

The Global **NEW LIGHT** of MYANMAR

Four Objectives of the National Defence and Security Council

- 1. To steadfastly strive for emergence of political forces and the people’s representatives who can implement a genuine, disciplined multi-party democratic system while constantly emphasizing on the national interests of the State.
- 2. To persistently strive for promoting the socio-economic life of the people through the development of agro-based industries in improving the agricultural sector; the vital foundation of the economic growth of the State.
- 3. To put emphasis on enhancing the national education and health sectors for sustainable development of the State.
- 4. To implement multi-party democratic system, with the participation of the people, to ensure the success of multi-party democratic general election process and successfully moving towards with the multi-party democratic system aspired by the entire people.



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivers the opening address at the 26<sup>th</sup> Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the opening of the Performing Arts Competition

- 1. This competition is not only a contest but also an opportunity for the national brethren living across states and regions to come together in friendship and harmony.
- 2. A new generation of artists participating in the 26<sup>th</sup> Performing Arts Competition will showcase their artistic talents to the judges and audiences.
- 3. It is a national duty of the younger generations to continue preserving and promoting Myanmar’s unique cultural roots and values, following the good traditions of the past.

Myanmar's artistic spirit shines through music and dance

Myanmar still proudly preserves its rich traditional heritage today, thanks to generations of ancestors who discovered, nurtured, and handed down these cultural treasures throughout the nation's history.

The 26<sup>th</sup> Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition was launched at the Myanmar International Convention Centre I in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, and 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 opening ceremony. Vice-Chairman of the Commission Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competition Commission member, Prime Minister U Nyo Saw and Chairman of the Leading Committee Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Tin Oo Lwin cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the competition.



# NATIONAL



## 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.

### Objectives of 26<sup>th</sup> Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2025

- To explore, preserve, and enhance Myanmar's national prestige, integrity, and distinctive cultural heritage.
- To promote and exemplify the spirit of national solidarity and unity through Myanmar art.
- To transmit traditional performing arts to the younger generation.
- To function as a national cultural and artistic institution contributing to the State's socioeconomic development.

### Land Depression News, No 8, 2025

Issued at 7 am MST on 7 October 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 5:30 am MST today, the tropical storm "MATMO" crossed the northern part of Vietnam, has moved west-northwestwards and downgraded into a Land Depression over northern Vietnam and the boundary areas of China. — DMH



Pagodas in the Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone glow serenely under the lights.

THE Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone hosted a higher number of visitors, creating high job opportunities during the Thadingyut festival.

Bagan area was crowded with travellers during Thadingyut festival and school holidays from 4 to 7 October, and all the hotel rooms were also fully booked during these days, and the monasteries were also packed with visitors. Meanwhile, some visitors stayed at the hotels of Mount Popa. Some visitors slept beside the road.

"The number of visitors to Bagan this year is higher than last year. There were over 10,000 visitors to Htilominlo temple

before and after the full moon day, and there are over 8,000 visitors today. Most of the visitors are domestic ones. The weather conditions are fine, the place is packed with visitors, and locals are happy as they can earn properly. When there are large crowds of visitors, there are not enough hotels in Bagan. The visitors have to stay at the hotels of Mount Popa to visit Bagan before and after the full moon day," said U Tin Hla Oo, secretary of Htilominlo temple.

On the full moon day, there were 150,000 visitors to Bagan, and the 18 famous pagodas and temples were packed with visitors at night. The open season

in Bagan is from Thadingyut to Tagu. The place hosted the expected numbers of visitors, and the locals also expected a high volume of visitors, including tourists during the Tazaungdaing Shwezigon pagoda festival, and Nattaw and Pyatho.

"The open season runs properly. The Bagan hotels were fully booked from 5 to 7 October and until 10. Last year, the number of visitors declined after the full moon day, but this year the site has been packed with visitors until today. There are only a few numbers of tourists, but they are expected to come during the open season. The operators of horse carts, e-bikes, cycles and bicycles also make proper profits. We are very happy as the locals can earn well," said an official of the Bagan hotel.

Although a bridge along the Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung road was destroyed due to water erosion, 18 famous pagodas and temples in Bagan were crowded with visitors. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH



Domestic and international travellers are seen at the Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone. PHOTOS: ZWE MARN

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# 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)*

# Myanmar’s artistic spirit shines through music and dance

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The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar unveiled the signboard of the competition.

Artistes from the Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture performed the opening song in honour of the competition.

Speaking on the occasion, the Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar said that Myanmar has also been able to preserve and showcase its cultural and artistic traditions, which have flourished since ancient times and remain intact and enduring to this day. This reflects the nation’s dignity and stature on the world stage.

He continued that the fact that Myanmar still possesses its traditional cultural heritage today is due to the efforts of our ancestors, who discovered, preserved, promoted, and handed down these traditions throughout Myanmar’s history.

He noted that it is therefore the

national duty and responsibility of the younger generations to continue preserving and promoting Myanmar’s unique cultural roots and values, following the good traditions of the past and ensuring they do not fade away.

In the field of Myanmar traditional culture, he underlined that the arts of singing, dancing, song composing, and playing musical instruments each possess their own distinct characteristics and styles. At the same time, these art forms — singing and dancing, dancing and instrumental music, instrumental music and singing, as well as singing and song composing — are closely interconnected, mutually influencing and supporting one another, thereby flourishing in harmony.

He expressed his hope that the new generation of artists participating in the 26<sup>th</sup> Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition will be able to showcase their artistic talents in a way that brings satisfaction and enjoyment to the judges and audiences.

The Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union

of Myanmar highlighted that this competition is not only a contest but also an opportunity for the national brethren living across states and regions to come together in friendship and harmony, to build stronger bonds of goodwill, and to exchange and share their diverse cultural and artistic traditions. Through these outcomes, it will also contribute to promoting greater unity and solidarity among the national races.

Therefore, he stressed that in order to further enhance the momentum and success of the competitions, and to ensure that the 26<sup>th</sup> competition now being held achieves its objectives successfully, it is earnestly urged that all concerned officials, maestros and distinguished artistes, judges, participating performers, and art enthusiasts work together with unity of purpose and concerted effort.

The Chairman of the Leading Committee Union Minister reported on arrangements for the competition.

After the ceremony, Acting President and SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his wife Daw Kyu

Kyu Hla and party cordially greeted the maestros.

Also, present at the ceremony were Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of the Vice-Senior General; Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo and his wife, the wife of the Prime Minister; commission members and their wives, Union-level dignitaries, Union ministers and their wives, the Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council and distinguished guests, members of the leading committee, work committee and subcommittees, and ethnic people contestants from region and state teams.

The 26<sup>th</sup> Performing Arts Competition is being held in accord with its objectives: to explore, preserve, and enhance Myanmar’s national prestige, integrity, and distinctive cultural heritage; to promote and exemplify the spirit of national solidarity and unity through Myanmar art; to transmit traditional performing arts to the younger generation; and to function as a national cultural and artistic institution contributing to the State’s socioeconomic development. — MNA/TTA

## Vietnam-Myanmar Trade Fair 2025 set for 10-12 Oct at YCC

THE Vietnam-Myanmar Trade Fair 2025 will take place on 10-12 October 2025 at the Yangon Convention Centre, the Inya Lake Hotel compound.

Vietnam and Myanmar businesses will exhibit a wide range of products, including fashion products, milk and

dairy products, food products, electrical products & appliances, plastic products for household, industry and construction, composite plastic, carbon wood doors, interior decoration, aluminum windows, fire-fighting equipment, Hot Dip Galvanizing, ba-

sic & construction chemicals, paints and varnishes, chlorine products for water treatment, fishery farms and industry, ceramic sanitary wares, and services from tourism and banking sectors.

The fair will showcase trade and investment oppor-

tunities, strengthen economic ties and foster business networking between the two countries. Visitors can taste local food, take photos at themed booths to capture the culture of Vietnam and Myanmar, and attend other fun events.

This three-day fair is joint-

ly organized by the Vietnam Trade Office and Myanmar Exhibition and Conference Association, supported by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Individuals can enquire about details through 09 424484364. — (Source: YCC)



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More than 1,600 contestants participate in 26<sup>th</sup> Performing Arts Competition

THE 26<sup>th</sup> Traditional Myanmar Cultural Performing Arts Competition (Central) for 2025 took place at the designated venues in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory yesterday.

In the Mini Theatre of the National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw), contestants from regions and states participated in the higher education men's classical song contest and the basic education (aged 10-15) girls' contest.

Students from regions and states took part in the basic education (aged 15-20) girls' and (aged 10-15) girls' old song/modern song contest at the Wunzin Minyaza Hall of the National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw).

At Hsinbyushin Hall, youths from basic education (aged 15-20) boys' and (aged 10-15) boys' dancing contests and the higher education women's dancing contest respectively.

The song composing contest



A solo performance at the traditional Myanmar orchestra contest for higher education men.

was participated in by students from higher education (men's and women's) and basic educa-

tion (aged 15-20) boys' and girls' contests at Yinkyayhmu Yadana Hall of the Ministry of Religious

Affairs and Culture.

At the training theatre of the Ministry of Religious Affairs

and Culture, contestants from regions and states competed in the basic education (aged 10-15) boys' and girls' violin contest and the basic education (aged 15-20) girls' violin contest, respectively.

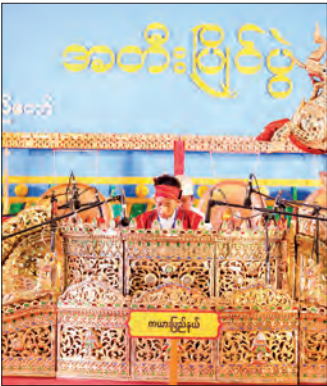
The orchestra solo contest was held at Pobbathiri Hall with the participation of contestants at the basic education (aged 10-15) boys' level and the higher education men's and women's levels, respectively.

Union-level dignitaries, Union ministers, officials from ministries and organizations enjoyed the competitions of contestants in the relevant events.

The Performing Arts Competition (Central) comprises 1,661 contestants at the basic education (aged 10-15) and (aged 15-20) levels and higher education level under the systematic assessment of 107 panels of judges. — MNA/TTA



For higher education women.



For basic education (aged 10-15).



A female dancing contest (aged 15-20).



A male dancing contest (aged 15-20).



A male dancing contest (aged 10-15).



A violon contest (aged 10-15).



A song composing contest.



Spectators cheer on the contestants.

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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)



Belarusian entertainment troupe tours PyinOoLwin

TO strengthen friendship between Myanmar and Belarus, an entertainment troupe from Belarus, currently visiting Myanmar, toured PyinOoLwin yesterday, exploring several well-known locations in the town.

The troupe includes Belarusian composer and singer Mr Vladimir Sukolinsky, singers Ms Nadezhda Bryleva and Ms Anzhelika Zaitseva, and manager Mr Danila Kisiev. They were accompanied by Mr Alexander, Vice-Chair of the Myanmar-Russia Friendship Association, Mr Andrei Tretiakov from the Russian Embassy, and officials from MRTV.

In the morning, the group visited the Fossil Museum, Amber Museum, and Butterfly Mu-



The Belarusian entertainment troupe members pose for the group photo at the National Kandawgyi Garden in PyinOoLwin yesterday.

seum at the National Kandawgyi Garden, where they observed preserved bamboo species, rare insects, and exhibits of Myanmar hardwood varieties with great interest.

They then visited souvenir shops in PyinOoLwin to purchase local handicrafts before

proceeding to the BE Falls recreation area, where they enjoyed walking on the glass bridge and watched an elephant show. The troupe also explored the resort area by buggy.

During the tour, they met and took commemorative photos with local visitors enjoying the Thadingyut holidays in a festive atmosphere.

The Belarusian troupe arrived in Myanmar on 5 October. They performed in Mandalay City Hall on the evening of the same day and at the Convocation Hall of the Defence Services Technological Academy in PyinOoLwin on 6 October. They are scheduled to continue their performances in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon. — MNA/KZL

Student enrolment begins at Kyaukme BEHS 1

TATMADAW, in cooperation with residents seeking peace and stability, has conducted counter-terrorism operations to ensure that people can live safely and peacefully. As a result, full control has been restored over Kyaukme Township in Shan State (North). Departmental officials and Tatmadaw personnel have been working together to maintain public security, provide essential assistance, reopen government offices, resume education at schools, reopen hospitals for healthcare services, and implement rehabilitation measures.

As part of these efforts, student enrollment began yesterday at No 1 Basic Education High School, Kyaukme, with a total of 206 students registered. The

Ministry of Education provided free textbooks, stationery, and school supplies, while departmental officials assisted with the necessary arrangements.

To support smooth living conditions for departmental staff, the Shan State government donated rice, cooking oil, and other essential food items, which responsible officials distributed.

For public healthcare, doctors and nurses from the Ministry of Health and Tatmadaw jointly opened a temporary clinic at the Kyaukme Chinese communal temple on 5 October. As of today, 169 local ethnic residents have received healthcare services there.

Furthermore, security forces continue to maintain area



This image shows the student enrolment underway at No 1 Basic Education High School, Kyaukme.

security and administrative duties to ensure peace, stability, and long-term development in Kyaukme Township, enabling residents to live and work safely and sustainably. — MNA/KZL



# NATIONAL

## AA terrorists' narcotics worth over K195B seized in Yangon

THE Government of Myanmar has designated the effective prevention, control, and elimination of drug trafficking and trading, which pose a serious threat to humanity, including future generations, as a national responsibility, and has been intensifying its efforts in this regard.

According to reports, the AA terrorist group was found to be involved in the attempted transportation of 3,438 kilogrammes of Ice and 2,198 kilogrammes of ketamine, with an estimated total value of K195.85 billion, intended for delivery to Rakhine State and Malaysia. These narcotics were successfully seized by the authorities.

The Government of Myanmar has been intensifying inspection and seizure operations along routes commonly used for drug trafficking. At the same time, joint anti-narcotics operations are being carried out in cooperation with neighbouring countries.

As a result of these efforts, drug traffickers have increasingly begun to exploit maritime routes, taking advantage of sea transport as an alternative to land routes.

It has also been reported that the AA terrorist group has been engaged in drug trafficking, using the proceeds from these illegal activities to purchase arms and ammunition for conducting terrorist operations in Rakhine State. The group has reportedly been committing acts of violence and oppression against innocent civilians.

According to information provided by residents who oppose drug trafficking and acts of terrorism, authorities learned

that narcotic drugs from Shan State were to be transported via Yangon to Rakhine State and Malaysia on 24 September 2025.

Acting on this intelligence, security forces carried out interception and search operations. During the operation on the Hlegu-Hpaunggyi Road in Hlegu Township, they arrested Aung Khant Kyaw and Htet Wai Phyto, who were driving a Nissan Condor truck. A search of the vehicle led to the seizure of 1,439 kilogrammes of Ice valued at approximately K35.97 billion.

Based on the statements of the two detainees, security forces conducted further operations on 25 September. They arrested Zaw Win Tun and San Htun Kyaw at the Shwe Maung teashop near Danyingon Junction in Shwepyitha Township, who had allegedly rented and arranged vehicles for drug transportation.

In addition, at a residence in Sipintha Village, Htantabin Township, authorities arrested Zaw Lin and Saw Zin Min Han, who had stored and concealed the narcotic drugs. From their possession, 1,999 kilogrammes of Ice worth approximately K49.97 billion were seized.

According to the statements of the arrested offenders, the narcotic drugs were intended to be transported from Thonekhwa Township's Thamaseitta Beach to Malaysia. Acting on this information, a combined security team carried out follow-up operations to apprehend those involved.

On 27 September, the team raided a warehouse near Thamaseitta Village and arrested Kyaw Naing, the warehouse



Offenders are seen alongside confiscated drugs in Hlegu and Htantabin townships.



Photos reveal different kinds of drug packages seized by authorities.

owner, along with six individuals — Thet Paing Oo, Ye Ko, Hine Htet Soe, Htet Nay Lin, Zing Min Hlaing, and Wai Phyto Aung, who were reportedly drivers and assistants responsible for transporting the narcotics. Authorities seized 2,198 kilogrammes of ketamine, worth approximately K109.9 billion, together with three vehicles used in the trafficking — a white Mitsubishi Fuso, a white Nissan Vanette, and a white Hyundai Porter.

Additionally, in Yay-okkan Village, Hlinethaya Township, Soe Min Paing, who was allegedly responsible for connecting the drug couriers, was also arrested.

Following further leads, on 28 September, security forces arrested Khin Maung Tut, who had been storing the narcotics,

at the Smile World Spa in Ward 15, Hlinethaya Township. On 29 September, Tint Naing Tun was also apprehended in Phaya Ngu Village, Twantay Township.

In total, the operation resulted in the arrest of 16 individuals, the seizure of four vehicles, and the confiscation of 3,438 kilogrammes of Ice and 2,198 kilogrammes of ketamine, with an estimated total value of K195.85 billion.

According to the statements of the arrested offenders, Sai Naw Kham (a) Ko Sai (still at large), a resident of Kawleek, had transported narcotic drugs from Wan Hai area, Kyethi Township, Loilen District, Shan State (South), to Yamethin. From there, Aung Khant Kyaw and Htet Wai Phyto continued transporting the drugs from Yamethin to Yangon.

It was further learnt that, under the instruction of Sai Naw Kham (still at large), the narcotic drugs intended for transportation to Rakhine State were stored in a house rented by Zaw Lin in Sipintha Village, Thanatpin Township, where he was subsequently arrested.

As for the narcotic drugs destined for Malaysia, Khin Maung Tut had temporarily stored them in Hlinethaya Township before they were moved to a warehouse owned by Kyaw Naing in Thamaseitta Village, Thonekhwa Township, a coastal area.

Based on the statement of Kyaw Naing, it was revealed that the narcotic drugs seized from the warehouse had been arranged for maritime transport to Malaysia by Ye Zaw and Chit Min (both still at large), who are economic officers of the AA terrorist group. They were reportedly planning to continue shipping the drugs by sea when the arrest took place.

It has been announced that effective legal action will continue to be taken against those arrested along with the narcotic drugs, in accordance with the law. Efforts are also ongoing to identify and apprehend the remaining fugitives and other individuals involved in the criminal network.

The public is urged to confidentially report any information related to drug trafficking to the relevant authorities, and it is further stated that informants and those who assist in the arrests will be kept confidential and will be duly rewarded for their cooperation. — MNA/MKKS

## Over K1.6 B worth of Ice seized in Tachilek

A combined team from the Drug Enforcement Division seized 207 kilogrammes of crystal methamphetamine (Ice) valued at approximately K1.696 billion in Tachilek Township, Shan State (East), on 4 October.

Acting on a tip-off, the combined team searched the residence of Sai Shan Twi at around 9 am, where they arrested seven suspects, including Sai Shan Twi

himself. The authorities confiscated 207 kilogrammes of Ice along with four vehicles used in connection with the drug operation.

At around 10:30 am on the same day, the team searched the house of Sai Mon, identified during interrogation as the owner of the seized narcotics. However, Sai Mon escaped before the search was launched.

The arrested suspects have been charged under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, and further investigations are ongoing to apprehend the remaining offenders. — MNA/MKKS

Arrestees are seen together with seized drugs and vehicles.





Efforts must be made to enhance domestic production for export purpose

- ❖ Due to economic sanctions imposed on our country, it is necessary to enhance domestic production to strengthen the export sector.
- ❖ It is necessary to increase the production of goods for export purpose.
- ❖ Primarily, it is necessary to increase the production and export of agricultural-related products.

(An excerpt from the guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, on his inspection tour of the capacity of port functions and the trade process at Asia World Port Terminal (AWPT) in Ahlon Township of Yangon Region on 15 March 2025)

CBM moves to absorb excess liquidity

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 3 October 2025 at the monetary policy committee meeting that it would withdraw excess liquidity in an economy by increasing the Interest on Average Excess Reserve (IOER) paid to the banks for deposits in Myanmar Kyat beyond the 28 days minimum reserve requirement and setting the IOER interest rate based on the one-month (average) interest rate in the monetary market.

Strong money circulation in the economic system led to higher interest rates in September 2024. Increased digital consumption stimulated rising deposits in banking operations. Consequently, CBM hiked the minimum reserve requirement ratio as well.

The meeting highlighted monitoring excess liquidity to ease potential inflationary pressure as the money supply is beyond expectations, and high-interest-rate issues arise. Monetary policies related to stabilizing and recovering the economy, supporting the State's economic growth targets, reviewing macroeconomic conditions and not hiking interest rates, focusing on exchange rate stability and stipulation of minimum reserve requirement were discussed to tackle inflation.

CBM's move will control inflation and currency depreciation, maximize banks' interest income and bring about banking sector stability and financial stability, as per CBM's notification. — NN/KK

Talks held on integrating beekeeping into sunflower farming



A thriving sunflower plantation.

A discussion on integrating beekeeping in sunflower cultivation and raising revenue from honey products exports was held on 4 October at the Apiculture Development Office in Pyawbwe Township, Mandalay Region.

Deputy Minister Dr Aung Gyi for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, officials concerned of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and Department of Livestock and Aquaculture Research, and private beekeepers from Magway, Mandalay, Sagaing regions attended the meeting.

The deputy minister discussed matters regarding edible oil security, expanding sunflower cultivation, beekeeping and honey production situation, public and private beekeeping, honey output from private sector, purifying raw honey at honey and beeswax processing factory, honey export potential, generating foreign income, selling good-bred queen bee, raising awareness of apiculture, placing one beehive per sunflower acre for crop pollination, plans for growing honey plants and pest and disease control programs. The deputy

minister coordinated matters raised by the officials concerned, beekeepers, sunflower growers and business people and inspected honey purification and processing.

Myanmar conveys honey to China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Thailand. Myanmar's honey exports in the past four months (April-July) of the current financial year 2025-2026 reached 709 metric tonnes worth US\$1.05 million, according to the Apiculture Development Office under the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department.

Myanmar's honey export exceeded 2,200 metric tonnes in the 2023-2024 FY.

Sagaing and Mandalay regions are the leading producers of Myanmar's honey. Myanmar's beekeeping businesses are also found in Yangon, Bago and Magway regions, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin and Shan states. Myanmar produces sesame honey, jujube honey, Niger honey, sunflower honey, lychee honey and flower honey.

There are some state-owned beekeeping stations with 6,200 beehives in 31 townships and over 950 private beekeeping businesses operating with nearly 200,000 beehives.

Moreover, two million acres of crops contribute to bee pollination annually. The beekeeping businesses near the crop fields contribute to the successful yield of the crop as well as quality bee production. — NN/KK



People visiting the Thadingyut Festival and MSME market in the People's Square, Yangon.

Yangon Thadingyut Festival ends with huge crowds

ON 7 October, the last day of the Thadingyut Festival and the MSME market, huge crowds gathered in the People's Square in Yangon, where the event was taking place.

This lighting festival and the MSME sales were organized by the Yangon Region Government from 4 to 7 October.

"The festival is being held from 8 am to 10 pm every day, and the materials

produced in Yangon region by MSMEs, including food and marine products, are sold," said an official.

During the four days of the festival, the Yangon Region government donated more than 40,000 Satuditha meal boxes to the visitors, including 10,000 boxes of fried egg and rice on the last day, 7 October. — Htun Htun/ZN



# Contribute to the emergence of accurate and complete voter lists

IN accordance with the objectives of the National Defence and Security Council, preparations are underway for the Multiparty Democratic General Election to be held on 28 December 2025, in which elections for various Hluttaws will take place. The preparatory processes include compilation and announcement of voter lists, submission, scrutiny, and announcement of candidate lists, as well as other necessary election-related procedures.

Elections are an essential function of a democratic system in a country. The electoral system adopted by a country plays a crucial

role in shaping its future and political image. As elections and the electoral system are vital processes for the State and citizens, all citizens have to participate in the electoral process.

The Union Election Commission announced that for the upcoming General Election to be held on 28 December 2025, the voter lists will be displayed for the first time for 14 days from 30 September to 134 October at respective areas. In places where voter lists cannot be displayed due to various circumstances, arrangements will be made for voters to check the lists at the respective township sub-commission offices. During the announcement period, voters must check their names on the voter lists in order to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the lists.

According to the UEC, voters may submit Form 3 to add their names to the voter list if their names are missing, Form 4 to remove names of those who should not be included, and Form 4-C to correct errors in the list. These forms can be obtained free of charge from relevant sub-commission offices. After these processes, the final voter list for the 2025 General Election will be displayed in November 2025. During this period, voters may submit requests for additions, removals, or corrections as necessary.

Eligible citizens must exercise their voting rights in the election by casting their ballots correctly and choosing qualified candidates who can represent the nation and the people. Only through the active participation of the people can elections be successfully held, thereby contributing to the emergence of a peaceful, stable, and genuinely democratic nation that can move forward in development.

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That is why, in order to ensure that the voter list is complete and accurate, it is important for all eligible citizens to carefully check the voter lists displayed at their respective sub-commission offices. Each household is urged to have at least one member review the lists, and if necessary, submit corrections or additions in accordance with the procedures.

# The Writing Sphere of Student Essays

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

IN my examination experience, only 10 out of 100 students tend to answer essay question items in an exam. Though some students have estimated or even known the topics that will be asked in the examination, they show no interest in writing essay-type questions at all, especially those who are slow learners or less educationally expected students. It is no small wonder that most students do not want to answer an essay question type, just as such a question could do with any long-response answer. Still, there are found another reasons why students cannot write an essay quite well. However, the immense consequences of being able to write essays may be on students' other subject learning that is taught in the language of these essays. What kind of students in the world can compose an essay pretty well?

Honest to say, many highly intelligent students have a habit of creative writing or make an effort in this writing. The main reason is that they can pass an exam with their eyes closed by answering essay-type questions. Some students express interest only in science subjects, not in arts subjects. But they will be able to write an essay highly descriptively, possibly thinking that essay writing is an essential task, or it is not a kind of hair-splitting. They are strongly of the opinion that they can never write any essay topic with their eyes shut, with no prior practice or preparation for essay writing.

Some intelligent students absolutely wish to write an excellent essay as

well as they are both taught writing by essay teachers and have studied as many sample essays as possible. That is, they have done enough study on essay writing. Since they want to create good essays, they must not have forgotten sample essays written by teachers or students of their same age. Some educators suggest that a normal student will be able to imitate students' essays, and more advanced students will have to study the teacher's essays. As far as I am concerned, students ought to follow the essay writing flow and teachers' essays will give colourful, higher thoughts, usages and sentence patterns to them. Without enough study on sample essays, any student will certainly be unable to write a standard essay in accordance with their grades by any means. Thus, higher-level students should be capable of writing a quality essay as per their respective educational levels.

Most students can write essays in name only, which means that they have a known vocabulary, usage and grammar; producing an average essay to some extent. Despite this, intelligent students are competent to compose the standardized essay simply due to their adequate writing practice. Of course, after they

have learned vocabulary expressions or grammatical structures in a language, they will write an example sentence with these expressions or structures at once. Hence, these language learners will sooner or later arrive at productive writing of a great essay. That is much better – their sufficient writing exercises will hardly ever lead to misleading, aimless, meaningless, exaggerated essays for sure. Moreover, as much writing practice as possible should contribute to a beautiful essay rich in worthy subject matter and writing style. Needless to say, practice makes perfect. Having enough writing practice ought to give birth to flawless essays from the point of view of theme and syntax.

As I am aware, essay questions are not seen to be included in several language tests. In truth, a language test merely needs to examine linguistic skills rather than subject matter. Nevertheless, some examiners like to ask for more information from students in an exam, instead of language skills. Despite this, most intelligent students look forward to answering essay question items simply because essays are a subjective type of question in which they can show their utmost language skills, even



if they could not get full marks from this question type. Really, only essay-type questions allow students to display most of their imagination and creativity in the language. But sad to say, many teachers do not include essay questions in a test that does not call for high marks, lest they find it difficult to draw their marking schemes. Clearly enough, talented students will write down an essay in the answer booklet, whatever type of essay

question is included in a test. Then, their ability to write compositions will definitely improve, with the hope that they will choose an essay-item question in an exam for their academic achievement.

Quite unnoticeably, the consequences of being able to write essays are many. In the field of essay-type questions, there are two main kinds of questions based on how much the answer should be written down: short-response

questions and long-response questions. Those questions are not the same as true-false items, blank items, multiple choice items and matching items. That is why all answers to essay-type questions must be completely written in the language. Therefore, if students know that language, they can write the answers to the questions on their own terms in one way or another. At such a time, the students will not have learnt

their studies by rote or copy them down on answer sheets in the examination as they have done, but will show their second thoughts in their own words. So, these students with mastery and proficiency in the language will feel more at ease before, during and after exams than those who have learned the subject by heart. What is more, students who have a command of the language usually give as many reflections as necessary on the arts subject in particular, compared to those with a language barrier.

In conclusion, I would like to say that gifted students who actually desire essay writing can begin it with their textbooks if they do not have any books on essays. They can start studying how to organize a passage with what kind of ideas, opinions, vocabulary and grammar in used in the textbook. Generally speaking, a regular student must be able to write an essay similar to passages from the textbook by choice of words and functional language. And they ought to study and try essay topics related to textbook passages. After that, students have to practise an essay per week to a limited number of words, especially in the neighbourhood of 250 words, within the time taken, particularly about 30 minutes, without fail. Also, students should have done extensive reading so as to qualitatively and quantitatively write any essay topic that appears on the question paper. Finally, students need to conduct an inquisitive study on their nearby environment so that they will learn how to manipulate descriptive essays, the most difficult of essay types.

# I Say What I See: Teachership & Mentorship Begin at Home

By @Editor



coined term to describe the role, identity, or philosophy of being a teacher. It's not standard, but it's not meaningless either: Language evolves – and sometimes, we must coin what we cannot find.

## Local Definitions: From English-Myanmar Dictionaries

In Myanmar, the word “teacher” often translates to (ကျောင်းဆရာ (Sayā) or (ကျောင်းဆရာမ (Sayāma), depending on gender. But the cultural weight of these words goes far beyond instruction. A teacher is a moral guide, a life model, a bearer of wisdom. Similarly, “mentor” may be translated as အကြံပေးသူ၊ ကောင်းရာ ညွှန်ပြသူ ဆရာ၊ ဂူရု – one who gives advice – but the role is often informal, familial, or spiritual. In our context, teaching is not just a profession. It is a duty. Mentoring is not just a programme. It is a relationship.

## The Juniorship That Taught Me Everything

In 1985, I stepped into the newsroom of The Guardian English newspaper as a junior proof-reader. I was young, green, and unsure of my place. But I was surrounded by giants – not in stature, but in spirit. My seniors, my workmates, my coworkers – they were my teachers. They were my mentors.

They never called themselves that. They never stood at a podium or held a chalk. But they taught me how to read between the lines, how to respect the rhythm of language, how to spot a misplaced comma with the precision of a surgeon. They mentored me not with lectures, but with glances, gestures, and the occasional raised eyebrow when I missed a typo.

In the Oxford dictionary, a mentor is “an experienced person who advises and helps some-

body with less experience”. In my dictionary, a mentor is someone who sits beside you, not above you. Someone who shows you the ropes without tying you up in them.

In Myanmar, we often say အလုပ်သင် – literally, “work learner”. But the phrase carries more than just apprenticeship. It implies humility, patience, and the willingness to be shaped. I was an အလုပ်သင်, and my seniors were the sculptors. They taught me the ethics of editing, the politics of punctuation, and the quiet power of clarity. They taught me that every word matters, and that silence between words matters even more.

I say what I see: mentorship is not a title. It is a practice. And teachership is not a position. It is a presence.



# NATIONAL

## 10 foreigners repatriated via Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge II

TEN foreigners who had illegally entered Myanmar through border routes after transiting neighbouring countries, including Thailand, were repatriated to their respective countries through the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge II in consideration of humanitarian concerns and bilateral relations, in line with legal procedures.

The group included six South Africans, three Malaysians, and one Russian who had engaged in illegal online gambling, online scams, and other criminal activities in Myawady-Shwe Kokko, KK Park, and Kyaukkhat areas in Kayin State.

To ensure the repatriation process was systematic and



Immigration processes are underway for the repatriation of undocumented foreign entrants.

smooth, Deputy Director U Myint Bhone of Kayin State's Immigration and Population Department and other responsible

officials met with combined teams of relevant departments yesterday morning to review the repatriation process and

verify the completeness of documentation.

The handover ceremony saw Deputy Director U Myint Bhone and departmental officials, Counsellor Mr Ilya Ilin and staff from the Russian Embassy in Thailand, Representative Mr Tana Judah Hira and staff from the South African Embassy in Thailand, Deputy Chief of Mission Mr Bong Yik Jui and staff from the Malaysian Embassy in Thailand, and officials from the Tak District Immigration Office. Myanmar officials formally handed over the necessary documents to the officials from the respective countries.

From 30 January to 7 Octo-

ber 2025, a total of 9,439 foreigners who illegally entered Myanmar were apprehended, among whom 9,337 have already been repatriated through Thailand to their respective countries in line with legal procedures. The remaining 102 foreigners are being properly held and prepared for repatriation.

The Myanmar government continues to collaborate with neighbouring countries and international organizations to prevent and eliminate illegal online gambling and financial fraud in border regions and to swiftly repatriate foreign nationals, including those victimized by human trafficking.

— MNA/KZL

## Ornamental umbrella, pinnacle found at Inwa Tooth Relic site

THE ancient ornamental umbrella and pinnacle were discovered during the excavation of the ancient tooth-relic building in Inwa, and the bells of the umbrella are preserved in the Inwa Museum, according to author and researcher Bo Shake.

In order to restore the building to its original state, the archaeological department supervised the excavation work, during which these artefacts were found on 5 October.

Observing the pieces of the umbrella, experts could know they were made in King Bagyidaw's time, he said.

"The umbrella and pinnacle were found during the excavation on 5 October. The umbrella is in broken pieces, but experts can immediately

know it was an umbrella made in King Bagyidaw's time. These pieces can be reconnected to form an umbrella. There are seven bells in the umbrella, and these bells are sent to the Inwa Museum to keep," he said.

In the first week of September, the excavation team uncovered a marble sphinx sculpted during the reign of King Bagyidaw. The alms-bowl, tray and vase made of sandstone on 27 September, and they are preserved in the Inwa Museum, he explained.

The materials found will greatly help renovation work as good examples, he added. The excavation work is currently about two-thirds complete, and it is hoped that the remaining sphinxes will be found later, he said. — MT/ZN



Newly unearthed ornamental umbrella and pinnacle on 5 October.

## Myanmar witnesses first supermoon of 2025 on 7 Oct

THE moment of the first supermoon for 2025 was visible in Myanmar on 7 October, the Myanmar Astronomy and Science Enthusiasts Society (MASES) said on 7 October.

The supermoon or full moon, technically named perigee, occurs when the Moon comes closest to the Earth in its orbit. The distance from the Earth always varies due to the elliptical orbit, about 23855 miles on average. In this supermoon moment, the distance from the Earth to the Moon is 224,559 miles, it said.

When a supermoon occurs, the distance between the Earth and the Moon seems closer and looks 14 per cent bigger and 30 per cent brighter than an average full moon.

The supermoon, which was visible on 7 October, is the first for 2025, and three consecutive supermoons will occur in November and December 2025.

With the view of the lighting festival of Thadingyut, the sky will be unusually brighter and the first supermoon will be visible at its best from Myanmar, said MASES. Saturn was bright together with the Moon on 6 October, had a chance to see the view, it added. — MT/ZS



This photo illustrates the image of the Moon.

## GKS-U applications shift offline due to system error

THE online acceptance of 2026 Global Korea Scholarship (GKS) applications for undergraduate degrees will be switched to offline due to a system error, said the Embassy of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar.

It is hard to restore applications formerly submitted online, so resubmission

of documents must be done offline, addressed to the embassy.

The application period is from 6 to 17 October, and the submission can be made either in person or by post, not later than 17 October, it said.

A set of original documents is required to resubmit, and only Myanmar nationals

who passed the final stage are required to submit education documents for consular confirmation.

Documents written in the Myanmar language are required to be notarized in English, and a copy of the Myanmar version is also required to be attached to the notarized version, it said. — MT/ZS



ESSAY/NATIONAL

I Say What I See:  
Teachership &  
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Teachership & Mentorship: The  
Quiet Legacy

I say what I see: the lessons that shaped me were not delivered in lectures. They were handed down in margins, murmured in hallways, and embedded in the red ink of a corrected page.

My seniors at The Guardian English Daily never claimed the title of “mentor”. They simply did their work – with precision, with pride, and with a quiet expectation that I would learn by watching. And I did. Their teachership was not loud. Their mentorship was not formal. But both were profound.

Today, I carry their legacy – not in a certificate, but in every sentence I edit, every word I weigh, and every young writer I guide. I do not teach in a classroom, but I teach through example. I do not mentor through programmes, but through presence.

In Myanmar, we often say ဆရာတော် – a revered teacher. But reverence is not reserved for monks or masters. It belongs to anyone who shapes another with care. My parents, my seniors, my coworkers – they are all my ဆရာတော် (တကယ်တော်တဲ့ဆရာ) တွေပါ။ So on World Teachers’ Day – and every day – I honour them. Not with applause, but with application. Not with tribute, but with truth.

I say what I see: teachership and mentorship begin at home, grow in the workplace, and live on in the way we treat others.

**Special Admittance – Fond Remembrance of My Senior Colleagues:** U Myat Kyaw Khaung, U Win Swe, U Win Maung, U Khin Maung Aye, U Ba Khet, Ko Khin Maung Zaw, Ko Win Htay, and especially Mr Jonathan (Ko Joe).

Festivities begin at Kyaiktiyo Pagoda

THE inauguration ceremony and Buddha Pujaniya Festival at Kyaiktiyo Pagoda in Kyaikto Township, Mon State, were held on 6 October (the Full Moon Day of Thadingyut) at the main square of the pagoda, with cable cars already operating for pilgrims, according to U Soe Hla, Chairman of the Kyaiktiyo Pagoda Trustees Board.

During the Thadingyut holiday and the Buddha Pujaniya Festival, large numbers of local and international pilgrims are visiting the pagoda, and officials have increased the number of mountain vehicles to better serve them.

“The opening ceremony of the mountain, the Buddha Pujaniya Festival, and the consecration ceremony will be held on 6 October. As the number of pilgrims has been increasing since the end of September, we increased the number of mountain vehicles to 50 before the festival. Since the number of pilgrims has



This photo captures the cable cars running up the mountain for pilgrims.

continued to rise in early October, we further increased the number of mountain vehicles to 60, and on 4 October, we began operating 44 cable cars,” said U Soe Hla. The annual Buddha Puja Festival at

Kyaiktiyo Pagoda lasts for seven months, from the Full Moon Day of Thadingyut to the Full Moon Day of Kason, attracting numerous local and international pilgrims. — ASH/TH

Myanmar romcom to premiere nationwide on 10 Oct

THE Myanmar film ‘Ka Gyi Ka’ is set to be screened in cinemas across the country from 10 October, according to the film’s director, Academy Ko Zaw (Aryon Oo).

The romantic comedy was co-directed by Academy Ko Zaw (Aryon Oo) and Ei (Aryon Oo). The story was written by Nyar Latt Taw and Min Ko Soe

(Natthankwin), while the screenplay was written by Min Ko Soe (Natthankwin).

“It’s a light-hearted, natural comedy film. During the Thadingyut holidays, when audiences are looking to laugh and have fun, our ‘Ka Gyi Ka’ team is ready to deliver that joy. I’d like to invite everyone to come and watch it for continued happiness even after the long

holiday,” said director Academy Ko Zaw (Aryon Oo).

The film features a star-studded cast, including Tyron, Khin Hlaing, Moe Moe, Thein Lin Soe, May La Thanzin, Ya Mon Myint Myat, Academy Soe Myat Thuzar, Sweet, and Shin Ma, along with many other actors and actresses. — ASH/KN

Lafaya Night Concert set to delight  
music fans

**SINGERS** He’ Lay and Wyne Su Khine Thein will hold a Lafaya Night Music Concert at the Lafaya Bar in Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region, according to singer He’ Lay.

“I will be at Lafaya Bar with Wyne Su on the night of 10 October. DJ Bassbam, DJ Autumn Soul, and DJ Xtreme will also be supporting us, so don’t forget to come to Lafaya Bar on the night of 10 October,” said

singer He’ Lay. Singer He’ Lay and singer Wyne Su Khine Thein will perform Lafaya Night music concert from 5 pm to 11 pm on 10 October. The Public Band will provide the best musical accompaniment for the singers’ performances. — ASH/MKKS

He’ Lay and Wyne Su Khine Thein will sing at the Lafaya Night Music Concert.



Weather  
Myanmar Daily Weather Report  
(Issued at 7 pm Tuesday 7 October 2025)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Monsoon is weak to moderate over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. **FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 8 October 2025:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Mandalay, Magway, Lower Sagaing Regions and Chin State, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago, Upper Sagaing Regions

and Kachin, Kayah, Rakhine, (northern and eastern) Shan States and fairly widespread in Yangon Region and Kayin, southern Shan States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Mon State. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD:** The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Upper Sagaing, Taninthayi Regions and Kayin, Mon, (northern and eastern) 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 of

these phenomena in advance. **STATE OF THE SEA:** The sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 5-7 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts. **OUTLOOK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Weak to moderate monsoon. **FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 October 2025:** Isolated rain or thundershowers.

The degree of certainty is 100 per cent. **FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 October 2025:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent. **FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 October 2025:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 80 per cent. — DMH



ECONOMY  
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Stocks, gold steady  
amid political upheaval



A woman looks at an electronic board displaying the Nikkei Stock Average on the Tokyo Stock Exchange along a street in Tokyo on 6 October 2025. PHOTO: AFP

GLOBAL stocks steadied Tuesday and gold hovered around a fresh high as investors retreated to safety amid a US government shutdown and French political upheaval.

French shares edged back up while the euro held losses as President Emmanuel Macron called on outgoing Prime Minister Sebastien Lecornu to salvage his administration.

Lecornu, who resigned Monday after under a month in the post, was tasked with gaining cross-party support for a cabinet lineup to pull France out of political deadlock.

London and Frankfurt

both rose in midday deals.

Gold hit a fresh peak of \$3,977.44 an ounce Tuesday, before slightly paring gains, as investors eyed the US government shutdown, with Republicans and Democrats appearing no closer to an agreement.

Bets on the Federal Reserve cutting interest rates this month and the political crisis in France are adding to the allure of the safe-haven asset.

“The rally in gold is part of the ‘debasement’ trade,” said Kathleen Brooks, research director at trading group XTB.

“This trading theme is driving demand for alterna-

tive assets such as gold and crypto, as the dollar faces a long-term decline and fiscal concerns continue to rise around the world,” she added.

In Asia, Tokyo eked out another record following the weekend election of a pro-stimulus advocate to lead Japan’s ruling party, before paring gains to close flat.

Hong Kong and Shanghai were closed for holidays.

The election of Sanae Takaichi -- expected to become Japan’s prime minister this month -- ramped up optimism that she will kick-start the economy through stimulus measures. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Japan's household spending rises 2.3% in Aug on cars, leisure

JAPAN'S household spending in August increased a real 2.3 per cent from a year earlier, marking the fourth straight month of growth, as consumers spent more on cars and leisure activities, government data showed Tuesday.

Households of two or more people spent an average of 313,977 yen (\$2,100) in the reporting month, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications said. By category, spending on transport and communication grew 13.5 per cent, led by a 22.4 per cent increase in car-related costs, partly reflecting a rebound from a temporary closure of dealerships last year due to typhoons. — Kyodo

Thailand's headline inflation declines 0.72% in Sep

THAILAND'S headline inflation declined for a sixth successive month in September, driven by lower energy and food prices, official data showed on Monday.

The Southeast Asian country's consumer price index (CPI) fell 0.72 per cent last month from a year earlier, decelerating slightly from a 0.79 per cent decrease in August, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The September reading remained well below the central bank's target range of one per cent to three per cent for the seventh month in a row. The drop was mainly attributed to lower electricity and fuel prices, resulting from the government's cost-of-living relief measures and falling energy prices in the global market, along with reduced prices of fresh food items, the ministry said in a statement. — Xinhua

Dubai airshow bars Israeli companies from exhibiting: organizer

ISRAELI defence companies have been barred from the upcoming Dubai Airshow after a “technical review”, its organizer said on Tuesday, without providing further details, two years into the devastating Gaza war. Registrations were withdrawn for all six Israeli defence companies that were due to take part, said Tim Hawes, managing director of Informa Markets, which organizes the show.

“The (Israeli) exhibitors that were previously coming won't be participating,” said Hawes, on the sidelines of a press conference to announce details of the exhibition.

“There was a technical review which we do of all companies that take part in the show,” he said, adding the decision had been taken by the airshow's technical committee. — AFP

Singapore's digital economy  
reaches 18.6% of GDP in 2024

SINGAPORE'S digital economy accounted for 18.6 per cent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) in 2024, up from 14.9 per cent in 2019, according to the Singapore Digital Economy Report 2025 released Monday by the Infocomm Media Development Authority.

In 2024, the digital economy

expanded by 12 billion Singapore dollars (approximately US\$9.24 billion), reaching a total value of 128.1 billion Singapore dollars.

The report highlighted that more than two-thirds of Singapore's digital economy came from non-information and communications sectors, showing that digital growth is not solely

driven by technology companies but is increasingly embedded across industries.

Within the non-information and communications sectors, finance and insurance remained the top contributor, followed by wholesale trade and manufacturing. (1 Singapore dollar equals US\$0.77) — Xinhua



Visitors walk through the Marina Bay Sands shopping mall in Singapore on 11 September 2025. PHOTO: AFP



# Chinese e-bike firms expand global investments, driving green mobility, job growth

A self-driving electric moped at Yadea’s product display centre in Wuxi, east China’s Jiangsu Province, showcased both the technological possibilities of autonomous two-wheelers and the company’s expertise in designing and producing green mobility solutions.

Inside the showroom of this leading Chinese electric two-wheeler brand, a diverse range of electric motorbikes and e-bikes was on display. Among them, a portable, automatically foldable electric bike – almost the size of a handbag – caught the

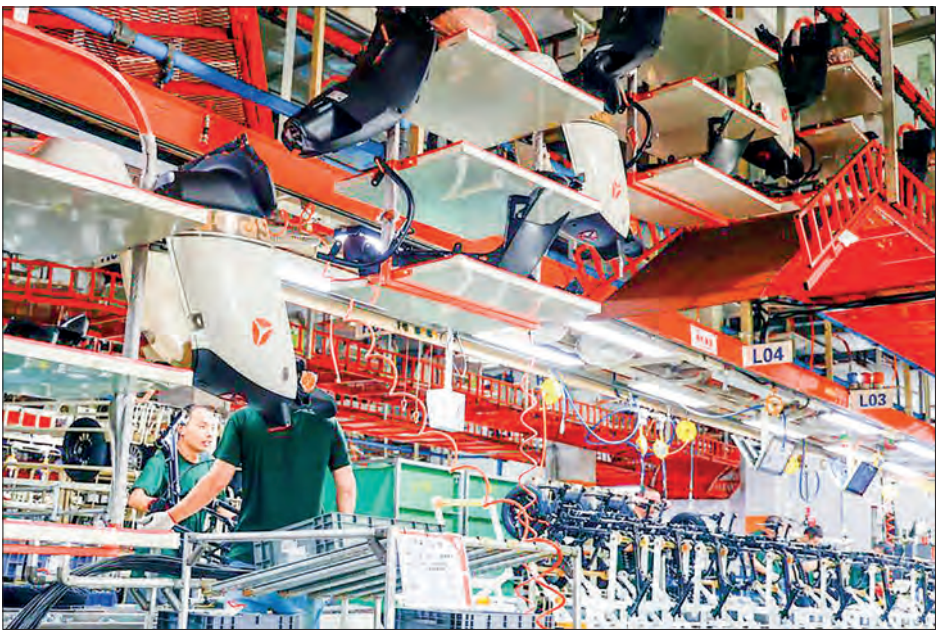
eye of journalists visiting the company’s Wuxi headquarters. As a global leader in annual sales of electric two-wheelers, Yadea offers a lineup of high-performance electric motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles and kick scooters. True to its slogan, “A wonderful journey for global users,” the company strives to bring sustainable, green travel solutions to riders around the world.

According to Shen Yu, executive director of Yadea Technology Group Co Ltd, the company’s sales of various types of e-mobility products reached 8.79 mil-

lion units in the first half of 2025, with sales revenues reaching 19.1 billion yuan (about US\$2.7 billion), up 33 per cent year on year.

“Currently, expanding into overseas markets is a key corporate strategy, and I believe it’s also the consensus of the whole electric motorbike industry here in Wuxi,” Shen said, adding that the company has already invested in production bases in Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand and Mexico. While some of these facilities have begun operations, others are still under construction.

— Xinhua



Staff members work at the production line of YADEA at the electric scooter industrial park in Xishan District, Wuxi, east China’s Jiangsu Province, 16 September 2025 PHOTO: XINHUA

# Osaka Expo set to end in black with up to 28 bln yen surplus: organizers

OPERATING expenses in Osaka are expected to show a surplus of up to 28



The World Exposition in Osaka is packed with people on 27 September 2025, as the number of visitors since the event’s start on 13 April reaches an estimated 22 million. PHOTO: KYODO

billion yen (\$186 million), organizers said Tuesday.

The figure was disclosed at the final extraordinary board meeting of the Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition ahead of the event’s closing next Monday. The projected surplus of 23 to 28 billion yen is mainly attributed to ticket sales, which account for the majority of revenue.

Breaking even has been regarded as a key indicator of the event’s success, which stakeholders had set as a “top priority”.

Organizers also confirmed plans to partially preserve the venue’s emblematic Grand Ring wooden roof structure.

Discussions were also held on whether to tap reserve funds for venue maintenance to cover the costs of upkeep and the careful dismantling of the wooden structure for reuse. Ticket sales reached approximately 22.07 million as of Friday, while the number of general visitors exceeded 23 million by Sunday. — Kyodo

# Foreign tourist arrivals down in Sep in Nepal

FOREIGN tourist arrivals in Nepal declined 18.3 per cent in September over the same month of last year, the Nepal Tourism Board said on Tuesday.

A total of 78,711 foreigners visited the country last month, down from 96,302 in September of last year, the board said in a report.

India, the United States and China contributed most of the travelers to Nepal, the report said, noting the country received 815,273 foreign tourists in total in the past nine months.

Tourism is a major source of foreign exchange and job opportunities for Nepal. — Xinhua

# German factory orders drop in new blow to Merz

GERMAN industrial orders unexpectedly fell in August, marking a fourth straight month of decline, official data showed Tuesday, the latest blow to the government’s efforts to reboot the ailing economy.

New orders, closely watched as an indicator of future business activ-

ity, dropped 0.8 per cent month-on-month, according to preliminary figures from federal statistics agency Destatis, after sliding 2.7 per cent in July.

Analysts surveyed by financial data firm FactSet had predicted an increase of one per cent in August.

“The figures highlight

the economy’s bumpy road in all its ugliness,” said LBBW bank analyst Jens-Oliver Niklasch. “After a slight upward trend in the spring, the downturn is now back.”

Europe’s biggest economy has faced two years of recession due to a manufacturing slump and

increasing competition, particularly from China, and the US tariff onslaught has added to headwinds.

Chancellor Friedrich Merz took office promising a blitz of spending on infrastructure and defence that many hoped would spark a turnaround for the export powerhouse. — AFP

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MCL 9 VOY. NO. (11N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **8-10-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **YIGTL** where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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ROLLING UPDATES  
WORLD

IAEA chief warns of  
“growing risks” after shelling  
near Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant



This photo taken on 29 March 2023 shows the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in southern Ukraine. PHOTO: XINHUA

MULTIPLE rounds of shelling were heard at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) on Monday amid the longest off-site power loss of the plant, posing “growing risks” to its nuclear safety and security, according to a UN nuclear watchdog statement.

The shelling occurred in the afternoon, totalling about 15 rounds at near and middle distance from the site. The ZNPP informed the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) that two rounds of shelling struck

around 1.25 kilometres from the site perimeter, the IAEA statement said.

No casualties have been reported and there was no immediate information of any damages. However, IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi said the shelling further underlined the constant dangers facing the ZNPP.

“The nuclear safety and security situation is clearly not improving. On the contrary, the risks are growing,” Grossi said. “The plant has now been

without off-site power for almost two weeks, forcing it to rely on emergency diesel generators for the electricity it needs to cool its shutdown reactors and spent fuel. This is an extraordinarily challenging situation.”

In the statement, Grossi called for “maximum military restraint near nuclear facilities” and said he will continue to engage with Russia and Ukraine to restore the plant’s off-site power as soon as possible.

— Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chinese, South Korean FMs  
express willingness to deepen  
bilateral ties

CHINA is willing to work with South Korea to strengthen mutual trust, avoid disruptions, deepen cooperation and contribute to each other’s success so as to safeguard regional peace, stability and prosperity, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said Tuesday.

In a telephone conversation with South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Hyun, Wang, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, said that as the two countries are important neighbours as well as close partners, China always attaches great importance to its relations with South Korea. — Xinhua

Workers missing, three injured  
after Madrid building collapse

A building under construction in Madrid’s touristic city centre collapsed on Tuesday, injuring three workers with some missing, Spanish emergency services said. They said on X that firefighters were working at the scene near the Spanish capital’s emblematic Plaza Mayor “after the collapse of various floor slabs” and that “the workers report some colleagues missing”.

Madrid’s mayor Jose Luis Martinez-Almeida said on X that one of the injured workers had been taken to hospital. — AFP

Malaysia, Pakistan to deepen  
cooperation in food security,  
aviation, healthcare

MALAYSIA will continue to deepen its cooperation with Pakistan in several key sectors, including food security, aviation, healthcare and cybersecurity, the leaders of both countries said.

Cooperation between the two countries has been greatly strengthened through high-level visits, Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim and his Pakistani counterpart Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, who is on a three-day official visit, said in a joint statement on Monday. — Xinhua

Israel marks 7 Oct anniversary as talks  
held to end Gaza war

ISRAEL marked the second anniversary of the 7 October attack on Tuesday, as Hamas and Israeli negotiators held indirect talks aimed at ending the war in Gaza under a US-proposed peace plan.

Two years ago to the day, at the close of the Jewish festival of Sukkot, Hamas-led militants launched the deadliest attack on Israel in the country’s history, sparking a huge retaliatory offensive in Gaza.

The attack shocked the world, with Palestinian fighters breaching the Gaza-Israel border, and storming southern Israeli communities and a desert music festival with gunfire, rockets and grenades.

It resulted in the deaths of 1,219 people, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally based on official Israeli figures.

Militants also took 251 people hostage into Gaza, of whom 47 remain captive, including 25 the Israeli military says are dead.

On Tuesday, senior Hamas official Fawzi Barhoum called the 7 October attack a “historic response” to Israel’s bid to “eradicate the Palestinian cause”.

He also said Hamas was working to “surmount all obstacles” to sealing a deal in Egypt. — AFP



A woman reacts by one of the memorials of victims of the 7 October 2023 attacks at the Nova Festival grounds in Reim in southern Israel on the second anniversary of the attacks on 7 October 2025. PHOTO: AFP



SPORTS

ISPE FC returns home after winning invitational championship

THE Myanmar (ISPE FC) men’s football team, which won the championship trophy at the Tri-Nation Invitational Football Tournament held in Lincang, Yunnan Province, China, from 30 September to 7 October, returned to Yangon yesterday afternoon by air.

At Yangon International Airport, the victorious team received a warm welcome from Yangon Region Ethnic Affairs Minister U Saw Jacob Htoo, officials from the Department of Sports

and Physical Education, family members, fellow athletes, and enthusiastic fans waving flags and cheering with drums.

Following the airport reception, the team proceeded to Kyaikkasan Sports Ground via Gate 9 on West Horse Racecourse Road, where students from the University of Sports and Physical Education (Yangon) greeted them with victory garlands and applause to celebrate their achievement. — MNA/KZL



This photo shows the Myanmar ISPE FC men's football team being welcomed at Yangon International Airport yesterday.

Kane could extend Bayern stay as interest in Premier League cools

HARRY Kane is considering extending his stay at Bayern Munich after the England captain claimed his interest in returning to the Premier League has cooled.

Kane has made a fast start to the season at Bayern, scoring 18 goals in 10 games to fuel the German champions’ Bundesliga title defence. The 32-year-old, who has netted 103 goals in 106 appearances for Bayern, is under contract in Munich until 2027 and is “fully all in” ahead of possible negotiations over a new deal.

“In terms of staying longer, I could definitely see that,” said Kane, who has reported for England duty ahead of a friendly with Wales and a World Cup qualifier in Latvia.

“I spoke openly a couple of weeks ago that I have not had those conversations with Bayern yet, but if they were to arise I would be willing to talk and have an honest conversation.

“Obviously it depends on how the next year or so goes and what we achieve together. Right now, I would say we are in a fantastic moment and I am not thinking about anything else”.

When Kane left Tottenham in 2023, it was expected the striker would return to England to try and break the Premier League goalscoring record. He needs 48 goals to eclipse Alan Shearer’s mark of 260.

Tottenham boss Thomas Frank recently said he would love to have the club’s record goalscorer back in north London.

“In terms of the Premier League, I don’t know. If you had asked me when I first left to go to Bayern, I would have said for sure I would come back,” added Kane, who is reported to have a £57 million (\$66 million) release clause in his Bayern contract. — AFP

Goal-shy Salah seeks change as Egypt eye World Cup place

MOHAMED Salah wants to put a disappointing start to his season with Liverpool behind him on Wednesday and help Egypt beat Djibouti and qualify for the 2026 World Cup.

A win for the record seven-time African champions over one of the lowest ranked teams in the continent will give them an unassailable lead over second-placed Burkina Faso in Group A with one match to spare.

A two-time African Footballer of the Year, Salah has lost his spark with the Premier League champions, scoring just three goals in nine appearances in all competitions this season.

Last season, the 33-year-old netted 29 times in 38 league matches to win the Golden Boot award as Liverpool surged to a record-equalling 20<sup>th</sup> Premier League title.

Salah has fond memories of playing against Djibouti, scoring four goals in a 6-0 Cairo romp in the opening round of World Cup qualifying two years ago.

It does not help Djibouti that they do not have a FIFA-approved stadium, so their ‘home’ match against Egypt will be staged in the Moroccan commercial capital Casablanca. — AFP

China’s veteran Zhang Shuai stuns Navarro at WTA Wuhan Open



Zhang Shuai (R) of China greets Emma Navarro of the United States after their women’s singles round of 64 match at the 2025 Wuhan Open tennis tournament in Wuhan, central China’s Hubei Province, 7 October 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

CHINESE veteran Zhang Shuai thrilled the home crowd with an impressive comeback win over the 14<sup>th</sup> seed Emma Navarro 6-2, 2-6, 6-3 in the first round of the Wuhan Open on Tuesday.

The 36-year-old Zhang dominated the opening set with a stronger and more reliable serve, winning 82.4 per cent of her first serve points, far beyond 58.1 per cent of her American opponent.

Navarro, 24, fought back in the second to level the match and took a 3-0 lead in the third set. But Zhang showed resilience amid loud cheers from the home crowd, reeling off six consecutive games, including three breaks of serve, to complete the comeback. She converted her first match point in the ninth game to seal the victory after one

hour and 36 minutes.

“It was a match full of ups and downs, just like life,” Zhang said after the match. “When you’ve been through so many highs and lows, you learn to stay calm and positive in every situation”.

Zhang admitted that the humid conditions affected her physically in the middle of the match, which contributed to her loss of rhythm.

“I started to sweat a lot (after the first set), which rarely happens to me. For a few games I completely lost focus and made unforced errors,” she said. “But I’m glad I managed to reset before the end, find my rhythm again and play my tennis in the last few games. That experience — staying calm and adjusting when things go wrong — is what I’ve learned over all these years”.

She added that she has been “trying to control everything in life and in tennis, including my emotions, my attitude and my game”, emphasizing that doing the right things matters more than results. “That mindset helps me play cleaner, more focused tennis,” she said. — Xinhua



IAEA chief warns of “growing risks” after shelling near Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant  
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# WORLD

## WTO hikes 2025 trade growth outlook but tariffs to bite in 2026

AI-related goods and surging exports to the United States ahead of President Donald Trump's tariff hikes boosted global merchandise trade growth this year, the World Trade Organization said Tuesday.

However, the picture is bleaker for 2026, the WTO warned, as the impact of the US tariffs kick in.

The WTO raised its forecast for trade volume growth in 2025 to 2.4 per cent -- up from 0.9 per cent in August -- and cut its 2026 outlook from 1.8 per cent to 0.5 per cent.

“Global merchandise trade outpaced expectations in the first half of 2025, driven by increased spending on AI-related products, a surge in North American imports ahead of tariff hikes, and strong trade among the rest of the world,” the WTO said, as it published its updated global trade outlook. In a rare move, the WTO has revised its estimates several times this year due to uncertainties surrounding the impact of the new tariffs imposed by the Trump administration.

Since returning to office in January, Trump has slapped several waves of new tariffs on imports entering the United States.

His administration has imposed a basic tariff of 10 per cent on all countries since April, with much higher rates for some economies. — AFP



A full moon is pictured in Cangnan County of Wenzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, 6 October 2025. Monday marks this year's Mid-Autumn Festival, which is celebrated annually on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the eighth month in the Chinese lunar calendar. People across China admire the full moon to celebrate the traditional holiday. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

## Lunar farside mantle cooler than that of near side: study

ANALYSIS of lunar farside soil samples collected by China's Chang'e-6 lunar probe has helped scientists discover that the mantle on the far side of the moon is cooler than that on the near side.

This discovery provides the petrological and geochemical evidence for a temperature contrast between the lunar nearside and farside mantles, supplying the critical dataset needed to

elucidate the moon's evolution.

The study was conducted by the Beijing Research Institute of Uranium Geology, Peking University and Shandong University, and published in the journal Nature Geoscience.

The moon is like a book recording the history of the solar system, said Li Ziyang, chief scientist at the China National Nuclear Corporation, adding that the moon's mantle is the “core

chapter” of this book.

Beneath the lunar crust lies the mantle, which is the moon's volumetrically dominant layer. The ancient volcanic activities on the moon were driven by the upwelling of materials from the lunar mantle. Thus, the interior structures of the moon, including the mantle, hold the decisive clues to its evolution.

The scientists analyzed the basalt samples and employed

three independent thermobarometers to determine the temperature-pressure conditions under which the basalt crystallized. Basalt from the moon's farside, collected by Chang'e-6 and dated to 2.8 billion years ago, reveals that their mantle potential temperature is about 100 degrees Celsius lower than that of the nearside basalt returned by the Chang'e-5 mission, according to the study. — Xinhua



Photos of (LtoR) British physicist John Clarke at the University of California, USA, French physicist Michel H Devoret (University of California and Yale) and US physicist John M Martinis (University of California) are seen on a screen during a press conference on the awarding of the 2025 Nobel Prize in Physics at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm, Sweden, on 7 October 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Trio wins physics Nobel for quantum mechanical tunnelling

BRITON John Clarke, Frenchman Michel Devoret and American John Martinis won the Nobel Prize in Physics on Tuesday for work on quantum physics in action, the Nobel jury said. The trio was honoured “for the discovery of macroscopic quantum mechanical tunnelling and energy quantization in an electric circuit”, the jury said.

Quantum mechanics de-

scribes how differently things work on incredibly small scales.

For example, when a normal ball hits a wall, it bounces back. But on the quantum scale, a particle will actually pass straight through a comparable wall -- a phenomenon called “tunnelling”.

Tuesday's prize was awarded for experiments in the 1980s which showed that quantum

tunnelling can also be observed on a macroscopic scale -- involving multiple particles -- by using superconductors.

In a series of experiments, the researchers demonstrated that “the bizarre properties of the quantum world can be made concrete in a system big enough to be held in the hand”, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said in a statement. — AFP