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Myanmar President U Min Aung Hlaing Discusses Sectoral Cooperation with Head of Tuva

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, who is currently on an official visit to the Russian Federation, met Head of the Republic of Tuva Mr Vladislav Khovalyg at the Government House of the Republic of Tuva in Kyzyl at 7 pm local standard time yesterday.

Upon arrival at the Government House, where the meeting was held, President U Min Aung Hlaing was warmly welcomed by Chairman of the Supreme Khural (Parliament) of the Republic of Tuva Mr Kara-ool Sholban and officials.

During the meeting, the Head of the Republic of Tuva warmly welcomed the high-level Myanmar delegation led by President U Min Aung Hlaing. He then briefed the President on the history and regional characteristics of Tuva, ongoing agricultural, livestock breeding and mineral production activities, and the fact that the majority

of Tuva's population practises Buddhism and shares religious traditions with Myanmar. He also expressed his desire to further promote cooperation between Myanmar and Tuva in various sectors, including religion and culture, education and tourism.

Following his remarks, President U Min Aung Hlaing expressed his appreciation to the Head of Tuva and members of the regional government for the warm welcome extended to the high-level Myanmar delegation. He said this was his first visit to Tuva and that the clean, beautiful and green mountainous landscapes he had seen had brought a sense of peace and pleasure.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing shakes hands with Head of the Republic of Tuva Mr Vladislav Khovalyg at the Government House of the Republic of Tuva in Kyzyl yesterday.



Heritage plaques installed at U Bein Bridge, PyinOoLwin's buildings

THE installation of ancient urban heritage emblem plaques took place on 20 August at the 175-year-old U Bein Bridge in Amarapura Township, and at more than a century-old historic buildings in PyinOoLwin.

The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Hotels, Tourism and Culture U Maung Myint and Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung, who opened and inspected the bridge by strolling along it.



U Bein Bridge, a heritage plaque site, seen during a major holiday. PHOTO: XINHUA

The U Bein Bridge was built in 1851 by clerk U Bein using timber from the Inwa and Sagaing palaces.

When initially constructed, it featured 1,086 posts, a length of 3,987 feet, and seven resting pavilions.

Furthermore, the Union minister installed plaques at more than 100-year-old historic buildings in PyinOoLwin, including Thazin Myaing, Cherry Myaing and Myaing Gyi.

Later in the evening, the Union minister met hotel entrepreneurs at the Shwe Nan Htike Hotel to discuss and provide guidance on matters concerning the development of the PyinOoLwin destination.

— TWA/ZN

Myanmar, China to deepen cooperation in customs

THE 2026 APEC Customs Business Dialogue was held in Dalian, China, from 20 to 21 August.

A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Han Win Aung attended the dialogue and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation and mutual assistance in customs matters.

During the morning session of the first day, participants discussed promoting technology and innovation, modern customs cooperation and partnership building, trade facilitation, food safety, and strengthening supply chain connectivity.

In the afternoon, Deputy Minister U Han Win Aung and his delegation met with the Chinese customs deputy

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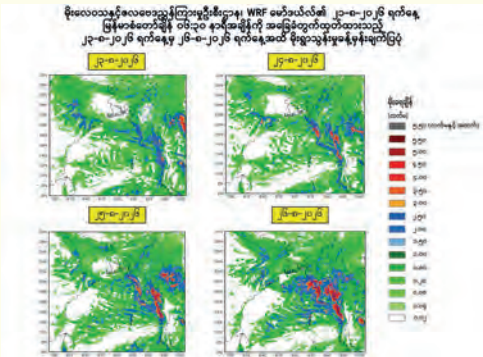
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ACCORDING to the observations at 6:30 am MST today, due to the strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal, the remnants of cloud the tropical depression over the Gulf of Tonkin and the strong development of the convective clouds such as rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kayin Mon, Rakhine and Shan states from this morning to 26 August 2026.

Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced in the Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 miles per hour. Squalls with rough seas are likely at times in the Deltaic, off and along the Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30-35 mph. Wave height will be about 11-13 feet in the Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Mon-Taninthayi Coasts and about 9-11 feet in the Deltaic, off and along the Rakhine Coasts.

Advisory

People should be aware of the strong monsoon over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal, the remnants of cloud, the tropical depression over the Gulf of Tonkin and the strong development of convective clouds, such as heavy rainfall with strong wind, flash floods and landslides in the hilly areas and near small rivers and inland water transport and domestic flights. — DMH



NATIONAL

Myanmar Opens Embassy in Belarus to Enhance Bilateral Ties

Those serving at the embassy need to make efforts to ensure the success of the cooperative activities being carried out between the two countries, said President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing on his official visit to Minsk, the Republic of Belarus, while meeting with families of the Myanmar Embassy in Belarus and trainees at Double Tree by Hilton Hotel yesterday evening.

At the meeting, the President stated that the friendship and cooperation between Myanmar and Belarus have advanced further, and the Embassy of Myanmar has also been established in Belarus as an enhancement of bilateral



President U Min Aung Hlaing speaks at the meeting with family members of the embassy at the Myanmar Embassy in the Republic of Belarus on 21 August 2026.

diplomatic relations.

He noted that as Myanmar is a country that primarily focuses on agriculture and livestock-based production industries, co-

operating with Belarus will greatly contribute to the development of science and technology as well as the progress of the agriculture and livestock sector in My-

anmar.

The President outlined that Belarus boasts advanced agricultural machinery and highly modern, successful livestock sectors

capable of exporting products internationally. Given Myanmar's similar foundation in agriculture and livestock, the two nations share fundamentally aligned eco-

nomic interests.

In order to further enhance relations with Belarus, he stated that the roadmap on enhancing cooperation between Myanmar and Belarus (2026-2028) is being implemented, and those serving at the embassy need to make efforts to ensure the success of the cooperative activities being carried out between our two countries.

The President urged scholarship students currently studying in Belarus to systematically learn their respective subjects so that they can apply them back for the benefit of the country. The President presented foodstuffs and cash awards to embassy families and scholarship trainees. — MNA/TTA

President U Min Aung Hlaing arrives in Kyzyl of Tuva Republic from Belarus

THE high-level Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing, who was on an official visit to Minsk, the Republic of Belarus, departed from Minsk International Airport in Belarus at 8:20 am local standard time yesterday.

The President and party were seen off at the airport by Deputy Prime Minister of Belarus Mr Viktor Karankievch, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Sergey Lukashevich and Cabinet officials, the Belarusian Ambassador to Myanmar, Myanmar Ambassador to Belarus U Maung Maung Soe and officials.

The Guard of Honour taking position along both sides of the red carpet saluted the President.

The President arrived at Kyzyl International Airport in Tuva Republic, the



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing receives an official warm welcome upon his arrival at Kyzyl International Airport in the Tuva Republic, the Russian Federation.

Russian Federation, at 6:20 pm local standard time, where they were warmly welcomed by Head of Tuva Republic Mr Vladislav Khovalyg, officials from the regional government,

Myanmar's Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Myo Moe Aung, and relevant officials.

Two young women warmly welcomed the President and delega-

tion members by draping them with commemorative scarves — a cultural tradition of Tuva expressing profound respect and honour to guests visiting the Tuva Republic. — MNA/TTA

DIPLOMACY

Myanmar MoFA Union Minister holds talks with Belarusian Foreign Minister



Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Tin Maung Swe meets his counterpart Mr Maxim Ryzhenkov on 21 August.

UNION Minister for Foreign Affairs U Tin Maung Swe, who accompanied President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing on his official visit to the Republic of Belarus, held bilateral talks with Belarusian Foreign Minister Mr Maxim Ryzhenkov on 21 August at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Minsk.

During the meeting, the Belarusian Foreign Minister discussed several areas for potential bilateral cooperation, including tractor manufacturing, optical radar collaboration, the exchange of embassy buildings or land plots, the opening of a Belarusian Embassy to Myanmar, facilitating airline operations following the implementation of bilateral visa exemption agreements, and enhancing cooperation in the tourism sector given Myanmar's rich tourism infrastructure.

In response, Union Minister U Tin Maung Swe suggested that the Belarusian side submit official written proposals regarding their desired initiatives, reassuring them that Myanmar would extend the fullest cooperation. — MNA/TH

NATIONAL

First Lady donates rice and personal goods to nunneries in Nay Pyi Taw

A ceremony to donate rice and utensils to nunneries in Nay Pyi Taw took place at Mingala Byuha Sasana Beikman in Pyinmana yesterday afternoon, attended by Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Daw Kyu Kyu Hla donated rice and utensils to Pyingyi Sasana Wepunla and Chanmyay Gonwai nunneries and Amara-wati education centre in Pobbathiri Township.

Daw San San Aye, the wife of the First Vice-President, the wife of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the wife of the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and officials presented rice and



Donations of rice and utensils to nunneries are underway in Nay Pyi Taw, attended by Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

equipment to nunneries.

The wife of the President and attendees shared merits gained.

Also present at the ceremony were wives of

the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, wives of the Union-level dignitaries and officials.

Donations of rice, personal items, and cash

amounting to K156,273,400 of rice and utensils for 1,474 nuns from 64 nunneries in Nay Pyi Taw were reportedly made yesterday. — MNA/TTA

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The President noted that Myanmar and Russia are reliable and trusted friends. Although the two countries are geographically distant, they have maintained long-standing and cordial diplomatic relations. He said the two countries are now in a favourable position to further accelerate friendship and cooperation. The cooperation between the central governments of the two countries has been strengthened, while cooperation among their respective regions and states has also been expanding rapidly.

He also said Tuva is a region rich in mineral resources with well-developed agricultural and livestock sectors, while Myanmar is also endowed with abundant natural resources both above and below ground and has strong agricultural and livestock sectors. Therefore, he noted, there are considerable opportunities to further expand cooperation between Myanmar and Tuva.

He pointed out that Myanmar is a predominantly Buddhist country, while the majority of people in Tuva practise Tibetan Buddhism. This provides opportunities to promote pilgrimage and tourism between the two sides. He further explained that efforts are being made to further strengthen diplomatic relations in order to increase contacts and exchanges between the governments and peoples of the two countries. He also discussed in detail the prospects for further promoting friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

The President and Head of Tuva posed for a documentary photo, and enjoyed the dinner together. After the dinner, they exchanged commemorative gifts. — MNA/KTZH

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minister and officials. They discussed enhancing technical cooperation and capacity building between the two countries, as well as strengthening cooperation along the Myanmar-China border, and subsequently signed the MoU. On the second day of the dialogue, participants discussed the use of AI technology and digital transformation to promote cross-border trade in the Asia-Pacific region, and measures to enhance the

stability, resilience and predictability of supply chains.

Senior government officials from the customs, finance and agriculture sectors of APEC members, representatives of international organizations, business leaders from China and other countries, and representatives of academic institutions attended the dialogue. The deputy minister-led delegation arrived back in Myanmar yesterday evening. —MNA/KTZH

MoEE Union Minister holds talks with Belarusian energy minister

UNION Minister for Electricity and Energy U Ko Ko Lwin, who is accompanying President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing on an official visit to Belarus, held talks with Belarusian Minister of Energy Mr Moroz Denis at the Ministry of Energy in Minsk yesterday evening.

During the meeting, the two sides exchanged views on cooperation in providing technology and investment for the construction of pet-



Union Minister U Ko Ko Lwin and Belarusian Minister of Energy Mr Moroz Denis meet in Minsk, Belarus, on 22 August 2026.

rochemical plants, including fertilizer factories; upgrading the natural gas distribution pipeline network to reduce and eliminate gas losses; and providing tech-

nological assistance for the development of smart power generation and smart grid systems to enable the systematic control and management of electricity gen-

eration and transmission.

They also discussed cooperation in manufacturing cables and related equipment for high-voltage transmission lines, as well as human resource development in the electricity and energy sectors through training programmes at schools and universities.

In addition, the two sides exchanged views on cooperation in energy security between the two countries. — MNA/KZL

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NATIONAL

Mandalay hosts Tastes of the Golden Land 2026

ORGANIZING traditional Myanmar food competitions and exhibitions not only helps present Myanmar’s traditional cuisine at international standards, but also serves as an opportunity to promote and raise global awareness of Myanmar’s culinary heritage, said Nan Ni Ni Aye, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the opening of the Tastes of the Golden Land 2026 Mandalay at the Mandalay Convention Centre yesterday morning.

In her speech, the Vice-President underlined that just as Myanmar has diverse cultures across different regions and ethnicities, it also possesses a wide variety of unique and appealing culinary styles, indicating substantial po-



Vice-President Nan Ni Ni Aye visits the exhibition booths at yesterday’s event.

tential for the country to develop Gastronomy Tourism, a trend that is increasingly popular worldwide today. She noted that the food competition and exhibition held in Mandalay

is an opportunity to more widely showcase the unique traditional dishes, local products, and modern culinary creations of Upper Myanmar. The Vice-President underlined that Myan-

mar’s traditional culinary culture will be spotlighted for the world to know by artistically and deliciously innovating traditional Myanmar foods through cooking. Union Minister for Hotels, Tourism and Culture U Maung Myint explained the purpose of hosting the competition and show. The Vice-President and party presented certificates of appreciation to main sponsors and other sponsors who made efforts to host the competition. The Vice-President visited the booths of the competition and show. A total of 11 contending teams took part in the competitions held till 23 August, with 141 booths to showcase Myanmar food-stuffs. — MNA/TTA

Pyu Creek Dam generates 600 MWH of electricity per day

THE Pyu Creek Dam in Bago Region is currently generating 600 megawatt-hours of electricity per day for the national grid through the 230-kV Toungoo power line during the rainy season, in addition to supporting agricultural activities, according to the Pyuchaung Hydropower Plant. Water continues to flow into the dam during the current rainy season, with the water level still more than 18 feet below full capacity. The area receives an annual average rainfall of 100 inches, with an average annual inflow of 668,000 acre-feet into the reservoir. The dam has a storage capacity of 632,530 acre-feet and a catchment area of 422 square miles. It is a zoned rock-fill dam measuring 1,020 feet in length and 245 feet in height. “Water inflow is OK. The water level is still 18.4 feet below full capacity. The dam also contributes to meeting the national electricity demand. Normally, we generate only 450 megawatt-hours of hydropower at this time of year, but due to improved water inflow, we are now generating 600 megawatt-hours per day. Once the dam reaches full capacity, we plan to increase generation



An aerial drone view of the Pyu Creek Dam and its surrounding areas. further: Pyu Creek Dam generates electricity throughout hot, rainy and cold seasons. Depending on water inflow, when water availability is sufficient, the plant can generate up to 800 megawatt-hours, making the dam beneficial to the country,” said U Min Thu Aung, Manager of the Pyuchaung power plant. The Pyuchaung Hydropower Plant measures 130 feet in length, 110 feet in width and 110 feet in height. Its turbines are Francis vertical-shaft type turbines, with a discharge rate of 2,031.65 cubic feet per second. The plant has two 20-megawatt generating units and produces an annual average of 120 million kilowatt-hours of electricity, which is transmitted to the national grid through the 230-kV Toungoo power line. The dam stores and regulates water flowing from the Bago Yoma and also supports the agriculture and livestock sectors in Pyu and Ottwin townships. It helps prevent flooding in the Sittoung River basin and provides water needed by farmers in Pyu and Zeyawady for summer cultivation. Construction of the Pyuchaung Hydropower Plant began in 2001 and was completed in August 2014. Since 29 August 2014, the plant has been supplying electricity to the national power grid through its two 20-megawatt generating units. The dam is not only a major facility for electricity generation but also an important reservoir supporting the agricultural sector. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

Combined efforts to reduce crime in Yangon Region



Crime reduction measures are underway in Yangon Region, with a guest-list inspection pictured. PHOTO: REGION POLICE FORRE

POLICE units across Yangon Region are working with traffic police and local administrative authorities to reduce crime and prevent criminal activities. Police teams from Kyimyindine, Htantabin, Hlinethaya (East), Hlinethaya (West) and Kyauktada townships yesterday conducted door-to-door crime prevention awareness activities, including education on crime, drugs

and human trafficking. They also distributed crime prevention pamphlets and encouraged pedestrians to use zebra crossings when crossing roads. Last night, police teams from Dagon Seikkan, North Dagon and Sangyoung townships conducted vehicle checks, guest-list inspections and inspections of bars as part of crime prevention measures. — Aung Thu/KZL

35.86 acres of fish ponds flooded in Laymyethna

IN Laymyethna Township, Ayeyawady Region, about 35.86 acres of fish ponds were flooded due to flooding. Once the floodwaters recede, fingerlings will be distributed, and rehabilitation work will be carried out for the affected fish ponds, according to an official from the Ayeyawady Region Fisheries Department. “There are four government-owned fish hatcheries in Ayeyawady Region. We are planning to provide fingerlings produced at these hatcheries to fish farmers who have suffered losses due to flooding. We are also planning to reissue fish-farming licences if farmers have lost their licences,” the official said. There are more than 220,000 acres of fish ponds in Ayeyawady Region. Fish farmers mainly raise rohu, which are primarily supplied to markets in Yangon Region. — ASH/KNN



A general view of Laymyethna Township following flooding caused by heavy inundation.

NATIONAL

Free healthcare service provided for retired civil servants



Civil servants are seen receiving free healthcare services in Bago Region.

TO help retired civil servants who served in government departments in Bago Region maintain good health after retire-

ment, monthly health check-ups, a one-month supply of free medicines for each patient, and vaccinations are being pro-

vided at public hospitals in 28 townships across the region.

Under the leadership of the Bago Region government, the 45th monthly healthcare programme for retired civil servants was held yesterday morning at the 500-bed General Hospital in Pyay Township, where Bago Region Chief Minister U Myo Swe Win encouraged retired civil servants.

The chief minister inspected the health check-ups, treatment and health education sessions con-

ducted by specialists in various fields and encouraged the retired civil servants, while also observing the assistance provided by departmental officials, township authorities, social organizations and charitable organizations.

The chief minister instructed relevant officials to provide oil and traditional medicines and ensure the availability of necessary medicines to sustain the monthly healthcare programme. — Regional IPRD/MKKS

Operations underway to block water inflow in Laymyethna

EMERGENCY repair work is currently underway to seal a water inflow path along a breached section of the Ngawun embankment in Laymyethna Township, Hinthada District, with response teams using heavy machinery and manual labour to lay sandbags bundled with nylon netting along the outer row to reinforce the structure.

Under the close supervision of the deputy minister for Construction and officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, crews are using specialized vessels and equipment to block the water inflow path. The opera-



Officials inspect preparation to block water inflow in Laymyethna Township.

tion involves steel sheet pile-driving barges, cranes equipped with standpipes, vessels for deploying geobags, and sand barges.

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Aye Kyaw inspected the site yesterday morning. He

coordinated the response based on current water flow rates and incorporated technical recommendations provided by experts from the Myanmar Engineering Council.

Following the site inspection, the chief min-

ister met with flood-affected residents in Ward No 3 and Thakhutchaung Village tract in Laymyethna Township and assured them that joint recovery efforts would focus on rapidly repairing the damage, meeting their basic living and food needs, and restoring local livelihoods as floodwaters recede. In addition, the Regional Hlut-taw representative offered words of encouragement, while a health official delivered health-awareness talks on snakebite prevention, diarrhoea control and vaccination campaigns before distributing rice rations and foodstuffs to the affected families. — MNA/TH

C-in-C (Navy) returns to Yangon after attending 20th ANCM in Thailand



A group commemorative photo session of the 20th ASEAN Navy Chiefs' Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand.

A delegation led by Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Htein Win returned to Yangon by air on the evening of 21 August after attending the 20th ASEAN Navy Chiefs' Meeting (20th ANCM) in Thailand. They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Commander of the Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tin Min Latt and officials.

The 20th ANCM was held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 18 to 21 August, bringing together the Chiefs of Navy from ASEAN member states.

During the meeting, participants formally approved the minutes of the 19th ANCM. The ANCM Permanent Joint Secretary then presented an overview of regional maritime security conditions. Following the presentation, participating Navy Chiefs exchanged views from their respective countries on the theme, "One ASEAN, One Maritime Vision: Naval Cooperation for Maritime Prosperity and Sustainability in ASEAN." Admiral Htein Win contributed to the discussions, focusing on maritime prosperity and the blue economy, long-term marine environmental sustainability, and addressing regional challenges through naval cooperation.

Delegates continued discussions on information-sharing mechanisms, exchange programmes and upcoming ANCM initiatives. The meeting concluded with closing remarks by the Chairman, Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy.

Following the main session, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) held separate bilateral meetings with his counterparts from Thailand and Vietnam to exchange views cordially and openly on ways to enhance bilateral naval cooperation.

On 20 August, the visiting ASEAN Navy Chiefs and their delegations toured the Rattanakosin Exhibition Hall in Bangkok and attended a dinner hosted in their honour by the Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy. — MNA/TH

Diesel generators power up Sittway wards

ON 20 August, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Naing Oo and officials inspected the installation and positioning of 500 kVA and 300 kVA diesel generators at designated locations in

Sittway to restore electricity supply to urban wards as soon as possible.

The chief minister and his party inspected the unloading of generators, basic food supplies and fuel that

had arrived at Phaungdawgyi jetty.

They also inspected the construction of a dairy cattle farm at the Sittway Livestock Breeding Farm and gave instructions to

officials to ensure that the work was completed on schedule. — TWA/KZL

Diesel generators are being installed to restore electricity supply to wards in Sittway as soon as possible.



NATIONAL

Weekly Roundup

16 August Third tree-growing ceremony takes place

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing attended the third tree-growing ceremony at the national level in 2026 along both sides of Thitkhwa and Kissapanadi roads in Dekkhinathiri Township.

MWCDF marks 13th anniversary

Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Honorary Patron of the Myanmar Women and Children Development Foundation, graced the ceremony to mark the 13th Anniversary of the Myanmar Women and Children Development Foundation at M Gallery Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

18 August President meets Rajasthan Cabinet Minister

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing met the Rajasthan Cabinet Minister of the Medical and Health Department of India on the former's way to paying an official visit to the Russian Federation.

President meets Almaty Region Governor

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing met Almaty Region Governor Mr Darkhan Satybaldy at the airport VIP lounge in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

President's Office issues Orders 63-64

Dr Khine Khine Soe, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population, is hereby transferred as Deputy Minister at the President's Office and U Ye Tun Oo as Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population.

19 August President U Min Aung Hlaing meets Russian President

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing held a meeting with President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Putin at the Grand Kremlin Palace in Moscow.

Myanmar, Russian Presidents meet media

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing and President of the Russian Federation Mr Putin delivered speeches at the media meeting.

VP calls for eradicating illegal trade

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee held its Coordination Meeting 1/2026 at the Union Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw attended by Committee Chairman and Vice-President U Nyo Saw.

20 August 2026 Russia-Myanmar Business Forum held

President U Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech at the 2026 Russia-Myanmar Business Forum held at the G V Plekhanov Russian University of Economics in Moscow.

Honorary Professorship offered to President

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing was conferred an Honorary Professorship by G V Plekhanov Russian University of Economics at a ceremony held at

the university's graduation hall in Moscow, the Russian Federation.

21 August President receives Belarusian PM

Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus Mr Alexander Turchin paid a courtesy call on President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing at the President Hotel in Minsk.

Myanmar-Belarus Business Forum held

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech at the Myanmar-Belarus Business Forum at the President Hotel in Minsk.

22 August Belarusian President welcomes Myanmar President

President U Min Aung Hlaing was welcomed by President of the Republic of Belarus Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko with the Guard of Honour at the Presidential Palace, followed by bilateral talks.

Joint Remarks at Media Meeting

Belarusian President Mr Aleksandr Lukashenko and President U Min Aung Hlaing met media to deliver joint remarks in Minsk, the Republic of Belarus.

President holds meeting with speakers of Belarusian Parliament together

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Min Aung Hlaing held a joint meeting with Mr Igor Petrovich Sergeyenko, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus (lower house), and Ms Natalya Kochanova, Speaker of the Council of the Republic of the National Assembly of Belarus (upper house), at the National Assembly in Minsk. — GNLM/TTA

Octane price slips this week

THE regulated fuel price caps declined to K3,575 for Octane 92 and K3,690 for Octane 95 this week ending 27 August, while the diesel price showed a slight rebound to K4,070 for diesel and K4,925 for premium diesel compared to those of last week.

The price caps were set at K3,650 for Octane 92 and K3,770 for Octane 95, K4,020 for diesel and K4,870 for premium diesel in the previous week ending 20 August.

The price index set by Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS), the pricing basis for many refined products in Southeast Asia, influences the domestic fuel prices, according to the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and



Vehicles are seen refuelling at the petrol station.

Distribution of Fuel Oil.

The committee is governing the market to ensure stable prices and secure supply. Under the guidance of the Supervisory Committee, the Petroleum Products Regulatory Department has been issuing daily reference wholesale prices to ensure price stability for energy consumers.

The committee is inspecting the fuel stations

to see whether they are overcharging. Authorities are taking action against retailers of fuel stations under the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law 2017 if they are found overcharging rather than the set reference rate.

As per the statement, 90 per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced locally. Domestic fuel prices

are highly correlated with international prices. The State is steering the market to mitigate the loss experienced by the importers, sellers and energy consumers. Consequently, the government is trying to distribute the oil at a reasonable price compared to those of regional countries.

Some countries levied higher tax rates and hiked oil prices than Myanmar's. However, Malaysia's oil sector receives government subsidies, and the prices are about 60 per cent lower than those of Myanmar. Every country lays down different policy patterns to fix oil prices, the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of stated. — NN/KK

MTE to sell over 3,000 tonnes of teak, hardwood

THE Export Marketing and Milling Department of the Myanma Timber Enterprise (MTE) will auction more than 3,000 tonnes of industrial raw teak and hardwood logs and sawn timber.

MTE will sell 680 tonnes of teak logs, 250 tonnes of hardwood logs, 300 tonnes of Dipterocarp logs, 200 tonnes of Htauk-kyant hardwood logs and 1,340 tonnes of other hardwood logs from timber group 2, and 70 tonnes of teak sawn timber and 200 tonnes of teak sawn timber from the Wood-based Industry Department.

Open tendering will be held at 9 am on 3 September at the Tawwin Hall, Myanma Timber Enterprise in Insein Township, Yangon. Any date changes will be announced.

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and interested bidders can participate in bidding to buy necessary raw materials. They can observe details of the open tender on the official website of the Myanma Timber Enterprise www.mte.gov.mm or by dialling 01 287430, 01528771, and 01 528764. — NN/KK

Contribute to shaping a better future society

THROUGHOUT the history of human existence, development and transformation, work has been a major driving force. Through work, human beings have not only transformed and created their physical environment but have also enhanced their intellectual and mental capabilities. In fact, the most important measure of a person's meaning, dignity and aspirations throughout life is the work they perform and the attitude they hold towards that work.

In today's era, when excessive emphasis is placed solely on economic pursuits, the essence of work tends to become increasingly narrow. Most people have come to view work merely as a burden that they must undertake

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strong foundation capable of overcoming challenges. Conversely, a careless and irresponsible attitude towards work can not only lead to personal decline but also hinder the development of the entire community.

When carrying out a task, it is important not to focus solely on the benefits or profits, but also to consider the positive impact that one's actions can have on the environment and the public. Practising to achieve mastery in one's respective field and taking work seriously are among the key ways to enhance the value of work.

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to earn a living and receive a salary. Such a perception not only obscures the true value of work but can also weaken the creative spirit.

In fact, work is an art that possesses a deeper intrinsic value than merely earning material wealth. Work created by combining one's dedication, effort and intellect can bring a sense of fulfilment and satisfaction while nurturing self-confidence and self-respect.

Therefore, in assessing the value of work, responsibility, integrity and dedication are more important than its type or status. The sweeping efforts of a manual worker cleaning the streets, the ideas of an intellectual providing guidance, the crops cultivated by a farmer, and the equipment developed by a technician all represent work of equal value and merit.

In particular, the future development of society is directly linked to the work ethic of the people within that community. A society filled with people who are willing to strive and make every effort has already established a

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	Publishing House	-	Seikku Cho Cho
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	Price	-	K10,000

Biography of Multi-Academy and Lifetime Achievement Awardee Sithu Myint Myint Khin

THIS week, we would like to introduce our readers to a newly compiled book about a legendary Myanmar artist. This veteran artist is actress and singer Daw Myint Myint Khin, renowned for singing classic hit songs such as ‘Pann Pan Yin Nann San Dal’, ‘Myitgyi Ayeyawady’, ‘Na Pann San’, ‘Shwemann Si Tho’, ‘Chitthu Nemyay’, and ‘Naung Inlay Ko Ale La’, as well as starring in acclaimed films such as ‘Chit Pann Tha Zin’, ‘Ei Lubaung Twin’, ‘Hmway’, and ‘Tein Hlwa Mo Mo Lwin’. This book documents the life of the multi-Academy Award-winning actress Daw Myint Myint Khin, who reached the age of 92. The book was compiled by Yan Aye Tun (Japanese Language Tour Guide).

Daw Myint Myint Khin is the only veteran actress to have lived through every cinematic era: silent films, talkies, black-and-white, colour, celluloid film, and modern digital media. She persevered through an era where actors had to perform scenes while singing live on set alongside a live orchestra. To this day, she has never detached herself from Myanmar cinema and remains an active, familiar presence within the film community and industry.

Veteran actress Daw Myint Myint Khin noted in her foreword: “The single name ‘Myint Myint Khin’ has been recognized by audiences across my

cinematic career spanning over seven decades up to this day, and I am always mindful and profoundly grateful for that support. In this book, I have shared various memoirs as far back as I can recall, from my early childhood to my entry into the film industry...”

She also shared words of advice for the new generation of artists: “Having grown up from the grassroots in the arts, what I would like to urge the younger generation of artists is: even if fortune brings you what you wish to become, do not take it lightly or use it carelessly. Taking things for granted is a natural human tendency, and doing so can make one lose sight of how to maintain and

preserve success. I strongly encourage you to uphold my personal motto: ‘Live simply, aim high, and proceed slowly and steadily.’ Though simple, I believe this philosophy will be of genuine help in practical life.”

In summary, this is a book that truly belongs in the Myanmar artistic archive and among its artists. Having evolved alongside the currents of time, from the silent black-and-white era to orchestrated talkies, colour film, and today's digital landscape, the biography of singer and veteran actress Daw Myint Myint Khin, whose career has spanned a diamond jubilee, is a fine record well worth reading and preserving.

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	Publishing House	-	Seikku Cho Cho
	Publication Date	-	July 2026 (1 st Edition)
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Sai Kham Leik Songs

THE publishing house Seikku Cho Cho has released the book ‘Sai Kham Leik Songs’ by author Sai Kham Leik. The cover features a full-front portrait painting of Sai Kham Leik, and the book is bound with a hard-cardboard cover. The songwriter and his songs have already earned a permanent, dignified place in the hearts of his fans. Dressing it up with such a fine binding is like setting a diamond in gold, making the book even more magnificent and distinguished.

The book systematically compiles 437 songs in alphabetical order, complete with guitar chords so that readers can easily play, sing, and study them right away. Poet and songwriter Myint Moe Aung led the effort to issue this book, and Ko Hnaung Gyoe and Ko Mono Lay reviewed and com-

plied the lyrics and guitar chords. The compilation was not based solely on previously published books; the team re-listened to the original songs to refine and edit the lyrics, and carefully adjusted the phrasing and layout to make it convenient for musicians. Moreover, the author's daughters, especially Nang Kham Han Leik, also helped review the lyrics.

According to Sai Kham Leik's daughter, this book primarily compiles his Myanmar songs, plus three English songs. Shan songs are not yet included in this volume, and efforts are underway to publish them separately in the future.

In the book's acknowledgements, the family of Sai Kham Leik writes: “We have compiled and published a complete collection of the songs of Shan ethnic

musician Sai Kham Leik to the best of our ability. His songs have previously appeared in various songbook formats. However, this book is a unified compilation, produced by cross-checking and correcting previous editions, and filling in songs that were previously omitted. We respectfully acknowledge the goodwill of everyone who enthusiastically helped complete Sai Kham Leik's songs.”

The book also includes a photographic record of the rare ‘Phan Sitt Khae Award’ conferred upon musician Dr Sai Kham Leik, along with a brief biography spanning about three pages.

Sayagyi U Saw Win also wrote on his social media that he was stationed at Children's Hospital Mandalay between 2001 and 2004, and getting to know paediatrician Daw Nwet Nwet Tin and her hus-

band Dr Sai Kham Leik feels like a bonus. He noted that Dr Sai Kham Leik is the creator of so many songs that he had loved and admired since childhood. Crafting a good poem or song is extremely difficult. The author who composed numerous songs with deep storytelling, lyrics, and melodies is truly an amazingly gifted artist worthy to be praised.

Moreover, Sayagyi Yu Wai also shared on social media, and the author's daughter reposted, that among Sai Kham Leik's many songs, the first one he ever heard, loved, and is still captivated by is the song titled “I Know One Thing is that I love You.” He said the lyrics are so enchanting. Additionally, the lyrical theme connects Einstein's theory of relativity (time and place) to the Buddhist concepts of Anicca (impermanence) and Anatta (non-self), making it a poetic song with a broad imaginative reach. That is why, among his many great works, he still cherishes this song as it reflects deep emotion.

The book contains over 600 pages, packed with the lyrics and guitar chords. Some memorable photos of Sai Kham Leik's family are also added. It is a valuable archival treasure for collectors and music and song lovers.

A Village Under Water

By Min Min Zan

Rain falls softly from the sky,
The flooded houses seem to cry.
A lonely girl looks all around,
As water covers every ground.
She waits for sunshine, calm and bright,
And hopes her village will be right.



Life or Lateness

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

Despite this ground's countenance,
Life waves of fury still have violence.

Only when this ground weeps with a lament
Has life touched a sensitive nerve.

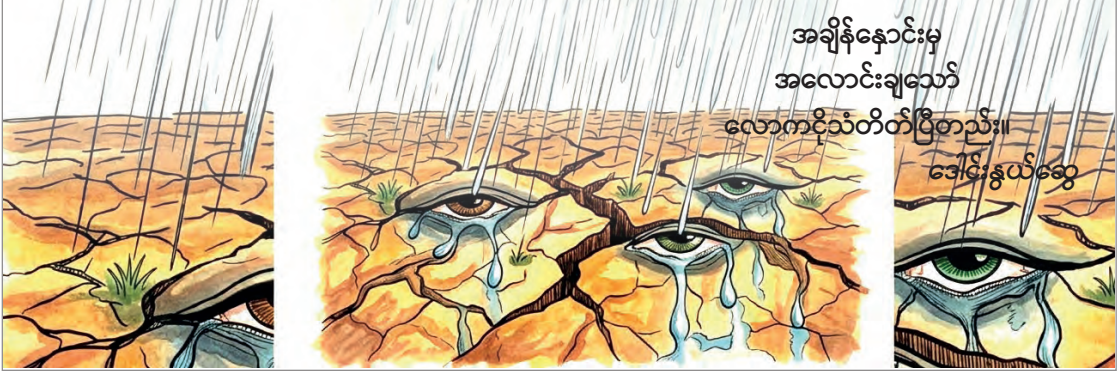
Late in the day
When the corpse is buried,
The world's cry's already gone into silence.

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Emily Dickinson Poem 361

What I can do - I will -
Though it be little as a Daffodil -
That I cannot - must be
Unknown to possibility -

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NATIONAL

Entertainment



Theatrical actor performs for flood victims

AS a charity event to support flood victims, a traditional Zat Pwe by Phoe Chit was staged at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Yangon on 21 and 22 August, according to reports.

The people made donations while attending the event at the theatre, while the programme was also broadcast live on Channel K, allowing viewers to make donations via QR code.

"I have also received donations from various donors. I am planning to go and make the donation on the 26th. Garment factories have donated new clothes, and we will also donate LED light bulbs, medical supplies, clothing and cash. We will identify an area where we can make the most useful contribution and donate there," said Phoe Chit.

The funds raised from the charity performance will be combined and donated to areas in need. — Htun Htun/KTZH

The Prelude To Shuttles And Spectrum group art exhibition of 122 female artists

THE group art exhibition titled 'The Prelude To Shuttles And Spectrum', featuring works by 122 female artists, will be held at Mula Art Gallery at the Secretariat Yangon in Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region, from 26 to 31 August.

The exhibition will feature diverse artworks by the 122 female artists, including watercolours, oil paintings, acrylic paintings and works covering a wide range of styles and themes.

"As a total of 122 female artists are participating in The Prelude To Shuttles And Spectrum, group art exhibition, visitors will be able to enjoy a wide variety of artistic works. The venue is Mula Art Gallery



at the former Ministers' Office. The exhibition will be open from 10 am to 5 pm from 26 to 31 August. One of my paintings is also being exhibited, so I would like to invite everyone to come and see it," said one of the participating female artists. — ASH/KTZH

Integration of Traditional Puppetry with Modern Technology for Long-Term Sustainability



TO ensure the long-term sustainability of Myanmar's traditional puppetry and encourage greater interest among younger generations, it is necessary to incorporate contemporary storylines and mobile phone technology into puppetry performances, said Daw Ma Ma Naing, Chairperson of the Myanmar Marionette Committee.

"We should create stories that attract children's interest, such as puppet plays featuring comedy, detective stories and cyber scam-related themes.

We should bring puppets onto mobile phone screens so that when children touch the screen, the puppet characters can dance. We also plan to attract audiences through puppet art exhibitions featuring pictures, names and the functions of each puppet," she said.

Plans are being made to revitalize puppetry among future generations by combining traditional art with modern technology, holding art exhibitions and creating innovative and contemporary storylines. — TWA/KTZH



Elderly from Mandalay nursing home support "Kan Ae The" film

THE elderly residents from a nursing home in Mandalay watched the film "Kan Ae The." Actress Khine Hnin Wai accompanied the elderly residents to a cinema to watch the film, in which she herself stars, following their request when she visited the nursing home she established in Mandalay.

She said she felt both emotional and delighted by the affectionate requests and strong support from the elderly. Therefore, in fulfilment of their wishes, she accompanied them to the cinema and created an enjoyable experience for them while watching the film together. —TWA/KTZH

No out of Hate film ready for fans

THE renowned classic novel No out of Hate by Sarpay Beikman Award-winning writer Journal Kyaw Ma Ma Lay is currently being adapted into a feature film. The novel won the Sarpay Beikman Award in 1955 and has been translated into five languages, including English, Chinese, French, Russian and Uzbek, making it a classic work known internationally. The novel portrays the life of a wife under the constraints arising from excessive love and possessiveness, and marital difficulties caused by differences between Myanmar lifestyles and Western culture.

In the film, actor Nine Nine took the character of U Saw Han, a deeply loving and caring husband, while actress Wutt Hmone Shwe Yi portrays the character of Wai Wai, the young woman who is loved by him. — TWA/KTZH



Daughter of late veteran singer highlights talent of her son

MA WIN PAPA THEIN TAN, daughter of renowned musician Twantay Thein Tan, who dominated an era of Myanmar music, has expressed her heartfelt surprise and pride, as a mother, at her son's musical talent. Speaking about her son's innate talent in singing Myanmar classical songs, Ma Winn Papa Thein Tan praised his keen musical knowledge and perception. "When it comes to the Myanmar vocal style, if I simply tell him, 'This part should be like this, while Grandpa did this part in this way,' he understands it immediately. He seems to know even more than I do, so sometimes I don't know what to do," she said. "The album is titled 'To Fathers'. One of the three songs is called 'Myitta Mee Eain' (Lamp of Loving-Kindness). I also named my tarot-reading page 'Myitta Mee Eain Shin' because I love that song so much that I took its name for the page," said Pyae Hein Thu. — TWA/KTZH

NATIONAL

Authorities arrest 4 foreign nationals for telecom fraud

AUTHORITIES apprehended four foreign nationals – two Bangladeshi nationals, one Filipino national and one Ugandan national – who had illegally entered areas around Myawady, Kayin State, through neighbouring countries, including Thailand, and detained them for investigation and deportation.

Combined teams comprising personnel from relevant departments are currently collecting the necessary personal information and records of these foreign nationals so that they can be promptly repatriated to



Immigration process underway for the deportation of undocumented foreign entrants.

their respective countries. From 30 January 2025 to 22 August 2026, a total of 14,764 foreign nationals who had illegally entered Myanmar were investigated, identified and detained. Of these, 13,820 individuals have been systematically repatriated to their respective countries via Thailand in accordance with legal procedures. Of the remaining 944 individuals awaiting repatriation, 724 have

been charged under Section 3(1)/13(1) of the Myanmar Immigration (Emergency Provisions) Act and the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, while 220 remain in detention pending repatriation.

The Government is continuing to work closely with relevant countries to ensure that foreign nationals involved in online fraud, online gambling or other criminal activities are promptly investigated and identified and systematically repatriated in accordance with established legal procedures. — MNA/MKKS

Veteran singer-songwriter Kaiser dies at 65

VETERAN Myanmar singer-songwriter Kaiser died at a hospital in Yangon on the evening of 22 August, aged 65, according to reports.

Kaiser had been receiving intensive care at Victoria Hospital after developing a lung infection in recent days. He had been a prominent figure in Myanmar's music scene since the 1980s, earning a strong following for his original compositions.

A former student of Yangon University, Kaiser became particularly popular among university students and music lovers across generations. He entered the stereo music scene with the album 'Akyee Tan Ei Aht-ee Kyan Ahtokpatti' before establishing the Success music band.

He later released numerous successful albums, including Alwan, Anam Pann, Inlay Hma Ywa Tae Moe, and Chan Lel Chan Tal Lwan Lel Lwan Tal.

Kaiser released around 20 solo albums and more than 200 songs by 2019. He also recorded numerous successful duets with female singers including May Sweet and Maykhala.

Born Nyi Nyi Win, Kaiser was from Yangon's Yankin Township. His father was U Sein Win, who served as Editor-in-Chief of the International News Bulletin during the Burma Socialist Programme Party era.

Kaiser's death marks a significant loss for Myanmar's music industry, where he had represented and shaped an era over several decades. His family will announce funeral arrangements separately. — TWA/KZL



Nyi Nyi Win (Kaiser).

Preparations underway to hold Taungthaman Boe Boe Gyi festival on grand scale

ORGANIZERS in Amara-pura Township, Mandalay Region, have begun preparations to ensure the traditional Taungthaman Boe Boe Gyi Festival is held on a grand scale, according to event organizing committee member U Pho Ko.

The annual celebration usually starts from the 2nd Waning of Tawthalin to the 10th Waning of Tawthalin. Organizers are currently making arrangements to accommodate large crowds of visitors and pilgrims arriving from across the



This photo features activities during last year's Taungthaman Boe Boe Gyi Festival.

country to participate in traditional spirit-worship ceremonies, which feature ceremonial bathing, summoning rituals and offering rituals. A central feature of the festival is the cere-

monial bathing ritual held on Taungthaman Lake. During the ceremony, spirit statues are placed aboard a royal barge and escorted by surrounding boats to pay respects at the sacred Boe Boe Gyi pillar before being taken to the shrine pavilion in Ywathit Village for ceremonial bathing.

The event will also feature a traditional Myanmar regatta on Taungthaman Lake, with local crews from surrounding villages competing in the annual boat races. — ASH/TH

88 illegal huts along Pazundaung railway line to be cleared

ILLEGAL huts located by the railroad in Yangon Region's Pazundaung Township will be cleared, the regional minister Dr Myo Thaw for electricity, energy, industry and transport told the region-

al Hluttaws on 21 August.

He replied to the question raised by a Regional Hluttaw MP, U Soe Myint from Pazundaung Township Constituency 2.

At present, the re-

maining 88 illegal huts in the area will continue to be cleared in accordance with rules and regulations, and there is no resettlement plan for them after clearing, he said.

If the squatters have difficulty with moving, assistance will be provided in cooperation with the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC), he added. — TWA/ZS

Stimulant tablets seized in PyinOoLwin, Muse

A total of 34,000 stimulant tablets worth K500 million were seized in separate operations in PyinOoLwin and Muse, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

On 20 August, a combined team stopped and searched a motorcycle near Pinlein (East) Village in PyinOoLwin Township and seized 16,000 stimulant tablets worth K320 million. Two men were subsequently arrested

in connection with the case and charged under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

On 21 August, another team stopped and searched a Toyota Mark II on the bypass road in Homan Ward, Muse, and seized 18,000 stimulant tablets worth K180 million. The driver was arrested and charged under the same law. — MNA/KZL

ECONOMY
WORLD

China vows to share
innovation gains to bolster
Asia-Pacific food security

China will promote innovation and artificial intelligence across food supply chain.

CHINA will promote inclusive sharing to ensure that the benefits of innovation in food security are shared more widely and fairly among Asia-Pacific economies and their people, according to the National Food and Strategic Reserves Administration.

Liu Huanxin, head of the administration, put forward proposals on food security, a shared concern among Asia-Pacific economies, at the APEC high-level public-private dialogue on food security on Thursday.

Stressing the impor-



Vendors are seen at a food market in Bangkok, Thailand, on 30 March 2022. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

tance of digital empowerment, he said China will promote the large-scale application of innovation across the food supply

chain and expand the use of artificial intelligence, digital technologies and smart processing across this sector.

He also called for closer cooperation among government departments, businesses, research institutions and international organizations to promote open and mutually beneficial cooperation in food security.

During the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025), China kept its domestic grain market broadly stable and deepened international cooperation in the food sector, contributing to food security across the Asia-Pacific and beyond, the official noted. — Xinhua

United States, Canada fail reaching agreement

THE United States and Canada failed to reach a trade deal on Friday, and the White House said that it would impose 50-per cent tariffs on certain imports from Canada on

Saturday.

Meanwhile, Canada's Prime Minister Mark Carney said that Canada would retaliate on the new tariffs.

Carney said Canada

has suspended trade negotiations with the United States and recalled its negotiators to Ottawa, following new tariff threats from Washington. The decision was made af-

ter last-minute changes proposed by the US side were deemed "unfair, uneconomic, and called into question the reliability of any deal", he said in a statement. — Xinhua

Russian rail corridor to Indian Ocean
could outpace Suez Canal

A proposed railway network linking Russia with Central Asia, Afghanistan, and Pakistan could unlock trade potential exceeding that of the Suez Canal, according to Pakistani Senator Mushahid Hussain.

Speaking to Sputnik, Hussain described the ambitious infrastructure project as a transformative force for regional connectivity, dubbing it "Suez Ca-

nal+" due to its broader implications for geopol-

itics and geoeconomics. The remarks follow



A freight train operates along regional tracks connecting Central Asia transport corridors. PHOTO: SPUTNIK/FILE

an announcement by Russian Deputy Prime Minister Marat Khusnullin, who confirmed that Russia, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan are exploring the extension of railways through Afghanistan and Pakistan to the Indian Ocean.

"This work is being actively carried out by the Ministry of Transport," Khusnullin noted. — SPUTNIK

Brunei, Malaysia
business chambers
renew MoU

THE National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Brunei Darussalam and the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry Malaysia on Saturday signed a renewed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) near the capital aimed at strengthening economic cooperation and expanding commercial exchange between the business communities of the two countries.

Under the renewed memorandum, the two chambers will encourage and facilitate activities that

develop economic cooperation and promote commercial exchange between companies in Brunei and Malaysia.

The chambers will also assist one another in organizing and supporting company participation in exhibitions, trade fairs and similar activities in both countries, and will encourage the exchange of trade delegations and business missions, providing the facilities needed to develop trade relations between the two business communities. — Xinhua



The image shows the international border crossing at Sonauli (near Nautanwa in Uttar Pradesh, India), which serves as a major land crossing point into Bhairahawa, Nepal. PHOTO: ANI

Nepal foreign trade
surges significantly

NEPAL'S foreign trade recorded significant year-on-year growth in the first month of the current 2026-27 financial year amid a surge in both imports and exports, according to the Department of Customs.

A monthly report released on Friday by the department shows that Nepal's international trade rose 35.44 per cent year on year to about 226.14 billion Nepali rupees (about US\$1.47 billion) during mid-July to mid-August,

compared with 166.97 billion rupees during the same period of the previous financial year.

Exports surged more than 61 per cent to 38.70 billion rupees, while imports increased over 31 per cent to 187.44 billion rupees.

Despite the strong growth in exports, Nepal's trade deficit widened 24.88 per cent year on year to 148.73 billion rupees during the first month of the financial year. — Xinhua

Power use surges in
China’s EV charging,
data service sectors

ELECTRICITY consumption by China’s electric vehicle charging and internet data service sectors soared in July, highlighting robust demand from the country’s fast-growing new-energy vehicle and digital industries, official data showed on Friday.

Power consumption by charging and battery-swapping services reached 16.4 billion kilowatt-hours in July, surging 50.3 per cent year on year, while that of internet data services jumped 40.1 per cent to 9.9 billion kilowatt-hours, according to the National Energy Administration.

China’s total electricity consumption for July stood at 1.04 trillion kilowatt-hours, up 1.7 per cent year on year.

A closer look reveals

that electricity consumption by the primary industry stood at 16.7 billion kilowatt-hours in July, down two per cent year on year. Power use by the tertiary industry rose 4.8 per cent to 218.3 billion kilowatt-hours, while electricity consumption by the secondary industry increased three per cent to 611.6 billion kilowatt-hours last month.

Notably, power consumption by high-tech and equipment manufacturing industries climbed 8.9 per cent year on year to 122 billion kilowatt-hours in July. Electricity consumption is widely seen as a barometer of economic activity, with shifts in power demand offering clues to changes in industrial structure and growth drivers. — Xinhua



Chinese high-tech industries demonstrate significant surges in total domestic power consumption.
PHOTO: XINHUA

India calls for deeper BRICS
cooperation in frontier
technologies, innovation financing

INDIA has called for deeper cooperation among BRICS countries in frontier technologies, innovation financing and talent mobility to build a future-ready science and technology ecosystem focused on accessible, affordable and sustainable innovation.

Addressing the 14th BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Ministerial Meeting in Chennai, Union Minister of State for Science



India has called for deeper cooperation among BRICS countries in frontier technologies, innovation financing and talent mobility. PHOTO: ANI

and Technology Jitendra Singh said stronger international collaboration

quantum technologies, advanced materials, biotechnology, photonics, geospatial technologies and high-performance computing reshape economies and societies.

“Science, technology and innovation must serve humanity by enhancing resilience, driving inclusive growth, promoting sustainable development and fostering equitable partnerships among nations,” Singh said. — ANI

Canada halts trade discussions with
United States

OTTAWA: Trade negotiations between the US and Canada collapsed late Friday night, triggering fresh tariffs. At 12:01 am ET, the US imposed a 50 per cent tariff on nearly \$28 billion worth of Canadian imports.

Prime Minister Mark Carney immediately pulled Canadian negotiators back to Ottawa, calling Washington’s last-minute demands “unfair and uneconomic”.

In a statement posted on X, Carney said Canada



This image shows Canadian trade minister Dominic LeBlanc speaking with reporters in Washington during high-stakes tariff negotiations with US officials. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

will retaliate dollar-for-dollar, matching the \$28 billion in levies to protect workers and businesses. “We have recognised from the beginning that America has changed, and that we will not return to our old relationship. Our government understood, before many, that America is altering all its trade relationships. Putting tariffs on its closest allies and charging for access to its vast market,” Carney said. — ANI

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



Residents stroll along Bondi Beach as police continue to examine the scene of a shooting in Sydney on 15 December 2025. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

22 August

Australian Capital Territory Joins Gun Buyback

The territory becomes Australia's second jurisdiction to adopt the buyback programme.

PRIME Minister Anthony Albanese announced that the Australian Capital Territory officially agreed to join the national gun buyback scheme following the tragic Bondi Beach mass shooting. The federal initiative was introduced to strengthen firearm regulations across the entire country after fifteen people were killed during a Jewish festival in December. Under this established agreement, the central government covers most administrative and buyback expenses alongside all firearm destruction costs.

This development makes the territory the second jurisdiction after New South Wales to implement the programme, aiming to reduce roughly twenty three thousand licensed firearms held locally. The ongoing nationwide reform actively seeks to enhance public safety and prevent future violent terrorist attacks on community streets throughout the entire Australian urban landscape. – Xinhua

21 August

Japan Cabinet Reshuffle Expected in Sept

JAPANESE Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi is preparing to reshuffle her Cabinet alongside ruling Liberal Democratic Party executives during late September. The finalized schedule depends heavily on an upcoming extraordinary parliamentary session and her scheduled visit to the United Nations General Assembly in New York. While Chief Cabinet Secretary Minoru Kihara will likely retain his administrative position, attention centers on whether LDP Secretary General Shunichi Suzuki remains in office.

Furthermore, Takaichi plans to invite a lawmaker from coalition partner Japan Innovation Party into the executive team. This realignment represents the first major leadership restructuring since her election last October, leaving the future roles of key political rivals uncertain as administrative preparations continue moving forward smoothly. – Kyodo

20 August

Malaysia Rail Operator Rejects Name Rumours

ONLINE reports falsely claiming that Malaysia's transport ministry intends to alter the official name of the national rail operator are entirely fabricated.

Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad clarified that no such rebranding exists, debunking social media posts that utilized a forged newspaper front page.

The fake image alleged the corporate title would change to remove historical terminology deemed sensitive by online commentators.

Transport authorities have recently navigated public scrutiny regarding service disruptions and related transit policies, making the sector a target for misleading claims.

Digital manipulation continues to mimic authentic media outlets to spread unverified stories, but rail officials affirmed that established operational identities remain intact across all public transit networks nationwide. – AFP

19 August

India Expands Domestic Semiconductor Manufacturing Ecosystem

INDIA is rapidly accelerating its semiconductor production capabilities, with five to six major industrial projects expected to achieve commercial output before the end of the year. Three facilities established under the initial incentive program are actively operating, with additional manufacturing plants launching soon.

The upcoming fifth edition of Semicon India, scheduled to open in New Delhi under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, highlights the nation's rising status in global high-tech supply chains. Furthermore, the approved ISM 2.0 framework significantly broadens governmental backing across advanced chip fabrication, essential raw materials, academic research, design innovation, and equipment infrastructure.

Developing a highly skilled technical workforce remains essential to bridge existing manufacturing talent gaps and support international semiconductor market demands. – ANI

18 August

Mamata Banerjee Condemns Hospital Vandalism Incident

WEST Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee accused opposition political factions of orchestrating destructive unrest at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College emergency department.

Netizens helped identify four additional suspects linked to the vandalism, while police continue searching for remaining individuals involved in the disturbance. Banerjee asserted that external political operatives, rather than genuine student protesters, instigated the hospital violence based on reviewed video footage.

She commended local law enforcement personnel for maintaining exceptional composure despite sustaining serious injuries during the unexpected attack. Security officers, including high-ranking precinct deputies, required immediate medical treatment following severe clashes inside the facility. – ANI

17 August

China Shares Desertification Solutions at Conference

A **CHINESE** delegation presented comprehensive land restoration frameworks during the United Nations desertification conference in Ulan Bator. Representatives proposed launching an International Grassland Day while offering technical expertise to global partners facing severe environmental degradation. Having contributed substantially to global green coverage, China highlighted collaborative ecological initiatives across Mongolia, Arab nations, and Central Asia. The international summit convenes diverse delegates to address sustainable land management, financing mechanisms, and drought resilience. – Xinhua

16 August

Deadly Natural Disasters Hit Nepal Communities

GOVERNMENT disaster management authorities reported that natural hazards caused two hundred forty fatalities across Nepal over a four-month timeframe.

The comprehensive assessment recorded thousands of separate incidents between mid-April and mid-August, leaving six citizens missing and many injured.

Snakebites represented the primary cause of mortality during the monsoon season, followed by deadly landslides and severe lightning strikes that impacted thousands of families nationwide. – Xinhua

SPORTS

ASEAN Sports Day marked with mass walk, sporting events

A mass walk and sporting events were held at Wunna Theikdhi Sports Ground in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning to mark the 59th ASEAN Day as part of the 2026 ASEAN Sports Day celebrations.

Union Minister for Sports and Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman U Ye Myint Tun delivered the opening address and joined Deputy Minister U Nyi Nyi and other participants in the mass walk.

The sporting events included men's and women's 100-metre, 200-metre, 400-metre and 800-metre races, 200-metre and 400-metre relay races, and a tug-of-war competition. Prizes and gifts were presented to winners and participants who correctly answered ASEAN-related quiz questions. The Union minister and his delegation also visited archery athletes from the Gold Camp training in Nay Pyi Taw for the 34th South-East Asian Games and presented cash awards to two Recurve and Compound archers who recorded the highest training scores. — MNA/KZL



A mass walk kicks off in marking ASEAN Sports Day yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

Serena Williams and Alcaraz unite in US Open mixed doubles

SERENA Williams, a 23-time Grand Slam singles champion, and second-ranked Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz, a seven-time Slam singles winner, will



Williams, a six-time US Open singles champion, captured the 1998 US Open mixed doubles title with Max Mirnyi. PHOTO: AFP

compete together in US Open mixed doubles, organizers announced Saturday.

The US Tennis Association announced mixed doubles pairings topped by 44-year-old American Williams making her return to the US Open for the first time since 2022.

Williams, a six-time US Open singles champion, captured the 1998 US Open mixed doubles title with Max Mirnyi. She and Alcaraz received one of the last three wildcard entries into the main draw for mixed doubles, with other spots going to Czechs Karolina Muchova and Jakub Mensik and Americans Emma Navarro and Tommy Paul. — AFP

MNL 2026-27 season first-round fixtures announced

THE Myanmar National League has announced the first-round fixture schedule for the 2026-27 Myanmar National League season, with matches set to run from 28 August to 21 December 2026.

Seven of the 12 participating clubs will host home matches during the first round. However, Yadanabon will not be able to play home matches in the first round and will host games only from the second round. Shan United, Yangon United, ISPE FC, Ayeyawady United, Hanthawady United and Yangon City will host their respective home fixtures, while the re-



Shan United and Hanthawady United in action during their final match of the previous season. PHOTO: SOE NYUNT THAW

maining matches will be played on a rotating basis at stadiums in Yangon. The schedule was drawn up taking into account Myanmar national team international windows and clubs' participation in international competitions.

The opening round will be played from 28 to 30 August. Defending champions Shan United will face newly promoted Yangon City,

who have made extensive preparations for the new season.

On 28 August, Chinland will meet Yadanabon at YUSC Stadium, while Thitsa Arman will face Myawady at Thihadipa Stadium. On 29 August, Dagon Star United will play Hanthawady United at Thihadipa Stadium, while Ayeyawady United will take on Sports and Physical Education Institute at Pathein Kyauktaing Stadium. On 30 August, Yangon United will face Sagaing United at YUSC Stadium, while Yangon City will meet Shan United at Padetha Stadium. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

Man Utd humiliated by Hull in dismal start to Premier League season

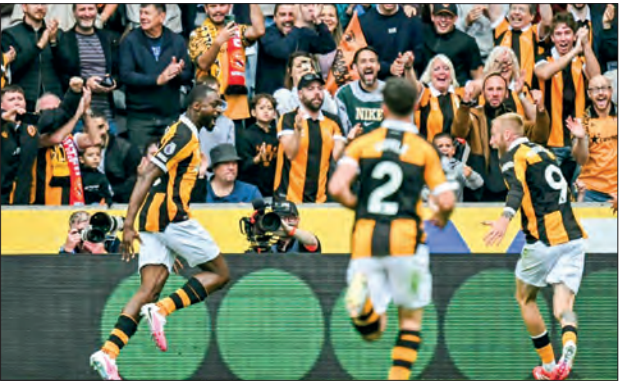
MANCHESTER United crashed to a humiliating 2-0 defeat at promoted Hull on Saturday in a dismal start to their Premier League campaign. Michael Carrick's side were rocked by first half goals from Semi Ajayi and Nobel Mendy at the MKM Stadium.

Hull, who are back in the Premier League for the first time since 2017, were without 10 players due to injury but still put woeful United to the sword with a vibrant display.

It was a chastening opening to the new season for United, who are expected to mount a title challenge after finishing third last term. There was scant evidence that United are capable of going toe to toe with champions Arsenal on a dispiriting afternoon on Humberside.

Youri Tielemans and Andrey Santos were anonymous in their United debuts in midfield after joining from Aston Villa and Chelsea respectively.

Carrick laughed off claims that United have been handed an easy start to the season, with their trip to Hull followed by a home game against Ipswich, another of the promoted teams.—AFP



Hull defender Semi Ajayi (L) celebrates scoring against Manchester United. PHOTO: AFP

New arrival Rodri to miss Elche opener: Barca's Flick

BARCELONA coach Hansi Flick said new signing Rodri would not be involved in the Spanish champions' La Liga opener against Elche on Sunday. The former Manchester City midfielder may, however, be able to take part in their second match, against Athletic Bilbao, on Thursday.

"He's very concentrated, focused, our plan is that he will arrive on Monday with the team," Flick told reporters on Saturday. "This is the plan. He's a fantastic player, a leader, and his personality is very great."

Barca signed the Spanish World Cup winner for a fee which could rise to 76.5 million euros (\$89 million) to bolster their midfield.

However after Robert Lewandowski and Ferran Torres departed, the club are still looking for a striker in the transfer market.

Flick did not reveal who



New signing Rodri won't be ready for Barcelona's game against Elche. PHOTO: AFP

would start up front at Elche but praised the pre-season form of Egyptian youngster Hamza Abdelkarim, after the 18-year-old notched four goals in friendlies. — AFP

Japan's Ghibli film composer Joe Hisaishi recognized for 3 Guinness records

Maestro Joe Hisaishi conducts a celebrated classical concert in New York.

ACCLAIMED Japanese composer Joe Hisaishi was officially awarded three prestigious Guinness World Records following a series of historic classical concert performances in New York. The legendary maestro, renowned for composing iconic musical scores for Studio Ghibli animated masterpieces, was honoured for achieving unprecedented global milestones in orchestral performance and symphonic music streaming. International audiences filled iconic concert halls to experience live orchestral renditions of beloved soundtracks from celebrated animated films like Spirited Away and Princess Mononoke. Music critics



Renowned symphonic scores inspire global audiences through profound emotional musical storytelling. **PHOTO: KYODO** emphasized that Hisaishi's evocative melodies transcend cultural and generational boundaries, inspiring millions of listeners worldwide through profound emotional depth, intricate instrumentation, and timeless cinematic storytelling.—Kyodo

A taste of Shoton Festival that brings people together, boosts tourism

The festival significantly invigorates local tourism while preserving traditional cultural heritage.

Under a star-studded predawn sky in Lhasa, thousands gathered at Drepung Monastery for the opening of the Shoton Festival. Literally meaning “yogurt banquet”, this centuries-old Tibetan tradition originated as a community offering of fresh curd to Buddhist monks completing their summer retreats. Today, it has blossomed into one of Xizang's most vibrant cultural celebrations.

The festivities launched with the dramatic “Buddha-sunning” rite, where nearly 100 monks carried a massive 500-square-metre thangka painting up the hillside. As the dawn light struck the silk tapestry, locals and travellers presented white hadas — traditional silk scarves symbolizing goodwill and purity. The spirit of hospitality was un-



Artists stage a Tibetan opera during the Shoton Festival in Lhasa, southwest China's Xizang Autonomous Region, 15 August 2026. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

mistakable; local residents readily shared scarves and invited curious visitors into the blessing lines, bridging cultures on the sacred mountain slopes.

Down in the city, traditional art forms took center stage. At Norbulingka and Dzongyab Lukhang Park, heritage opera troupes filled

the summer air with soaring vocals, rhythmic drumming, and dramatic storytelling. For the performers — many of whom work as farmers and herders year-round — taking the stage during Shoton is an essential way to preserve and pass down their intangible cultural heritage to younger gener-

ations.

Beyond the performances, the festival provides a massive boost to regional tourism and local livelihoods. Bustling craft markets featured stalls packed with handcrafted souvenirs, fragrant incense, and colorful miniature opera masks. — Xinhua

Odyssey effect: stars sell Greece to a new wave of US tourists

The newspaper highlighted celebrity visits for boosting the country's global profile.

THE idyllic beaches of the Greek islands have long been a draw for European holidaymakers, but now a new wave of US tourists is waking up to their charms, driven by stars like Madonna, Katy Perry and Justin Bieber. Madonna celebrated her 68th birthday on Corfu, sharing a whirl of parties and boat trips against the backdrop of the island's landscape with her 20 mil-



Legend has it that this is where Odysseus landed when he finally returned home to Ithaca. **PHOTO: AFP**

lion Instagram followers — earning her rapturous thanks from Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis.

And experts say the huge popularity of Christopher Nolan blockbuster “The Odyssey” will only fuel the trend — though holidaymakers will be hoping

for an easier trip home than the one endured by Matt Damon's eponymous hero.

While Madonna partied in Corfu, singer Bieber took his family to the Peloponnese. Perry and her partner, Canada's former prime minister Justin Trudeau, sampled the delights of Mykonos. — AFP

'Aura' battles leap from social media to Latin America streets

Young participants face off in lively competitions to score maximum cheers.

IN the heart of Mexico City, crowds gather as teenagers square off in an unconventional showdown. Instead of throwing punches, competitors take turns striking silent, theatrical poses, blending TikTok choreography, viral memes, and physical comedy.

Welcome to the world of “aura farming”. Originating on social media platforms like TikTok and Instagram, where having “aura” represents effortless cool and confidence, the digital concept has evolved into a full-fledged real-life youth subculture sweeping through Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, and Peru.

During these lively tournaments,



A young woman gestures during an energetic outdoor aura farming competition. **PHOTO: AFP**

participants aged 14 to 20 face off to score the most laughs and cheers. Routines range from executing Cristiano Ronaldo's iconic “Siuuu” goal leap to “mewing” — posing with a finger to a sculpted jawline — or performing trending meme gestures to tinny, video-game beats echoing from portable speakers. — AFP