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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.

Teachers urged to produce human resources contributing to national development

The State is striving to improve the professional capacity of teachers and upgrade teaching standards.

ACTING President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu, Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing, sent a message to the ceremony to mark World Teachers’ Day, which falls on 5 October 2025. The full text of the translated message is as follows:-

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Honorary dinner celebrates Mandalay University's centenary

Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, attended an honorary dinner to mark the centenary of Mandalay University at the Convocation Hall of the university yesterday evening. Also, present at the dinner were his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Commis-

sion Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo and his wife, Commission member Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and his wife, Union ministers and their wives, the Mandalay Region chief minister, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, scholars, rectors, pro-rectors, faculty members, town elders, students and alumnis.

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Acting President and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents cash awards to the artistes.

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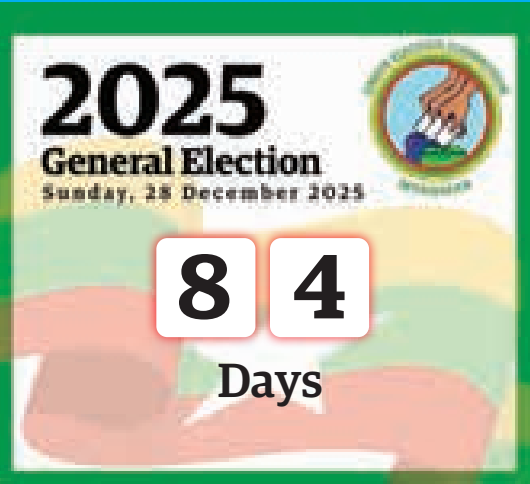
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2025 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

- Domestic election observers who wish to monitor the multiparty democratic general election, which will begin in phases on 28 December 2025, may apply for election observation permits at the Union Election Commission (UEC), as well as the relevant Region/State, District, and Township Election Subcommissions from today until 5 December 2025.
- The Union Election Commission announced on 16 September 2025 that domestic election observers must follow the Code of Conduct for Observers, issued under Notification 68/2025, and adhere to the procedures set out for their observation activities under Notification 69/2025. These notifications are available for viewing and can be downloaded from the Union Election Commission’s official website <https://www.uec.gov.mm>.
- The Union Election Commission has also announced that international election observers will be allowed to monitor the multiparty democratic general election. Invitations will be extended directly to representatives of relevant countries and international organizations. In addition, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, invitations will be sent to representatives of foreign embassies, consulates, and permanent missions that maintain diplomatic relations with the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Union Election Commission

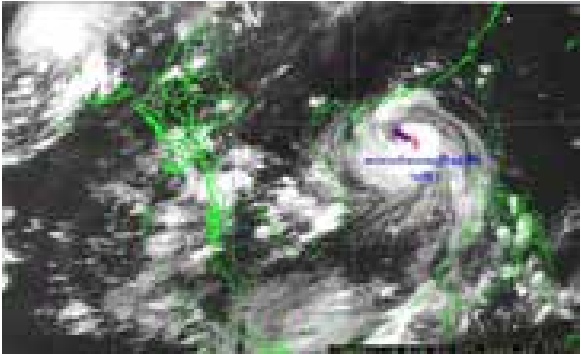


- Let us encourage production for prosperity of the Nation.
- Let us ensure education sector for the development of the Nation.
- Let us protect our environment for the prosperity of the Nation.

Severe Tropical Storm “MATMO” News, No 1, 2025

Issued at 4 pm MST on 4 October 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the Severe Tropical Storm “MATMO” over the South China Sea is moving west-northwestwards and may further intensify into Typhoon “MATMO” during the next six hours. Thereafter, it is likely to continue to move west-northwestwards and may cross into the Guangdong coastal areas of China on 5 October 2025. — DMH



Foodstuffs arrive for local ethnic people in Kyaukme



The security force, departmental officials, and locals jointly conduct clearing activities at the Kyaukme Myoma Market yesterday.

TATMADAW conducted the counter-terrorism operations to ensure the safe and peaceful living of people, and had complete control over Kyaukme in Shan State (North). Tatmadaw currently makes efforts to resume the governance mechanism and rehabilitation processes together with the locals.

Meanwhile, a total of 34 government staff from different departments arrived in Kyaukme to resume the governance mechanism as quickly as possible yesterday, and foodstuffs such as 500 sacks of rice and 500 visses of oil donated by the Shan State government also arrived in the town. From

3 October to date, the town received 1,000 bags of rice, 1,000 visses of oil, 300 visses of beans, 500 visses of salt and 67 family kits, and these items will be delivered to the locals. Moreover, temporarily displaced ethnic locals also returned to Kyaukme, and security force members and departmental officials welcomed, relocated and provided them with the needed assistance.

Similarly, the security force, departmental officials, and locals jointly conducted clearance activities at the No 1 BEHS Kyaukme to reopen the school as quickly as possible, and also at Kyaukme hall, Kyaukme Myoma Market and the vicinity area of the town.

Moreover, the security force continues security measures to ensure the stability, sustainability and socio-economic status of locals. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7 pm Saturday, 4 October 2025)

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

SPECIAL FEATURES: According to the observations at 6:30 pm MST today, the Severe Tropical Storm “MATMO” over the South China Sea is moving west-northwestwards and may further intensify into a Typhoon “MATMO” during the next six hours. Thereafter, it is likely to continue moving west-northwestwards and may cross into the Guangdong coastal areas of China on 5 October 2025.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 5 October 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Mandalay, Magway and lower Sagaing regions and northern Shan

State, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, upper Sagaing Region and Chin and Rakhine states and fairly widespread in Bago Region and Kachin, Kayah and (southern and eastern) Shan states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Kachin State. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.
THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon and southern Shan states. In the area along the cumulonimbus clouds, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied by rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur, and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: The sea will be moderate in the Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 6-8 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Continuations of thundery activities in the Deltaic areas.
FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5 October 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.
FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5 October 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.
FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5 October 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 80 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)

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing remarked that universities are not enough to teach arts and science subjects in addition to modern subjects, and these need to conduct research, which can be dubbed as their lifeblood.

A ceremony to inaugurate the 100th anniversary of Mandalay University took place at the venue yesterday morning, attended by Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Commission Member Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Union Minister for the Ministry 1 of the President's Office U Tin Aung San, Union Minister for Education Dr Chaw Chaw Sein and Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the ceremony.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar unveiled the stone plaque to mark the centenary celebration of the university and sprinkled scented water on it.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar viewed the progress of renovating the main building of the university damaged by the devastating Mandalay earthquake, a display of documentary photos on the chancellors of the universities and prominent persons in successive eras.

Students from Mandalay University presented the theme song "Centenary celebration of Mandalay University" at the convocation hall.

On the occasion, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of



Acting President and Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivers a speech at the ceremony to inaugurate the centenary of Mandalay University in Mandalay yesterday.

Mandalay University observes 100th Anniversary

A university is not only a fertile ground for nurturing high-quality human resources but also a hub for pioneering technology-based research.

the Republic of the Union of Myanmar delivered a speech, saying that Mandalay University is one of the prominent symbols that honour and uphold the prestige of Mandalay.

Over the course of a century, he recounted that Mandalay University has produced 2,960 doctorate graduates, 11,139 master's degree holders, 1,607 MRes graduates, 9,172 honours degree recipients, 239 M Phil degree holders, 96,012 bachelor's degree holders, and 7,060 diploma holders.

He noted that it is a great

source of pride that the graduates of Mandalay University, as holders of arts and science degrees, are contributing back to the nation as literary scholars, intellectuals, intelligentsia, prominent figures in various national sectors, and experts in their fields.

He stressed that a university serves not only as a fertile ground for producing high-quality human resources but also as a place where innovative, technology-based research is initiated.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic

of the Union of Myanmar highlighted that, as the State emphasizes continuous enhancement of agriculture, livestock breeding, and industrial sectors in order to improve the socioeconomic life of the people, universities, colleges, and institutes are playing a key role in producing qualified human resources.

As such, he underscored that universities are not enough to teach arts and science subjects in addition to modern subjects, and these need to conduct research, which can be dubbed as their lifeblood. **SEE PAGE 5**

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the 100th anniversary of Mandalay University

- 1. It is necessary to promote strong library-based learning, both in conducting research and in teaching and learning activities.
- 2. The entire population must be educated and politically aware.
- 3. The nation must be peaceful and stable, because only in a calm and secure environment, free from disruption and conflict, can education be pursued peacefully.

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Teachers urged to produce human resources contributing to national development

FROM PAGE 1 Esteemed teachers,

First and foremost, I extended my greetings with best wishes for all teachers in the entire Myanmar to enjoy physical and mental well-being on the occasion of World Teachers' Day, which falls on 5 October 2025. Today, the fifth of October, is World Teachers' Day with auspiciousness.

World Teachers' Day, which falls on 5 October every year, has been celebrated throughout the world for 32 years since 1994. Myanmar has also been organizing World Teachers' Day for 23 years, since 5 October 2002, as a gesture of honouring the teachers who are always striving for their duties with noble actions such as passion, goodwill, and compassion, so that no one is left behind in reaching the goal of education.

A teacher imparts knowledge to students, enables them to acquire skills, uplifts their morale, teaches them the disciplines needed to walk uprightly through their lives, helps them distinguish between right and wrong, and adorns the lives and the world of their pupils. Therefore, understanding the profound gratitude owed to teachers, the tradition of paying respect to them in accordance with noble customs has existed in Myanmar since ancient times and continues firmly to this day.

Sayadaw Shin Maha Silavamsa in Inwa era who wrote the advice of poems, describing "Three Great Benefactors such as Mother, Father and Teacher who are unrivalled in the three noble worlds," while Sayadaw Shin Maharatthasara composed the advice of poem with the title of "Gambhisara" which stated "The Virtuous Persons with wisdom give words of advice, showing causes and effects, and protégés are happy when-

ever they listen to words of advice of mentors". These words of advice express the admirable virtues and gratitude worthy of teachers.

Teachers are scholars who enrich human society with knowledge; they are guides and mentors who lead their students with goodwill and devotion; they are compassionate individuals who teach, advise, and nurture their pupils with heartfelt care as if they were their own children; they are kindhearted mentors who dispel the worries and troubles of their students; and they are like gardeners who tend to and help blossom the beautiful, fragrant flowers of youth. Therefore, teachers are rightfully regarded and revered as benefactors equal in dignity to the Lord Buddha, worthy of the deepest respect and veneration.

A teacher, according to the saying "A teacher not only teaches knowledge but also shapes character," is not merely an instructor of academic subjects. Teachers guide students to become well-rounded individuals who possess a spirit of Union and love for their country, who value and observe discipline, who think rationally and with understanding, who show empathy and consideration for others, and who cultivate habits of working for the common good. To nurture good citizens for the nation and the world, teachers must combine life experiences and practical examples to teach lessons on morality, civic responsibility, and essential life skills in an engaging and meaningful way.

In this modern and ever-evolving age of education, teachers must continually study and acquire up-to-date knowledge and technologies in order to keep pace with the international community. As they are nurturing their students to become knowledgeable and skilled individuals, teachers

themselves must also engage in continuous learning to enhance their own quality and professional development.

The State is striving to improve the professional capacity of teachers and upgrade teaching standards. To enhance the teaching capacity of teachers, capacity-building courses are being conducted to enable them to apply innovative teaching methods aligned with 21st-century skills, integrate digital competencies into their instruction, and promote library-based learning and teaching approaches.

Today, the development and progress of nations around the world increasingly depend on the quality of education. The primary responsibility of teachers is to nurture students and youth into well-rounded, high-quality, and outstanding human resources, embodying the five strengths of physique, intellect, character, compassion, and material skill. Only by cultivating knowledgeable and visionary individuals can the nation be built and advanced to achieve even greater development than it has today.

Since education plays a central role in developing human resources, the government has been giving priority and support to the advancement of education in line with the slogan, "Let us ensure the education sector for the development of the Nation". Efforts must focus on improving the education sector, ensuring that every school-age child has access to schooling, and increasing the rate of grade progression. The government will continuously provide support to enhance both the physical and mental aspects of the education sector, and parents, teachers, students, and responsible authorities must work together hand in hand to achieve these goals.

In today's world, every nation truly needs good teachers who can provide high-quality education. Therefore, special emphasis is being placed on continuously producing new generations of capable teachers. To ensure the availability of high-quality teachers, efforts must be made to systematically nurture and develop both current teachers and those entering the teaching profession, and to improve the conditions within the teaching sector to make them truly excellent.

On the occasion of the World Teachers' Day, I would like to urge you all to build a peaceful and harmonious future society, teachers are strongly encouraged on World Teachers' Day to educate, train, and nurture their students so that a new generation of youth emerges fully equipped with knowledge, skills, expertise, and personal qualities, embodying the five strengths. These young people will develop strong character, discipline, and comprehensive knowledge, carry forward the nation's interests, understand and accept diversity, value and respect equality, and apply the fundamentals of peace in practical life, becoming human resources who can contribute effectively to national development in accordance with the responsibilities of teachers and the guidance of parents.

I would like to conclude my greetings that may all teachers enjoy good health and well-being, successfully fulfil their educational responsibilities, and, as those who selflessly nurture knowledge and wisdom with goodwill, may they be blessed with abundant goodness in all aspects of life.

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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)



Acting President and SSPC Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views around the exhibits displayed at yesterday’s event.

Mandalay University observes ...

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He continued that it is necessary to promote strong library-based learning, both in conducting research and in teaching and learning activities.

He unveiled that a grand ceremony to pay respect to veteran teachers who had served at Mandalay University will take place. Moreover, documentary photo shows, paper-reading sessions, and research poster shows will be held in commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the university.

He underlined that in order for universities like these to continually pass on knowledge and academic heritage, the responsibility lies not only with the government but also with all relevant authorities and each citizen. Most importantly, the nation must be peaceful and stable, because only in a calm and secure environment, free from disruption and conflict, can education be pursued

peacefully.

With knowledge and skills, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar pointed out that people will be able to build peace with love for their country and their nation. Therefore, the entire population must be educated and politically aware.

He expressed his strong emphasis that efforts should be made to produce human resources who can compete internationally — educated individuals, intellectuals, qualified professionals, experts, and postgraduates — and to strive for the development and progress of the nation.

Afterwards, a video clip on the centennial celebration of Mandalay University was screened. The Union Minister for Education presented a commemorative gift to the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union

of Myanmar.

Students from Mandalay and Meiktila Education Degree Colleges performed songs and dances. The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented cash awards for the ceremony to the Union Minister for Education.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar cordially greeted the attendees and visited the exhibition to mark the centennial celebration.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and party enjoyed performances of the Myoma Band of Mandalay.

The centennial celebration of Mandalay University is held on a grand scale in accord with the motto: “A century of excellence, pioneering innovation, enhanced intellectual capacity, and a vision for shaping the future”. — MNA/TTA

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On arrival at the venue of the dinner, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and his wife were welcomed by officials and alumni.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and his wife, and attendees had dinner in honour of the 100th anniversary of Mandalay University.

Before and during the dinner, students and alumni from Mandalay University, Mandalay University of Distance Education, Mandalay Education Degree College and Meiktila Education Degree College, as well as students from the National University of Arts and Culture (Mandalay), performed songs and dances.

After the dinner, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and his wife presented a flower basket and cash awards to those who performed songs and dances.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and his wife enjoyed performances of the Myoma Band and presented a flower basket and cash awards to those performers. — MNA/TTA

NATIONAL

Weekly Roundup

28 September
Myanmar, Kazakhstan to deepen multi-sector ties
Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, held a meeting with Mr Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, at the Presidential Palace in Kazakhstan.
Head of State arrives in Kazakhstan
The high-level Myanmar delegation led by Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, left the No 2 Vnu-kovo International Airport in Moscow, the Russian Federation, for the Astana Airport of the Republic of Kazakhstan. They were warmly welcomed at the Astana Airport by Mr Roman Sklyar, First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Myanmar, Mr Margulan Baimukhan and officials.
World Tourism Day 2025 observed in Nay Pyi Taw
Prime Minister U Nyo Saw delivered a speech at the ceremony to mark 2025 World Tourism Day held in Nay Pyi Taw.

29 September
Head of State visits Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC)
Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party visited the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC) in Astana of the Republic of Kazakhstan.
Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits Palace of Peace and Reconciliation, and National Museum in Kazakhstan
Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visited the Palace of

Peace and Reconciliation, and the National Museum in Astana of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

30 September
Head of State arrives back in Nay Pyi Taw
The high-level Myanmar delegation led by the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar left the Astana Airport of Kazakhstan for the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. They arrived back at the Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport in the evening and were welcomed back at the airport by Commission Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Commission Member and Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Commission Member and Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe, Commission members, Union ministers, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Myanmar Mr Iskander Azizov, and officials from the Embassy of the Russian Federation and the Military Attaché's Office to Myanmar.
China, Myanmar to boost border peace and stability
Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing held a meeting with Mr Hu Dapeng, the Member of the Standing Committee of the Yunnan Provincial Committee of the Communist Party of China, and Secretary of the Political and Legal Affairs Commission of the Yunnan Provincial Committee at the airport lounge in Kunming.
Head of State answers media questions aboard special flight
On his way back to Myanmar, Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing replied to queries raised by the media aboard the aircraft.

1 October
Additional allowance of K30,000 for service personnel
The Ministry of Finance and Revenue of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued Notification

110/2025 on 30 September. The notification stated that State service personnel, retired service personnel and service personnel of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) are allowed to enjoy an additional allowance of K30,000 per month, starting from 1 October 2025.

2 October
61st Anniversary of MPF Day celebrated
Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, delivered an address at the ceremony to mark the 61st Anniversary of Myanmar Police Force Day at Hotel Mingalathiri in Nay Pyi Taw.
Tatmadaw takes full control of Kyaukme
On 1 October, Tatmadaw gained full control over Kyaukme, where the terrorists had temporarily controlled, and local ethnic people were seriously oppressed by the terrorists. Tatmadaw columns broke their dream, which aimed to occupy Palaung state step by step by regaining towns, and Tatmadaw now controls the Kyaukme-Nawngkhio-PyinOoLwin Union Highway.

3 October
Steam locomotives set to boost domestic and foreign tourism
Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, inspected the PyinOoLwin railway station and gave necessary guidance.

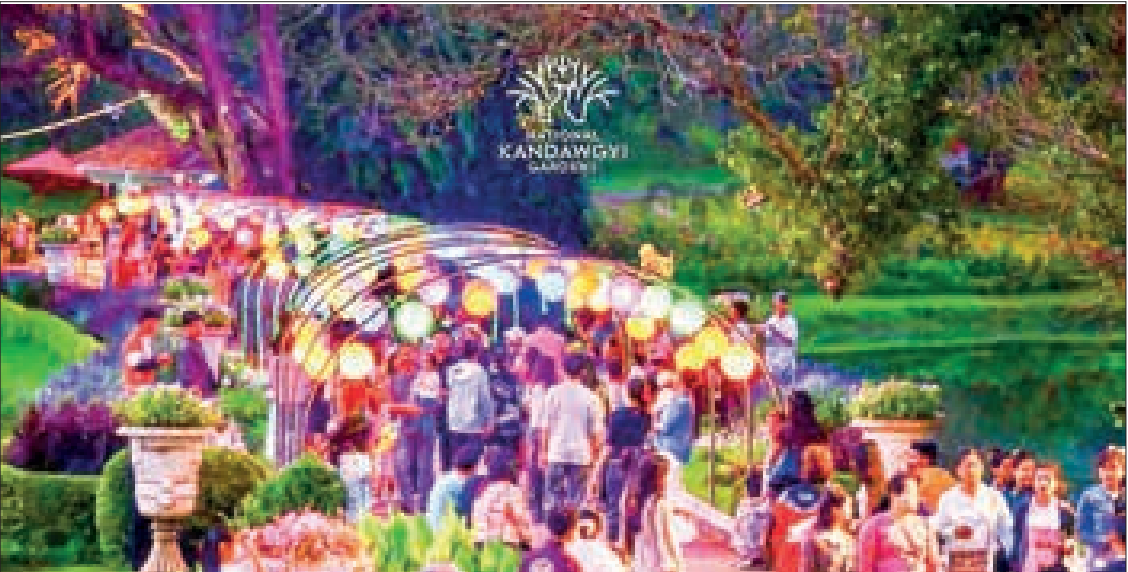
4 October
Successive governments strive to boost industrial productivity and development
Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, who chairs the Industry and Industrial Zone Development Central Committee, delivered a speech at the Central Committee meeting 1/2025 at the Ministry of Industry. — GNLM/TTA

Thadingyut Night Poem in PyinOoLwin attracts large crowds

THE Thadingyut lighting festival, Thadingyut Night Poem, which is being celebrated for the first time in the PyinOoLwin National Kandawgyi Gardens, has drawn an influx of visitors.
On 3 October, the first day of the festival, a traditional Myanmar dance show, a music show by famous singers and local singers and DJs entertained the audience.
At the festival, visitors have enjoyed the Thadingyut lighting festival by joining the floating lotus-shaped lanterns in the pagoda pond. Thadingyut Night

Poem has been ongoing from 8 am to 9 pm from 3 October until 7 October.
In addition to entertainment programmes, there is also a night bazaar where visitors can enjoy food and local products. — MT/ZS

Visitors at the PyinOoLwin Thadingyut Night Poem.



Success of MSME businesses reflects domestic economy and production

❖ The purpose of supporting the development and success of MSME businesses is primarily to strengthen the domestic economy — in other words, to promote domestic production.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, at the opening ceremony of the Myanmar Foodstuff Development Forum (2025) on 19 February 2025)

CBM dollar injection pushes down fuel oil prices

FOLLOWING the US dollar injection of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM), the fuel oil prices have fallen in the domestic market.

CBM announced on 2 October that it would sell US\$25 million to the fuel oil sector.

The prices declined to K2,830 per litre of Octane 92 and K2,895 for Octane 95, K2,545 for diesel and K3,115 for premium diesel this week ending 9 October. Last week's prices were K2,920 for Octane 92 and K2,980 for Octane 95, K2,580 for diesel and K3,175 for premium diesel.

The figures showed an increase of K60-90 per litre.

The price index set by Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS), the pricing basis for many refined products in Southeast Asia, influences the domestic fuel prices, according to the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil.



Vehicles are seen refuelling at the petrol station in Nay Pyi Taw.

As per the statement, 90 per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced locally. Domestic fuel prices are highly correlated with international prices. The State is steering the market to mitigate the loss experienced by the importers, sellers and energy consumers. Consequently, the government is trying to distribute the oil at a reasonable price compared to that of regional countries.

Some countries levied higher tax rates and hiked oil prices than Myanmar's. However, Malaysia's oil sector receives government subsidies, and the prices are about 60 per cent lower than those of Myanmar. Every country lays down different policy patterns to fix oil prices, the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil stated. — NN/KK

CBM pumps over US\$2.9M into edible oil sector on 3 Oct

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) injected over US\$2.9 million into edible oil-importing companies on 3 October 2025.

CBM sold over \$2.6 million to edible oil importing companies and \$656,270 to fuel oil importing companies on 2 October, in addition to an injection of over 524,200 yuan into the forex market.

CBM announced on 2 October that it would sell \$25 million to fuel oil entrepreneurs.

CBM sold \$1.8M to edible oil-importing companies and \$366,000 to fuel oil-importing companies on 30 September.

CBM sold over \$712,900 to edible oil-importing companies and \$472,100 to fuel oil-importing companies on 29 September from CBM's foreign reserve purchased from the CMP companies after injection of \$25,230 to the foreign exchange market.

CBM sold over \$943,600 to edible oil-importing companies and \$622,500 to fuel oil-importing companies after sales of over 627,500 yuan on 26 September.

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

Fertilizer reference prices decline in Oct

THE Myanmar Fertilizer, Seed and Pesticide Entrepreneurs Association (MFSPEA) announced that fertilizer reference prices decreased a bit in October 2025 compared to those registered in September.

The reference prices for October 2025 were K114,300 per 50-kilogramme bag of Urea fertilizer (large granular), and K148,800 per 50-kilogramme bag of Di Ammonium Phosphate.

The prices were set at K119,900 per 50-kilogramme bag of Urea fertilizer (large granular) and K153,000 per 50-kilogramme bag of Di Ammonium Phosphate. The figures showed a decrease of K4,200 to K5,600 per bag in October compared to those of September.

The prices may vary a bit depending on transport charges in other regions and states, as the aforementioned prices are set for the Yangon Region, MFSPEA stated.

Additionally, reference prices will be further announced as per rules and regulations. For overcharging, consumers can complain to the committee through contact numbers 067 410032 and 09 988539360. MFSPEA has already asked the member companies to stick to the reference prices.

At present, the Fertilizer Committee holds a quarterly meeting to ensure quality fertilizer for growers without facing shortages. Under the approval of the Fertilizer Technology Group, 12,297 fertilizer registrations have been granted after the 43rd meeting of the Fertilizer Committee. With individuals' consent, 2,088 registrations were voluntarily cancelled. The department revoked 2,867 registrations for expiration of validity, and 7,342 registrations are still under processing. — NN/KK

Honour the teachers worldwide for their gratitude

TODAY is a day set aside to honour the teachers worldwide – dedicated individuals who tirelessly educate children everywhere. In today’s ever-evolving world, the importance of recognizing the talents, roles, and contributions of teachers is more evident than ever, making World Teachers’ Day a meaningful annual celebration.

In Myanmar society, parents are considered the primary teachers. They nurture and guide their children to first understand the world around them. At school, teachers are expected to educate their students even more effectively. A teacher is someone who helps the ignorant individuals become knowledgeable, the unskilled become skilled, the inexperienced become proficient, the uncivilized become civilized, and the rude become polite. Teachers not only teach from

books but also play a vital role in shaping individuals. For a community to develop and progress, its education sector must advance. Quality education is essential for nurturing responsible entrepreneurs, open-minded individuals, and citizens who uphold the truth. From an early age, children need to learn to distinguish between right and wrong, develop social skills, understand important issues, and cultivate compassion for others. All of this depends on a genuine and effective education system. Teachers play a crucial role in this system, guiding students to expand their knowledge through reading and learning. From a young age, schools need to be prepared to help children think critically, be creative, express diverse perspectives, contribute to the common good, engage in lifelong learning, and apply their knowledge in practice. If teachers cultivate these skills

early on, the country will advance further. To avoid falling behind in education, it is essential to build understanding and collaboration among educators, teachers, the community, and government officials, working together to provide the best possible education for children. The theme for World Teachers’ Day 2025 is “Recasting teaching as a collaborative profession”. This theme focuses on addressing the worldwide shortage of qualified teachers and its impact on education. It highlights the need to make teaching a more attractive and sustainable career path. Therefore, teachers must be empowered and inspired. They need to be highly qualified and dedicated to their professions. It is unrealistic to expect them to remain in a state of comfort within an elite group – this approach is impractical. Just as stakeholders must work to address the genuine needs of teachers, the government must also increase its investment in education. The future of the country lies in the hands of its youth, and since the youth are guided by teachers, the future ultimately rests in the hands of teachers.

	Book Title	-	The Winner’s Brain: 8 Strategies Great Minds Use to Achieve Success
	Translator	-	Team Nyana
	Publishing House	-	Nyana Publishing House
	Publication Date	-	September 2025 (1 st Edition)
	Price	-	K16,000

The Winner’s Brain: 8 Strategies Great Minds Use to Achieve Success

THIS week’s pick will reveal a secret on how to train your brain to succeed beyond luck. Team NYANA translated the book titled “The Winner’s Brain: 8 Strategies Great Minds Use to Achieve Success” by Dr Jeffrey Brown and Mark J Fenske, in Myanmar. The authors use long-term research and cutting-edge neuroscience to identify the secrets of those who succeed by cultivating a winning mindset. This book explains how to unlock the brain’s hidden full potential and demonstrates how to develop the right brain to be blessed with success. Is success simply luck? Is it the capability of the brain? Most people believe in success as luck or being endowed with extraordinary intellectual power. Actually, one thing the most successful people have in common is mental strategies, helping them to reach their peak talent. The author posed a compelling question for readers, stating that “Have you rewired your brain for success? This book encompasses Part I: Uncover the brain of a high achiever (Chapter 1: Quick Brain Tour; Chapter 2: The Amazing History of Modern Neuroscience-The Search for a Winning Formula and Chapter 3: Brain Power Tools — Five Essential Elements of Success) and Part II, including eight chapters related to winning factors. Part I highlighted the one thing in common in the brains of the winners and how they train the brain to reach peak potential, studying neurocircuitry. They have different brain wiring and innovative thinking. A healthy and normal brain will let one navigate daily life comfortably as it controls body functions like thinking, planning, learning, performing activities, and regulating emotions. The human brain is made up of billions of nerve cells. Human brains are significantly more energy-efficient than a computer in performing complex tasks. It is worth reading to become an out-

standing person beyond a simple life and to achieve life goals. Some might explore how the brain functions through this book since they are planning to change jobs or start up a business, lacking motivation to move forward, and attempting to stop feeling reckless at work. No matter what situation you are in and how high your goals are! One can become a chain breaker and break free from limitations to pursue their goals. Defining success on our own terms against most people’s expectations is not concerned with your IQ, life situation, financial assets, surrounding yourself with the right people or pure luck. For instance, Auguste Rodin, coming from a working-class family in Paris, was rejected multiple times by France’s official art academy. He overcame financial struggles and emotional distress by nurturing a passion to provide fuel in chasing his dream with groundbreaking techniques.

	Book Title	-	Money Mindset Miracles
	Writer	-	Mon Halsey
	Publishing House	-	Zwe Thiha
	Publication Date	-	July 2025 (7 th Edition)
	Price	-	K15,000

Money Mindset Miracles

ZWE Thiha Publishing House again released the revised edition of the Money Mindset Miracles book, which has already been published more than ten thousand copies. One-third of the book is also posted on Facebook, and the remaining is the new one. The writer did not translate this book from a foreign publication, but based it on the books and papers about Money Energy that she has personally read, noted, and studied. She reflected on her own life experiences concerning money and wrote the book from that perspective. Moreover, the writer revealed that she had read Japanese writer Ken Honda’s Happy Money no less than three times, as it was a book most relevant and connected to her life and surroundings. She also mentioned that she had read and listened to the writings and talks of other scholars from Myanmar and around the world who discuss and write about Money Energy. The writer said, “As for me, I also do not want to feel stressed when it comes to money, nor do I want to cause others any stress. That is why I desired to write a book about Money Energy. In this book, I have placed particular emphasis on the concept of Money EQ and elaborated on it in detail.” Regarding the book Money Mindset Miracles, she continued that a miracle, in real life, is not like the fairy-tale ending where a princess, who has fainted in the castle, is awakened by the kiss of her handsome Prince Charming, and they live happily ever after. In our lives, good fortune does not suddenly fall from the sky, and everything happens as a result of the deeds we ourselves have done. According to the principle of the Law of Attraction, only when we can consciously attract good things with positive energy will miracles truly emerge in our lives. That is why this book has been titled Money Mindset Miracles. After reading this book, it does not mean that all your houses or real estate will be sold out at once or that money will instantly flow in. I didn’t write to be greedy for money recognizing it as the most important thing in life. You also will not find in this book any instructions such as which mantra to chant, how many times, what ritual to perform, or what charm to use. The ideas presented in this book are about the principles of universal energy, like the truths of the universe that do not contradict any teachings of certain religions. They focus on using these energies to transform one’s mindset about money, leading to inner change and personal transformation. In our lives, good fortune does not suddenly fall from the sky, and everything happens for various reasons. As per the principle of the Law of Attraction, only when we can consciously attract good things with positive energy will miracles truly emerge in our lives. Money Mindset Miracles explains, from the perspective of the Law of Attraction, how to attract the abundance and prosperity we deserve. It presents methods that anyone can follow, regardless of nationality or religion.

Tourism's Path to Light

By Min Zan

Tourism grows, a guiding flame,
Across the world, it earns its name.
With cultures shared and friendships near,
Its voice of peace is bright and clear.
It builds the land, it lifts the poor,
Creates new jobs, opens the door.
Protects the earth, both green and wide,
With nature's treasures kept with pride.
Sustainable steps we choose to take,
For brighter futures, we will make.
Together nations hand in hand,
Tourism transforms every land.

A dedication to tourism as a force for sustainable growth, cultural unity, and global harmony.

Care

By Dr Myat Soe (Institute of Medicine 1,69/76) Translated by Myint Zan)

*'tis raining hard
the waters in the lake increase
I'm concerned that people
living near the river banks will
experience
the floods*

rains continue
water levels are still increasing
one fears that the cultivated lands
where foods are produced
will get submerged in the floods

raining cats and dogs
the floods go unabated
I'm anxious that
there will be no shelter
and people will get sick

Translator's note: Dr Myat Soe used his last name "Soe" as the title of his poem. In the context of his poem, the word "Soe" can denote anxiousness and concern. (for those affected by the rains and the floods).

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Mother

Translated By @Editor

I still remember - burned into my mind.
When I said I'd come,
You'd wait at dusk, eyes on the road,
Your gaze dimmed with age,
Clutching holy verses for my safety,
Breathing love into every prayer,
Always welcoming, always waiting.

To the gentle elder mother,
I longed to bow with reverence.
To feed her, to serve her,
To give her all she ever desired.
To take her to the old monastery or pagoda,
To send her wherever her heart wished
But from her home, she has departed.
When I arrived at her doorstep,

She was no longer there.
Nothing stays - everything shifts so swiftly.
This world offers no promises.
Only her image remains in memory,
And with it, my tears fall
Too late, too late.

Maung Nway Aye

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NATIONAL

Entertainment

Thae Su Nyein

A premiere show of the "Tit Koe Koe Lay" film, in which model and actress Thae Su Nyein starred, was organized at the President Cinema on 2 October. The film screened nationwide on 3 October was directed by Arkar Soe Oo, and the cast includes Tyron, Htoo Arnt Lwin, Dou-Min Hein, Li Mee Mee and



Chaw Yadana

ACTRESS Chaw Yadana marked her birthday on 29 September with her photo shoot. Her fans posted birthday wishes for her via social media networks. The actress expressed her gratitude for the birthday wishes and, in return, wished her fans physical and mental well-being, saying, "May you all be happy in body and mind, and may your wishes be fulfilled."

Chue Lay

Academy Chue Lay posted her photo shoot wearing a traditional Myanmar wedding dress for the bride. On 3 October, she also joined the Thadingyut Friday Night held at the New Domino Lounge. She also informed her fans that her new film 'Lanthaye', directed by Nyo Min Lwin, will be released soon.



Tin Maung San Min Win

THEATRICAL performer Tin Maung San Min Win portrayed a strange character in the 'Hsone Hmat' film that will be released on Hey Play and Channel 7 in October. He took the 'U Thet Ka' role, who is greedy and seeks his own interests and always wants what others have. Currently, he temporarily suspends the Shwe Mann theatrical troupe and participates in Malamyine entertainment programmes.

Ni Ni Khin Zaw

VOCALIST Ni Ni Khin Zaw attended the opening ceremony of the Shwe Shan Htet gold and jewellery shop in Mandalay on 2 October. Besides Ni Ni Khin Zaw, Vita-min, Nay Balu, Hmuae Hteik Htar and Sweet also attended the three-day opening ceremony.



Swan Zarni

MYANMAR traditional dancer and actor Swan Zarni arrived back in Myanmar after his medical treatment in India. His great fans welcomed him at the airport. When the 35-year-old artiste resumes his art as usual, and the needed assistance will be provided, said Ko Kyaw Zeya, a theatrical contractor. — Htun Htun/KTZH



Filming underway for new movie 'Yay Set'

THE filming processes are being made for the 'Yay Set' movie, which is the second chance between director Mei Min Bon and Nay Toe. Academy Nay Toe and director Mei Min Bon met for the first time while filming the film 'Phoe Kauk', and the 'Yay Set' is their second one. The film is produced by Shwe Nadi

Shweyi Film Production, the story is by Thi Lan, and the plot is by director Mei Min Bon. "Thamee Soe, Eain Htaung, Laung, Yin Thwe series, and Pyusa and Amway Sine Zanee Myar films grabbed the huge applause of the audience, and Mei Min Bon is ready to make her new one. Her 'Yammet' series will be broadcast soon,

and it is expected that her new films Phoe Kauk, Mi Chal, Maunt Miphaya and Yar Thet Pan Nga Kaung Ma Lay will be on the list for cinema," said one of her close friends. The cast includes Nay Toe, Ye Aung, Yadana Bo, Poe Mamhe Thar, Thazin Nwe Win and other artistes. — Htun Htun/KTZH



NATIONAL

Myanmar participates in 47th ASEAN Agriculture and Forestry Meeting in Philippines

AT the invitation of the Department of Agriculture of the Philippines, a Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung attended the 47th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) Meeting and related meetings, held in Pasay City, Metro Manila, the Philippines, from 1 to 3 October.

The meetings were attended by the agriculture and forestry ministers and senior officials from the 10 ASEAN member states, as well as Timor-Leste. Ministers and representatives from ASEAN's three dialogue partners: the People's Republic of China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea, together with representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat, also participated.

At the 47th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) Meeting held on 1 October, the Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, who had served as Chair of the 46th AMAF Meeting, delivered a speech in his capacity as the outgoing Chair.

He stated that, during Myanmar's chairmanship, entrusted with full confidence by ASEAN and the ministry, 16 processes relating to ASEAN food security, agricultural and forestry policies, guidelines, and best practices were successfully adopted and endorsed. He added that the ASEAN Food, Agriculture and



Attendees from ASEAN countries including Myanmar's Union Minister U Min Naung pose for the documentary group photo at the 47th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Meeting in the Philippines.

Forestry Strategic Plan of Action (2026-2030) had been thoroughly discussed and would be approved at this year's meeting. He also highlighted the significant progress achieved in sectoral cooperation.

The Union Minister expressed appreciation to China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea for their support in addressing emergencies and strengthening food security during 2024-2025. With full confidence in the leadership of the Philippines, which will assume the chairmanship, he urged all ASEAN member states' representatives to continue working together in a spirit of unity and cooperation. Then, the chairmanship was formally handed over to the Philippines.

Subsequently, the meeting continued with discussions on the key outcomes of the 46th ASEAN Summit and the 57th ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The discussions also covered the implementation status of initiatives under the ASEAN Food, Agriculture and Forestry Cooperation Policy Framework; the Declaration of ASEAN Leaders on Food, Agriculture and Forestry with a vision towards 2045; the ASEAN Framework; the ASEAN Food, Agriculture and Forestry Strategic Plan of Action (2026-2030); and forthcoming collaborative programmes with international organizations. The progress made in these areas was reviewed, and ASEAN

member states reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening cooperation in the fields of food, agriculture and forestry.

The meeting also endorsed 23 ASEAN food, agriculture and forestry-related projects carried out during 2024-2025 and recorded an additional eight initiatives. It further approved the Joint Statement of the 47th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) Meeting before formally concluding the session.

The 25th ASEAN Plus Three Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry Meeting was held at 9 am local time on 2 October. The meeting discussed progress in areas relating to the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Strategy on

Food, Agriculture and Forestry (2016-2025), the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve Agreement, and the ASEAN Food Security Information System, among others.

The ministers also reviewed achievements in programmes on sustainable forest management, water resources development, crop insurance, strengthening agri-food value chains, and controlling transboundary animal and plant pests and diseases.

In addition, the meeting endorsed the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Strategy on Food, Agriculture and Forestry (2026-2035) as a key framework for future collaboration. It then adopted the Joint Statement of the 25th ASEAN Plus Three Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry Meeting and concluded successfully.

In the afternoon, the 2nd ASEAN-Japan Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry Meeting was held. The meeting discussed progress made under the ASEAN-Japan Midori Cooperation Initiative, which is currently being implemented.

The ministers pledged to strengthen cooperation in promoting resilient and sustainable agriculture and food systems through agricultural innovation.

Subsequently, the meeting adopted the Joint Statement of the 2nd ASEAN-Japan Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry Meeting. — MNA/KZL

Yangon kicks off 4-day Thadingyut Market Fair and Music Festival

THE opening ceremony of the 2025 Thadingyut market fair and music festival was held at People's Square in Yangon yesterday.

The event was attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, Region Chief Justice, Yangon Command Deputy Commander, departmental officials, relevant officials from UMFCCI and its sister associations, industrial zones, MSME entrepreneurs, SME entrepre-

neurs, officials of MSME by G3G App, Weday Online App, ethnic people and invitees.

In his opening speech, the region chief minister talked about the intention of the event to offer a chance to the people to buy the products at cheap prices, enjoy the entertainment, the emergence of new and export quality products through good competitive manners by the sellers and the development of MSME in the local

area more than before.

After the ceremonial procedures, he presented a cash prize to the ethnic dance troupes.

The chief minister and party viewed around the booths at the event.

The event will take place from 8 am to 10 pm from 4 to 7 October, featuring more than 620 stalls that will sell products from industrial zones, MSME businesses, the Small Scale Industries Department, the Cooperative

Department, Yangon Region Investment Committee, UMFCCI, Myanmar Rice Federation, different regions and states, along with food stalls and restaurants in Yangon Region.

During the festival, there will be food donations and performances by well-known artistes from the film, theatrical, and music industries. Shuttle buses will be provided to facilitate transport for festival-goers. There will be beautiful floral displays, decorative



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein visits the booth displayed at the 2025 Thadingyut market fair in Yangon yesterday.

lights, and fireworks, and everyone can joyfully join and participate in the occasion. — MNA/KTZH

ECONOMY WORLD

Japan obliges firms to expand support for employees with preschoolers



Children playing at a day-care centre in Tokyo. PHOTO: KYODO/FILE

Firms must provide flexible work options to help employees balance work and childcare.

JAPAN fully enforced on Wednesday a law requiring firms to enhance support for employees raising preschoolers aged three or above by providing flexible work options as the country combats declining births.

Companies must implement at least two support measures out of five, such as at least 10 days working from home per month and staggered working hours, so that employees can choose work styles suitable for them.

The other three optional

measures are to install and operate child care facilities, provide at least 10 days of child-rearing vacation per year, and introduce a six-hour workday.

Prior to the revision, support measures for employees with children in the age bracket had been limited largely to overtime restrictions and were considered less generous compared with those for employees with younger children, whose companies were already mandated to introduce reduced work hours, for example. — Kyodo

Trump administration freezes US\$2.1B in Chicago infrastructure projects

THE Trump administration on Friday put on hold 2.1 billion US dollars in Chicago infrastructure projects, as the federal government shutdown entered the third day.

The assets were put on hold “to ensure funding is not flowing via race-based contracting,” Russell Vought, the White House budget director, said on X.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) replied to Vought’s post on X, saying that the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Red Line Extension and the CTA Red and Purple Modernization Program are under administrative review to determine whether any unconstitutional practices are occurring. — Xinhua

Kazakhstan to increase oil refining capacity to 39 mln tonnes by 2040

KAZAKHSTAN plans to raise its oil refining capacity from 18 million to 39 million tonnes by 2040, the country’s Ministry of Energy said Friday.

Speaking at Kazakhstan Energy Week 2025 and the 16th KAZENERGY Eurasian Forum in Astana, the capital of Kazakhstan, Talgat Makuov, deputy director of the ministry’s oil transportation and refining department, presented the 2025-2040 devel-

opment concept for the sector.

He said expanding refining capacity will require an investment estimated at US\$15 billion to US\$19 billion.

The concept seeks to improve the ratio of oil production to refining in line with benchmarks set by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development countries, effectively doubling the current level. — Xinhua

Swiss solar furnaces recycling watchmakers’ waste metal

A Swiss company, Panatere, has launched two innovative solar furnaces in La Chaux-de-Fonds, the historic cradle of Swiss watchmaking in the Jura mountains. This border region with France hosts numerous watchmakers and medical instrument firms reliant on high-quality steel.

The furnaces use concen-

trated solar energy to melt production waste — like steel offcuts — into reusable ingots, enabling a sustainable, short-supply-chain recirculation to local industries.

Project Goals and Innovation: CEO Raphael Broye, who envisioned this for a decade, aims to pioneer industrial-scale green steel recycling.

The prototypes feature a 140-square-meter heliostat with adjustable mirrors and a 10-metre-diameter dish that focuses sunlight onto crucibles, reaching temperatures near 2,000°C. This “treasure trove” of factory waste addresses metal scarcity and soaring prices (e.g., copper shavings), restoring prestige to localized supply chains. — AFP



The solar furnace prototype is in La Chaux-de-Fonds in northwestern Switzerland. PHOTO: AFP

Local authorities step up regulation of mega solar projects in Japan



File photo taken from a drone on 21 August 2025, shows solar panels placed near the Kushiro Wetlands in Kushiro, Hokkaido. **PHOTO: KYODO**

MANY local governments in Japan are seeking to strike a balance between protecting ecosystems and hosting large-scale solar farms, with more than 300 authorities issuing ordinances to regulate such clean energy projects.

As concerns grow over the projects' impact on landscapes and wildlife, the environment minister said the central government will swiftly consider holding discussions

on whether legislation is needed. The issue drew attention after the construction of a mega solar project near the Kushiro Wetlands in Hokkaido drew backlash from celebrities on social media, stirring speculation that such developments could damage wildlife habitat, including that of protected red-crowned cranes.

In September, the city of Kushiro enacted an ordinance requiring compa-

nies to obtain permission for solar projects generating 10 kilowatts or more, amid the absence of laws that specifically govern their construction.

The move followed similar ordinances introduced by around 320 local governments, according to the Research Institute for Local Government, in response to concerns that mega solar farms could heighten the risk of landslides. — Kyodo

Russian bookings for China tours surge 3.5 times in September

THE number of Russian bookings for tours to China grew 3.5 times year-on-year in September following the introduction of a visa-free regime for Russian citizens, Russian media reported on Friday. Quoted by RIA Novosti, Russia's online travel service Travelata said south China's tropical island province of Hainan remains the top destination for Russian tourists, accounting for 88 per cent of all bookings to China last month, al-

though its share fell from 98 per cent in September 2024. Average spending on Hainan trips in September 2025 was 209,000 roubles (about US\$ 2,532), down from 237,000 roubles (about US\$2,871) a year earlier.

At the same time, demand for trips to Beijing or Shanghai has grown notably. Each city captured five per cent of bookings in September, while other Chinese destinations accounted for two per cent. — Xinhua

35 years later, beloved East German car still sputters on

THE Trabant, infamous for its boxy shape, cramped cabin, and smoky two-stroke engine, is often dubbed the worst car ever made. Yet, this East German relic from 1957-1991 persists as a cult favorite, symbolizing resilience and reunification.

As Germany marks 35 years of reunification, registered Trabouts have surged to 40,800 (from 33,000 a decade ago).

Enthusiasts like mechanic Glenn Kuschan, owner of 23 models —

including one with over 500,000 kilometres — cater to diverse fans, from nostalgic elders to young originality seekers.

Made with plastic-cotton bodies to conserve steel, it topped 112 kilometres per hour amid long waits (up to 15 years) in limited colors. Post-1989 Wall fall, many were abandoned, but its durability — "indestructible" with simple repairs using basic tools — earned praise.

Now a Berlin Wall emblem, the Trabi in-

spires museums, city tours past communist sites, and identity for locals like driver Thomas Schmidt, who views it as an "endurance runner" tied to everyday East German life. — AFP



The East German Trabant car is experiencing a renaissance 35 years after reunification. **PHOTO: AFP**

Etihad Airways operates 1st direct flight between UAE, Cambodia's capital

ETIHAD Airways has commenced its first direct flight between the United Arab Emirates (UAE)'s Abu Dhabi and Cambodia's Phnom Penh, said a Techo International Airport's news release on Saturday.

The first flight landed at the Techo International Airport on Saturday morning, receiving a water salute and a warm

welcome from Cambodian Tourism Minister Huot Hak, civil aviation officials and tour operators.

"With four flights per week in each direction, this service offers greater convenience for both business and leisure travellers, while strengthening Cambodia's connections to the Middle East," the news release said. — Xinhua

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SINAR BANDA VOY.NO. (382N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **5-10-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SITC CAGAYAN VOY.NO. (2522S)

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SITC CONTAINER LINE CO., LTD

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST

OCTOBER 4

BRICS helps strengthen Russia-Indonesia economic ties

The BRICS alliance opens new opportunities for strengthening economic ties between Moscow and Jakarta, Indonesian Trade Minister Budi Santoso said in an interview with Sputnik.

“Cooperation [between Indonesia and Russia] in investment, energy, and infrastructure is growing. Forums like BRICS open new opportunities for strengthening economic ties,” Indonesian Trade Minister Budi Santoso said in an interview with Sputnik.

He said Russia is a strategic partner in developing Indonesia’s inclusive and sustainable trade.

Indonesia joined BRICS in early 2025. BRICS is an interstate association created in 2006. In addition to Russia, Brazil, India, China and South Africa, the group was joined by Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran and the UAE in 2024, and Indonesia became a full member of BRICS in 2025. — SPUTNIK



20 June 2025. Russian President Vladimir Putin at the plenary session of the 28th St Petersburg International Economic Forum. On the left - Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

OCTOBER 3

Trump administration freezes US\$26 bln for Democratic states

US President Donald Trump’s administration has frozen US\$26 billion for Democratic-led states on the first day of a federal government shutdown, which Trump called a “good” chance to cut “things that we didn’t want.”

Russell Vought, the White House budget director, said about \$8 billion in “Green New Scam funding to fuel the Left’s climate agenda” is being cut, hitting 16 states, most of which are led by Democrats. Meanwhile, the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) halted \$18 billion for infrastructure projects in New York, where the Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer and the House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries have been frequently targeted by Trump, The New York Times said in a Wednesday report. — Xinhua

OCTOBER 2

Trump offers security guarantees to Qatar

US President Donald Trump has signed an order vowing to defend key ally Qatar against attacks, the White House said Wednesday, in an extraordinary move following Israeli strikes on the Gulf state last month.

The Israeli strike angered Washington and spurred Trump to push Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu into accepting a Gaza peace deal this week — and apologizing personally to Qatar. “The United States shall regard any armed attack on the territory, sovereignty or critical infrastructure of the state of Qatar as a threat to the peace and security of the United States,” said Trump’s executive order. The order was signed on Monday, the same day that Trump unveiled his 20-point peace plan for Gaza, but first appeared on the White House website on Wednesday. — AFP

OCTOBER 1

FBI director gave New Zealand officials illegal firearms

FBI Director Kash Patel gifted New Zealand officials illegal firearms during his visit to the country earlier this year, authorities said Wednesday.

Patel visited New Zealand in July to open a permanent intelligence office and met senior government ministers as well as intelligence bosses and law enforcement officials.

New Zealand’s Police Commissioner Richard Chambers said Wednesday he received a “coin display stand featuring an inoperable plastic 3D-printed replica pistol” from Patel during the visit.

“The advice of the Firearms Safety Authority was sought the following day and the gifts were collected from recipients and secured that day,” Chambers said in a statement. — AFP

SEPTEMBER 30

YouTube to pay \$22M in settlement with Trump

YouTube has agreed to pay \$22 million to settle a lawsuit filed by President Donald Trump after the company suspended his account over the 6 January 2021 attack on the Capitol, official said on Tuesday.

The online video platform, a subsidiary of Google parent Alphabet, is the latest Big Tech firm to settle with Trump after he lodged legal cases challenging his broad deplatforming after 6 January.

The \$22 million will go towards Trump’s latest construction project at the White House, through a nonprofit called Trust for the National Mall, which is “dedicated to restoring, preserving, and elevating the National Mall, to support the construction of the White House State Ballroom,” per a notice of settlement filing in a California federal court. — AFP

SEPTEMBER 29

German music group sues OpenAI copyright infringement

A German music rights body is suing OpenAI for copyright infringement, claiming the US tech giant’s AI systems reproduced several artists’ lyrics without permission, a court heard Monday.

It is the latest court case that OpenAI has faced, with media groups and authors among those claiming that the company’s ChatGPT chatbot has been trained on their work without permission.

The music rights organization GEMA claimed that OpenAI had “systematically” used its repertoire to train its artificial intelligence models, a regional Munich court said. According to GEMA, this proves the lyrics are memorised in OpenAI’s large language model. — AFP

SEPTEMBER 28

UK’s Labour party meets for its annual meeting

Britain’s ruling Labour party gathers for its annual meeting on Sunday, with under-fire Prime Minister Keir Starmer battling to convince nervous lawmakers that he is the right leader to fend off soaring support for the hard right.

It was only in July last year that the ex-lawyer led Labour back to power after 14 years in opposition, but scandals, policy missteps and plummeting poll ratings are already raising doubts about his future.

The four-day gathering in Liverpool, northwest England, comes amid chatter about a possible leadership challenge and follows two recent high-profile departures from government.

Ahead of the conference, finance minister Rachel Reeves said she was pushing for a post-Brexit youth migration deal with the EU. — AFP

SPORTS

Yamal injury complicated, return date uncertain: Barca coach Flick

BARCELONA coach Hansi Flick said Saturday Lamine Yamal's groin injury is not simple to heal from and cast doubt over a potential return date.

The Spanish champions said Yamal would be out for two-to-three weeks in a statement on Friday, but Flick suggested the 18-year-old winger's absence could potentially be longer.

Yamal will miss World Cup qualifiers with Spain and is aiming to return before Barcelona face Real Madrid in a Clasico at the Santiago Bernabeu on 26 October.

"This injury is not so easy, like a muscle (injury), we have this experience with (those), the coaches, the therapists.

"With this kind of injury, it's not easy to say now, okay, he can play in two weeks, in three weeks or four weeks, so he's able to play in the Clasico — this is not possible. — AFP



Barcelona's Spanish forward Lamine Yamal is struggling with a groin injury, which Hansi Flick said is a tricky one to predict when he will recover from. **PHOTO: AFP**

Verstappen lays down marker in final Singapore practice

Red Bull's Max Verstappen fired a warning on Saturday by going quickest in final practice for the Singapore Grand Prix, just 0.17 seconds ahead of championship leader Oscar Piastri.

The Mercedes of George Russell and Kimi Antonelli were third and fourth, with Piastri's McLaren teammate Lando Norris fifth fastest at the Marina Bay Street Circuit.

There was little to choose between the top five, who were

separated by less than one tenth of a second before qualifying under floodlights later on Saturday.

Four-time world champion Verstappen topped the timesheets with a lap of 1 minutes 30.148 seconds.

The Dutchman won the previous two grands prix, in Monza and Baku, and is challenging the season-long dominance of the McLarens at the top of the standings.

A maiden victory in Singapore for the Red Bull driver would keep him in the hunt for a fifth consecutive world title, having closed the gap from Piastri to 69 points and to 44 points on Norris.

McLaren are looking to wrap up the constructors' championship this weekend, where a podium finish for one of their cars will ensure a second consecutive title with six races to spare. — AFP



Red Bull Racing's Dutch driver Max Verstappen was quickest in third practice for the Formula One Singapore Grand Prix. **PHOTO: AFP**



Amanda Anisimova celebrates after beating Coco Gauff. **PHOTO: AFP**

Anisimova thrashes Gauff in 58 minutes to make China Open final

US Open runner-up Amanda Anisimova crushed defending champion Coco Gauff 6-1, 6-2 in 58 minutes on Saturday to reach the China Open final and will face Linda Noskova.

The 26th-seeded Noskova of the Czech Republic saved three match points in her semifinal to stun fifth seed Jessica Pegula in three sets.

"I felt really good throughout the whole match," third-seeded American Anisimova, beaten in the final in New York by Aryna Sabalenka a month ago, said.

"All my shots were working today, which is my favourite way to play. "Coco's a really tough player, so I knew I was gonna really have to step it up." Anisimova said she was surprised to be back in another final so soon, having taken time off after the US Open and removing a tooth the day of her flight. "I didn't really feel like I was match fit ahead of the tournament," said the 24-year-old, who is one win away from a fourth career title. — AFP

Japan's creative use of bamboo draws global attention

Japan is transforming its overgrown, invasive bamboo forests into innovative products.

JAPAN is revolutionizing its management of overgrown bamboo forests, turning the invasive grass into innovative products like construction materials, road pavements, and award-winning furniture, while addressing environmental hazards.



Photo taken in Kurashiki, Okayama Prefecture, on 19 August 2025 shows a chair made entirely from bamboo by Teori Ltd. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Once a local issue, abandoned bamboo groves — now covering 15 per cent more area since the 1990s — block sunlight, prevent deep-rooted tree growth, and heighten landslide risks amid declining traditional demand due to ageing producers and plastic alternatives.

International delegations from India and African nations are visiting sites like Oka Castle Ruins in Oita Prefecture, where bamboo chips in sidewalks serve as heat countermeasures for roads, though high costs persist. India's northeast, home to 30 per cent of global bamboo forests in impoverished rural areas, eyes economic development through similar applications.

At Kagoshima University, research shows bamboo-supplemented pig feed matches or exceeds standard diets in growth and meat quality, sparking interest from Indian visitors. Commercially, Teori Ltd in Okayama crafts durable, bendable bamboo furniture, with its "5 Chair" earning the 2024 iF Design Award for eco-friendliness and exporting to Europe and the US. — Kyodo



Pink Power Run empowers women to prioritize health, break breast cancer stigma, and celebrate survivors' resilience — from local initiative to India's major awareness movement.

Supported by eminent figures like Julia Morley, Leander Paes, and IAS officers, the event is title-sponsored by the Sudha Reddy Foundation to drive meaningful change. **PHOTO: ANI**

Running for hope: Pink Power Run 2025 unites communities against breast cancer

The Pink Power Run, a flagship women-centric event founded by Sudha Reddy, is a dynamic movement dedicated to breast cancer awareness, empowering women to prioritize health and wellness through early detection and timely treatment.

What started as a community initiative has grown into India's most impact-

ful awareness run, uniting thousands of participants, families, and communities in a blend of fitness, solidarity, and social change. Beyond a mere race, it fosters education, breaks stigma, encourages regular screenings, and celebrates survivors' resilience, spreading hope in the fight against cancer.

With its vibrant, inclusive atmos-

phere and inspiring stories, the event highlights women's strength and determination. Backed by eminent figures as chief guests — including cultural icon Shri Kanneganti Brahmanandam, Miss World founder Julia Morley, Miss World 2025 Opal Suchata, tennis legend Leander Paes, IAS officers Shri Jayesh Ranjan and Smt. — ANI

Jane Goodall: crusader for chimpanzees and the planet

BRITISH primatologist Jane Goodall, renowned for revolutionizing chimpanzee studies, died at 91 during a US speaking tour, her institute announced Wednesday.

Born in London on 3 April 1934, Goodall's childhood fascination with animals — sparked by a stuffed chimp

Jane Goodall achieved a groundbreaking Cambridge PhD without an undergraduate degree, based on her pioneering chimpanzee observations in Tanzania's Gombe National Park.



Goodall's chimpanzee research earned a 1965 National Geographic cover and Attenborough's praise as a "zoology transformer" for reshaping animal intelligence views. **PHOTO: BRITANNICA**

toy and Tarzan books — led her to Africa in 1957. Working with Louis Leakey, she pioneered research in Tanzania's Gombe National Park, immersing herself by imitating chimps, sharing bananas, and sitting in trees.

Lacking formal training, she earned a Cambridge PhD without an undergraduate degree after observing chimps using tools, like twigs to fish termites, and displaying emotions — humanizing the apes and earning praise from David Attenborough as a zoology transformer.

Her discoveries, featured on National Geographic's 1965 cover, reshaped views on animal intelligence. From scientist to activist, a 1980s conference on chimp exploitation ignited her crusade. She founded the Jane Goodall Institute in 1977 and Roots & Shoots in 1991, engaging youth in 60+ countries on conservation. — AFP