exercised State power under the Constitution for Tatmadaw to scrutinize and expose electoral fraud in order to hold a free and fair election again. In this regard, groups such as CRPH and NUG were illegally formed, attempting to present themselves as an elected government by spreading the acts of propaganda that Tatmadaw had reversed democracy to cause misunderstanding among the people both at home and abroad. They misled the public and youth with false hopes and pushed them toward the path of armed struggle. CRPH and NUG organized groups under the name of PDFs, sending them under the control of certain EAOs to obtain arms and ammunition. They also used PDFs as tools in the terrorist activities and area expansion of some EAOs, thereby sacrificing the lives of PDFs.

At present, as the government cooperates with neighbouring countries, some terrorist EAOs are finding it difficult to maintain their positions, and those identified as PDFs are also facing greater hardship. Now is the time to recognize the reality that the

setback to democracy has resulted from the path of armed struggle.

A Union based on democracy and a federal system is aspired to and shared in vision not only by the government, the people, Tatmadaw, and political parties, but also by PDFs. However, CRPH and NUG, who wear the mask of democracy and covet State power for themselves, have chosen the path of armed violence to maintain their claim as the so-called elected government. It is solely due to their obstruction that the journey towards democracy has been delayed and hindered.

Armed groups, including PDFs, are once again invited to cooperate with the government and Tatmadaw if they wish to contribute to the upcoming general election and help build a genuine, disciplined democracy and a Union based on democracy and a federal system, which everyone hopes for. They are welcome to work in the interests of the State and the regions, either individually or in groups, by contacting and coordinating with nearby military units and local authorities.

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Union Defence Minister receives Chinese military attaché to Myanmar

UNION Minister for Defence General Maung Maung Aye received Senior Colonel Qu Zhe, Military Attaché of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar, yesterday afternoon at the guest hall of the Ministry of Defence.

Both sides held frank and cordial discussions on matters relating to cooperation between the two armed forces, military training, the dispatch of trainees, and technological collaboration.

Officials from the Ministry of Defence also attended the meeting together with the Union minister. — MNA/ MKKS



Senior Colonel Qu Zhe, Military Attaché of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar, pays a courtesy call on Union Minister General Maung Maung Aye yesterday.

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>

NATIONAL

MoFA Union Minister receives Thai Ambassador

U Than Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mr Mongkol Visitsump, Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar, yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting, both sides cordially exchanged views on matters of the further enhance-

ment of the existing friendly relations and bilateral partnership, and expansion of mutually beneficial cooperation, especially in the areas of trade and investment and facilitation of border trade between the two countries. Also present at the meeting were senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA



Thai Ambassador Mr Mongkol Visitsump calls on Union Minister U Than Swe yesterday.

Xinhua News Agency and scholars release report on Eastern Front of WW II



Report on Eastern Front of World War II launched in Beijing on 5 September 2025.

XINHUA News Agency and academic researchers released a report on the Eastern Front of the Second World War in Beijing on 5 September, under the theme of remembering history and upholding justice.

The report highlighted the sacrifices and contributions of the Chinese people in resisting aggression, noting their significant role in the global fight against fascism. It was published in both Chinese and English by the Xinhua Institute under Xinhua News Agency.

Speaking at the event, Mr Qu Qingshan, Chair of the Party History and Literature Research Centre of the Communist

Party of China, said: "The spirit of resistance remains as important today as it was in the past and continues to resonate deeply with the Chinese people."

Experts also discussed the hardships faced by countries on the Eastern Front, including China, Myanmar, and Malaysia, during the Second World War.

Mr Fu Hua, President of Xinhua News Agency, stated that a proper understanding of wartime history is essential to building lasting global peace. The ceremony was chaired by Mr Lyu Yansong, Editor-in-Chief of Xinhua News Agency, and attended by scholars from Eastern Front countries. — Khin Yadana/KZL

Graduation held for accounting, office course in Nay Pyi Taw

THE graduation ceremony of the Basic Accounting and Office Proficiency Course No 237 was held yesterday morning at Nawarat Hall of the Office of the Union Auditor-General in Nay Pyi Taw under a hybrid system.

The event was attended by Union Auditor-General Dr Khin Naing Oo, the Deputy Auditor-General, the Permanent Secretary, departmental officials, course instructors, and trainees, while instructors and trainees from the offices of the state and regional auditors-general participated online.

At the ceremony, the Union Auditor-General urged the trainees to apply the knowledge, skills, and insights gained from the course effectively in the workplace, to share accounting knowl-

edge widely, and to continue attending intermediate and advanced-level courses to further develop their individual capacities, to become competent staff capable of contributing to the benefit of the nation and their respective departments.

Afterwards, on behalf of the trainees, a participant from the Department of Agriculture under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation expressed words of gratitude.

A total of 884 trainees – 370 from 32 departments and organizations in Nay Pyi Taw, and 514 from 11 regions and states – attended the course. The qualification examination for the course will be held simultaneously from 11 to 17 September 2025. — MNA/MKKS



The graduation event of accounting and office course in progress yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw, attended by Union Auditor-General Dr Khin Naing Oo.

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NATIONAL

Citizens urged to embrace 'We Are Myanmar' spirit for national unity and progress

ALL Myanmar citizens should embody a Myanmar spirit and, with the motto 'We Are Myanmar', unite in a national spirit to work together towards peace, prosperity, and development for the country.

(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)

Myanmar focuses on digital literacy for 2025 Literacy Day

THE 2025 International Literacy Day ceremony was held yesterday morning at the Ministry of Education's meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw, attended by Union Ministers, the Chairman of the Nay Pyi Taw Council, Deputy Ministers, senior scholars, permanent secretaries and departmental officials, teachers, students, and invited guests.

The event was opened with a song titled "Education for All" performed by students from Basic Education High School No 11, Zabuthiri Township.

Following this, Dr Chaw Chaw Sein, Union Minister for Education and Chair of the organizing committee for the International Literacy Day ceremony, explained that the day had been officially designated as International Literacy Day on 8 September through a resolution adopted at the World Literacy Congress, held under



The 2025 International Literacy Day underway in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, addressed by Union Education Minister Dr Chaw Chaw Sein.

responsibility to improve literacy among rural communities and ethnic groups. Such efforts are expected not only to decrease the number of illiterate people and children who are over-age for school and out of school for various reasons, but also to develop families and local communities. In turn, this will contribute to national development and improve development indicators.

Subsequently, a video clip showcasing literacy initiatives and activities in non-formal education programmes was presented. Students from Basic Education High School No 6 performed the song "Support Literacy".

The Union minister then presented cash awards to the students who performed during the ceremony and toured the exhibition booths displayed for the 2025 International Literacy Day event. — MNA/MKKS

UNESCO in Tehran, Iran, from 8 to 19 September 1965, attended by education ministers from 89 countries. Just as countries worldwide have since commemorated the day, Myanmar has also celebrated International Literacy Day annually.

This year's concept note

issued by UNESCO highlights both the opportunities and challenges of the digital era. Under the theme "Promoting Literacy in the Digital Era", Myanmar has been expanding literacy programmes, continuing education initiatives, and remedial education schemes (non-formal

primary and secondary education programmes) year by year. These measures aim to reduce the number of illiterate individuals in the country. Following the guidance of the Head of State, relevant ministries and local governments have been working together annually as a national

EPS Centre issues list of EPS workers for Samsung insurance claims

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1	KYAW MYO DO	M82941**	မောင်	3,070,200	19	
2	PHONE HANG HANG HANG	M80771**	မောင်	4,556,000	19	
3	MYO MIN AUNG	MAS113**	မောင်	2,257,500	19	
4	MYO MIN AUNG	MAS113**	မောင်	1,377,800	19	
5	ALUNG HTET NAUNG	M80264**	မောင်	2,514,200	19	
6	THEIN HTYE	MAG428**	မောင်	3,823,200	19	
7	MYO AUNG	MAG276**	မောင်	3,481,200	19	
8	MAUNG ZAW TUN	MAS400**	မောင်	2,555,200	19	
9	LAL THAR	M81361**	မောင်	500,000	19	
10	BIG TAR HTKE LIN	M80264**	မောင်	3,958,500	19	
11	YE HTUT DO	MAG276**	မောင်	25,000	19	
12	SWAL LIN	MAG276**	မောင်	3,255,200	19	
13	THEIN MIN LAT	M81268**	မောင်	1,992,000	19	
14	MADE KYAW	M86631**	မောင်	1,703,000	19	
15	MADE KYAW	M86631**	မောင်	500,000	19	
16	MYAT KO KO LIN	M80403**	မောင်	1,458,600	19	
17	ALUNG THAY FINE	M87218**	မောင်	2,879,400	19	
18	ALUNG THAY FINE	M87218**	မောင်	500,000	19	
19	KO KO DO	MAG190**	မောင်	500,000	19	
20	THEIN MIN LAT	M81268**	မောင်	500,000	19	
21	PHYO KO NAUNG	M80268**	မောင်	500,000	19	
22	KYAW KYAW DO	M85311**	မောင်	2,580,600	19	
23	YE THE NA DO	M87271**	မောင်	4,972,800	19	
24	MYO MIN AUNG	MAS113**	မောင်	2,350,800	19	
25	KYAW ZAW DO	MAG208**	မောင်	110,000	19	
26	ALUNG AUNG	M82466**	မောင်	500,000	19	
27	KO KO DO	MAG190**	မောင်	8,179,200	19	
28	ALUNG KHUN SET	M87777**	မောင်	500,000	19	
29	ALUNG KHUN SET	M87777**	မောင်	8,888,000	19	
30	KYAW YE THU	M82343**	မောင်	200,000	19	
31	MYI MYI TUN	MAG272**	မောင်	500,000	19	
32	YAN PAING	M80100**	မောင်	500,000	19	
33	KYAW HTET	M86401**	မောင်	500,000	19	
34	NAVY LIN DO	M80276**	မောင်	500,000	19	
35	NAVY LIN DO	M80276**	မောင်	6,602,400	19	
36	TUN TUN WIN	M88315**	မောင်	500,000	19	
37	BIG TAR HTKE LIN	M80264**	မောင်	3,188,000	19	
38	NAVY WIN	MAG272**	မောင်	5,068,000	19	
39	MYI MYI TUN	MAG272**	မောင်	4,546,300	19	
40	TUN TUN WIN	M88315**	မောင်	3,656,000	19	
41	SA LUN CHUM	M86889**	မောင်	500,000	19	
42	SA LUN CHUM	M86889**	မောင်	4,023,000	19	

List of 58 EPS workers who are left to claim the insurance.
HRD Korea has released a list of EPS workers who are left to claim Samsung insurance, said EPS Centre in Myanmar.

According to HRD Korea's announcement, of the workers who returned to Myanmar after working in South Korea, 58 workers are left to claim insurance for the return journey cost and gratuity.

The list includes names, passport numbers and eligible claim amount, and all EPS workers are urged to check it.

It doesn't concern illegal stay, but workers are eligible to claim it if they are insured. ESP Centre has urged workers who arrived back from South Korea to contact its office for the insurance claim.

For more information, inquiries can be made to 09 426217648, from 9 am to 5 pm. — MT/ZS

Taninthayi Durian Growers, Exporters Association formed

AN association for durian growers and exporters has been successfully formed in Taninthayi Region, according to the Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producer and Exporter Association (MFVP).

At the inauguration ceremony held on 5 September, more than 80 farmers from the four districts of Taninthayi Region attended, and an association was established with 21 executive members. The association aims to provide market information and help develop a robust market.

Under the leadership of the MFVP, the Myanmar Durian Growers and Exporters Association (Taninthayi Region) was formed, and similar organizations have been



This photo reveals the Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producer and Exporter Association holding a Zoom meeting.

established in Yangon, Bago, and Ayeyawady regions, and Kayin, and Mon states.

In the 2024-2025 financial year, Taninthayi cultivated

10,543 acres of durians, 10,211 of which have reached the harvesting stage. The average yield per acre in Taninthayi Region is 4,457 durians. — MT/ZN

NATIONAL

Pilot project gives farmers fertilizer on pay-after-harvest basis in six regions

A pilot project is being implemented in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and six Regions — Sagaing, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon, and Ayeyawady — to distribute fertilizer inputs to farmers on a pay-after-harvest basis.

Under this system, the market price of a bag of urea in Yangon is K102,000, while the distribution price under the scheme is K89,500. Similarly, a bag of compound fertilizer fetches K145,000 at the market rate, but is being distributed at K120,000. Based on these prices, including transport charges, farmers are expected to save between K20,000 and K30,000 per bag of urea or compound fertilizer compared to the prevailing market price.

After the harvest, farmers will be required to repay the cost of the distributed inputs, together with loans from the Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank, cooperative loans, and Myasein-yaung loans.



K54.6 million worth of fertilizer subsidy provided to three project villages in Magway and Myothit townships.

To ensure effective use of fertilizer inputs, farmers must strictly follow the prescribed quantities, application tim- ings, and methods set by the Department of Agriculture. Only then can the target- ed yields be achieved. — ASH/MKKS

Research paper reading honours Sayadaw U Ottama, Myanmar independence pioneer

A research paper reading on Rakhine literature and culture, held in honour of Sayadaw U Ottama, a leading figure in Myanmar’s independence movement, took place on 7 September at the Maha Laxmi Mingala Hall in Pabedan Township, Yangon Region, according to the Rakhine Literature and Culture Association (Yangon).

“Sayadaw U Ottama was a courageous figure who safeguarded the nation, religion, and people since the colonial era. This event has been organized as a tribute to him through the presentation of research papers on Rakhine literature and culture. At this session, three research papers were presented by writers and resource persons,” said U Oo Than Maung, Chair of the Rakhine Literature and Culture Association (Yangon).

At the event, Rakhine writers and researchers – May Oo Thein Nyunt (Daw Oo Thein Nyunt), Maung Pru-Ky-



A moment from the Rakhine Literature and Culture Research Paper Reading Ceremony.

witae Kyun (U Maung Pru), and Yan Naing Min (U Maung Ni Aye) – read their papers: The Naming Traditions of the Rakhine People, The Yedhamma Gatha of Vesali, Rakhine, and The Script Traditions Revealed in Stone

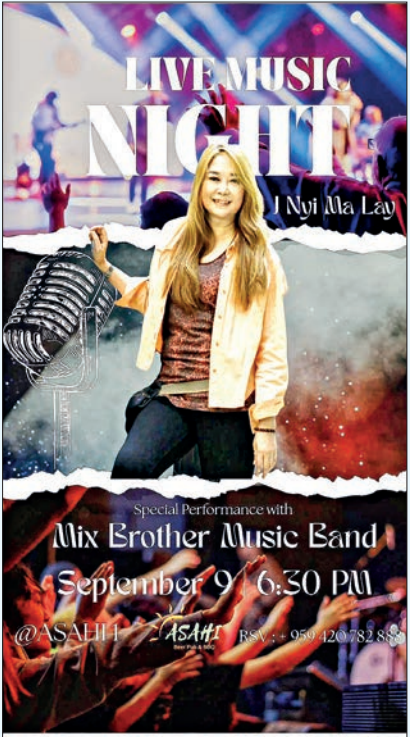
Inscriptions of the Lemyo Period. The ceremony was attended by Rakhine nationals in Yangon, enthusiasts of literature and culture, and members of the Rakhine Literature and Culture Association. — ASH/KNN

Singer to hold solo concert, ‘Live Music Night’

SINGER J Nyi Ma Lay will hold a solo concert titled Live Music Night at Asahi 1 Beer Pub & BBQ in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Region, according to the singer.

“On the night of 9 September, Mix Brother Band will be providing top-notch support, so let’s enjoy singing together for a memorable evening,” said J Nyi Ma Lay.

The Live Music Night solo concert will take place at Asahi 1 Beer Pub & BBQ at 7 pm on 9 September, featuring many of the songs already well known to fans. — ASH/MKKS



This image showcases a poster for J Nyi Ma Lay’s solo concert titled Live Music Night.

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Yangon palm oil reference price set at K6,520 per viss

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil set for the Yangon market slightly increased to K6,520 per viss for the week ending 14 September, up from K6,410 registered in the previous week, according to the Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution. The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs and banking services to decide the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil weekly. Despite the reference price, the market price is way too high. To control overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed consumers of



Workers seen organizing jerrycans of cooking oil for distribution and sale.

lodging complaints for overcharging through the call centre hotline in late August. The department urges consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices. The Committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market ma-

nipulation will face legal action under the Essential Goods and Services Law. The department is working together with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the cooking oil importing companies to offer affordable rates of imported palm oil for consumers. The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs Department or sent to the Facebook page of the department and the region and state departments concerned. The domestic consumption of palm oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. About 700,000 tonnes of palm oil are imported annually through Malaysia and Indonesia to meet domestic demands. — NN/KK

YSX stock trading values hit K798M in Aug

THE grand trading value of the eight listed companies on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) totaled K798.5 million from 279,257 shares traded in August 2025, according to YSX's statistics. At present, shares of eight listed companies: First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), TMH Telecom Public Co Ltd (TMH), the Ever Flow River Group Public Co Ltd (EFR), Amata Holding Public Co Ltd (AMATA) and Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Co Ltd (MAEX) traded in the securities market. MTSH topped the trading on equity with over

K417 million from 134,002 shares, followed by FPB with stocks worth K142.6 million from 72,970 shares, FMI with K93.9 million from 13,154 shares, MAEX with K45 million from 14,086 shares, TMH with K43.2 million from 16,673 shares, EFR with K41.833 million from 24,510 shares, AMATA with K11.76 million from 3,507 shares and MCB with K2.68 million from 355 shares. The stock trading values were estimated at K608.686 million with 218,869 shares traded in July. The stock trading in August is up by over K189 million (60,388 shares) compared to that of July. — NN/KK

Gold Market Rate as of
8 September 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,960,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

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MyanTrade in talks to import high-grade cotton from India

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The meeting highlighted Myanmar's import procedure for high-grade cotton variety, India's support in supplying cotton variety, and technical assistance from India for cotton cultivation in Myanmar. Myanmar Cotton and Cotton Products Merchants Association has also connected with India and Uzbekistan to purchase high-grade pedigree cotton varieties that are well-adapted to the local climate and soil conditions. There is a large price gap

between premium cotton and non-premium cotton. Therefore, cotton growers need to grow premium pedigree cotton for commercial benefits. If they grow whatever, they might experience low yield and high risks. Cotton ginners also need to maintain quality control, and so, cotton ginners must prioritize cleanliness and systematic operations to ensure product quality, minimize waste and maintain a safe working environment, the Myanmar Cotton and Cotton Products Merchants Association stated. "When growers neglect cot-

tonseed consistency, their efforts will be fruitless. Ginners need to maintain quality by categorizing the cotton varieties and processing systematic operations. This way, nothing will go in vain. If not, the time, energy and resources that they put into cotton cultivation and production will be wasted. Later, it might affect the cotton-based industry, resulting in other negative consequences," said a representative of the association. The association has already informed the department concerned of this. It will coordinate

matters for the growers to get access to high-yielding cotton varieties and achieve good prices. International Federation of Business Intellectuals and Changemakers (IFBIC), on behalf of 000 Farms located in Rajkot, Gujarat State, India, expressed willingness to collaborate for high-yielding cotton access. The Myanmar Cotton and Cotton Products Merchants and Manufacturers Association held a Zoom meeting on 14 August with counterparts regarding that matter, the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization under the

Ministry of Commerce stated. Moreover, Uzbekistan also informed Myanmar that the Agriculture Department wants to deliver pest-free high-yielding cotton varieties to Myanmar, according to MyanTrade's notification dated 7 August. The Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Myanmar Cotton and Cotton Products Merchants and Manufacturers Association have sent the list of premium cotton varieties to the department concerned for further processing. — NN/KK

Emphasize peace and stability in border regions

PEACE and stability play a crucial role in the daily life of the people as well as in the development of a country. A country that lacks peace and stability within its territory cannot achieve progress in all aspects. If peace and stability cannot be restored in border regions – a shared concern – then the countries along those borders will face disadvantages.

Hence, it is necessary to strive for peace and stability throughout the entire nation. As a result, all people will be able to enjoy happiness and prosperity, carrying out their livelihoods and businesses in a peaceful environment. At present, the government is making

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If Myanmar and China reopen the border posts, they can expedite the flow of commodities, which will benefit both countries. In addition, such measures will help expand the trade route from Myanmar's northeast region to Yunnan Province, Sichuan Province, Chongqing Municipality, and Nanning City in Guangxi Province of the People's Republic of China.

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every effort to ensure peace and stability across the country so that people can engage in business activities without disruption. Furthermore, if the nation remains peaceful and stable, foreign investment will flow in, and thriving businesses will contribute to national development.

At present, Myanmar and China share a border of about 1,300 miles, along which eight border posts have been established under the border region management and cooperation agreement to facilitate trade between the two countries. These border posts play a vital role in bilateral trade, including cross-border commerce. Currently, only the Muse-Ruili border post remains open for trading, while operations at the other seven have been suspended due to terrorist attacks by ethnic armed groups, which have disrupted bilateral trade activities.

In fact, border trade directly contributes to improving the socioeconomic life of people in both countries.

Therefore, efforts must be made to resume border trade as much as possible by restoring peace and stability in the border regions. The instability along the Myanmar-China border also affects the economies of Yunnan Province, Sichuan Province, and Chongqing Municipality.

Why Myanmar's Future Depends on Healing Its Scarred Youth

By Yin Nwe Ko

IT was already precisely 4:45 am before dawn on 11 July when I finished reading (U) Khin Maung Myint's short essay in The Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper. Something in my mind compelled me irresistibly to write another text which reveals my emotion about the issue of his, so I happened to write the following words.

Khin Maung Myint's poignant essay, "The Lingering Echoes of Pain," strikes a chord that resonates far beyond its immediate context, yet finds a terrifyingly urgent application in Myanmar today. His central thesis — that unhealed early trauma becomes an invisible architect of a lifetime, shaping thoughts, emotions, and actions long after the events themselves fade — is not merely psychological theory. It is the lived, unspoken reality for an entire generation of Myanmar's youth, a generation sculpted not by the nurturing environment of peace, but by the relentless chisel of "the trauma of an unnecessary war." To support their future, and thus the nation's, demands more than physical reconstruction; it demands a fundamental commitment to healing these profound psychological wounds.

He masterfully articulates the universal mechanism: childhood trauma forces the developing psyche into survival mode. When the environment is defined by fear, neglect, violence, and the shattering of fundamental safety, a child's emotional system learns to endure, not to flourish. These adaptive strategies — hypervigilance, dissociation, profound mistrust, explosive anger, or crushing despair — are brilliant solutions for immediate danger. However, when the immediate threat recedes but the underlying fear remains unaddressed, these survival habits "harden into lifelong patterns."

They become the subconscious scripts running beneath the surface, "quietly steering relationships, choices, and self-worth." The past, as he starkly warns, becomes an "invisible puppeteer," pulling strings in ways the individual often doesn't comprehend, leading to reactions that feel alien yet are rooted in "long-forgotten wounds."

Nowhere is this dynamic more catastrophic than in contemporary Myanmar. Decades of conflict, political upheaval, and the ensuing widespread violence have created a pervasive atmosphere of trauma for young people. Their foundational experiences are not of security and hope, but of "lost safety, broken trust, and interrupted futures." They have witnessed or experienced violence, displacement, the arbitrary destruction of lives and dreams, and the erosion of any semblance of societal stability. These are not abstract concepts; they are visceral realities that etch themselves onto the developing brain and psyche. As he observes, "These wounds may not bleed, but they fester silently."

The danger is profound: unprocessed collective trauma doesn't vanish; it metastasises. It manifests in cycles of violence, in crippling apathy, in fractured communities unable to build trust, in a population struggling with pervasive anxiety and depression, and in a deep-seated disillusionment that undermines any vision of a shared future. This "poison" threatens not just individual potential but the very fabric of the nation.

He offers a powerful and devastating metaphor: "To rebuild a country while ignoring the emotional damage to its people is like planting new crops in scorched earth." We can pour resources into visible reconstruction — roads, bridges, schools, hospitals. These are necessary, tangible signs of progress. But if the "soil" — the collective psyche of the people, especially the youth who must carry the nation forward — remains "wounded, dry, brittle, and unable to nourish real growth," then any progress will be superficial and ultimately unsustainable. The green shoots of economic activity or political restructuring will wither when they hit the bedrock of unhealed pain, mistrust, and despair. "Roads and buildings can be repaired," he concedes, but rightly asserts that "Minds and hearts take longer, but matter more."



no matter how sturdy the "outer structure" — the institutions, the economy — it "will not stand for long." Trauma erodes the social cohesion and individual resilience upon which stable societies depend.

Therefore, his call is not for sympathy, but for a radical reorientation of priorities: "We must stop pretending that survival is enough." Merely existing through the chaos is not a foundation for a nation. The young people of Myanmar "deserve more than endurance — they deserve healing, dignity, and a voice." This is not a luxury; it is the absolute prerequisite for a viable future. True national healing must be holistic. It requires integrating psychological and psychosocial support into the very core of any rebuilding strategy for Myanmar. This means:

Recognizing Trauma as a Core Issue: Acknowledging the widespread psychological impact of conflict and political violence as a fundamental barrier to development and peace, not an afterthought.

A Jealous Heart, A Poison Dirt

By Khin Maung Myint

IN the field of psychology, the act of looking down upon another person is a complex behaviour that often reflects underlying emotional and cognitive processes, including jealousy and feelings of inadequacy. This phenomenon can be understood through the lens of social comparison theory, which posits that individuals evaluate their own worth by comparing themselves to others. When one perceives themselves as inferior in some domain — whether it be status, achievement, or personal attributes — negative emotions such as jealousy or inadequacy may arise. These emotions can manifest as disparaging attitudes or behaviours towards others, serving as a defence mechanism to mitigate threats to self-esteem.

Jealousy, as a multifaceted emotion, often emerges when an individual perceives a threat to their self-concept or social standing, particularly in situations where another person possesses qualities or achievements that the individual desires. This aligns with evolutionary perspectives, which suggest that jealousy may have developed to protect social bonds or resources critical to survival. However, in modern contexts, jealousy can lead to maladaptive behaviours, such as denigrating others to restore a sense of superiority. For instance, an individual who feels inadequate in their professional accomplishments might belittle a colleague's success to alleviate their own discomfort. This behaviour is closely tied to the concept of inferiority, where feelings of inadequacy drive individuals to externalize their insecurities through criticism or contempt.

Feelings of inadequacy, often rooted in low self-esteem or negative self-perceptions, can exacerbate such behaviours. According to self-discrepancy theory, individuals experience emotional distress when there is a mismatch between their actual self and their ideal or ought self. This discrepancy can lead to compensatory actions, such as devaluing others, to reduce cognitive dissonance and restore a sense of self-worth. For example, someone who feels intellectually inferior may dismiss another's

academic achievements as trivial or undeserved, thereby temporarily alleviating their own sense of inadequacy. This dynamic is further complicated by cultural and societal factors, which often emphasize competitive individualism and can intensify social comparisons.

Moreover, the act of looking down upon others can be analyzed through the framework of projection, a defence mechanism wherein individuals attribute their own undesirable traits or feelings to others. By projecting their insecurities onto another person, individuals may temporarily distance themselves from their feelings of inadequacy. However, this behaviour often perpetuates a cycle of negative emotions, as it does not address the root causes of jealousy or low self-worth. Cognitive-behavioural approaches suggest that reframing these negative thought patterns through self-reflection and mindfulness can help individuals develop healthier coping mechanisms.

In social interactions, looking down upon others can also strain relationships and contribute to toxic group dynamics. From a group psychology perspective, such behaviours may reflect in-group favouritism or out-group derogation, where individuals bolster their own group's status by demeaning others. This can be particularly pronounced in hierarchical settings, such as workplaces or academic environments, where competition for status or resources is salient. Over time, these behaviours can erode trust and foster resentment, further isolating the individual who engages in them.

In conclusion, the act of looking down upon others is a psychological phenomenon deeply intertwined with jealousy and feelings of inadequacy. It reflects a complex interplay of social comparison, self-esteem, and defence mechanisms, shaped by both individual and societal factors. Understanding these dynamics offers insight into human behaviour and highlights the importance of fostering self-awareness and empathy to mitigate such negative tendencies. Addressing these underlying emotions through therapeutic interventions or social support can help individuals break free from cycles of comparison and contempt, promoting healthier interpersonal relationships and a more positive self-concept.

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The centre was launched by Pope Leo's predecessor, Francis, in 2023. PHOTO: AFP

Leo XIV inaugurates
eco training centre
near Rome

POPE Leo XIV inaugurated a new training centre devoted to sustainability on the outskirts of Rome on Friday, following in his predecessor Francis's efforts to champion the environment.

The Vatican-run centre, located in the papal residence next to Lake Albano southeast of Rome, boasts farming land, a nursery, vineyards, olive groves, a solar-panelled greenhouse and over 300 types of plants stretched over 55 hectares (136 acres).

The late Pope Francis launched the project in 2023, offering courses to vulnerable groups such as refugees, migrants, people with disabilities, former prisoners, victims of domestic abuse and unemployed people. Christened 'Borgo Laudato Si' ('Praise Be to You Village') after an eponymous papal letter written by Francis, the centre links caring for the environment with social justice issues.

Pope Leo toured the centre on Friday, feeding fish and other animals along the way before presiding over a liturgical celebration. — AFP

China launches new remote
sensing satellite group

CHINA launched a new group of remote sensing satellites from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in northern Shanxi Province on Sunday.

The satellites of the Yaogan-40 03 group were launched at 12:34 am (Beijing Time) aboard a modified Long March-6 carrier rocket, and they entered the preset orbits successfully.

They will be used to carry out electromagnetic environment detection and related technical tests.

The launch marked the 593rd mission of the Long March carrier rockets. — Xinhua

Australia halts logging for
koala haven on eastern coast

AUSTRALIA has halted logging on 176,000 hectares of forest along New South Wales' north coast to establish the Great Koala National Park, aiming to protect koalas from extinction.

The ban affects six timber mills and about 300 workers, with the government pledging financial support, training, and services to those impacted. Koala populations in New South Wales have drastically declined due to deforestation, drought, and bushfires, risking extinction by 2050 without intervention. — AFP

Overcrowding kills infant gorillas
in Rwanda habitat



Around half of the babies will fall victims to vicious inter-family fights, experts say. PHOTO: AFP

CELEBRITIES, politicians and conservationists took turns to announce names for 40 infant gorillas in a glamorous ceremony in Rwanda, where the endangered creatures face a deadly threat from overcrowding.

Around half of the babies will not make it to adulthood due to vicious inter-family fights that are threatening decades of conservation work, experts say.

Efforts over the past half-century have helped

the gorilla population recover from critical levels in the Virunga Massif that spans Rwanda, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

But increased numbers also make the adult male gorillas, known as silverbacks, clash more frequently, with devastating results.

"Silverbacks fight as they try to protect their territories," said Eugene Mutangana, conservation management expert at the Rwanda Development Board.

"The infants end up dying because the silverback that wins eliminates the young ones," he told AFP.

He said around half of all young gorillas born over the past decade have been killed in this way. — AFP

Africa calls for reframing global climate action with science, finance

AFRICAN Group of Negotiators (AGN) and the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) have called for a reframing of global climate action to be science-driven and responsive to Africa's growing vulnerability to climate change.

Speaking at the 13th Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, on Friday, AGN Chair Richard Muyungi said the continent cannot afford to depend solely on externally driven data and models of climate action.

"African science must take center stage in guiding climate action and adaptation," said Muyungi, while calling for adoption of needs-based climate finance.

According to the chairman, Africa is entering a new phase of climate diplomacy with a deeper understanding of its ecological wealth backed by scientific knowledge.

"Climate finance is not charity, but it is a right, a duty, and a measure of trust," Muyungi said, urging developed nations to finance climate adaptation activities in Africa and least developed countries worldwide. — Xinhua

‘Blood Moon’ rises during total lunar eclipse

STARGAZERS enjoyed a “Blood Moon” Sunday night during a total lunar eclipse visible across Asia and swathes of Europe and Africa.

When the Sun, Earth and Moon line up, the shadow cast by the planet on its satellite makes it appear an eerie, deep red colour that has astounded humans for millennia.

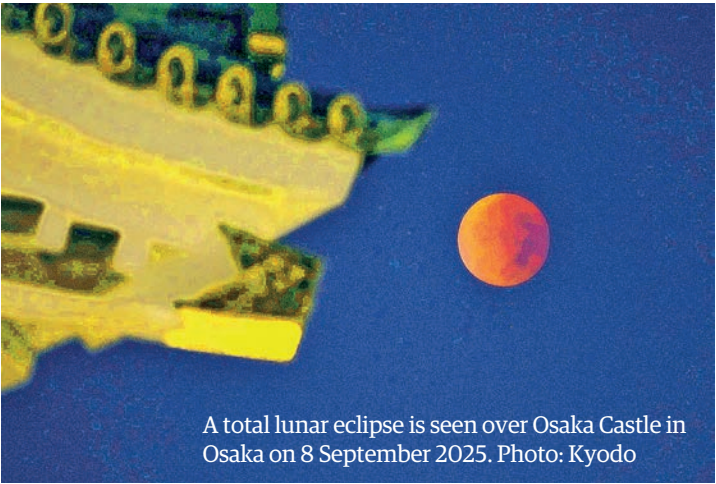
People in Asia, including India and China, were best placed to see Sunday’s total eclipse, which was also be visible on the eastern edge of Africa as well as in western Australia.

The total lunar eclipse lasted from 1730 GMT to 1852 GMT. Stargazers in Europe and

Africa also got a brief chance to see a partial eclipse just as the Moon rose during the early evening, but the Americas missed out.

The Moon appears red during lunar eclipses because the only sunlight reaching it is “reflected and scattered through the Earth’s atmosphere”, said Ryan Milligan, an astrophysicist at Queen’s University Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Blue wavelengths of light are shorter than red ones, so are more easily dispersed as they travel through Earth’s atmosphere, he told AFP. “That’s what gives the Moon its red, bloody colour.” — AFP



Chinese VR production stuns audiences at Venice Film Festival



This immersive work combined VR with live performance, blending traditional Chinese storytelling with modern technology.

Audiences at the ongoing 82nd Venice International Film Festival experienced a Chinese classic uniquely as they donned virtual reality (VR) headsets to enter a story inspired by the Chinese classic opera The Peony Pavilion on an island near Venice Lido.

The Peony Pavilion tells a love story that transcends time and space, life and death.

The production, titled Mne-

mosyne, blends virtual reality with live performance. As the VR story concluded, two characters materialized on stage, stepping out of the digital world and into reality, stunning the audience.

The work is among several Chinese projects featured in the Venice Immersive section, which showcases cutting-edge creations in VR, augmented reality, and mixed reality. Thirty entries are competing for the

top prize in this category.

Michel Reilhac, consultant for Venice Immersive, said Chinese immersive works successfully merge history with modernity, helping international audiences connect with Chinese culture.

“It feels like a dream made with traditional elements, but also very contemporary, which makes me, as a Westerner, really dream as if I were in China,” he noted. — Xinhua

AI-powered meet-up apps fight loneliness

ON a summer evening in San Francisco, JT Mason dined with five strangers selected by 222, an app designed to foster genuine human connections beyond typical dating platforms.

After completing a detailed questionnaire about his values and traits, Mason attended events like dinners and yoga sessions, where the app’s AI refines matches based on user feedback. While Mason doubts AI can fully grasp human chemistry, he sees it as a useful starting point.

Founded by Keyan Kazemian, a former Match Group employee, 222 aims to help people form lasting relationships rather than just quick H swipes.

The app addresses a growing loneliness epidemic, which the US surgeon general equates



Experts caution against relying on AI as a complete substitute for genuine human interaction, as social skills can atrophy with excessive use of virtual companions. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/PIXABAY**

to smoking 15 cigarettes daily in health risk. Many struggle to build meaningful bonds due to fading social institutions, digital addiction, and pandemic effects.

Similarly, Isabella Epstein, after moving to New York, created Kndrd to help women under 40 find activity partners. Apps like 222 and Kndrd prioritize real-life meetings over screen time, offering hope against social isolation. — AFP

Vatican receives first LGBTQ pilgrimage

IN a first for the Vatican, more than a thousand LGBTQ Catholics and their supporters are this weekend holding a pilgrimage, in what they are promoting as an important sign of diversity in the Church.

The gathering of some 1,400 people from around 20 countries was part of the Catholic Church’s Jubilee holy year. It was organized by La Tenda di Gionata (The Tent of Jonathon), an Italian association lobbying for greater inclusivity among the faithful.

While those taking part did not have a private audience scheduled with Pope Leo XIV this is the first time such a pilgrimage has featured on the official Jubilee programme, although LGBTQ groups have gone to the Vatican before.

Yveline Behets, a 68-year-old transgender woman from Brussels, walked 130 kilometres (80 miles) with another 30 LGBTQ people along part of the ancient Via Francigena pilgrimage route to get to Rome.

She said she expected more “plurality” from the Church after experiencing difficulties with other Catholics, among whom, she said, she did “not always feel acknowledged”. — AFP

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Germany’s US exports hit four-year low as tariffs bite

GERMAN exports to the United States dropped in July to their lowest level since 2021, data showed Monday, as President Donald Trump’s tariffs exact a heavy toll on Europe’s biggest economy.

Exports of German goods to the world’s largest economy were down 7.9 per cent from a month earlier, according to provisional data from federal statistics agency Destatis.

It was their fourth straight monthly decline, with the total value dropping to 11.1 billion euros (\$13 billion), the agency said. Nevertheless, the US remained the top destination for “Made in Germany” products.

Trump’s tariffs have dealt

a major blow to Germany’s export-driven economy, where major manufacturers had already been struggling with high energy costs, fierce competition from Asia and weak demand.

The drop in shipments to the US helped push Germany’s overall exports in July to a 0.6 per cent contraction from the previous month — worse than expectations of zero growth from analysts surveyed by financial data firm FactSet.

In total, Germany exported goods worth 130.2 billion euros in July. Imports slipped 0.1 per cent on the previous month to a value of 115.4 billion euros.

The trade surplus narrowed to 14.7 billion euros. — AFP



An aerial view taken on 4 August 2025 in Essen, western Germany, shows cars of various brands that are parked ready for sale and export at a car logistics terminal. Europe’s auto industry is relieved that the EU-US trade deal reduces short-term uncertainty but many, particularly in the struggling German sector, remain deeply worried about the long-term impact. **PHOTO: AFP**

China-Laos railway boosts Southeast Asian durian sales in China

EVEN after the summer transportation peak, the China-Laos Railway remains a bustling hub for international freight, as front-end loaders at Kunming, capital of southwest China’s Yunnan Province, shuttle busily to load and unload cold-chain containers brimming with durian.

Nearby, the Hongyun International Logistics Port covers an area of about 161,300 square metres. “At the end of 2023, we integrated railway logistics with a comprehensive park,” said Li Rongping, chairman of Hongyun International Supply Chain.

This setup provides customers with one-stop services, including warehousing, distribution, packaging, and container storage and repair, Li added.

During the peak durian season, efficient transfer operations take place daily at the container handling platform of the logistics port. In under 40 minutes, around 18 tonnes of durian are transferred from railway containers to trucks and then transported to nearby fruit markets.

“Through the China-Laos Railway’s Lancang-Mekong Express, goods can be deliv-



An international freight train bound for Lao capital Vientiane pulls out of Yanhe Station of China-Laos Railway in Yuxi City, southwest China’s Yunnan Province, 23 August 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

ered from Vientiane, Laos, to Kunming in just 26 hours,” said Ou Daoqing, head of the marketing department at the starting station of the Kunming International Land Port.

The railway ensures a steady, fast supply of Southeast Asian durian, keeping the fruit fresh and flavourful for Chinese consumers.

Since its official opening on 3 December 2021, the China-Laos Railway has served as a convenient logistics channel between China and ASEAN, with continuously upgraded transport services.

“In early 2022, China Railway Kunming Group Co Ltd launched the ‘Lancang-Me-

kong Express’ that offers fixed arrival times and faster customs clearance and operation speeds compared to other international cargo trains,” said Tian Haowen with the Kunming bureau of China State Railway Group.

Before the railway, Southeast Asian durian entered China by road or sea, facing challenges like long transit time, weather-related delays, and damage to the fruit.

“The China-Laos Railway has significantly reduced both the damage rate and transport costs for imported durian,” said Wang Hao, general manager of a Sichuan-based import and export company. — Xinhua

ADB urged to sharpen health strategy to meet Asia-Pacific’s growing needs

THE Asian Development Bank (ADB) should update its health strategic framework to provide a clearer vision and mandate in Asia and the Pacific, according to a new evaluation by the ADB’s Independent Evaluation Department released on Monday.

Although the Manila-based bank has taken steps to re-engage with the health sector across the region, the report stressed the need to

build on the momentum and “respond effectively to rising health demands”.

The report, covering 2011 to 2024, found the region has made significant health gains, including reduced child and maternal mortality, as well as expanded immunization.

“However, health risks have evolved,” the report said, mentioning that the region now faces “a surge in noncommunicable diseases, rising

public demand for universal access to affordable care, and an ageing population.”

“Our evaluation underscores that while ADB has demonstrated strengths, particularly during the recent pandemic, its legacy policies and operational mechanisms are not sufficient to navigate the complexity of current and future health challenges,” said the report’s team leader, Eungji Kim. “A clear,

updated strategic framework is essential to guide ADB’s growing role.”

The report outlined a clear path forward, saying that “with targeted operational guidance, improved country diagnostics, and stronger knowledge sharing, ADB can build on its comparative advantages to become a more strategic and long-term partner in advancing health outcomes across Asia and the Pacific.” — Xinhua

Vietnam’s inbound FDI hits US\$26 bln in first 8 months

VIETNAM’S inbound foreign direct investment (FDI) reached US\$26.14 billion in the first eight months of 2025, up 27.3 per cent year-on-year, Vietnam News Agency reported Monday, citing the National Statistics Office.

Vietnam disbursed US\$15.4 billion of FDI from January to August, recording the highest level in five years during the period, the report added.

Meanwhile, Vietnam’s outbound FDI hit US\$556.2 million, nearly 3.8 times higher than the same period last year, according to the report.

Vietnamese authorities granted new investment licences to 108 overseas projects worth US\$426.5 million, 2.9 times increase year-on-year, while 21 existing projects received an additional US\$129.7 million in capital. — Xinhua

Tokyo stocks rise on economic policy hopes after Japan PM decides to resign

TOKYO shares climbed for the third consecutive day on Monday, driven by optimism over policy shifts following Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba’s announcement that he would resign.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average ended up 625.06 points, or 1.45 per cent, from Friday at 43,643.81. The broader Topix index finished 32.89 points, or 1.06 per cent, higher at 3,138.20, hitting a fresh record high.

On the top-tier Prime Market, the main gainers were real estate, nonferrous metal and pharmaceutical issues.

In Tokyo, the US dollar remained mostly in the lower 148 yen range as the yen was sold amid speculation that the next Japanese government will pursue an expansionary fiscal policy.

However, it later weakened to the mid-147 yen level as dealers anticipated a US Federal Reserve interest rate cut next week, with the outlook shaped by weaker-than-forecast jobs data released Friday, they said.

At 5 pm, the dollar fetched 147.52-53 yen compared with 147.36-46 yen in New York and 148.21-23 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm Friday. — Kyodo



A financial board in Tokyo shows the 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average closing at 43,643.81 on 8 September 2025. PHOTO: KYODO

China remains ASEAN’s largest trading partner for 16 consecutive years



Visitors select products during the 21st China-ASEAN Expo at Nanning International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Nanning, south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, 24 September 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

CHINA has remained the largest trading partner of the Association of South-east Asian Nations (ASEAN) for 16 consecutive

years, a commerce official said Monday.

Trade between China and the ASEAN reached US\$597 billion in the first

seven months of this year, up 8.2 per cent year on year and accounting for 16.7 per cent of China’s total foreign trade for the same

period, according to Vice-Minister of Commerce Yan Dong.

As of the end of July, the cumulative two-way investment exceeded US\$450 billion, Yan said.

Meanwhile, Chinese companies have been active in contracting infrastructure projects in ASEAN countries, with a cumulative turnover of \$480 billion by the end of July.

Yan was speaking at a press conference on the 22nd China-ASEAN Expo. Scheduled from 17 to 21 September, the expo will take place in Nanning, the capital of south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. — Xinhua

OPEC+ to continue to increase oil output in Oct

THE Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies, a group known as OPEC+, on Sunday decided to ramp up oil output by 137,000 barrels per day (bpd) in October.

The announcement was made after a virtual

meeting where member countries, including Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Algeria, and Oman, reviewed global market conditions and outlook, according to a statement on the OPEC website.

“The eight participating countries decided to implement a production adjustment of 137,000 bpd from the 1.65 million bpd additional voluntary adjustments announced in April 2023,” the statement said, noting that the global economic outlook is steady,

and current market fundamentals are healthy, which is reflected in the low oil inventories.

The 1.65 million bpd may be returned in part or in full, subject to evolving market conditions and in a gradual manner, OPEC said. — Xinhua

Most EU carmakers on track to meet emission targets: study

ALMOST all European carmakers are on track to meet EU emission targets after winning a reprieve this year as electric vehicles (EV) sales pick up, a study released Monday showed.

The European Commission is under pressure to further loosen its climate requirements for the beleaguered automotive sector faced with Chinese competition and US tariffs.

Yet, EVs are expected to represent 18 per cent of new cars sold in Europe by the end of 2025, up from 13.6 per cent last year, according to advocacy group Transport & Environment (T&E). — AFP

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

Iran will accept nuclear curbs if sanctions lifted: report



Iranians drive next to a billboard displaying pictures of nuclear scientists, centrifuges and a sentence reading in Farsi: “ Science is the power”, at the Enqelab square in Tehran, on 29 August 2025. PHOTO: AFP

IRAN will accept limits on its nuclear programme and restrictions to uranium enrichment if international sanctions are lifted, its foreign minister said in a piece in The Guardian on Sunday.

Iran “is ready to forge a realistic and lasting bargain that entails ironclad

oversight and curbs on enrichment in exchange for the termination of sanctions”, wrote Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi.

“Failing to seize on this fleeting window of opportunity may have consequences destructive for the region

and beyond on a whole new level.”

The message was addressed to the so-called E3 group of nations — France, Germany and the UK — involved talks with Iran over its nuclear programme.

At the end of August, the E3 nations triggered a mechanism to reimpose UN sanctions on Iran for failing to comply with commitments over its nuclear programme signed a decade ago.

Under the “snapback” mechanism, they gave Iran a month to negotiate before sanctions were reimposed.

EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas met Araghchi on Thursday to seek a “negotiated solution” to the standoff.

The 2015 deal negotiated under former US president Barack Obama offered Iran sanctions relief in return for drastically scaling back its nuclear work.

But President Donald Trump withdrew from the deal during his first term and imposed sweeping sanctions, including on countries that bought Iranian oil.

Western countries accuse Iran of seeking to acquire nuclear weapons — something Tehran denies, defending its right to what it insists is a civilian nuclear programme. — AFP

Japan, S Korea defence chiefs agree on mutual visits in talks in Seoul

JAPANESE Defence Minister Gen Nakatani and his South Korean counterpart Ahn Gyu Back agreed Monday in Seoul to reinvigorate reciprocal visits and regular meetings, as the two neighbours pursue stable ties regardless of changes in their governments and in the face of North Korea’s nuclear and missile threats.

Nakatani, the first Japanese defence minister to visit South Korea in a decade, also affirmed with Ahn the importance of bilateral security cooperation as well as trilateral cooperation with the United States.

“The ministers concurred that it is important to steadily advance Korea-Japan and Korea-US-Japan defence cooperation in the rapidly changing security environment, and shared the need to develop bilateral defence ties in a future-oriented manner,” the two ministers said in a joint press release.

In particular, the two countries will explore the potential for “mutually beneficial and forward-looking cooperation in advanced science and technology fields such as artificial intelligence, unmanned



Japanese Defence Minister Gen Nakatani (R) and South Korean Defence Minister Ahn Gyu Back shake hands ahead of their meeting in Seoul on 8 September 2025. (Photo courtesy of Japanese Defence Ministry) PHOTO: KYODO

systems, and space,” the press release said.

Their meeting came a day after Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba announced his resignation amid mounting pressure to take responsibility for the ruling coalition’s loss of its majority in July’s upper house election. — Kyodo

News in brief

Millions hit as London Underground train workers strike

RUSH-HOUR commuters faced chaos Monday as staff on the London Underground train network staged a five-day strike, shutting stations and forcing people to work from home or use alternative modes of transport.

Thousands queued to try and get on crammed buses while others reluctantly walked or cycled.

Transport for London (TfL), which manages the Underground, also known as the Tube, warned there would be little or no service between Monday and Thursday as a result of the first major strike in more than two years.

Lauren, 53, a construction sector admin worker, told AFP she was having to walk a couple of kilometres to work in central London instead of catching her usual Tube train. “It’s a real inconvenience. I’m not sympathetic (to train drivers). They should get back to work,” she said. The RMT trade union called the strike on the Tube — which carries up to five million passengers a day — as they battle to secure better pay and conditions. — AFP

5 killed in Jerusalem bus shooting attack

AT least five people were killed on Monday when two gunmen opened fire on a bus near a busy junction, Israeli authorities said.

Police said security personnel and a civilian returned fire shortly after the shooting began, killing the attackers.

Israel’s Magen David Adom ambulance service said the fatalities included a woman and four men. Hospitals in Jerusalem, where the injured were taken, reported that at least seven people were seriously injured, two moderately injured, and three sustained minor injuries. The attack took place at Ramot Junction, near Ramot, a settlement neighbourhood in East Jerusalem. Israel’s state-owned Kan TV News reported that the assailants, armed with a handgun and an improvised submachine gun, opened fire after boarding a bus. Citing Israeli security officials, the broadcaster said the attackers were Palestinians from the villages of Qatanna and Al-Qubeiba in the Ramallah Governorate of the occupied West Bank. — Xinhua

SPORTS

ISPE to host AFC Women's Champions League final group stage

THE Myanmar women's club Institute of Sports and Physical Education (ISPE), having advanced to the qualifiers, has now again been granted the opportunity to host the final group stage of the 2025-2026 AFC Women's Champions League in Myanmar.

The final group stage will be held with 12 clubs divided into three groups. Myanmar's ISPE Club, defending champion Wuhan Jiangda from China, and Ho Chi Minh City Club from Vietnam will host the

group stage matches.

The final group stage will be held in November, and the ISPE Club will host the matches at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon.

A total of 12 teams will compete in the final stage: eight teams with direct qualification and four teams from the qualifiers. The group stage draw for the final round will be held on 11 September. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



The photo shows the Myanmar women's club ISPE competing in the final round of the 2025-2026 AFC Women's Champions League. **PHOTO: SOE NYUNT THAW**

Alcaraz beats Sinner to claim second US Open title

CARLOS Alcaraz defeated Jannik Sinner 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 to win the US Open men's singles title for the second time on Sunday.

With this victory, the 22-year-old Spaniard secured his second Grand Slam title of the season and became the second-youngest player in the Open Era to win six Grand Slam titles after Bjorn Borg.

Alcaraz will also return to world number one in the ATP rankings for the first time since September 2023.

Since Novak Djokovic lifted the 2023 US Open trophy, all eight Grand Slam men's singles titles have been shared between Alcaraz and Sinner.

"I want to start with Jannik. It is unbelievable what you have done this season," Alcaraz said on the trophy ceremony. "I see you more than my family, and it's great to share the court and the locker room with you. You improve every day working with your team, so congratulations to you, and it was a great performance this whole tournament."

"I tried my best today. I couldn't do more," the 24-year-old Italian replied. "You are doing an amazing job. I know there's a lot of hard work behind this performance today, you were better than me. Enjoy it. It's a great moment." — Xinhua



Carlos Alcaraz of Spain celebrates winning the men's singles final against Jannik Sinner of Italy at the 2025 US Open in New York on 7 September 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Myanmar reaches semifinals of China Invitational Futsal Tourney

THE Myanmar national futsal team made a win on the final day of Group B matches in the China Invitational Futsal Tournament on 8 September in China.

Myanmar beat Cambodia 4-1, while Indonesia defeated New Zealand 2-1 in the Group B fixture. Goals from Htun Aung Kyaw, Wai Zin Oo, Aung Zin Oo and Naing Linn Tun Kyaw confirmed Myanmar's win. After the group stage, Indonesia topped Group B with nine points, while Myanmar took second with six. Both teams advanced to the semifinals. New Zealand, with three points, and Cambodia, who have none, will play another match for 5th and 8th places.

The semifinals, set for 9 August, will see Myanmar face Denmark. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL



Myanmar and Cambodia in action during their Group B match. **PHOTO: CAF**

Super Spain hit six as Germany get first World Cup qualifying win

MIKEL Merino scored a hat-trick as a majestic Spain thumped Türkiye 6-0 away in World Cup qualifying on Sunday, while a brilliant Florian Wirtz free-kick helped Germany beat Northern Ireland 3-1 to get their bid up and running.

European champions Spain were in unstoppable form in the central Turkish city of Konya, claiming their second biggest-ever away win in World Cup qualifying as Arsenal midfielder Merino scored his first professional hat-trick.

Barcelona playmaker Pedri Gonzalez opened the scoring inside six minutes and later completed the scoring, with Ferran Torres netting the visitors' other goal.

The quality of Merino's strikes was remarkable, with his first coming at the

end of a superb team move and his second a controlled finish from a Pedri assist. He completed his triple with a curling shot into the top corner.

The one blemish on the night's work for Spain was the withdrawal of Nico Williams due to an apparent thigh injury, but Luis de la Fuente's team are already clear at the top of qualifying Group E with six points from two games.

"I'm very happy for winning, to pick up six points, for doing it in this way, and for scoring three goals, which is not normal — the first hat-trick of my career," said Merino.

The group winners will qualify directly for the finals, with the runners-up progressing to a play-off phase. — AFP



Putin joins extraordinary online BRICS Summit

THE BRICS online summit convened by Brazil on Monday is taking place in a closed format meeting, with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping participating via video link.

Russian President Vladimir Putin joined on Monday the extraordinary online BRICS summit, a Sputnik correspondent reported.

Secondary sanctions are hindering the strengthening of trade ties between countries, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said on Monday.

The settlement of the Ukrainian conflict should take into account the legitimate interests of all the parties regarding security issues, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said.

“With regard to Ukraine, it is necessary to pave the way to a realistic settlement that would take into account the legitimate security interests of all parties,” Lula da Silva said during an extraordinary online BRICS summit convened on his initiative.

Brazil, at the initiative of President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, is holding an extraordinary online summit of BRICS member states on Monday to discuss US trade policy. BRICS is an intergovernmental association established in 2006 by Russia, China, India and Brazil, with South Africa joining in 2011.

At the beginning of 2024, several more states acceded to BRICS. Earlier, Russian presidential aide Yuri Ushakov stated that Belarus, Bolivia, Kazakhstan, Thailand, Cuba, Uganda, Malaysia, Uzbekistan and other countries officially became BRICS partner states as of 1 January



President of Russia Vladimir Putin during an expanded meeting of BRICS leaders during the 16th BRICS summit in Kazan.

PHOTO: SPUTNIK

2025. On 6 January of this year, the government of Brazil, which assumed the chairmanship of the association on 1

January, announced the accession of Indonesia to BRICS as a full member. — SPUTNIK

Japan’s LDP leadership race heats up as Motegi, Hayashi intend to run



Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba leaves after a press conference at the prime minister’s office in Tokyo, Japan, 7 September 2025. PHOTO: TORU HANAI/BLOOMBERG/POOL VIA XINHUA

WITH Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba stepping down, Japan’s ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) is bracing for a heated leadership contest as major contenders signal their intention to run.

Former Foreign Minister

Toshimitsu Motegi on Monday announced his intention to run, pledging to devote his full political experience to the party and government.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi has also decided to run, Kyodo News cited party insiders.

The LDP is expected to finalize voting procedures for the election as early as Tuesday, according to the report.

Both Motegi and Hayashi ran in last year’s leadership contest. Motegi, a veteran politician, also served as LDP policy chief.

Other potential contenders include former Economic Security Minister Sanae Takaichi and Agriculture Minister Shinjiro Koizumi.

Ishiba on Sunday announced his decision to resign amid growing calls for him to take responsibility for the party’s election defeat.

In a landmark political setback in July, Japan’s ruling coalition lost its majority in the House of Councillors, signalling deep public dissatisfaction with the government.

The defeat follows a similar outcome in the 2024 House of Representatives election, leaving the ruling bloc a minority in both chambers of the parliament, a historic first since the LDP’s founding in 1955. — Xinhua

India’s Kerala reports 5th death from brain fever

A 56-year-old woman died Monday due to Primary Amoebic Meningoencephalitis (PAM), commonly known as brain fever, at a hospital in the southern Indian state of Kerala, officials said.

The woman, a native of Malappuram district, was admitted to Kozhikode Medical College Hospital in Kozhikode district last week and has been in a critical condition since then, a health official said.

Since 14 August, five people in the state have died from the rare but deadly infection affecting the brain.

Reports said at present 11 people are undergoing treatment for the disease at the hospital, with a few in critical condition. — Xinhua

China ramps up precautionary measures against Typhoon Tapah

THE Ministry of Transport on Monday activated a Level-IV emergency response to Typhoon Tapah and a Level-III response to the heavy rains it caused.

Tapah, the 16th typhoon of the year, made landfall on Monday morning along the coast of Taishan City, south China’s Guangdong Province, packing gale-force winds and torrential rain across Guangdong and Guangxi. Downpours also pounded parts of Jiangsu, Anhui, Hubei, Zhejiang, Jiangxi and Hunan. — Xinhua