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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.

**New loom produces consumer goods from greater club-rush**

The project using naturally growing plants and waste materials aims to generate employment opportunities for women by developing and manufacturing commercial products.

**G**reen Banana Myanmar, located in the Nyaungnapin Industrial Zone of Hmawby Township, Yangon, has developed a new type of loom to produce consumer goods from greater club-rush (Scirpus grossus), a species of weed, with the aim of selling the products at domestic and international trade fairs.

In ASEAN countries, commercial consumer goods are made from waste



Photo shows a new type of loom to produce consumer goods from greater club-rush, bananas, water hyacinth, bamboo, and cotton. **PHOTO ZWE MARN**

materials such as bananas, water hyacinth, bamboo, and cotton, and are displayed and sold at domestic and international exhibitions, which are especially popular with foreigners. Entrepreneurs from Myanmar have also collaborated with experts from the Weaving School to successfully develop a small weaving loom for producing consumer goods from greater club-rush, creating the first mat from this material and continuing production. **SEE PAGE 7**

**State honours Myanmar national women’s football team which advances to final of AFF MSIG Serenity Cup 2025**

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# NATIONAL

## Agro-based industries must be effectively operated to raise export volume of rice, beans and other crops

- ❖ Since our country’s economy is based on agriculture, being able to export processed products made from agricultural raw materials such as cotton and rubber, as well as increasing exports of rice, beans, and other crops compared to the current level, would bring significant benefits to our nation.
- ❖ The main requirement for achieving such export capacity is the genuine and effective operation of agro-based manufacturing industries.

*(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 Sunday 17 August 2025)

**BAY INFERENCE:** According to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, the low-pressure area has formed over the Westcentral Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal (off North Andhra Pradesh and South Odisha coasts, India) still persists. It is likely to move west–northwestwards and further intensify into a depression during next 24 hours and cross South Odisha-North Andhra Pradesh coasts on 19 August 2025. Monsoon is moderate to strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 18 August 2025:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin and northern Shan states, fairly widespread in Mandalay Region and Kayah State and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Yangon, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayin, Chin and Mon states. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD:** The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Sagaing and Ayeyawady regions and Kachin, Chin, Rakhine and Shan states. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Squall with rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30-35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-11 feet in off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Moderate to strong Monsoon.

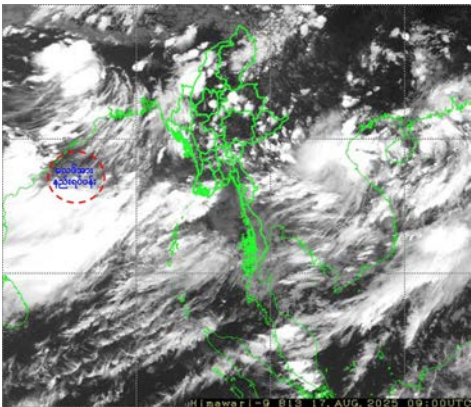
**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 18 August 2025:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 18 August 2025:** One or two times rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 18 August 2025:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

## Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 4 pm MST on 17 August 2025



ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, a low-pressure area has formed over the Westcentral Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal (off North Andhra Pradesh and South Odisha coasts, India). It is likely to move west–northwestwards and further intensify into a depression during next 24 hours and cross South Odisha-North Andhra Pradesh coasts on 19 August 2025. — DMH

## Flood Warning

(Issued at 2 pm MST on 17 August 2025)

ACCORDING to the 1:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of the Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is observed as about 0.5 foot below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next 36 hours.

It especially alerts the people who settle near the river banks and low-lying areas in Hpa-an Township, to take precautionary measure and to stay away from the flood-prone areas in time if the water level will rise. — DMH

## Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 7:30 am MST on 17 August 2025)

ACCORDING to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Sittoung River at Madauk has exceeded by more than 1.5 feet above its danger level. It may fall about two inches during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

It especially alerts to the people who settle near the river banks and low-lying areas in Madauk to stay away from the flood-prone areas. — DMH

## Gold Market Rate as of 17 August 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,890,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

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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)

State honours Myanmar national women's football team which advances to final of AFF MSIG Serenity Cup 2025

CHAIRMAN of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing awarded US\$30,000 to Myanmar national women's football team which sailed to the final of the AFF MSIG Serenity Cup 2025 with a 2-1 win over Thai team in the semifinal hosted by Vietnam.

The Senior General said: "I am proud of all the players of Myanmar's women's national team for reaching the final without losing a single match. Their unity and determination

are truly commendable. I urge the team to give their utmost effort in the final, compete with full strength, and bring honour to the State. Winning the championship will be a deserved achievement, and the State will also duly recognize and honour it. Therefore, I encourage the team to focus systematically and prepare well for the final match".

Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Jeng Phang Naw Taung conveyed the word of encouragement of the Senior General to Myanmar team captain Win Theingi Tun, in-charge Daw Nweni Oo and players.

As reaching the final match, Myanmar women's team has bagged US\$30,000 and K200 million as cash awards.

The final match between Myanmar and Australia will take place at Lach Tray Stadium at 7:30 pm on 19 August. — Aung Myint (IPRD)/TTA

Myanmar women's team captain Win Theingi Tun and her teammates celebrate victory after securing a 2-1 win over Thai team in the semifinal of the AFF MSIG Serenity Cup 2025.



Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Ethnic Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae looks into the progress of the construction of the Ethnic Centre in Dawei yesterday.

Taninthayi Region Ethnic Centre under construction in Dawei

UNION Minister for Border Affairs and for Ethnic Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, together with Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko and Deputy Minister U Zaw Aye Maung inspected construction of the Taninthayi Region Ethnic Centre in Sanchi Ward of Dawei yesterday morning.

The Engineer in-charge of Successful TMA Construction Co Ltd reported to the Union Minister on progress of construction. The Chief Minister explained plans to host ethnic traditional cultural festivals, commemorative ceremonies, vocational courses and talk shows

at the centre.

After giving necessary instructions for construction tasks, the Union Minister observed progress of the project.

The Ethnic Literature and Culture Department manages construction of the Ethnic Centre in Sanchi Ward of Dawei, with the contribution of the Taninthayi Region government fund in 2025-26 financial year. The centre will be a two-storey RC building with measurement of 50 feet by 60 feet, including other related construction processes for the roof slab and an extension roof. — Region IPRD/TTA

# NATIONAL

## Constituencies designated for the 2025 multiparty democratic general election for the Pyithu Hluttaw (the First-Past-the-Post System)

CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY

No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency	Number of Hluttaw Representatives to be elected
Bago Region			
89	Kyaukkyi Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kyaukkyi Township	1
90	Kyauktaga Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kyauktaga Township	1
91	Nyaunglebin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Nyaunglebin Township	1
92	DaikU Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire DaikU Township	1
93	Shwegyin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Shwegyin Township	1
94	Toungoo Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Toungoo Township	1
95	Htantabin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Htantabin Township	1
96	Pyu Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Pyu Township	1
97	Yedashe Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Yedashe Township	1
98	Ottwin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Ottwin Township	1
99	Zigon Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Zigon Township	1
100	Nattalin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Nattalin Township	1
101	Paungde Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Paungde Township	1
102	Thaegon Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Thaegon Township	1
103	Kawa Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kawa Township	1
104	Bago Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Bago Township	1
105	Waw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Waw Township	1
106	Thanatpin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Thanatpin Township	1
107	Paukkhaung Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Paukkhaung Township	1
108	Padaung Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Padaung Township	1
109	Pyay Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Pyay Township	1
110	Shwedaung Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Shwedaung Township	1
111	Gyobingauk Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Gyobingauk Township	1
112	Monyo Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Monyo Township	1
113	Minhla Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Minhla Township	1
114	Letpadan Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Letpadan Township	1
115	Thayawady Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Thayawady Township	1
116	Okpo Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Okpo Township	1
Magway Region			
117	Chauk Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Chauk Township	1

No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency	Number of Hluttaw Representatives to be elected
118	Yenangyoung Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Yenangyoung Township	1
119	Gangaw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Gangaw Township	1
120	Saw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Saw Township	1
121	Htilin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Htilin Township	1
122	Seikphyu Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Seikphyu Township	1
123	Pakokku Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Pakokku Township	1
124	Pauk Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Pauk Township	1
125	Myaing Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Myaing Township	1
126	Yesakyo Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Yesakyo Township	1
127	Taungdwingyi Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Taungdwingyi Township	1
128	Natmauk Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Natmauk Township	1
129	Magway Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Magway Township	1
130	Myothit Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Myothit Township	1
131	Ngaphe Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Ngaphe Township	1
132	Salin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Salin Township	1
133	Sedoktara Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Sedoktara Township	1
134	Pwintbyu Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Pwintbyu Township	1
135	Minbu Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Minbu Township	1
136	Kanma Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kanma Township	1
137	Mindon Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mindon Township	1
138	Minhla Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Minhla Township	1
139	Thayet Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Thayet Township	1
140	Sinbaungwe Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Sinbaungwe Township	1
141	Aunglan Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Aunglan Township	1
Mandalay Region			
142	Kyaukse Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kyaukse Township	1
143	Singaing Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Singaing Township	1
144	Myittha Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Myittha Township	1
145	Kyaukpadaung Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kyaukpadaung Township	1
146	NyaungU Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire NyaungU Township	1

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No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency	Number of Hluttaw Representatives to be elected
147	Ngazun Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Ngazun Town-ship	1
148	TadaU Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire TadaU Town-ship	1
149	PyinOoLwin Township Py-ithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire PyinOoLwin Township	1
150	Chanmyathazi Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constitu-ency	An entire Chanmyathazi Township	1
151	Chanayethazan Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constitu-ency	An entire Chanayethaz-an Township	1
152	Pyigyidagun Township Py-ithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Pyigyidagun Township	1
153	Mahaaungmyay Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constitu-ency	An entire Mahaaung-myay Township	1
154	Mahlaing Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mahlaing Township	1
155	Meiktila Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Meiktila Town-ship	1
156	Wundwin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Wundwin Township	1
157	Thazi Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Thazi Town-ship	1
158	Taungtha Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Taungtha Township	1
159	Natogyi Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Natogyi Town-ship	1
160	Myingyan Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Myingyan Township	1
161	Pyawbwe Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Pyawbwe Township	1
162	Yamethin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Yamethin Township	1
163	Singu Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Singu Town-ship	1
164	Mogok Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mogok Town-ship	1
165	Thabeikkyin Township Py-ithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Thabeikkyin Township	1
166	Amarapura Township Py-ithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Amarapura Township	1
167	Patheingyi Township Py-ithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Patheingyi Township	1
168	Madaya Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Madaya Town-ship	1
169	Aungmyaythazan Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constitu-ency	An entire Aungmyay-thazan Township	1
Mon State			
170	Kyaikto Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kyaikto Town-ship	1
171	Bilin Township Pyithu Hlut-taw Constituency	An entire Bilin Town-ship	1
172	Kyaikmaraw Township Py-ithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kyaikmaraw Township	1
173	Chaungzon Township Py-ithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Chaungzon Township	1
174	Mudon Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mudon Town-ship	1
175	Mawlamyine Township Py-ithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Mawlamyine Township	1
176	Thanbyuzayat Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constitu-ency	An entire Thanbyuzayat Township	1
177	Ye Township Pyithu Hlut-taw Constituency	An entire Ye Township	1

No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency	Number of Hluttaw Representatives to be elected
178	Paung Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Paung Town-ship	1
179	Thaton Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Thaton Town-ship	1
Rakhine State			
180	Kyaukpyu Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kyaukpyu Township	1
181	Yanbye Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Yanbye Town-ship	1
182	Sittway Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Sittway Town-ship	1
183	Pauktaw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Pauktaw Township	1
184	Ponnagyun Township Py-ithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Ponnagyun Township	1
185	Rathedaung Township Py-ithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Rathedaung Township	1
186	Taungup Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Taungup Township	1
187	Manaung Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Manaung Township	1
188	Buthidaung Township Py-ithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Buthidaung Township	1
189	Maungtaw Township Py-ithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Maungtaw Township	1
190	Kyauktaw Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kyauktaw Township	1
191	Minbya Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Minbya Town-ship	1
192	Myebon Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Myebon Town-ship	1
193	MraukU Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire MraukU Township	1
194	Gwa Township Pyithu Hlut-taw Constituency	An entire Gwa Township	1
195	Thandwe Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Thandwe Township	1
196	An Township Pyithu Hlut-taw Constituency	An entire An Township	1
Yangon Region			
197	Kamayut Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kamayut Township	1
198	Bahan Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Bahan Town-ship	1
199	Kyauktada Township Py-ithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kyauktada Township	1
200	Dagon Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Dagon Town-ship	1
201	Pabedan Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Pabedan Township	1
202	Latha Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Latha Town-ship	1
203	Lanmadaw Township Py-ithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Lanmadaw Township	1
204	Taikkyi Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Taikkyi Town-ship	1
205	Kawhmu Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kawhmu Township	1
206	Kungyangon Township Py-ithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Kungyangon Township	1
207	Seikkyi/Khanaungto Town-ship Pyithu Hluttaw Con-stituency	An entire Seikkyi/Khanaungto Township	1
208	Twantay Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency	An entire Twantay Township	1
209	Dala Township Pyithu Hlut-taw Constituency	An entire Dala Town-ship	1

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## Constituencies designated for the 2025 multiparty democratic general election for the Amyotha Hluttaw (the First-Past-The-Post (FPTP) System)

CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY

No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency	Number of Hluttaw Representatives to be elected
Bago Region Amyotha Hluttaw (the First-Past-The-Post System)			
37	Constituency 1	An entire Nyaunglebin District	1
38	Constituency 2	An entire Toungoo District	1
39	Constituency 3	An entire Nattalin District	1
40	Constituency 4	An entire Bago District	1
41	Constituency 5	An entire Pyay District	1
42	Constituency 6	An entire Thayawady District	1
Magway Region Amyotha Hluttaw (the First-Past-The-Post System)			
43	Constituency 1	An entire Chauk District	1
44	Constituency 2	Natmauk, Magway and Myothit townships	1
45	Constituency 3	Entire Aunglan district and Taungdwingyi Township	1
46	Constituency 4	Entire Gangaw District, Ngaphe, Sedoktara, Pwint-byu and Minbu townships	1
47	Constituency 5	Entire Pakokku District and Salin Township	1
48	Constituency 6	An entire Thayet District	1
Mandalay Region Amyotha Hluttaw (the First-Past-The-Post System)			
49	Constituency 1	Entire Kyaukse and TadaU districts	1
50	Constituency 2	Entire NyaungU and Myingyan districts	1
51	Constituency 3	Entire PyinOoLwin, Thabeikkyin and Aungmyaythazan districts	1
52	Constituency 4	Entire Mahaangmyay and Amarapura districts	1
53	Constituency 5	Entire Meiktila and Yame-thin districts	1
54	Constituency 6	An entire Union Territory	1
Mon State Amyotha Hluttaw (the First-Past-The-Post System)			
55	Constituency 1	An entire Kyaikto District	1
56	Constituency 2	Mawlamyine and Kyaikmaraw townships	1
57	Constituency 3	Mudon and Thanbyuzayat townships	1
58	Constituency 4	Chaungzon Township	1
59	Constituency 5	An entire Ye District	1
60	Constituency 6	An entire Thaton District	1
Rakhine State Amyotha Hluttaw (the First-Past-The-Post System)			
61	Constituency 1	Entire Taungup and Thandwe districts	1

No	Constituency	Areas in Constituency	Number of Hluttaw Representatives to be elected
62	Constituency 2	An entire Kyaukpyu District	1
63	Constituency 3	An entire Sittway District	1
64	Constituency 4	An entire Maungdaw District	1
65	Constituency 5	An entire MraukU District	1
66	Constituency 6	An entire An District	1
Yangon Region Amyotha Hluttaw (the First-Past-The-Post System)			
67	Constituency 1	Entire Kyauktada, Botahtaung, and Thingangyun districts	1
68	Constituency 2	Entire Kamayut, Mayangon and Ahlon districts	1
69	Constituency 3	Entire Taikkyi, Hmawby and Hlegu districts	1
70	Constituency 4	Entire Mingaladon and Insein districts	1
71	Constituency 5	Entire Twantay and Thanlyin districts	1
72	Constituency 6	An entire Dagon Myothit District	1
Shan State Amyotha Hluttaw (the First-Past-The-Post System)			
73	Constituency 1	Wa Self-Administered Division	1
74	Constituency 2	Danu Self-Administered Zone	1
75	Constituency 3	Pa-O Self-Administered Zone	1
76	Constituency 4	Palaung Self-Administered Zone	1
77	Constituency 5	Kokang Self-Administered Zone	1
78	Constituency 6	Entire Kalaw, Kyaukme, Kengtung, Kutkai, Tachilek, Taunggyi, Tangyan, Namhsan, Muse, Moemeik, Monghsat, Mongton, Mongyawng, Mongyan, Mongshu, Mongla, Lashio, Langkho, Loilem districts	1
Ayeyawady Region Amyotha Hluttaw (the First-Past-The-Post System)			
79	Constituency 1	An entire Kyonpyaw District	1
80	Constituency 2	An entire Patheingyi District	1
81	Constituency 3	An entire Pyawbwe District	1
82	Constituency 4	An entire Maungmye District	1
83	Constituency 5	Entire Myingyan and Labutta districts	1
84	Constituency 6	Entire Myingyan and Hinthada districts	1

NATIONAL

Electricity end-users urged again to avoid illegal connections

THE Ministry of Electric Power has once again warned the public not to relocate or install power meters without permission and to completely refrain from illegal connections.

The Mandalay Electricity Supply Corporation, under the MoEP, has issued a notice to consumers outlining the penalties for illegal meter installations and unauthorized electricity usage.

If illegal utility usage is

detected, it will take action in accordance with its procedures, including demanding compensation, fines, and taking legal action.

Regarding electricity usage, Section 52 of the 2014 Electricity Law prohibits anyone from connecting, wasting, or stealing electricity without the authorized permission, while Section 53 bans relocating, cutting lines, destroying equipment, illegally connecting, or manipulating me-

ters to steal electricity.

Violating Section 53 may result in a fine for the first offense, followed by both a fine and up to two years in prison for later offenses. Violating Section 53 may lead to the imprisonment of five to 10 years under Section 63. Section 64 states that accomplices will face the same penalties as the offender, while Section 65 stipulates that offenders must compensate for any loss caused.

— Htun Htun/ZN



Officials from the Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation conducting inspections in December 2024.

Projects under implementation with contribution of Lancang-Mekong special cooperation fund in Shan State



Chinese Ambassador Ms Ma Jia seen with officials from Wanpong Maritime Police Division in Tachilek.

THE Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar viewed progress of implementing the projects contributed by the Lancang-Mekong special cooperation fund in Shan State.

On 14 and 15 August, Ms Ma Jia, the Chinese Ambassador, observed buildings in the compound of Wanpong Maritime Police Division under the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Shan State rubber production centre of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and

Irrigation in Tachilek of Shan State. These projects are being implemented with the contribution of the Lancang-Mekong special cooperation fund.

The Lancang-Mekong cooperation in Shan State has been achieving higher progress since last decades. The Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar said that although small in scale, well-designed projects have greatly benefited the ordinary people of Myanmar and that the continuous impacts of the Lancang-Mekong projects

are affirmed and supported.

China wishes to launch new golden decade together with Myanmar through the strong Lancang-Mekong cooperation by continuously holding up the Lancang-Mekong family concept.

Moreover, the Chinese Ambassador held talks with local authorities of Myanmar and officials from the project to develop the Myanmar's economy and enhance socioeconomic life of the people.

— ASH/TTA

New loom produces consumer goods ...

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The loom is a small, tabletop device that can weave textiles from banana fibre, water hyacinth, bamboo, greater club-rush, and cotton.

"I saw consumer products made from greater club-rush at a trade fair in Thailand, and I decided to try making them in Myanmar, as the raw material is abundant. Although large looms exist, only two types of looms can be placed on a table for weaving, and we continue to produce these small looms. We are collaborating with a professional from the Weaving School, and it is fair to say that this is the first small loom invented in Myanmar. While other weavers have expressed interest, the looms are not for sale, as there is an ongoing need for small looms to produce consumer goods. We have also replaced iron with cotton rope for the weaving teeth and are striving to make our production comparable with that of

ASEAN countries," said U Myint Thein, founder of Green Banana Myanmar.

The small loom is designed for tabletop use and is easy to operate. It measures 3 by 2 feet in length, 2 by 1.5 feet in width, and stands two feet high. Made of wood, it comes in two types, and there are plans to produce cost-effective bamboo versions as well. The project aims to generate employment opportunities for women by developing and manufacturing commercial products from naturally growing plants and waste materials.

The small loom that was developed will be showcased at both domestic and international exhibitions to demonstrate the production of consumer goods. These demonstrations will highlight weaving techniques and innovation, while also showing how using waste materials in production reflects global cooperation in environmental conservation. — Thitsa (MNA)/TH

Top websites and web portals to access Military Service Rules

1. Office of the State Administration Council <a href="https://sacoffice.gov.mm">https://sacoffice.gov.mm</a>	
2. Ministry of Defence <a href="https://www.mod.gov.mm">https://www.mod.gov.mm</a>	3. Ministry of Legal Affairs <a href="https://www.mlis.gov.mm">https://www.mlis.gov.mm</a>
4. Ministry of Information <a href="https://www.moi.gov.mm">https://www.moi.gov.mm</a>	5. Myawady Webportal <a href="https://myawady.net.mm">https://myawady.net.mm</a>
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## Don't stop learning, don't halt life

“NEVER too old to learn” is significant in the learning society of Myanmar. It shows no age limit in learning for all students at different levels. Moreover, everyone accepts the learning concept that the prestige and integrity that resemble art and knowledge do not exist in the worldly realm. The education sector in the 21st century is broader in terms of arts, science, techniques, and knowledge compared to the past. Education can be defined not only as learning lessons but also as being connected with technology, social development, and the enhancement of one's own capabilities. These are opportunities for everyone to expand their learning scope and engage in continuous learning regardless of age. Internationally, some reports show that senior citizens in foreign countries can learn new skills or obtain academic degrees in their old age, thanks to these opportunities.

In this regard, learning is an original source of society, while efforts to expand the learning society are crucial for the whole society. Endeavours of individuals focusing on learning help develop themselves as well as the entire society. As the 21st century is an era which changes the learning and teaching form of humans, the education sector can see more development. As a result, individuals have a great chance to learn useful techniques. Moreover, the education sector promptly creates innovation and cooperation between the learners and teachers. Learning not only encourages active participation but also has the potential to inspire new ways of thinking. In today's era, technological advancement is one of the most significant developments enhancing the learning process. Online courses, educational websites, artificial intelligence technologies, and learning applications all contribute to making learning more accessible and effective. As a result, internet availability has created opportunities for learning anytime, anywhere. Results of the research process show that age is not a disadvantage in learning. Any individuals who have self-control on keenness, and patience in learning can become the educated ones. Learning can start at any age for humans. It is a good example for the new generation. Lifelong learning is an opportunity for self-worth and personal growth. Therefore, expanding one's learning brings numerous benefits.

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# Latin Lexicons in English: A Journalist's Guide to Timeless Expressions

By Mingalajii

*Latin expressions are more than academic relics; they're powerful tools for journalists, editors, and writers. This article explores how Latin enriches English writing, offering clarity, brevity, and elegance in essays, reports, and everyday journalism. From ad hoc committees to sine qua non principles, discover how these timeless phrases elevate your prose and sharpen your storytelling.*

LANGUAGE is a living archive of history. As English evolved over centuries, it absorbed influences from many tongues — none more enduring than Latin. Once the language of the Roman Empire, the Church, and academia, Latin has left an indelible mark on English, especially in the realms of law, science, philosophy, and journalism. For editors, journalists, and writers, Latin expressions offer not just stylistic flair but also precision, brevity, and gravitas.

This article explores how Latin phrases have crept into and enriched English usage, particularly in journalistic and literary contexts. From ad hoc to per se, these expressions are more than linguistic relics; they are practical tools that elevate our writing and sharpen our communication.

### Why Latin Still Matters

Latin is often labelled a “dead language”, but its spirit lives on in the vocabulary of educated discourse. Its phrases are concise, universally recognized across disciplines, and often carry meanings that are difficult to express in plain English. For journalists and editors, Latin offers:

- **Clarity:** Latin terms often encapsulate complex ideas in a single phrase.
- **Authority:** Their historical and academic weight lends credibility.
- **Efficiency:** Latin expressions are compact and elegant, ideal for tight word counts.

### Everyday Latin in Journalism and Writing

Let's explore some Latin expressions commonly used in journalistic writing, essays, research reports, and surveys – with examples and practical applications.

#### 1. Ad hoc – “For this purpose”

- Used to describe something created for a specific, often temporary, purpose.
- Usage: “An ad hoc committee was formed to investigate the allegations.”
- Why it works: It signals specificity and immediacy without needing a long explanation.

#### 2. Per se – “By itself”

- Used to distinguish the essence of something from its context.
- Usage: “The article wasn't controversial per se, but its timing raised eyebrows.”

- Why it works: It adds nuance, helping writers clarify subtle distinctions.

#### 3. Et cetera (etc.) – “And the rest”

- Used to indicate continuation of a list without naming every item.
- Usage: “The survey covered topics such as income, education, housing, etc.”
- Why it works: It keeps writing concisely while signalling completeness.

#### 4. De facto – “In fact” or “In practice”

- Describes a situation that exists in reality, even if not officially sanctioned.
- Usage: “She became the de facto spokesperson for the movement.”
- Why it works: It distinguishes between formal titles and actual roles.

#### 5. Vice versa – “The other way around”

- Used to indicate the reversal of a statement.
- Usage: “Editors rely on writers, and vice versa.”
- Why it works: It's efficient and avoids redundancy.

#### 6. Inter alia – “Among other things”

- Used in formal writing to highlight one item among many.
- Usage: “The report discusses, inter alia, the impact of climate change.”
- Why it works: It adds sophistication and signals that the list is not exhaustive.

#### 7. Sine qua non – “An essential condition”

- Refers to something indispensable.
- Usage: “Accuracy is the sine qua non of responsible journalism.”
- Why it works: It elevates the tone and emphasizes importance.

#### 8. Ad infinitum – “To infinity”

- Used to describe something that continues endlessly.
- Usage: “The debate over censorship continues ad infinitum.”
- Why it works: It adds rhetorical flair and dramatizes repetition.

#### 9. Nota bene (N.B.) – “Note well”

- Used to draw attention to an important point.
- Usage: “N.B.: All sources must be verified before publication.”



For journalists, editors, and writers, Latin expressions are more than ornamental; they are functional, elegant, and deeply embedded in the language of thought and inquiry.

- Why it works: It's a formal way to emphasize critical details.
- 10. Id est (i.e.) – “That is”**
  - Used to clarify or restate something.
  - Usage: “The editor made a stylistic change, i.e., shortened the headline.”
  - Why it works: It improves clarity and avoids ambiguity.

#### 11. Exempli gratia (e.g.) – “For example”

- Used to introduce examples.
- Usage: “Several Latin phrases are used in journalism, e.g., ad hoc, per se.”
- Why it works: It's a precise way to illustrate without being exhaustive.

### Latin in Research and Surveys

- In academic and survey writing, Latin expressions help structure arguments and present data with clarity.
  - A priori (“from the earlier”):** Refers to reasoning based on theoretical deduction.
    - “The hypothesis was formed a priori, before data collection.”
  - Post hoc (“after this”):** Indicates a conclusion drawn after the fact.
    - “Post hoc analysis revealed a correlation between variables.”
  - Status quo (“the existing state”):** Describes current conditions.
    - “The survey aimed to assess public opinion on the status quo.”
  - Per capita (“per person”):** Used in statistical reporting.
    - “Myanmar's per capita income has risen steadily.”
- These expressions are especially useful in abstracts, executive summaries, and data interpretation.

### Latin in Editorial and Opinion Writing

- Latin phrases can add rhetorical strength and stylistic elegance to opinion pieces and editorials.
- Caveat (“let him beware”):** A warning or caution.
  - “Caveat: The data may not reflect recent changes.”

- Mea culpa (“my fault”):** An admission of error.
    - “In last week's column, I made a factual error – mea culpa.”
  - In situ (“in place”):** Describes something in its original location.
    - “The journalist conducted interviews in situ, at the refugee camp.”
  - Sub rosa (“under the rose”):** Confidential or secret.
    - “The meeting was held sub rosa to avoid media attention.”
- These phrases lend a tone of sophistication and help writers convey complex ideas succinctly.

### Practical Tips for Using Latin Effectively

- While Latin can enrich writing, it should be used judiciously. Here are some tips:
- Know your audience:** Use Latin sparingly in general news articles, but more freely in academic or editorial writing.
- Avoid overuse:** Too many Latin phrases can alienate readers or seem pretentious.
- Provide context:** When using less common expressions, ensure the meaning is clear from context.
- Use italics for clarity:** Especially in formal writing, italicizing Latin phrases helps distinguish them.

### Conclusion: Latin as a Living Tool

Latin may no longer be spoken, but it continues to speak through us. For journalists, editors, and writers, Latin expressions are more than ornamental; they are functional, elegant, and deeply embedded in the language of thought and inquiry. Whether we're crafting headlines, analyzing data, or writing essays, Latin offers a toolkit of timeless precision. This is why the next time you reach for a phrase to sharpen your prose or clarify your point, consider the Latin lexicon. It's not just ad hoc; it's sine qua non. Latin isn't just historical; it's practical. For journalists and writers, these expressions offer timeless precision and style. Whether you're crafting headlines or analyzing data, Latin is your *sine qua non* for impactful writing.

## ARTICLE

## Is Saying 'Hi Guys' Rude on Social Media?

By Min Zan



If you spend any time on platforms like TikTok, Instagram, or YouTube, you've heard it: countless creators start their videos with a cheerful "Hi guys!" or "Hey guys!". But sometimes, people wonder – is this greeting rude? Especially if it's used by a young woman talking to an audience that might include older people or people of different genders? Let's explore this common question about online language.

### The Simple Answer: Usually Not Rude

The quick answer is that saying "Hi guys" is generally not considered rude or inappropriate on most social media platforms. It's become a very standard, friendly way for creators to greet their viewers. Here's why:

**"Guys" Has Become a Neutral Word (For Many):** In everyday, informal English – especially in countries like the US, the UK, Canada, and Australia – the word "guys" is often used to mean "everyone" or "people", regardless of whether the group is all men, all women, or mixed. Think about how you might say, "Are you guys coming?" to a group of friends. You probably don't mean only the male friends. On social media, "Hi guys" functions the same way. It's meant as a warm, inclusive "hello" to the whole audience. The gender of the person saying it (like a young woman) doesn't change this meaning.

**Social Media is Casual Space:** Platforms like TikTok, Instagram Reels, and YouTube Shorts are designed for quick, engaging content. The language used is naturally relaxed, conversational, and mirrors how people talk to friends. "Hi guys" fits perfectly into this casual style. It's friendly, fast, and instantly recognizable as an opening. Using overly formal language like "Greetings, esteemed viewers" would actually sound strange and out of place here!

**Everyone Does It:** Take a look at videos from creators of all types – young, old, male, female, from different backgrounds and countries. You'll find "Hi guys" used incredibly often. It's become a common habit, almost like a standard opening line, because it feels welcoming and connects the creator directly to the audience. Using it follows the normal cul-

ture of these platforms.

**The Goal is Connection:** The main purpose of saying "Hi guys" is almost always positive. Creators want to welcome their viewers, make them feel included, and start building a friendly connection right away. There's no hidden disrespect in the phrase itself when used with a warm tone and a smile.

### Why Might Some People Think It's Rude?

While "Hi guys" is widely accepted, it's true that some people might feel uncomfortable with it sometimes. Understanding these concerns helps us see the bigger picture.

**The History of the Word "Guys":** Originally, "guys" specifically meant men or boys. While its usage has broadened significantly, that history lingers for some people. **They might feel that using a word with masculine roots to address a mixed group isn't fully inclusive, especially for women, non-binary individuals, or those sensitive to gendered language.**

**A Desire for Maximum Inclusivity:** Language is constantly evolving, and many people now prefer greetings that are explicitly gender-neutral from the start. Words like "everyone", "folks", "all", or "friends" leave no room for anyone to feel potentially excluded based on the origin of the word. Choosing these alternatives is often about wanting to be as welcoming as possible to absolutely everyone, not necessarily saying "guys" is wrong.

**Regional or Personal Differences:** Acceptance of "guys" as neutral isn't 100 per cent universal. In some regions or cultures within English-speaking countries, or for some individuals, it might still feel more masculine. Older generations, in particular, might remember its original meaning more strongly and perceive it as slightly too casual or informal when coming from a much younger person.

**Tone Matters (A Lot!):** This is crucial. Any greeting can sound rude if the tone is wrong. If someone says "Hi guys" in a bored, sarcastic, or angry voice, it will come across badly. The politeness comes from the speaker's genuine friendly intention and delivery, not just the two words

themselves.

### When Might You Choose a Different Greeting?

So, if "Hi guys" is usually okay, why would a creator pick something else? Here are some smart reasons:

**Addressing an Audience with Older Viewers:** If you know your viewers include many people significantly older than you (e.g., a teenager whose audience includes parents or grandparents), using a slightly more formal alternative shows extra respect and awareness. "Hi guys" might feel a bit too youthful or casual to them.

**Creating a Specific Vibe:** Maybe your channel is focused on professional advice, education, or calm relaxation. A greeting like "Hello, everyone" or "Welcome" might fit that tone better than the very casual "Hi guys".

**Being Proactively Inclusive:** If inclusivity is a core value of your channel, or if you specifically want to welcome non-binary or transgender viewers, choosing a gender-neutral greeting like "Hi everyone", "Hey folks", or "Hi friends" is a clear and positive signal.

**Knowing Your Audience's Preference:** If you actively engage with your audience (reading comments, doing polls) and notice some prefer alternatives, switching is a thoughtful way to listen to them.

**Avoiding Potential Misunderstanding:** On very formal platforms (like LinkedIn) or in international contexts where "guys" might not be understood as neutral, a safer alternative avoids any risk.

### Excellent Alternatives to "Hi Guys" (Especially for Mixed Ages)

"Hi Everyone" / "Hello

**Everyone":** The top recommendation for being universally polite and inclusive. It's clear, warm, covers all ages and genders, and still feels natural on social media. It strikes the perfect balance between friendly and respectful.

**"Hi All":** Very similar to "everyone" – short, simple, friendly, and inclusive. Great for quick intros.

**"Welcome!" / "Welcome Back!":** Focuses on the action of welcoming people. It's inherently positive and polite. "Welcome back" is perfect for thanking returning viewers.

**"Hi There!" / "Hello There!":** A friendly and slightly softer option. It feels personal and warm without making any assumptions about the group.

**"Hi Folks":** A classic, warm, and neutral term. It often feels a touch more mature or down-to-earth than "guys" and is generally well-received as respectful.

**"Good (Morning/Afternoon/Evening) Everyone/All":** Adding the time of day makes it slightly more formal and shows a bit more effort, while still being suitable for most platforms if delivered energetically.

**"Hey Friends!":** Use this carefully. It's very warm and community-focused, which is great for channels built on that vibe. However, some older viewers might find it overly familiar ("too chummy") if coming from a much younger creator. Know your audience's style.

### Key Advice for Creators (Especially Young Ones)

**Tone is EVERYTHING:** The most important factor in

politeness is how you say it. A genuine smile, eye contact with the camera, and a warm, enthusiastic voice make any greeting ("Hi guys", "Hi everyone", "Welcome") feel welcoming and respectful. A flat, bored, or sarcastic tone makes even the most formal greeting feel rude.

**"Hi Guys" is Generally Safe, But Alternatives Show Awareness:** Don't stress that "Hi guys" is rude. It usually isn't. However, consciously choosing "Hi everyone" when you know your audience includes older generations demonstrates thoughtfulness and social awareness. It's a small change that can make a positive difference in perception.

**Your Content Matters Most:** Viewers will judge your politeness and respectfulness based on your entire video – how you treat topics, respond to comments (if applicable), and your overall attitude – much more than on your two-second greeting. Focus on being consistently respectful and providing value.

**Be Authentic:** Pick a greeting that feels natural to you. If you force yourself to say something that feels stiff or fake ("Greetings, viewers!"), Your audience will notice, and it will feel awkward. Authenticity builds trust. If "Hi guys" feels most natural, use it confidently. If you prefer "Hi everyone", use that.

*However, language is alive, and social awareness is important. Understanding why some might prefer alternatives allows you to make informed choices. If your audience includes many older viewers, or if you simply want to use the most explicitly inclusive language possible, "Hi Everyone" is an excellent, safe, and respectful alternative that works universally well.*

Ultimately, while 'Hi guys' is common online, its casualness can feel disrespectful to older viewers like myself. The term, historically male, might strike us as overly familiar or dismissive when used by someone much younger. Opting for a warm 'Hi everyone' or 'Welcome' shows awareness and respect across generations. It's a small shift that makes a meaningful difference in politeness when your audience includes elders.

NATIONAL

Broadcasting “Pink Dreams” series to start on 18 August

THE “Pink Dreams” (Pannuy-aung Eainmatmya in Myanmar Language) series will be broadcast starting 18 August, according to director Pwint Theingi Zaw, who directed the series.

The series “Pink Dreams” was produced by Victoria Film Production. The story and script were written by Ingyin

Han, and director Pwint Theingi Zaw created and directed it.

“This series is a youthful love drama about two sisters who grew up in a wealthy family circle. When they suddenly lose their possessions due to a twist of fate, the story shows how they face and overcome life’s hardships. It was also broadcast previously on For-

tune TV and received audience support, so I am very delighted. For those who have not yet watched, it will be shown again, so please support it,” said director Pwint Theingi Zaw.

The artistes in the series include Aung Ye Htike, Charlie, Teza Lin Yaung, Nan Su Oo, and May Toe Khine. The series will be broadcast starting 18



Photo shows artistes of the “Pink Dreams” series seen on the poster.

August every Monday to Friday and the HEY Play YouTube on the HEY Play Application Channel. — ASH/KZL

Actress’s family donates K500,000 for outstanding students



Actress Saung Eaindray Tun presents K500,000 to MMPO through an officials.

ACTRESS Saung Eaindray Tun and her family donated K500,000 to support the 2024-2025 Academic Year Outstanding Student Awarding Ceremony, which will be organized by the My-

anmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO). The donation was made on 14 August at the organization’s office, according to MMPO Vice-Chair U Aye Kyu Lay.

The upcoming award ceremony, now in its 20<sup>th</sup> edition, will honour the Myanmar film industry members’ offspring who have passed the matriculation exam this year. Certificates of honour and cash awards will also be presented to outstanding achievers.

“This year, children of film industry members who passed the matriculation exam will be honoured with awards. Those who excelled with distinctions will also receive special recognition. Actress Saung Eaindray Tun’s family kindly contributed K500,000 for the event. Alongside film industry members, other well-wishers are also making donations,” said U Aye Kyu Lay.

Also, the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization had earlier supported 218 children of film industry members currently studying by providing stipends, school uniforms, and stationery on 17 July for the 2025-2026 academic year. — ASH/KZL

Thai police raid illegal karaoke bar in Bangkok

ACCORDING to the Bangkok Post of 16 August, Thai police raided an illegal karaoke bar in Bangkok and conducted drug tests on around 100 people, among whom 41 Myanmar nationals were found to have used narcotic drugs.

The raid was carried out on Friday night by officers from Wang Thonglang Police Station at an unnamed bar located in an alley beside the Town in Town Hotel on Srivara Road, Bangkok, where a birthday party was being held. It was discovered that 41 Myanmar nationals at the gathering had taken narcotics.

The Bangkok Post, citing Thai police sources, reported that the bar was operating without a licence and owned by a 48-year-old Thai national named Paphankun.

Bangkok police stated that they are continuing to monitor illegal businesses in certain

parts of the city and regularly carry out such inspections. In this instance, the raid targeted a karaoke bar selling energy drinks and narcotic drugs.

The Thai police announced that those arrested would be prosecuted for drug consumption, trafficking, and violations of national laws, while undocumented migrants would also face action under the Immigration Law.

The Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok has been consistently issuing public reminders on social media urging Myanmar citizens in Thailand to reside lawfully. It was also learnt that the Embassy is preparing to provide necessary assistance regarding this incident.

Thai media noted that this case has once again drawn attention to issues of cross-border drug trafficking and illegal labour migration between Thailand and Myanmar. — Htun Htun/KNN



Some of those arrested at the karaoke bar on the night of 15 August.



This image displays a poster for the film.

Myanmar film ‘Pwe’ to hit cinemas in late Aug

THE Myanmar movie ‘Pwe’ will premiere in cinemas nationwide in the fourth week of August, according to director Academy Ko Zaw (Aryon Oo), who is in charge of the film.

The story was written by Didi Htet Aung, with the screenplay adapted by Didi Htet Aung and Min Ko Soe (Natthankwin). The film is directed by Ko Zaw (Aryon Oo), who has dedicated significant

efforts to bringing the project to life under Lu Swan Kaung Film Production.

The cast includes Academy Myint Myat, Academy Kyaw Kyaw Bo, Nyi Htut Khaung, and Academy Soe Myat Thuza, alongside Naw Phaw Eh Htar, Yamone Myint Myat, Khin Hlaing, Zaw Win Naing (Mann), and many other actors and actresses.—ASH/MKKS

# NATIONAL



Foreign workers at a fishery company in Japan.

## Japan to recruit about 1,500 Myanmar workers

ACCORDING to the Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo, over 360 Japanese companies would recruit around 1,500 Myanmar workers.

The embassy has carried out timely verifications of demand letters received from the Ministry of Labour via the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, it said.

It verifies whether employment supervisory companies

and factories or companies which offered jobs in Japan are officially established or not, and resubmits its findings and remarks to the Ministry of Labour through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

It is about 365 demand letters that the embassy submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs after verification until

15 May 2025. According to it, more than 310 Myanmar male workers and more than 1,100 Myanmar female workers, totalling around 1,500, would be employed by up to 360 Japanese companies.

According to the 31 July statement, 380 Japanese companies would employ up to 1,300 Myanmar workers. — MT/ZS

## Humanitarian aid delivered to families of Myanmar workers killed in Thailand’s building collapse

A building under construction in Khet Chatuchak district of Bangkok in Thailand which is the Office of the Auditor-General collapsed due to the earthquake, resulting in the deaths of eight Myanmar workers. Their families have been granted additional humanitarian compensation of 1 million baht each, according to the Myanmar Labour Attaché Office (Bangkok).

The families of seven workers had already received 1 million baht each as humanitari-

an aid from China Railway No 10 (Thailand) Co Ltd. Further verification confirmed eight deceased Myanmar workers, and their families were also provided 1 million baht each by the company, it said.

The humanitarian aid disbursement ceremony was held at 10 am on 15 August at the Lawyers' Council of Thailand office. Representing the Myanmar Embassy, the Labour Attaché and delegation attended the event.

— MT/ZN



This photo shows authorities providing additional humanitarian aid to families of Myanmar workers who died in the building collapse in Bangkok.

## Imported medicines ensure stable supply nationwide



This photo features a demonstration of direct sales of medicines from pharmaceutical companies at reasonable prices.

ACCORDING to the Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association, there has been no long-term shortage of

medicines, as the necessary pharmaceuticals are being imported and distributed nationwide, while the association continues working to prevent

shortages and keep drug prices stable.

"To prevent shortages of medicines and medical supplies in the market, we are scrutinizing import licence applications from companies in this sector. We are also coordinating with relevant departments to ensure a continuous supply of essential medicines — both for patients in public hospitals and for the treatment of chronic conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, cancer, and kidney dialysis — as well as other important drugs," said an official from the association.

Similarly, various sectors are providing support to prevent shortages of medicines and medical supplies for emergency healthcare during natural disasters and epidemics.

Led by the association, pharmaceutical companies held direct sales events last year in major cities such as Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw, offering medicines to the public at reasonable prices. — ASH/TH

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# India's tourism sector set to cross \$59 billion by 2028: Capitalmind PMS

INDIA'S tourism sector is witnessing a rapid growth surge, with projections indicating the industry will generate over Rs5,12,356 crore (US\$59 billion) by 2028, according to a new report released by Capitalmind PMS.

The report cites rising disposable incomes, enhanced connectivity, and infrastructure improvements as key growth enablers.

Domestic tourism is expected to double from 2.5 billion visits in 2024 to

5.2 billion by 2030, growing at a CAGR of 13.4 per cent.

However, the report highlighted that India's tourism and hospitality sector, while a key GDP driver, still trails global peers—2 per cent below the US and four per cent below Thailand in contribution to GDP.

As per the report, domestic visitor spending is projected to reach Rs33.95 trillion by 2034, up from Rs14.64 trillion in 2023, reflecting a CAGR of



7.9 per cent, per the WTTC's Economic Impact Research 2024.

Domestic air passenger traffic is also set to more than double from 307 million in FY24 to 693 million by FY30, the report added. — ANI

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**PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

## Smoke that halted bullet train in central Japan came from underfloor device



Photo taken in the early hours of 16 August 2025, shows fire department vehicles outside Gifu-Hashima Station, after smoke forced a Tokaido Shinkansen Line bullet train to be stopped mid-service in Hashima, Gifu Prefecture. **PHOTO: KYODO**

JR Central said Saturday that a fire originating from a piece of equipment under the floor of a carriage forced a bullet train to

stop the previous night at a station in central Japan, affecting the journeys of thousands of people.

After leaving Osaka

for Shizuoka, a conductor noticed a burning smell in one of the cars while the Tokaido Shinkansen Line train was running

between stations in Shiga and Gifu prefectures, according to the train operator.

When the train arrived at Gifu-Hashima Station, smoke was seen in the carriage and some 250 passengers were told to evacuate. A fire was detected during a check-up and was extinguished about two hours later.

JR Central said Saturday that the smoke had emerged from a converter to control motor output, situated under the floor of the ninth carriage of the 16-car train, a N700S model that was only introduced to this service in June.

The incident caused delays of up to 52 minutes to other services, affecting 3,800 people. — Kyodo

## Sri Lanka's service sector accelerates in July on trade, finance, transport growth

SRI Lanka's services sector expanded in July, supported by growth in wholesale and retail trade, financial services, and the transportation of goods, according to the latest Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) released by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL).

The services PMI rose to 70.1 in July from 61.9 in June, the CBSL said.

Business activities in the wholesale and retail trade experienced consid-

erable growth during the month, the central bank said. Financial services continued to improve, driven by higher lending, while activities related to the transportation of goods also strengthened, it said. Other sectors showing positive developments included personal services, postal activities, programming and broadcasting, telecommunications, accommodation, food and beverage services, and health care, the PMI showed. — Xinhua

## Xinjiang launches direct air cargo route for fruits, vegetables to Dubai

AN international air cargo route for fruits and vegetables was launched on Saturday from Urumqi, capital of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, to Dubai, the United Arab

Emirates.

The inaugural cargo flight transported over 18 tonnes of produce from Xinjiang, including melons, tomato products, grapes and dried apples.

Previously, fruits and

vegetables from Xinjiang were mainly transported to the Middle East by sea, land and rail, leading to long transit times and difficulties in maintaining freshness, according to Zhu Shiqiang, chairman

of Xinjiang Fruit Industry Group. "With the official launch of the route, fruits and vegetables from Xinjiang can now reach Dubai directly in about six hours," Zhu said. — Xinhua

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SINAR BANDA VOY.NO. (374N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SINAR BANDA VOY.NO. (374N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **18-8-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 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.

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# ROLLING UPDATES

## WORLD



Russia's President Vladimir Putin (left) smiles as he listens to US President Donald Trump during a joint press conference at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, 15 August 2025. **PHOTO: SERGEY BOBYLEV/AFP**

## Report: Trump seeks to hold trilateral summit as early as 22 Aug

*Zelensky confirmed he will meet Trump in Washington on Monday, with European leaders also invited to the White House meeting.*

US President Donald Trump has told European leaders after his meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin that he wants to arrange a trilateral summit with Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky as soon as 22 August US online media outlet Axios said Saturday.

Zelensky said in an X post Saturday that he will meet Trump in Washington on Monday. Trump also invited the Eu-

ropean leaders to join Monday's White House meeting, according to Axios.

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz said on Saturday that a trilateral summit is expected to follow Monday's meeting between Zelensky and Trump.

So far, the Russian side has not publicly committed to a trilateral meeting.

**Zelensky-Trump meeting**

German Chancellor Frie-

drich Merz said Saturday that a trilateral meeting is expected to follow Monday's meeting between Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and US President Donald Trump in Washington.

In an interview with public broadcaster ARD, Merz said a subsequent trilateral talk involving Russian President Vladimir Putin, Zelensky, and Trump is likely to take place soon, though uncertainties remain. — Xinhua

## Moscow to host BRICS+ actors for theatre training

MOSCOW will host young theatre actors from BRICS+ countries as part of the InteRussia fellowship programme in the field of theatre arts, scheduled from 25 August to 3 October 2025.

The initiative is organised by the Gorchakov Public Diplomacy Fund, in partnership with the Russian Institute of Theatre Arts (GITIS) and the TV BRICS International Media Network, with support from the Presidential Grants Fund.

Representatives from Argentina, Brazil, India, China, Cuba, Mauritania, Tunisia, and South Africa are set to participate. The programme is designed for specialists aged 21 to 35, including senior students of theatre and film schools, as well as young professional actors.

Over six weeks, participants will undergo training in acting, stage speech, and movement, along with lectures on Konstantin Stanislavsky's system. They will also explore Moscow's leading theatres, museums, and cultural centres. The programme will culminate in a staged performance of excerpts from AN Ostrovsky's play "The Storm". — ANI

## Israel announces plan to move Palestinians to southern Gaza

THE announcement comes days after Israel said it would launch an offensive to take control of northern Gaza City.

The Israeli military agency in charge of civilian affairs in the Palestinian territories, known as COGAT, said that the supply of tents to Gaza would resume on Sunday.

It said that the shelter equipment would be transported via the Kerem Shalom crossing by the United Nations and international aid organizations after inspection by Israeli Defence Ministry personnel.

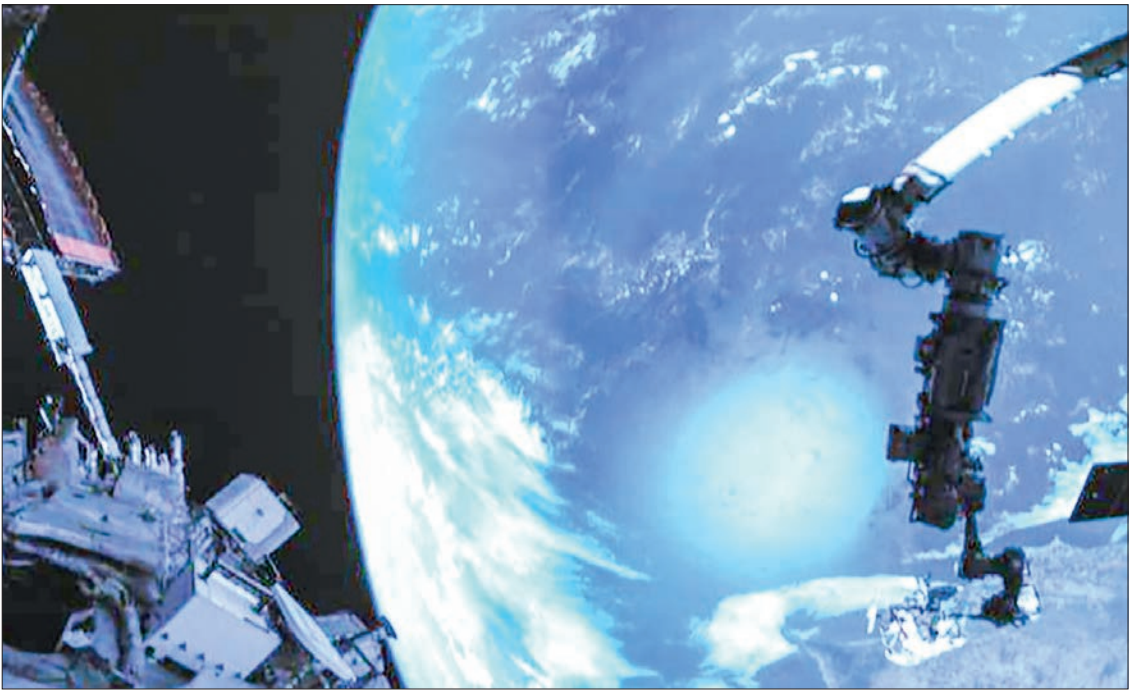
Israel's military did not specify when the movement of Palestinians would begin. — ANI

# Tiangong space station taikonauts gain AI support

THE three taikonauts on China's orbiting Tiangong space station recently completed their third spacewalk. Unlike their previous missions, they had a new assistant this time around, namely an AI model.

Named after Sun Wukong, the legendary Monkey King, the large-scale artificial intelligence model called Wukong AI was delivered to the Chinese space station by the Tianzhou-9 cargo craft on 15 July along with new-generation spacesuits, fresh fruits and other supplies for the crew in orbit, the China Astronaut Research and Training Centre said on Saturday.

Built on a home-grown open-source AI model, Wukong AI is designed to meet



This screen image captured at Beijing Aerospace Control Centre on 15 August 2025 shows Shenzhou XX taikonaut Chen Dong performing extravehicular activities outside China's orbiting space station. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

the requirements of manned space missions. It has developed a large language model tailored for professional fields and features a knowledge base centred on aerospace flight standards.

The Shenzhou XX crew members in orbit had already used this AI model to assist in preparations for this past Friday's extravehicular activities. Commander Chen Dong and taikonaut Wang Jie asked Wukong AI for the work schedule a day before conducting their third spacewalk. The AI system quickly replied with relevant links and guidance. — Xinhua

# Myanmar fighters win championship belts at World Championship Lethwei event

Myanmar Lethwei fighters claimed championship belts after defeating opponents from Iran, the United States, and Cambodia at the World Championship Lethwei event.

The event, organized by the Myanmar Martial Arts Group under the supervision of the Department of Sports and Physical Education and the Myanmar Traditional Boxing Federation, was held at 2 pm yesterday at Theinbyu Gymnasium in Yangon.

In the international five-round 80-kilogramme event, triple-crown MMWC champion Tun Tun Min faced Iranian Muaythai champion K One. K One attacked Tun Tun Min aggressively in the first round, but in the second round, Tun Tun Min's combinations of punches and headbutts left K One unable to continue. Tun Tun Min successfully defended his championship belt. The two had previously fought at the border and drew.

In the 66-kilogramme event, Kayin Victorious Flag Award winner Super Yay Chan fought American BKFC champion



Two fighters compete in their traditional boxing match at the Theinbyu Stadium in Yangon, Myanmar, yesterday. PHOTO: ARKAR LINN

Mark Antabar. Although Super Yay Chan was shorter and nine years younger, he overwhelmed Mark Antabar in the first round with powerful kicks and punches, forcing his opponent to seek respite. Finally, a heavy punch floored Mark Antabar, who could not continue, giving Super Yay Chan a knockout victory.

In the 63-kilogramme event, Kayin Victorious Flag Award winner Tun Min Naing faced Khmer champion Fan Krian

of Cambodia, who is nine years older. Although the two exchanged equally in the first round, Tun Min Naing's punches and kicks forced Fan Krian to request a break. Shortly afterwards, Tun Min Naing landed decisive punches, and Fan Krian could not continue, conceding defeat in the first round.

In the domestic five-round 54-kilogramme event, Golden Belt champion Salai Thang Khwi Shein beat Golden Belt

champion Thein Soe in the second round.

In the 64-kilogramme event, Kayin Victorious Flag Award winner Naing Win Tun and Golden Belt champion Thet Win Aung fought to a draw after five rounds. In the 61-kilogramme event, Sky Net Golden Flag Award winner Saw Min Min and Golden Belt champion Thway Thit Maung also fought to a draw after five rounds.

After the event, officials presented prizes to the winners. — Arkar Linn/KZL

# AYA Bank Women's Futsal League 2025 final and awarding ceremony held



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein presents the AYA Bank Women's Futsal League Championship Trophy to the YRG FC in Thuwunna, Yangon, yesterday. PHOTO: ZWE HTET KO (IPRD)

THE final match and awarding ceremony of the AYA Bank Women's Futsal League 2025 was held on 16 August at the MFF Futsal Stadium in Thuwunna, Yangon.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, region ministers, Senior Vice-President of the Asian Football Confederation and President of the Myanmar Football Federation

U Zaw Zaw, Chairman of the MFF Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee U Win Thaw, departmental officials of the region, district and township-level officials, the CEO and officials

of AYA Bank, and spectators enjoyed the final match contested between YRG FC and YGN City FC.

Commemorative prizes were presented to referees and officials who served in the tournament. Mingaladon FC received the Fair Play Award, while the Best Goalkeeper Award went to Tharaphy Aung (No 12) of YRG FC, and the Best Player Award to May Zin Oo (No 11) of YRG FC. ISPE FC received the fourth prize and Thunder Tigresses FC the third prize with individual medals and cash award. Divine FC won the second prize with individual medals and cash award presented by Yangon Region ministers and officials.

YRG FC, the first prize winner received individual medals and cash award presented by AFC Senior Vice-President and MFF President U Zaw Zaw, while the Championship Trophy was awarded by the Yangon Region Chief Minister: — Zwe Htet Ko (IPRD)/KZL

## 42<sup>nd</sup> Junior Golf Myanmar Championship to hold for three days

THE 42<sup>nd</sup> Junior Golf Myanmar Championship (JGM) will be held in August for three days, according to Junior Golf Myanmar (JGM).

Organized by JGM with sponsorship by AR HTAN Co, Ltd, the 42<sup>nd</sup> JGM championship is being planned to take place from 25 to 27 August at the City Golf Course (Ngwe Thawda) in Yangon.

The championship will include male matches- under 12, under 14, under 18 and female matches under 18 and under 14 and make sure to meet R&A and USGA rules of golf 2023 and local golf rules.

Junior golfers around Myanmar can register by until 4:00 pm on 23 August and can inquire for detailed information to U Tun Kyaw- 09 5193423. — MT/ZS

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## Xi congratulates Indonesia on 80<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary

*This year also marks 75 years of diplomatic relations between China and Indonesia, with Xi noting the strengthened traditional friendship and successful meetings with Prabowo.*



Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto (images shown on screens) delivers his state address at the Annual Session of the People's Consultative Assembly and the Joint Session of the House of Representatives and the Regional Representative Council, ahead of the nation's 80<sup>th</sup> Independence Day anniversary, in Jakarta, Indonesia, 15 August 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

**C**HINESE President Xi Jinping on Sunday congratulated Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto on the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Indonesia.

In his congratulatory message, Xi said that over the past 80 years, Indonesia has achieved remarkable development and is playing an increasingly important role on the international and regional stage.

This year also marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic ties between China and Indonesia. Bilateral relations have made great strides, and traditional friendship has grown ever stronger over time, he added.

Last year, Xi noted, he and Prabowo held two successful meetings and reached important consensus on building a China-Indonesia community with a shared future that has regional and global influence, taking bilateral ties to a new level.

Xi said he highly values the development of China-Indonesia relations and is willing to work with Prabowo to pursue new outcomes in advancing the building of a China-Indonesia community with a shared future, so as to provide solid support for the modernization of both countries and make greater contributions to regional and global peace, stability and development. — Xinhua

### SALINITY GRADIENT POWER

#### Japan's 1<sup>st</sup> osmotic power plant begins operating in Fukuoka

JAPAN'S first osmotic power plant that uses the difference in salt concentration between seawater and fresh water to generate electricity began operations in early August in a southwestern prefecture.

The Fukuoka District Waterworks Agency, the world's second operator to use the technology following a Danish firm that began doing so in 2023, describes it as "a next-generation renewable energy source that is not affected by weather or time of day and emits no carbon dioxide."

In the process, also called salinity gradient power, the electricity is produced by the osmotic process when concentrated seawater created by extracting fresh water is separated by a permeable membrane from treated water from a sewage treatment facility. The membrane does not allow impurities other than water to pass. — Kyodo

## Cambodian, Thai military region chiefs vow to avoid clashes after ceasefire

THE chiefs of Cambodian and Thai regional military regions on Saturday vowed to avoid clashes after a ceasefire agreement reached by both countries recently, said a press release issued by the Cambodian side.

Their commitment was made during an extraordinary Regional Border Committee meeting held in Thailand's Trat province.

It said both sides agreed in principle to establish a coordinating group to enhance communication at all levels.

"As border demarcation is currently underway, demining can be considered in areas that are demarcated or in non-disputed areas, as agreed upon by the Joint Boundary Commissions of the two countries," the press release said.

Armed clashes between Thai and Cambodian forces erupted on 24 July along their border and lasted for five days. The two ASEAN member states agreed to a ceasefire on the afternoon of 28 July, which took effect at midnight on the same day. — Xinhua



This pool photo taken and released on 6 August 2025 by Agence Kampuchea Presse (AKP) shows a delegation of diplomats from 11 countries along with representatives from 15 United Nations agencies and affiliated organizations visiting the Wat Phnom Thmar Kambor refugee camp in Banteay Ampil district in Cambodia's border province of Oddar Meanchey, to assess humanitarian conditions of displaced civilians following border clashes with Thailand.

**PHOTO: POOL / AFP**