

## 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.

## 22 camps in Myanmar mark World Elephant Day with elephant buffets

First celebrated in 2012 to raise awareness on elephant conservation and prevent extinction, World Elephant Day is now supported by nearly 70 wildlife organizations worldwide.



This photo showcases elephants relishing melon buffets at the camp.

**A**LL the elephant camps in Myanmar are presenting elephant buffets to celebrate World Elephant Day and preserve Asian elephants.

On the occasion which falls on 12 August, welcoming events took place at the Wingabaw camp in Bago Region and the Palin Kanthaya camp on the

bank of the Ayeyawady in NyaungU, Mandalay Region.

“We feed a buffet to elephants in our camp. Students from the Palin Village Middle School visited, and we explained to them about elephants, the differences between African elephants and Asian elephants, and elephant conservation in Myanmar,” said U Chit Ko

Ko, in charge of the Palin Kanthaya camp.

World Elephant Day was first celebrated in 2012 to raise awareness about the importance of elephant conservation and to prevent extinction. To date, nearly 70 wildlife organizations support the World Elephant Day celebration. — Htun Htun/GNLM

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## Domestic stability has become a crucial priority in multipolar era

- ❖ In the social and cultural sphere as well, during this Multipolar era where shifts in power are occurring rapidly, domestic stability has become a crucial priority.
- ❖ It is necessary to eliminate false news and misinformation, to advance media professionalism, and to respond effectively to efforts by foreign influences attempting to exert their impact.

(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 Wednesday 13 August 2025)

**BAY INFERENCE:** According to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, the low pressure area over Westcentral 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 Well-Marked Low-Pressure Area during next 24 hours. Monsoon is moderate to strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 14 August 2025:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Magway Region and Kayah State, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Bago, and lower Sagaing regions and Rakhine State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in upper Sagaing, and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, and northern Shan states. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

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

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times 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 Taninthayi Region and Kayin, Mon, and (southern and eastern Shan states.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 August 2025:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 August 2025:** One or two times of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 August 2025:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

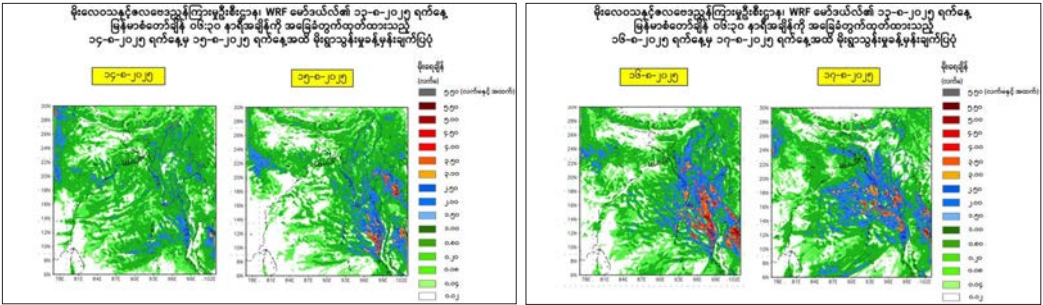
## Special Weather News

Issued at 7 pm MST on 13 August 2025

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### Advisory

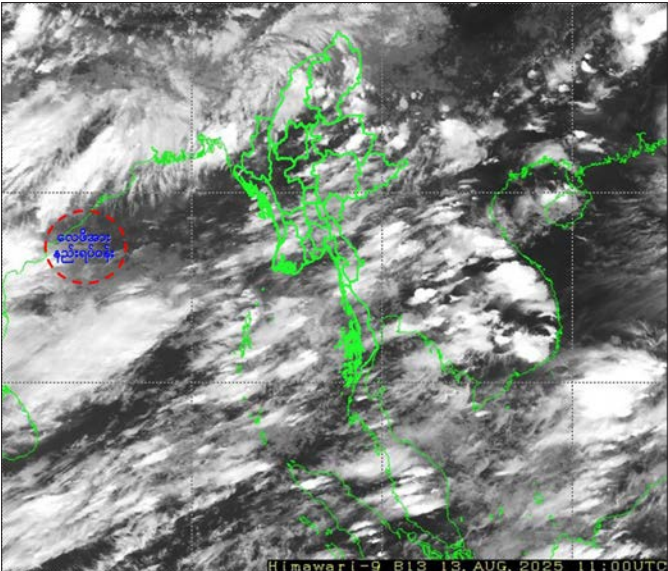
People should be aware of natural disasters, such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, thunder, lightning strike, lightning, hail, flash floods and landslides in hilly areas and near small rivers and to make necessary preparations for inland water transport, domestic flights and irrigation dams. — DMH



## Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 7 pm MST on 13 August 2025

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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)

Central Committee on Security Supervision meets ahead of general election

THE first meeting of the Central Committee on Security Supervision during the Multiparty Democracy General Election took place yesterday afternoon at the Areindama Hall of the Myanmar Police Force Headquarters.

The meeting was attended by the Chairman of the Central Committee on Security Supervision, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, along with Vice-Chairpersons, Central Committee members, a representative from the Union Election Commission, the Chairman and members of the Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory Committee on Security Supervision, and officials from the Myanmar Police Force Headquarters. Meanwhile, the chairpersons and members of the committees for security supervision from the regions and states joined via videoconference.

The Union minister first stated that preliminary coordination meetings were held with officials from the Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, regions, and states on 14 June and 13 July to ensure the successful organization of the 2025 multiparty democracy general election.



The first meeting of the Central Committee on Security Supervision in progress at the Myanmar Police Force Headquarters in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

He also noted that the Law on the Protection of Multiparty Democratic General Elections from Obstruction, Disruption and Destruction was approved and enacted on 29 July. Under this law, the Central Committee on Security Supervision was formed with 14 members, and yesterday’s meeting marked its first session. He also mentioned that committees for security supervision

have been formed at various levels, including the Union Territory, regions, states, self-administered zones and divisions, district, and township levels.

The Union minister emphasized that all officials are to implement the Head of State’s directives: to hold a free and fair multiparty democracy general election, to hand over state responsibilities to the newly

formed government, to ensure all eligible voters can cast their ballots, and to guarantee a secure election. He stressed the importance of paying special attention to preventing security breaches during the electoral period, as well as the need to accelerate efforts in crime reduction and the rule of law to maintain regional stability and community peace. He urged the various-level committees

on security supervision to understand their duties and powers under the law and to make special efforts in their security responsibilities, coordinating with relevant departments and partner organizations.

Following this, Deputy Chief of Police (2) Police Maj-Gen Aung Naing Thu gave a presentation on the Law on the Protection of Multiparty Democratic General Elections from Obstruction, Disruption and Destruction, which was enacted on 29 July. Subsequently, Police Brig-Gen Thet Naing, Chief of Police Staff as well as Joint Secretary of the Central Committee, presented the proposed security arrangements for the general election period.

Afterwards, the chairpersons of the committees on security supervision from the regions and states presented their respective security plans. Central Committee members and the representative from the Union Election Commission also put forward their discussions. A mutual discussion and coordination took place on the points raised, and the Union minister provided supplementary instructions as necessary. — MNA/KZL

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# NATIONAL

## President's Office Ministry 2 Union Minister receives WFP Representative & Country Director, UN temporary Resident Coordinator & Humanitarian Coordinator

U Ko Ko Hlaing, Union Minister for the Ministry 2 of the President's Office, received Mr Michael Dunford, World Food Programme (WFP) Representative and Country Director, United Nations Resident Coordinator ad interim and Humanitarian Coordinator ad interim, yesterday afternoon at the parlour of the Office of the National Defence and Security Council in Nay Pyi Taw.

Both sides cordially exchanged views on humanitarian assistance distribution to those people in need, preparing to hold a free and fair general



election, post-disaster recovery efforts and building a progressive and strengthened social community.

Officials from the Ministry 2 of the President's Office were present at the meeting. — MNA

Union Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing meets WFP Representative and Country Director, UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator ad interim Mr Michael Dunford in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

## MSWRR Union Minister inspects Kalaw, Nyaungshwe rehabilitation efforts



Union Minister Dr Soe Win inspects the implementation of the Kalaw Creek embankment project in Kalaw on 13 August.

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Soe Win inspected the implementation of the Kalaw Creek embankment project, the site where a suspension bridge will be constructed, the ongoing renovation works at Kalaw Railway Station, and the sand dredging activities along Kalaw Creek in Kalaw Township

yesterday.

During the inspection tour, the Union minister instructed to carry out the cleanliness activities and preventive measures against floods, and urged the public to participate in these activities. He also inspected the completion of prefabricated schools donated by ASEAN through the AHA Centre at the

No 8 BEPS in Aungban Township, and the peaceful learning sessions of the students.

The Union minister and party oversaw the construction of a temporary school building at the BEHS Branch (Kay Lar) in Nyaungshwe Township, and renovation works at Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda and donated cash. — MNA/KTZH

## MRPDA, PSA ink MoU to boost real estate agents' skills

THE Myanmar Real Property Development Association (MRPDA) and Professional Speakers Association of Myanmar (PSA) signed an MoU at the Royal Garden in Yangon on 10 August.

“MRPDA is making efforts to promote the knowledge and socioeconomic status of the members. As it is easy for the association to share the real estate-related skills, we signed with the Professional Speakers

Association of Myanmar to develop the advanced skills” said MRPDA (Central) First Vice-Chair U Wunna Soe.

The MoU is signed to enhance the necessary knowledge and skills of real estate agents to become highly capable agents and successful investors.

MRPDA (Central) Chair U Nanda Kyaw and PSA (Central) Chair U Zin Phyo Paing, respectively, remarked and signed the MoU. — Myo Min Thura/KTZH



An MoU signing ceremony between the Myanmar Real Property Development Association and the Professional Speakers Association of Myanmar in progress at the Royal Garden in Yangon on 10 August.

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Mandalay Earthquake: Damage, Losses, and Response Report

THE powerful Mandalay earthquake that struck on 28 March caused casualties, missing persons, injuries and damage to basic infrastructure in 10 regions and states, including the Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory.

According to the ground survey, the loss in the government sector, like dams, roads, bridges, education, health, train transport, electricity, energy, communication, religious affairs, culture, government-owned factories and workshops and office buildings is over K4,779 billion. Meanwhile, the private sector, like housing, private factories, workshops, businesses, private schools, hospitals, clinics and agricultural products, face the loss of over K3,200 billion, totalling more than K7,979 billion (US\$3,800 million)

Among regions and states, Mandalay Region suffered the most damage and losses, followed by Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory in second place, and Sagaing Region in third. By sector, damage to government offices, buildings, office equipment, and staff housing was the highest, whereas the damage to residential buildings was the second highest, and the religious

buildings was the third highest.

The government has provided support for the losses and damage caused by the earthquake. From the occurrence date of the earthquake up to 11 August 2025, more than K42.094 billion from the National Disaster Management Fund has been provided for emergency food assistance as directly benefit to the affected people, over K4.733 billion for assistance to the families of the deceased, K0.175 billion for the injured, and more than K1,605.571 billion for the reconstruction of houses, totalling over K1,652.573 billion. More than K340 billion has been spent on early rehabilitation activities. The foodstuffs and commodities donated by local and foreign donors are also distributed to the quake-affected areas promptly.

The earthquake destroyed the government offices, basic education schools, and staff housing. To ensure accommodation for staff and the reopening of offices and schools, 442 container offices, 9,048 container houses, and 20 temporary prefabricated school buildings have been distributed to ministries,

organizations, and affected areas. In addition, in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, 2,972 temporary housing units have been constructed, while 127 units are still under construction, and 57 temporary school buildings have been built, whereas seven buildings are still under construction.

Under the guidance of the Head of State, rehabilitation activities are being carried out with proper momentum in each sector. All basic education schools are reopened on time, and in the healthcare sector, hospitals and clinics have also been reopened. The maintenance work was completed 94.43 per cent in the road, 38.83 per cent in the bridge and 96.39 per cent in the railways sectors. In the telecommunications sector, 97.19 per cent of services have been restored, while in electricity distribution, the coverage has reached 98.61 per cent. To ensure the successful completion of the rehabilitation measures, efforts are being carried out with momentum by sector and organization.

National Disaster Management Committee

Schools, healthcare services resume in Nawnghkio



Photos show schoolchildren, with parents and guardians, enrolling for the new school year in Nawnghkio.

BASIC education schools in Nawnghkio were closed for nearly a year due to terrorist attacks. The schools were reopened on 25 July, and students can learn peacefully, with the school enrolment process being provided.

A total of 61 basic education schools have reopened in the township, and 8,085

students are attending the schools at present.

The Nawnghkio Township Hospital was reopened on 2 August to provide healthcare services to locals. Medical treatment was provided to 89 outpatients, 83 locals were tested for blood type, and one patient was tested for den-

gue fever yesterday. Moreover, 36 inpatients are receiving medical treatment, and the medics offer proper healthcare services.

The members of the Fire Brigade conducted cleaning activities in the vicinity of the Hawtaw Monastery, southward, Nawnghkio Township. — MNA/KTZH

Earthquake toll hits 3,773 dead, 5,104 injured, 35 missing as of 13 Aug

AS of 13 August, in the six regions and states of Myanmar most severely affected by the powerful earthquake that struck on 28 March, there have been 3,773 deaths, 5,104 injuries, and 35 people reported missing.

The Myanmar Fire Services Department is continuing clearance and reconstruction efforts, as well as conducting search-and-rescue operations for people trapped inside buildings. Up to the present date, 653 survivors have been rescued, and 851 deceased persons have been recovered.

Further updates will be issued regarding monetary and in-kind donations provided by both domestic and international donors for the victims. — MNA/MKKS

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Gold Market Rate as of 13 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.



# NATIONAL

## 2025 university entrance exam mark certificates resume on 13 Aug via token system

THE Department of Myanmar Examinations has announced that the issuance of the 2025 University Entrance Examination mark certificates will resume in regions and states on 13 August, using a token system, according to the Department of Myanmar Examinations.

Although the distribution of the mark certificates began on 30 July, the process was temporarily suspended on 4 August due to errors found in the mark certificates. The issuance will now recommence from 13 August.

“On 13 August, mark certificates will be issued for Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Rakhine, Mon, and Shan States. On 14 August, the mark certificates for Sagaing, Taninthayi, Magway,

and Bago regions will be issued. The dates for the remaining regions will be announced later,” said an official from the department.

For the issuance process, four counters will be open at the department’s headquarters in Nay Pyi Taw, and ten counters at its Yangon branch, with counters designated for each state and region.

To obtain a token, applicants must bring their Citizenship Scrutiny Card, driving licence, student card, or other form of identification. In the application for the mark certificates, they must fill in their roll number, name, pass/fail status, and any subjects passed with distinction. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. — ASH/KNN



This photo reveals the signboard of the Department of Myanmar Examinations (Zwekabin Hall).

## Actress donates to MMPO’s outstanding student awards ceremony

ACCORDING to Vice-Chair U Aye Kyu Lay of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO), actress Hla Myo Thinz Nwe and her family donated K500,000 to the organization on 12 August for the 2024–2025 Academic Year Outstanding Student Awards Ceremony.

The 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the Outstanding Student Awards Ceremony will be held for the children of members of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization who have passed the university entrance examination for the 2024–2025 academic year. At the ceremony, certificates of honour and cash awards will also be presented.

In addition, on 17 July, the Myanmar Motion Pictures Or-



This photo shows MMPO officials receiving the donation from actress Hla Myo Thinz Nwe.

ganization provided stipends, school uniforms, and stationery to 218 children of its members who are currently studying during the 2025–2026 academic year. — ASH/KZL

## Live performances at Modern Radio Bar on 17 Aug

SINGER Wai La and G-Latt will hold a music concert at the Modern Radio Bar in Ahlon Township, Yangon Region, at 7 pm on 17 August, according to singer Wai La.

“I will be performing many songs together with G-Latt. The band will be Mercury IX Sheeno Band, and the in-house vocalists of Modern Radio will also be there to add to the entertainment. So, let’s meet on the night of 17 August,” said singer Wai La.

It is also reported that another music concert will be held at the Modern Radio Bar on 30 August, featuring well-known singers Ye Lay, He Lay, and Academy Tun Tun. — ASH/MKKS



This photo displays singers Wai La and G-Latt in their promotional poster for the upcoming concert.

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# Myanmar earns US\$96M from over 80,000 MT of fishery exports in Apr-Jul



Female workers processing seafood at a cold storage facility.

Myanmar is steadily exporting seafood to 40 countries, including China, Thailand, Bangladesh and Japan, through maritime routes and land borders.

MYANMAR exported more than 81,000 tonnes of fish in the past four months of the current financial year 2025-2026, beginning 1 April, earning US\$96 million, according to the Department of Fisheries.

Myanmar delivered over 45,900 tonnes of fish by sea, with an estimated value of \$67 million. Over 35,000 tonnes of fish worth \$29 million were exported to neighbouring countries via the border channel.

Myanmar's fish export amounted to \$421 million from

about 400,000 tonnes in the previous FY 2024-2025 (April-March).

Myanmar steadily ships seafood to 40 countries, including China, Thailand, Bangladesh and Japan, through maritime and border trade channels.

Seafood, including hilsa, rohu, catfish, seabass, eel, shrimp and crab, is exported to foreign markets, according to the Myanmar Fisheries Federation. There are over 140 fishery cold storage facilities, and the department grants annual licence renewals. — NN/KK

## Myanmar, Russia in talks to set up trading house

THE director-general of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization (MyanTrade) received Mr Konstantin Kanarev, Trade Representative of the Russian Federation to Myanmar, at the Myanmar International Trade Centre of MyanTrade on 11 August 2025 and discussed establishing a trading house to facilitate bilateral trade between Myanmar and Russia.

The meeting highlighted export potential for agricultural produce from Myanmar to Russia, possible import items from Russia, agricultural produce, market conditions, trade procedures, and establishing a trading house to accelerate trade cooperation between the two countries.

MyanTrade, under the Ministry of Commerce, held a virtual meeting on 28 July regarding the export of Myanmar mango pulp to Russia. Russia primarily imports mango pulp from India. They want to import 10,000 tonnes of mango pulp

from India. MyanTrade will link Russian buyers with Myanmar dried mango and mango pulp suppliers.

Business entities also discussed challenges and collaboration matters with Russian buyers to boost dried mango and mango pulp exports.

Afterwards, MyanTrade held a hybrid meeting on 28 July for the exportation of Myanmar's high-grade coffee to Russia.

The meeting focused on coffee cultivation to export high-grade coffee, production situation, coffee market outlook in Russia and potential coffee varieties, in the presence of MyanTrade officials, Myanmar's economic counsellor in Russia, and representatives of the Myanmar Coffee Association and coffee suppliers.

MyanTrade, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and the economic counsellor in Russia will coordinate the needs for coffee export to Russia. — NN/KK

## CBM to inject US\$32M into fuel sector

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 13 August that it would sell US\$32 million to those engaged in the fuel oil sector.

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.

The Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold \$1.18 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$415,900 to fuel oil-importing companies on 11 August after purchasing the foreign currencies

from companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis.

Furthermore, CBM injected over 65,000 yuan into the market on that day. CBM also sold over \$348,000 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payment transactions. Additionally, importers of refined sugar, pharmaceuticals, pharma raw materials, electrical devices, industrial raw materials, construction materials, auto parts, motorcycle parts, telecommunication equipment, pesticides, tar and food commodities bought foreign currencies via online trading platforms.

CBM injected over 1.46 million yuan and over 930,300 baht on 8 August.

Additionally, CBM sold \$701,120 to edible oil-importing companies and \$361,921 to fuel oil-importing companies on the same day.

CBM sold over \$1.665 million to edible oil-importing companies after an injection of over 56,000



Greenbacks are seen at the currency exchange counter.

yuan into the market on 7 August.

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



## The best time: Businesspeople need to operate MSMEs

THE government is responsible for providing financial support and connecting to foreign markets to ensure a stable market presence. Accordingly, the relevant ministries must collaborate with entrepreneurs to offer the necessary technology, human resources, technical knowledge, education, and dissemination.

Currently, the Ministry of Industry, in collaboration with various agencies, is organizing technical training sessions and discussion forums. They are working to develop MSME businesses and provide support in technology and human resources. Since the government is focusing on MSME development, now is a good time for entrepreneurs to train their workers to become skilled labourers and technically proficient employees.

Myanmar is a developing country striving to advance both agriculture and industry simultaneously. Therefore, it implements policies aligned with the country's context and needs. In efforts to promote the growth of MSME businesses, addressing the shortage of skilled labour and producing competent workers is also a crucial task. Hence, the government offers various technical training programmes to enhance the skills of its workforce, ensuring the development of qualified personnel suitable for the workplace.

Now is the best time to operate MSME businesses in Myanmar due to strong financial and technological support from the government and the creation of favourable conditions. Therefore, businesspeople should avoid hesitation in managing their industries and actively, confidently follow the government's leadership to both develop the nation's industrial sector and increase their benefits.

country like Myanmar, striving for progress. In implementing suitable policies for the country, Myanmar looks to the practices of foreign nations as models. However, simply copying other countries' approaches exactly will not be effective; policies must be adapted to fit the nation's interests and circumstances.

Starting from the 2023-2024 academic year, since students who have completed KG+9 can now pursue vocational education, basic education schools teaching vocational subjects such as agriculture, livestock, and industrial technology have been established. In the 2025-2026 academic year, up to 89 basic education and higher vocational schools in industry, agriculture, and livestock have been opened across 88 districts. Moreover, recognizing the current era as a technological age, eight Polytechnic Universities have also been established to provide integrated education combining practical science subjects such as computer and technology studies.

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MYANMAR is a country with vast areas of unused and vacant land suitable for cultivation. These lands, though left idle, include farmlands and agricultural plots that could be used more effectively. Some enterprising groups have already begun utilizing them for crop cultivation and are earning income by selling their produce to both local and foreign markets.

If such unused land exists throughout the country, all rural areas could potentially benefit. Citizens living in these rural regions can enjoy the advantages and benefits gained from engaging in systematic agricultural practices.

### Oxygen, which is essential for human life

Except for those living in densely populated cities and crowded urban areas, people who cultivate crops on unused land rely on their own strength and simple tools to grow vegetables and fruits that can be used as ingredients in daily meals. Working in the fields also promotes physical activity, which benefits their health. Observing the growth and progress of their farms brings them peace of mind and happiness. Moreover, vegetable plants, like all green plants, release oxygen as a byproduct of photosynthesis. During this process, plants convert carbon dioxide and water into glucose using sunlight's energy. Oxygen is produced as a waste product and released into the atmosphere, useful for all human beings.

Humans cannot live without forests and trees in their environment. Just as the seasons change, the natural cycle renews forests and trees, including the climate conditions where people live. In desert areas where trees do not grow, afforestation efforts with drought-resistant tree species help to create a green and lush environment suitable for human habitation. Because of this, agricultural techniques from tropical regions are adopted worldwide, even from countries with arid climates.

Myanmar is a country rich in both farmland and pastureland. While urban areas like Yangon have fewer fields and farmlands compared to rural regions, many households still have small gardens or planting areas around their homes. Even where no large plots are available, people plant

# Daily life of urbanites: How to manage a green society

By April Son

crops in pots or containers, such as arranging flower pots in neat rows or planting vegetables in narrow spaces along fences.

### Opportunities for greening activities

Even in densely populated cities and crowded urban areas where people live in apartments and flats, there is still some available space for gardening. Many residents with small balconies or unused corners in their apartments take the opportunity to grow plants year-round. These small gardens can be planted with seasonal vegetables and herbs according to their preferences.

The key factor is the desire to cultivate. Whether someone has a large plot of land or just a small space, with creativity and effort, they can grow fresh vegetables and herbs. Even those living in cramped spaces with limited outdoor area can use simple methods to grow fruit trees, flowering plants, and vegetables in pots or containers. The cost is usually low, and it can be a relaxing activity during free time that benefits both mind and body. Moreover, nurturing these plants will be a pleasure for urbanites as well as a green decoration move for their society. Because of this, there is no need to overexert oneself in cultivation.

For those living in apartments, it is common to use small, well-organized spaces for growing plants. Many people divide their limited space into sections and cultivate various types of vegetables and herbs in stages. Some even grow plants in containers such as pots, old buckets or boxes, using vertical spaces like shelves or racks to maximize the area. By doing so, they develop skills in nurturing their small plants and appreciate the blessings of nature.

Therefore, every citizen

should strive not only to create a comfortable living space for themselves but also to contribute to revitalizing the natural world in their surroundings. Growing a few vegetable plants or a small fruit tree can help keep the environment green, fresh, and peaceful. This effort also provides essential support to the wildlife and birds living alongside humans.

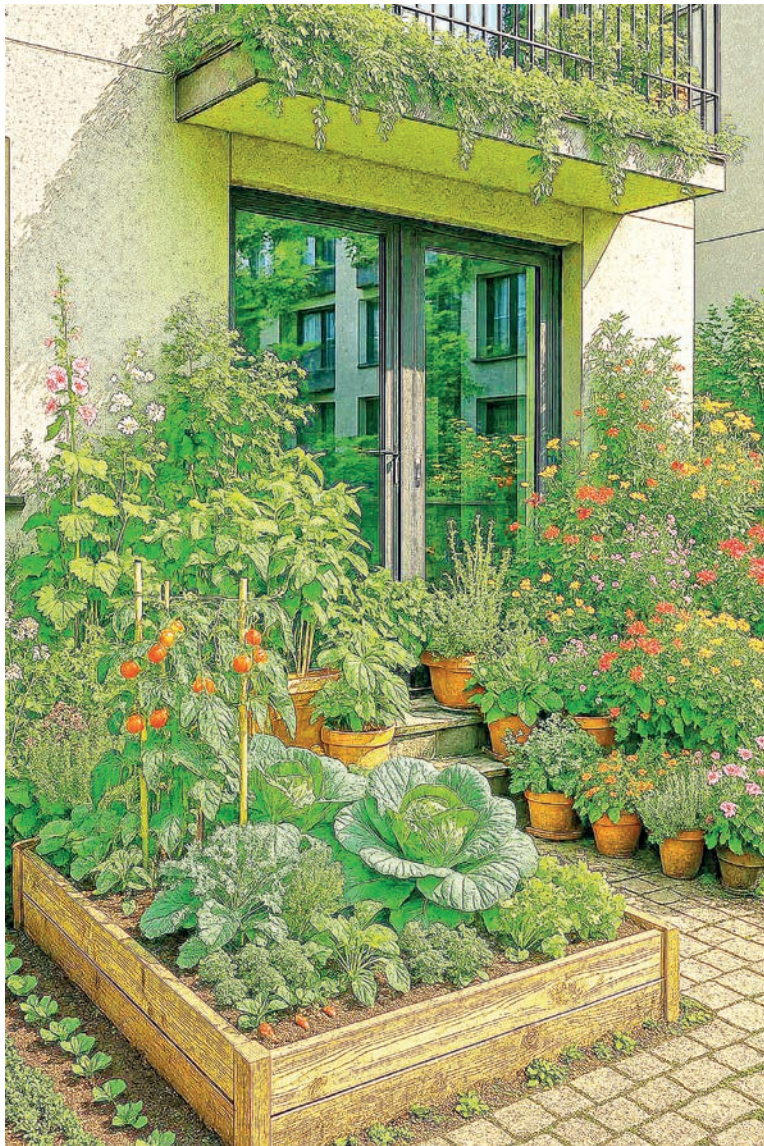
### Like the story of the elder and the prince

Those who have larger plots of land should also plant a variety of vegetables, flowers, and fruit trees around their homes. The trees and plants they cultivate should be cared for throughout their lifetime. Moreover, for the benefit of future generations, water-saving measures such as rain-water harvesting, water tanks, and water containers should be used wisely. Due to difficulties faced by many urban residents, everyone should strive to create a clean and beautiful environment in their surroundings.

This principle is reflected in traditional Myanmar stories, such as those about the old man who planted a small mango tree, demonstrating the value of nurturing nature for future generations.

### The fragrances from flowering plants refresh and uplift the mind

The plants grown in one's own garden enhance the beauty of the home surroundings. The fresh, green trees and shrubs create a pleasant environment and refresh the minds of family members. After a tiring day at work, tending to these plants can be relaxing. Nurturing seasonal crops and flower plants is designed to take physical exercise daily. Growing your own vegetables also helps reduce some of the kitchen expenses. Eating fresh



An urban public housing is decorated with seasonal kitchen crops and blossoming plants.

produce from your own garden brings unmatched satisfaction. Furthermore, the scents from the fruit trees and flowers uplift the spirit. Generally, the oxygen released by the plants contributes to the good health of family members and their environment.

Participating in environmental conservation by planting trees and shrubs, even in small spaces, helps protect the ecosystem. In today's world, where global warming is a pressing issue, collective efforts to address environmental problems are crucial. The presence of trees maintains ecological balance. Small trees and plants support wildlife and insects, which in turn sustain human life and the natural cycle. Since the three realms of the

actively participate in planting trees, flowers, and fruit plants in their surroundings.

It is necessary to follow the steps of urban greening methods, especially for urbanites residing in apartments of housings with limited spaces. But the lesser spaces should not be considered a disappointment for urbanites. It is because they can create their environment with greening gardens as much as they can. As such, those urbanites need to exercise the following key points for the process of greening their gardens.

### Creating a Personal Gardening Space

Apartment residents can begin gardening by utilizing small available spaces such as balconies, corridors, mezzanine floors, entire balconies, or any designated small plots within the apartments. The best methods include planting in flower pots, containers, or using vertical gardening systems.

### Vertical Gardening

In apartments with limited space, vertical gardening is a highly effective method. With this approach, plants can be evenly arranged and grown on walls or clean indoor and outdoor surfaces. This not only addresses the issue of limited growing space but also adds aesthetic appeal.

### Container Gardening

Using flower pots, tin cans, plastic buckets and bottles, cultivation can be done even in narrow, previously used spaces. Suitable plants for this method include eggplants, chilli peppers, tomatoes, golden onions, Shan coriander, and various leafy vegetables typically used in coconut milk-based dishes. This method provides fresh and quality produce for household use. The consumption of kitchen crops grown in apartment gardens that urbanites nurture brings a sense of personal satisfaction that cannot be exchanged with anyone;

it is a unique and valuable part of their lives.

### Hydroponics Gardening

For those living with advanced technology, hydroponics is a highly innovative method of cultivation. Since this technique requires no soil and uses only nutrient-rich water, it is easily applicable within apartments. With proper control, the vegetables produced are clean, hygienic, and rich in flavour and aroma as these are grown in their own patches as organic products.

### Environmental Impact

Plants play a vital role in purifying the air and creating a calm, peaceful environment. They absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen in return. Moreover, ornamental plants provide mental refreshment and help reduce stress. Such kinds of patches can contribute much to the beautifica-

tion of the apartment as well as the pleasure of families.

### Social Impact

Engaging in gardening activities together with family members within the household enhances family cooperation and has educational value. For young children, it fosters a sense of connection with nature and helps them understand the importance of life and sustainability.

For urban dwellers, planting and growing greenery is a beneficial activity that can be started with just a small amount of time, space, and investment. Not only does it enhance the beauty of one's home surroundings, but it also plays a vital role in personal health and environmental conservation. In future urban lifestyles, hands-on cultivation will become essential for living in harmony with nature.

## New cancer plan urged as survival improvements in England slow

IMPROVEMENTS in cancer survival rates in England and Wales have slowed down significantly since 2010, according to a major study released Wednesday, leading to calls for an urgent national cancer plan.

The study, conducted by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, measured the survival index for 10.8 million adults diagnosed with cancer between 1971 and 2018, accounting for variables like age, sex, and cancer type.

It found substantial improvements over the 48-year period, with the five-year survival index increasing from 28.8 per cent in 1971-72 to 56.6 per cent in 2018.

However, the pace of progress has slowed in recent years.

The 10-year survival index improved by four percent between 2000-01 and 2005-06 and only 1.4 per cent between 2010-11 and 2015-16.

The slowdown since 2010 "is likely to be at least partly explained by longer waits for diagnosis and treatment," said the report.

The deceleration has been observed across many individual cancers, "implying a system-wide challenge," said the study, funded by the Cancer Research UK charity.

Most notably, the 10-year survival index for breast, cervix, rectum, prostate, testis, and uterus cancers plateaued in the last 10-15 years, while the index for larynx cancers decreased.

Pancreatic cancer survival, at 4.3 per cent in 2018, has shown minimal change since 1971-72.

The study calls for a "new, long-term National Cancer Plan" to "bring cancer survival trends back towards the best in the world".

National cancer strategies have been part of health policy in England and Wales since 2000.

SOURCE: AFP



# NATIONAL

## Weekend trips to Yangon outskirts gain popularity

A high number of day-trippers visiting destinations around Yangon during the weekends has been seen, according to the tourism community.

Although the rainy season is not as busy as the open season, there are still many visitors making day trips around Yangon on weekends and public holidays.

"Beach trips are rare in the rainy season. Many people prefer visiting places with little rain or nearby sites where they can return within a day. These trips include Bago, Taikkyi, Hmawby, Zalun, and Kyaiktiyo. The weather is nice and the scenery is beautiful in the rainy season, so people go on a relaxing trip to experience the wild nature", said a tour operator.

Some tours are made af-

ter communicating with travel agencies, and some people make a train journey with friends.

"It was fun to visit together with friends and take the train to Bago. In Bago, we paid a pilgrimage tour to pagodas, had various local snacks, and went around in the city. In the rainy season, it is green and wet, the fields are lush, so it's very relaxing," said one traveller.

Despite being less active in the rainy season, the high tour season is usually during Thadingyut holidays, and it is expected that tourism will be increased again in the next dry season. — MT/ZN

This image captures visitors to Bago.



## OWIC approved for 70+ skilled workers' overseas employment

SAFE Migration said 73 skilled workers who are going to Japan, Singapore, Laos, Cambodia, the UAE, Qatar, Oman, Papua New Guinea, France and India on their own will be allowed for training and Overseas Worker Identification Card (OWIC) application.

They will have to attend the training on 14 August, and the OWIC application is being sched-

uled on 15 August, and they need to inform if they are unable to do so according to the schedule.

Furthermore, OWIC was also allowed for 76 workers on leave and going back to Thailand, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, the USA and Macao. They will have to do OWIC on 15 August and will need to inform if they are unable to do so according to the schedule. — MT/ZS



The OWIC issuing station (Mayangon)

## MNHRC inspects Belin (1), Belin (2) Labour Camps in Sintgaing, Shwe Say Ti Home for the Aged, and Kyaukse Police Lock-up

AN inspection team led by the Commissioner of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, U Kyaw Myint, inspected Belin (1), Belin (2) Labour Camps under the Department of Prisons in Sintgaing Township, as well as the Shwe Say Ti Home for the Aged and the Kyaukse Police Lock-up in Kyaukse Township yesterday under Sections 43 and 44 of the Commission Law.

During the inspection, responsible officials of each labour camp presented administrative and logistical matters. Prisoners were gathered and met in the dining hall and the community hall. The inspection team assessed whether the prisoners had access to their fundamental rights, including an adequate food supply, access to healthcare, and provision of sufficient purified water. The team also enquired about the receipt of items issued by the prison and items sent by their family, as well as whether the prisoners were allowed family visits. Additionally, the team evaluated the con-

ditions for physical activities, the right to freedom of religion, workplace safety measures and whether or not prisoners were required to work overtime, any instances of discrimination in the workplace and investigated any instances of human rights violations or torture in the workplace.

Then the inspection team looked over the dormitories, the prison clinic, library, kitchen, dining hall, food warehouse, water purifiers, water sanitation system and the cleanliness of both internal and external sewage. Additionally, the MNHRC donated knowledgeable books for the benefit of the prisoners.

At the Shwe Say Ti Home for the Aged, the inspection team met elderly residents in their living quarters and assessed arrange of conditions, including the provision of healthcare services, food and nutritional support, access to clean drinking and household water, freedom of religion and belief, and the overall hygiene and sanitation standards of

dormitories, bathrooms, toilets, and kitchens. The team also inquired about arrangements for recreation and relaxation, the accessibility of pension payments for eligible residents, and the availability of social pension support for those aged 85 and above.

At the Kyaukse police Lock-up, the MNHRC team inspected the conditions of detainees during the remand period, whether any torture occurred during the investigation, and whether there were opportunities to meet with family members, as well as the arrangements for food provision during the court appearance period, the disposal of sewage, and the overall cleanliness of the facilities and whether the conditions of access to meet family members and legal assistance during the court appearance period.

MNHRC will send recommendations to the relevant departments for necessary actions based on the findings during the inspection. — MNHRC



# Johnny Depp returning as ‘Jack Sparrow’ in next ‘Pirates’ film? Producer shares details



Bruckheimer emphasized that Depp’s return depends on the screenplay, stating, “If he likes the way the part’s written, I think he would do it.”  
**PHOTO: ANI**

*Jerry Bruckheimer, the producer of the “Pirates” franchise, indicated that discussions with Johnny Depp about a new film are ongoing.*

HOLLYWOOD actor Johnny Depp may be set to reprise his iconic role as Captain Jack Sparrow, according to franchise producer Jerry Bruckheimer. In a recent interview, Bruckheimer revealed that discussions with Depp about a new “Pirates” film are ongoing, and he remains optimistic about the actor’s return.

He emphasized that Depp’s involvement hinges on the screenplay, stating, “If he likes

the way the part’s written, I think he would do it.” Currently, the team is working on a screenplay, aiming to create a compelling narrative for the sixth instalment of the franchise.

Bruckheimer clarified that any new film would be a reboot of the “Pirates of the Caribbean” series, but he expressed a strong desire for Depp to be part of it, praising him as a good friend and an extraordinary artiste.

Depp originally portrayed Captain Jack Sparrow in five films from 2003 to 2017, which collectively grossed over US\$650 million worldwide.

However, his legal battles, particularly the 2022 trial with Amber Heard, cast uncertainty over the franchise’s future. Since then, Depp has focused on independent projects outside of Hollywood, but the prospect of returning to the beloved role remains a possibility. — ANI

## Taylor Swift announces 12<sup>th</sup> album for ‘pre pre-order’

US popstar Taylor Swift has announced her 12<sup>th</sup> album, titled “The Life of a Showgirl”, which is available for “pre pre-order” on her website.

The announcement came just after midnight Tuesday, featuring blurred images of a record, CD, and cassette tape adorned with a glittery orange lock, with the promise that the album artwork will be revealed later. While the release date has not been disclosed, it is noted that the album will ship before 13 October.

In a video clip shared on Instagram, Swift introduces the album while holding a blurred

vinyl cover, stating, “This is my brand new album ‘The Life of a Showgirl’”. The clip is part of the “New Heights” podcast hosted by her boyfriend, NFL player Travis Kelce, who enthusiastically refers to the album as “TS12”.

This new album follows Swift’s previous release, “The Tortured Poets Department,” which sold 1.4 million copies on its first day. Since 2021, Swift has been re-recording her first six studio albums to regain ownership of her music rights. In June, she announced that she had successfully bought back the rights to her entire back catalog. — AFP



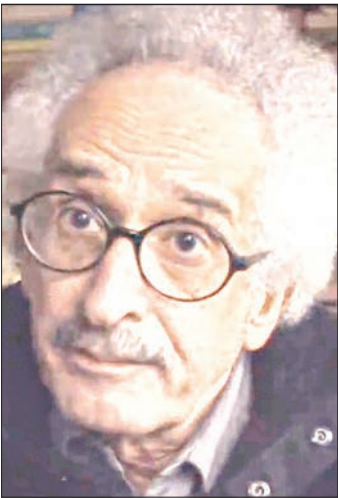
Swift’s online shop featured blurred images of a record, CD, and cassette tape with a glittery orange lock.  
**PHOTO: AFP**

## Renowned Egyptian novelist Sonallah Ibrahim dies at 88

EGYPTIAN novelist Sonallah Ibrahim, famed for his critiques of political repression, neoliberalism and Western hegemony, has died at the age of 88, the culture ministry announced on Wednesday.

Ibrahim “passed away today, leaving behind an immortal literary and humanitarian legacy,” Culture Minister Ahmed Fouad Hanno said in a tribute, calling the writer a “pillar of modern Arabic literature”.

Born in Cairo in 1937, Ibrahim was famed around the Arab world as a chronicler of social injustice, known for



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**PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

his sparse, documentary-style prose and his fierce independence.

His writings — which blurred the line between the personal and the political — captured the struggles of the Arab world in the postcolonial era, particularly those of his native Egypt.

Arguably his most famous novel, “Zaat” (1992), tells the story of Egypt’s modern history — from the overthrow of the monarchy in 1952 to the neoliberalism of the 1990s under president Hosni Mubarak — through the eyes of an ordinary, middle-class woman. — AFP

## Angelina Jolie, Doug Liman reunite for spy thriller ‘The Initiative’

NEARLY two decades after working together on the hit action film ‘Mr and Mrs Smith,’ actors Angelina Jolie and director Doug Liman are teaming up again for a new spy thriller called ‘The Initiative’. Accord-

ing to The Hollywood Reporter, Universal Pictures is close to finalizing the deal for the project, which will be directed by Liman and written by F Scott Frazier. Jolie will play a rogue master spy named Bright, who operates

outside the rules. The story follows a new agent, Charlie, who joins her team and soon finds himself unsure if Bright is trying to protect him or kill him as they take on dangerous missions to protect the world. — ANI



# ECONOMY

## WORLD

### Cambodia's trade with ASEAN rises to US\$9.67B during Jan-Jul period

CAMBODIA'S trade volume with its fellow ASEAN member states reached US\$9.67 billion in the first seven months of 2025, up 5.2 per cent from 9.19 billion dollars over the same period last year, said an official report on Wednesday.

The country exported products worth \$3.53 billion to other ASEAN countries during the January-July period this year, up 17.8 percent year-on-year, while its total import amounted to \$6.14 billion, up 0.92 per cent, said the report compiled by the Ministry of Commerce.

Cambodia's trade volume with ASEAN accounted for 26.2 per cent of the kingdom's total

trade volume of \$36.88 billion in the first seven months of 2025, the report said.

The kingdom's top five trading partners in ASEAN were Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, and Malaysia, the report added.

Cambodian Ministry of Commerce's Secretary of State and Spokesperson Penn Sovicheat said the main products the country exported to ASEAN included garments, shoes, travel goods, bags, solar panels, car tires, electronics, and agricultural products such as rice, cashew nuts, rubber latex, cassava, durians and bananas. — Xinhua



Workers slice ripe mangoes at the Zhong Bao (Cambodia) Food Science & Technology Co., Ltd. in Kampong Speu province, Cambodia on 7 March 2023. **PHOTO: VAN POV/XINHUA/FILE**

### Vietnamese PM calls for ongoing tariff talks with US

VIETNAMESE Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh has ordered the Ministry of Industry and Trade to continue tariff negotiations with the United States to secure the most favorable commitments for Vietnam, aiming for a comprehensive, balanced and sustainable trade agreement, Vietnam News Agency reported Wednesday.

The government leader assigned ministries, localities and state-owned enterprises to take measures in response to Washington's tariff policy.

Since 1 August the United States has lowered tariffs on Vietnamese goods from 46 per cent to 20 per cent under an executive order signed by US President Donald Trump that modified tariff rates for 69 trading partners. — Xinhua



This aerial drone photo taken on 8 July 2025 shows a container ship approaching to Qingdao Port in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province. **PHOTO: ZHANG JINGANG/XINHUA**

### China's marine economy makes steady progress in H1: official

*The service sector was the largest contributor to the marine economy in 2024, accounting for 59.6 per cent of the total GOP.*

CHINA'S marine economy made steady progress in the first half of 2025, said Gu Wu, an official with the Ministry of Natural Resources, on Wednesday.

Gu made the remarks when speaking on the latest episode of the China Economic Roundtable, an all-media talk show hosted by Xinhua News Agency.

According to preliminary calculations, China's gross ocean product (GOP) grew 5.8 per cent year on year to 5.1 trillion yuan (about US\$714.1 billion) in the first half of this year, data from the Ministry of Natural Resources showed.

China's marine economy achieved a significant milestone in 2024, with its GOP exceeding 10 trillion yuan for the first time, according to data from the ministry. China's GOP had reached 10.54 trillion yuan in 2024, marking an increase of 5.9 per cent from the previous year.

Notably, the service sector was the largest contributor to the marine economy in 2024, contributing 59.6 per cent of the total GOP. Marine manufacturing emerged as a key driver, accounting for over 30 per cent of the total GOP. — Xinhua

### Japan's key stock indexes end at new record highs

JAPAN'S key stock indexes ended at fresh all-time highs on Wednesday, sending the benchmark Nikkei index above the 43,000 line, as US inflation data eased concerns over rising prices in the world's largest economy. The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average gained 556.50 points, or 1.30 per cent, from Tuesday at 43,274.67. The broader Topix index finished 25.54 points, or 0.83 per cent, higher at 3,091.91. — Kyodo



A financial board in Tokyo on 13 August 2025, shows the 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average at a record closing high of 43,274.67. **PHOTO: KYODO**



## Fortnite developer claims win against Apple and Google

AN Australian court has found Apple and Google misused their market power in a dispute with the maker of wildly popular video game Fortnite.

Both Apple and Google kicked Fortnite off their respective app platforms in 2020, after the game designed an in-app payments system that cut the tech giants out of the loop.

Developer Epic Games retaliated by launching legal action against the tech giants in a string of courtrooms around the world.

Australia's Federal Court this week found the tech firms' app-store dominance reduced competition, likely forcing game developers to pay

higher commission fees.

"This is a WIN for developers and consumers in Australia!" Epic Games said in a statement Tuesday.

Justice Jonathan Beach however rejected Epic Games' claims that Apple and Google engaged in unconscionable conduct.

A Google spokesperson said the company disagreed with some of the court's findings and would "review the full decision when we receive it and assess our next steps". Australian lawyers have lodged a class action suit seeking compensation from Apple and Google on behalf of game users and developers. — AFP



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**PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

## China launches anti-dumping probe into pea starch imports from Canada

CHINA on Tuesday initiated an anti-dumping probe into imported pea starch from Canada, the Ministry of Commerce has said.

The probe was launched in response to an application from domestic enterprises in relevant industries, the ministry said.

It noted that preliminary evidence has shown that dumped Canadian pea starch imports have surged in recent years at prices consistently below domestic levels, causing operational difficulties and losses for the domestic industry, the ministry said. — Xinhua

## IKEA India opens first store in Delhi, after Hyderabad, Mumbai and Bengaluru

IKEA India has opened its first store in Delhi, setting up shop at Pacific Mall in Tagore Garden, West Delhi. Spanning 15,000 square feet, the store aims to bring the furniture brand closer to homes in Delhi and surrounding areas, offering a mix of products, design ideas, and personalized services. Swedish firm IKEA is known for affordable, ready-to-assemble furniture, home goods, and related services.

The new store in Delhi is part of IKEA's broader strategy in India, which combines large-format outlets, city stores, e-commerce, and "Plan and Order Points" where customers can design kitchens



The store aims to bring IKEA's furniture and home goods closer to customers in Delhi and surrounding areas, featuring a mix of products, design ideas, and personalized services.  
**PHOTO: IKEA/ANI**

and wardrobes. With over 2,000 products on display and nearly 800 available for

instant purchase, the IKEA Delhi store offers an offline version of the IKEA experi-

ence. Larger furniture and home items can be ordered online for delivery. — ANI

### Changing Distributor Names of Pesticides

Rallis India Limited (India) would like to announce that: the following our products will be transferred to Diamond Star International Ltd (No.9, Yaw Min Gyi Lane, Yaw Min Gyi Quarter, Dagon Township, Yangon Region, Myanmar) as a new distributor.

And we would like to invite any objection for the above changing distributor, please contact the Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogon, Insein within 14 days.

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2.	Panida 33 % EC	Pendimathalin 33 % EC	Aventine Limited	Diamond Star International Ltd

Aventine Limited (ph: 09-754264630)

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V FSL SINGAPORE VOY.NO. (203N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V FSL SINGAPORE VOY.NO. (203N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **14-8-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** 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.

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### MYANMA Port Authority "NOTICE of High Tide"

EXCEPTIONALLY high spring from 20.08 feet to 20.57 feet high above the chart datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period of August 23<sup>th</sup> to August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Please be noted that it is not serious level of tide because the highest tide level have reached up to 22 feet above the chart datum in year 2014 and 2015, and this notice is normally issued whenever high tide of Yangon River is expected to reach over 20 feet high above the chart datum in order to take precautionary measures to the public living near river foreshore area of Yangon City.

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ROLLING UPDATES  
WORLD

Red Sea shipping lanes must be secured:  
Chinese envoy



A Yemeni coastguard member loyal to the internationally-recognized government rides in a patrol boat in the Red Sea close to the strategic Bab al-Mandab Strait. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

*The Houthis claimed responsibility for sinking two commercial vessels, named Magic Seas and Eternity C, in the Red Sea last month.*

A Chinese envoy said Tuesday that the security of the Red Sea shipping lanes must be maintained.

Last month, the Houthis claimed responsibility for sinking two commercial vessels -- Magic Seas and Eternity C -- in the Red Sea.

China finds it deeply concerning and calls on the Houthis to respect the navigational rights of commercial vessels of all countries in the Red Sea in accordance with international

law, and to stop harassing or attacking them, said Geng Shuang, China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations.

"The shipping lanes in the Red Sea should be kept safe, and the safety and security of civilians, including seafarers, should be protected. Yemen's sovereignty, security and territorial integrity should also be respected," he told a UN Security Council meeting on the situation in Yemen. — Xinhua

Singapore ministerial  
delegation arrives in  
Delhi for India-Singapore  
Ministerial Roundtable

SINGAPORE'S Deputy Prime Minister Gan Kim Yong, Finance Minister Vivian Balakrishnan and a Ministerial delegation from Singapore arrived in New Delhi for the 3<sup>rd</sup> India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR) on Wednesday.

A warm welcome to DPM Mr Gan Kim Yong, FM Vivian Balakrishnan and the Ministerial delegation from Singapore as they arrive in New Delhi for the

3<sup>rd</sup> India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR).

On Wednesday, Balakrishnan will take part in the 3<sup>rd</sup> India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR) at Hyderabad House, starting at 9:50 am, followed by an official photo session. Later that day, he will call on the President of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan, where another official photo opportunity is planned — ANI

French President Emmanuel  
Macron signs law banning bee-  
killing pesticide after mass petition

FRENCH President Emmanuel Macron has signed into law a modified bill banning the reintroduction of a bee-killing pesticide, following a petition signed by more than two million people, France 24 reported. The legislation, which has sparked a major debate in France, was adopted in July

in a divided lower house of parliament and has faced criticism for being rushed through without proper discussion, according to France 24.

The law was published in the government's official journal on Tuesday after the Constitutional Council, France's highest court, struck down a

contested provision regarding the reintroduction of acetamiprid.

The court ruled that neonicotinoid insecticides posed "risks to human health" and deemed the provision unconstitutional for undermining the right to live in a balanced and healthy environment as guaranteed by the country's environmental charter, France 24 stated.

Acetamiprid, banned in France since 2018, remains legal in the European Union. Supporters of the pesticide argue that French farmers need it to stay competitive with European counterparts.

The main farmers' union has opposed the court ruling while welcoming the approval of other parts of the legislation, including measures to simplify planning permission for livestock buildings and water reservoirs for irrigation, France 24 reported. — ANI



Acetamiprid has been banned in France since 2018 but remains legal in the European Union. **PHOTO: PIXABAY**

South Korean president,  
Japan PM to meet in Tokyo

SOUTH Korean President Lee Jae Myung will meet Japan's prime minister in Tokyo next week on his way to a planned sit-down with US President Donald Trump, both governments said Wednesday. Lee had previously announced a 25 August meeting in Washington where he and

Trump are to hammer out details of their recent trade deal. His 23-24 August summit with Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba will "solidify the foundation for future-oriented cooperation" between the two leaders, presidential spokeswoman Kang Yu-jung told a press briefing. — AFP



# Myanmar tops Group B, advances to ASEAN Women's Championship semifinals



Myanmar secured first place in Group B of the 2025 ASEAN Women's Championship and advanced to the semifinals after drawing 1-1 with defending champions the Philippines on 13 August in Vietnam.

In the day's other Group B match, Australia defeated Timor-Leste 9-0. The result meant Myanmar topped the group, while the Philippines was eliminated from the tournament, losing its grip on the title. Having won their first two matches, Myanmar went into the final group game knowing the result would be decisive for their semifinal hopes.

The Philippines, needing a win, started aggressively, but Myanmar's defence held firm. After the opening 10 minutes, Myanmar began to counter effectively, and in 32 minutes, Win Theingi Tun was fouled in the box, earning a penalty. She converted the spot kick herself to give Myanmar the lead.

The Philippines equalized in the 71<sup>st</sup> minute through Nina, capitalizing on a defensive lapse. Myanmar held on to preserve the draw, although substitute Yoo Wadi Hlaing missed a late chance to secure the win with a 90<sup>th</sup>-minute free kick.

At the end of the group stage, Vietnam topped Group A with nine points, followed by Thailand with six. In Group B, Myanmar finished first with seven points, while Australia took second with six.

The semifinals, set for 16 August, will see Myanmar face Thailand, while host Vietnam will take on Australia.

— Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

Myanmar and the Philippines in action during their Group B match. PHOTO: MFF

# Myanmar fighter Joshua Van shortlisted for two awards at 17<sup>th</sup> World MMA Awards

AT the 17<sup>th</sup> World MMA Awards, selected by Fighter Only magazine, Myanmar fighter Joshua Van has been included in the preliminary list for two award categories.

The World MMA Awards are among the most prestigious honours for MMA fighters, with a total of 23 categories being awarded this year. Winners are chosen through fan voting, based on performances in bouts held between July 2024 and June 2025. The preliminary lists for each category are compiled from these performances.

Joshua Van has been short-listed for the Breakthrough Fighter of the Year award and the Fight of the Year award. His bout on 28 June against Brandon Royval at UFC 317 was included in the Fight of the Year list. That match was recognized as the "Best Co-Main Event" of

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UFC 317, and was also chosen as "Fight of the Month" for June by UFC.

For the Breakthrough Fighter of the Year award, Van appears alongside four other athletes, including Reinier de Ridder, a fighter familiar to Myanmar fans.

Joshua Van has won 13 out of 15 professional fights, with five consecutive victories in his most recent bouts. He began

competing in the UFC in 2023, where he has secured seven wins from eight fights. His victory over Brandon Royval in his latest match has earned him a title shot for the UFC Flyweight World Championship belt later this year. In 2018, renowned Myanmar fighter Aung La N Sang won the International Fighter of the Year award at the World MMA Awards. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

# LOCAL SPORTS



PHOTO: ONE

# 3 Myanmar fighters set to compete in ONE Friday Fights 120

THREE Myanmar fighters will take part in the ONE Friday Fights 120 event to be held in Thailand on 15 August.

The fighters are Thant Zin, Soe Naung Oo, and Auk Chin Lay. Thant Zin will face Thai fighter Gingsanglek, Soe Naung Oo will meet Lebanese fighter Omar, and Auk Chin Lay will take on Japanese fighter Ishii.

The bout between Thant Zin and Gingsanglek was initially

scheduled for 8 August but was postponed by one week due to Gingsanglek's health condition. Thant Zin, who has fought four matches under ONE, holds two wins and two losses, and will aim to end his current two-bout losing streak. Their fight is slated as the Co-Main Event.

Meanwhile, both Soe Naung Oo and Auk Chin Lay will make their debut appearances in the ONE ring. — Chit Ko Ko/KZL

# Yangon United and head coach part ways

MYANMAR National League club Yangon United have made a change in head coach just two days before the start of the league season, parting ways with U Kyaw Doon.

The decision came on 13 August, one day after Yangon United were eliminated from the AFC Challenge League play-off by Lao club EZRA. That match, played on 12 August, ended in defeat for Yangon United after a penalty shoot-out. The club announced that the separation was by mutual agreement.

Yangon United will open their 2025-2026 MNL season on 17 August against Yadanabon FC, with a new head coach to be appointed before then.

This was U Kyaw Doon's second stint in charge of Yangon United. Under his leadership in the 2024-2025 MNL season, the club finished as league runners-up and won the season's first competition, the MNL League Cup. — Htun Thway Eain/KZL

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# Anchorage summit confirmed: Trump, Putin to discuss peace and partnership

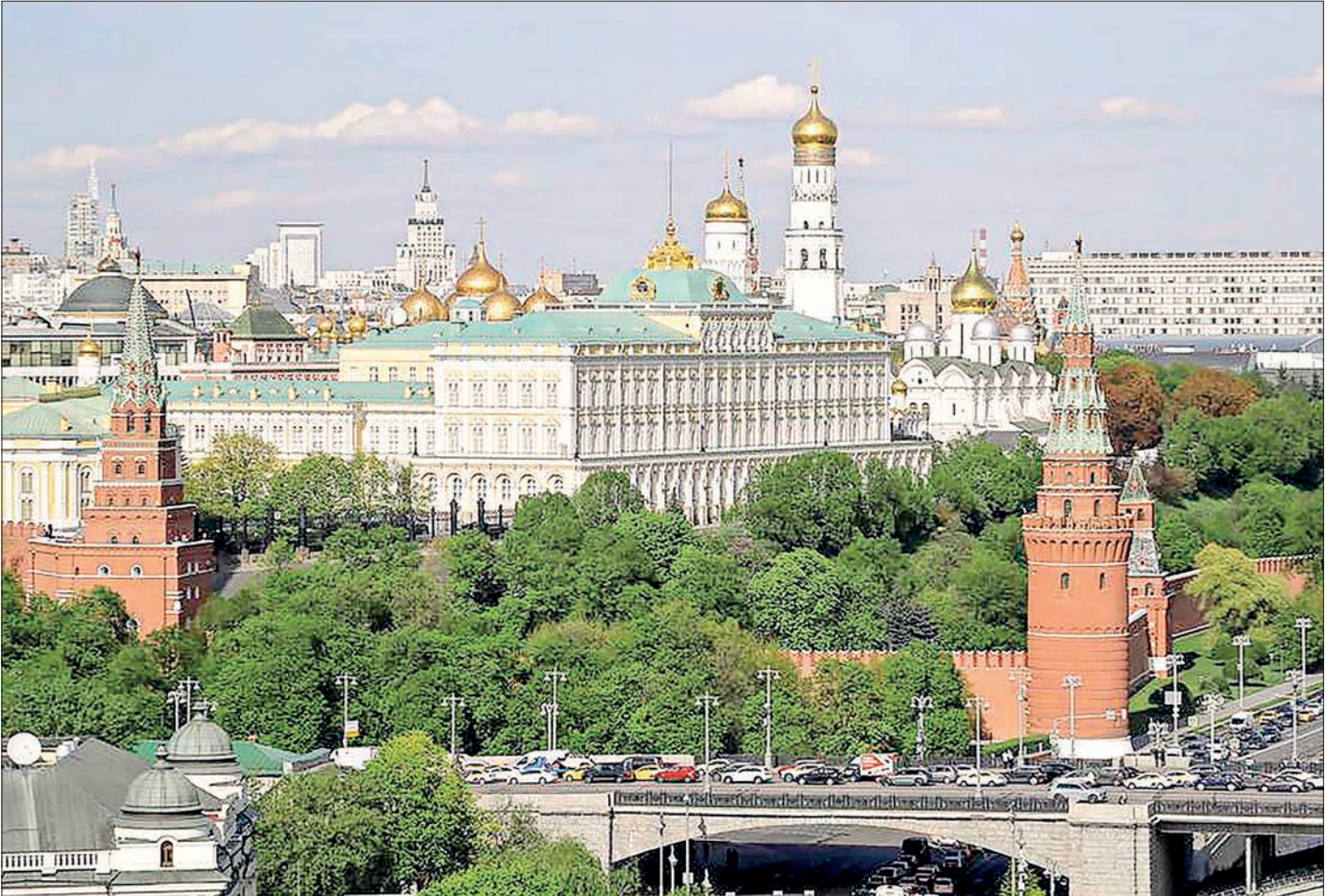
US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin are set to meet on Friday in the US state of Alaska, marking the first visit by a Russian president to the United States since 2015.

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump will travel to Anchorage, Alaska, on Friday morning to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin, and discuss peace and partnership, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said on Tuesday.

“On Friday morning, President Trump will travel across the country to Anchorage, Alaska, for a bilateral meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin,” Leavitt told a briefing.

She added that Trump’s “strong preference” will be for peace and partnership.

— SPUTNIK



This photo taken on 24 April 2025 shows the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia. PHOTO: ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO JR/XINHUA

## Swiss pilot surpasses solar-powered plane altitude record

SWISS pilot Raphael Domjan beat the altitude record for a solar-powered electric plane in a flight that took him soaring to 9,521 metres, his team announced Wednesday.

The SolarStratos plane made the



The SolarStratos plane has 22 square metres of solar panels on its wings. PHOTO: AFP

landmark flight from Sion airport in southwest Switzerland on Tuesday, taking advantage of warm air thermals to go beyond the 15-year-old record.

The certified altitude record for a solar plane had stood at 9,235 metres (30,298 feet). It was set in 2010 by the Solar Impulse plane, with Swiss pilot Andre Borschberg at the controls.

Domjan’s flight lasted five hours and nine minutes.

“I share this moment of joy with all the people who have been preparing for this achievement for years,” he said, celebrating afterwards with the melted cheese of a traditional Swiss raclette.

The data will be sent to the World Air Sports Federation governing body, which will decide whether to validate the new record. — AFP

### NARCOTICS CONTROL LAW

Record 1 tonne of  
cannabis, worth  
\$35M, seized  
in Japan

JAPANESE narcotics agents said Wednesday they have seized 1.046 tonnes of cannabis worth about 5.2 billion yen (\$35 million) on the street, marking Japan’s largest-ever single-raid illegal drug haul. The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare’s Narcotics Control Department has arrested three Vietnamese nationals for allegedly smuggling the cannabis hidden in a shipping container and possessing it at a material yard in Tochigi Prefecture, north of Tokyo, it said.

The three have been indicted on charges of violating the narcotics control law. — Kyodo