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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.



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, State Security and Peace Commission Chairman, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, addresses the national-level public movement tree-growing ceremony 2025 in Minbu, Magway Region, yesterday.

Each village required to plant two acres of trees

The national-level public movement tree-growing ceremony 2025 in Minbu Township, Minbu District, Magway Region, to green 13 dry zones took place at the place between mileposts 4/7 and 5/0 on Minbu-Padan-An road in Minbu Township this morning, attended by Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who

A five-year programme (2025-2030) has been planned to expand tree planting across 13 tropical districts.

grew a neem sapling. Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said a total of 1,000 saplings from seven species will be planted today collectively as part of the public movement. He added that, through tree planting and forest conservation, shade and shelter can be created, and the environment

can become greener and more pleasant. In this region, more tree planting and environmental conservation activities should be carried out. The Senior General urged each village to establish a two-acre firewood plantation. There are 963 villages in Minbu District, and if each village plants two acres, nearly 2,000 acres could be established. If replanting is done annually, many more trees and forests will grow, greatly contributing to a greener environment. Similarly, he noted that, if each household plants just one tree, with around 170,000 households in Minbu District, then annual planting would significantly increase forest cover. **SEE PAGE 5**

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Myanmar pursues independent, active, non-aligned foreign policy

- ❖ Myanmar is located between two powerful, diverse countries.
- ❖ So, Myanmar is exercising an independent and active non-aligned foreign policy.

(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, at the opening of the Forum on Myanmar Beyond 2025: Challenges and Opportunities in a Multipolar World held on 21 March 2025)

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

Weather Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Tuesday 19 August, 2025)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 20 August 2025: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Magway Region and Chin, Rakhine, (northern and eastern) Shan States, fairly widespread in Mandalay, Bago, Sagaing Regions and southern Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Bago, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Mon States. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady Regions and Kayin, Chin, Mon, (southern and eastern)Shan State. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena, such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail, may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 25-30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 8-10 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increase of rain in upper Sagaing, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin State.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20 August 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20 August 2025: One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20 August 2025: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

New stamp featuring nine native Myanmar birds to go on sale on 20 Aug

A new postage stamp with nine species of birds endemic to Myanmar will go on sale on 20 August, the Myanma Post Office announced.

The department under the Ministry of Transport and Communications aimed at enthusiastic collectors to enjoy gathering all nine indigenous bird species in a single block.

Consisting of nine special editions of K200 stamps, the new block will start selling simultaneously at 9:30 am on 20 August at postal offices in Nay Pyi Daw, Yangon, Mandalay and other regions and states.

As a special programme, stamps sold in Nay Pyi Daw, Yangon and Mandalay on that day will bear printed date marks. The stamps have already been distributed to the post offices in regions and states.

Those interested in pur-



The new block of stamps with nine species of birds, which are native to Myanmar.

chasing them may contact Daw Nyo Nyo Myint, in charge (Nay Pyi Taw) at 09 448000096, Daw Tin May Kyi, in charge (Yangon) at 09 424000518, and U Tin Maung Myint (Mandalay) at 09

424000515.

The MoTC also sold another block of three 200-Kyat stamps on 20 July to commemorate the joint Myanmar-Russia tiger conservation. — MT/ZN

Depression Condition News

Issued at 11 am MST on 19 August 2025



ACCORDING to the observations at 9:30 am MST today, the Depression over the Northwest Bay and adjoining Westcentral Bay of Bengal (North Andhra Pradesh-South Odisha) coasts, India, has moved north-northwestwards and crossed the South Odisha coast near Gopalpur as a Land Depression. It is likely to move northwestwards and continue to cross South Odisha and South Chhattisgarh and weaken gradually. — DMH

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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)



Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets departmental officials and town elders in Chauk yesterday.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, urged residents of Chauk and Yenangyoung Townships to work together to improve education, stressing that only a well-educated population can contribute to regional stability and peace.

The Senior General made the call on his visit to Chauk and Yenangyoung townships yesterday to facilitate regional development works. He stressed the necessity of knowledge and skills for daily social life, noting that while they can be acquired through study, completing formal education provides a deeper understanding, making it essential to work together to improve education and prevent a decline in transition rates.

He emphasized that in basic education schools, regarded as the starting point for national discipline, individual morale and compliance with discipline vary with attendance, highlighting the role of teachers as second parents guiding children throughout their education, the importance of education in nurturing young people with good morals and discipline to strive for their survival, and the need for residents to consciously maintain peace and stability in their communities.

SSPC Chairman Senior General Min

Senior General: Education key to regional stability and peace

Emphasis was placed on implementing solar-powered irrigation to ensure water for farming, achieve regional rice self-sufficiency, boost crop yields, strengthen the local economy, generate income through interregional exports, and expand manufacturing for greater national benefits.

Aung Hlaing and his wife, Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, accompanied by Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo and his wife, Union Ministers, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the chief minister of Magway Region, the commander of the Central Command, and relevant officials, met separately with departmental officials and village elders in Chauk and Yenangyoung townships to discuss regional development projects.

The SSPC Chairman and his wife arrived at the site for the Swetawmyat Pagoda in Ward 5, Chauk Township,

where the Chauk District administrator explained the progress of the construction project according to the Chairman's instructions, including the completion of land preparation and soil testing.

Following the presentations, the Chairman instructed that the construction of the Swetawmyat Pagoda be carried out systematically according to the specified proportions and other necessary guidelines, before separately meeting with departmental officials and town leaders in Chauk Township at the Chauk Township General Administration Office and in Yenangyoung Township at Swanin

Avenue Hall to discuss regional development issues.

During the meeting, the Chauk District Administrator first explained regional development activities in Chauk District, including the construction of the Swetawmyat Pagoda, the implementation of the instructions of the Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar during his visit to Chauk Township, the systematic preparation of land for the expressway passenger car park, agricultural and livestock initiatives, the development

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State boosts national education standards

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 departmental officials and town elders at U Awbatha Hall of Minbu yesterday morning to talk about regional development measures in conjunction with honouring the whole Myanmar first student with six distinctions and another six-distinction winner in the matriculation examination.

Speaking at the meeting, the Senior General unveiled that arrangements are being made to open polytechnic schools for those who passed the matriculation examination in Minbu.

The Senior General unveiled that there is an intention to establish advanced schools in all regions and states. Some universities and colleges currently have low student enrollment. The government plans to establish more polytechnic universities nationwide, providing instruction in computer studies, technology, and other teachable disciplines.

He emphasized that all school-age children should have access to education, and efforts should be made collectively to ensure smooth transition rates. The State is also working nationwide to promote higher educational standards.

He pledged that roads will be upgraded in accord with relevant characteristics. In the agriculture sector, efforts must be made to achieve the per-acre yield of agricultural products.

The Senior General continued that the election will be held starting from 28 December of this year. The candidates who will run for election in Minbu District should plan and carry out practical and feasible measures for regional development in advance. They should also be genuinely devoted to serving the interests of the region with a sincere and

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Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents honorary prizes and cash awards to Ma Han Nwe Moe Zin, a six-distinction winner at the matriculation examination in the 2024-2025 academic year, yesterday.

caring mindset.

He underlined that efforts should be made to further develop breeding and husbandry activities in Magway Region. Magway region's economic development will also be enhanced to improve cultivation and production of agricultural and livestock products, he added.

He noted that Minbu District is included among the districts engaged in cotton cultivation. Therefore, if cotton-based industrial production can be carried out as a model, it will bring significant benefits to the region.

The Senior General stressed that in the Minbu region, bamboo should be processed and sold as finished products. It was also suggested that sunflower cultivation, as one of the oil crops, should be further improved to increase production beyond the current level.

Regarding education, the Senior General praised that

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the meeting with departmental officials and town elders in Minbu

1. The candidates from Minbu District who will be elected should plan and carry out practical and feasible measures for regional development in advance.
2. They should also be genuinely devoted to serving the interests of the region with a sincere and caring mindset.
3. If cotton-based industrial production can be carried out in Minbu as a model, it will bring significant benefits to the region.

Maung Juu Thet Ko from Minbu Township has achieved top honours for three consecutive years outstanding student, demonstrating exceptional academic ability. In the recent matriculation exam, he earned distinctions in six science subjects and was ranked first nationwide (the Whole Myanmar First), which is a source of pride. Similarly, congratulations were extended to Ma Han Nwe Moe Zin, who also achieved distinctions in six subjects.

The district administrator reported on undertaking of re-

gional development, progress of agriculture and livestock activities, efforts to increase per-acre yield of crops, rice and cooking oil sufficiency, issuance of loans from the State economic promotion fund, pass rate of the matriculation exam, running of industrial, agriculture and livestock basic education high schools, and preparations to hold the election in townships.

The Magway Region chief minister gave a supplementary report on the success of agriculture and livestock farming, efforts

to increase per-acre yield and ensuring to secure rice sufficiency.

Town elders presented reports on sufficiency for drinking water, repairing of the home for the aged, construction of the Sasana Beikman building and repair of roads, the need to establish a college in Minbu, a reserved generator for the river water pumping station, and development of MSME businesses due to disbursement of loans.

Union ministers and the region chief minister discussed growing of high yield paddy varieties, successful cultivation of grape in Minbu, increased cultivation and production of cotton, plans to grow trees for greening the dry zone, manufacturing of bamboo based products, efforts for development of MSME businesses, conducting of the technical courses to produce value-added products, and operation of Kanni river water pumping station with the use of solar power.

The Senior General presented honorary prizes and cash awards to the six-distinction winner, whole Myanmar's first winner Maung Juu Thet Ko, and the six-distinction winner, Ma Han Nwe Moe Zin.

The Senior General cordially greeted the attendees.

Also present at the ceremony were Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Senior General, Commission Secretary Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo and his wife, Union Ministers U Min Naung, U Khin Maung Yi and Dr Charlie Than, Magway Region Chief Minister U Tint Lwin, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the commander of Central Command and officials, teachers and students. — MNA/TTA

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In 2005, the Senior General recounted that forest cover in the country stood at 49 per cent, but it has now declined to only 42.19 per cent, a decrease of about 7 per cent. Efforts are being made to restore forest cover to around 50 per cent. According to reports, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation planted a total of 16.27 million trees during the past period. At present, plans are also in place to expand tree planting in

the 13 tropical districts under a five-year programme from 2025-2026 to 2029-2030. He underscored that if these planting efforts are carried out successfully, they will bring significant benefits to environmental greening and will also help mitigate the impacts of climate change. He stated that for roadside greening, shade trees will be planted along road areas, and small forest plantations of five acres, 10 acres, and similar sizes will be established.

The Senior General and his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla planted a neem sapling at the designated place. Commission Secretary Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo, Union ministers U Min Naung, U Khin Maung Yi and Dr Charlie Than, Magway Region Chief Minister U Tint Lwin, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Central Command, departmental officials from township, district and region levels,

town elders, deputy ministers, teachers, students and officials grew saplings at the same time. The Senior General viewed round active participation of attendees in growing saplings at the ceremony. At the ceremony, a total of 1,000 saplings of six species, such as neem, Indian elm, gum-kino, Indian mahogany, Mezali, Flamboyant and Htonpauk, were grown as the public activity. – MNA/TTA



Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets departmental officials and town elders in Yenangyoung yesterday.



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of manufacturing industries with the State Economic Development Fund, and the promotion of education and health sectors. The Yenangyoung Township Administrator provided details on township information, land use, agricultural and livestock activities, the promotion of health and education sectors, the implementation of regional development projects, and measures for groundwater conservation and urban water supply. The town elders from Chauk Township then explained the need to upgrade the public hospital and provide more health workers, the need for an indoor sports hall, their gratitude for the construction of the Swetawmyat Pagoda, which offers relief from the heat during the hot and dry season, the houses built in the oil field area, the need for a graduation hall at Yenangyoung University, the development needs of the Yenangyaung Industrial Zone, the need to build a pier for trade, and the need

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to carry out river conservation work. Regarding the presentations, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said that housing in the oil field area will be provided per established rules and regulations, that sufficient water for cultivation through river irrigation projects will boost farmland yields, and that research will be conducted to maintain the water channels of the Ayeyawady River flowing through the Yenangyoung area. The chief minister of Magway Region also explained the situation in Chauk and Yenangyoung Townships, which have benefited from good rainfall this year, as well as the efforts to provide sufficient water for cultivation through river water pumping and to improve target yields per acre. Afterwards, the Union Ministers made presenta-

tions in their respective sectors. The Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar said that, during his last visit, he made arrangements to mitigate the heat in Chauk Township. He added that his visit today focused on the development and peace of the region and highlighted the slogans he has adopted: 'Let's encourage manufacturing for a prosperous country,' 'Let's encourage education for national development,' and 'Let's preserve the natural environment for a prosperous country.' The Chairman also discussed matters relating to environmental preservation in line with the slogan 'Let's preserve the environment for a prosperous nation,' emphasizing residents' participation in preserving the environment in the Chauk and Yenangyoung areas, the assignment of two acres of firewood plantations per village with continued expansion, the benefits of planting one tree per household in each township, ward, and village annually to increase greenery and improve the natural environment, the provision of shade and reduction of heat through tree planting, and the importance of planting trees in neighborhoods and along streets before the end of the rainy season to ensure their growth. He also stressed the need to implement solar-powered irrigation projects to ensure sufficient water for agricultural activities, achieve rice self-sufficiency in the region, support successful crop production in other fields, improve the local economy through regional agricultural output, generate income

by exporting products to other regions, and enhance manufacturing to increase exports and bring broader benefits to the country. He added that the first round of elections will be held on 28 December this year in townships near major districts and cities, emphasized the need for everyone to work together to ensure a successful election as the most important aspect of democracy, noted that the government will hand over state responsibilities to the winning administration afterwards, and urged voters to choose candidates who can genuinely serve the interests of the country and the region. After the meeting, the Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar greeted the attendees warmly. — MNA/TH

NATIONAL

Myanmar joins 80th Anniversary of Viet Nam Public Security Day



Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung visits the Ho Chi Minh Museum during attending the 80th Anniversary of the Traditional Day of the Viet Nam People's Public Security ceremony.

THE Myanmar delegation, led by Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, visited Viet Nam from 15 to 18 August at the invitation of Vietnamese Public Security Minister Gen Luong Tam Quang to attend the 80th Anniversary of the Traditional Day of the Viet Nam People's Public Security, which was held in Hanoi on 17 August.

On 16 August, the Union minister-led delegation visited the Ho Chi Minh Museum, and met Mr To Lam, general secretary of the Communist Party of Viet Nam (CPV), and Vietnamese Public Security Minister Gen Luong Tam Quang to discuss matters related to security and rule of law measures between

the two countries in the same evening. They joined the dinner event hosted by the Vietnamese Public Security Minister.

On 17 August, the Union minister and party attended the 80th Anniversary of the Traditional Day of the Viet Nam People's Public Security at the Viet Nam National Convention Centre, and visited the Viet Nam Military History Museum.

On 18 August, the Union minister and party toured the People's Police Academy. The Myanmar delegation's trip to Viet Nam enormously benefits the country in terms of bilateral cooperation. The delegation arrived back in Yangon by flight in the evening. — MNA/KTZH

ME Singapore reminds nationals to keep arrival forms when crossing into Malaysia

THE Embassy of Myanmar to Singapore has issued a notice to all Myanmar nationals in Singapore who are crossing the border to Malaysia to fill in and record the arrival form of the respective country.

In particular, they need to have the Malaysian Immigration Service stamped on their passports before passing through the Malaysian checkpoint, and only after it, they should enter Malaysia, the embassy had already announced in February.

Due to current recurring incidents, Myanmar embassies

in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore had to negotiate with relevant authorities, while individuals could be released only after paying fines.

If Myanmar people are travelling from Singapore to Malaysia via the land border, they must ensure to have Malaysian entry and departure stamps. They must also request the immigration to stamp despite any claim as being unnecessary, while they are required to take precautions in entry and exit, the embassy issued a further warning on 19 August. — MT/ZN



The Embassy of Myanmar to Singapore.

Border & Ethnic Affairs Minister meets ethnic literature, culture committees and staff



Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae meets the members of the ethnic literature and culture committees in Taninthayi Region yesterday.

UNION Minister for Border Affairs and for Ethnic Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, accompanied by Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko, Deputy Minister for Ethnic Affairs U Zaw Aye Maung, and relevant officials, met the members of the ethnic literature and culture committees in Taninthayi Region yesterday.

Regional Ethnic Affairs Minister U Saw Martin Luther reported on the challenges in health, education and transport sectors, work procedures for CSC and household lists for the

internally displaced people as per the Pan Khinn project, food assistance, holding of ethnic tradition festivals and socio-economic development programmes of the ethnic people.

The regional ethnic literature and cultural committees tabled the motions regarding the need for regional development and assistance for TA/LT.

After hearing the reports, the Union minister stressed the need to build a developing country with a genuine Union spirit and unity, hold traditional festivals grandly, promote edu-

cation, literature and cultures, and develop a public administrative system to operate administration and judiciary properly.

The Union minister presented cash prizes to Dawei, Mon and Kayin literature and culture committees, the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs and the staff of the Taninthayi Region Directorate Office.

The ethnic dance troupe performed Dawei traditional dance, and the Union minister and party awarded the performers. — IPRD/KTZH

NATIONAL

MoI Union Minister receives Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Association Chair



UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn met U Tin Win (Retired Ambassador), Chairman of the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Association, and his delegation at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, they discussed cooperation in the fields of

economy, social affairs, education, health, and religion to strengthen Myanmar-Thailand friendship, support and care for Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand, voting in the multiparty democratic general election, access to accurate information on the situation in Myanmar, and other measures to further enhance Myanmar-Thailand relations.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister U Ye Tint, the permanent secretary, other officials, and responsible personnel from the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Association. — MNA/MKKS

Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn meets U Tin Win (Retired Ambassador), Chairman of the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Association, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Global aid pours into Myanmar as quake toll hits 3,778

AS of 19 August, a total of 3,778 people died, 5,104 were injured, and 30 remain missing in six regions and states of Myanmar that were severely affected by the 28 March earthquake.

Search and rescue teams from the Myanmar Fire Brigade, along with local and international rescue organizations, have been carrying out emergency operations in the affected areas without delay. So far, 653 people have been rescued alive from collapsed buildings, and the bodies of 856 deceased persons have been recovered.

Local and foreign donors have been providing financial and material support to the affected people, with further announcements on donations forthcoming. — MNA/MKKS

MoIP Union Minister meets Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Association Chair

UNION Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing met U Tin Win, Chairman of the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Association, and his delegation in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister U Htay Hlaing, the permanent secretary, directors-general and other officials, as well as responsible personnel from the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Association.

The Union minister first highlighted the efforts of the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Association in promoting friendship and trade between the two countries, facilitating the entry and exit of people from border areas, assisting with visas and residence permits under the law, collaborating with relevant departments to open camps in Thailand to support Myanmar migrant workers, and providing explanations of operational issues related to the Ministry while offering assistance under established procedures.

The Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Association chairman then outlined the formation and organization



Union Minister U Myint Kyaing and Chairman U Tin Win of the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Association discuss efforts to assist and care for Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

of the association, its current operations, cooperation between members and officials of both countries for mutual benefit, efforts to assist and care for Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand, and the conditions under which the Ministry can provide support for these activities.

Afterwards, the Union minister provided the necessary instructions based on the explanations provided and on the procedures for the Ministry to support the association in connexion with its activities. — MNA/MKKS

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Prevent actions of corruption as a national duty

A CRIME of corruption committed within a country, an organization, or a community is called a criminal offence. Root causes of such crime include acts of morality, prestige, and greed, as well as actions involving poverty, inadequacy of income and rare job opportunities.

The fight against corruption is a national duty that involves raising awareness, prevention, protection, and thorough investigation. Such continuous efforts help combat corruption spreading throughout the country, working together with the people to resist and suppress corrupt activities, thereby contributing to a peace-

ful and prosperous life for the community.

Corruption extends far beyond simply bribes. It includes extortion, fraud, misappropriation of State-owned funds and property, using public property for personal purposes, soliciting through abuse of authority, exploiting one's family and relatives for personal gain, and favouring close associates or acquaintances. These are all forms of corrupt practices.

If behaviour that enables exploitation is permitted, then among those who are facing and trying to resolve an issue involving both parties, the party that suffers damage will experience not only a loss of social and economic standing but also harm to their honour and dignity, which is recognized both by themselves and their surrounding community. This harm leads to feelings of humiliation, mental degradation, and loss. At the same time, the individuals who decide to exploit or allow it, whether due to their own choice or other reasons, to commit corruption must bear the moral responsibility and guilt for the exploitation not only in this life but also in future existence.

If the existing laws, rules, regulations, and procedures established by the State are violated, and the State's finances, property, or possessions are harmed or damaged, it constitutes actions of corruption. Therefore, one must act with caution and comply with the current laws, rules, regulations, and procedures accordingly.

Furthermore, if during an investigation or inquiry into an act of corruption, there is only one explanation given, it may lead to the emergence of a society not accept corruption. To prevent this, a comprehensive set of ethical principles and guidelines has emerged that completely reject corruption. Alongside these, the process of imparting knowledge and implementing prevention measures must be carried out carefully and appropriately to effectively stop and protect against corruption.

To reduce and eliminate corruption, it is necessary not only to comply with existing laws, policies, and regulations but also to combat corruption through systems of responsibility, accountability, and mutual oversight. Moreover, relevant sectors must actively implement coordinated and collaborative actions to effectively reduce and prevent corruption.

HUMAN beings have always had a deep connection with animals. From the earliest times, people depended on animals for food, clothing, farming, and protection. Over the centuries, this relationship changed, and today, many animals are kept not only for survival but also for companionship. Cats and dogs are the most common examples of domestic animals that live with people. These small creatures have become beloved members of millions of households around the world. Their loyalty, playful nature, and gentle behaviour make them some of the most cherished companions in human life.

However, the love between humans and animals does not stop with cats and dogs. Some people are fascinated by wild animals and even choose to keep them as pets. This includes exotic creatures such as snakes, monkeys, tigers, lions, and elephants. In many cases, these animals are trained, tamed, and cared for in private homes or in professional environments such as circuses, zoos, and wildlife training centres. At first sight, it may look like a wonderful thing – wild animals becoming close to humans and living in harmony with them. Yet, the truth is more complicated. No matter how well they are trained, wild animals never completely lose their instincts. At certain moments, these instincts may return, and the animal may behave in an aggressive or dangerous way.

This reality reminds us of the risks that can come with keeping or training wild animals. When an animal suddenly changes its mood, the consequences can be serious. The owners or trainers, who spend months or even years caring for the animals, can become

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victims of attacks. Some are left with serious injuries, and some sadly lose their lives. This shows us that the relationship between humans and animals is both a story of affection and of risk.

A recent tragic story from the international news illustrates this point very clearly. It is about a young and talented trainer named Jessica, who worked with exotic animals. She was well known for her skills, her passion, and her love for the creatures she cared for. Jessica believed that with enough patience and kindness, even the most dangerous animals could learn to trust humans. She devoted her life to this belief, and for a long time, her success seemed to prove her right. People admired her courage and dedication, and she became an inspiration for many who loved animals.

Jessica's daily life was full of responsibilities. She woke up early every morning to feed, clean, and check on the animals in her care. She trained them with gentle techniques, never using cruelty or punishment. Instead, she rewarded good behaviour with food,

affection, and positive encouragement. Many visitors who came to watch her training sessions were amazed at how calm and obedient the animals seemed. They would sit, walk, or perform simple actions under her guidance. To outsiders, it looked like magic. It seemed as if Jessica had built a bridge between two worlds – the human world and the wild world.

But beneath this beauty, there was always hidden danger. Wild animals may appear calm, but they carry deep instincts for survival, hunting, and defence. Even after years of training, they can suddenly act in ways that humans do not expect. Unfortunately, Jessica faced this reality in the most painful way. During one training session, one of the animals she loved and cared for suddenly turned against her. Within moments, her life was in danger. Despite the efforts of her team, she could not be saved. The tragedy shocked people across the world and reminded everyone of the limits of human control over nature.

The story of Jessica is heartbreaking, but it also

teaches important lessons. It shows the beauty of human compassion for animals and the risks that come when humans cross the boundary between domestic and wild creatures. Many people have asked why such tragedies happen, even after years of successful training. The answer lies in the nature of animals themselves. Domestic animals like dogs and cats have lived with humans for thousands of years. Through this long process, they have become adapted to human life. They depend on people and rarely display dangerous behaviour toward their owners. Wild animals, on the other hand, have not gone through this process. They remain connected to their instincts. Even if they are born in captivity, the blood of the wild still runs in their veins. This is why they cannot be fully trusted in the same way as domestic pets.

Jessica's story also raises questions about human responsibility. Is it right to keep wild animals as pets or performers? Should we encourage such practices, knowing the possible dangers? Some argue that humans should admire wild animals from a distance, respecting them in their natural habitats. Others believe that with careful training and professional skills, humans can live safely with wild animals. The truth probably lies somewhere in between. While training and care can reduce risks, they can never completely remove them. Every trainer or owner must accept this reality and prepare for it.

The love between humans and animals is one of the most touching aspects of our world. It is not only about companionship but also about trust, loyalty, and understanding across different species. Animals can

bring joy, healing, and comfort into human lives. Many scientific studies show that keeping pets can reduce stress, improve mental health, and even lower the risk of heart disease. For lonely people, a pet can become a true friend. For children, pets can teach responsibility and kindness. These benefits are real and important, but they apply mainly to domestic animals.

When it comes to wild animals, the picture is different. The beauty of tigers, lions, or elephants is undeniable, but their place is in the wild. They are part of ecosystems that need to remain balanced for the survival of nature. Taking them away from their environment can cause suffering for the animals and danger for the humans. The tragic event that ended Jessica's life proves this with painful clarity. She loved the animals deeply, but her love was not enough to erase their instincts.

In brief, the bond between humans and animals is a complex story of love, joy, and sometimes sorrow. Jessica's life reminds us of the passion and dedication that many trainers bring to their work. Her death reminds us of the risks that come when humans step beyond the natural limits. As we continue to live with animals, we must find a balance between affection and caution, between closeness and respect. We must recognize that animals, whether domestic or wild, deserve kindness and protection, but we must also remember that nature cannot always be controlled. The best way to honour Jessica's memory is to learn from her story and to create a future where both humans and animals can live safely, respecting each other's place in the world.

I Say What I See: The Tug of Power and the Echo of the People

Popularism and Elitism in a Fractured Age

By @Editor

IN CONTEMPORARY political discourse, the terms *popularism* and *elitism* often emerge as rhetorical opposites, yet their definitions, both in dictionaries and in practice, are far from static. Lexicographically, *popularism* refers to a political approach that emphasizes policies with broad public appeal, often prioritizing electoral viability over ideological purity. *Elitism*, by contrast, denotes a belief in the leadership or influence of a select, often intellectually or socially privileged group. These definitions offer a useful starting point, but they barely scratch the surface of how these concepts operate within real-world political ecosystems.

In practice, *popularism* can be wielded as a pragmatic strategy or dismissed as pandering, depending on the speaker's van-

tage point. Likewise, *elitism* may be framed as a commitment to expertise and institutional integrity – or condemned as exclusionary and disconnected from the public will. The tension between these two frameworks is not merely semantic; it reflects deeper ideological battles over representation, legitimacy, and the role of public opinion in governance. This essay explores how these terms are defined, deployed, and contested across various political contexts, revealing the fluid boundaries between principle and performance.

To grasp the lived consequences of popularism and elitism, it is instructive to look beyond our own borders. Political landscapes across the globe offer vivid case studies where these philosophies have collided, evolved, and reshaped national destinies. In the

United States, the rise of Donald Trump exemplified a form of popularism that weaponized anti-elite sentiment, even as it emerged from elite privilege. In Venezuela, Hugo Chávez's populist revolution sought to dismantle entrenched hierarchies, only to give way to authoritarian excesses under Nicolás Maduro. Argentina's Peronist legacy, meanwhile, reveals how popularism can forge enduring emotional bonds with the working class, while provoking fierce resistance from elite institutions. These examples are not merely historical footnotes; they are cautionary tales and instructive mirrors. By examining them, we can begin to distinguish the rhetorical allure of popularism from its structural impact, and the protective promise of elitism from its potential to alienate. In doing so, we equip ourselves

with a more nuanced lens – one that helps us navigate our own political complexities with clarity and care.

Popularism and Elitism: Ideologies in Extremes

Popularism: The Voice of the People

Popularism champions the idea that political legitimacy springs directly from the will of the majority. It thrives on emotional connection, grassroots energy, and the belief that ordinary citizens know best.

When Popularism Works Well:

- It revitalizes democracy by engaging disenfranchised groups.
- It forces elites to listen and respond to public concerns.
- It can dismantle outdated hierarchies and promote social

justice.

When Popularism Goes Too Far:

- It may reduce complex policy debates to simplistic slogans.
- Leaders may bypass institutions in the name of “the people”, eroding checks and balances.
- It risks empowering demagogues who manipulate public emotion for personal gain.

Real-World Echoes: In some populist regimes, initial promises of empowerment devolved into authoritarianism. The leader becomes the sole interpreter of the people's will, silencing dissent and dismantling democratic norms.

Elitism: The Rule of the Qualified

Elitism asserts that governance should be led by those with superior knowledge, education, or experience. It values expertise, deliberation, and institutional continuity.

When Elitism Works Well:

- It ensures decisions are informed by evidence and long-term thinking.
- It protects democratic institutions from impulsive shifts in

public mood.

- It can foster innovation and stability through technocratic leadership.

When Elitism Goes Too Far:

- It breeds arrogance and detachment from everyday realities.
- It may suppress dissenting voices and alternative perspectives.
- It risks entrenching privilege and creating a closed circle of power.

Real-World Echoes: In highly elitist systems, citizens may feel alienated and unheard. This can fuel backlash movements that reject expertise altogether, leading to political polarization and instability.

Final Thought for This Essay

Popularism and elitism are not inherently good or evil; they are tools of governance that reflect different values. But when either ideology becomes absolute, it distorts the democratic balance. Understanding their strengths and dangers is essential for any society that seeks to govern wisely.

Myanmar's political history offers a textured canvas on which the tensions between popularism and elitism have been repeatedly

inscribed. At various junctures, movements claiming to represent the “true will” of the people have risen in opposition to entrenched institutions, invoking cultural identity, religious solidarity, or national pride as rallying cries. These populist currents, while energizing segments of the public, have at times veered into exclusionary rhetoric, casting minorities or dissenting voices as threats to unity. Conversely, elite-led governance, often rooted in military or bureaucratic hierarchies, has emphasized order, stability, and strategic control. While such elitism has occasionally delivered reforms and modernization, it has also risked detachment from the lived realities of ordinary citizens. The interplay between these forces – neither wholly virtuous nor entirely corrosive – has shaped Myanmar's political evolution in ways that continue to echo today. By examining these patterns, we gain insight into how ideologies can both illuminate and obscure the path towards inclusive governance.

Conclusion: Between Ideals and Realities

Popularism and elitism, though often framed as opposites, are not merely competing ideologies; they are reflections of how

societies wrestle with power, representation, and legitimacy. Each carries the potential to uplift or to fracture, depending on how far it is pushed and by whom. Popularism can awaken democratic energy, but when untethered from principle, it risks becoming a tool of manipulation. Elitism can safeguard institutional wisdom, yet when insulated from public sentiment, it may breed alienation and distrust. The challenge lies not in choosing one over the other, but in understanding how each functions, and how their extremes can distort the very ideals they claim to uphold.

This essay has sought to illuminate the contours of these two philosophies, drawing from global and local echoes to reveal their light and shadow. Yet the story does not end here. In a follow-up essay, I will turn to the difficult terrain of *compromise* and *reconciliation* – concepts that remain elusive in our current climate, but essential if we are to move beyond ideological entrenchment. For now, let this reflection serve as a foundation: a lens through which we might better understand the forces that shape our politics, and the choices that shape our future.

NATIONAL

Tatmadaw successfully regains full control of Demawhso

TATMADAW reoccupied Demawhso in Kayah State, which was temporarily controlled by KNPP, KNDF and PDF terrorists, on 19 August, and conducted security operations.

KNPP, KNDF, and PDF terrorists conducted destructive activities in Loikaw and its surrounding areas of Kayah State in December 2021, intending to disrupt the administrative mechanism of the government in Kayah State, obstruct and undermine the peace processes of the State and the Government, and impose fear among the local ethnic people.

In November 2023, the terrorists launched an ambush against a non-military target such as Loikaw University, abducted teachers, and initiated operations to occupy Loikaw. The township security forces and Tatmadaw convoys conducted counterattacks by cooperating with locals, not to give the town into the hands of terrorists who retreated with high casualties.

KNPP, KNDF, and PDF terrorists infiltrated Demawhso Township, disguising themselves as local villagers to undermine the government's administrative mechanism and disrupt regional peace and stability. They carried out destructive acts such as attacking military camps and security force headquarters, setting fire to and destroying houses in villages, killing civilians through armed violence, and forcibly looting property owned by local ethnic people.

They strongly constructed



Tatmadaw members seen in Demawhso which they recaptured from terrorists.

Photos show firearms and ammunition seized from terrorists.

bases in houses and religious buildings and blocked the Loikaw-Demawhso-Bawlakhe route. Therefore, there were armed engagements between the terrorists and security forces. The locals, students, youths and elderly had to flee their towns and houses, and they lost their human rights and faced losses in the socioeconomic sector.

Therefore, Tatmadaw convoys systematically maintained the Taungoo junction in Shwe Yauk ward in the northern part

of Demawhso and Padaedu village in the southeast step by step with the artillery support starting from 4 August 2025. The convoys launched operations at high-rise buildings, schools, the township general administrative office, the Myanmar Fire Brigade, the Church and hospitals, including the above and underground bunkers of terrorists. On 7 August, the Tatmadaw convoys received full control over Par Doe Du village and Shu Phal Khu ward in the southeast of

Demawhso, while the fuel station in Shweyauk ward on 12 August, the township police station, fire department, township general hospital and general administrative office in Aungmingala ward on 14 August, the entire Shwe Yauk ward and the township hall in Sibinhaya ward and church in Myoma ward on 15 August and the entire Demawhso Township yesterday. During the 16-day operation period, there were 23 heavy and small clashes, and six bodies and five weapons

were seized. Some of the security force members were wounded and deceased.

When terrorists temporarily controlled Demawhso, they constructed bunkers at the religious buildings, schools, departmental buildings, hospitals and houses, and they attacked Tatmadaw convoys using locals as human shields and also planted mines on the roads. Security forces carried out counterattacks following the Rules of Engagement (ROE).

Moreover, the Tatmadaw convoys made efforts to ensure security on the road connecting Loikaw and Demawhso townships, and managed to reopen that route. The maintenance work will also be carried out for the seriously destroyed schools, hospitals, departmental buildings, religious buildings and houses by cooperating with locals. The mine clearance operations and regional security measures were also accelerated.

Tatmadaw launched Operation 'Yan Naing Min' in the terrorists-controlled townships, villages and roads in Shan State (South) and Kayah State, and controlled and reopened Hsihseng on 15 May 2024, the Hopong-Hsihseng-Loikaw road on 29 May 2024, Moebye Township on 6 July 2025, the Pinlaung-Hsaung Pyaung-Pekhon-Moebye-Loikaw route on 11 July 2025 and the entire part of eastern Phekoninn on 31 July.

Tatmadaw successfully regained full control over Demawhso yesterday. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar repatriates 13 Vietnamese for illegal border entry



Myanmar officials repatriate 13 Vietnamese nationals, who entered Myanmar illegally, through the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge II.

MYANMAR authorities have repatriated 13 Vietnamese nationals who had entered the country

illegally through border routes and were involved in online gambling, fraud, and criminal

activities in Kayin State, including Myawaddy-Shwe Kokko, KK Park, and Kyaukkhet areas. The repatriation was carried out with due legal procedures through the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge II, taking into account humanitarian considerations and fostering bilateral goodwill.

To ensure the repatriation process was systematic and smooth, officials from the Department of Immigration and Population, Kayin State authorities, and Deputy Director U Myint Phone coordinated with departmental task forces to verify records, ensure accurate

information, and address any procedural needs.

The repatriation ceremony saw Myanmar officials, First Secretary Mr Hoang Minh Hai and staff from the Embassy of Vietnam in Thailand, and representatives from Thailand's Tak District Immigration Office. Relevant documents and transfer records were handed over in an orderly manner to the authorities of the respective countries.

From 30 January to 19 August 2025, a total of 9,331 foreign nationals illegally entering Myanmar were identified, detained and screened. Of these, 9,111

were repatriated in an orderly manner to their respective countries via Thailand according to legal procedures, while the remaining 220 are prepared for repatriation and are safely monitored and cared for by Myanmar authorities.

The government continues to take firm action against foreign nationals involved in online scam operations and related criminal networks. At the same time, it actively cooperates to ensure the swift and safe repatriation of foreign nationals facing hardship or victims of human trafficking. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

Myanmar film ‘People, Streets and Livelihoods’ starts shooting this Aug

THE Myanmar film titled ‘People, Streets and Livelihoods’ will begin shooting in Yangon from the third week of August, with filming locations set up in the city, according to its producer and lead actor, Nay Min.

The screenplay of ‘People, Roads and Livelihoods’ is adapted from a story written by Chit Min Wai. The script was developed by Didi Htet Aung and Aung Gyi, and the film will be direct-

ed by Academy Award-winning director Mee Pwar under Kan Thar Film Production.

“The story portrays the lives of ordinary working-class people, their emotions, the pressures they face in everyday life, and their struggles to break free from hardship through different means. Along the way, audiences will also see the mistakes and downfalls that can happen. It will reflect a slice of real life in My-

anmar. These days, it is hard to expect much profit from making a film, but our aim is not so much to create a masterpiece as to share something we genuinely want to present to our audience. We are producing this film as a milestone in our journey,” said actor Nay Min.

The cast includes Nay Min, Academy Kyaw Ye Aung, Phyo Myat Aung, Moe Hay Ko, Phu Sone, Haymarn Aung Aung, Bo



This photo showcases director Mee Pwar, actor Nay Min, Phyo Myat Aung, and members of the film crew.

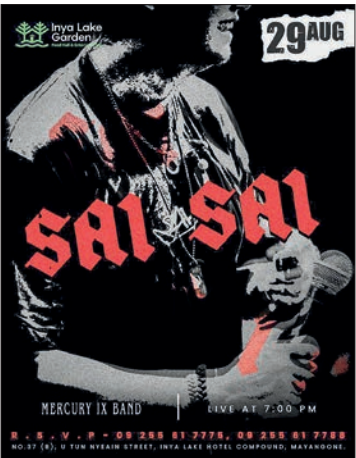
Chan, Kyaw Win Htut, Ye Lwin Oo, Yaung Pi, Ba Chit, Zeyatu, Setthone, Bone Myint, Yoon Wut Hlwar Aung, Kisar Khin, and many supporting actors and actresses. — ASH/KNN

Top singer to host solo concert at Inya Lake Garden Hotel

SINGER Sai Sai Kham Leng will host a solo concert at the Inya Lake Garden Hotel in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, according to the singer.

“We’re arranging another show with the Mercury IX Band for our fans. The band’s vocalists will also perform with us, and some fans have already reserved seats. Please contact us to book yours,” the singer said.

The concert will be held at the Inya Lake Garden Hotel at 7 pm on 29 August, and the Mercury IX Band will provide strong support for Sai Sai’s performance. — ASH/MKKS



This image displays an advert for Sai Sai Kham Leng’s solo concert.

Safe Migration issues return guidelines for PJ holders on leave



Travellers are seen lining up for check-in at Yangon International Airport.

FOR EPS workers who hold a PJ passport on leave, Safe Migration has released guidelines for their return proposal. Safe Migration said on 18 August that EPS workers who went to the Republic of Korea by the arrangement of the Public Overseas Employment Agency

will need to inform in person, along with the full required documents. Those who went either by themselves or by overseas employment agencies will also need to submit the return proposal with the full required documents, addressed to dolmigrationkorea@gmail.com.

Of workers who have been granted OWIC and applied to go to the Republic of Korea, Safe Migration has released a list of 26 eligible workers on 18 August. It added that workers will have to re-inform when they purchase an air ticket if they are unable to leave by the departure date. — MT/ZS

Bago Region to launch community waste management training

THE first community-based waste management training course for 2025 will be held in the Bago Region from 11 to 15 September as part of a program to support the development of rural waste management systems nationwide, according to the Thant Myanmar Organization.

Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and activists working on rural sanitation and environmental conservation projects from Bago, Phayagyi, and



This photo showcases trash bins designed for proper waste separation.

Inntakaw towns are eligible to apply for the training. The training will embody hands-on instruction on the health and environmental impacts of plastic, the impor-

tance of waste separation, behavioural change, and the steps involved in building a village-level waste management system. It aims to develop local leaders in waste management, with participation limited to 10 people.

The Thant Myanmar Organization has been offering community-based waste management courses since 2022 to support the development of rural waste management systems across Myanmar. — ASH/TH

NATIONAL
BUSINESS

DICA: 1,000 companies fail to file AR in July

A total of 1,000 companies were struck off the register in July 2025 as they failed to file annual returns (AR) on the online registry system, MyCO, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

The DICA report showed failure of 1,500 companies each in January and February, 900 in March to submit AR. No company fails to file AR in April. Some 400 companies in May and 600 in June did not file AR.

The DICA notified those companies which failed to file their AR on the MyCO were struck off the register from the date of the directive, under 430 (F) of the Myanmar Companies Law, according to the DICA's

notification.

A total of 19,000 companies also failed to submit the AR in 2024. The registration and re-registration of companies on the MyCO website commenced on 1 August 2018, in keeping with the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

All registered companies need to submit AR on the MyCO registry system within two months of incorporation, and at least once every year (not later than one month after the anniversary of the incorporation), according to Section 97 of the law.

Under Section 266 (A) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017, public companies must submit annual returns and financial



The facade of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

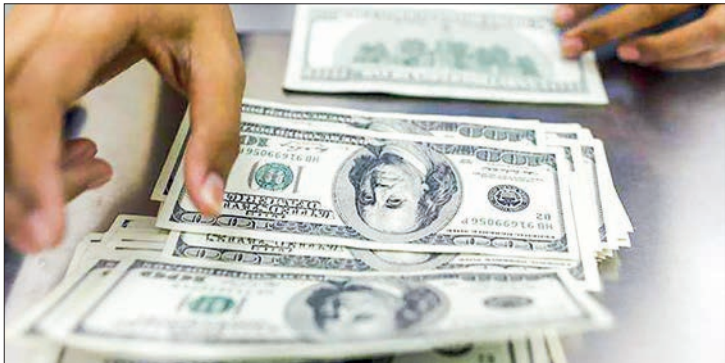
statements (G-5) simultaneously. All overseas corporations must submit ARs in the prescribed format on MyCO within 28 days of the financial year ending, under Section 53 (A-1) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

As per DICA's report, thousands of companies were suspended for failing to submit AR forms before the due date. Newly established companies are required to submit ARs within two months of incorporation or

face a fine of K100,000 for filing late returns.

The DICA has notified that any company which fails to submit its AR within 13 months will be notified of its suspension (I-9A). If it fails to submit the AR within 28 days of receiving the notice, the system will show the company's status as suspended. Companies can restore their status only after shelling out a fine of K50,000 for the AR fee, K100,000 for restoration of the company on the Register, and K100,000 for late filing of documents, totalling K250,000. If a company fails to restore its status within six months of suspension, the registrar will strike its name off the register, according to the DICA notice. — NN/KK

CBM injects US\$1.1M into edible oil, fuel oil importers



THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$700,800 to edible oil-importing companies and over \$429,200 to fuel oil-importing companies on 18 August, in addition to an injection of 579,910 yuan into the financial market.

Additionally, CBM sold over \$429,260 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments on that day.

CBM sold \$1.16 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$76,600 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments on 15 August, in addition to an injection of \$244,000 into the financial market.

CBM pumped \$1 million and over 1.27 million yuan into the financial market on 14 August.

Furthermore, CBM sold over \$1.88 million to edible oil-importing companies and

over \$220,900 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments on the same day.

CBM announced on 13 August that it would sell \$32 million to those engaged in the fuel oil sector after sales of 300,000 yuan. CBM sold over \$1.55 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$128,200 to CMP companies and individuals who made non-trade payments on that day.

CBM injected \$1.3 million into edible oil importing companies and over \$467,000 into CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments after sales of over 1.97 million yuan on 12 August. Importers of refined sugar, plastic, fertilizers, pharmaceutical and medical equipment, electrical devices, industrial raw materials, construction materials, auto parts, telecommunication devices, trailers, feedstuffs, paint,

tar and food commodities also purchased foreign currencies through the foreign exchange market online trading platform.

CBM sold \$36.5 million purchased from companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis, in addition to the injection of \$8.8 million, 13.3 million baht, 10.5 million yuan and 500,000 rupees in July. Furthermore, CBM sold over \$2.3 million to other commodities-importing companies as per its initial announcement of selling \$10 million. CBM sold \$8.4 million, 13.9 million baht and 5.2 million yuan in June 2025, in addition to the injection of \$14.9 million that was purchased from the CMP enterprises 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

Burma Business & Career Fair 2025 to be held at UMFCCI on 12 Oct

THE Burma Business & Career Fair 2025 will take place at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on 12 October from 9 am to 5 pm, according to MEH Myanmar.

Those business entities engaged in Financial Services, Transportation and Logistics, Retail and Wholesale, Hospitality and Tourism, Education Services, Beauty Care and Technology sectors are invited to participate in this.

Those interested companies can register a booth by 31 August and enjoy a 30 per cent discount on the booth fees. Individuals can enquire about details of the fair through the event information call numbers at 09 971162301, 09 751822225, and 09 751822226.

The objectives of this event are to increase brand visibility, foster valuable connections with potential partners and customers and acquire talent to meet the organization's needs.

MEH will help visitors to pursue their goals and create opportunities. They can join Luck draw programmes and other fun events as well. Furthermore, a panel discussion involving professionals and business experts will act as a valuable platform for knowledge sharing and offering job seekers insights into various careers and industries. — NN/KK



Image shows invite poster for the fair. PHOTO: MEH MYANMAR

SoftBank Group to invest \$2 bln in Intel, continuing US chip expansion

SOFTBANK Group Corp will invest \$2 billion in struggling US chipmaker Intel Corp, the companies said on Tuesday, marking the Japanese investment fund's latest move into the development of artificial intelligence technology. "Semiconductors are the foundation of every industry," said SoftBank Group Chairman and CEO Masayoshi Son in a joint statement with Intel, showing his commitment to expanding advanced semiconductor manufacturing and supply in the United States.

Intel CEO Lip-Bu Tan said, "We are very pleased to deepen our relationship with SoftBank."

Under the agreement, SoftBank Group will acquire Intel com-

mon stock priced at \$23 per share.

With the US company's market capitalization at around \$100 billion, SoftBank's investment would likely represent an equity stake of approximately two per cent.

The move comes as Bloomberg News reported on Monday that the administration of US President Donald Trump is in discussions for the government to take a stake of about 10 per cent in Intel.

SoftBank Group is looking to increase its footprint in AI infrastructure in the United States, alongside companies such as OpenAI -- the developer of the widely used ChatGPT large language model. — Kyodo

China's Meitu posts 12.3% revenue growth, with record number of paid subscribers



Staff members take a photo with Meitu app at the exhibition hall of the company in Xiamen, east China's Fujian Province, 10 November 2020. PHOTO: XINHUA

CHINESE selfie-enhancing tech giant Meitu on Monday announced its financial results for the first half of 2025, reporting a total revenue of 1.8 billion yuan (about US\$252.4

million) -- a year-on-year increase of 12.3 per cent.

The company recorded an adjusted net profit attributable to equity holders of 467 million yuan, which was a 71.3 per cent surge

compared to the same period of last year.

Meitu attributed the revenue and profit growth primarily to breakthroughs in AI applications, an increase in global paid sub-

scribers, and the rapid expansion of its subscription-based imaging and design product business.

The company, which is headquartered in Xiamen, east China's Fujian Province, said that its imaging and design product business segment maintained strong momentum in the first six months of 2025. Revenue from the segment came in at 1.35 billion yuan, marking a significant 45.2 per cent year-on-year increase and accounting for 74.2 per cent of Meitu's total revenue.

This growth was driven by an expanding paid-subscriber base. By 30 June 2025, Meitu's paid subscribers hit a record 15.4 million, representing a year-on-year increase of over 42 per cent. — Xinhua

Changing Trade Name For Registered Pesticide

The pesticide manufactured by **Ruili Xiangyoy Technology Co.,Ltd** and distributed by **Thukha Mahar Agrochemical Co.,Ltd** is changing trade Name as follow. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board within (14) days.

No	Previous Name	New Name	Registration No
1	Laal Paung Shinn	Thukha Paung Kinn	P2024-6316

Changing Trade Name For Registered Pesticide

The pesticide manufactured by **Henan Vision Agricultural Science and Technology Co.,Ltd** and distributed by **SunriseAgri-Science Co.,Ltd** is changing trade Name as follow. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board within (14) days.

No	Previous Name	New Name	Registration No
1	Fungi Tango	Master Plus	P2025-6704

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ERASMUS ICON VOY.NO. (531W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ERASMUS ICON VOY.NO. (531W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **20-8-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP/MITT** 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 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm 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 MAERSK A/S

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ROLLING UPDATES
WORLD

China, India agree to maintain momentum of bilateral ties



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, holds talks with his Indian counterpart Subrahmanyam Jaishankar in New Delhi, India, 18 August 2025. PHOTO: XINHUA

CHINA and India on Monday agreed to maintain momentum of bilateral ties.

The consensus came from talks between visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and his Indian counterpart Subrahmanyam Jaishankar.

Wang, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, said that in today's world, the

changing situation is evolving rapidly, unilateral bullying practices are rampant, and free trade and the international order face severe challenges.

Wang said as the United Nations marks its 80th anniversary, humanity has reached a critical crossroads determining the future direction of the world.

As the two largest developing countries with a combined popula-

tion of more than 2.8 billion, China and India should demonstrate a sense of global responsibility, act as major powers, set an example for developing countries in pursuit of strength through unity, and contribute to promoting world multipolarization and democratization of international relations, he said.

He said both sides have been implementing consensus reached by leaders of the two countries, gradually resuming exchanges and dialogue at all levels, maintaining peace and tranquility in border areas, and enabling Indian pilgrims to resume their pilgrimages to sacred mountains and lakes in China's Xi-zang.

China-India relations are showing a positive trend towards returning to cooperation, Wang said.

He noted that this year marks the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and India, lessons could be learned from the past, and it is imperative for the two sides to have correct strategic perceptions, view each other as partners and opportunities rather than rivals or threats, and invest their valuable resources in development and revitalization. The two countries should explore right ways for neighbouring major countries to coexist with mutual respect and trust, pursue common development and achieve win-win cooperation, he said. — Xinhua

A telephone conversation between Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Donald Trump took place half an hour ago, Russian presidential aide Yury Ushakov said on Monday. "A telephone conversation between Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin took place half an hour ago at the initiative of the US president," Ushakov told reporters. Putin warmly thanked Trump for his hospitality during the meeting in Alaska, Ushakov noted. — SPUTNIK

Presidents of Russia & US hold telephone conversation — Presidential aide



Russian President Vladimir Putin (L) smiles as US President Donald Trump speaks during a joint press conference after they participated in a US-Russia summit on Ukraine at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska, on 15 August 2025. PHOTO: AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pakistan's monsoon death toll reaches near 400

A total of 46 people have been killed in monsoon rains during the last 24 hours, raising the death toll of rain-related deaths to 393 in Pakistan since Thursday, the country's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) said on Tuesday.

In total, 706 Pakistanis have died since the onset of the monsoon season on 26 June, the authority said in its latest situation report.

The NDMA said that the majority of the fatalities occurred due to house and roof collapses following heavy downpours, while others were caused by flash floods, landslides, electrocution, and lightning strikes. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa remained worst-hit in the monsoon with 427 fatalities.

The authority said monsoon rains have also caused extensive damage to infrastructure and private property nationwide. Since 26 June, more than 2,934 houses have been damaged, and 1,108 livestock have perished. — Xinhua

Vietnam aims for 90% of administrative procedures online by 2030

VIETNAM aims to have at least 90 per cent of eligible administrative procedures across government bodies delivered online by 2030 under its newly issued national data strategy, Vietnam News Agency reported Tuesday.

The strategy seeks to build and expand a comprehensive national database to enhance coordination, analysis and innovation, while strengthening international data cooperation, the report said.

On Monday, Vietnam inaugurated its first national data centre at the Hoa Lac Hi-Tech Park in the capital Hanoi. The second and third centres are expected to be launched by 2030 as part of the strategy's targets. — Xinhua

Russia, Ukraine swap more bodies of fallen soldiers: Kremlin aide

RUSSIA and Ukraine on Tuesday exchanged more bodies of fallen soldiers under the Istanbul deal, Russian presidential aide Vladimir Medinsky said.

Moscow had handed over 1,000 bodies of fallen soldiers to Kyiv, while Ukraine had transferred 19 bodies to Russia, said Medinsky, also Russia's chief negotiator at the talks with the Ukrainian side.

During their second round of talks on 2 June in Istanbul, Russia and Ukraine agreed on an "all-for-all" exchange of seriously ill and wounded prisoners, and soldiers under the age of 25, as well as the transfer of bodies of fallen soldiers.

On 23 July, after the last round of Russia-Ukraine direct talks, Medinsky said Russia had returned the bodies of 7,000 fallen Ukrainian soldiers and was ready to return 3,000 more. — Xinhua

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MYANMAR women's national football team produced a brave performance but narrowly lost 1-0 to Australia U-23 in the final of the MSIG Serenity Cup 2025 at the Vet Tri Stadium in Vietnam on 19 August.

Myanmar set out with a disciplined defensive approach and looked dangerous on the counter in the opening half. The best moment for the Myanmar Lioness came just past the half-hour mark when striker Win Theingi Tun broke free and fired an effort at goal, but her strike drifted wide in what could have been a decisive opener. The half-time whistle arrived with the scoreline locked at 0-0.

Australia came out with renewed intensity in the second half, adjusting their tactics to a quicker, high-press style that gradually wore down Myanmar's defence. The increased tempo forced Myanmar to defend deeper, and fatigue began to show.

The breakthrough arrived in 66 minutes when Australia's Furphy pounced inside the area to score what proved to be the only goal of the contest. Despite Myanmar's efforts to push forward late on, they could not find a way past the Australian

Myanmar take silver as
Australia win Serenity Cup 1-0



The Myanmar women's football team proudly receives the silver medal after a hard-fought tournament, celebrating their strong performance and achievements on the field. **PHOTOS: MFF**

The result saw Australia U23 claim the Serenity Cup trophy, while Myanmar proudly secured the silver medal. For Myanmar, reaching the final itself was a statement of progress, as the team showed resilience and tactical discipline against higher-ranked opponents.

The narrow defeat capped a

spirited campaign for the Myanmar women, whose defensive organization and counterattacking threat were standout features of their run to the final. With more international exposure and continued development, Myanmar will aim to build on this momentum in future tournaments.

Alana Jancevski of Australia was honoured with the Adidas Rising Star award for her outstanding performance during the tournament, while her teammate Holly Furphy received the MSIG Most Valuable Player award for her exceptional contributions throughout the competition. Myanmar's Myo Mya Mya Nyein claimed the Best Goalkeeper award, showcasing brilliant shot-stopping skills, and captain Win Theingi Tun secured the Top Goal Scorer award with seven goals. The bronze medal went to host Vietnam, which defeated Thailand 3-1 in the third-place match held earlier on the same day. — KZL



The Myanmar women's football team receives Best Goalkeeper Award (Myo Mya Mya Nyein, L) and Top Goal Scorer Award (Win Theingi Tun, R) after winning silver.

Football training centres to open in major cities across regions & states



Regional technical directors, coaches, assistant coaches and goalkeeping coaches are seen at the initial coordination workshop.

THE Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) will open football training centres in major cities of Ayeyawady Region, Mandalay Region, Mon State, Shan State, Nay Pyi Taw and Kachin State, as part of football development advantages.

The centres will be established in Patheingyi, Mawlamyine, Taunggyi, Nay Pyi Taw and Myittha. MFF, in collaboration with the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA), is implementing the plan to nurture new generations of players through these training centres.

An initial coordination workshop for the project was held at MFF from 13 to 17 August 2025, attended by twenty-three coaches, including Regional Technical

Directors, coaches, assistant coaches and goalkeeping coaches from Patheingyi, Mandalay, Mawlamyine, Taunggyi, Nay Pyi Taw and Myittha. The discussions were led by MFF Technical Director Mr Mita and technical officials.

According to MFF, the training centres will focus on forming and training boys' and girls' youth teams under 14 years of age, organizing competitions, and implementing football technical development programmes under the leadership of Regional Technical Directors.

MFF stated that six regions and states will launch the project this year, to expand it nationwide in the coming years. — ASH/KZL

Myanmar U12 team posts 1 draw, 1 loss at Junior Soccer World Challenge 2025

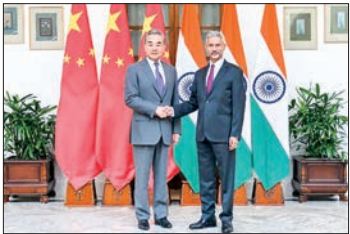
THE U12 Junior Soccer World Challenge 2025 kicked off on 19 August in Chiba, Japan, where the Myanmar U12 team registered one draw and one defeat on the opening day of the group stage.

Myanmar played two matches on the first day. In the opener, they held Japan's Vegalta Sendai Juniors to a goalless draw. In the second match, they lost 2-0 to Japan's Shonan Bellmare Academy.

The tournament is designed as a football festival to provide experience for players under 12 years of age, with each team playing two to three matches per day. Myanmar is competing in Group D and will face Tokyo Verdy and Econsa from Japan on the second day of group fixtures on 20 August.

Running from 19 to 21 August, the tournament features forty teams, including Europe's famous Barcelona youth team, divided into eight groups of five. After the group stage, teams will continue in placement matches, knockout rounds, semifinals and the final.

This marks Myanmar's third consecutive participation in the tournament. — Maung San Gyil/KZL



Trump, Zelensky, European leaders hold multilateral talks at White House



US President Donald Trump (2nd L) welcomes Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky (3rd L) at the White House in Washington, DC, the United States, on 18 August 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

US President Donald Trump, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and seven European leaders held multilateral talks at the White House on Monday.

NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte, European Commission President Ursula Von der Leyen, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, Finnish President Alexander Stubb, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and French President Emmanuel Macron attended the talks after a bilateral meeting

between Trump and Zelensky on the same day.

In a speech to the media, Trump said Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed to accept security guarantees for Ukraine, one of the key points that “we need to consider”, adding that Putin wants to find an answer.

Zelensky stressed the importance of the United States giving a strong signal on security, noting that Ukraine would be happy if Trump could attend a possible trilateral meeting with him and Putin.

The Ukrainian leader said sensitive things, including the territorial issue, would be discussed at the trilateral meeting.

Trump said such a trilateral meeting should be held “as soon as we can”.

The European leaders supported the idea of a ceasefire, saying that some progress could be made on security guarantees for Ukraine.

“I can’t imagine that the next meeting will take place without a ceasefire,” Merz said. — Xinhua

Wildfires scorch 30,000 more hectares in Spain

RAGING wildfires tore through an additional 30,000 hectares (74,000 acres) of western Spain in less than 24 hours, satellite data showed Tuesday, but cooler temperatures have raised hopes of containment. Some 373,000 hectares (922,000 acres) have been scorched in Spain this year as of 0700 GMT Tuesday, according to the European Forest Fire Information System.

That marks the country’s worst fire season since records began in 2006, surpassing 2022, when 306,000 hectares were consumed by flames.

The bulk of the devastation has come from massive fires that have been burning for more than a week in the northwestern provinces of Zamora and Leon, Galicia’s Ourense province, and Caceres in the western region of Extremadura. Authorities have evacuated thousands of residents from dozens of villages. Several major roads are closed, and rail services between Madrid and Galicia have been suspended.

Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez was expected to visit fire-hit areas in Zamora and Caceres on Tuesday.

While officials warned that the blazes remain far from extinguished, the end of a 16-day heatwave has improved conditions for firefighters.

Maximum temperatures have dropped by 10 to 12 degrees Celsius and humidity levels have risen, the central government’s representative in Castile and Leon, Nicanor Sen, said. — AFP

Mediators await Israeli response to new truce offer

MEDIATORS were awaiting an Israeli response Tuesday to a fresh Gaza ceasefire plan, a day after Hamas accepted the proposal and signalled its readiness for a new round of talks aimed at ending nearly two years of war.

Mediator Qatar expressed guarded optimism for the new proposal, noting it was “almost identical” to an earlier version agreed to by Israel.

The two foes have held on-

and-off indirect negotiations throughout the war, resulting in two short truces and the releases of Israeli hostages in exchange for Palestinian prisoners, but they have ultimately failed to broker a lasting ceasefire.

Qatar and Egypt, backed by the United States, have mediated the frequent rounds of shuttle diplomacy.

Egypt said Monday that it and Qatar had sent the new pro-

posal to Israel, adding “the ball is now in its court”.

Qatari foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari said on Tuesday that Hamas had given a “very positive response, and it truly was almost identical to what the Israeli side had previously agreed to”.

“We cannot make any claims that a breakthrough has been made. But we do believe it is a positive point,” he added. — AFP



Palestinians carry humanitarian aid, they gathered after an aid drop, as they walk in the Mawasi area of Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip on 18 August 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**