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Vice-President U Nyo Saw holds meeting with Dy PM of Russian Federation

Vice-President U Nyo Saw, currently in Vladivostok in the Russian Federation to attend the 11th Far Eastern Economic Forum to be held in Vladivostok, met Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation Mr Yury Petrovich Trutnev in Vladivostok at 3:30 pm local standard time yesterday.

During the meeting, they frankly exchanged views on Myanmar-Russia bilateral relations, cooperation in the education sector, the development of Dawei Deep-Sea Port and Special Economic Zone, and the implementation of cooperation in the energy, economic, trade and tourism sectors. They also discussed the topics of the opening of the Consulate-General of Myanmar in Vladivostok, the Russian Federation.

In the afternoon, the Vice-President received



Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyo Saw exchanges handshakes with Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation Mr Yury Petrovich Trutnev during their meeting in Vladivostok.

Mr Anton Kobayakov, Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation and Executive Secretary of the Forum Organizing Committee, and Mr Alexander Stuglev, Director of the Roscongress Foundation, in Vladivostok, separately.

Also present at the meetings were Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Ko Ko Lwin, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ko Ko Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Digital Development and Communications U Min Zeyar Hlaing, Myanmar Ambassador U Myo Moe Aung and officials. — MNA/TTA

Tripartite Talks Push GlobalStandard AgriTech, Product Quality

A virtual tripartite meeting was held in the final week of August between the UK-based Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International (CABI), the Embassy of Myanmar in London and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The discussions focused on providing Myanmar farmers with access to international-standard agricultural technologies, addressing ongoing challenges in the agriculture and livestock sectors, and helping local agricultural products meet international quality standards.

During the meeting, officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation outlined key priorities for Myanmar's agricultural sector, including pest and disease control, human resource development for farmers, integrated human, plant and animal health initiatives under the One Health approach, agricultural technology dissemination, and the reduction of chemical residues in agricultural produce. Experts from CABI responded by proposing potential technical solutions tailored to each focus area.

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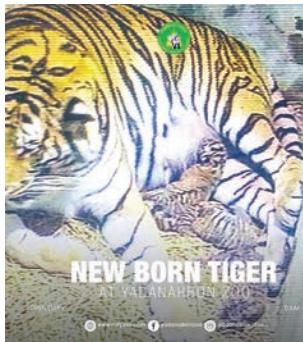
Winners awarded at 19th Performing Arts, Anyeint, Drama and Magic Competition

4 healthy tiger cubs born at Yadanabon Zoological Gardens

FOUR healthy tiger cubs were born to male tiger 'Jackson' and female tiger 'Waing Chit' at Yadanabon Zoological Gardens between the night of 31 August and the morning of 1 September, according to the zoo's announcement.

To ensure the proper care and maintenance of animals, the Htoo Zoos & Gardens Business Unit has invited foreign experts to conduct workshops and training sessions.

Additionally, they are implementing SEAZA



Female tiger 'Waing Chit' and four cubs seen at Yadanabon Zoo on 1 September.

guidelines within their facilities. As part of these efforts, an Animal Collection Plan was developed to guarantee the

long-term sustainability of animal species, which has now resulted in the birth of these four tiger cubs, the zoo stated.

The first cub was born at 10:06 pm, the second cub at 10:53 pm, the third cub at 4:09 am the following day, and the fourth cub at 5 am.

The arrival of these four healthy tiger cubs is a joyous and proud achievement for animal conservation efforts and is also excellent news for animal lovers, according to Yadanabon Zoological Gardens. — MT/ZN

MTSH to distribute K150 dividend per share for 2025-2026FY

MYANMAR Thilawa SEZ Holdings Public Company Limited (MTSH), listed on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) has announced a dividend of K150 per ordinary share for the 2025-2026 financial year. The total dividend payout amounts to K5.839 billion.

The last purchase date to qualify for the dividend is 9 September, with the record date set for 14 September. The dividend distribution will be confirmed at the upcoming 13th Annual General Meeting on 23 October, and payments will begin



YSX listed MTSH - An aerial view of the Thilawa Special Economic Zone.

on 5 November.

MTSH reported revenue of K10.7 billion and a group net profit of K11.4 billion for the 2025-2026 financial year. The net profit margin reached 106 per cent, driven by improved operational efficiency and expanded revenue streams. MTSH will prioritize expanding renewable energy capacity, optimizing asset management, and pursuing new longterm infrastructure projects. — TWA/KK

- a. Based on evaluations from the World Meteorological Organization and international climate centres, sea surface temperatures and atmospheric dynamics across the equatorial Tropical Pacific Ocean indicate may reach strong to very strong El Niño condition during September and very strong El Niño conditions is likely at the end of 2026.
- b. Although El Niño is a phenomenon that occurs in the Pacific Ocean, its impacts can generally lead to irregular rainfall patterns, higher day temperatures, abnormal storm activity, drought and other extreme weather events in the upcoming summer season.
- c. Therefore, all relevant sectors are kindly requested to take necessary precautionary measures in advance. — DMH

NATIONAL

Yangon Police intensify crime prevention operations

POLICE personnel from township police stations across Yangon Region, in cooperation with traffic police and local administrative authorities, carried out operations yesterday to strengthen the rule of law and reduce crime.

As part of the operations, police officers from Hlegu (Dapain), Hlinethaya (West) and Kyimyindine townships, together with members of the Bahan Township Traffic Police Unit, checked household guest registration records and conducted public awareness activities on crime

prevention. They also distributed crime prevention pamphlets and carried out road safety awareness campaigns encouraging people to use pedestrian crossings.

On the previous evening, police officers from Dagon Myothit, Kyauktada, Hmawby, Ahlon, Hlinethaya (West) and North Okkalapa townships conducted vehicle checks, inspected household guest registration records and KTV establishments, and carried out bicycle and vehicle patrols. — Aung Thu/MKKS



PHOTO: REGION POLICE FORCE

Winners awarded at 19th Performing Arts, Anyeint, Drama and Magic Competition

A ceremony to award the winners of the 19th Performing Arts, Anyeint, Drama and Magic Competition organized by the Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare took place at the Hsinbyushin Hall of the Transit Centre in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, attended by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Ye Win Oo, who presented the overall championship trophy to the winners.

Chairman of the Psychological Affairs and Public Relations Committee Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Zaw Hein presented prizes to the winners in the magic contest.

Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Ko Ko Oo presented prizes to the winning troupes in the choral dance contests.

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Ser-



Defence Services Commander-in-Chief General Ye Win Oo (R) is pictured presenting awards at yesterday's event.

vices Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Kyaw Swa Lin gave prizes to the winning troupes in the Anyeint contest.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Ye Win Oo awarded the overall championship trophy to No 2 Mobile Public Relations Company.

The prize-winning troupes and artistes demonstrated their best

song and dance performances.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and his wife, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) and his wife, and senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief handed cash awards to the regiments and units which participat-

ed in the 19th Performing Arts, Anyeint, Drama and Magic Competition.

The Defence Services Commander-in-Chief and party cordially greeted members of the panel of judges, maestros and contestants.

Also present at the ceremony were the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and his wife, the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and his wife and guests.

In the afternoon, officials of the Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare awarded prize winners in the respective events.

This year, contestants participated in 21 events including old songs, modern song, stereo songs, Anyeint, dancing, choral dance, duet dance, drama, traditional orchestra, modern band, magic and song composing contests. — MNA/TTA

YBS buses disallowed from resuming stopping at Maha Bandoola Park

YBS buses will not be permitted to resume stopping at the bus stop in front of Maha Bandoola Park in Kyauktada Township, said Colonel Win Tint, Minister for Security and Border Affairs of the Yangon Region Government.

The minister made these remarks during a Hluttaw session on 31 August while responding to an inquiry by MP U Kyaw Lin, from Kamayut Township Constituency, No 2, who pointed out the convenience of that stop as well as the inconvenience and safety risks of walking to a far stop for commuters.

Regarding this matter, combined inspection team conducted a field survey on



Minister Colonel Win Tint answering a question at the Yangon Region Hluttaw.

3 August and found that the buses have been banned from using this stop since 2021 due to security reasons.

“Because this bus stop is situated right in front of Maha Bandoola Park and Yangon City Hall, the Yangon City Development Committee submitted an

objection for security concerns as well as its position directly facing the City Hall premises,” said the minister.

Therefore, YBS buses will continue to operate only at the Pansodan bus stop, according to the regional government. — TWA/ZN

Thingangyun General Hospital delivers emergency care amid specialist shortage

ALTHOUGH the Thingangyun General Hospital in Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region, does not have specialist cardiologists or neurologists, it continues to admit and treat patients as a teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Medicine 2.

Patients with heart, brain, and neurological illnesses receive emergency exams, treatment, and lifesaving care from professors, associate professors, and general medicine specialists. Once their conditions have stabilized, they may be transferred by ambulance to the North Okkalapa General Hospital. Ar-

rangements can also be made for admission to the Yangon General Hospital at the request of patients or their families.

The Thingangyun General Hospital also provides medical examinations, care and treat-

ment to the public. The 500-bed teaching hospital offers training in 20 specialist disciplines and has been provided with the necessary medical staff, medicines, supplies and equipment. — ASH/MKKS



A treatment ward at Thingangyun General Hospital.

NATIONAL

PyinOoLwin's VRFP income-generating activities inspected

THE Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, conducted a field inspection yesterday to review the progress of household income-generating activities financed through the revolving fund of the Village Revolving Fund Project (VRFP) in Nyaungpaw Village in PyinOoLwin Township.

PyinOoLwin District Department of Rural Development Head U Set Naing Tun and officials visited the village to in-



Officials oversee the progress of household income-generation activities in PyinOoLwin Township.

spect the progress of farming and livelihood activities being carried out with loans from the project's revolving fund. He also met members of

the village VRFP committee to examine whether the monthly financial records had been properly completed and urged committee members to expand small-scale family income-generating activities to increase family incomes.

A total of 52 project members engaged in farming and livelihood activities in Nyaungpaw Village have been provided with K52.3 million in VRFP loans, which are being regularly utilized for project activities. — Karan (Rural)

Ywangan's MSY village project loans disbursed

THE Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, held a ceremony to disburse revolving funds under the Mya Sein Yaung (MSY) Village Project in Hlwasin Village, Ywangan Township, yesterday.

Ywangan Township Department of Rural Development Head U Thein Myat Htike explained that the revolving funds were provided under the MSY Village Project with the objectives of creating employment opportunities and increasing family incomes for rural residents, as well as implementing village development activities with the increased revolving funds. Officials explained project activities, interest rates, loan

periods and rules and regulations to be followed, and handed over K59.65 million in revolving funds to members of the project implementation groups.

Hlwasin Village is implementing family income-generating activities using K59.65 million from the MSY Village Project. Under the supervision of the township department, members of the project implementation groups disbursed the 12th round of revolving loans at low interest rates to a total of 93 members from the village, including 71 people engaged in agricultural activities, 15 in livestock breeding and seven in trading businesses. — Cho Than Nyunt (Rural)



An MSY fund disbursement ceremony is underway in Ywangan Township, southern Shan State.

Insurance payout THB2M transferred to deceased Myanmar's family



An insurance payout of 2 million baht being transferred to the worker's daughter on 31 August.

AN insurance payout of THB2 million, covered by a Myanmar migrant worker who tragically passed away in a traffic accident in Thailand, has

been transferred to her family, according to the Myanmar Labour Attaché Office.

Daw Ohnmar Lwin, 42, from DaikU Township in the Bago Region, lost her life in a traffic accident near a night market in Nakhon Pathom in April 2026. The Labour Attaché Office assisted her family in claiming the insurance coverage from a private insurer and successfully transferred the funds to her daughter, Ma Hnin Lae Lae Zaw, on the morning of August 31

at their office.

Myanmar migrant workers are encouraged to contact the Labour Offices during business hours if their rights are violated. Additional information can be obtained from the following numbers: Call Centre: 02 0030015; Labour Attaché (Bangkok): 06 1810845; Labour Officer (Bangkok): 06 52206952; Labour Attaché (Mae Sot): 06 52206953; Labour Officer (Chiang Mai): 09 45866607; Labour Officer (Ranong): 06 34818121. — MT/ZS

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Relief operations underway as Taninthayi River rises above danger mark

TORRENTIAL rains on 30 and 31 August caused the Taninthayi River in Taninthayi Township, Myeik District, Taninthayi Region, to rise to 25 feet and seven inches, exceeding the township's danger level. This level exceeds the township's warning mark of 17 feet by eight feet and seven inches and surpasses the established danger level of 24 feet by one foot seven inches. To accommodate residents from low-lying areas who have evacuated to safety, six temporary relief camps have been opened to provide emergency assistance.

Under the guidance of the Union government, Tatmadaw and police personnel, firefighters, philanthropic organizations, volunteer groups and residents are jointly providing emergency relief. They are distributing food, providing emergency medical care and assisting affected families at the temporary shelters.

Tatmadaw officers from the Taninthayi Station observed the ongoing relief operations and coordinated the necessary assistance on-site. — MNA/TH



Officials oversee ongoing relief efforts in Taninthayi Township.

Football community donates K100M to flood victims

MYANMAR'S football clubs and players have jointly donated K100 million to support flood-affected communities in Ayeyawady Region.

The donation was handed over to the Ayeyawady Region chief minister on 30 August.

The contribution was jointly made by the chairman of the Myanmar National League (MNL), Shan United FC, Ayeyawady United Women's FC, Yangon United FC, Yadanabon FC, former Myanmar national team players, current national team players and the M League.

The Ayeyawady Region chief minister accepted the K100 million donation and presented certificates of recognition to the participating football clubs and players for their support of the flood relief efforts. — TWA/KZL



The K100 million donation jointly contributed by Myanmar's football clubs and players being handed over to the Ayeyawady Region chief minister.

Riverbank erosion threatens Nyaungdonkyun embankment

THE Nyaungdonkyun embankment, along the Toe River, a tributary of the Ayeyawady River, has been affected by riverbank erosion since the morning of 25 August. The affected section is between 11/6 and 11/7 mileposts of the Nyaungdonkyun embankment near Ganchaung Village, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region.

To temporarily protect the embankment from further erosion, Tatmadaw personnel, members of the Myanmar Police Force, social organizations and residents, with the assistance of machinery, are placing sandbags at the base of the embankment slope, constructing a temporary embankment between 11/5 and 11/6 mileposts and installing porcupine structures for riverbank protection.

Officials from the Yangon Command and relevant departments visited the site and coordinated the necessary measures. — MNA/MKKS



Riverbank protection measures taken in Nyaungdon Township.

Ayeyawady Floods Recede as Relief and Embankment Repairs Continue

ON the night of 30 July, in Laymyethna Township, Ayeyawady Region, heavy rainfall and riverbank erosion caused a sandbar breach beneath the Ngawun River embankment, inundating local wards and villages. As a result, flooding has affected five urban wards and several villages in Laymyethna, as well as 14 wards and several villages across Hinthada, Yekyi, Ngathainggyoung, Kyonpyaw, and Kyaunggon townships.

Despite the widespread flooding, water levels in several townships have started to recede. Yekyi peaked at approximately 11 feet and two inches on 24 August and has decreased by about three feet and two inches to reach eight feet yesterday. Ngathainggyoung, which reached a peak of 10 feet



Ongoing collaborative relief efforts are pictured in Ayeyawady Region.

and nine inches on 23 August, has dropped by two feet and one inch to eight feet and eight inches. Kyonpyaw peaked at 8 feet and one inch on 30 August and has fallen by 6 inches to 7 feet 4 inches, while Kyaunggon reached 7 feet one inch on 30 August and has decreased by two inches to six feet 11 inches.

In areas where floodwaters have receded, military personnel from the South-West Command, Myanmar Police Force, fire services, social aid organizations, philanthropic groups, and residents are cooperating to clear away mud and debris from schools, hospitals, clinics, and monasteries. Relief efforts remain underway, including food distribution, emergency health-care delivery, and broader rehabilitation assistance.

To prevent and control further water influx along the Ngawun embankment, reinforcement operations on vulnerable sections are actively proceeding using heavy machinery and labour teams. These technical measures include placing large geobags, filling sandbags within wooden post barriers, and driving steel sheet piles. Officials from the South-West Command have inspected these relief and prevention operations to coordinate and support requirements. — MNA/ST

Well-Marked Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 4 pm MST on 1 September 2026

ACCORDING to the observations at 3:30 pm MST today, the Well-Marked Low-Pressure Area over Gangetic West Bengal and adjoining North Odisha coasts- Jharkhand, India, persists. It is likely to move west-northwestwards across the interior part of North Odisha, Jharkhand, India, during the next 48 hours. — DMH

NATIONAL

Hopong opens free motorcycle repair training course

THE Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, opened a free motorcycle repair training course in Sanphu Village, Hopong Township, yesterday to support rural livelihoods, create employment opportunities and increase family incomes during the 2026-2027 financial year.

Pa-O Self-Administered Zone Leading Body Executive Member (Economy) U Khun Nyo Maung delivered opening remarks. Hopong Township Department of Rural Development Head U Soe Lwin Myint explained that the department assesses local products, market demands, labour require-



The launch of the free motorcycle repair training course in progress in Hopong Township.

ments and local suitability prior to offering vocational courses. Zone leading body members, the Township Management and Administration Committee chairman and officials then provided training materials to trainees.

A total of 20 trainees from Sanphu Village are attending the 30-day course, where two instructors will provide theoretical and practical lessons on motorcycle repair. — Maung Khaing (Rural)

Mongton's MSY income-generating activities inspected

THE Department of Rural Development, under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, conducted a field inspection yesterday to review the progress of household income-generating activities financed through the revolving fund of the Mya Sein Yaung (MSY) Village Project in Takwan Village,

Mongton Township. Mongton Township Department of Rural Development Head U Min Oo and staff visited the village to inspect the progress of systematic farming activities being carried out with loans from the project's revolving fund. He also met members of the village MSY Village Project

Management Committee to examine whether the monthly financial records had been properly completed and urged committee members to expand household income-generating activities while ensuring systematic management of the revolving fund to prevent any loss or misuse. The MSY Village

Project was launched in Takwan Village during the 2015-2016 financial year. At present, concessional revolving loans totalling K37 million have been disbursed to 25 project members, all of whom are successfully operating local farming activities with support from the project funds. — Sein Lwin (Rural)

Flood Shelters Shut as Ayeyawady Pushes Rehabilitation

SOME temporary flood evacuation shelters in Ayeyawady Region have begun to close, and the Ayeyawady Region government has arranged the necessary machinery, seeds and agricultural inputs to support the resumption of ploughing and cultivation.

The two temporary flood shelters that have recently been closed were located in Kanyinthaung Village-tract, Laymyethna Township, Ayeyawady Region.

"Of the 40 households comprising 134 people who had been taking shelter at the two temporary flood shelters that have now been closed, all have returned to their homes as floodwaters have receded in the areas

where they live. Members of the Fire Services Department are also carrying out rehabilitation work in wards and villages where the floodwaters have receded," an official from the Ayeyawady Region Government said.

Reports read that the relevant ministries and social organizations will work together to help restore people's livelihoods and enable their economic activities to return to normal.

At present, the Ayeyawady Region Public Health Department is conducting health awareness campaigns on the dangers of snakes and diarrhoeal diseases. Rice and relief supplies are also being provided to flood-affected people. — ASH/KNN



Members of the Fire Services Department clear mud and rubbish from wards and villages after the floodwaters recede.

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Tuesday, 1 September 2026)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate to strong over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal. Weather will be a few clouds over the South Andaman Sea and the South Bay of Bengal and partly cloudy to cloudy over the North Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal. **FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 2 September 2026:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Mandalay, Magway, and Lower Sagaing Regions and Kachin, State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing and Ayeyawady Regions and Kayin, Chin, Mon and Rakhine States. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Magway, Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions and Chin, Rakhine and Shan States. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds

accompanied by rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware of these phenomena in advance.

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 10-12 feet off and along the Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Moderate monsoon.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 2 September 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 2 September 2026: One or two times rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 2 September 2026: Isolated rain or thundershowers. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

MBE, YIC ink MoU

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony between the Myanmar Business Executives (MBE) and YOUTH International College (YIC) was held in Yangon on 26 August.

The Collaboration & Strategic Partnership Committee of the MBE organized this event. The agreement aims to enhance cooperation between the two organizations in the fields of education, business, and youth development.

It was signed by MBE Vice-President 2 Daw Min Min Myintzu and General Secretary U Thein Oo, and YIC Founder & CEO Dr Zaw Linn and Co-founder Dr Yin Thu Aye, in the presence of other attendees

including executive members, teachers, students, and representatives.

Under this MoU, both organizations will implement collaborative activities, including exchange of students, joint teaching activities, internships, promoting Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise programmes, visits and exchanges of scholars, teachers, and resource persons, business plan contests, matchings, and networking sessions, and Corporate Social Responsibility activities.

Moving forward through this MoU signing, both organizations will work to promote mutually beneficial cooperation across various business sectors. — MT/ZN

NATIONAL

DICA: 200 companies fail to file AR in Aug 2026

TWO hundred companies were struck off the register in August 2026 for failing to file annual returns (AR) on the online registry system, MyCO, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

DICA stated that 200 companies each in January and February, no companies in March, 400 companies in April, 200 in May, no companies in June, and 200 in July 2026 failed to submit AR.

DICA notified those companies, which failed to file their AR on MyCO, that they were struck off the register from the date of the directive, under 430 (F) of the Myanmar Com-

panies Law, according to DICA's notification.

A total of 7,300 companies in 2025 and 19,000 in 2024 also failed to submit the AR.

The registration and re-registration of companies on the MyCO website commenced on 1 August 2018, in keeping with the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

All registered companies need to submit AR on the MyCO registry system within two months of incorporation, and at least once every year (not later than one month after the anniversary of the incorporation), according to Section 97 of the law.

Under Section 266 (A) of the Myanmar

Companies Law 2017, public companies must submit annual returns and financial statements (G-5) simultaneously. All overseas corporations must submit ARs in the prescribed format on MyCO within 28 days of the financial year ending, under Section 53 (A-1) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

As per DICA's report, thousands of companies were suspended for failing to submit AR forms before the due date. Newly established companies are required to submit ARs within two months of incorporation or face a fine of K100,000 for filing late returns.

The DICA has no-

tified that any company which fails to submit its AR within 13 months will be notified of its suspension (I-9A). If it fails to submit the AR within 28 days of receiving the notice, the system will show the company's status as suspended. Companies can restore their status only after shelling out a fine of K50,000 for the AR fee, K100,000 for restoration of the company on the Register, and K100,000 for late filing of documents, totalling K250,000. If a company fails to restore its status within six months of suspension, the registrar will strike its name off the register, according to the DICA notice. — NN/KK

Tripartite Talks Push GlobalStandard...



This photo features the virtual tripartite meeting between the UK-based Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International (CABI), the Embassy of Myanmar in London, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

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don, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and CABI, to ensure timely and effective technical cooperation. Participants included relevant officials from the Embassy of Myanmar in London, the Permanent Secretary and agricultural experts from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, the CEO and senior experts from CABI headquarters, and specialists from CABI regional centres in China, Kenya, Pakistan and Malaysia. — ASH/TH

The parties also discussed formulating targeted projects to assist farmers and established a Tripartite Working Group (TWG), comprising representatives and experts from the Embassy of Myanmar in Lon-

don, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and CABI, to ensure timely and effective technical cooperation.

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Trading Amount and Forex Rate in the Market on 1 September 2026

	US\$	Chinese yuan	Thai baht	Indian rupee
Exchange rates	3,653.00~3669.00	55700~558.70	125.30~125.70	43.60
Trading amount in the market	10,184, 678.18	5,216,102.00	31,324,084.33	-

MEB extends e-Pension services to 197 branches

THE Myanma Economic Bank has announced that its Centralized e-Pension system is now available at 197 branches nationwide as of August 2026.

MEB has upgraded from the legacy e-Pension system to the centralized version since September 2023.

The pensioners can check the branches that operate the centralized e-Pension system through www.meb.gov.mm and the Myanma Economic Bank Facebook page in a timely manner, MEB notified government pensioners.

The pensioners can withdraw their pensions at any of

the 197 branches equipped with the centralized system. They can also transfer their pension account from one branch to another without needing to apply for a new e-Pension card. All services are free of charge.

The operating branches include four in Nay Pyi Taw, 24 in Mandalay Region, 29 in Yangon Region, 27 in Bago Region, 25 in Ayeyawady Region, 31 in Shan State, four in Kayin State, 19 in Magway Region, 10 in Mon State, six in Rakhine State, five in Taninthayi Region, two in Kachin State, 10 in Sagaing Region and one in Kayah State. — NN/KK

UMFCCI holds international business fora

THE Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) has successfully organized business forums in India, China, Laos, Thailand, Russia, and Belarus over the past three months, UMFCCI President U Aye Win said during the federation's central executive committee meeting held in the last week of August.

The president noted that the forums have strengthened

trade ties and opened new opportunities for Myanmar businesses.

Myanmar-Thailand business forum was held in Bangkok on 6 August, drawing approximately 240 delegates, including about 160 Myanmar representatives and 40 participants from Thailand.

During the meeting, the UMFCCI president urged members to uphold the federation's rallying call that "the federation's actions must meet



UMFCCI's central executive committee meeting.

international standards". Participants also discussed experiences from the overseas forums, ways to boost trade volumes, accessing quality con-

struction materials, using modern technology and organizing a workshop on enhancing inspection in line with standards and quality control". — TWA/KK

Lend a hand to persons with disabilities without discrimination

Persons with disabilities are members of society and an important part of it. As citizens, they are entitled to equal rights and opportunities on an equal footing with others. The responsible authorities must therefore take measures to create the necessary conditions for them to enjoy these rights and opportunities.

In fact, they should not be referred to as “disabled persons”. No one, whether able-bodied or living with a disability, can demonstrate, develop and utilize 100 per cent of their capabilities. There may be things that one person is capable of doing that another person may not be able to do. Conversely, a person with a disability may be able to accomplish with ease certain tasks that people with fully functioning limbs may be unable to perform. Therefore, those who may have disabilities but are capable of achieving should be recognized and encouraged to excel.

Therefore, all citizens need to work together to support persons with disabilities in developing the educational, mental and physical capacities necessary to live independently with minimal reliance on others. The State and the private sector should also cooperate in creating opportunities for them to enter the workforce in practice. Greater emphasis should be placed on creating employment opportunities suited to the diverse abilities and strengths of persons with disabilities, thereby helping improve their livelihoods and quality of life.

The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement has opened nine schools under its administration to provide education, training, care and support for persons with disabilities, enabling them to learn and develop systematically. In addition, a school for young persons with disabilities has been opened in Ottarathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw, and has begun providing care and support for children with disabilities.

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There is something beautiful about rain – until we begin to count how many things we have to carry upstairs. A bucket. A bag of clothes. A box of documents. A child’s schoolbooks. A bottle of drinking water. And sometimes, the most important thing of all: the hope that the water will stop rising. For many people across Myanmar, this is not simply a rainy season. It is a season of uncertainty.

The sound of heavy rain, which once brought comfort, can now make families look outside their windows with concern. A river that usually moves quietly can become frightening. A familiar street can disappear beneath brown water. A journey that normally takes ten minutes can suddenly become impossible. Flooding changes ordinary life in ways that are difficult to understand until we experience it ourselves.

A home is no longer simply a home when water begins entering through the doorway. A road is no longer simply a road when people cannot safely cross it. A farm is no longer simply a field when weeks or months of hard work are covered by water. And a rainy day is

no longer simply a rainy day when a family begins wondering where they will sleep that night.

Across different parts of Myanmar, heavy monsoon rain and rising water levels have affected communities, homes, roads, farms and livelihoods. Flood warnings during the monsoon season are a reminder that dangerous conditions can develop quickly, particularly in low-lying and flood-prone areas. But behind every warning is a human life.

We sometimes read about flooding on our phones, look at photographs for a few seconds and then continue with our day. Yet somewhere behind those photographs, someone may be sitting awake through the night. Someone may be holding a child close because the child is frightened. Someone may be trying to protect a few important belongings from the water. Someone may be looking at a field and silently calculating how much of the family’s future has disappeared

beneath it. This is the human side of flooding that numbers cannot fully describe.

A disaster is measured in meters of water and damaged houses, but people experience it through memories, worries and uncertainty. The old family photographs that become wet. The clothes that may never dry properly. The small shop that took years to build. The crops that were expected to provide income for the coming months. These things may look ordinary from the outside, but ordinary things often hold the greatest meaning in our lives. That is why flooding deserves more than temporary attention.

We should not think about floods only when the rain becomes heavy or when photographs of flooded streets appear on social media. Preparation must begin while the sky is still clear. Families living in areas that are vulnerable to flooding should know where important documents are kept and protect them from water. Essential medicines, drinking water, dry food, flashlights, power banks and basic clothing should be prepared in advance whenever possible.

When the Water Rises, So Does Our Humanity

It supports farms, fills rivers and provides water that communities depend upon. The problem begins when we forget that something essential can also become dangerous when it exceeds what our surroundings can safely handle. This is why flood preparedness is not only about emergency bags and evacuation plans. It is also about the places where we live. Blocked drains, rubbish-filled waterways and poorly maintained surroundings can make flooding worse. Protecting trees, keeping drainage areas clear and caring for natural waterways are simple responsibilities that can contribute to safer communities.

No single action can prevent every flood. But many small actions can reduce unnecessary suffering. And perhaps that is how we should think about disasters in general. Not as problems that someone else will solve, but as challenges that require all of us to play a part. Because when water rises, kindness becomes practical.

Teaching children to respect water is not about making them afraid of rain. It is about teaching them to understand its power. The same lesson applies to all of us. We should respect nature without fearing it.

Rain is not our enemy. The monsoon is part of life in Myanmar.

Disasters strip life down to its essentials. Safety. Family. Food. Clean water. Shelter. And someone standing beside us saying, “We will get through this.” Perhaps we

should remember these priorities even after the water disappears. Because eventually, the rain will stop. The rivers will begin to fall. The roads will slowly reappear. People will sweep mud from their homes, wash their belongings, reopen their shops and return to their fields.

Life will begin to look ordinary again. But recovery is rarely as quick as the return of sunshine. A farmer may need another season. A shopkeeper may need months. A family may need time to rebuild a damaged home. And a person who spent a frightening night watching the water rise may carry that memory long after the walls have dried. This is why our concern should not disappear when the floodwater does.

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By Laura Htet (UDE)

We remember one simple truth: The rain may test our strength, but it is our compassion that tells us who we are.

Perhaps the true measure of a community is not how it looks when everything is going well, but how it responds when life becomes difficult.

When the water rises, we see more than flooded streets. We see people helping people. We see strangers becoming neighbours, neighbours becoming support systems and small acts of kindness becoming reasons to keep going.

The rain will eventually become a memory. The water will recede, the roads will reappear, and the work of rebuilding will begin. But the compassion shown during those difficult days should not disappear with the floodwater.

May we carry that compassion into the days ahead. Because when the water rises, so does our humanity – and sometimes, it is that humanity that helps us find our way back home.

Every day, an ordinary household produces a surprising amount of garbage. In my home, four people live together, yet by the end of a single day we can fill approximately one large plastic bag with rubbish. Each person contributes only a small amount: a food wrapper, a disposable cup, a plastic packet, a used tissue, a bottle, or some leftover food. However, when these small things are collected together, they become a large and unpleasant burden. This simple experience has made me think not only about garbage, but also about human beings, our habits, our bodies, and the way we are eventually treated after death.

At first, household waste seems harmless. One plastic bag does not appear to be a serious problem. We may tie it tightly and place it outside the house, believing that someone will come and take it away. Yet garbage does not disappear merely because it leaves our sight. It remains somewhere in the world. It is carried to a collection point, dumped beside a road,

burned in the open air, buried in the ground, or left to decompose slowly. The plastic items that we use for only a few minutes may remain in the environment for many years. A convenient action in the present therefore creates a lasting problem for the future.

The problem becomes more serious when the municipal garbage truck cannot come regularly. In my neighbourhood, the garbage collection vehicle may arrive only about once a week instead of every day. During the days between collections, the bags of rubbish remain outside. Food scraps begin to rot, and an unpleasant sour smell spreads through the air. Flies, insects, stray animals, and sometimes disease-causing organisms are attracted to the waste. A place that should be clean and comfortable becomes dirty and unhealthy. The garbage is no longer simply an object that we want to remove; it becomes a living sign of neglect and a threat to the people who must live near it.

This situation also reveals an important truth about modern life. Human beings consume far more than they need. We buy products wrapped in several layers of plastic, use disposable items once, and throw them away without thinking deeply about their destination. Many of us are careful about what enters our homes, but we are less concerned about what leaves them. We want clean rooms, fresh food, and pleasant surroundings, but we often ignore the invisible system that must handle the waste created by our comfort. In this way, garbage reflects our lifestyle. It shows how much we consume, how carelessly we behave, and how willing we are to transfer our responsibilities to other people.

The Waste We Create and the Lives We Leave Behind

By Min Min Zan

The municipal workers who collect garbage perform difficult and necessary work. They deal with bad smells, sharp objects, spoiled food, chemicals, and heavy bags so that society can live more comfortably. Nevertheless, they cannot solve the entire problem by themselves. Citizens must take responsibility for reducing waste, separating recyclable materials, storing rubbish safely, and disposing of it properly. A clean city is not created only by garbage trucks; it is created by the daily discipline of every household.

I can still remove the garbage from my home while I am alive. I can tie the bags, carry them outside, separate what can be reused, and try to keep my surroundings clean. These ac-

tions are small, but they remind me that responsibility begins with the individual. I should not wait for someone else to solve a problem that I have helped create. If every family produced



less waste and managed it more carefully, the burden on municipal services would become lighter. Even simple changes, such as using reusable bags, avoiding unnecessary packaging,

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SCI/TECH
WORLD

Data centre backlash scrambles US midterm politics

Data centres drove up regional grid capacity costs by billions rapidly.

THE data centres powering America’s artificial intelligence boom have become an unlikely target in November’s midterm elections, as anger over rising electricity bills and noise turns Democrats — and a growing number of Republicans — against Big Tech.

Candidates in at least 21 races across 18 states have aired television advertisements mentioning data centres this cycle, according to marketing data cited by US media, almost evenly divided between both parties.

On the grid serving Senate battleground Ohio, as well as 12 other states, demand from data centers



Growing data centre facilities spark intense public and political debate nationwide. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

drove up capacity costs by \$9.3 billion in a single year, a 174 per cent increase, according to an independent market monitor.

Anger over household bills has merged with a broader populist distrust of Silicon Valley, exposing lawmakers who, until recently, were courting the sprawling server farms with tax breaks and promises of jobs and investment. — AFP

Ukraine’s nuclear plant has lost power supply: IAEA

THE Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in Ukraine has been without off-site power for more than a week and is currently relying on emergency diesel generators, the UN’s nuclear watchdog said Saturday.

The plant, which needs power to keep its six non-operating reactors cool, has only a ten-day diesel supply on site, the International Atomic Energy Agency said in a statement.

It has not had a delivery to an off-site storage

facility in about six months, but the plant had been supplied with diesel Thursday and Friday from another off-site location, the IAEA added.

“The availability of diesel fuel is of paramount importance whenever a nuclear power plant loses off-site power,” said IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi.

“The current situation once again shows why reliable external power and secure supply routes are indispensable for nuclear



Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant faces critical external electrical power outage risks. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

safety and security.” The plant lost its regular power supply “following military activity on the northern side of the Dnipro River”, the statement said. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

AI propels India's next economic progress

VICE-PRESIDENT CP Radhakrishnan on Friday launched ‘Gnani Artha’, a sovereign AI stack comprising Evon 3.3 and Plexus, developed by GNANI AI, at Uprashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. According to the Vice-President’s Secretariat, Evon 3.3 is a large language model, while Plexus is a platform that connects AI intelligence with real-world work and institutions.

Welcoming the launch of Gnani Artha, Radhakrishnan said the combination of Evon 3.3 and Plexus reflects the growing strength of India’s technology ecosystem and demonstrates that Indian engineers can not only use frontier technologies but also build them.

Radhakrishnan said technology has transformed dramatically, from the era of typewriters and limited use of personal computers to today’s age of Artificial Intelligence and Large Language Models. — ANI

NASA launches new cosmic mapping telescope

NASA is preparing to launch its new flagship space telescope on Sunday, embarking on a multi-year mission to create an unprecedented map of the cosmos and shed light on some of the biggest mysteries in physics.

Designed to take a panoramic view of the vast reaches of space, the Roman Space Telescope “will help unlock the secrets of the universe,” US President Donald Trump said Friday during a ceremony at NASA headquarters in Houston, Texas.

Standing over 12 metres (39 feet) tall, the state-of-the-art observatory is scheduled to launch from Florida at 7:26 am (1126 GMT) aboard a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket. — AFP

Firms build software internally using AI

ORGANIZATIONS are increasingly using agentic coding tools to build software in-house in lieu of purchasing it, according to a McKinsey report titled “The state of AI in 2026”. Nearly a third of respondents (32 per cent) report that their organizations have decided against buying one or more software products or features because they could be built internally with agentic coding tools.

The trend spans several sectors, with technology companies leading the shift away from external software procurement. Across industries, 41 per cent of respondents in the technology sector report forgoing software purchases in favour of internal development using AI coding tools. — ANI



Chinese electric vehicle models attract strong interest at Harare auto showcase. PHOTO: XINHUA

Chinese electric cars enter Zimbabwean transport market

ZIMBABWE’S drive towards electric mobility is gaining momentum, with growing interest in electric vehicles (EVs) signaling a shift toward more sustainable transport systems, as showcased at the Zimbabwe Agricultural Show.

At the six-day show, which ended Saturday in Zimbabwe’s capital, Harare, the Central Mechanical

Equipment Department (CMED), a state enterprise providing transport and logistics services to both the public and private sectors, drew public attention by displaying a range of EVs, including Chinese models such as the Nio Firefly, Geely Riddara, and King Long electric commercial vehicles.

Through these demonstrations, the enterprise aims to introduce green technologies, build public confidence, and lay the groundwork for a national e-mobility ecosystem.

“Our motivation is not simply to introduce electric vehicles but to demonstrate

that sustainable mobility can work in Zimbabwe. We want to create awareness, give Zimbabweans an opportunity to experience electric vehicles, and ultimately contribute to the development of an e-mobility ecosystem,” Tarisai Muzorori, CMED public relations officer, told Xinhua. — Xinhua

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Japan’s oldest person,
115-year-old woman from
Nara Prefecture, dies

JAPAN’S oldest person, Shigeko Kagawa, a 115-year-old resident of Nara Prefecture, western Japan, died late last week, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare said Monday.

Fuyo Kishimoto, a 114-year-old woman in nearby Kyoto, is now the country’s oldest person. The ministry said Kagawa died Thursday.

Born in 1911, Kagawa graduated from a medical school in 1934 and worked



Shigeko Kagawa. (Photo courtesy of Yamatokoriyama city)
PHOTO: KYODO

for about three years in the obstetrics and gynecology and internal medicine departments at a hospital in Osaka, according to a local medical association.

She opened her own clinic in Nara Prefecture in 1937. Kagawa continued practising as an obstetrician-gynecologist and internist into her 80s, contributing to community healthcare. In 2021, she became the oldest torchbearer in the Tokyo Olympic torch relay. — Kyodo

Japan survey finds
support for child
social media limits,
teens less keen

A majority of people aged 15 to 39 in Japan approve of limiting children’s use of social networking services, but support was lowest among teenagers, a government survey showed Monday, highlighting a generational divide.

Support was above 50 per cent in all age groups for both genders, but higher among women than men, topping 70 per cent among female respondents aged 35 to 39, according to the first large-scale survey of its kind by the Children and Families Agency.

In July, an agency expert panel said in an interim report on protecting children who use social media that discussions should be stepped up on whether to introduce uniform age-based usage restrictions. The latest findings are expected to be used in future debate.

The online survey from 20 May targeted about 100,000 male and female respondents nationwide under the age of 40 and the agency released preliminary results by age group and gender. — Kyodo

China’s summer box office edges up
as diverse slate lifts market

CHINA’S summer movie season is on track to close Monday with total box office revenue estimated at around 12.5 billion yuan (US\$1.84 billion), up slightly from about 12 billion yuan a year earlier, marking a second consecutive year of growth for the June-August window, according to data from ticketing platform Maoyan. Admissions rose to about 340 million, increasing from 321 million in 2025 and 284 million in 2024. These figures remain well short of the 2023 summer season’s record 20.6 billion yuan revenue and 504 million admissions, but industry observers

pointed to the quality and range of this year’s slate as a bright spot after several sluggish seasons. “Kung Fu Soccer”, directed by Stephen Chow and released 11 July, topped the season with 2.3 billion

yuan. Three other films, namely restaurant-set war drama “Once Upon a Time in the Middle East” (1.9 billion yuan), animated fantasy “All Wishes Come True” (1.8 billion yuan) and Hollywood’s “Spider-Man:

Brand New Day” (1.5 billion yuan), each cleared 1 billion yuan.

Christopher Nolan’s “The Odyssey” took in roughly 600 million yuan. Further down the chart, crime drama “V”, war film “Crossing” and action thriller “The Furious” brought in 400 million, 290 million and 200 million yuan, respectively. Animation studio Light Chaser’s “Three Kingdoms: The Beginning,” the first instalment of a planned trilogy retelling the classical epic, earned just 90 million yuan but drew critical acclaim, suggesting a possible slow-burn following for the franchise. — Xinhua



Spectators line up for ticket check next to a poster of the film “Once Upon a Time in the Middle East” at a cinema in Qingdao, east China’s Shandong Province, 24 August 2026. PHOTO: XINHUA

“Spider-Man: Brand
New Day” tops North
American box office for
5th straight weekend

SONY and Marvel’s superhero film “Spider-Man: Brand New Day” remained at the top of the North American box office, taking in US\$22.2 million during its fifth weekend in theatres, according to data released by measurement firm Rentrak on Sunday.

Based on the Marvel Comics character Spider-Man and starring Tom Holland in the titular role, the film has grossed \$891.5 million in North America and \$2.332 billion worldwide, making it the fourth-high-

est-grossing film of all time.

The live-action animated comedy film “Coyote. Acme”, released by Ketchup Entertainment, opened in second place, earning \$15.5 million during its debut weekend.

Universal Pictures’ epic action film “The Odyssey” landed in third place, taking in \$14.3 million in its seventh weekend in theatres. The film has now grossed a domestic cume of \$563.8 million and a global cume of \$1.553 billion through Sunday. — Xinhua

The Waste We Create and the Lives We Leave Behind

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The way we handle waste therefore expresses the kind of society we are building. Care, dignity, and responsibility should continue even when something is unpleasant,

old, broken, or no longer useful.

The connection between people and garbage is ultimately a lesson about limits. We are temporary creatures living in a limited world. Our homes, our

cities, our bodies, and the objects we produce will all eventually change and disappear. Because life is temporary, we should not consume thoughtlessly or leave our problems for future generations. We

should live with greater awareness: creating less waste, respecting the people who manage it, and remembering that everything we throw away goes somewhere.

My household’s single

bag of garbage may seem insignificant, but it represents a much larger human problem. It contains the evidence of our daily choices and the consequences we prefer not to see. I can remove the bag today, but I cannot remove the responsibility behind it. And when my own life

ends, I hope that people will remember that I was never merely something to be discarded. I was a human being who shared the same fragile world, created both beauty and waste, and had the duty to leave that world a little cleaner, kinder, and more dignified than I found it.

ECONOMY
WORLD

Global bond sell-off deepens on inflation concerns

A sell-off of bonds from key countries worldwide deepened on Tuesday, sending government borrowing costs soaring and equities lower as investors fretted that energy-driven inflation would force central bankers to hike interest rates.

The latest bout of fighting between the United States and Iran has pushed oil prices higher, stoking the fears of tighter monetary policy that could weigh on economic growth.

Heavy selling sent the interest rate on 30-year UK government bonds to the highest since 1998, while the 10-year yield surged to a level

not seen since the global financial crisis of 2007-08.

Japan's 10-year bond yield touched a 30-year high of three per cent, reflecting worries about plans for massive government spending.

The yield on the 30-year US Treasury bond stood at 5.27 per cent, not far from levels last seen in 2007, while the 10-year yield rose to its highest level since January 2025. "The bond sell-off

has... been a global affair," said Deutsche Bank's Jim Reid.

He said the "main culprit was the weekend escalation in the Middle East that saw the US and Iran exchange strikes for the first time since late July".

European stocks tumbled, with Frankfurt shedding more than one per cent and London also falling as trading resumed after a public holiday.

Official data showed that eurozone inflation hit a three-year high at 3.3 per cent in August, cementing expectations that the European Central Bank would raise interest rates next week. — AFP



A monitor in Tokyo's Chuo Ward shows the benchmark 10-year Japanese government bond yield hitting 3.000 per cent on 1 September 2026. PHOTO: KYODO



Tourists gather to watch the sunrise at the Angkor Wat temple in Siem Reap province, Cambodia, on 22 March 2026. PHOTO: XINHUA

Foreign visitor numbers fall at Cambodia's Angkor in Jan-Aug

CAMBODIA'S famous Angkor Archaeological Park saw a 29-per-cent year-on-year drop in international visitors during the first eight months of 2026, according to an official statement released Tuesday.

A total of 474,993 foreign tourists visited the UNESCO World Heritage Site from January to August, said the press release from the state-owned Angkor Enterprise.

It generated US\$22.54 million in ticket revenue, marking a 27.4-per-cent decline compared to the same period last year, the statement said.

The downward trend persisted through August, with foreign arrivals falling eight per cent year-on-year to 46,770, while monthly ticket revenue dropped 8.4 per cent to \$2.22 million, the statement added.

Cambodian Minister of Tourism has recently attributed this significant drop to compounding challenges, including technology-enabled scam networks, border friction with Thailand, and Middle Eastern geopolitical conflicts that have driven up fuel prices and dampened international travel demand. — Xinhua

Ikea cuts prices on 1,500 products in Europe

FURNITURE giant Ikea said Tuesday it was cutting prices by up to 28 per cent on around 1,500 products in Europe as of 1 September in order to

woo customers hit by the rising cost of living.

Ikea has reduced its prices several times in recent years, even as it caused a hit to the

company's revenue and profit in its most recent earnings report. "There's a long-term commitment about lowering the prices to our customers," Jakob

Jankowski, the managing director of Inter Ikea Group, the multinational's main holding company, told AFP in an interview. — AFP

Thailand's manufacturing sector maintains growth in Aug

THAILAND'S manufacturing sector remained in an expansion territory in August, driven by strong increases in output and new orders, while business optimism reached its highest level since January, a survey showed on Tuesday.

The South-East Asian country's manufacturing purchasing managers' index (PMI) came in at 53.8 in August, marginally down from 54.2 in July, signalling a further solid improvement in overall operating conditions, according to S&P

Global. A PMI reading above 50 indicates growth in the goods-producing sector, while a reading below 50

reflects contraction. The upturn resulted from a sharp rise in manufacturing output, marking the second-fastest

growth rate so far in 2026, thanks to improved demand and new customer acquisitions, S&P Global said in a statement.

Meanwhile, new business inflows climbed notably in August, extending the sequence of growth to 16 consecutive months. Despite that, the latest survey recorded a fractional drop in employment numbers across the manufacturing sector, which contributed to capacity pressures as evidenced by another moderate accumulation of unfinished work. — Xinhua



Workers work at the Great Wall Motors (GWM) manufacturing plant in Rayong, Thailand, 12 January 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

Anthropic signs \$35B computing deal with startup backed by Nvidia

ANTHROPIC signed a \$35 billion deal for access to cloud computing power from a US-based startup backed by Nvidia, adding to a string of such deals clinched by the artificial intelligence (AI) developer amid fierce competition for advanced computing power. The San Francisco-based AI lab has agreed to a six-year deal with Lambda, a source familiar

with the deal told AFP.

Based in San Jose, California, Lambda provides access to AI cloud computing services. Lambda will secure access to a data centre being built by another company, Hut 8, which mines bitcoins and builds data centres, including one in Texas that Anthropic will tap for computing power, according to media reports. — AFP

Brazil criticizes US tariffs as unjustified

BRAZIL on Monday reiterated its dissatisfaction with US tariffs on Brazilian products, saying the tariffs were “unjustified and inconsistent” with international trade rules.

Brazilian Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira and Development, Industry, Trade and Services Minister Marcio Elias Rosa expressed this position during a virtual meeting with US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer.

In a joint statement, the Brazilian ministries said Brazil was unfairly treated and that the justifications presented by Washington in investigations under Section 301 of the US Trade Act of 1974 did not reflect Brazil's actual practices. Despite the differences, the two countries agreed to continue negotiations. Technical meetings, either virtual or in person, will be held in the coming weeks, followed by another ministerial meeting to assess progress. — Xinhua

China to tax foreign individuals' dividends from foreign-invested enterprises

CHINA will impose a 20 per cent individual income tax on dividends and bonuses that foreign individuals receive from foreign-invested enterprises starting 1 September, Chinese authorities said on Tuesday. Exemptions from such tax, implemented in 1994 to encourage foreign investment and support China's opening-up policy, have now been revoked as the country works to streamline preferential tax policies and build a unified national market, according to a joint announcement from the Ministry of Finance and the State Taxation Administration. — Xinhua

S Korea's July online shopping grows 7.3% on demand for cars, mobile devices

SOUTH Korea's online shopping transactions rose 7.3 per cent from a year earlier to 25.1 trillion won (US\$18.3 billion) in July, led by cars and mobile devices, according to the Ministry of Data and Statistics.

The online sales of cars and car accessories jumped 31.1 per cent amid surging online purchases of models from the US automaker Tesla.

Online demand for mobile devices soared 37.5 per cent due to the launch of new smartphones, while those for food and beverages, food delivery services, and home appliances rose in single figures. — Xinhua



A woman walks through the alleys of an electronics market in Seoul on 29 May 2026. **PHOTO: AFP**

Frozen “bento” delivery services gaining traction, witness market grow

FROZEN “bento” meals — ready-made main and side dishes served on a single plate — are gaining popularity in Japan, with market growth aided by subscription-based home delivery services.

A variety of meals that can be microwaved and quickly served are available, some rich in vegetables and others catering to the needs of people with chronic illnesses or the elderly.



Supplied photo shows a green curry bento box offered by Greenspoon Inc, based in Tokyo. **PHOTO: KYODO**

The frozen bento market is projected to expand to 217.4 billion yen (\$1.36 billion) this year, a 7.9 per cent increase from the previous year, according to research institute Fuji Keizai Co.

Major companies such as seasoning and food maker Ajinomoto Co and Japanese-style pub operator Watami Co have also entered the frozen

bento market.

Greenspoon Inc, a Tokyo-based company that delivers vegetable-rich frozen soups and other items, is also among them. Its foray came with the launch last December of Deli Bento, a series of frozen plate meals rich in vegetables.

The company's president, Ren Kurosaki, said, “The upcoming con-

sumption tax cut will also boost demand for eating at home, and we expect the market to expand,” referring to the government's plan to reduce the consumption tax rate on food and beverages from the current eight per cent to one per cent next April.

Each bento consists of a main dish, a side, and a salad. Customers can choose from about 35

main dish options, such as green curry. For a 12-meal subscription set, the price per meal is 886 yen.

In July, the company also launched a corporate meal service with installed freezers in offices, allowing employees to purchase meals directly from them.

Dr Tsurukame Kitchen, a frozen meal delivery service for restricted diets is supervised by medical specialists and registered dietitians. It is offered by a group company of Kuradashi Co, which undertakes social contribution initiatives centred on food.

Five courses are offered to meet restrictions on salt, carbohydrates, calories, and other nutrients. Those on a low-salt diet can choose a meal with no more than two grammes of salt. — Kyodo

Indonesia posts US\$3.70 bln trade surplus in 1st 7 months of 2026

INDONESIA recorded a trade surplus of US\$3.70 billion in the first seven months of 2026, Statis-

tics Indonesia (BPS) said Tuesday. BPS Deputy for Distribution and Services Statistics Ateng Hartono

said exports from January to July reached \$167.03 billion, up 4.43 per cent from the same period last year,

driven partly by an increase in exports of nickel and its derivatives. Meanwhile, imports rose 19.94 per cent year on year to \$163.33 billion, with imports of electrical machinery and equipment increasing 22.38 per cent. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V XO LUCKY VOY.NO. (X2619E)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V XO LUCKY VOY.NO. (X2619E)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **2-9-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MCC SHENZHEN VOY.NO. (632W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **2-9-2026** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 A.M to 11:20 A.M and 12 NOON to 4 P.M to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

UN must play key role in global affairs – Putin

THE United Nations must play a key role in global affairs, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday.

“There is no doubt that the United Nations belongs and should continue to play a central role in world affairs,” Putin said at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Plus meeting.

The attention to SCO’s activities in the world continues to grow, Putin said.

The whole potential of the United Nations has not yet been seen, and it is important to make efforts



Russian President Vladimir Putin attends a meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Council of Heads of State in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

to increase its effectiveness, Vladimir Putin said.

“Nevertheless, the potential of the United

Nations seems to be far from being fully developed. And it is important to make efforts to in-

crease the effectiveness of its activities and expand the representation of its bodies, including in the Security Council, with the countries of the Global South and the East. In general, to adapt to the changing realities that have emerged in global politics and economics as a fundamental change,” Putin said.

Not everything in the work of United Nations satisfies Moscow, but it has always been this way, Putin said, adding that the UN Charter must remain the key source of international law. — SPUTNIK

Thailand shortens visa-free stays for dozens of nations from 15 Sept

THAILAND will halve the length of visa-free stays for tourists from more than 60 countries and territories to 30 days, effective 15 September, the foreign ministry said Tuesday.

Tourism is vital to the South-East Asian nation’s economy, but officials say the move is part of an effort to curb crime involving foreign nationals. A string of recent arrests has included foreigners accused of drug offences, sex trafficking and operating businesses such as hotels and schools without proper permits.

Under Thailand’s current tourism scheme, travellers from more than 90 countries — including Europe’s 29-nation Schengen area, China, India, the United States and several South American countries — are eligible to visit for up to 60 days without a visa.

The reduction to 30 days visa-free applies to over 60 countries and territories, including China, the United States and 27 EU countries, the Thai foreign ministry’s consular affairs department said on Tuesday. — AFP



Takatsugu Ryuzaki (R), director-general of the Cabinet Office’s National Space Policy Secretariat, and Bryan Bedford, administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, shake hands after signing a memorandum of cooperation in Washington on 31 August 2026. (Photo courtesy of the Cabinet Office) **PHOTO: KYODO**

Japan, US agree to intensify cooperation in space transport business

JAPAN and the United States have agreed to further enhance cooperation in the space transportation business by standardizing part of the review procedures when Japanese firms launch rockets from US sites and vice versa, Japan’s Cabinet Office said Tuesday.

Japan’s National Space Policy Secretariat and the US Federal Aviation Administration signed a memorandum of

cooperation on Monday, also aimed at streamlining regulations and intensifying information sharing.

“We would like to build a system adaptable to space business, which is widely expanding in a variety of forms,” said Takatsugu Ryuzaki, director general of the secretariat in charge of the country’s space development and utilization, after the signing. — Kyodo

Qatar says mediation efforts intensifying to resolve Strait of Hormuz crisis

QATAR said on Tuesday that diplomatic efforts are intensifying to reach a swift solution to the Strait of Hormuz crisis, warning that leaving the issue unresolved would lead to further escalation.

Speaking at the foreign ministry’s weekly media briefing, ministry spokesperson Majed Al Ansari said discussions remained underway with Qatar’s mediation partners, including Oman and Pakistan, following a series of diplomatic visits and consultations in recent days.

Al Ansari said that there was no “tangible result” yet to announce but that further outcomes of the discussions and visits would be disclosed in the coming days, adding that diplomatic efforts over the past several days had centred on resolving the situation in the Strait of Hormuz. — Xinhua

Indonesia develops groundwater monitoring system to reduce peatland fire risks

INDONESIA’S National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) is developing a groundwater monitoring system aimed at reducing the risk of forest and land fires, particularly

in peatland areas.

Albertus Sulaiman, head of BRIN’s Climate and Atmospheric Research Centre, said the system is designed to monitor groundwater

conditions in peatlands, detect changes that could indicate increased fire risks, and track carbon emissions from these areas. “Groundwater level data can serve as an early

warning system to identify when land begins to become vulnerable to fires, as declining groundwater levels cause peatlands to become drier,” Sulaiman said Tuesday. — Xinhua



This file photo taken on 19 February 2025 shows the Strait of Hormuz. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

SPORTS

Mandalay, Yangon reach men's Sepak Takraw final



Teams clash in a high-air duel at the 2026 Inter-Region & State Sepak Takraw Championship.

MANDALAY Region four-player team final and Yangon Region of the 2026 Inter-Region and State Sepak

Takraw Championship, while Ayeyawady Region and Mon State have advanced to the women's final.

In the men's semifinals, Mandalay defeated Kachin State 2-0, while Yangon beat Bago Region 2-1. Bago then defeated Kachin 2-1 in the third-place match.

In the women's semifinals, Ayeyawady defeated Yangon 2-1, while Mon State beat Sagaing Region 2-0. Yangon secured third place with a

2-0 victory over Sagaing.

The women's final between Ayeyawady and Mon State will be held at 2 pm on 2 September, followed by the men's final between Mandalay and Yangon at 3 pm at Wunna Theikdhi Gymnasium A in Nay Pyi Taw.

The finals and prize-giving ceremony will be broadcast live on MRTV-4 HD, MRTV Sports Channel and MRTV Entertainment. Admission is free. — MNA/KZL

Myanmar U20 head coach calls on fans to support team in Asian Cup qualifiers

MYANMAR U20 head coach Ryuji Sueoka said he greatly respects and appreciates the support of Myanmar football fans and invited them to attend the team's upcoming matches and cheer them on.

He made the remarks at a pre-match press conference on 30 August ahead of the 2027 AFC U20 Asian Cup Qualification – Development Phase Group K tournament.

“Our objective is to

progress from this stage, and we will focus on taking each match one at a time,” Ryuji Sueoka said.

He added that the team had gained considerable experience over the past two years and that the players had made significant progress.

Myanmar U20 captain Thet Paing Soe also said: “We will fully follow the coach's instructions. The whole team is ready for the tournament.” — TWA/KZL



Myanmar U20 head coach Ryuji Sueoka (L) at the pre-match press conference.

Sepak Takraw finals to be broadcast live on MRTV

THE 2026 Inter-Region and State Sepak Takraw Championship finals and prize-giving ceremony will be held at 2 pm on 2 September at Wunna Theikdhi Gymnasium A in Nay Pyi Taw.

The event will be broadcast live from 1:45 pm Myanmar Standard Time on MRTV HD

Channel, MRTV Sports Channel and MRTV Entertainment Channel. — MNA/KZL

Chelsea agree to sign Atalanta's Ahanor, with Palace loan for this season

CHELSEA signed Atalanta defender Honest Ahanor in a deal worth a reported £40 million (\$54 million) on Tuesday, but the teenager will spend this season on loan at Crystal Palace.

Ahanor, 18, will swap Serie A for south London during his temporary spell at Palace before joining Chelsea officially in 2027.

He made 22 league appearances for Atalanta last season having moved from Genoa a year ago, making his debut for Italy in a friendly against Luxembourg in June.

The move to UEFA Conference League winners Palace will mean the teenager will get Premier League experience as cover for Chadi Riad, who ruptured an anterior cruciate ligament against Everton.

"I'm very happy to be here and to be a part of this great family," Ahanor told Palace's website.

"To be at one of the best clubs for young players in the Premier League is something which makes me grateful and excited."

Alongside a photo of Ahanor



Union St-Gilloise's Belgian defender (27) Louis Patris and Atalanta's Italian defender (69) Honest Ahanor fight for the ball during the UEFA Champions League - League phase, Matchday 8 - football match between Royale Union Saint-Gilloise and Atalanta BC at the RSC Anderlecht Stadium in Brussels, on 28 January 2026. PHOTO: AFP

holding up a Chelsea shirt, the Blues said on their website: "Chelsea has agreed a deal to sign Italian international Honest Ahanor from Serie A side Atalanta, with the defender officially joining in 2027.

"Ahanor, 18, made 35 appearances for Atalanta last campaign, his first season in Bergamo having

arrived from Genoa in July 2025, and his excellent form at club level saw him earn his first two senior appearances for the Italian national team back in June."

Meanwhile, Chelsea striker Marc Guiu has joined RB Leipzig on a five-year deal for £14.5 million, bringing to an end a two-year stay at Stamford Bridge. — AFP

Hong Kong, China to send 580 athletes to 2026 Asian Games

HONG Kong, China will send about 580 athletes to compete in 38 sports at the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC) announced at a flag presentation ceremony on Tuesday.

The Asian Games will take place from 19 September to 4 October, with Hong Kong, China sending a delegation of more than 800 members, including approximately 580 athletes.

"With events spanning multiple cities, this

edition of the Asian Games presents significant challenges to the delegation's support and coordination work. Drawing on years of experience, SF&OC will continue to serve as the strongest support for athletes, attending to every detail of their participation so that they can compete without distraction, focus entirely on their performance, give their best, and strive for excellence," said Timothy Fok Tsun-tung, president of the SF&OC of Hong Kong, China. — Xinhua

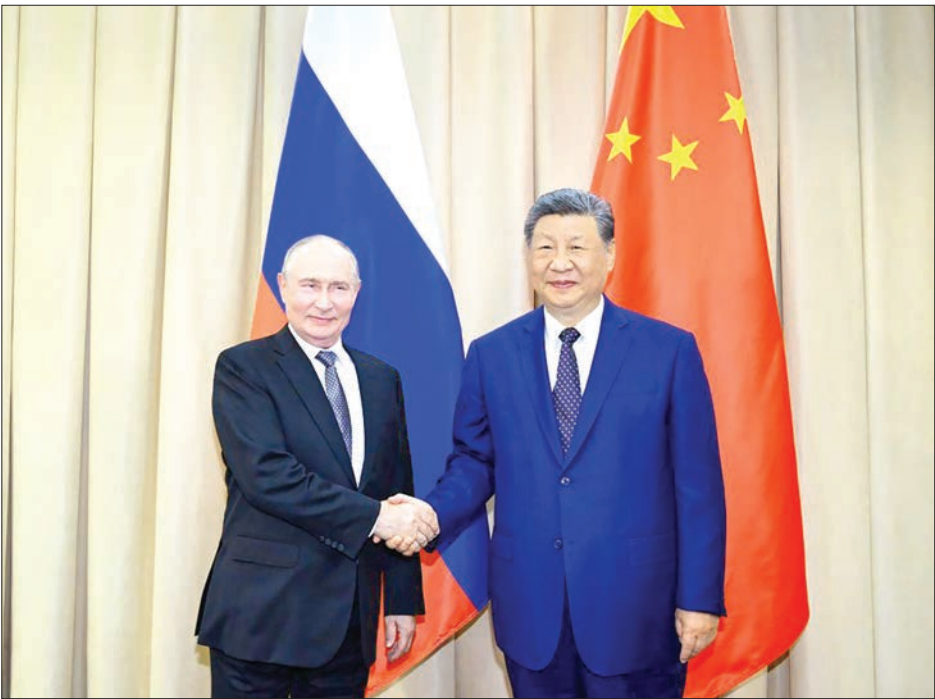


Xi expects stronger foundation, brighter future for China-Russia ties

CHINESE President Xi Jinping said on Monday that, under his and Russian President Vladimir Putin's strategic guidance and through the joint efforts of both sides, the foundation of China-Russia relations will become ever stronger, their progress ever steadier, and their future ever brighter.

Xi made the remarks in a meeting with Putin on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit 2026 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Xi said that during the successful state visit of Putin to China in May, he and Putin made arrangements to steer bilateral relations towards higher-quality and higher-level development from a strategic and long-term perspective, and reached consensus on deepening cooperation



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit 2026 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 31 August 2026. PHOTO: XINHUA

between China and Russia across various sectors under the new circumstances.

The competent au-

thorities of the two countries are actively implementing the consensus, with substantial results already made, Xi said,

adding that exchanges and cooperation between the two sides have maintained a strong momentum. — Xinhua

India endures hottest Aug since records began in 1901: weather bureau

INDIA endured its hottest August since records began in 1901, with the country's mean temperature reaching 28.01C, the India Meteorological Department said.

The mean temper-

ature was 0.67C above the long-term average for August, the department said, releasing the results at the end of the month.

It broke the previous record for August set in

2023, when the mean temperature was 28.0C, it added.

India's monsoon rainfall was 16 per cent below normal in August, the meteorological department said, which in-

creased heat, due in part to El Nino conditions.

El Nino is a naturally occurring climate phenomenon that brings worldwide changes in winds, air pressure and rainfall patterns. — AFP

Eastern Economic Forum 2026 opens in Vladivostok with over 5,000 participants

THE 11th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) is officially underway on Russky Island in Vladivostok, running from 1 to 4 September with a packed agenda centred on Far East development.

More than 5,000 participants from over 70 countries and territories are attending this year's forum, with prominent delegations arriving from China, India, Mongolia, Japan, Korea, and several ASEAN member states.

The Chinese delegation is being led by Vice-Premier Ding Xuexiang, underscoring Beijing's focus on economic cooperation with Russia's Far East.

The business programme features over 100 sessions covering investment, technology, infrastructure development, and international cooperation. However, the Northern Sea Route development has emerged as the heavy-weight topic of the forum, with participants closely watching the corridor's potential to reshape global shipping.

The plenary session on 3 September will feature addresses from Russian President Vladimir Putin, Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto, and Mongolian Prime Minister Nyam-Osoryn Uchral. — SPUTNIK



People visit the exhibition hall of the 11th Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok, Russia, 1 September 2026. PHOTO: XINHUA

Iran condemns EU support for US economic operation against Iran

IRANIAN Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei on Monday condemned the EU's support for a US economic operation against Iran, saying that Europe could no longer claim "strategic autonomy".

Baghaei made the remarks in a post on the social media platform

X in response to an EU statement issued Monday at the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting in Asheville, the United States.

The EU said it "welcomes efforts (aimed) at ensuring that Iran ceases its destabilizing activities and engages in peace

negotiations with good faith, also through additional economic pressure, including through the US-led Operation Economic Outcast".

"Europe can no longer speak of 'strategic autonomy' while merely executing Washington's orders," Baghaei said. — Xinhua

US releases details of its oil deal with Venezuela

THE US government released details of its oil deal with Venezuela in a fact sheet posted on the White House website on Monday, after President Donald Trump announced the agreement.

Under the agreement, Venezuelan interim authorities have granted North American Blue En-

ergy Partners (NABEP), a privately held company and the country's second-largest private oil producer, 100-year concessions for 17 oil fields with proven reserves of approximately 65 billion barrels. In turn, NABEP has granted the US Department of War's Office of Strategic Capital a 35

per cent equity stake in its corporate parent. The company has also granted the US Department of State the right to purchase, at production cost, 20 per cent of the output from all current and future fields it operates, as well as the right of first refusal to purchase the remaining 80 per cent. — Xinhua