

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.

Myanmar urged to boost farm exports

Boosting foreign investment can significantly create jobs and enhance technologies, driving the nation’s development.



Acting President and State Security and Peace Commission Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the work coordination meeting between the State Security and Peace Commission and the Union Government yesterday.

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing highlighted that emphasis must be placed on promoting the socioeconomic development of all citizens, ensuring that they can live and work in physical and mental well-being, and reducing the gap between the rich and the poor. A work coordination meeting between the State Security and Peace Commission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Union government took place

yesterday morning, with an address by Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, SSPC Chairman of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing. In his address, the Senior General recounted that the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2025 Plus, the parade to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Victory of the Chinese People’s War **SEE PAGE 3**

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the SSPC and Union government meeting

- 1. Relevant chief ministers need to lead initiatives to successfully hold the election and identify those capable of working for the good of the State.
- 2. The election to be held on 28 December must be credible and prestigious as well as free and fair, and the Hluttaw must be as well.
- 3. The government urges relevant countries to reopen border points for operating the border trade.
- 4. Authorities from regions and states sharing borders with other countries need to effectively handle the illegal trade activities.

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General Aung San Declares Firm Stand Against Election Disruption

“Our Government shall not permit any disruption of the forthcoming election. The electoral process shall remain free and fair, and no interference shall be exercised upon those who participate in it. Yet, let it be firmly declared that any attempt to disturb or sabotage the election shall be met with the full weight of authority.”

(An excerpt from the radio address regarding the election, delivered by General Aung San on 13 March 1947)



- 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.

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12 September 2025

Appointment and Duty-Assignment of Chief Justice for Mandalay Region High Court

THE National Defence and Security Council has appointed and assigned Daw Hla Myint to the duties of Chief Justice of the Mandalay Region High Court under Subsection (b) of Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

By order,
Aung Lin Dwe
Executive Chief

Republic of the Union of Myanmar National Defence and Security Council

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Appointment and Duty-Assignment of Judge for Mandalay Region High Court

THE National Defence and Security Council has appointed and assigned U Saw Myo Myo to the duties of Judge for the Mandalay Region High Court under Subsection (b) of Section 427 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

By order,
Aung Lin Dwe
Executive Chief

Myanmar Gazette

Heads of Service Organizations confirmed and appointed

THE National Defence and Security Council has confirmed the appointment of Dr Lei Lei Wai, Rector of Kyaukse University of the Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education, after the one-year probationary period.

The National Defence and Security Council has appointed the following individuals as Heads of Service Organizations shown against each of their names on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

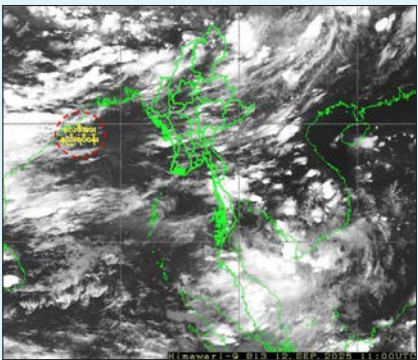
Name	Appointment
(a) Daw Aye Thida Myo	
Deputy Director-General	Director-General
International Organizations and Economic Department	International Organizations and Economics Department
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(b) U Thet Win	
Deputy Director-General	Director-General
Political Department	Consular and Legal Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Department
	Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The people are urged to receive vaccination of COVID-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of COVID-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increase of death rate due to the disease.

Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 7 pm MST on 12 September 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, the low-pressure area over the westcentral and adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal (Off the North Andhra Pradesh - South Odisha coasts, India) still persists. It is likely to move west-northwestwards and across South Odisha and adjoining North Andhra Pradesh and South Chhattisgarh during the next two days. — DMH



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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

Myanmar urged to boost farm exports

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of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War and visited Harbin of Heilongjiang Province and Chengdu of Sichuan Province from the end of August to the early September.

He continued that the total GDP of all SCO member countries amounted to US\$30.171 trillion. China has the highest GDP among them. There are a population of 3.905 billion in the SCO member countries. Participation of Myanmar in the SCO will have great benefits.

He retold some countries and organizations in the world exert political, economic, financial, and administrative pressures and discriminatory practices against the nations and governments they disfavour. These matters must be addressed through cooperation with international organizations and member states in order to enhance relations.

He highlighted that the military parade was interestingly witnessed by the whole world. It showed three significant points: good training of the Chinese Armed Forces, the defence capability of China due to powerful military weapons showcased in the parade, capable of adjusting the global power, and the disciplined actions of Chinese citizens. President Xi Jinping said that China can defend all global countries against possible threats.

During the summit and the parade, he said that he held meetings with the Chinese President, the Indian Prime Minister and the Lao President. They all expressed their wishes for Myanmar's entry to the SCO. Likewise, he talked about further promotion of trade with other Heads of State, including China, India and Laos. The meetings focused reopening of the border trade routes under the rules and regulations.

The Senior General noted that President Xi Jinping tabled five Global Governance Initiatives at the summit. As these points were aligned with his attitude, he seconded the tables. These five points are also in line with the current situation.

He added that while meeting with

Heads of State attending the SCO Summit, both sides discussed bilateral situations and preparations to hold the election. They wished to enhance relations with Myanmar and supported preparations for holding the election. They pledged to send their election observation teams to Myanmar.

The Senior General recounted that he saw an advanced transport system of rail transport system in China. Hence, relevant ministries need to observe the techniques of China to improve transport in Myanmar in order to improve public transport.

During the trip to China, the Senior General held a talk with the Vice-President of China and sought aid for the post-earthquake rehabilitation measures and received proper aid. He also received assistance for the post-earthquake rehabilitation efforts in Myanmar while holding a talk with Indian Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi.

The Senior General continued that he met Chinese businesspersons, experts, entrepreneurs and merchants in Tianjin and Chengdu of Sichuan Province. They wish to invest in Myanmar. So, it is necessary to recheck the past process of scrutiny for investment and make efforts to further flow new investments to Myanmar. Increasing foreign investment can contribute much to generating employment and improving technologies for the development of the nation.

He emphasized that Chinese businesspersons wish to invest Chinese yuan currency of China in Myanmar. The trade is being carried out with the yuan/kyat direct payment. Myanmar has a large volume of trade with China. If investment can use not only the US dollar but yuan, the investment amount will increase much.

The Senior General stressed that the Myanmar-China trade and investment promotion association has been formed to speed up the investment process. To promote trade with China, it is necessary to expedite efforts for more production in the agriculture and livestock breeding

industries. Being an agro-based country, Myanmar has to export larger agricultural products.

He underlined that during the five years of the government, the trade surplus of Myanmar amounted to more than \$2 billion. If the country exports more agricultural and livestock products, it can earn a larger trade surplus.

The Senior General stressed the need to cultivate sunflowers for the production of cooking oil and produce finished products of bamboo, cotton and rubber, as well as coffee.

He highlighted that production industries require educated human resources. So, industrial, agricultural and livestock basic education schools are being opened while universities and colleges are giving knowledge and techniques to students.

He underscored that **the schools opened by the government must be reliable for the people**. As the State fulfils the needs of teachers as much as possible, regional and state authorities also need to provide necessary assistance for them.

In observation, he spotted that the current unrests in Nepal were based on registration on social media. But, these unrests are being manipulated by some powerful countries behind the scenes. As such, it is necessary to take lessons from the unrest.

The Senior General urged all to place special emphasis on the enhancement of the socioeconomic life of rural people and the reduction of unemployment in Myanmar.

He reminded that the election to be held on 28 December must be credible and prestigious as well as free and fair, and the Hluttaw must be as well. Relevant security officials need to prioritize safe canvassing of Hluttaw candidates. **Relevant chief ministers need to lead initiatives to successfully hold the election and identify those capable of working for the good of the State.**

He stressed that ministerial and personal data of staff had leaked out through social media. Consequently, it can affect

individuals, departments and the State level. Hence, it needs to raise security awareness for all and strictly supervise the use of social media among staff members.

Currently, the Senior General said that the government urges relevant countries to reopen border points for operating the border trade. Authorities from regions and states sharing borders with other countries need to effectively handle the illegal trade activities.

He highlighted that seizures of narcotic drugs are still higher. It depends on drug production. So, it is necessary to combat drug production. If so, the distribution and trafficking of narcotic drugs will decline. On the other hand, online fraud must be suppressed.

Commission members and Union ministers reported on efforts to ensure peace and stability and security measures to successfully hold the election, plans underway to take security measures for Hluttaw candidates and canvassing activities, taking effective action against those who disturb preparations for holding the election under the law, and security for members of political parties in line with the accounts.

Commission Secretary and Joint Executive Chief General Ye Win Oo presented reports on administrative measures in regions and states, needs to control morality of students through collaborative efforts of teachers, parents and officials, action taken over Sanghas and nuns whose activities are not aligned with the Vinaya of Buddhism, taking action against those who make fake passports, and efforts to control illegal trade activities in border regions.

Also present at the meeting were Commission Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Prime Minister U Nyo Saw, Executive Chief U Aung Lin Dwe, Commission members, Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman and deputy ministers together with regional and state chief ministers through video-conferencing. — MNA/TTA

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission

Announcement 102/2025

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Revocation of action taken against Dr Aye Maung
under Section 88 (a) of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law

- (1) According to the Union Election Commission Announcement 96/2020, dated 18 May 2020, Dr Aye Maung, who was elected as a Pyithu Hluttaw Representative from An Township Constituency in Rakhine State during the by-election on 1 April 2017, was convicted by the Sittway District Court under Criminal Cases 9/2018 (Penal Code Section 505 (b)) and 3/2018 (Penal Code Section 122 (1)). Since he served his sentence for these offences, his position as a Pyithu Hluttaw Representative was annulled in accordance with Section 11 (d) of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law. He was also declared ineligible to run as a candidate in future elections for the Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw, Region Hluttaw, or State Hluttaw, as per Section
- 88 (a) of the same law.

(2) In line with the National Defence and Security Council Order 7/2025, dated 11 September 2025, the Acting President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar exercised the authority granted by Section 204 (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Dr Aye Maung, who had been convicted and sentenced under Criminal Cases 9/2018 (Penal Code Section 505 (b)) and 3/2018 (Penal Code Section 122 (1)), was later released under a general amnesty order from the Chairman of the State Administration Council. With the endorsement of the National Defence and Security Council, amnesty for his penalties and convictions were fully granted in light of his
- pledge to steadfastly uphold the non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and the perpetuation of sovereignty, and to dutifully participate in building a genuine, disciplined, democratic, and federal Union.

(3) Thus, the Union Election Commission hereby annuls its declaration from Announcement 96/2020, dated 18 May 2020, that Dr Aye Maung (Citizenship Scrutiny Card 13/NaKhaNa (C) 009999) was ineligible to contest as a Hluttaw candidate in future elections under Section 88 (a) of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law.
- Sd/ Than Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Myanmar explores agricultural exports to Belarus

A workshop on awareness and roadmap development for exporting Myanmar’s tropical agricultural products to Belarus was held yesterday afternoon at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Industry Office 30. Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than, officials, departmental heads from regional and state Supervisory and Inspection Departments, MSME entrepreneurs, and representatives from the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) attended the event in person and virtually.

The Union minister explained that the workshop would be conducted in two parts. The first part focused on awareness of export opportunities to Belarus, market penetration strategies, and the sharing of knowledge and experiences by relevant ministries and entre-



Union Minister Dr Charlie Than speaks at the workshop on awareness and roadmap development for exporting Myanmar’s tropical agricultural products to Belarus.

preneurs. The second part involved group discussions, where participants selected three to five potential tropical products for export to Belarus and drafted a practical roadmap with the

cooperation of relevant ministries and MSME entrepreneurs.

The completed roadmap will be submitted to the Central Committee for the Development of Micro, Small and Medium,

and Enterprises, after which coordination with relevant ministries will be carried out to implement exports to Belarus. The Union Minister urged MSME entrepreneurs, producers, and

representatives from ministries and organizations to contribute actively to the success of Myanmar’s agricultural exports to the Belarusian market.

Afterwards, the director-general of the Supervisory and Inspection Department presented an overview of the workshop. Officials from the Department of Foreign Economic Relations, the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization, UMFCCI, and the Agriculture Department discussed cooperation opportunities, trade information, and requirements for exporting Myanmar’s tropical agricultural products to Belarus.

Group discussions followed to identify roadmaps and draft work plans for potential exports. The results were reviewed, and the Union Minister concluded the workshop with closing remarks. — MNA/KZL

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Corrigendum

PLEASE read “Amnesty” instead of “Pardon” in the headline of the Order 7/2025 issued by the National Defence and Security Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 11 September 2025 on page 4 of The Global New Light of Myanmar Daily issued on 12 September 2025. — Ed.

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Local officials and residents urged to drive regional development

❖ Regional development primarily depends on the efforts of local administrative officials and residents, so we urge them to work towards this goal.
(An excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at a meeting with district and township level department officials and micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) entrepreneurs in Meiktila District on 10 January 2025 to discuss regional development issues)

Press, Documentation and Exhibition Committee holds coord meeting

THE Press, Documentation and Exhibition Work Committee held a coordination meeting yesterday afternoon at the Ministry of Information meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw to organize the 10th Anniversary Ceremony of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) and workshop.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister for Information U Ye Tint, Chairman of the Press, Documentation and Exhibition Work Committee, as well as the Committee Secretary and members.

First, the deputy minister stated that the 10th Anniversary Ceremony of the NCA will be held in Nay Pyi Taw next month. During the opening ceremony and workshops, the work committee will display documents related to peacemaking, development activities in ethnic areas, and ethnic unity for attendees to study in advance. Books will also be exhibited. He noted that press releases, media invitations, and document publications are expected to be carried out, and instructed all



Deputy Minister U Ye Tint presides over the coordination meeting of the Press, Documentation and Exhibition Work Committee on Organizing NCA's 10th Anniversary Ceremony.

parties to work together without gaps, discuss and provide recommendations, and cooperate to ensure the success of the ceremony.

Next, the attendees dis-

cussed plans for exhibits to be prepared by the relevant ministries to commemorate the NCA anniversary, inviting local and foreign media to cover the event, inviting local and interna-

tional experts to participate in the discussions, and publishing documentary books and reports. The committee chairman provided the necessary coordination. — MNA/MKKS

MoFA Deputy Minister receives Bangladeshi Ambassador

U Ko Ko Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Dr Md Monwar Hossain, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

They discussed and exchanged views on the existing bilateral relations and on the matters related to cooperation between the two countries in the international arena.

Also, present at the meeting were senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA



The Bangladeshi ambassador calls on Deputy Minister U Ko Ko Kyaw yesterday.

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1. Office of the State Administration Council https://sacoffice.gov.mm	
2. Ministry of Defence https://www.mod.gov.mm	3. Ministry of Legal Affairs https://www.mlis.gov.mm
4. Ministry of Information https://www.moi.gov.mm	5. Myawady Webportal https://myawady.net.mm
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People's Military Service Training 14 holds graduation ceremonies

EVERY citizen has the duty to uphold “Our Three Main National Causes” — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty. To enable citizens to fulfil these duties, the People's Military Service Law came into effect on 10 February 2024, requiring all citizens to undergo military training and serve in national defence. Accordingly, training courses for public military service are now being conducted for young people who have enthusiastically registered to serve in the defence and security of the nation.

The graduation ceremonies for People's Military Service Training 14, attended by patriotic citizens who will dutifully serve in national defence and security responsibilities, were held yesterday morning at training depots under relevant military commands.

The ceremonies followed the military parade agenda, with trainees taking an oath of allegiance while holding the State Flag. Responsible officials



Commander Maj-Gen Kyi Thike of the Southern Command speaks on the graduation occasion of the People's Military Service Training 14.



The graduation event of the People's Military Service Training 14 in progress yesterday in Hlegu Township.

then delivered addresses and presented awards to outstanding trainees.

Afterwards, chief ministers of regions and states, commanders of relevant commands, and

other officials met with the graduating soldiers at the training depots, offering words of encouragement and farewell.

Course graduates had undergone training in endurance, military parades, military strategy, and other general subjects. According to the 2008 Constitution, every citizen has the duty to safeguard the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of the State, as well as to undergo military training and serve in national defence

as prescribed by law.

The new soldiers who graduated yesterday gained discipline, teamwork, and a strong sense of nationalism, patriotism, and esprit de corps. They will now take pride in serving in national defence and security duties at their respective regiments and units.

In the evening, graduation dinners were held at training depots for the graduates of People's Military Service Training 14. — MNA/KZL

MNHRC inspects Pathein Prison, Pathein Police Lock-ups and Settawya Home for the Aged

AN inspection team led by the members of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, U Tin Aung and U Than Win, inspected the Pathein Prison, Settawya Home for the Aged, and Pathein Police lock-ups in Pathein Township, Ayeyawady Region, from 9 to 10 September 2025, respectively, in accordance with Sections 43 and 44 of the Commission's Law.

During the inspection, the inspection team met prisoners and detainees in the dormitories and inquired into matters relating to their fundamental rights, including an adequate food supply, access to healthcare facilities and referral to external hospitals for treatment depending on illnesses, and provision of sufficient purified water. The team also inquired and

interviewed about the receipt of items issued by the prison and those sent by family members, as well as whether the prisoners were allowed family visits. Additionally, the team looked over and assessed the conditions for physical activities, the right to practice religion in accordance with their faith, provision of vocational training courses. In addition, the team inquired whether there were instances of human rights violations or torture by prison officials and fellow inmates. The inspection team also met 28 family members who came to visit prisoners and asked whether they faced any difficulties in meeting their relatives or in sending items to the prisoners. Moreover, the team conducted private and confidential interviews with 15 prisoners

and detainees who requested to meet separately, and recorded their statements.

The inspection team then inspected various facilities within the Pathein Prison, including the dormitories, prison clinic, library, family visit area, kitchen, dining room, food warehouse, water purifiers, and the cleanliness of toilets. Additionally, the MNHRC donated knowledgeable books for the benefit of the prisoners.

At the Settawya Home for the Aged, the inspection team met the elderly in their dormitories and assessed whether they had access to their fundamental human rights guarantees, including freedom and fairness, and whether they were receiving care in accordance with international standards, based on compassion and respect for human dignity.

The inspection team also examined the conditions of 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. The team inquired about the measures taken for the enjoyment of secular benefits and transcendental merits for the elderly, as well as arrangements for the ease of mind and body of the elderly. Moreover, the team extended warm words of encouragement to 41 elderly

individuals residing at the facility.

At the Pathein Myoma Police Lock-up and Pathein Local Police Lock-up, MNHRC team inspected the conditions of detainees during the remand period, whether any torture occurred while in custody, 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, the conditions of meeting with family members and access to legal assistance during the court appearance period.

The inspection team will send its findings and recommendations to the relevant department for the necessary action under the Commission's law. — MNHRC

Narcotic drugs bound for Malaysia seized

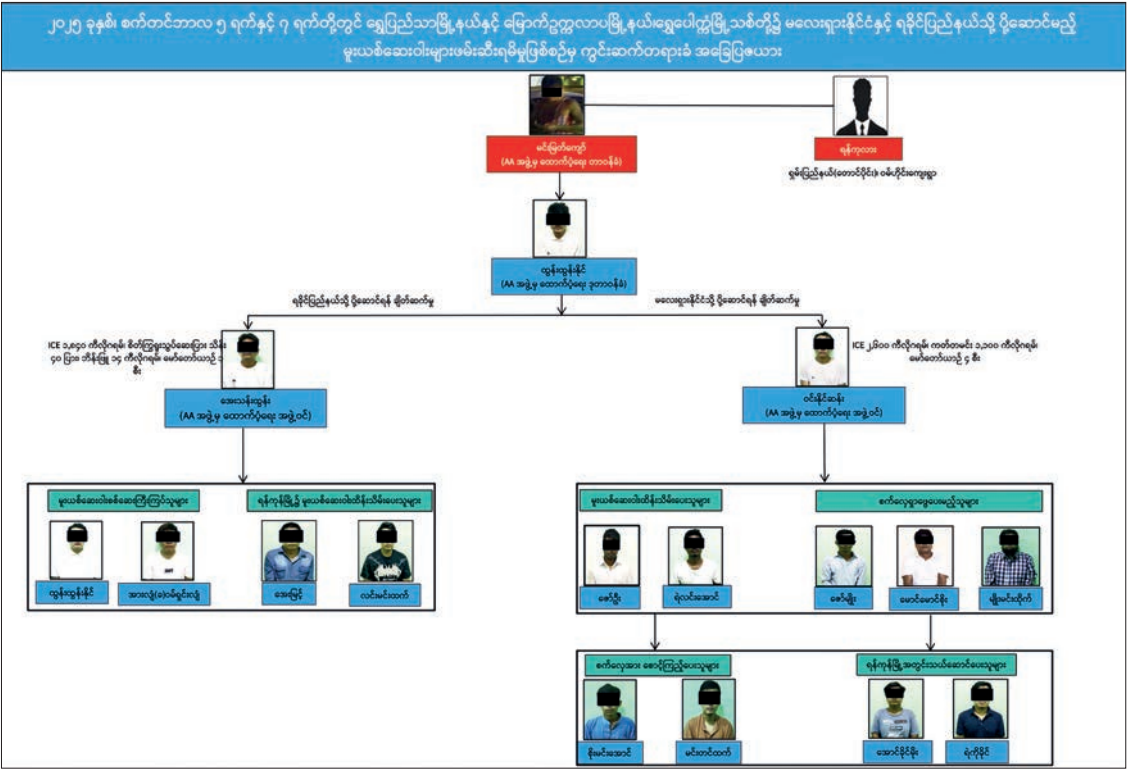
ACTING on a tip-off, police searched a warehouse in Shwepyitha Township on the morning of 5 September and seized 1,840 kilogrammes of Ice (methamphetamine), four million stimulant tablets, 14 kilogrammes of heroin powder, and a Mitsubishi Canter truck. Six suspected offenders were arrested: Aye Than Tun, a supporter of the AA terrorist group from Kyauktaw Township in Rakhine State, along with Ah Lyan (aka) Wan Shin Lyan, Tun Tun Naing (aka) LT, Aye Myint, and Lin Min Htet.

According to the investigation, police also arrested Zaw Oo (aka) Raju and Ye Lin Aung (aka) Joseph with 1,500 kilogrammes of Ice and two vehicles (a Toyota Mark II and an I-Zone) in a compound in Shwepaukkan Myothit, North Okkalapa Township, on the evening of 5 September.

Similarly, anti-narcotics agents arrested Aung Khaing Moe and Ye Ko Khaing with a Toyoace truck carrying 1,100

kilogrammes of Ice and 1,100 kilogrammes of ketamine near the Denko petrol station on No 4 Highway in Shwepyitha Township on the morning of 7 September. Following this, police arrested Myo Min Htike (aka) Noahlam, who helped arrange a boat to transport the drugs into Malaysia, in Thakayta Township, and later apprehended Soe Min Aung and Min Tin Htet, who monitored the boat, at a hotel in Pabedan Township.

Based on the testimony of the arrested suspect Tun Tun Naing, a deputy support officer of the AA terrorist group, the group



Photos above & below show the drug traffickers network and arrestees alongside confiscated drugs and vehicles.



is engaged in large-scale drug trafficking to secure funds for its operations and to purchase weapons and ammunition. The drugs were reportedly purchased from Yan Kalar of Keshi Township, Loilem District, Shan State (North), while Min Myat Kyaw (aka Thadu) gave the order to transport the drugs to Malaysia.

Authorities confirmed that legal action will continue to be taken against the arrested suspects. Efforts are also ongoing to identify and apprehend other suspects and accomplices. Individuals with information about drug trafficking are urged to report confidentially to the relevant authorities. Informants who assist in the arrest of suspects will be eligible for a confidential reward. — MNA/MKKS

Tokyo Embassy extends early voter registration deadline



The Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo.

THE Myanmar Embassy to Japan announced on 12 September that it would extend the deadline for early voting registration to ensure that no eligible voters are left out.

The previous deadline was 8 September for submitting Form 15 to the em-

the respective Hluttaws in a multi-party democratic system.

On 12 September, the embassy issued another statement extending the Form 15 deadline to 6 October.

For those who are eligible to vote in Japan, Form 15 must be filled out completely, and their contact number, name and email address must be attached to another sheet of paper for smooth communication.

A copy of a valid Myanmar passport, a fully filled-in Form 15, and a copy of the household register in Myanmar must also be sent to the embassy in person, by post, or via email, it said. — MT/ZN

Mandalay Rescue Team, Changshu Volunteers sign MoU



This photo shows Myanmar's Mandalay Rescue Team and Changshu Volunteer Association signing an MoU.

THE Central Committee of Myanmar Rescue Team Mandalay Region and China's Changshu Volunteer Association signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on 11 September, aiming to enhance the bilateral cooperation in search and rescue services.

The signing took place at the second International Civil Society Solidarity Conference on Global Development Initiative held from 1 to 11 September in China.

U Hlaing Min Oo, vice-chair of Myanmar Rescue Team Central Committee and Mr Zhang Yupu from the Changshu Volunteer Association and Blue-Sky Rescue-International Team signed the MoU. The MoU covers sharing rescue advanced technologies, cooperation in rescue research projects, collaborating in rescue training operations, sending rescue scholars and establishing a partnership in rescue projects. — MT/ZS

OPINION

Join hands among the
Global South countries

SOUTH-SOUTH and triangular cooperation harness locally adapted and peer-driven solutions, foster inclusive partnerships, and support innovative, scalable approaches. Covering areas such as digital transformation, climate resilience, health systems, and sustainable financing, these modalities are opening new pathways for development.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres sent a message for the 2025 United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation, which says: “... Yet we also recognize the responsibilities of developed countries to help address rising inequalities and advance sustainable development. As we mark this important day, let’s celebrate South-South collaboration as a catalyst for reinvigorated multi-lateralism and building a more inclusive, equitable world for all.”

They all have to implement the UN SDGs to improve themselves for lifting their people from poverty, as a priority, and join hands with each other to resolve different crises successfully. By building mutual understanding and goodwill among countries of the Global South and actively strengthening their collaborative efforts, they can help shape the new global order from a fresh perspective.

Yet, as of 2025, more than 800 million people remain in extreme poverty, while many developing countries continue to spend more on debt repayments than on vital public services.

By the turn of the 21st century, stronger and more dynamic countries had emerged among the nations of the Global South, where the majority of the world’s population lives. These countries began pushing to reform the outdated global order that no longer reflects present realities. Nations that had once been oppressed under the old system, denied opportunities, treated unequally, or excluded altogether are now joining forces with the newly emerging powers to help shape a new global order.

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WHEN people think of Xinjiang, they picture vast deserts and scorching summers. After all, it is the region with the largest desert area in China, including the Taklamakan Desert. Dry and sandy landscapes are indeed one side of Xinjiang’s identity.

Yet it’s not the whole story. The region is rich in freshwater and saline resources, with diverse lakes and rivers feeding thriving ecosystems. The Tarim River, China’s longest inland river and the world’s fifth largest, stretches 2,179 kilometres across an immense basin. Bosten Lake, the country’s largest inland freshwater lake, covers 1,646 square kilometres and yields about 5,000 tonnes of freshwater fish annually.

In this land of contrasts, salmon farming has found an unlikely home. In 2024, Xinjiang produced over 8,000 tonnes of salmon, with exports reaching Southeast Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. The question is: how did salmon thrive so far from the ocean?

Ideal natural conditions nurture salmon

Counterintuitively, Xinjiang’s natural environment is perfect for salmon farming. Surrounded by mountains, the region collects pure glacial meltwater in its basins, with temperatures between 8° and 18°C throughout the year and high oxygen levels. These are ideal conditions for cold-water fish to thrive. According to Xinjiang’s Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, a Spanish trader once praised Xinjiang salmon for its freshness, clean taste, and

Salmon in the Desert?
How Xinjiang is Farming the Impossible

Author: Chen Ziqi, a reporter from CGTN

well-distributed fat, making it especially well-suited for sashimi.

Green tech powers salmon farming

In Nilka County, northwest Xinjiang, salmon have been raised

The eco-friendly net cage farming system addresses the pollution issues of traditional cages, maintaining excellent water quality both upstream and downstream. At the farming base, real-time electronic screens track

procedure.

Feeding has also gone high-tech. A smart delivery system determines how much food the fish need at each growth stage, cutting down on waste and reducing labour costs.



Processing salmon on the assembly line in Nilka County, 26 September 2020. [PHOTO: VCG]

jiang. Developing aquaculture not only boosts food supply but also improves fragile ecosystems. On saline-alkali lands, authorities are applying a model known as “fish to reduce salinity and alkalinity”, which increases biodiversity while rehabilitating soils.

The results are already visible. At Swan Lake, after fish farming was introduced, the number of bird species rose sharply, attracting more wild birds to settle in the area. This demonstrates how aquaculture is contributing to both economic and environmental sustainability.

Salmon farming mirrors Xinjiang's growth

Chinese President Xi Jinping has urged thorough, meticulous, and sustained efforts to build a beautiful Xinjiang, where ecosystems thrive and people live and work in contentment, as part of China’s broader modernization.

The salmon industry is a microcosm of this vision by leveraging the region’s natural advantages, cutting-edge green technology, and strong community support. Xinjiang may be home to China’s largest desert, but it is also a land of rivers, lakes, and ingenuity. By turning unlikely conditions into opportunities, the region has transformed salmon farming from an improbable dream into a sustainable industry, proving that even in the desert, new life can flourish.



The smart feeding net dispenses food to salmon based on their needs in Nilka County, 26 September 2020. [PHOTO: VCG]

through cage aquaculture in the Jilintai Reservoir since 2014. After imported fish eggs hatch and the fry grow, the little fish are sorted into different cages by size once they reach around 150 grammes. Over time, cage farming has now evolved into a smarter, greener model.

oxygen, temperature, and cleanliness of the water. Underwater cleaning robots, equipped with sonar imaging and optical zoom cameras, can remove waste with precision. Outside the cages, filter-feeding fish further help consume uneaten feed drifting in the water, creating a natural cleanup



Salmon sashimi on display in Chinese markets [PHOTO: VCG]

In early 2025, the farming base in Nilka released 9.1 million fish fry, with an expected annual output of 8,000 tonnes.

From reservoir to dining tables

After three years, fully grown salmon are harvested. Workers use a fish pump to gently move the salmon through a tube directly onto the assembly line, a method that minimizes injury and preserves quality. The fish are then rapidly cooled to below 5°C before being transported to the processing plant, where they are transformed into a variety of products, including fresh-cut and quick-frozen salmon.

With the support of the government, local farms work with research institutes to expand product lines. Today, Xinjiang salmon not only reach tables across China but are also exported to Southeast Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. At Yining customs in Xinjiang, chilled salmon can now pass inspection in just 30 minutes, ensuring freshness for domestic and overseas markets.

Salmon farming lifts lives

Today, more than 800 professionals are employed at the salmon farming base in Nilka County, with 60 per cent being local Xinjiang people. Many of them once relied on traditional farming or herding, which are easily affected by the weather. Now, frontline workers at the base earn over \$840 a month, about \$100 higher than the local average wage. Thanks to these opportunities, 609 families have been lifted out of poverty, and nearly 400 individuals have obtained licences as professional aquaculture workers.

To help staff establish themselves and feel a sense of belonging, the central government invested nearly \$7 million in building dormitories last year. Another \$2.8 million has been allocated for staff housing in the county, enabling workers to purchase their own homes with subsidies ranging from \$20,000 to \$40,000.

Beyond salmon: Broader aquaculture potential

Salmon farming is part of a bigger vision for fisheries in Xin-



The salmon fish farming in Nilka County, northwest Xinjiang [PHOTO: VCG]

ARTICLE
POEM

“Seeds of Progress,
Harvests of Peace”

By Min Zan

From ancient fields to modern day,
Farmers toil in the sun's bright rays.
With seeds of hope and rivers wide,
The nation's strength will here reside.

Machines now hum where hands once sowed,
AI and drones help the harvest grow.
From soil and water, skill combined,
A brighter path for all mankind.

Together nations hand in hand,
They share the tools to till the land.
With peace and progress shining clear,
More prosperity will draw near.

(Advancing agriculture through technology and unity
for national prosperity.)



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Great Wisdom

Remember, in addition,
There is no ruby in every mountain;
Of great physical strength _
Any treasured elephant is not hunt'd;
Even though found in all forests,
No golden Sandaku flowers.

In the boondocks off the track beaten,
Seldom is a wise old man seen:
These noteworthy concepts lighten.

Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

NATIONAL

Dala Bridge bans undercrossing in designated area during form traveller dismantling

THE Myanmar Ports Authority issued a mariners' notice to avoid crossing under the bridge within the designated area while the form traveller is being removed from the Myanmar-Korea Friendship (Dala) Bridge Project.

The form traveller, which was used in the installation of steel cables, is scheduled to be dismantled on 17-20 September.

"The bridge will undergo the process of dismantling the form traveller from 8 am on 17 September to 8 am on 18 September, and from 8 am on 19 September to 8 am on 20 September. So, a mariner's notice is issued to avoid undercrossing in the area designated in paragraph 3," the MPA said.

The installation of steel suspension cables at the Myan-



The Myanmar-Korea Friendship Bridge and the steel suspension cables.

mar-Korea Friendship Bridge (Dala) project was completed at the end of August, and the removal of the form traveller.

Buoys with radar reflectors installed on both upper and lower river sides of the pillars can be traced easily with a radar sys-

tem, and they have been placed according to the coordinates for safe crossing.

The bridge is 160 feet high and 998 feet wide, allowing the passage of ocean liners and local large vessels, and approach roads and ramps are constructed in accordance with international standards. — Htun Htun/ZN



YPS combo cards now available at G&G, Capital

FOR YBS passengers, top-up YPS combo cards are available now, said Yangon Payment Services-YPS.

For more efficient use, YPS combo cards are already topped up with K1,000, so passengers can use them easily after buying.

YPS combo cards are now available at G&G and Capital YPS counters. For more information, enquiries can be made to the YPS page messenger or call centre hotline number 09 772666699, from 9 am to 5 pm from Monday to Friday.

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‘Ma Mae Zaychin Zat Thabin’ Season 2 to air on 20 Sept



"Ma Mae Zaychin Zat Thabin" Drama entertainment programme advertisement poster.

THE 6th episode of the comedy entertainment programme 'Ma Mae Zaychin Zat Thabin' will stream on Channel K at 9 pm every Saturday, beginning on 20 September, according to comedian Shwe Mann Chan Thar, who will host the

programme.

"For fans who love and support Myanmar Zat Thabin, Channel K Television is once again presenting 'Ma Mae Zaychin Zat Thabin' Season 2. In the 6th episode, audiences can enjoy performances by the drama troupe led by Shwe Mann Chan Thar. In addition, the play Piti, featuring many drama artistes, will also be staged for the fans," said drama actor Shwe Mann Chan Thar.

Channel K Television launched the 'Ma Mae Zaychin Zat Thabin' series in June 2023. The programme features well-known drama troupes and presents traditional theatrical performances from their debut to their final stage productions, in keeping with the spirit of Zat Thabin (theatrical performance). — ASH/MKKS

Saturday Night music concert set for today

SINGERS Cherry Thin and Moe Thout will hold a music concert titled Saturday Night on 13 September at Lu Min Thar Bar 3 in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Region, starting at 7 pm, according to Cherry Thin.

"Next Saturday, I will be performing together with Moe Thout, the lead singer of Lu Min Thar Bar. As a special feature, DJ

Peter and the band will play energetic songs to keep the fun going. If you want to experience the kind of cool live music DJ Peter will be performing, please come to Lu Min Thar Bar 3," said Cherry Thin.

The Saturday Night concert will also feature the Leo White Band, the main house band of Lu Min Thar Bar 3. — ASH/MKKS



This image showcases a poster for the Saturday Night concert of singers Cherry Thin and Moe Thout.

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This image discloses a newly introduced YPS combo card.

Public-private talks set fair paddy prices for harvest

A Public-Private Dialogue on ensuring fair paddy price for farmers during harvest and boosting exports was held on 10 September 2025 at Meeting Hall 1 of the Ayeyawady Region Government Office, with the presence of officials of the departments concerned and the Myanmar Rice Federation president, rice millers and rice companies.

The Ayeyawady Region chief minister coordinated matters in ensuring fair paddy price for farmers during harvest, bolstering exports, accelerating efforts to provide cultivation inputs such as fertilizer and agricultural loans, installation of Solar 14 Mega Watt at eight rice mills, construction of ten rice mills using milling equip-

ment with advanced technology in the 2025-2026 financial year, and implementation of rice export zones in the region.

The dialogue highlighted rice mills and companies purchasing monsoon paddy without interruption and delay, increasing purchase volume during harvest to help farmers, collaboration between the regional government and MRF to export the premium Pawsan rice and prioritizing Aemahta rice varieties in purchasing. — NN/KK

The Ayeyawady Region government and MRF officials view the display after the public-private dialogue on paddy prices on 10 September 2025.



CBM injects over US\$2M into edible oil, fuel oil sector

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$1.79 million to the edible oil-importing companies and over \$353,900 to fuel oil-importing companies on 11 September.

CBM also injected over \$372,000 into the market, after sales of over \$241,000 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments.

CBM announced on 10 September that it would sell \$22 million to fuel oil entrepreneurs. CBM also sold over \$1.17 million to edible oil-importing companies on that day.

CBM sold \$1.5 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$350,000 to fuel

oil-importing companies on 9 September.

Additionally, CBM injected \$560,000 and 306,000 yuan into the financial market. CBM sold \$11,350 to those who made non-trade payments on that day.

CBM over \$2 million purchased from companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis to edible oil-importing companies and over \$464,400 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments on 8 August, in addition to an injection of 1.9 million yuan into the market.

CBM sold \$2.15 million to edible oil-importing companies and over \$449,600 to fuel

oil-importing companies on 5 September, in addition to an injection of 400,000 yuan into the market.

CBM sold over \$2.3 million purchased from CMP companies to edible oil-importing companies on 4 September.

Furthermore, it sold over \$248,800 to CMP companies and those who made non-trade payments on that day.

CBM sold over \$1 million, 11 million yuan and four million baht in August. Furthermore, CBM also pumped over \$32 million, purchased from the companies working on a Cut, Make and Pack basis, 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 facade of the Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw.

Stalls on sale at Danyingon Wholesale Market

DANYINGON Wholesale Market started to sell vacant stalls to run businesses, according to Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Ltd (MAEX).

MAEX developed a two-storey market building housing 12 units per floor (No 4 Medium Wholesale Market), and stalls from MW-4 are on lease at the present.

Those stalls are especially designed for traders to sell dry commodities, store the stocks, run cold-storage facilities, operate warehouses, set trading offices and wholesale depots.

The shops on the ground floor have wide display spaces. The first floor is preferred to open offices or accommodate bathroom and toilet facilities. The corner unit is 1,958 square feet (20 feet and 11 inches by 47 feet and six inches), while another unit covers 1,934 square feet with 20 feet and 11 inches

by 47 feet six inches.

The parking spot can accommodate over 2,000 cars, having eight lanes of roads secured with a 24-hour security system and CCTVs. There are facilities (electricity, water meter, overhead tanks), a recycle/non-recycle waste disposal system and a good sanitation system. They can hold an owner's book granted by the Yangon City Development Committee.

The buyer can choose different payment systems, such as an eight-month instalment hire-purchase system. Those individuals can enquire about details through the Danyingon Market located at the corner of the Shwepyitha new bridge and Pale Road in Insein Township, Yangon, and the contact numbers of the Shop House at 09 253911435, 09 950441069, and 09 420072834. — NN/KK

Gold Market Rate as of
12 September 2025

THE price of one tical (16.329325 grammes) of gold with density of 19.25 grammes per cubic centimetre and above is K5,970,000, as established by the Mineral (Gold) Reference Price Determination Committee.

ECONOMY
WORLD

China’s manufacturing powerhouse gears up to deliver new iPhones to the world



Workers attend a skills training course at a learning centre of Foxconn in Zhengzhou, central China’s Henan Province, 12 October 2024. PHOTO: LI JIANAN/XINHUA

The large-scale, innovative facility combines high production output with worker welfare, playing a crucial role in Apple’s global supply chain.

WITH the global launch of Apple’s iPhone 17 series, China’s advanced manufacturing ecosystem is once again playing a pivotal role in bringing the company’s latest products to markets worldwide.

At the center of this effort is Foxconn’s Zhengzhou factory in central China’s Henan Province, one of the world’s largest iPhone assembly bases and a symbol of the country’s electronics production scale.

The plant is running at full throttle, ramping up hiring to meet the global demand for

Apple’s smart phones. Each morning, long lines of job seekers form outside its recruitment centre, reflecting the massive workforce required to roll out new iPhones.

“Since late July, the recruitment centre has welcomed thousands of job seekers on a daily basis, and this bustling scene is expected to continue through the end of September,” said Fang Siming, assistant vice-president of human resources at Foxconn’s Zhengzhou comprehensive bonded zone.

— Xinhua

AI may drive 20% revenue deflation in IT services over CY25-30: Jefferies

ARTIFICIAL Intelligence (AI) could trigger around 20 per cent revenue deflation in the global IT services sector between calendar years 2025 and 2030, posing significant headwinds for the industry, according to a report by Jefferies.

The report highlighted that AI will impact 20 per cent of IT services revenue by 2030, but a higher productivity boost will be seen in application services and BPOs relative to consulting and infrastructure services. The impact of AI will be particularly pronounced in high-margin streams such as application managed services and business process outsourcing (BPO).

“AI to impact 20 per cent of existing IT services revenues by FY30. We expect AI to drive a 5-35 per cent productivity boost across consulting, Application services, infrastructure services and BPO services,” noted the report.

Three key reasons were cited for this slowdown. First, enterprises may hold back on fresh IT spending due to concerns that rapid AI advancements could render investments obsolete. — ANI



Enterprises might delay new IT investments out of concern that rapid AI developments could quickly make these expenditures outdated. PHOTO: A REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE/PIXABAY



This find enhances Hungary’s energy security by reducing reliance on imports. A representational image of oil pump. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Hungary uncovers new oil field capable of producing 1,000 barrels per day

THE field was discovered at a depth of 2,400 metres near the town of Galgaheviz in northern Hungary, the country’s MOL oil and gas company said in a statement. “The new deposit contributes significantly to Hungary’s security of supply, as domestic production reduces import dependency,” MOL emphasized.

Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto had stressed earlier that Ukrainian attacks on the Druzhba pipeline, which pumps Russian oil to Hungary, are tantamount to attacks on his country.

“Zelensky made it clear that if Hungary does not take a pro-Ukrainian position, Ukraine will continue to attack the Druzhba pipeline, which is of great importance to Hungary’s energy security,” Szijjarto added. — SPUTNIK

China, Indonesia launch new local currency settlement framework

THE central banks of China and Indonesia on Thursday officially launched a local currency settlement framework for bilateral transactions, aiming to facilitate the further use of local currencies in bilateral trade and investment.

The new framework is

based on a memorandum of understanding signed in May this year, which upgraded a previous co-operation framework by expanding the scope of local currency settlements to cover all balance-of-payments items. Also on Thursday, the governors

of the two central banks announced the start of a two-way trial of the China-Indonesia cross-border QR code interconnection project, which will allow transactions to be settled in local currencies. It is expected to be fully operational by 2025. — Xinhua



A visitor displays a cup of coffee purchased with China's digital yuan, or the e-CNY, 26 April 2023. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ WEI PEIQUAN/XINHUA

US consumer inflation heats up but unlikely to deter rate cut

US consumer inflation rose last month to its highest level since January, government data showed

Thursday, although analysts believe that this will not deter the central bank from an interest rate cut

next week. The data also underscored cost-of-living pressures on households as



US consumer inflation accelerated to 2.9 per cent in August on a year-on-year basis, in line with analysts' expectations. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

President Donald Trump's tariffs filter through the world's biggest economy, complicating the Federal Reserve's role in maintaining stable prices.

The consumer price index (CPI) picked up to 2.9 per cent in August, accelerating from 2.7 per cent on a year-on-year basis in July, said the Labor Department.

The figure was in line with analysts' expectations, as economists try to gauge if Trump's duties will trigger a one-off price increase or lead to persistently higher costs. — AFP

Board of Spain's Sabadell bank rejects BBVA takeover bid

SPANISH bank Sabadell on Friday said its board had rejected larger national rival BBVA's hostile takeover bid and urged shareholders to shun it as the clock ticked down on their final decision.

The proposed deal aims to create a European banking powerhouse capable of competing with industry heavyweights such as Santander, BNP Paribas and HSBC.

BBVA, Spain's second-largest bank with a large footprint in Latin America and Turkey, announced its all-share bid in May 2024, valuing Sabadell at around 15 billion euros (\$18 billion).

After gaining approval from the European Central Bank and Spain's competition and stock market regulators, BBVA must now win over Sabadell's shareholders during a 30-day period that started on Monday.

"The price of the offer does not adequately reflect the intrinsic value of Banco Sabadell's shares, underestimating the project very significantly," the bank's board said in a report released on Friday. — AFP

Microsoft avoids EU antitrust fine with Teams commitments

THE EU said Friday it had accepted Microsoft's commitment to more clearly separate the Teams communications app from its Office products — sparing the US tech giant a hefty antitrust fine.

The European Commission said the redress proposed by Microsoft answered the concerns at the heart of an anti-

trust probe launched in 2023, ending practices that prevented rivals from competing "effectively".

"Today's decision therefore opens up competition in this crucial market, and ensures that businesses can freely choose the communication and collaboration product that best suits their needs," said EU

competition chief Teresa Ribera.

The decision follows preliminary findings in a probe triggered by a 2020 complaint from Slack, a Teams competitor.

The commission — the EU's antitrust regulator — had concluded that Microsoft abused its dominant position by bundling Teams with other products. — AFP

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Nepal: Both Houses of Parliament condemn violence, loss of life and property



Nepal's army Chief General Ashok Raj Sigdel addressed the nation following unrest that toppled the government and left parliament in flames. PHOTO: AFP

THE Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Chairperson of the National Assembly on Friday issued a joint statement in the wake of the ongoing political crisis in Nepal.

The statement said, “We are shocked by the loss of life and property during the Gen-Z protests that took place on this very date, Bhadra 23 and 24, 2082. We express our heartfelt condolences to all the youth who lost their lives during the protests and to the police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty, and our deepest condolences to the bereaved families. We also wish a speedy recovery to all those injured during the protests and urge the relevant state mechanisms to ensure that there is no shortage of treatment.”

It further stated, “The arson and vandalism that occurred on Bhadra 24, 2082, including the Federal Parliament Building in Baneshwor, the Federal Parliament Secretariat in Singha Durbar, and various government offices, government and private residences, media houses, commercial establishments, and public property and historical documents, has caused irreparable damage to the country. The arson that occurred at the Federal Parliament Building and Secretariat and throughout the country has caused irreparable damage to the country.”

Highlighting the current national situation, the joint statement added, “In the current difficult situation in the country, the Honorable President is taking the initiative to find a way out through the constitutional process, upholding the sovereignty, civil liberties, geographical integrity, national unity and independence vested in the people. — ANI

Netanyahu approves construction project that will split occupied West Bank in half

ISRAELI Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has approved the construction of thousands of housing units in the Mevaseret Adumim area (E1), which will link the illegal settlement of Maale Adumim with East Jerusalem,

thereby splitting the occupied West Bank in half.

“Today is a very important day. The city of Maale Adumim will double: 70,000 people will live here within five years. This is a huge change. There is another

promise that we will keep. We said: There will be no Palestinian state — and there really won't be one! This place is ours. We will take care of our heritage, our land, and our security,” Netanyahu said at the signing ceremony for the roof agreement in Maale Adumim on Thursday.

On 8 August, Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, the leader of the ultra-right Religious Zionism party, said that Israeli authorities were making efforts to “erase the Palestinian state”.

On 14 August, he approved the construction of Jewish settlements in the E1 area near East Jerusalem in a bid to separate the city from the West Bank. Israel's Civil Administration's committee for Judea and Samaria, which is how Israel refers to the West Bank, approved the construction of 3,400 homes in the Mevaseret Adumim area. — SPUTNIK



Ma'ale Adumim is a city located in the West Bank, east of Jerusalem. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/WIKICOMMONS



Rama said an AI procurement minister would be 'corruption-free'. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Albania appoints AI-generated minister to avoid corruption

ALBANIAN Prime Minister Edi Rama said Thursday he had appointed the world's first AI-generated government minister to oversee public tenders, promising its artificial intelligence would make it “corruption-free”.

Presenting his new cabinet at a meeting of his Socialist Party following a big May election victory, Rama introduced the new “member”, named “Diella” — “sun” in Albanian. “Diella is the first (government) member who is not physically present, but virtually created by artificial intelligence,” Rama said.

Diella will be entrusted with all decisions on public tenders, making them “100-per-cent corruption-free and every public fund submitted to the tender procedure will be perfectly transparent”, he added. — AFP

SPORTS

Guardiola puts Haaland above Isak in list of world's top strikers

PEP Guardiola said Erling Haaland is "a little bit above" Alexander Isak as the Manchester City boss responded to Arne Slot's claim that Liverpool's new signing was "maybe the best striker in the world".

Isak could make his Liverpool debut at Burnley on Sunday after the Sweden star completed a British-record £125 million (\$169 million) move from Newcastle on transfer deadline day.

Liverpool manager Slot hailed Isak's quality after the 25-year-old trained with the Premier League champions for the first time this week.



Manchester City striker Erling Haaland.
PHOTO: AFP

But his suggestion that Isak could be the world's best did not go down well with City boss Guardiola.

Haaland has scored 88 times in 100 Premier League games for City since signing from Borussia Dortmund in 2022, helping them win two Premier League titles, the Champions League and the FA Cup. Isak moved to Newcastle from Real Sociedad in 2022 and scored 54 goals in 86 league appearances, helping the Magpies end their 56-year trophy drought by winning the League Cup last season. — AFP

Myanmar wins 14 medals at Asian Schools Swimming Championships



This photo captures Myanmar swimmers who won medals at the championship.

THE Myanmar team won a total of 14 medals, including four gold medals at the 2025 Asian Schools Invitational (short distance) Swimming Championship, according to the Myanmar Swimming Federation.

The championship took place in Bangkok, Thailand, on 6 and 7 September 2025, with swimming athletes from Asian schools and 19 swimmers from the Sakura Swimming Club competing.

"At a time when the Myanmar Swimming Federation is selecting a new generation

of youths, our Sakura Club also participated on our side. This is our second time competing. At the first championship, we won one silver medal in the senior level and one gold medal in the junior level. This year, our swimmers from every level managed to win gold, silver, and bronze medals. Among them, the first gold medal was won by a new six-year-old swimmer," said U Myint Lwin, Sakura Swimming Club Head Coach and Joint Secretary of the Myanmar Swimming Federation.

In total, Myanmar Swimming Federation and Sakura Swimming Club swimmers secured four golds, two silvers, and eight bronzes at the 2025 Asian Schools Invitational (short distance) Swimming Championship. Zaw Myo Htet won one gold, two silvers, and one bronze; Nyan Lin Htun and Zwe Nyi Hein won one bronze each; Su Pyae Mon Oo claimed one gold; Nway Akari Shein won one gold and one bronze; and Arnt Bhone Thaw bagged one gold and four bronzes. — ASH/KZL

Chelsea's Delap out for up to three months: Maresca

CHELSEA striker Liam Delap could be sidelined until December after injuring his hamstring before the international break, manager Enzo Maresca said on Friday.

Delap signed from Ipswich for £30 million (\$40 million) in June and has featured in all of Chelsea's three Premier League matches so far.

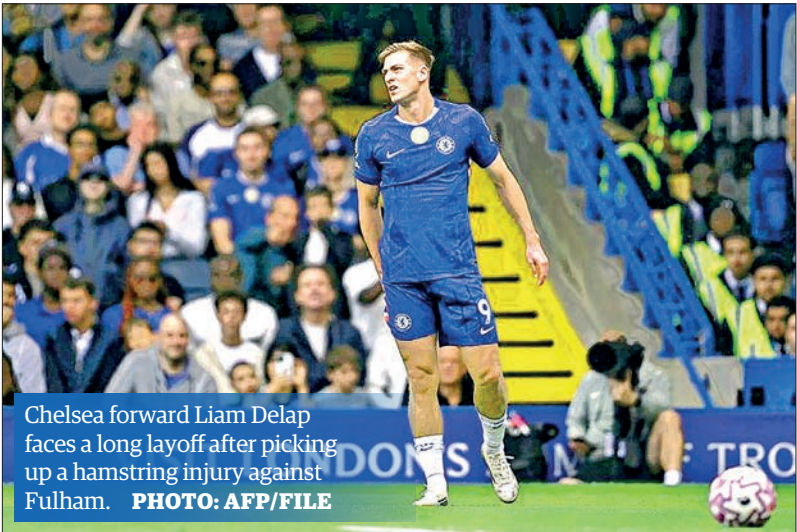
But he was forced off early in the 2-0 win against Fulham on 30 August.

"Liam, I think it's around 10 to 12 weeks, so a long way to go," Maresca told reporters on Friday. Chelsea recalled forward Marc Guiu from a loan spell at Sunderland to cover for Delap after Senegal striker Nicolas Jackson left the Blues for

Bayern Munich on transfer deadline day.

Maresca also has another forward

option in Joao Pedro, who arrived at Stamford Bridge from Brighton in July. — AFP



Chelsea forward Liam Delap faces a long layoff after picking up a hamstring injury against Fulham. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

US sprinter Knighton banned after losing doping appeal

US sprinter Erriyon Knighton, a double world 200 metres medallist, must serve a four-year ban, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) ruled on Friday after rejecting his argument that he consumed steroids in imported beef.

Knighton won bronze aged 19 at the 2022 World Championships in Eugene, Oregon. A year later he took silver in Budapest.

He tested positive on 26 March 2024, for epitrenbolone, an anabolic steroid, in an out-of-competition test and was provisionally suspended from April to June 2024.

Knighton was initially cleared by a US tribunal, which accepted the theory of food contamination in time for Knighton to run in the Paris Olympics, where he finished fourth in the 200-metre final.

After the Games, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and World Athletics appealed to CAS arguing, according to the court's press release, that Knighton's "explanations of a meat contamination scenario fell short of the required proof of source and were statistically impossible." CAS took their side. — AFP



Remains of 30 Chinese martyrs in Korean War returned to homeland

THE remains of 30 Chinese People's Volunteers (CPV) soldiers who lost their lives during the War to Resist US Aggression and Aid Korea (1950-1953) were returned to China on Friday from the Republic of Korea (ROK).

A Chinese People's Liberation Army Air Force Y-20 transport aircraft, carrying the remains of the fallen soldiers and 267 of their personal effects, landed at Taoxian International Airport in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province.

Since 2014, China and the ROK have completed 12 consecutive handovers involving the remains of 1,011 CPV martyrs in the ROK, along with related artifacts.

Upon the plane's touchdown, it was met with a water cannon salute. As soldiers carried the caskets off the plane, a remembrance ceremony was held at the airport.

Nearly 1,000 people, including representatives from central and local authorities, the military, war veterans, and relatives of CPV martyrs, attended the ceremony.

The caskets were covered with the Five-star Red Flag. The participants bowed three times in dignified silence to the soldiers' remains. — Xinhua

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A Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Air Force Y-20 transport aircraft carrying the remains of Chinese People's Volunteers (CPV) martyrs lands at Taoxian International Airport in Shenyang, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 12 September 2025.

PHOTO: YANG PAN/XINHUA

Families remember victims of 9/11 terror attacks on US after 24 years

THE United States marked 24 years since the 11 September 2001, terror at-

tacks on Thursday, with the families of thousands of American and foreign

victims, including two dozen from Japan, remembering their loved ones. The anniversary came at a time of rising domestic political violence as the United States remains on guard against foreign terror threats. The 2001 attacks were perpetrated by members of the Muslim militant group al-Qaida.

President Donald Trump attended a ceremony at the Pentagon, outside Washington, to mark the anniversary. One of the four commercial jets hijacked by terrorists in the attacks hit the Pentagon building after two others smashed into skyscrapers in New York.

The fourth plane crashed in a field in eastern Pennsylvania as passengers and crew members fought back against hijackers in an attempt to regain control of the aircraft. — Kyodo



Relatives of the victims look at the 9/11 Memorial in New York City. PHOTO: YUKI IWAMURA/AFP/FILE

Iran's nuclear materials buried under bombed sites: FM

IRAN'S nuclear materials remain buried beneath the ruins of facilities bombed after recent attacks, Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi said on Thursday, adding that no agreement has yet been reached on inspections.

The Atomic Energy Organization of Iran is assessing whether the materials can be accessed and in what condition, said Araghchi in an interview during his visit to Cairo.

Once the assessment is completed, he said, a report will be submitted to the Supreme National Security Council, which will decide on the next steps based on Iran's security considerations. — Xinhua