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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.



This aerial drone photo reveals overview of the tourist destinations in Sagaing Region.

Sagaing hosts over 76,700 travellers in Jan-Jul 2025

A total of 76,741 international and domestic travellers flocked to tourism sites in Sagaing Region between Janu-

ary and July, said U Myint Sein, director of Sagaing Region Directorate of Hotels and Tourism. “Arrivals of domestic visitors hit 76,298 while 443 foreigners

visited Sagaing Region, totalling 76,741,” he elaborated. “The Mingun cultural site hosted 243 tourists before the Mandalay earthquake that hap-

pened in late March. Consequently, the arrival of visitors significantly dropped. Fourteen hotels damaged in Sagaing Region are under repair. Some guesthouses have returned to business,” he continued. There are 212 motels and guesthouses in Sagaing Region under the approval of the Sagaing Region Development Committee. — ASH/KK

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NATIONAL

Boosting target production will bolster export volume

- ❖ To increase exports, agricultural activities must be carried out effectively to achieve the target yield.
- ❖ Only when goals are fully met, with a boost in per-acre yield of crops, will exports also increase.

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

- 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.

Flood Warning

(Issued at 2 pm MST on 9 August 2025)

ACCORDING to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Nanyin Stream at Mogaung is observed as about one foot below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next one day.

According to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Nankaung Stream at Mogaung is observed as more than one foot below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next one day.

According to the 12:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of the Chindwin River at Homalin is observed as about more than three feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next two days.

According to the 12:30 pm MST observation today, the water level of the Chindwin River at Phaungpyin is observed as about four feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next two days.

It especially alerts the people who settle near the river banks and low-lying areas in Mogaung, Homalin and Phaungpyin townships, to take precaution 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 pm MST on 9 August 2025)

ACCORDING to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Sittoung River at Toungoo has exceeded by about 0.5 foot above its danger level. It may rise about 0.5 foot during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

According to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Sittoung River at Madauk has exceeded by about three feet above its danger level. It may fall about 0.5 foot during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

According to the 6:30 am MST observation today, the water level of the Thanlwin River at Hpa-an has exceeded by about one foot above its danger level. It may rise about 0.5 foot during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

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

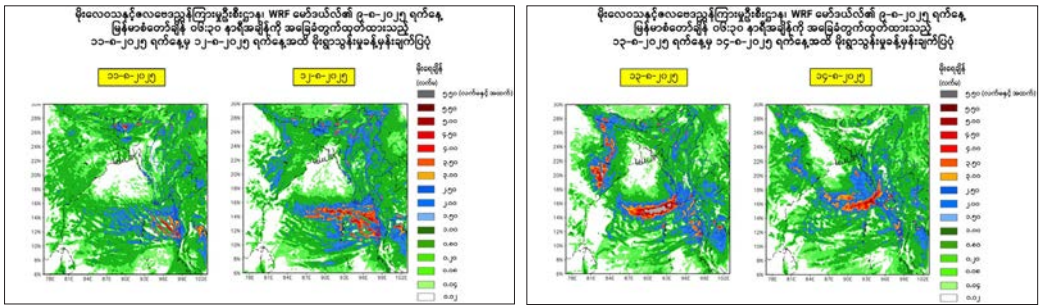
Special Weather News

Issued at 7 pm MST on 9 August 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, monsoon will be strong over the Andaman Sae and Bay of Bengal, due to the unstable air condition over the Bay of Bengal, rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Mandalay, Magway and lower Sagaing regions and Kayah and Chin states and fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bago, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan states with regionally and isolated heavy falls from 11 August 2025 to 15 August 2025. Squalls 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 off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

People should be aware of natural disasters, such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, thunder, lightning strikes, 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



Bay of Bengal Condition

Issued at 2 pm MST on 9 August 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 1:30 pm MST today, a low-pressure area may form over Northwest Bay and adjoining Westcentral Bay of Bengal on 13 August 2025. — DMH

EARTHQUAKE

(Issued at 7:15 pm MST)

A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.6 Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about 15 miles northwest of Mingin), latitude 22.93 °N, longitude 94.27 °E, depth (10) kilometres, about (47) miles northeast of the Haka Seismological Observatory was recorded at 19 hour 00 minute 07 second MST on 8 August 2025. — DMH

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NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

ARMED terrorists have been launching attacks by using residential homes and administrative buildings in towns and villages as cover, where they have forcibly settled. They aim to shield themselves from Tatmadaw counterattacks while also persuading temporarily displaced persons to return to their native areas and recruiting new members. That enables terrorists to use civilians as human shields. Tatmadaw is committed to safeguarding the sovereignty of the State and will respond to these threats based on intelligence and prevailing conditions. Therefore, residents in areas where terrorists have taken control must prioritize their safety and protect themselves from being exploited by these groups.

(An excerpt from guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Shan State cabinet members and state-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)



Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar Mrs Ponnampereuma Arachchige Prabashini Ponnampereuma pays tribute to late Pro Tem President U Myint Swe.



Russian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Iskander Azizov signs the condolence book for late Pro Tem President U Myint Swe.

The Ambassadors and Heads of Mission to Myanmar signed the Book of Condolence opened at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sagawah Street, Yangon, to honour the memory of Pro Tem President U Myint Swe, who passed away on 7 August 2025.

On 9 August 2025, Mr Jong Ho Bom, Ambassador of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Mr Iskander Azizov, Ambassador of the Russian

Signing of Condolence Book by Ambassadors and Heads of Mission

Federation; Mrs Ponnampereuma Arachchige Prabashini Ponnampereuma, Ambassador of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; Mr Muhammad Arif Hidayatullah, Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia; Mr Anwar

Zeb, Charge d' Affaires ad interim of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan; Dr Rashid Abdulla AL-Kuwari, Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the Embassy of the State of Qatar; Mr Aizul Aziz, Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the Embassy of Brunei

Darussalam; and Mr Abdullah A Al-Hoshan, Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, signed the Book of Condolence. Senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs warmly received the Ambassadors and Heads of Mission upon

their arrival. The Ambassadors and Heads of Mission conveyed their profound condolences and heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family of the Pro Tem President as well as to the Government and people of Myanmar. — MNA

MoI Union Minister inspects Pharmaceutical Factory (Inyaung)

UNION Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than inspected the completed restoration of buildings and equipment at the Intravenous Solution Manufacturing Department, which had been damaged by the Mandalay earthquake, as well as the resumption of intravenous solution production, during his visit yesterday morning to the Pharmaceutical Factory (Inyaung) in Kyaukse, Mandalay Region.

The Union minister then met with the Managing Director, General Managers the Factory Manager, and Department



Union Minister Dr Charlie Than inspects the resumption of intravenous solution production at the Pharmaceutical Factory (Inyaung) in Kyaukse, Mandalay Region, yesterday.

Heads at the factory meeting hall. He emphasized the need to strictly follow good manufacturing practices, as the facility produces pharmaceuticals. He also stressed that restoration and installation of machinery in seismic zones must comply with FEMA guidelines, and clear protocols should be established for building or rebuilding pharmaceutical factories locally. Plans should be methodically developed and implemented; new drug brands should be introduced to promote the production of essential medicines; and strategies

such as government-private sector cooperation should be adopted. The Union minister further highlighted that human resource development should be continuously pursued to improve product quality, increase production, and maximize the use of equipment. Factory officials should regularly review daily operations, work to address weaknesses and build on strengths, and employees should strive to meet the production targets for the financial year. — ASH/MKKS

NATIONAL

MoTC honours top students among staff offspring

THE Ministry of Transport and Communications held an award ceremony yesterday morning to honour children of ministry staff who have excelled in scholarship programmes and in the 2024–2025 matriculation examinations. The event took place at Office No 2 of the ministry.

Union Minister U Mya Tun Oo, deputy ministers, officials from various departments under the ministry, and award recipients, including students and their parents, attended the ceremony.

In his speech, the Union minister said that the education of children of ministry staff who achieved outstanding results in the 2024-2025 matriculation examinations is the foundation for nation-building. He emphasized that only through the emergence of skilled, knowledgeable,



Union Minister U Mya Tun Oo presents prizes to students who excelled in the matriculation examinations.

and talented individuals can the country achieve sustainable development. He encouraged students to pursue higher-level

academic disciplines and strive to become outstanding youth who can contribute effectively to the nation's future.

The Union minister and deputy ministers also presented school supplies to children of staff attending basic education

schools and awarded prizes to those students who excelled in the university entrance examinations. One of the outstanding students expressed gratitude on behalf of the awardees.

At the ceremony, the Ministry of Transport and Communications also provided school stationery and exercise books to 15,725 children of ministry staff studying at the basic education level. Also, 161 students who achieved honours in various subjects were recognized and given certificates of honour and cash awards. Among them were five students with distinctions in four subjects, five with distinctions in five subjects, 11 with distinctions in four subjects, 43 with distinctions in three subjects, 34 with distinctions in two subjects, and 64 with distinctions in one subject. — MNA/KZL

Myanmar Products Exhibition



Attendees visit booths displayed at the Myanmar Products Exhibition and Entrepreneurs' Networking Event at the Eravati Hotel in Yangon yesterday.

THE Myanmar Products Exhibition and Entrepreneurs' Networking Event, showcasing and selling products and food

items from various regions of Myanmar, was held yesterday morning at the Eravati Hotel in Yangon.

The Association for the Preservation of Myanmar Cultural Heritage, the Union of Myanmar Bamar Entrepreneurs Association, the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association, the Singapore Association of Myanmar and the embassies of Egypt, Bangladesh and Malaysia participated in the event.

The event exhibited Myanmar traditional textiles, costumes, gems, canes, furniture, lacquerware, Thanaka and food.

The STP company initiated the event, and over 40 companies participated with over 60 booths. The event will be from 10 am to 6 pm on 9 and 10 August. The meeting of entrepreneurs will be on 11 August. — Myo Min Thura/KTZH

‘Maya Kyun’ to air on 14 Aug

THE Myanmar film ‘Maya Kyun’ (Wife’s Slave) is set to be broadcast on 14 August, according to film sources.

The movie’s original story was adapted by Kyulit May, with the screenplay written by Zarn, and production directed by Yazawin Ko.

“This drama tells a love story driven by prejudice and

hatred, which escalates into a battle of egos. We will watch together to see how the couple burns in the flames of ego,” said actor Kyaw Htet Aung.

The cast includes Kyaw Htet Aung, Oak Soe Khant, Academy Soe Myat Thuza, Lin Zar Ni Zaw, Academy Chu Lay, and Than Tha Nyi. — ASH/MKKS



A Myanmar film ‘Maya Kyun’ poster.

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NATIONAL

Agri dept targets over 1.1M acres of monsoon paddy, completes cultivation of over 1M in region

THE Yangon Region Agriculture Department is estimated to plant 1,148,222 acres of monsoon paddy in Yangon Region, and completed 1,010,431 acres by the end of July, according to the department.

“During this monsoon, we grow as per the estimation of last year. Although we planted as per the estimation, we faced damage due to the flood, including Typhoon Yagi. We grew twice in certain places. This year, we plan to grow over 1.1million acres of monsoon paddy, and we have completed over one million acres. We are still planting. Farmers come to know the benefits of using drum seeders, like high

production rate, reducing work-force and costs. The participation of farmers in educational programmes of the department can effectively promote the agriculture and socioeconomic status of farmers,” said Daw Hla Kyi, assistant director of Yangon Region Agriculture Department.

The high-yielding varieties of rice, such as Manaw Thukha, Sin Thukha, 90-day, Yakyaw, Shwewahtun, Hmawby-3 and Aungnaingtoe, regional varieties — Ngasein, Meedon and Kyaukhnyin, totalling 16 types, are grown in the region for local consumption and export.

This year, farmers grow 5,000



Farmers transplant rice seedlings at a paddy field in Yangon. PHOTO: KANU

acres of Aungnaingtoe paddy species produced by the Agriculture Department (Yezin), producing over 80 baskets per acre.

The monsoon paddy is grown in Yangon Region from early July

to the end of September. The short-term paddy is harvested by the end of October, and the long-term ageing paddy is by the end of January. A total of 1,010,431 acres of monsoon paddy is being

grown in 2025-2026 in Dagon Myothit, Thanlyin, Twantay, Hmawby, Hlegu, Taikkyi, Mingaladon, Insein and Ahlon districts.

The department calculates the annual consumption rate of summer and monsoon paddy in the region. Depending on the production rate, it calculates 12 baskets per person in the urban areas and 15 baskets per person in the rural areas. The coverage of the consumption rate of over 7.3 million residents of the region was 102.83 per cent in 2024. Efforts are being made to expand the plantation for local food security and foreign income in 2025. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH

Weekly Roundup

3 August
Cultural heritage sites inspected in Toungoo

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, inspected the maintenance and preservation of ancient cultural heritage sites in ancient Ketumati City, Toungoo, Bago Region.

Local security measures taken

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, looked into local security measures in the area of the Southern Command and met families of the station.

4 August
Preservation of valuable cultural heritage must be systematic

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, observed the preservation of ancient cultural heritage sites of Kanbawzathadi Palace in Bago.

Bago’s pagodas must be under maintenance

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by his wife, Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, and the entourage, paid homage to ancient prominent pagodas in Bago of Bago Region.

5 August
Ancient buildings preserved in their original state

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, made inspection tours of Bogyoke Aung San Museum (Yangon) in Bahan Township, the Ministers’ Office (the Secretariat) in Botahtaung Township, and the Yangon Region High Court in Kyauktada Township of Yangon Region.

Plan underway to repave Yangon-Mandalay expressway

Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, inspected damage to segments on the Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Expressway.

6 August
Statement issued on health condition of Pro Tem President U Myint Swe

The Information Team of the National Defence and Security Council mentioned that since early 2023, Pro Tem President U Myint Swe began experiencing sluggishness in movement and the ability to consume food and nutrients. As a result, a special medical team comprising specialist doctors conducted medical checkups. In July 2025, he experienced weight loss, loss of appetite, fever, and a decline in cognitive function. Then, he took medical treatments at the No 2 Defence Services General Hospital (1,000-bed) again on 24 July. According to the results, Pro Tem President U Myint Swe was in a critical condition, and he was receiving intensive care at the Special Intensive Care Unit of the No 2 Defence Services General Hospital (1,000-bed).

Myanmar, Nicaraguan Leaders exchange congratulatory messages

On the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Nicaragua, which falls on 6 August 2025, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, exchanged congratulatory message with Mr Daniel Ortega Saaverdra and Mrs Rosario Murillo, Co-Presidents of the Republic of Nicaragua.

National Security Adviser appointed

The National Defence and Security Council has appointed Union Minister for Ministry 1 of the President’s Office, U Tin Aung San, as National Security Adviser to

provide necessary suggestions and recommendations on national security issues from various perspectives to the Pro Tem President and the National Defence and Security Council.

7 August
Deputy Minister for National Planning appointed

The National Defence and Security Council has appointed and assigned U Kyaw Htin to the duties of Deputy Minister of the Ministry of National Planning under Subsection (b) of Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

8 August
Message sent to mark 58th Anniversary of ASEAN Day

Senior General Thadde Maha Thray Sithu Thadde Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, sent a message on the Occasion of the 58th Anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, 8 August 2025.

Region and state ministers appointed

The National Defence and Security Council has appointed and assigned the individuals to the duties of Ministers shown against relevant regional and state governments under Subsection (b) of Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar under Order 24 of the National Defence and Security Council Office.

9 August
Diplomats sign book of condolence for late Pro Tem President U Myint Swe

The Ambassadors and Heads of Mission accredited to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar solemnly signed the Book of Condolence opened at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sagawah Street, Yangon, starting from 8 August 2025, in honour of the late Pro Tem President, U Myint Swe, who passed away on 7 August 2025. — GNLM/TTA

NATIONAL

Mandalay Region govt donates for 45,738 monks, nuns

THE Mandalay Region government organized a donation ceremony for 45,738 monks and nuns from seven townships of the region at Maha Atulawaiyan (Atumashi) Monastery in Aungmyaythazan Township yesterday.

A total of 45 Sayadaws, led by the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Secretary, Presiding Sayadaw of Dhamma Thameikdi Monastery, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung and his wife, relevant officials and other invitees attended the event.

The congregation took the Five Precepts from Rector Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kesara of the State Pariyatti Sasana University (Mandalay), and the region chief minister briefed on the donation.



The donation ceremony for monks and nuns from seven townships of Mandalay Region in progress in Aungmyaythazan Township yesterday.

They offered robes, rice, salt, cooking oil, onion and beans to Sayadaw and members of the Sangha, and shared merits gained. They also donated alms food to Sayadaws. They donated K880 million worth of foodstuffs to 40,405 monks and novices and 5,333 nuns, totalling 45,783, who will observe Lent in seven townships of Mandalay: Aungmyaythazan, Chanayethazan, Mahaaungmyay, Chanmyathazi, Pyigyidagun, Patheingyi and Amarapura. — MNA/KTZH

MPT's full services now available on MPT4U app

MPT is offering a one-stop service for customers to manage their mobile accounts, check balances, top up, purchase packages, and enjoy exclusive promotions anytime, anywhere through the MPT4U application, according to MPT's Yangon office.

The newly redesigned MPT4U application provides a better user experience with a modern look, faster performance, easier navigation, the ability to purchase favourite packages directly from the home page, opportunities to earn rewards through MPT Club, options to purchase game packages directly via icons and advertisements, and access to the latest news.

To enjoy these features, users should download version 4.5.7 for Android or version 1.4.20 for iOS. The MPT4U application allows users to check balances and usage history, top up and pay bills quickly and



The poster for the new MPT4U application.

securely, purchase additional data and voice packages, access promotions and gifts, receive the latest special offers, manage services, register and manage SIM cards, transfer balances, use the app in both Myanmar and English, and play the MPT4U Hti Pauk game. — Aung Than Oo/MKKS

KBZ and ATOM team up to expand safe, inclusive financial services

EXPANDING easy-to-use and modern financial services to make them safer and more inclusive will help improve social lives and economic development, Kanbawza Bank Chief Executive Officer U Zaw Lin Aung said at the MoU signing ceremony between KBZ and ATOM on 6 August.

The MoU establishes a strategic partnership aimed at increasing the availability of digital financial services in rural and underserved areas of Myanmar. These services will be easier, more secure and more accessible to all.

Through this cooperation between the domestic communication and banking sectors, digital financial services, including mobile wallets, digital payments and micro-credit, are

being developed to make telecommunication services more accessible across the country.

"This partnership with KBZ Bank reflects our shared vision of universal access to financial services and mobile financial services for the betterment of individuals and society as a whole," said ATOM CEO Mr Ahmad Abdallah.

The ATOM application will allow customers to make payments with KBZPay, and provide credit card services, microloans, and e-commerce transactions for each type of both ATOM and KBZ customers. The platform will include a wide range of modern financial services and e-commerce applications, as well as special benefits for loyal customers. — Htun Htun/ZN



This image discloses ATOM and KBZ Bank signing an MoU.

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1,782 companies, factories seek GACC certification

A total of 1,782 Myanmar food processing companies and factories have submitted 3,710 applications to the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) as of 1 August 2025, according to the Domestic Trade Division (GACC team) of Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization under the Ministry of Commerce. According to GACC Decrees 248 and 249, GACC registration is mandatory for food exporters starting from 1 January 2022. Those individuals executing edible oil, oilseeds, stuffed pastry products, edible bird's nest and related products, edible grains, grains milling industrial products and malt, fresh and dehydrated vegetables, dried beans, plant species, nuts and seeds, dried fruits, unroasted coffee and cocoa bean, special dietary food excluding milk-based formula, functional foods, bee products, aquatic products including farm products, animal products and animal feed and livestock animal businesses need to apply for

GACC licence to place their goods in China's market. The relevant authorities for the registration with GACC are the Agriculture Department, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, the Fisheries Department and the Food and Drug Administration Department. Exporters can directly access the China International Trade Single Window through <https://cifer.singlewindow.cn> by creating accounts for those food groups which are not listed in the aforementioned 18 groups. Between 1 December 2021 and 1 August 2025, 3,710 applications by 1,782 factories have been forwarded to the GACC through the Agriculture Department (3,535 applications), the Fisheries Department (152), the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (14) and the Food and Drug Administration Department (nine). Regarding the registration of the importing companies, the Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine under the GACC will check quarantine access for the imported grains

(unroasted coffee bean, cocoa beans, fresh and dehydrated vegetables, plant seasonings (plant spices), edible grain, dried beans, oil seeds (oil plant) and herbal animal products and plant for their origins. The companies cannot directly proceed with registration, and they need to carry out this step through competent authorities and departments concerned by sending an email via dapq@customs.gov.cn or submitting a letter to the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar or the Myanmar Embassy to China. As of 1 August 2025, a total of 1,133 applications have been successful in registering with the GACC with the approval of the competent authority. Additionally, a manual registration list of overseas manufacturers of imported foods with the GACC has been uploaded on <http://dzs.customs.gov.cn/>. Individuals can enquire further information through the contact numbers of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization at 067 3408605 and 067 3408617, and email myantrade.domestic@gmail.com. — NN/KK

MMFA to hold Leadership Training for Microfinance Managers (Batch 7) on 6-9 Sept

MYANMAR Microfinance Association (MMFA) will offer Leadership Training for Microfinance Managers (Batch 7) on 6-9 September via Zoom. The training will share an Introduction to Leadership Management, including the learning cycle, what management is, key functions of management (POLC), levels of management, skills for managers, leadership styles and leadership versus management on Day 1. The training will discuss Leadership Management (Planning & Organizing), Leadership styles in Planning and Organizing and Leadership Management (Leading) and Leadership Management (Controlling) on Day 2. On the third day, topics: What is Leadership in Management, Leadership Myths, Leadership Thoughts, Three cycles of leadership, Three stages of development in leadership, What do successful leaders do and Lessons of leadership by Nelson Mandela and Lee Kuan Yew will be discussed. The last day's topics will highlight Remarkable leaders and future leadership, Better

working relationship, Three skills to build a better relationship, Building Likeability, Trust, Network, Your now steps, Skills of future leadership, Three types of leaders, Leadership competencies, The new 21st-century leaders and Take home message from future leadership on the last day. This training is tailored to Department Head, Senior Manager, Middle Manager, Assistance Manager, Regional Manager, Branch Manager and Deputy Manager and those with Loan officer and above positions at microfinance company and those who are interested in exploring a career in the microfinance sector, by trainer Dr Pyae Phyo Lwin, Microfinance Consultant, Coach and Trainer, and Director, ThitsaWorks. The fee is K80,000 for non-members. Members can enjoy a K20,000 discount. Trainees will receive a completion certificate. Those enthusiastic can enroll in the course by 1 September through <https://shorturl.at/M1wUN>. For further details, individuals can contact 09 965209010 during office hours. — NN/KK

CBM sells over CNY1.4M yuan, THB930K to edible oil importers on 8 Aug

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) injected over 1.46 million yuan and over 930,300 baht on 8 August. Additionally, CBM sold US\$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 importers after injecting over 56,000 yuan into the market on 7 August. CBM also sold over \$1.2 million into edible oil-importing companies and \$590,000 to fuel oil-importing companies on 6 August after selling over 1.46 million yuan and 1.5 million baht into the financial market on that day. CBM injected over 1.4 million yuan and one million baht into the financial market on 6



The facade of the Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw.

August after selling over \$1.2 million into the edible oil-importing companies and over \$590,500 to fuel oil-importing companies on that day. CBM announced on 5 August that it would pump \$30 million into the fuel oil sector. CBM sold over \$1.86 million purchased from CMP companies to edible oil-importing companies, in addition to an injection of 1.38 million yuan into the market on the same day.

CBM announced on 4 August that it would sell 10 million yuan and 50 million baht to importers. CBM also sold over \$1.08 million to edible oil-importing companies and \$620,200 to fuel oil-importing companies on that day. CBM also pumped over \$1.04 million into edible oil-importing companies and over \$434,400 to fuel oil-importing companies on 1 August. CBM sold \$36.5 million purchased from companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis, in addition to an 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 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 an 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

Strive to transform Myanmar into an agricultural powerhouse

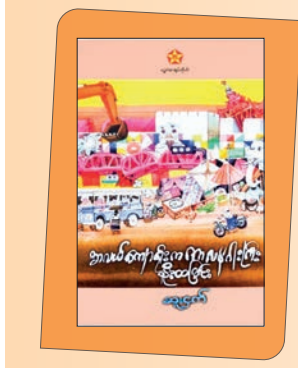
IN EFFORTS to rapidly develop the nation’s economy, agriculture and livestock breeding – being the primary livelihood for the majority of the ethnic people in the country and serving as a vital artery of the national economy – play a crucial role. Therefore, promoting and expanding industries based on these sectors proves to be the most effective approach.

Myanmar’s geographical conditions provide strong potential for the successful development of diverse crops, fruits, and livestock industries. It is therefore crucial to utilize this advantage effectively and efficiently. Since agricultural and livestock activities are primarily based in rural areas, focusing on these sectors will help raise rural incomes and, consequently, reduce poverty levels. The successful development of agriculture and livestock will play a significant role in advancing poverty alleviation efforts across the country.

Therefore, to ensure the food security of the entire population, efforts must be made to achieve year-on-year progress in the cultivation of paddy, oilseed crops, various pulses, and meat and fish production. It is necessary to continue striving to meet the targeted goals for the ten main designated crops. Only then can the nation guarantee food security for its citizens, increase surplus crop production, and export these surplus products to foreign markets to generate national revenue.

financially capable entrepreneurs to actively invest in and engage with these sectors. At the same time, priority should be given to ensuring access to essential inputs, financial support, and human resource development. With the establishment of basic education schools that offer courses in agriculture, livestock, and industrial technology, students from these institutions are expected to become a dependable and skilled workforce for the country’s agricultural and livestock industries in the future.

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Book Title	-	Alal Kyawwyo Ga Kala Nagagyi Noe Hta Chin
Writer	-	Suu Nget
Publishing House	-	Kyeepwayay
Publication Date	-	July 2025 (1 st Edition)
Price	-	K6,000

Alal Kyawwyo Ga Kala Nagagyi Noe Hta Chin

AFTER writing the book review for the ‘Lwanthusa’ by Amay Ludu Daw Ama, a name ‘Lwanbwe Oh, Mandalay’ gently landed in my heart.

Mandalay stands at the very top of one’s heart whenever they hear the names of cities and regions. Just hearing the name Mandalay brings a gentle warmth and calm to the heart, thanks to its rich cultural heritage and unforgettable, glorious history. King Mindon, Son of King Thayawady, founded the new Mandalay in 1857, 1221 ME. At that time, the Mandalay residents named the city in various forms like Oak Kyit Kyaw Aye Mandalay, Aung Kyaw Chan Aye Mandalay and Ingyin Kya Oun Yadanabon.

Shwe Mandalay has gradually transformed due to the influences of changing eras and circumstances, and on 28 March, it fell significantly into a state of decline. The emotional

connection with Mandalay now feels distant, leaving a sense of longing. Therefore, I might say ‘Lwanbwe Oh, Mandalay’.

The book we bring this week is the ‘Alal Kyawwyo Ga Kala Nagagyi Noe Hta Chin’. The writer is Saya Sue Nget from Mandalay.

As the writer says, the huge Naga, a powerful earthquake, which lay dormant for over 70 years, suddenly awakened, destroying Mandalay’s landmarks, symbols, businesses, lives and properties.

Mandalay and Ludu Daw Ama are unusually inseparable. Ludu Daw Ama once said to the writer in the 1990s, “What you all call our Mandalay these days is just about street numbers, house numbers, which street lies between which, or which corner meets which road. In the past, people could instantly recognize a place by saying it was near so-and-so’s building, or to the east or west of a well-known

house. Those direction points were almost always iconic living structures in Mandalay.

Some were well-known because they belonged to brokers, factory owners, or business-people. At the same time, many others stood out for their significance in political, religious, and historical value. There were plenty of such notable structures scattered throughout the city. You all should record as much as you can.”

That is why the writer started writing the data of damaged Mandalay buildings as much as he could after the earthquake, starting from 2 April to 6 May, on his social network. He wrote the famous sites in Mandalay, in addition to Mandalay University, a school established by King Mindon, edifices related to the Maha Muni Buddha Image, Mandalay Palace, the wall and moat. Therefore, it brings a great deal of knowledge to the readers.

It is only the right thing to acknowledge and praise the writer’s dedication in managing to deliver this book into the hands of readers exactly four months after the earthquake. The book is said to have been published in an attempt to preserve the records and memories of the damaged buildings, ensuring that the sorrow and trauma experienced by the victims are not forgotten, and keeping alive the remembrance of the days marked by the earthquake through written documentation.

The book features 22 different chapters: a memorable date, an earthquake that one hasn’t experienced before, the entire street in ruins, the entrance to the house, the entire people of the ward on the road, trapped inside a collapsed hotel, collapse of the Inwa Bridge, premature notification of earthquake, damage to houses, the main building of the university that caught fire, the Maha Muni Buddha Image and disaster, the quake-hit Maha Muni Shwekyauhtaw, Maha Muni Buddha Image Temple, passing through Amarapura to the sick elderly person, 48th multitiered roof and earthquake, quake-hit Martyrs’ Mausoleum, Pariyatti Sasana Beikman and its three-storey extension, Thayetkin stairways and monasteries, the Elephant Bridge and lion images, pagodas, temples and religious edifices and sites, don’t want to sing in tears and may all be successful in rehabilitation.



Book Title	-	Elegies in Prose: Heartfelt Farewells
Writer	-	Ludu Daw Ama
Publishing House	-	Kyeepwayay
Publication Date	-	May 2025 (3 rd Edition)
Price	-	K20,000

Elegies in Prose: Heartfelt Farewells

WELL-KNOWN and respected writer Lu Du Daw Ama used to put tribute articles in magazines to honour and remember loved ones. This is a collection of those heartfelt pieces written in loving memory of the loved ones’ legacy. This is the third edition, published in May 2025, followed by the second edition in 2020 and the first edition in 2003.

The book contains a collection of 61 articles about notable figures, religious figures, performing arts legends and literary figures including Salay U Ponnya, Hteiksu Myat Phayagyi, Supreme Royal Chief Queen, Sayagyi Thakin Kodaw Hmaing, prominent monks such as Shwe Kaing Thar Sayadaw, Sayadaw Ashin Janaka Bhivamsa and Shwehintha Sayadaw, Theikpan Maung Wa, Papa U Kyaw Yin, Kyauksa Wun

U Mya, Sayagyi Mya Myo Lwin, Mandalay Thuriya U Tun Yin, A-1 Saya Hnya, Myanmar traditional orchestra musician Ywazagyi U Ba Maung, theatrical icon Shwe Mann Tin Maung, actress Sein Hla Kyi, pianist Mandalay U Ohn Maung, comedian U Ohn Thee, one of the greatest writers (Journal Kyaw Daw Ma Ma Lay), U Ba Gyan, U Nyo Mya, Sayar Zeya, Sayar Zawgyi, Sayagyi Shwe U Daung, Zawana, Ko Win Oo, Moe Moe (Inya), Paw Oo Thet, and prominent foreign figures.

The book starts with a legacy of the writer and poet Salay U Ponnya. He was a natural-born talent in the arts. For instance, he has an aptitude for playing musical instruments. He played drums and plong so well when he was two, and just played along. A six-year-old U Ponnya learnt the multiplication

chart, and he has multiple talents and skills, noted his childhood event.

Mandalay’s popular artiste Shweman Tin Maung was devoted to theatrical performance even though he was in poor health. Doctors would have told him to rest for a moment if he had undertaken a medical checkup. Even Shwe Mann, Zat players and the team were aware of him having hypertension. His blood pressure elevated too high four to five times a month. Furthermore, Shwe Mann Tin Maung’s funeral mourning was marked by profound loneliness and longing as if the writer attended the funeral to send condolences to the bereaved family. Following his passing, his wife Daw Thein Nyunt and the Shwe Mann Thabin troupe were in disorder, so the writer started

his story. Readers can step into the lives of characters, experiencing their sorrows, struggles and fostering empathy.

Lu Du Daw Ama stated that the leading actor of the play and his wife are like a lion king. Yet, social realities were arduous. The fellow troupe might suffer a lot, and the writer portrayed how she could comprehend the struggles. It was a longevity of Myanmar traditional theatrical art (Zat Thabin).

Later, the writer expressed her grief at the passing of painter Maung Paw Oo. You should have been the one who would paint my portrait. In contrast, I was the one who wrote a piece of writing to pay tribute to you. I thought I would be the one who would have died first with my poor health. When you leave the world, the lives you have impacted, the memories you have created, and the positive changes you have made are still in living memory.

“Anon, it is running out of time,

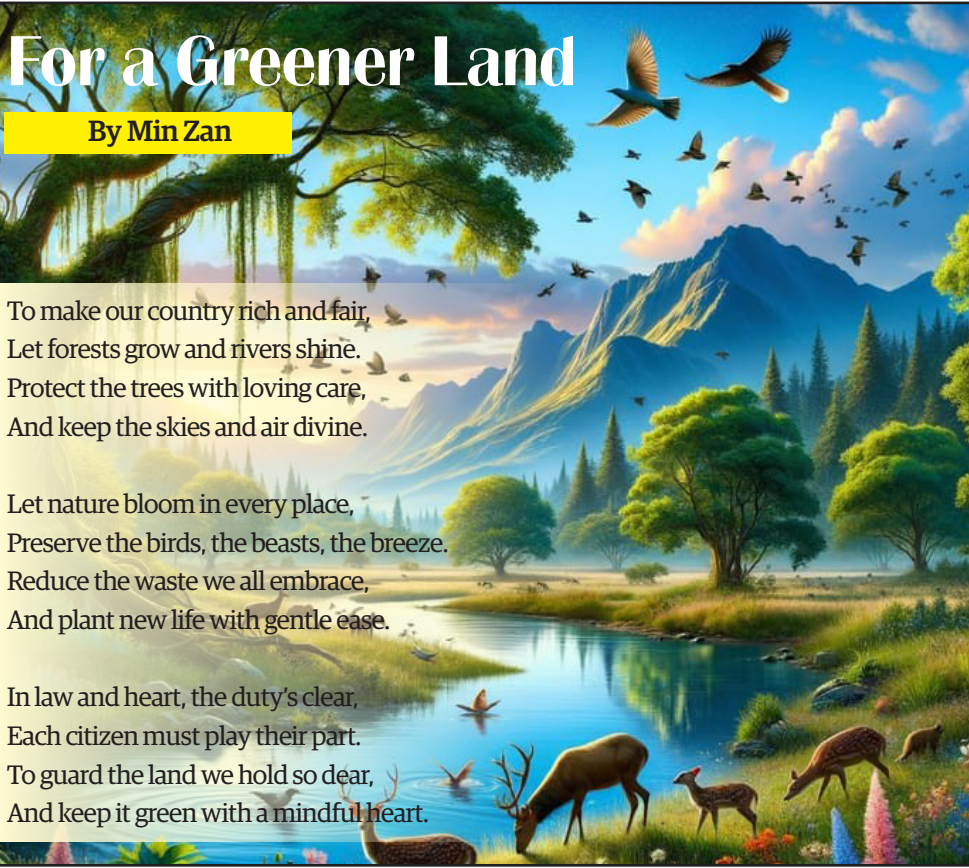
Thou embracing the fragility to be alive,

Befriending with deity to define ...”

No one else could escape to stay hale and hearty for life”, reciting a poem for a memorial of the loved one.

For a Greener Land

By Min Zan



To make our country rich and fair,
Let forests grow and rivers shine.
Protect the trees with loving care,
And keep the skies and air divine.

Let nature bloom in every place,
Preserve the birds, the beasts, the breeze.
Reduce the waste we all embrace,
And plant new life with gentle ease.

In law and heart, the duty's clear,
Each citizen must play their part.
To guard the land we hold so dear,
And keep it green with a mindful heart.

Changing colourful Yinkhat and ever Whiteness Jasmine

By Mya Thae (Research)



Yinkhat flowers are white and fragrant when their plants are younger.
A few years later, they changed to orange.
At last, the trees bear yellowish flowers.
Yinkhat flowers are as like as fathers' love.
They abandon their family because of their colourful heart.
Whiteness and fragrant Jasmines are like a mother's love.
They always love their children and stay with them for their whole life with a white heart.

At Mandalay Hill ... မနိုးတောင်မှာ - ဟု - အစချီ

By Zawgyi and Minthuwwun (Translated by Myint Zan)



at Mandalay Hill
the rain falls
causing nostalgic feelings
(stanza composed by Zawgyi)

on the morrow
when the rays of the sun emerge
another sort of nostalgia will arise
(stanza composed by Minthuwwun)

မနိုးတောင်မှာ
လွမ်းအောင်ကွဲ ရွှေမိုး (စေ့ကို - အခံ)

မနက်ပန် နေပြည်သန်းယင်
လွမ်းလိမ့် တမျိုး။ (မင်းသုဝဏ် - အအုပ်)
စေ့ကို နှင့် မင်းသုဝဏ်

Composed impromptu by the two brother poets in 1954 at Mandalay Hill, as recorded by Minthuwwun on 19 November 1984.
Translated on 8 August 2025

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NATIONAL

Entertainment



Comedian U Marn Kyaw
SENIOR comedian Radio Marn Kyaw passed away on 8 August. The funeral service of the late comedian, who is also a patron of the Myanmar Comedian's Association, a recipient of the State Social Excellence Award (Third Class) and a lifetime achievement of a comedian, took place at the Yayway cemetery in Yangon on 5 August. "Saya Marn Kyaw has goodwill for all, including comedians," said comedian Oak Aw. U Marn Kyaw is the father of comedian Kaung Kyaw.

Ma Moe Myay
SAYAMAGYI Dr Khin Than Oo (retired Professor, Head of the Myanmar Language Department, Patheingyi University) (aka) Ma Moe Myay won the 31st Pakokku U Ohn Pe's Literary Award for Lifetime Achievement. The cash prize is K1.5 million this year, although it was K1 million in the past. Sayamagyi achieved a doctorate from Yangon University by submitting the dissertation "Principle of Novel & Technique of Novel" in 2006 at the age of 62. She has written over 70 novels and over 100 short stories to date.



Nay Toe
THE new film 'My Night Mingala' will be screened in August. Academy Nay Toe portrays the Lwan Wai character, who feels guilty about his married life. The story and script are written and directed by director Di Di Htet Aung, and the cast includes Nay Toe, Soe Myat Thuzar, Shwe Thamee, Yadana Bo, Yamone Myint Myat, Sin Ma, Mo Kham, Wai Lu and other artistes.

Mi Sandi
THE Record Label that produced the World Album informed vocalist Mi Sandi that her song 'Walk in the Light' has been selected as a Grammy consideration song for the Best Global Music Performance category. She said, "When I created this song, I only had such a mindset to represent my country, present our cultural instruments, rap, rock, pop, and metal music genres. I wanted to show the unity that we can create cultural music of Africa and Asia". She composed the song with Rock Arka'n (Kodzo Aha-vi), lead singer and songwriter of the Togolese heavy metal band Arka'n Asrafakor. Mi Sandi and Su Hlaing sang the song, and it can be accessed on YouTube. — Htun Htun/KTZH



Poe Mamhe Thar
ACTRESS Poe Mamhe Thar organized a food donation (Dhanu Phyu Daw Saw Yi) for 1,500 people, marking the one-month anniversary of her mother's passing on 3 August. The actress also highlighted her donation, dedicating it to her mother, "Mom used to cook and serve food to her loved ones, and I remember and miss her".



May Mi Ko Ko
"I have been in the artiste field for over 16 years. Although I wanted to stop this career whenever I was depressed, I couldn't stop it for the sake of my great love for it," said May Mi Ko Ko. She plays the lead role in the movie 'Matmat Mawmaw Mone'. The launch ceremony was held on 6 August. The script was written by Ingyin Han, story by director Min Set Thit, who also directed it. The cast members are Nay Win, May Mi Ko Ko, Melody, Thin Thae Bo, Phyo Yazar Naing and other artistes.



CELEBRITY BRIEF

Theatrical performer Phoe Chit debuts new drama series

THE traditional Myanmar theatrical performers and dancers take lead roles in the drama series produced by Myoh Shwe Man Thar Film Production that belongs to Phoe Chit.

The film 'Ahit Dan' will be streamed at 7 pm daily on Channel K, starting on 16 August.

"The series carries answers to love questions like whether it is possession or sacrifice. We need love alone to love one. In describing love in various forms, values will differ, and we will receive what we love. It might be the impact of love," said Shwe Man Chan Thar, veteran theatrical performer.

The story is created by Ni Ko Ye, and the script by Swan Paing and di-

rector Maung Pyae Wa (Pan Wai Thi) directed it.

Cast members are Shwe Man Chan Thar, Chan Nyi Nyi, Academy Aye Myat Thu, Ye Mon, Aye Thida, and other artistes. — ASH/KTZH

This image showcases a poster for the drama series 'Ahit Dan'.



WORLD

Putin-Trump summit to take place in Alaska on 15 Aug

Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy stated the state is ready to host the meeting, emphasizing its historical role as a bridge between nations.



Russian President Vladimir Putin (R) and US President Donald Trump shake hands before a meeting in Helsinki, Finland, 16 July 2018. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

TRUMP wrote on Truth Social on Friday that his meeting with Putin will take place in Alaska on 15 August. Kremlin aide Yury Ushakov later confirmed this information. US Senator for Alaska Lisa Murkowski has expressed hope that the upcoming meeting between US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin in her state will help achieve peace in Ukraine. “This is another opportunity for the Arctic to serve as a venue that brings together world leaders to forge meaningful agreements. While I remain deeply wary of Putin and his regime, I hope these discussions lead to genuine progress and help end the war on equitable terms,” Murkowski said on X on Friday.

Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy said his state was ready to host the Trump-Putin meeting. “It’s fitting that discussions of global importance take place here. For centuries, Alaska has been a bridge between nations, and today, we remain a gateway for diplomacy, commerce, and security in one of the most critical regions on earth. The world will be watching, and Alaska stands ready to host this historic meeting,” Dunleavy wrote on X. The exact venue of the upcoming meeting between Putin and Trump remains undisclosed, Dunleavy’s office told Sputnik, also saying that the Alaska governor has already discussed the meeting with White House staff. — SPUTNIK

“Look forward to hosting President Putin in India later this year”: Indian PM Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said that he had a telephone conversation today with Vladimir Putin and invited him to visit India later this year for the Annual Bilateral Summit. “Had a very good and detailed conversation with my friend President Putin. I thanked him for sharing the latest developments on Ukraine. We also reviewed the progress in our bilateral agenda, and reaffirmed our commitment to further deepen the India-Rus-

sia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership. I look forward to hosting President Putin in India later this year.” PM Modi said in a statement on X. The development comes amid ongoing tensions following the imposition of tariffs on India for buying Russian oil. During their telephone call today, President Putin briefed PM on the latest developments concerning Ukraine, as per a statement by the External Affairs Ministry. — ANI

Brazilian President Lula signs bill easing environmental licensing

BRAZILIAN President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on Friday signed into law a bill easing environmental licensing rules but vetoed key provisions that would have made it easier for companies to secure environmental permits, Al Jazeera reported. Lula approved what critics have called the “devastation bill”, but struck down or altered 63 of its nearly 400 articles, his office’s

executive secretary, Miriam Belchior, told reporters, according to Al Jazeera. The president faced increasing pressure from environmental groups to intervene in the bill, which was supported by Brazil’s powerful agribusiness sector and aimed at rolling back strict licensing rules that had helped curb destruction of the Amazon rainforest, Al Jazeera reported. — ANI

Nagasaki warns of impending nuclear war on 80th A-bomb anniversary

NAGASAKI on Saturday warned of the intensifying threat of nuclear war as it marked the 80th anniversary of the US atomic bombing, urging the world to learn from history and ensure the southwestern Japanese city remains the last to suffer such devastation. “This existential crisis of humanity has become imminent to each and every one of us living on Earth,” Mayor Shiro Suzuki said in the Peace Declaration read during the annual memorial ceremony, laying out a bleak outlook for the world that is plagued with a “vicious cycle of confrontation and fragmentation.” In addition to calling on global leaders to outline a specific course of action for achieving the abolition of nuclear weapons, Suzuki also noted how Nihon Hidankyo, Japan’s

leading group of atomic bomb survivors awarded the Nobel Peace Prize last year, has inspired other citizens to work for peace across borders. A moment of silence was observed at 11:02 am, when the plutonium device codenamed

“Fat Man” was dropped by a US bomber and exploded over the port city in the closing days of World War II. It followed the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, leaving Nagasaki as the last place to have suffered a nuclear attack. — Kyodo



Attendees observe a moment of silence during a memorial ceremony at Peace Park in Nagasaki at 11:02 am on 9 August 2025, the exact time when a US atomic bomb was dropped on the southwestern Japan city 80 years earlier in World War II. PHOTO: KYODO

ECONOMY
WORLD

India's defence production achieves landmark growth under Modi's leadership

This marks an 18 per cent growth from the previous fiscal's output of Rs1.27 lakh crore.



Last year, the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) successfully concluded the initial phase of developmental field firing trials for India's indigenous light tank, 'Zorawar'. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ DDNEWS.GOV.IN**

THE annual defence production has achieved a record high of Rs1,50,590 crore for the Financial Year (FY) 2024-25.

The milestone represents a robust 18 per cent growth over the previous fiscal's output of Rs1.27 lakh crore, and a staggering 90 per cent increase since FY 2019-20, when the figure was Rs79,071 crore, as stated in the release.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has lauded the collective efforts of the Department of Defence Production and all stakeholders, for instance, DPSUs, public sector manufacturers, and the private industry, in achieving this landmark.

He termed the upward trajectory a clear indicator of India's strengthening defence industrial

base. Highlighting the achievement on X, Singh credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership for the remarkable growth, underscoring the nation's strides towards becoming a global defence manufacturing hub.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India's defence production has hit a record high! The annual defence production has soared to an all-time high figure of Rs1,50,590 crore in the Financial Year (FY) 2024-25. These numbers indicate a robust 18 per cent growth over the previous fiscal's output of Rs1.27 lakh crore, and a staggering 90 per cent increase since FY 2019-20, when the figure was Rs79,071 crore," he posted on X. — ANI

White House confirms Japan, like EU, exempt from tariff stacking

A White House official on Friday confirmed that imports from Japan, like those from the European Union, will be exempt from tariff stacking, meaning the United States

will not add a new 15 per cent rate set for the Asian country on top of preexisting duties. The confirmation came a day after Japan's top tariff negotiator Ryosei Akazawa

said US President Donald Trump's team had acknowledged that his executive order on so-called reciprocal duties signed last week was inaccurate and did not properly reflect a trade deal Tokyo and Washington struck on 22 July.

The official, who declined to be named, said that "as we finalize the deal," Japan will also be granted the exemption, suggesting it could take some time before the United States rectifies the situation.

After separate talks with US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick and Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent in Washington on Thursday, Akazawa told reporters that the United States had promised to correct the presidential order to implement the bilateral deal appropriately. — Kyodo



A truck transports Honda vehicles in Houston, Texas, US, on 3 April 2025. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ CHINA DAILY/FILE**



Gold bars weighing either one kilogramme or 100 ounces are now subject to new higher tariffs. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Uncertainty over scope of new tariffs

THE first casualty of a hefty 39-per-cent tariff on Swiss imports into the United States may be gold refining, after it emerged that certain gold bars could face the levy.

The price of gold on the US futures market hit a record high Friday after US Customs authorities clarified that gold bars weighing either one kilogramme or 100 ounces (2.8 kilogrammes) should be classified

as subject to so-called reciprocal tariffs.

The 31 July letter was first reported late Thursday by the Financial Times.

But a White House official told AFP that President Donald Trump's administration plans to "issue an executive order in the near future clarifying misinformation about the tariffing of gold bars and other specialty products". — AFP

Fresh flowers from inland China hit Central Asian market

IN just 48 hours, fresh roses in the Linxia Hui Autonomous Prefecture in northwest China’s Gansu Province can be cut and placed in vases in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

This year, roses from the inland region have not only thrived in domestic

markets, but have also made significant inroads into the Central Asian market, thanks to novel agricultural technologies, streamlined customs services and cold-chain transport.

Linxia City, located in the Linxia Hui Autonomous Prefecture, is not tradition-

ally a flower-growing area, but lately, it has leveraged its unique climate conditions — ample sunshine, significant diurnal temperature variation and cool summers — to create an optimal environment for flower cultivation. — Xinhua



Employees sort fresh roses at Baiyi Yinong International Flower Port in Linxia, Gansu province, in November 2024. PHOTO: CHINA NEWS SERVICE

India defends ethanol-blending programme against misleading claims by critics

THE Indian Sugar and Bio-Energy Manufacturers Association (ISMA) has strongly defended the country’s ethanol-blending programme amid ‘misleading’ claims from some quarters about its impact on vehicle engines.

In a statement, ISMA said the E20 fuel blend, 20 per cent ethanol mixed with petrol, has undergone rigorous testing by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) and has been certified by the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) as fully compatible with Indian vehicles. Automobile manufacturers are already



Ethanol-blended fuel is not just a technological choice—it is a national imperative. PHOTO: ANI

producing E20-compliant models, the association noted. Referring to Brazil’s decades-long use of ethanol blends from E20 to E100 without major issues,

ISMA highlighted that the South American nation currently blends over 27 per cent ethanol in petrol and is targeting 30 per cent by 2030.

“Ethanol-blended fuel is not just a technological choice—it is a national imperative. Backed by rigorous scientific validation and decades of global experience, it delivers clear benefits for our farmers, our economy, and our environment,” ISMA Director-General Deepak Ballani said in the statement.

From an economic perspective, the ethanol blending programme has become a “game changer” for over five crore sugarcane farmers, with more than Rs1.18 lakh crore transferred to them. — ANI

Steeper US tariffs take effect on many Brazilian goods

US tariffs on many Brazilian products surged Wednesday, as President Donald Trump moved ahead with a pressure campaign against the trial of his right-wing ally Jair Bolsonaro.

Trump’s latest salvo brings duties on various Brazilian goods from 10 per cent to 50 per cent, although broad exemptions — including for orange juice and civil aircraft — are expected to soften the blow. Brazil’s vice president Geraldo Alckmin previously told media that the new tariff would apply to just

around 36 per cent of Brazil’s exports to the United States. But analysts said it still hits key goods like coffee, beef, and sugar.

In an executive order announcing the tariffs last week, the Trump administration lashed out at Brazilian officials for “unjustified criminal charges” against their country’s former president Bolsonaro, who is accused of planning a coup.

Bolsonaro is on trial for allegedly plotting to hold onto power after losing the 2022 elections to President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. — AFP

Japan bankruptcies in July hit highest for month in 2025

CORPORATE bankruptcies in Japan totalled 961 cases in July, the highest monthly figure this year, a credit research firm said Friday, with a notable number of companies hit by rising prices.

Of the failures involving debts of at least 10 million yen (\$68,000), 75 cases were blamed on inflation, while 41 cases were related to labour

shortages such as rising personnel costs, according to Tokyo Shoko Research.

“Higher food and energy prices will not only affect consumer behaviour but also corporate profits,” a Tokyo Shoko Research official said, pointing to the possibility that bankruptcies caused by inflation may increase in the future.

By industry, bankruptcies in the retail sector increased by 2.8 per cent from a year earlier to 112 cases, while those in the services sector including restaurants climbed more than 10 per cent to 344 cases.

Total liabilities dropped 78.6 per cent from a year earlier to 167 billion yen. — Kyodo

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST

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Iran welcomes Azerbaijan-Armenia peace deal

IRAN'S Foreign Ministry on Saturday welcomed a recent peace agreement between its northern neighbours, Azerbaijan and Armenia, while expressing concern about foreign interference near common borders.

In a statement, the Iranian Foreign Ministry responded to the peace agreement signed by the leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan at the White House in Washington on Friday, which marks the end of a decades-long border conflict.

It stated that Iran closely monitored the ongoing processes and developments in the South Caucasus region and was in contact with Armenia and Azerbaijan regarding the developments.

The Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes the finalization of the text of the peace agreement by the two countries and evaluates the development as an important step towards ensuring sustainable peace in the region," said the statement. — Xinhua



US President Donald Trump (L) welcomes Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev at the White House, in Washington, DC, the United States, on 8 August 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

AUGUST 8

China welcomes Indian PM to China for SCO Summit

CHINA welcomes Indian Prime Minister Modi to China for the Tianjin summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), foreign ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun said on Friday.

According to Indian media reports, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit China upon invitation on 31 August and attend the SCO Tianjin Summit.

When asked to comment on related reports, Guo said that China will host the SCO Summit in Tianjin from 31 August to 1 September this year, and that leaders of over 20 countries including all member states of the SCO and heads of 10 international organizations will attend relevant events. "The SCO Tianjin Summit will be the largest summit in scale since the establishment of the SCO," Guo noted. — Xinhua

AUGUST 7

Apollo 13 astronaut James Lovell dies at 97

US astronaut James Lovell, who was commander of the 1970 Apollo 13 mission that managed to get back to Earth safely after an oxygen tank explosion, died Thursday in the US state of Illinois at the age of 97, NASA said in a statement on Friday.

"Jim's character and steadfast courage helped our nation reach the Moon and turned a potential tragedy into a success from which we learned an enormous amount," NASA said. "We mourn his passing even as we celebrate his achievements."

Lovell flew four space missions in his lifetime — Gemini 7, Gemini 12, Apollo 8 and Apollo 13.

Born on 25 March 1928, Lovell was selected as an astronaut by NASA in 1962. — Xinhua

AUGUST 6

South Korea offers visa-free entry for Chinese tourists

SOUTH KOREA will grant visa-free entry to Chinese group tourists for nine months beginning in late September as part of efforts to boost local tourism, the prime minister's office said Wednesday.

Prime Minister Kim Min-seok presided over a meeting to revitalize domestic tourism, deciding to allow Chinese group tourists to be exempted from visas from 29 September this year to 30 June next year.

The prime minister's office expected the visa-free policy to bolster domestic demand by boosting additional demand to visit the Asian country, with the local tourism market recovering rapidly.

Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of Korea Dai Bing said on social media on Wednesday that the decision is good news for Chinese travelers visiting South Korea. — Xinhua

AUGUST 5

Yunus calls for reform on anniversary

BANGLADESH'S interim leader marked one year since the overthrow of Sheikh Hasina's autocratic regime by calling on Tuesday for people to seize the "opportunity" for reform.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus, the 85-year-old leading the caretaker government as its chief adviser until elections, announced the polls would be held in February. He also warned against forces he said sought to roll back the democratic gains made.

"Today marks an unforgettable chapter in the history of Bangladesh," Yunus said, describing it as "liberating our beloved nation from the grip of long-standing fascist rule".

The South Asian nation of around 170 million people has been in political turmoil since a student-led revolt ousted then-prime minister Sheikh Hasina on 5 August 2024, ending her 15-year rule. Bangladesh's interim leader marked one year since the overthrow of Sheikh Hasina's autocratic regime by calling on Tuesday for people to seize the "opportunity" for reform. — AFP

AUGUST 4

Aoun promises justice 5 years after port blast

LEBANESE President Joseph Aoun on Monday vowed that "justice is coming", five years after a catastrophic explosion at Beirut's port for which nobody has been held to account.

The blast on 4 August 2020 was one of the world's largest non-nuclear explosions, devastating swathes of the Lebanese capital, killing more than 220 people and injuring over 6,500.

The explosion was triggered by a fire in a warehouse where tonnes of ammonium nitrate fertilizer had been stored haphazardly for years after arriving by ship, despite repeated warnings to senior officials.

Aoun said that the Lebanese state "is committed to uncovering the whole truth, no matter the obstacles or how high the positions" involved. — AFP

AUGUST 3

Netanyahu appeals for Red Cross hostage aid

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appealed to the International Committee of the Red Cross on Sunday for help aiding hostages in Gaza, as outrage built at videos showing two of them emaciated.

The premier's office said he spoke to the ICRC coordinator for the region, Julien Lerisson, and "requested his involvement in providing food to our hostages and... immediate medical treatment".

The ICRC said in a statement it was "appalled by the harrowing videos" and reiterated its "call to be granted access to the hostages".

Hamas's armed wing stated it would permit agency access to hostages only if humanitarian corridors for food and aid were opened throughout the Gaza Strip. — AFP

SPORTS

Myanmar senior and U20 women's teams face crucial matches today

THE Myanmar senior women's national team, currently competing in the 2025 ASEAN Women's Championship in Vietnam, and the Myanmar U20 women's team, participating as hosts in the 2026 AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup group stage (Group D), will both play their group matches simultaneously today at 4 pm Myanmar Standard Time.

The Myanmar U20 women's football team, competing in the 2026 AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup group stage, will play India today at 4 pm Myanmar time in a crucial match to secure a spot in the knockout rounds. On the final day of the group stage, Myanmar faces India at 4 pm, followed by Indonesia versus Turkmenistan at 7 pm.

After two group matches,

both Myanmar and India have four points each, while Indonesia has two points and Turkmenistan has lost both matches without any points, losing their chance to advance. Myanmar currently trails India slightly on goal difference and must win or at least draw while scoring goals to increase their chances of topping the group and advancing. If Myanmar and India draw and Indonesia beats Turkmenistan, the three teams will all have five points, which will lead to the last-placed Turkmenistan being eliminated and a tiebreaker playoff between Myanmar and India to decide who advances.

India and Indonesia drew their match 0-0, while Myanmar drew 2-2 with Indonesia. Myanmar beat Turkmenistan 6-1, and India defeated Turk-

menistan 7-0.

The Myanmar senior women's national team, competing in the ASEAN Women's Championship, will face Timor-Leste in their second group match. The team is confident of continuing their winning streak, but must also keep an eye on goal differences. Myanmar must defeat Timor-Leste, and if the current champions, the Philippines, also beat Australia in their next match, Myanmar will secure a semifinal spot before the last group game. If Australia manages a draw or a win against the Philippines, the competition for advancement will remain open until the final matches. In the opening group matches, Myanmar defeated Australia 2-1, while the Philippines beat Timor-Leste 7-0. — Maung San Gyi/KZL



Myanmar U20 women's team to face India in the crucial knockout match for victory.
PHOTO: SOE NYUNT THAW



Shan United players celebrate after scoring at the match. PHOTO: MFF

Shan United wins away leg in ASEAN Club Championship qualifiers

IN the 2025-2026 season of the ASEAN Club Championship qualifiers, Myanmar club Shan United faced Laos club EZRA at the Chonburi Stadium in Thailand on 9 August. Shan United secured a 2-1 away victory.

With this away win, Shan United has a strong chance of advancing by winning the qualifiers. The match's first half ended goalless, but both teams scored in the second half. Each side was awarded a penalty kick.

Despite an aggressive start, Shan United struggled to score in the first half and ended

goalless at halftime. At the 51st minute, Shan United opened the scoring with a goal by captain Rintaro. Ezra equalized at the 63rd minute through a penalty goal by Anantaza. Shan United then pushed for the winning goal, and at the 83rd minute, Khun Kyaw Zin Hein scored from a penalty, awarded after a VAR review confirmed the foul.

As EZRA does not have a home ground advantage, the second leg will be played on 15 August at the Thuwanna Youth Training Centre in Yangon. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

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Sesko completes Manchester United's new-look forward line-up

MANCHESTER United signed Slovenian international Benjamin Sesko on Saturday, making him the third forward the 20-time English champions have acquired in the close season.

The 22-year-old's arrival from RB Leipzig, in a deal reported to be worth up to £74 million (85 million euros, \$99 million), completes an overhaul of the Red Devils' attack that failed to fire last season.

Only four other teams scored fewer than United's 44 goals in 38 Premier League games last season as the English giants endured their worst campaign for 51 years, finishing 15th in the table.

Sesko, who has scored 16 goals in 41 international appearances, is United's third major attacking signing following the recruitment of Matheus Cunha for £62.5m from Wolves and Bry-



an Mbeumo, who joined from Brentford for £65m with £6m in add-ons.

"Manchester United is pleased to confirm that Benjamin Sesko has joined the club, subject to registration," read a club statement. — AFP

The arrival of Benjamin Sesko completes Manchester United's new-look attack.
PHOTO: AFP/FILE

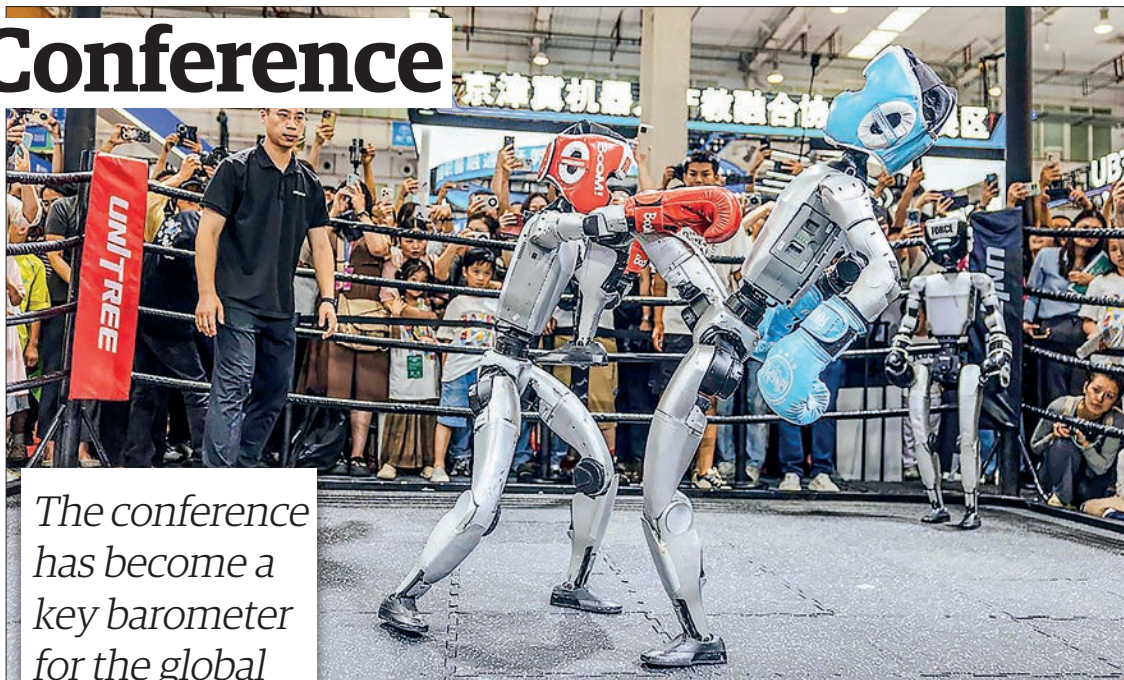
2025 World Robot Conference kicks off in Beijing

The 2025 World Robot Conference (WRC) that kicked off on Friday in Beijing unveiled future development trends of embodied intelligent robots, focusing on fields such as cognition, decision-making and safety.

Co-hosted by the Chinese Institute of Electronics and the World Robot Cooperation Organization, the five-day event features forums, exhibitions, competitions and networking events, with over 200 robotics companies from around the world presenting their latest innovations.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the event, with a record number of participating companies and international supporting institutions. The conference has become a key barometer for the global robotics industry.

Under the theme “Making Robots Smarter, Embodied Agents More Intelligent”, the 2025 WRC showcases more than 1,500 cutting-edge products from about 200 domestic and international robotics companies, including ABB, Festo, Estun, Unitree, Galbot, and CITIC Heavy Industries. — Xinhua



The conference has become a key barometer for the global robotics industry.

Two humanoid robots engage in a boxing match on 8 August 2025, during the 2025 World Robot Conference in Beijing. The event features over 1,500 cutting-edge products from domestic and international companies, up 25 per cent from the previous edition. **PHOTO: LI HAO/GLOBAL TIMES**



Swiss pilot Raphael Domjan attempted to set a new aviation record by reaching 10,000 metres in his solar-powered plane, SolarStratos, but had to postpone the attempt due to the absence of necessary warm air thermals. **PHOTO: AFP**

Pioneer spirit drives Swiss solar-powered plane altitude attempt

SWISS pilot Raphael Domjan on Friday attempted to set a new aviation record by reaching an altitude of 10,000 metres in his solar-powered plane, SolarStratos.

Taking off from Sion airport in southwestern Switzerland, Domjan hoped for favourable conditions to aid his ascent. However, he quickly realized that the necessary warm air thermals were absent, prompting him to conserve energy and postpone the attempt for another day.

The changing weather conditions were likely influenced by wildfires in neighbouring France.

Despite only reaching 1,769 metres during this attempt, Domjan remains committed to trying again.

Domjan, who aims to fly at the same altitude as commercial airliners, had previously achieved a warm-up flight reaching 6,589 metres, the highest for SolarStratos. The plane, made of carbon fiber with a wingspan of 24.8 metres, is equipped with high-spec solar panels. The current record for solar

planes stands at 9,235 metres, set in 2010.

Despite reaching only 1,769 metres during this attempt, Domjan remains determined to try again, emphasizing the challenges of pioneering such endeavours. — AFP

Japan summer holiday travel rush underway as trains, flights full

JAPAN'S summer holiday travel rush got underway Saturday, with many shinkansen bullet train services and flights fully booked as people returned to their hometowns or set off on domestic and overseas vacations.

JR Tokyo Station was bustling early in the morning as all seats on the Nozomi shinkansen bullet trains to Nagoya, Osaka, and Fukuoka were fully booked. Long lines formed as passengers sought unreserved seats on alternative trains. Traffic congestion was evident on expressways, while travellers crowded train station concourses and waiting rooms to escape the summer

Traffic congestion led travellers to seek refuge from summer heat.

heat. Seven-year-old Keisuke Nakagawa was returning to Otsu with his father, excited to play in Lake Biwa and visit his grandparents. At JR Shin-Osaka Station, Karin Takimura, 10, was meeting her father for a family trip to Hiroshima, eager to see Itsukushima Shrine after learning about it in school. — Kyodo



A departure lobby at Tokyo's Haneda airport is crowded on 9 August 2025, with passengers heading to their hometowns or resorts for Japan's Bon holiday. **PHOTO: KYODO**